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Sports Superstars: Kohli Rules

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

The Sports Superstars series brings you the inspiring story of India's biggest cricketing superstar since the great Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli. Filled with exciting facts and lots of stats, the jaunty illustrations make the sporting biography ideal for young readers.

Description

Is Virat Kohli your ultimate cricketing hero? From when he was a small boy, Virat Kohli's special talent for cricket has wowed everyone around him. His dedication to his training and teammates, smart tactics and his incredible ability with the bat have placed him firmly among the ranks of the best cricketers of all time. Read the amazing story of how Virat honed his skills as a boy to become a living legend following in the footsteps of the great Sachin Tendulkar. Filled with lots of facts and stats, the inspiring narrative features fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

Sales Points

- The successful *Sports Superstars* series presents Virat Kohli's inspiring career in cricket using Dan Green's action-packed, comic artwork and Simon Mugford's fun storytelling skills - ideal for reluctant readers.
- The narrative is relatable and inspirational for young fans and covers the biggest moments in Kohli's career to date, including his ascent to becoming the no. 1 test batsman in the world.
- Kohli is a phenomenon on social media with 268 million followers on Instagram in 2024, ranked 16th on the global list of most-followed accounts. As far as Audience Engagement, he is only behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.
- According to Ranker's list, Virat Kohli has been named number one athlete in the world for 2024. This distinction makes him the only cricketer to be included in the prestigious ranking. Joining Kohli on the list are football superstars Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, who secured the second and third positions, respectively.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)

Simon once worked at the Science Museum in London, where he flew paper aeroplanes and made giant bubbles for children. Now he writes and edits books about things like dinosaurs, ice hockey, thunderstorms and llamas. He lives in Kent with his wife and daughter, a cat and two tortoises.

Dan Green (Illustrator)

Dan Green has drawn silly pictures since he could hold a crayon. Then he grew up and started making books about stuff like trucks, space, people's jobs, Doctor Who and Star Wars. Dan lives in Suffolk with his wife, son, daughter and dog that takes him for very long walks.





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Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781914240782
	Memoirs (BM)
	Japan (1FPJ)
	Dating, relationships, living together & marriage (VFVG)
	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
	Self-help & personal development (VS)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale	Tokyo
Author born in	Tokyo
Author living in	Tokyo

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The Bookshop Woman

The instant Japanese bestseller

Nanako Hanada, translated by Cat Anderson
Translated by Catriona Anderson

Keynote

A soul-stirring story about a Japanese bookseller's self-discovery as she recommends total strangers the book that will change their life

Description

<h1>THE BOOKSHOP WOMAN IS A LOVE STORY, A LOVE STORY ABOUT BOOKS...</h1>

A WATERSTONES NON FICTION MEMOIR OF THE YEAR

'Beautiful, very honest, and very good. I can't recommend it highly enough. Please give this book a read. If you like books you will love this one.' James, WATERSTONES CANTERBURY

'An irresistible treat for all bibliophiles' WATERSTONES

Nanako Hanada's life has hit rock bottom. From the breakdown of her marriage, dwindling sales at her eccentric bookshop, to now spending her nights alone in Tokyo's 4 hours capsules, her life is feeling rather empty.

Reading has become her refuge; the one source of joy in her life.

That's until Nanako finds the app Perfect Strangers, where she becomes the sexy bookseller meeting strangers for 30 minutes and recommending them the 'the book that will change their life'. In the ensuing year, Nanako meets hundreds of people, some of whom want more than just a book...

THE BOOKSHOP WOMAN offers a glimpse into the quirky side of Tokyo in this story about the beauty of free diving into a book and resurfacing on the last page, ready to breathe a different kind of air...

READERS LOVE IT:

'This fits the healing fiction genre, but it's even better'

'A beautiful ode to the power of books'

AND BOOKSELLERS LOVE IT TOO:

'If you like books, you will love this one'

'This was SO GOOD'

Sales Points

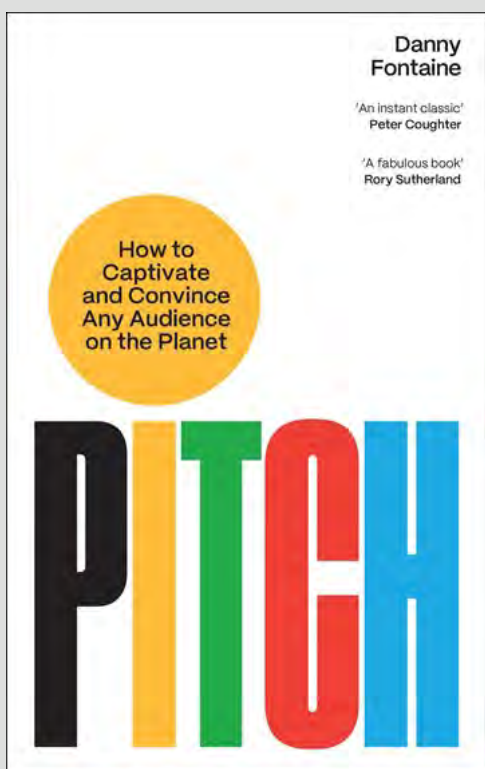
- **FOR FANS OF CONVENIENCE STORE WOMAN** by Sayaka Murata (TCM **72.7k**), **DAYS AT THE MORISAKI BOOKSHOP** (TCM **86.1k**), and **WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY** (TCM **52.5k**)
- **CULT JAPANESE BESTSELLER: An unexpected, uplifting bestseller** which has sold **over 70k copies** and was adapted into a **TV drama**. The royalties allowed Nanako to **open up her own bookshop** (Kani Books in Tokyo).
- **WIDESPREAD BOOKSELLER HYPE: The book has received a range of accolades and support** from booksellers across the UK, with **WATERSTONES** describing it as **'an irresistible treat for all bibliophiles'**.

Author Biography

Nanako Hanada is a bookseller in Tokyo. Her first book, *The Bookshop Woman*, was an unexpected uplifting Japanese bestseller which has sold 70,000 copies and was adapted into a TV drama. The royalties allowed Nanako to open up her own bookshop (Kani Books in Tokyo).

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REVIEWS

‘An instant classic. From the opening story of the legendary ABM pitch for British Rail through step-by-step instructions on how to organise, craft and deliver an effective pitch, Danny has created an indispensable guide for any individual or organisation that needs to up its pitch game. Highly recommended’ - Peter Coughter, author of *The Art of the Pitch*

‘In a world of digital tricks and games Danny's book brings a refreshing focus on the fundamentals of how to win. His principles and stories are timeless. Read it. Live it. Enjoy the Reward.’ - Doug Hall, founder of Eureka! Ranch

‘You can't convince anyone of anything without a good story. Danny has masterfully captured that connection in this concise and practical book. Pick this book up and land your next pitch like a pro’ - Jeff Gothelf, author, *Lean UX*

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Pitch

How to Captivate and Convince Any Audience on the Planet
DANNY FONTAINE

KEYNOTE

A game-changing guide to the art, science and joy of pitching

SALES POINTS

- **EXPERT PITCH-GUY:** Danny is a pitch master. He has decades of experience securing billions of dollars' worth of projects, and teaches his techniques to people all over the world. This is the first time he's sharing his secrets publicly. He's a star whose profile is growing - see www.pitchguy.co.uk - and will be great for publicity
- **BEST IN THE BUSINESS:** On his podcast, *Pitch Masters*, Danny interviews the best: Simon Sinek, Nancy Duarte, Rory Sutherland and many more. Their unique pitching insights are included in the book - and they will support publication too.
- **GENRE-DEFINING:** Set to be a new classic, including vital and timely advice on how to use AI in your pitches, and timeless wisdom based in deep research.
- **WIDE READERSHIP:** like Rory Sutherland's *Alchemy* (>20,000 TCM), Steve Martin et al.'s *Yes!* (>50,000 TCM) or Daniel H. Pink's *To Sell Is Human* (>20,000 TCM), Danny combines sales principles, big ideas and behavioural psychology to create a book that will appeal to anyone who wants to put their best self forwards.

DESCRIPTION

'A fabulous book' - Rory Sutherland

'Seriously impressive' - Thomas Erikson, author of *Surrounded by Idiots*

'An indispensable guide' - Graham Thomas, former CEO and President of Saatchi & Saatchi

Pitching sucks. The word alone conjures up dull PowerPoint decks, pushy tactics, and shouty emails. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Danny Fontaine, an expert in innovative pitching, presents a game-changing guide that transforms pitching into an exciting, creative and enjoyable experience. Drawing from his billion-dollar pitching experience, this book delves into the psychology of connection and storytelling mastery, alongside practical methods for persuading any audience. And it's all backed with anecdotes of some of the very best, and worst, pitches of all time.

These techniques work in any context, from corporate boardrooms to classroom lectures to after-dinner speeches, proving that great pitching is all about creating experiences and evoking emotions.

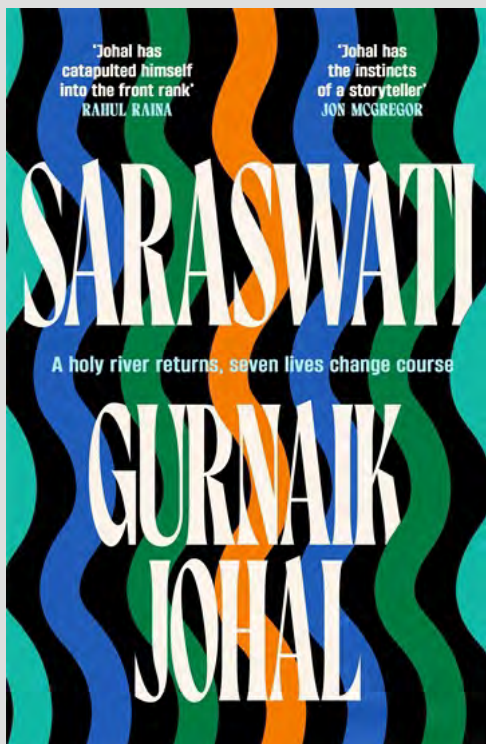
Forget PowerPoint and discover how to captivate any audience, win more deals, and have fun doing it.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Danny Fontaine coaches teams and pitches multi-million-dollar deals to the biggest brands in the world. His unique approach blends creativity, psychology, storytelling and immersive experiences, based on years of research and application. Danny also hosts the *Pitch Masters* podcast where he interviews the masters of the advertising, sales and marketing industries to find out how *they* win business. www.pitchguy.co.uk



SERPENT'S TAIL



REVIEWS

'Praise for Gurnaik Johal' - :

'Virtuosic' - *Guardian*

'Exceptional' - *Financial Times*

'He has a sharp eye for details, an ear for the gaps and evasions in real dialogue, and a heart for the hopes and regrets that carry us through our lives. But most of all he has the the instincts of a storyteller, and has put those instincts to great effect' - Jon McGregor

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Saraswati

GURNAIK JOHAL

KEYNOTE

A masterpiece debut novel from one of the UK's most exciting young writers, for fans of David Mitchell and Zadie Smith

SALES POINTS

- A debut novel as rich and ambitious as *Ghostwritten* by David Mitchell (90k TCM), *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi (112kTCM) and *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith
- Gurnaik's collection *We Move* was published to overwhelming critical acclaim and multiple prize successes
- Gurnaik is a young star in the making: he has appeared at all the major festivals, on BBC Radio 4, and been profiled in *Guardian* - his debut novel will take his growing reputation to new heights

DESCRIPTION

A holy river returns, seven lives change course

'A writer we will be talking about for years to come' Neel Mukherjee

Centuries ago, the holy river Saraswati flowed through what is now Punjab. Many dismiss this as myth, but when Satnam arrives in his ancestral village for his grandmother's funeral, he finds water in the dried-up well behind her house. The discovery sets in motion a contentious scheme to unearth the lost river as an act of Hindu nationalist pride.

The river changes the course of Satnam's life, and those of six others. As legends and histories resurface, the distant relatives - from a Canadian eco-saboteur to a Mauritian pest exterminator to a Bollywood stunt double - are brought together in a rapidly changing India. Ambitious, moving and brimming with folklore, *Saraswati* is a tour de force from one of Britain's most feted young writers.

'A new talent of the kind that comes along rarely' *Observer*

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Gurnaik Johal is a writer from West London born in 1998. His 2022 collection *We Move* won the Somerset Maugham Award and the Tata Literature Live! Prize. Its opening story won the Galley Beggar Short Story Prize. *Saraswati* is his debut novel.

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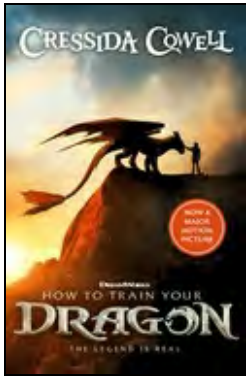
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How to Train Your Dragon FILM TIE IN (4TH EDITION) Book 1

Cressida Cowell

Keynote

Read the book that inspired the new DreamWorks live-action film *How to Train Your Dragon*, coming in 2025!

Description

Read the book that inspired the new DreamWorks live-action film *How to Train Your Dragon*, coming in 2025!

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.

In the first *How to Train Your Dragon* book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!

But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk . . .

Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?

Sales Points

- Cressida Cowell's books have sold 16 million copies worldwide in 46 languages.
- Bursting with swash-buckling action, mad-cap humour, and lots of deadly dragons, this series is perfect for boys and reluctant readers.
- How To Train Your Dragon is already a major animated movie success from DreamWorks and the TV series DEFENDERS OF BERK is available on Netflix and CBBC.
- The *How to Train Your Dragon* live-action movie is set to be released in June 2025 and there is a new theme park opening in Florida in 2025.

Author Biography

Cressida Cowell is the author and the illustrator of the globally bestselling *How to Train Your Dragon* series. Her next series, *The Wizards of Once*, was an international bestseller. Cressida is also the author of the Emily Brown picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton. The *Which Way* series is her most recent and has already been translated into 15 languages.

How to Train Your Dragon has sold over 8 million books worldwide in 42 languages. It is also an award-winning DreamWorks film series, and a TV series shown on Netflix and CBBC. *The Wizards of Once* has been translated into 38 languages and also signed by DreamWorks.

Cressida was the Waterstones Children's Laureate (2019-2022). She is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. She has won numerous prizes for her books, including the Gold Award in the Nestle Children's Book Prize, the Hay Festival Medal for Fiction, and Philosophy Now' magazine's 2015 Award for Contributions in the Fight Against Stupidity.

She grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland and she now lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon.

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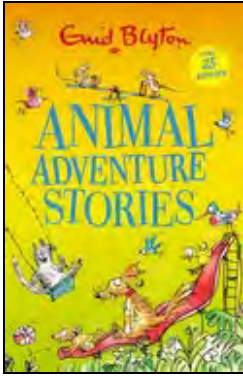
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Series	Bumper Short Story Collections
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can

Author born in	East Dulwich
Author living in	Deceased

Previous Titles

Enid Blyton wrote many of the 20th century's most popular children's series, including *The Famous Five*, *The Naughtiest Girl*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree*, *The Adventure Series*, *Malory Towers*, *St Clare's* and *The Adventures of the Wishing-Chair*.

Animal Adventure Stories

Enid Blyton

Keynote

A collection of stories full of favourite pets, forest friends and furry animals from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller.

Description

Meet the cat who went to see the Queen, the bird who loves shiny things and the horse that turned into a pig. This collection of short stories by Enid Blyton is filled with exciting animals ready for adventure! Will you join them?

These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom.

Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

Read all of Enid Blyton's bumper short story collections. New in 2025:

- Sleepytime Stories*
- Five-Minute Magic Stories*
- Christmas Bedtime Stories*

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Sales Points

- The bumper short-story collections have sold over 500,000 copies in the UK and export [Vista sales]
- These short stories are perfect for newly confident readers to read alone or for shared reading
- Fresh and contemporary cover illustrations by Mark Beech and foil finishes make these books the perfect gifts

Author Biography

Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

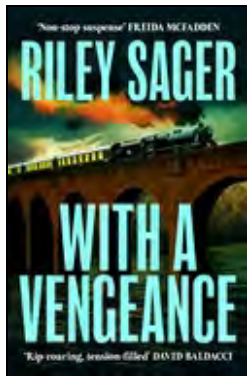
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With a Vengeance

Riley Sager

Keynote

Agatha Christie-esque locked-room crime from NYT-bestselling author: Seeking revenge, Anna Matheson has trapped six people on an overnight train with no one else on board. On board the train, they are being killed one by one . . . but it's not by her. Someone else is enacting their own revenge . . .

Description

One train. No stops. A deadly game of survival and revenge.

In 1942, six people destroyed Anna Matheson's family. Twelve years later, she's ready for retribution.

Under false pretenses, Anna has lured those responsible for her family's downfall onto a luxury train from Philadelphia to Chicago, an overnight journey of fourteen hours. Her goal? Confront the people who've wronged her, get them to confess their crimes, and deliver them into the hands of authorities waiting at the end of the line. Justice will at last be served.

But Anna's plan is quickly derailed by the murder of one of the passengers. As the train barrels through the night, it becomes clear that someone else on board is enacting their own form of revenge-and that they won't stop until everyone else is dead.

With time running out before the train reaches its destination, Anna is forced to hunt the killer in their midst while protecting the people she hates the most. In order to destroy her enemies, she must first save them-even though it means putting her own life at risk.

Sales Points

- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** Riley Sager is a multiple and instant *New York Times* bestseller, whose sales are growing rapidly in both the US and the UK. His most recent novels - *Middle of the Night*, *The Only One Left*, and *The House Across the Lake* were all instant *NYT* bestsellers.
- **HUGE NEW CAMPAIGN FOCUS:** The publishing team is re-focusing the Riley Sager UK campaign for this book and putting a big, splashy marketing campaign in place. Riley Sager is a huge success already in the US, and we are looking to match this in the UK & commonwealth moving forward, including analysing the Riley Sager covers and branding.
- **COMMERCIAL HOOK:** Riley is working at his very best at this stage in his career, and this is yet another spooky, on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller that will appeal widely to readers. And - as with any and all Riley novels - has a brilliant twist. His writing is gripping, addictive and stands out amongst his peers as feeling truly original with each new book.
- **STRONG PRAISE:** Riley has an impressive raft of author and press endorsements. His fans include Shari Lapena, Ruth Ware, Alex Michaelides, Laura Dave, Simone St James, Ellery Lloyd, Catherine Ryan Howard and, saving the best until last, none other than Lee Child himself.
- **GROWING UK PRESENCE:** Riley's sales are already on the rise book-on-book in the UK, with his most recent hardback, *Middle of The Night*, accruing over double the pre-orders of the previous, showing that his readership in the UK is expanding all the time. He has a dedicated fanbase which has expanded from love on TikTok/BookTok.

Reviews

- '*With a Vengeance* is a locked room thriller at its best! Nonstop suspense with twists and turns that will leave your head spinning!' - *Freida McFadden*
- '*A clever and fun mashup of Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None and Murder on the Orient Express*. Sager wields a deft hand in bringing all the elements together into a rip-roaring, tension-filled tale of greed, murder and revenge. Enjoy the ride on the Phoenix!' - *David Baldacci*

Author Biography

Riley Sager is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seven novels, most recently *Survive the Night* and *The House Across the Lake*. A native of Pennsylvania, he now lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

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Previous Titles

Final Girls
The Last Time I Lied
Lock Every Door
Home Before Dark
Survive the Night
The House Across the Lake
The Only One Left
Middle of the Night

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CBMC	C5L79
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Character	Non-character
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	192 pages
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Series	Famous Five
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can

Author born in	East Dulwich
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Previous Titles

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Famous Five: Five-Minute Mystery Puzzles
Enid Blyton

Keynote

The Famous Five need your help to solve these mysteries! Grab your pencils, some ginger beer and get ready to solve these bite-sized mystery puzzles with Enid Blyton's most famous characters.

Description

Can you help Julian, George, Dick, Anne and Timmy, better known as The Famous Five, solve these puzzling brain teasers? Find secret passageways, make your way through the maze-like tunnels and figure out where the smugglers are hiding with your five favourite adventurers.

These fun five-minute puzzles are sure to keep you entertained for hours. All you need is a pencil, your brain and a thirst for adventure. Crack codes, find clues and solve mysteries, just like The Famous Five!

Sales Points

- Puzzles are back! Capitalising on the expanding market and huge appetite for puzzle books
- Featuring the characters from one of Enid Blyton's most popular series, The Famous Five
- Five-minute puzzles, perfect for long journeys, or solving at home
- Child-friendly puzzles with a Famous Five narrative framing each mystery
- Features a mixture of different puzzle types suitable for all markets, from logic grids, to picture puzzles and number codes

Author Biography

Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

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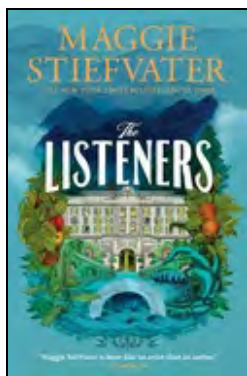
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Author born in	Harrisonburg, Virginia
Author living in	Williamsburg, Virginia

Previous Titles

YA publications:

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The Listeners

the romantic, historical, magical, genre-defying story of love and courage in a time of war

Maggie Stiefvater

Keynote

The extraordinary, genre-defying debut adult novel by the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author.

Description

'By turns a beautiful love story, a fascinating glimpse into the horrors of history and a haunting tale of loyalty and courage. A marvel of storytelling' CHRIS WHITAKER, bestselling author of *All the Colours of the Dark*

The Avallon Hotel offers unrivalled luxury in the wild Appalachian Mountains, its curative sweetwater washing away the troubles of high society. June 'Hoss' Hudson, a local girl turned general manager, has known its power since she first stepped through the century-old doors - and into the fold of the Gilfoyle family, the hotel's aristocratic owners.

But in 1942, the real world intrudes. War comes to the Avallon dressed in fine furs and government suits. Under the State Department's watchful eye, the Gilfoyle heir welcomes three hundred enemy diplomats and Nazi sympathisers. And June must play host.

As dark alliances and unexpected desires crack the Avallon's polished veneer, not every guest is who they seem. Not least Agent Tucker Minnick, listening for secrets through the hotel walls, whose coal tattoo threatens to betray his past and undo June. And more troubling is the secret she has guarded for years - that the mountain waters can harm as much as heal...

The extraordinary, genre-defying debut adult novel by the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author.

'Cinematic and so very satisfying... A phenomenally immersive read' CLAIRE LOMBARDO, bestselling author of *The Most Fun We Ever Had*

'A marvel: strange, witty, moving, exuberant... at once gloriously extravagant and perfectly poised' ROBERT MACFARLANE

*****READER REVIEWS*****

- 'I have not stopped thinking about it'**
- 'It feels like the kind of story that becomes a classic'**
- 'A hauntingly beautiful read'**
- 'I wonder if Maggie Stiefvater would have ever suspected how well timed this book release would be. History tends to rhyme, after all'**
- 'A beautiful story about the human condition'**

Sales Points

- THE GLOBAL PUBLISHING SENSATION OF 2025:** major simultaneous event publication by Headline and Viking. Rights sold around the world in 12 territories and counting.
- NO.1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** *The Listeners* is the debut novel for adults by No. 1 New York Times YA bestseller Maggie Stiefvater. Maggie's YA debut, *Shiver*, spent 40 weeks on the NYT bestseller list, rights to 35 foreign editions have been licensed and the book is being adapted into a feature film. UK TCM: 467k copies, Australia: 207k copies.
- DEDICATED GLOBAL FANBASE:** Maggie regularly corresponds with her readers across her social platforms. She runs sell-out writing retreats in the US and the UK, and has 122K followers on Instagram and 130K followers on X.
- BASED ON A FASCINATING TRUE STORY:** During WWII, a handful of luxury resorts near Washington, DC were requisitioned to host high level enemies of the state - diplomats, journalists, scientists, etc., as lavish 'internment camps'. They were made to host them in grand style, in hopes that the Italian and German governments would do the same for US equivalents in Europe.

Reviews

- 'Cinematic and so very satisfying. This is a rich, multilayered ride of a novel not unlike the hotel at its heart - grand, patient, leaving no particulars unnoticed. A phenomenally immersive read'** - Claire Lombardo, bestselling author of *The Most Fun We Ever Had*
- 'Mesmeric, original, and stunning. Maggie Stiefvater is an exceptional talent, and *The***

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Listeners is by turns a beautiful love story, a fascinating glimpse into the horrors of history, and a haunting tale of loyalty and courage. A marvel of storytelling. I really couldn't have loved it more' - Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *All the Colours of the Dark*

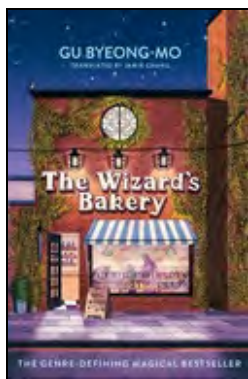
- 'A marvel: strange, witty, moving, exuberant... the whole book somehow succeeds in being at once gloriously extravagant and perfectly poised' - Robert Macfarlane

Author Biography

Maggie Stiefvater is a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling writer who has sold nearly six million books worldwide. She makes art in several media, plays a number of musical instruments and lives in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia with her family. *The Listeners* is her first novel for adults.

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The Wizard's Bakery

A magical coming-of-age story like no other - for fans of Korean translated fiction

Gu Byeong-mo
Translated by Jamie Chang

Keynote

The award-winning, magical Korean bestseller from the author of **YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S TABLE** and **THE OLD WOMAN AND THE KNIFE**, about a boy who runs away from home and seeks refuge in a magical bakery.

Description

The award-winning, fantastical Korean bestseller, a unique tale where magic comes at a price.

'Don't we all need a little magic in our lives sometimes?'

Open twenty-four hours a day in a quiet Seoul neighbourhood, The Wizard's Bakery seems like any other where you can buy bread, cakes, and pastries, with a somewhat grumpy man behind the counter.

For a desperate runaway teen, it's a refuge from a fractured home - until he discovers the pastries hold magic: madeleines to fix broken hearts, almond bars to unearth memories buried deep within, and cinnamon cookies for your worst enemies.

But each of these items comes with a warning: the power contained in the treats inevitably alters the order of the world and sometimes produces dramatic consequences for those who consume them, consequences that need to be weighed carefully.

Under the stern eye of the bakery's gruff wizard and his mysterious blue-haired assistant, the boy learns about the responsibility that comes with working at this bakery where every bite comes with a price.

Sales Points

- **FANTASY WITH A TWIST:** Subverts the sweet and saccharine elements of popular Korean 'healing' fiction books, to present a darker version of reality but with the same magical elements that will draw readers in as *The Rainfall Market* by You Yeong-Gwang (tr. Slin Jung), *Marigold Mind Laundry* by Jungeun Yun (tr. Shanna Tan) and *DallerGut Dream Department Store* by Miye Lee (Sandy Joosun Lee).
- **INTERNATIONAL SENSATION:** Rights sold in over 11 countries - including Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, Taiwan, Poland, China and Thailand.
- **GENRE-DEFINING NOVEL:** This was a critically acclaimed bestselling title in Korea, which also won the 2009 Changbi Prize. It is regarded as the novel which 'redefines young adult literature' due to how it interweaves darker themes with magic and whimsicality.
- **UNIQUE VOICE:** This novel has a darkly funny narrative tone and explores some serious themes, but combines them with magical and whimsical elements to delivery an important underlying message about responsibility.

Author Biography

Gu Byeong-mo was born in 1976 in Seoul. She studied Korean language and literature at Kyung Hee University, and worked as an editor. She made her literary debut with the novel *Wizard Bakery* (2009), which won the Changbi Prize. It became bestseller in Korea and was translated into many different languages. Her short story collection *Hoping That It Wasn't Only Me* (2015) received Writer of the Year Award and Hwang Sun-won Literary Award for New Writers.

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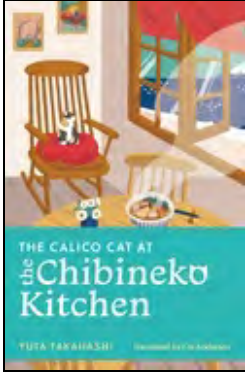
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The Calico Cat at the Chibineko Kitchen

Yuta Takahashi

Translated by Catriona Anderson

Keynote

THE NEXT INSTALLMENT IN THE HIT CHIBINEKO KITCHEN SERIES.

Description

Follow the bank of the Koitogawa river until you reach the beach. From there a path of white seashells will lead you to the Chibineko Kitchen. Step inside, they'll be expecting you.

Nagi Hayakawa is facing an impossible choice. Should she agree to marry her boyfriend, despite being ill and not knowing how many years she has left to live, or should she protect him from future heartbreak by refusing? Desperate for advice from the one person no longer there to give it - her mother who died years before - she reserves a table at the Chibineko Kitchen.

When she takes her first bite of the miso-marinated tofu and rice, prepared for her by the restaurant's young chef, Kai, the gulls outside fall silent and the air grows hazy.

Deliciously heart-warming, *The Chibineko Kitchen* is about savouring every moment.

Sales Points

- **SOLD IN 15 TERRITORIES AROUND THE WORLD:** Brazil (Sextante), Czech Rep. (Dobrovsky), France (Bragelonne), Germany (HoCa), Italy (Feltrinelli), Korea (SISABOOKS), The Netherlands (Wereldbibliotheek), Portugal (Presença), Russia (Eksmo), Spain (Urano), Taiwan (Crown), Thailand (B2S), Vietnam (Huy Hong), WEL (John Murray) / US (Penguin Books)
**The Czech and Portuguese publishers listed here also published the global hit *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, which has sold 1 million copies worldwide.
- **A HIT SERIES:** For fans of *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* and other hit healing fiction titles, this is the second book in the 100k-copy selling Japanese series.
- **IMMERSIVE:** Set in a beautiful, serene, coastal Japanese village, reading this book feels like stepping straight into a Studio Ghibli film.
- **HEART-WARMING:** A warm, uplifting novel about slowing down, finding connection, and learning to savour every moment.
- **MOUTH-WATERING:** Each chapter begins with a note on a particular ingredient and ends with a recipe perfect for food and booktokkers, travel bloggers and lovers of Japan.

Author Biography

Yuta Takahashi (1972-) was born in Chiba Prefecture, Japan, where the novel is set. He is the celebrated author of several series spanning historical and contemporary fiction.

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The Chibineko Kitchen

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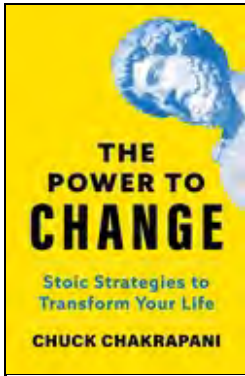
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The Power to Change Stoic Strategies to Transform Your Life

Chuck Chakrapani

Keynote

A practical guide to dealing with everyday problems using Stoic principles.

Description

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE, BUT KNOWING WHERE YOU WANT TO GO IS NOT ENOUGH. YOU ALSO NEED TO KNOW HOW TO GET THERE.

The Power to Change shows how to use Stoic principles to create a successful life and provides a clear road map and directions to get there. It will guide you in designing a life that flows well and dealing with problems that arise in everyday living.

More than two thousand years ago, a group of philosophers known as the Stoics analyzed life's predicaments and came up with simple solutions. The principles they identified were so profound that they formed the basis of many major modern psychotherapies. They are easy to use and powerful, and they can be applied to modern life and its problems. Often we don't pay much attention to simple principles because we don't believe simple things can be effective, but when understood and consistently practiced, simple principles can have a profound effect on our lives.

The problems are real. The solutions are accessible. Each chapter in *The Power to Change* is bite-sized and actionable, focusing on common, day-to-day challenges - from anxiety, self-sabotage and overthinking to resilience, habits and productivity - and giving you easy-to-apply tools to overcome them.

Practicing them is not difficult. But practicing consistently is where most of us fail. *The Power to Change* is packed with tools and exercises to help you practice *consistently*, bypass every motivational plateau and reach the big payoff.

Sales Points

- **Booming market:** Stoicism continues to gain popularity as sales of *The Daily Stoic* and *Stoicism and the Art of Happiness* demonstrate.
- **Unique position in the Stoic market:** Each chapter starts with a modern, real-world problem and explores the solution with reference to stoic philosophy.
- **Author platform:** Chuck has the stoic community covered which is a large market: Substack: 15,000 subscribers, Facebook: 6,000 followers, Twitter: 6,000 followers (US 47%, UK 12%, Canada 7%, Australia 4%, India 4%)
- **International potential:** Chuck is Canadian which will help in North America and the actionable, bite-sized chapters of just 3-4 pages each with lots of takeaways should appeal in export.
- **Practical, four-part structure:** part 1 introduces some of the powerful principles the Stoics identified, part 2 deals with some common obstacles we may face how to overcome them, part 3 shows how to design a life that flows smoothly, and part 4 deals with problems we face in everyday life and how to address them.

Author Biography

From the boardroom to the classroom, Dr. Chuck Chakrapani has consistently sought to understand and improve how we live and work. His career has spanned the highest levels of business leadership as well as pursuing a distinguished academic career. Dr. Chakrapani's expertise is grounded in rigorous analysis and a deep understanding of human behaviour. He offers a modern and practical lens through which to explore Stoicism's enduring wisdom. He publishes the monthly digital magazine THE STOIC and has authored a growing library of books on the subject. He also founded the Prokopton community, a program designed to guide individuals in developing a Stoic practice that cultivates resilience, purpose, and a life of meaning and flow. Explore Dr. Chakrapani's work on Stoicism at thestoicgym.substack.com.

Market

Stoic fans and business personal development readers worldwide. Stoic and Stoic-adjacent titles and online groups have never been more popular. The Stoic market is still growing. *The Daily Stoic* is the obvious comp but there's an important difference - while *The Daily Stoic's* goal is to make stoic philosophy accessible to a modern audience, *The Tools of Success* turns that approach on its head, starting with the modern, real-world problem and exploring the solution with reference to stoic philosophy. This small adjustment broadens the market from Stoics and the stoic-curious, to include a wider business personal development audience. This book is an easy-to-digest entry to Stoicism for newcomers and a fresh view on familiar concepts for those who may be more experienced with the philosophy.

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The Hiroshima Men The Quest to Build the Atomic Bomb, and the Fateful Decision to Use It

Iain MacGregor

Keynote

A vivid account of one of history's most significant events: the approval, construction, and fateful decision to drop the atomic bomb - based on new research and interviews, timed to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima attack.

Description

At 8:15 a.m. on August 6th, 1945, the Japanese port city of Hiroshima was struck by the world's first atomic bomb. Built in the US by the top-secret Manhattan Project and delivered by a B-29 Superfortress, a revolutionary long-range bomber, the weapon destroyed large swaths of the city, instantly killing tens of thousands. The world would never be the same again.

The Hiroshima Men's unique narrative recounts the decade-long journey towards this first atomic attack. It charts the race for nuclear technology before, and during the Second World War, as the allies fought the axis powers in Europe, North Africa, China, and across the vastness of the Pacific, and is seen through the experiences of several key characters: General Leslie Groves, leader of the Manhattan Project alongside Robert Oppenheimer; pioneering Army Air Force bomber pilot Colonel Paul Tibbets II; the mayor of Hiroshima, Senkichi Awaya, who would die alongside over eighty-thousand of his fellow citizens; and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist John Hersey, who travelled to post-war Japan to expose the devastation the bomb had inflicted upon the city, and in a historic *New Yorker* article, described in unflinching detail the dangers posed by its deadly after-effect, radiation poisoning.

This thrilling account takes the reader from the corridors of the White House to the laboratories and test sites of New Mexico; from the air war above Nazi Germany and the savage reconquest of the Pacific to the deadly firebombing air raids across the Japanese Home Islands. *The Hiroshima Men* also includes Japanese perspectives - a vital aspect often missing from Western narratives - to complete MacGregor's nuanced, deeply human account of the bombing's meaning and aftermath.

Sales Points

- The author has an excellent track record for his narrative history, with the success of *Checkpoint Charlie* and *The Lighthouse of Stalingrad*.
- This book will include the personal experiences of key figures during the 1936-46 conflict, with MacGregor's extensive access to never-before-seen archive material.

Author Biography

Iain MacGregor is the author of the acclaimed history of Cold War Berlin: *Checkpoint Charlie*, and the award-winning *The Lighthouse of Stalingrad: The Hidden Truth Behind WWII's Greatest Battle*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, has spoken at many literary festivals and conferences in the UK and abroad, appeared on podcasts such as *The Rest is History* and on television documentaries. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, the *Spectator*, *BBC History Magazine*, and the *Guardian*. He lives in London.

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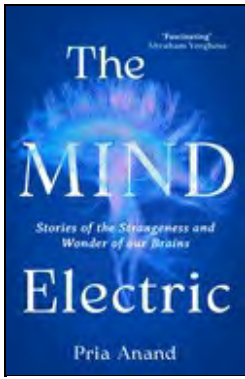
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The Mind Electric

Stories of the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains

Pria Anand

Keynote

A thought-provoking journey through some of the strangest ways our brains can delude us and what these can teach us about medicine, narrative and being human

Description

'Reminiscent of Oliver Sacks and the best of medical writing. Fascinating' Abraham Verghese

'A rich and humane work' Gwen Adshead, author of *The Devil You Know*

A young woman channelling the voice of the Holy Spirit. A mother whose children have been replaced by changelings. A family cursed by a mysterious inability to sleep. Pria Anand's patients come to her with myriad peculiar symptoms, but they all have something in common: their diagnosis always hinges on a story. Her task as a neurologist is akin to a detective's, piecing together the clues in a patient's account with the tells of their body in order to settle on a diagnosis.

In her gorgeously lyrical, passionate and humane first book, Pria Anand shares stories of her own patients alongside her own experiences as a doctor, a mother and a patient, in order to explore all the bizarre ways in which our brains go awry. Moving from the Boston hospital where she treats her patients, to her childhood years in India, to Isla Providencia in the Caribbean and to Guinea in West Africa, she demonstrates again and again the compelling paradox at the heart of neurology: that the strangest symptoms experienced by any single individual can show us something universal about being human.

Sales Points

- **A HOTLY ANTICIPATED TITLE:** rights acquired in a fiercely contested five-way auction
- **A DOCTOR WHO CAN REALLY WRITE:** like Oliver Sacks, Henry Marsh and Gabor Maté, Pria Anand is that rare combination endlessly fascinating to readers. She's an accessible storyteller with a gorgeously rich and vivid turn of phrase
- **WILL APPEAL TO FANS OF CLASSIC AND BESTSELLING WORKS ABOUT MIND AND BODY:** *The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat (Oliver Sacks)*, *Unwell Women (Elinor Cleghorn)*, *It's All In Your Head (Suzanne O'Sullivan)*; and *The Devil You Know (Gwen Adshead and Eileen Horne)*
- **INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE:** moving from the US to India, the Caribbean and West Africa, and bolstered with fascinating historical anecdote and illuminating examples from literature and mythology
- **RELATABLE AND RICH IN UNIVERSAL INSIGHTS:** all of us experience the world through our brains and so much of what we go through - from migraine to seasickness to addiction - has a neurological component. This book shows us the continuity between brains when they are functioning 'normally' and when they're sick - and what is common to us all

Reviews

- 'Reminiscent of Oliver Sacks and the best of medical writing. Fascinating' - *Abraham Verghese, author of Cutting for Stone*
- 'A rich and humane work, compelling in its compassion for the personal stories behind the symptoms that bring people to clinics' - Gwen Adshead, author of *The Devil You Know*

Author Biography

Pria Anand is a neurologist at the Boston Medical Center and an Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Medical School, and she trained in neurology, neuro-infectious diseases, and neuroimmunology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

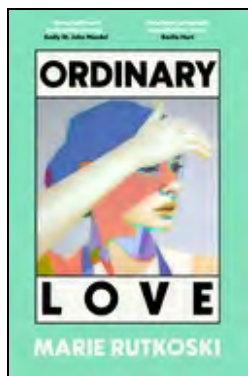
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Ordinary Love

A sweeping love story about desire, friendship, mistakes and the possibility of second chances, for fans of *The Paper Palace* and *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*

Marie Rutkoski

Keynote

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Description

FOR EMILY AND GEN, THIS IS LOVE...AT LAST.

Emily has a life many would envy: a Manhattan townhouse, two sweet children and an adoring husband, Jack. But Jack isn't what he appears, and Emily's marriage is secretly troubled.

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As teenagers, she was Emily's best friend, first love - and first heartbreak. Emily thought that she'd never recover from losing her. Now, separated by over a decade of mistakes and miscommunications, can they find their way back to each other?

What comes next is a sweeping queer love story about desire, friendship, and above all, the possibility of second chances.

Sales Points

- * Acquired in a significant pre-empt in 24 hours
- * Virago and Little, Brown's lead literary fiction for 2025
- * Publication will be backed by a year-long campaign to ensure this is THE literary blockbuster of 2025
- * Pre-empted in the US by Jenny Jackson at Knopf, the US editor of Gabrielle Zevin
- * A *New York Times* bestselling author

Author Biography

Marie Rutkoski is a *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels for children and young adults. She grew up in Illinois as the oldest of four children, and has lived in Moscow, Prague, and Paris.

She holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Harvard University, and is now a professor of English literature at Brooklyn College, where she teaches Shakespeare, children's literature, and fiction writing. She lives in Brooklyn with her family and two cats, Cloud and Firefly.

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Caught Up

Navessa Allen

Keynote

The sizzling sequel to Tiktok sensation *Lights Out*

Description

THE BRAND NEW DARK ROMANCE FROM THE AUTHOR OF TIKTOK SENSATION LIGHTS OUT. . .

I wanted this woman, and I was a man who always got what he wanted.

Nico 'Junior' Trocci knows Lauren Marchetti is off limits. She is sweetness and laughter, whereas Junior exists in a world of violence and depravity. Men like him don't get to have women like her. It's why he pushed her away back in high school and has kept his distance ever since.

But when Junior looks Lauren up online, he discovers the shy, bookish girl he remembers is gone. In her place is a strikingly beautiful woman whose social media is filled with scantily clad pictures of herself and a connection to a nearby play club. Junior's innocent curiosity quickly turns into a dark obsession. But watching Lauren from a distance isn't enough; he needs to *make her his*.

He's ruthless; a walking red flag. Good thing red is my favorite color.

Lauren is intrigued by the mystery man who keeps showing up at her club, who tempts her white-hot desires. But as their flirty online messages stir up a deeper form of connection, Lauren worries she's developing real feelings for this brooding stranger. As their combined desire ratchets up to a breaking point, who will seduce who? And will they survive the fall?

*** Pre-order the sizzling new novel in the INTO DARKNESS trilogy now! ***

***Caught Up* is a fast-paced dark romance with a morally grey male lead. Some themes and scenes may be disturbing to readers. Please check the content warning at the beginning of the book.**

<h4> Readers LOVE *Lights Out!* </h4>

'Hilarious, and wickedly sexy. Yes Josh is a bit of a stalker, but he's a golden retriever one' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I absolutely adored this book . . . perfect in every single way!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Josh and Aly are both magnificent and the spice is next level' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Really fun, made me laugh so many times I lost count' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Quite literally perfect. I wanted something spicy but fun and it more than delivered!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Proving that a dark romance can still have humour . . . dark of course!!!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'PERFECTION!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- Book 2 in the fast-paced, dark romance series Into Darkness, sure to follow on from the incredible sales of *Lights Out*
- This series was born of tiktok and raised by booktokers around the world. Readers are feral for this series and we anticipate strong series growth across all formats

Reviews

- **'Everything a dark romance reader wants** - a masked man, epic spice, hilarious banter, and a clingy cat named Fred' - *CM Hutton, co-author of the Corrupt Shadows Duet, on Lights Out*
- **'Lights Out is a sexy, laugh-out-loud read** perfect for those of us with morbid sensibilities. Aly and Josh are just the right amount of unhinged to keep you turning the page. **A five-star read** ' - *Thea Claire, author of Go Find Less, on Lights Out*
- **'Funny and filthy . . . the dark rom-com of BookTok's dreams'** - *Ashley Bennett,*

- **'Twisted, sexy, and fun, it's the perfect read for those looking to dip their toes into the darker side of romance'** - Luna Ramirez, author of *Dead Girls Club*, on *Lights Out*

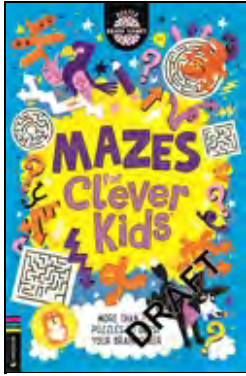


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New York Times and *USA TODAY* bestselling author Navessa Allen lives in northern New England on a 200-year-old farm with her husband, their cats, and an assortment of farm animals.

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Dr Gareth Moore (Illustrated By Chris Dickason)

Keynote

A new maze book in the bestselling *Clever Kids®* series.

Description

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Also available in the series:

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Sales Points

- Contains over 100 fun and mind-boggling mazes that are designed to boost kids' cognitive and logic skills
- Features a range of different maze types, including shaped, warp, bridge and multi-floor mazes
- Created by chart-topping puzzle author Dr Gareth Moore, whose *Clever Kids®* series has sold nearly 2 million copies. Bestselling titles in the series include *Brain Games for Clever Kids®*, which has sold over 500,000 copies in the UK and has been published in over 25 languages, and *Wordsearches for Clever Kids®*, which has sold over 300,000 copies in the UK
- Zany illustrations by Chris Dickason bring the puzzles to life

Author Biography

Dr Gareth Moore (B.Sc (Hons) M.Phil Ph.D) is the internationally bestselling author of a wide range of brain-training and puzzle books for both children and adults, including *Anti-stress Puzzles*, *Ultimate Dot to Dot*, *Brain Games for Clever Kids®*, *Lateral Logic*, *Extreme Mazes* and *The Ordinance Survey Puzzle Book*. His books have sold over a million copies in the UK alone and have sold in thirty-five different languages.

He is also the creator of online brain-training site BrainedUp.com and runs the daily puzzle site PuzzleMix.com.

Illustrator Biography

Chris Dickason

Chris Dickason's irreverent sense of humour was born from years as both a mild mannered doodler and angry burger flipper. Taking inspiration as much from Henri Matisse as he does The Muppets, as well as odd bits of packaging collected from foreign supermarkets, Chris' work has been described as charming and visually striking with a sharp graphic style. His illustrations are populated with rambunctious characters that are a cleverly crafted mix of an uncomplicated line style and wonky perspectives. Chris is the illustrator of Buster Books' bestselling *Clever Kids* series.

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More Than A Shirt How Football Shirts Explain Global Politics, Money and Power

Joey D'Urso

Keynote

Twenty-Two Football Shirts that explain the world, geopolitics and the biggest stories of our time

Description

'This colourful book is a treat for anyone interested in both football and politics.' *Patrick Maguire, The Times*

'One of the most original and innovative football books in some time, a "Parts Unknown" for the game.' *Miguel Delaney, Independent*

'A meticulously researched book that reveals plenty about football and even more about the modern world.' *Adam Crafton, The Athletic*

Twenty-Two Football Shirts that explain the world, geopolitics and the biggest stories of our time

Football is the world's most popular sport, and the shirts worn by teams and their supporters are its greatest means of cultural expression. Every year clubs launch new kits with increasingly extravagant marketing campaigns and convoluted explanations of how their designs reflect their history and local community. But football shirts are much more than just a symbol of which club we support. A seemingly innocuous combination of colours, sponsor logos and materials can all reflect the social values, financial struggles and political ideologies of the day, as geopolitical issues increasingly seep into every aspect of the game.

Investigative journalist Joey D'Urso has travelled across the globe, combining on-the-ground reporting with unparalleled analysis to collate a list of the twenty-two football shirts that best explain the modern world. *More Than A Shirt* will take fans on a journey from Birmingham to Belgrade and onto Medellin and Mumbai, outlining how we can see the war in Ukraine in the shirt of Schalke in Germany or China's foreign policy in West Bromwich Albion's; how the shirts of state-owned clubs are used for sportswashing; and why the French national kit embodies worldwide migration patterns.

A compelling and eye-opening exploration, *More Than A Shirt* is essential reading for any football fan and will change the way you think about the beautiful game's most universal symbol.

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL STORY:** The themes and stories which Joey connects the various football shirts to are incredibly global in their scope, from Normandy, Northern England and Goa to America, Brazil and Rwanda.
- **FOOTBALL SHIRT FEVER:** Whether it's as a fashion symbol amongst celebrities or vintage collector status, football shirts have never been more popular within modern culture. Using them as a hook to discuss more global political events is a great way of broadening the audience of the book.
- **EXCITING NEW JOURNALIST:** Joey is one of the most exciting up-and-coming football journalists right now. As *The Athletic's* Investigations Writer, he has broken numerous stories on how the Premier League clubs have facilitated illegal gambling in Asia, the rise and fall of cryptocurrency sponsors and the Football Index scandal. He has also recently completed a Masters degree at Oxford University.
- **COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION:** At its heart this proposition is very commercial, setting it apart from other books in this area of the market. It would appeal to a broad audience of football fans who are interested in the wider context which surround the sport and its beloved football shirts, as well as readers of books on geopolitics, economics and world affairs.
- **AWARD-WINNING POTENTIAL:** Numerous other titles in this area of the market including *Expected Goals*, *Soccernomics* and *The People's Game* have all won awards, and we would want to push for Joey's title to be nominated for the major sports book awards of 2025.

Author Biography

Joey D'Urso is the Senior Data Journalist for *The Times*. He was previously the Investigations Writer for *The Athletic*, owned by the *New York Times*. He has broken numerous big stories on Premier League clubs facilitating illegal gambling in Asia, cryptocurrency scams, the Football Index scandal and many more. He was nominated for



Football Journalist of the Year in 2022 by the Football Supporters Association and has been twice nominated in the sports journalism category at the British Journalism Awards. He has previously worked for *Reuters*, *BBC News*, *BuzzFeed News*, *Wired* and the *Sunday Times*.

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Searching for Novak The man behind the enigma

Mark Hodgkinson

Keynote

The compelling biography of Novak Djokovic, **the greatest male tennis player of all time** - looking at past events, his beliefs and what has made him one of the most enigmatic and successful sportsmen throughout history.

Description

'A fantastic and fascinating exploration of the life of a great champion... Full of compelling insight.' - Tom Hiddleston

'This book captures the deep complexities in Novak's mind and his life and how he's dealt with them in a thoughtful, soul-searching way.' - Chris Evert

'A fascinating insight into the greatest tennis player of all time.' - Evening Standard **tennis correspondent, Matt Majendie**

'An absorbing insight into the story behind the greatest player of all time.' - The Times **tennis correspondent, Stuart Fraser**

'Mark Hodgkinson goes memorably deep on Novak Djokovic - from his hard-luck beginnings to his gluten-free diet to his unorthodox mind - helping us better understand one of the most fascinating figures in sports.' - Christopher Clarey, author of *The Master*

'Meticulously-researched.' - Simon Cambers, author of *The Federer Effect*

REVISED AND UPDATED FOR 2025. INCLUDES NOVAK'S HISTORIC OLYMPIC TITLE.

No man or woman has won more Grand Slam singles titles than Novak Djokovic, who took his 24th major at the 2023 US Open. Based on fresh interviews with people close to Djokovic - including his friends and mentors, along with his former coaches and his rivals - this is an in-depth exploration of the psyche of one of the most fascinating and controversial sporting characters ever. From a bomb shelter in Belgrade to an immigration detention centre in Melbourne, and everywhere in between, this book uncovers his relentless pursuit of perfection and the unconventional beliefs that have propelled him to greatness. Rage. Forgiveness. Shame. Pride. Love. *Searching for Novak* examines the psychological and emotional side of rewriting tennis history.

Sales Points

- **Tennis Titles:** Sue Barker's autobiography *Calling The Shots* has sold over 39,000 copies over the past year. Andy Murray's autobiography *Seventy-Seven: My Road to Wimbledon Glory* dominates the market with over 75,000 copies sold. This demonstrates a core readership of tennis fans.
- **Comparative Titles:** *In Search of Robert Millar* by Richard Moore has sold over 39,000 copies in the UK alone. *The Master: The Brilliant Career of Roger Federer* by Christopher Clarey (published July 2022) has sold 5,000 copies so far.
- **Gap In The Market:** Novak's headline-making quirkiness and controversy makes him a prime target for a biography. However, there is little on him published.

Awards

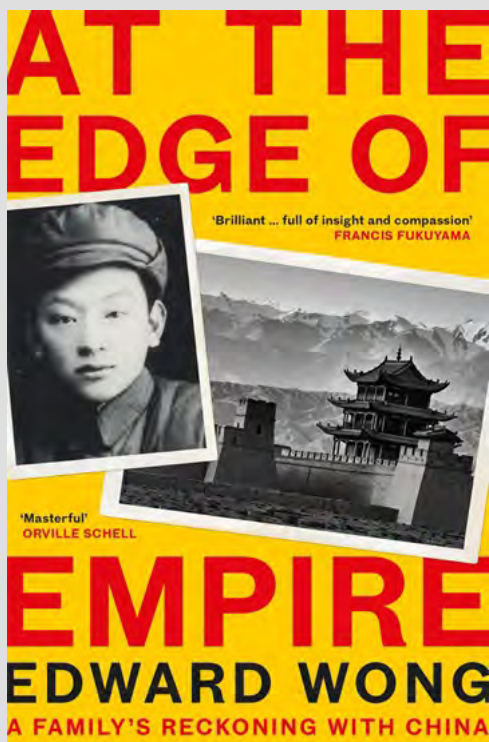
Longlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year

Author Biography

Mark Hodgkinson is known for his compelling biographies of Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Serena Williams. A former Daily Telegraph tennis correspondent, he has ghostwritten columns for Boris Becker, Martina Navratilova, Bjorn Borg and Pete Sampras, and also collaborated on a book with boxer Lawrence Okolie and on a golf project with singer Robbie Williams. Mark worked on two fitness books with Daniel Craig, Tom Hiddleston and their trainer Simon Waterson, one of which became an Amazon bestseller. Additionally, he authored a bestselling book for Naomi Osaka's former coach, Sascha Bajin, and has collaborated with psychologist Charlie Unwin and former Marine Nick Goldsmith. Mark consults for international sports brands in Europe, the United States and Japan.

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‘A touching family memoir... about an immigrant's yearning to understand his heritage and his family’ - *The Spectator*

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At the Edge of Empire

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EDWARD WONG

KEYNOTE

The essential history of modern China, told through the story of one family

SALES POINTS

- The author has extensive media training, is well-positioned to drive publicity, and has deep personal and professional knowledge of China.
- A fascinating, open account of a heavily-censored and inaccessible part of Chinese history
- With a new type of Cold War emerging between the US and China pulling in countries throughout the world, this book will have enduring relevance.

DESCRIPTION

'A brilliant personal account of China's borderlands and peoples' Francis Fukuyama

'Edward Wong is about as knowledgeable a guide to China as a reader could ever hope to find' Barbara Demick

'Finely crafted ... opens up the complexities of Chinese politics and Chinese life in a way that general readers will find fascinating' Guardian

The son of Chinese immigrants in Washington, DC, Edward Wong grew up among family secrets. His father toiled in restaurants and rarely spoke of his childhood during the Japanese occupation of China and his years in the People's Liberation Army under Mao. His journey as a soldier took him from Manchuria during the Korean War to Xinjiang on the Central Asian frontier. In 1962, disillusioned with the Communist Party, he planned a desperate escape to Hong Kong.

When Edward Wong became the Beijing bureau chief for *The New York Times*, he investigated his father's past while assessing for himself the dream of a resurgent China. He met the citizens driving the nation's astounding economic boom and global expansion - and grappling with the vortex of nationalistic rule under Xi Jinping. He witnessed protests and civil rights struggles in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, and had an insider's view of the world's two superpowers meeting at a perilous crossroads.

In this essential work for understanding China today, Wong tells a moving chronicle of a family and a nation that spans nearly a century of momentous change.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Edward Wong is a diplomatic correspondent for *The New York Times*, where has served as a war correspondent in Iraq and as the Beijing bureau chief. He is the winner of the Livingston Award for international reporting, and has been a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. He lives with his family in Washington, DC.

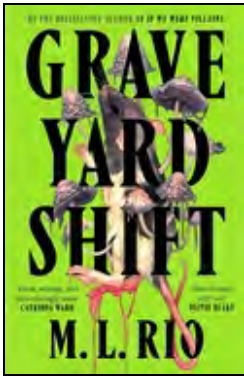
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Graveyard Shift

the highly anticipated new book by the author of the BookTok sensation *If We Were Villains*

M. L. Rio

Keynote

An atmospheric and eerie modern Gothic story in the vein of M. L. Rio's internationally bestselling debut *If We Were Villains*.

Description

The bestselling author of international BookTok sensation *If We Were Villains* returns with a story of a group of misfits who meet in the local cemetery each night to unearth the secrets lurking in an open grave.

Every night, in the college's ancient cemetery, five people cross paths as they work the late shift: a bartender, a rideshare driver, a hotel receptionist, the steward of the derelict church that looms over them, and the editor-in-chief of the college paper, always in search of a story.

One dark October evening in the defunct churchyard, they find a hole that wasn't there before. A fresh, open grave where no grave should be. But who dug it, and for whom?

Before they go their separate ways, the gravedigger returns. As they trail him through the night, they realize he may be the key to a string of strange happenings around town that have made headlines for the last few weeks--and that they may be closer to the mystery than they thought.

Atmospheric and eerie, featuring an ensemble of misfits that fans will love and a delightfully familiar academic backdrop, *Graveyard Shift* is a modern Gothic tale in *If We Were Villains* author M. L. Rio's inimitable style.

Sales Points

- **The unmissable new book from the internationally bestselling author of BookTok favourite *If We Were Villains*, which has sold over half a million copies worldwide and racked up sales in nineteen foreign territories. *Graveyard Shift* is the author's first book since the massive acclaim of her debut.**
- **Told in M. L. Rio's inimitable style and with expertly crafted characters, this story is the perfect follow-up for readers who are desperate to discover their next dark academia obsession.**
- **Retailer support:** *If We Were Villains* was published in paperback in 2017 and has sold over 100,000 copies in that format. Since then, multiple hardback editions have been published (Illustrated and 5th anniversary signed) which have sold a combined 10,000 copies.
- **International focus:** *If We Were Villains* sold 40,000 copies through ABM, so the new books will have a major ANZ audience waiting to read.

Reviews

- **'Graveyard Shift is shot through with cool . . . Rio presents a world of nihilistic macabre only to strip it back, painting the gruesome with a softer brush and her singular gift for portraiture.'** - *Olivie Blake*
- **'Graveyard Shift is wonderful-dark, strange, and hair-raisingly tense. It spills over with atmosphere, full of flawed, fascinating characters.'** - *Catriona Ward*
- **'A rad, crisp, creepy read.'** - *Chuck Wendig*
- **'[M. L. Rio has] no doubt got another hit on her hands here, combining the dark academia genre with a classic spooky tale A fun and fast-paced read.'** - *Daily Mirror*

Author Biography

M. L. Rio is the author of international bestseller and BookTok sensation *If We Were Villains*. She holds an MA in Shakespeare Studies from King's College London and Shakespeare's Globe and a PhD in early modern English literature from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research explores representations of madness and mood disorder on the early modern stage. She lives in Washington, D. C. with too many books, too many records, and a mutt called Marlowe.

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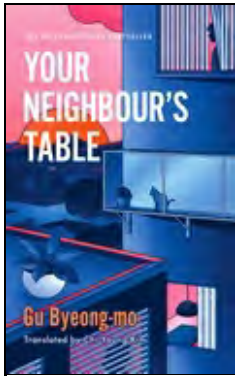
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Your Neighbour's Table

An incisive and timely Korean bestseller about marriage, community and motherhood

Gu Byeong-mo
Translated by **Chi-Young Kim**

Keynote

A poignant and thought-provoking novel in the best Korean literary tradition, exploring the notion of community and women's parenting labour from the award-winning author of *The Old Woman with the Knife*.

Description

'An important literary piece of feminist activism'

'Taps into the everyday minutiae of motherhood, baring to all the unspoken labours that women take on both inside and out of parenthood'

'Really made me reflect on what it actually means to be a part of a community'

'Given recent news stories this feels like an incredibly relevant read'

From the award-winning Korean author Gu Byeong-mo and International Booker-nominated translator Chi-Young Kim, comes a thought-provoking story of community and the cultural expectations of motherhood.

What are you willing to sacrifice for a 'better' life?

When Yojin moves with her husband and daughter into the Dream Future Pilot Communal Apartments, she's ready for a fresh start. Located on the outskirts of Seoul, the experimental community is a government initiative designed to boost the national birth rate. Like her neighbours, Yojin has agreed to have at least two more children over the next ten years.

Yet, from the day she arrives, Yojin feels uneasy about the community spirit thrust upon her. Her concerns grow as communal child care begins and the other parents show their true colours. *Your Neighbour's Table* traces the lives of four women in the apartments, all with different aspirations and beliefs.

Will they find a way to live peacefully? Or are society's expectations stacked against them from the start?

A trenchant social novel from an award-winning author, *Your Neighbour's Table* incisively illuminates the unspoken imbalance of women's parenting labour and the challenges of working towards a better life.

[Published in North America with the title APARTMENT WOMEN]

Sales Points

- **SMART SOCIAL COMMENTARY:** The setting and premise for this novel sets it up the novel to explore contentious contemporary issues in South Korean society, but its themes are such as expectations surrounding marriage, family, and parenthood are quite universal. Perfect for fans of KIM JIYOUNG, BORN IN 1982, DIARY OF A VOID and CONCERNING MY DAUGHTER.
- **STAR AUTHOR WITH MASS INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** Gu's writing is highly lauded in Korea and has sold rights in over 15 countries. Her crime/thriller novel *The Old Woman and the Knife* was recently optioned in a lucrative film deal.
- **PRIZE-WINNING POTENTIAL:** The translator Chi-Young Kim's previous work, WHALE, was nominated for the International Booker and we think this novel has heaps of prize-winning potential as well so will be putting forth for the International Booker as well as other translation prizes.

Reviews

- 'Reading this **incisive, delicate and wholly original** book, I found that words like 'family', 'neighbour', 'nature', and 'community' no longer evoked warm and bountiful images in me. They gave me a chill. And I know that this is reality.' - CHO NAM-JOO, author of *Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982*
- 'This thought-provoking read **will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.**' - *Heat Magazine*
- 'Gu Byeong-mo's *Your Neighbour's Table* is a **sharp examination of the boundary between the utopic ideals of community and the dystopian realities** of late capitalism. The characters - **beautifully drawn**, full of flaws and wholly human - live side-by-side in a tense intimacy that **haunted me long after I put the book down.**'

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Author born in	South Korea
Author living in	South Korea

Previous Titles

THE OLD WOMAN AND THE KNIFE
(Canongate, 2022)

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2nd Serial	Headline Publishing Group
Audio	Headline Publishing Group
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Headline Publishing Group
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Headline Publishing Group
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- SARAH RUIZ-GROSSMAN, author of *A Fire So Wild*

- 'All is not what it seems in *Your Neighbour's Table*, and a feeling of dread grows as the book goes on . . . **A gripping read.**' - *Daily Mirror*

Author Biography

Gu Byeong-mo was born in 1976 in Seoul. She studied Korean language and literature at Kyung Hee University, and worked as an editor. She made her literary debut with the novel *The Wizard's Bakery* (2009), which won the Changbi Prize for Young Adult Fiction. It became bestseller in Korea and was translated into many different languages. Her short story collection *Hoping That It Wasn't Only Me* (2015) received Writer of the Year Award and Hwang Sun-won Literary Award for New Writers.

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**King of Ashes****S. A. Cosby****Keynote**

Award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author S. A. Cosby returns with *King of Ashes*, a Black, Southern, *Godfather*-inspired crime epic and dazzling family drama.

Description

Award-winning, New York Times bestselling author S. A. Cosby returns with King of Ashes, a Godfather-inspired Southern crime epic and dazzling family drama.

When eldest son Roman Carruthers is summoned home after his father's car accident, he finds his younger brother, Dante, in debt to dangerous criminals and his sister, Neveah, exhausted from holding the family—and the family business—together. Neveah and their father, who run the Carruthers Crematorium in the run-down central Virginia town of Jefferson Run, see death up close every day. But mortality draws even closer when it becomes clear that the crash that landed their father in a coma was no accident and Dante's recklessness has placed them all in real danger.

Roman, a financial whiz with a head for numbers and a talent for making his clients rich, has some money to help buy his brother out of trouble. But in his work with wannabe tough guys, he's forgotten that there are real gangsters out there. As his bargaining chips go up in smoke, Roman realizes that he has only one thing left to offer to save his brother: himself, and his own particular set of skills.

Roman begins his work for the criminals while Neveah tries to uncover the long-ago mystery of what happened to their mother, who disappeared when they were teenagers. But Roman is far less of a pushover than the gangsters realize. He is willing to do anything to save his family. Anything.

Because everything burns.

Praise for S. A. Cosby:

'Sensationally good' **LEE CHILD**

'Exhilarating' **STEPHEN KING**

'Stunning. Can't remember the last time I read such a powerful crime novel' **MARK BILLINGHAM**

'S. A. Cosby is a welcome, refreshing new voice in crime literature' **DENNIS LEHANE**

'Every once in a while a writer comes along with an incredible voice...add S. A. Cosby to that list' **STEVE CAVANAGH**

'Elegant, fierce storytelling at its absolute best.' **DAILY MAIL**

Sales Points

- **ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND DISTINCTIVE VOICES IN CRIME FICTION:** This is a rich, layered and deeply affecting literary crime - perfect for fans of celebrated US authors like Michael Connelly, Don Winslow and Attica Locke.
- **MULTIPLE AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** S. A. Cosby has won several awards including the L.A. Time Book Prize, an Anthony Award and an International Thriller Writers award - and has been shortlisted for all three of his previous books at the CWA Daggers.
- **MASSIVE GLOBAL SUPPORT FROM HIGH-PROFILE WRITERS:** S. A. Cosby has received glowing endorsements from international bestsellers including Michael Connelly, Ian Rankin, Lee Child, Stephen King, Dennis Lehane, Harlan Coben, Mark Billingham, Adrian McKinty, Laura Lippman and Steve Cavanagh.
- **A HUGE US LAUNCH FOR A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** S. A. Cosby is published by Macmillan in the US and this is a major lead title for them.
- **MAJOR TV DEAL** King of Ashes has been snapped up for TV in an incredibly competitive 12 way auction - won by a joint bid from Netflix, **Steven Spielberg's** Amblin Entertainment and **Barack and Michelle Obama's** Higher Ground

Author Biography

S. A. Cosby is a writer from Southeastern Virginia. He resides in Gloucester, VA.



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The Conditions of Unconditional Love

Alexander McCall Smith

Keynote

Book 15 in the beloved Isabel Dalhousie series

Description

BOOK 15 IN THE MUCH-LOVED ISABEL DALHOUSIE SERIES

'You can't go out of the house without tripping over a philosophical question.' That is a remark made by Isabel Dalhousie to Jamie, the bassoonist who is her handsome younger husband. Isabel's own life, of course, points to the truth of this observation: she seems to attract philosophical problems in much the same way as a magnet attracts iron filings.

In this latest movement in the symphony of her life, Isabel is faced with novel challenges, each of which tests her resolution to do the right thing. Dawn, a nurse in an infectious diseases ward, is let down by her lover and needs a place to live. Not surprisingly, Isabel offers her a roof over her head. What do you do, though if your house-guest locks herself away and avoids all contact?

And then there is the pompous and slippery Professor Robert Lettuce. He is planning a prestigious conference, and involves Isabel in it. But look at the budget: why is there such a large payment for Lettuce himself and for a young female assistant? Isabel is suspicious.

Other intriguing problems abound, including Isabel's involvement in a book group threatened by discord and bickering. Isabel remains calm. Of course she does. She knows the power of love, reason, and a clear head to resolve all of these issues, and more.

PRAISE FOR THE ISABEL DALHOUSIE NOVELS:

'Isabel Dalhousie's charm is undeniable' *Sunday Times*

'The No. 2 Lady Detective . . . anyone who loves Precious cannot fail to be charmed' *Mail on Sunday*

'Delightful . . . McCall Smith is a writer who celebrates kindness, in short supply in the world today' *Sunday Telegraph*

'McCall Smith's greatest gift as a writer - and God knows this is just one of many - is that he can write likeable characters' *New Statesman*

Sales Points

- Little, Brown has sold more than 1.7 million copies in the Isabel Dalhousie series
- English language sales for McCall Smith's titles now exceed 20 million copies worldwide
- Alexander McCall Smith has been recognised as Author of the Year three times (BA, NIBBIES and Waterstones)

Author Biography

Alexander McCall Smith is the author of over one hundred books on a wide array of subjects, including the award-winning The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. He is also the author of the Isabel Dalhousie novels and the world's longest-running serial novel, *44 Scotland Street*. His books have been translated into forty-six languages. Alexander McCall Smith is Professor Emeritus of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and holds honorary doctorates from thirteen universities. He was knighted by the King in 2024.



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Hunger

The CULT CLASSIC that sold a QUARTER OF A MILLION copies

Choi Jin-young
Translated by Soje

Keynote

The cult classic sleeper hit that sold 350,000 copies - from one of the best-known writers at work in South Korea

Description

I had chosen and no law, no gun, no God could stop me now. Only him.

A sleeper hit with over a QUARTER OF A MILLION copies sold

<h1>THE KOREAN CULT CLASSIC PHENOMENON</h1>

'Perfect reading for fans of *BUTTER* and Nobel-Prize winning *THE VEGETARIAN*'
WATERSTONES

'A feast for the literary senses' **ANTON HUR**, judge of the **INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE**

A woman sees her man murdered on the street - and time stands still.

Until she cradles his corpse to her chest and carries it home, where she disinfects every inch of skin before seating herself to begin. What happens next reverberates from this realm into the next, where the man is witnessing his own funeral.

Together, the lovers lament a lifetime of working their fingers to the bone in a country sucking everyone dry - but a choice has already been made. The woman is beating them at their own barbaric game, eating and entombing the body in her own where her soulmate will live again.

The word-of-mouth sensation that everyone has an opinion on, *HUNGER* is a psychologically and philosophically thrilling cult classic that cuts to the very heart of love, money and the things they do to us.

***HUNGER* was a top bestseller for over half a year, breaking records for literary fiction in South Korea.**

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'Raw beauty... It will consume you as you consume it' **DEAN ATTA**, author of *The Black Flamingo*

'A short novel, but a hefty work of creative genius' **BARBARA ZITWER**, author of *The Korean Book of Happiness*

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'What a propulsive, strangely tender book... Incredibly moving' **E.K. SATHUE**, author of *youthjuice*

'A heart-moving novel' **NOW IN SEOUL**

Sales Points

- 'PERFECT reading for lovers of *BUTTER* (TCM 93.1K) and Nobel Prize-winning *THE VEGETARIAN* (TCM 117k)' **WATERSTONES**. It will also appeal to watchers of uber-popular K-thrillers like *SQUID GAME* and *PARASITE*.
- **CULT CLASSIC SLEEPER HIT with 350,000+ copies sold: First published in 2015**, the novella has slowly become a **WORD-OF-MOUTH PHENOMENON** that led the charts for **30+ weeks**, breaking records for lit fic in Korea. **It got everyone talking**: if you Google it in Korea, one word will always come up - crazy.
- **PRIZEWORTHY WRITING: Choi Jin-young** is widely acknowledged as one of the best writers at work in Korea, having won most of the country's literary prizes. It's her powerfully **musical prose**, which is **philosophical in its simplicity**, that makes the grotesque beautiful.



- **BIG PARTNERS: WATERSTONES** led the cover reveal and are taking **1k SIGNED COPIES**, calling it a '**visceral yet tender Korean bestseller**'. **EUROPA EDITIONS** are publishing in the **USA** and **ITALY**.
- **ASIAN TRANSLATION BOOM: The love for Korean fiction** continues to leap from strength to strength, with fellow Korean **LIT-HORROR** author **HAN KANG** having just won the **2024 NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE**.

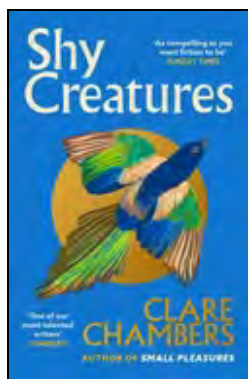
Author Biography

Choi Jin-young is one of Korea's most celebrated authors. Her career started in 2006 when she won the Silcheon Literature Debut Author Award. She has since won many more including the Shin Dong-yup Literary Prize, Manhae Literary Prize and, most recently, the Yi Sang Literary Award.

Hunger (originally titled *Proof of Gu*) was a top bestseller for over half a year, breaking records for literary fiction in Korea.

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Shy Creatures

From the author of bestselling sensation *Small Pleasures*

Clare Chambers

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *SMALL PLEASURES*, a new novel about love, family and the joy of freedom

Description

'Shy Creatures confirms Clare Chambers as one of our most talented writers' **GUARDIAN**

In all failed relationships there is a point that passes unnoticed at the time, which can later be identified as the beginning of the decline. For Helen it was the weekend that the Hidden Man came to Westbury Park.

Croydon, 1964. Helen Hansford is in her thirties and an art therapist in a psychiatric hospital where she has been having a long love affair with Gil: a charismatic, married doctor.

One spring afternoon they receive a call about a disturbance from a derelict house not far from Helen's home. A thirty-seven-year-old man called William Tapping, with a beard down to his waist, has been discovered along with his elderly aunt. It is clear he has been shut up in the house for decades, but when it emerges that William is a talented artist, Helen is determined to discover his story.

Shy Creatures is a life-affirming novel about all the different ways we can be confined, how ordinary lives are built of delicate layers of experience, the joy of freedom and the transformative power of kindness.

Sales Points

- **A NOT-SO-SMALL PLEASURE:** Clare Chambers's 2020 novel *Small Pleasures* was a word-of-mouth hit. It was picked for BBC 2's *Between the Covers* Book Club, won Pageturner of the Year at the British Book Awards and was longlisted for the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction.
- **HIGH PROFILE FANS:** Clare Chambers is a truly beloved author. Her list of admirers includes names such as David Nicholls, Richard Osman, Nina Stibbe, Jessie Burton, India Knight and Elizabeth Day.
- **A PERFECT NEW NOVEL:** Set in a similar period of suburban Britain and featuring a woman trying to uncover a central mystery, it hits so many of the sweet spots of *Small Pleasures* but it is even deeper, richer and more accomplished.

Reviews

- **'I was worried this wouldn't be as good as the brilliant *Small Pleasures*, but it might be even better. Clare Chambers is a genius'** - INDIA KNIGHT
- **'Wise, beautifully measured and as compelling as you want fiction to be'** - *SUNDAY TIMES*
- **'I adored *Shy Creatures* and urge anyone with an interest in psychiatry, siblings, Croydon, buried trauma, adultery, the early 60s or simply humanity to seek it out'** - PATRICK GALE

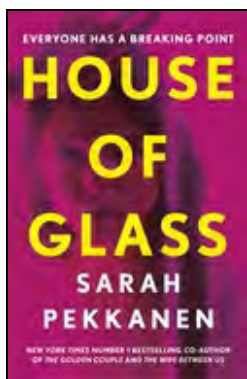
Author Biography

Clare Chambers's first job after university was working for Diana Athill at André Deutsch. Her first novel *Uncertain Terms* was published in 1992 and she is the author of eight other novels.

Small Pleasures, her first work of fiction in ten years, became a word-of-mouth hit on publication, was selected for BBC 2 *Between the Covers* book club and for BBC Radio 4 *Book at Bedtime*, and was selected as a Book of the Year by *The Times*, the *Evening Standard*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Spectator*, *Metro*, *Red* and *Good Housekeeping*. It also won Pageturner of the Year Award at the British Book Awards 2022 and was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2021.

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House of Glass

'A gripping thriller... packed with surprises' Freida McFadden

Sarah Pekkanen

Keynote

An addictive psychological thriller about buried secrets with an unforgettable twist

Description

"**Wow, I loved this one so much!** I didn't want it to be over because I was enjoying it so much, but I couldn't stop turning pages! *House of Glass* is a **gripping thriller that was packed with surprises** and compelling characters." **Freida McFadden**

8-year-old Rose Barclay refuses to talk after the shocking death of her nanny in the midst of her parents' acrimonious divorce. Attorney Stella Hudson is determined to help Rose speak, and discover what really happened. As Stella unravels the secrets of the Barclay family, the past and present collide with shocking consequences.

Everyone is a suspect in the nanny's murder. Even little Rose.

Is the person Stella's supposed to protect the one she may need protection from?

<h2>Read what everyone is saying about *House of Glass*:</h2>

'**The author played me like a freaking fiddle.** I was so proud that I'd figured everything out. I was, shamefully, wrong. **Five stars.**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'This book was a **next level thrill for me...Chef kiss perfection...**The page turning rate of this **whole read was sonic!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**This book is a "WOW!"**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**I never saw that ending coming, never!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**If you get a chance to pick up this book - DO IT!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**Pure perfection...**From the **depth of the characters** to the ever-ratcheting **foreboding...This book will easily compete for my top read of the year.**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**I gobbled this up in two days!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**I had no choice but to give this exciting book five glowing stars!...**Pekkanen is a master of the psychological thriller...**I literally couldn't put it down.**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A page-turning thriller that **will keep you up 'til the wee smalls!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**I can truly say that I was hooked right from the start** and stayed hooked right to the last page!' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'What a **wonderfully devious book!**' Goodreads Reviewer, ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- **International buzz:** Big buzzy US launch in August 2024, a lead title for Macmillan US with a view to landing the book at the top of the NYT bestseller lists
- **SALES TRACK:** Sarah Pekkanen has a strong real track, she is a Sunday Times bestseller with THE WIFE BETWEEN US selected for the R&J book club.
- **Digital bestseller:** THE GOLDEN COUPLE has 15,000 Amazon UK reader reviews, nearly all four and five star. This title has the potential to be one of Hachette's bestselling ebooks for 2024

Author Biography

Sarah Pekkanen is the #1 New York Times bestselling co-author of four novels of suspense including THE GOLDEN COUPLE and THE WIFE BETWEEN US, and the solo author



of the thriller GONE TONIGHT.

Sarah is also the author of eight USA Today and internationally-bestselling solo novels: THE OPPOSITE OF ME, SKIPPING A BEAT, THESE GIRLS, THE BEST OF US, CATCHING AIR, THINGS YOU DON'T SAY, THE PERFECT NEIGHBORS and THE EVER AFTER. Her books have been translated into dozens of languages.

In her free time, Sarah is a dedicated volunteer for rescue animals and serves as Ambassador for RRSA India, working hands-on to vaccinate and heal street dogs in Anand, India. She also volunteers weekly for a horse rescue group in Maryland, mucking stalls and helping mistreated horses heal.

Sarah lives just outside of Washington, D.C. with her family. Please follow Sarah on Facebook and Instagram @sarahpekkkanen and visit www.sarahpekkkanen.com

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When the Fireflies Dance

The extraordinary and enthralling book club debut of 2025 you don't want to miss!

Aisha Hassan

Keynote

The extraordinary and enthralling book club debut of 2025 you don't want to miss. Inspired by a true story, discover a mesmerising tale of love, brotherhood, resilience, and redemption. Perfect for fans of **Khaled Hosseini, Delia Owens and Christy Lefteri.**

Description

"An intensely powerful story about friendship, unfairness, cruelty and love, from a brave new voice. Heartbreaking, touching, and thought-provoking" SANTA MONTEFIORE

"The young boys walked right through the fireflies, bathed in the warm blinking light. Lalloo tried to catch them between his palms but they were elusive, flying away or quickly going dark and invisible."

Even in the darkest moments, there is light to be found.

On the night that Lalloo's brother is murdered, a large yellow moon hangs low in the sky above the family's small hut on the outskirts of Lahore. Abandoned far from home only hours later, seven-year-old Lalloo will not see them again for a very long time.

Unable to escape the memory of that night, Lalloo's parents and sisters remain trapped at the brickyard, the kiln chimney churning black smoke into the sky as they slave brick by brick to pay off their debts.

Now that he is older, Lalloo saves every rupee he earns in the city in the hope that he might one day be able to rescue his family. Yet as he falls in love with a girl he thought he'd lost forever, he realises that their freedom will only come with unimaginable sacrifice.

And as the fireflies dance overhead, Lalloo must finally choose his own destiny...

Inspired by a true story, this mesmerising debut novel of love, family, resilience and redemption will appeal to fans of modern classics *The Kite Runner* and *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*.

Sales Points

- - **INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY!** *When the Fireflies Dance* is inspired by a true story, of Shoukat Masai: <http://www.minesandcommunities.org/article.php?a=1870>. It will shine a light on the brickyards of Pakistan, where millions of people spend their lives in bonded work struggling to repay crippling loans that they have little chance of ever escaping. Aisha herself was born in Lahore and lived there as a child.
- - **EXCEPTIONAL, RARE NEW TALENT:** Aisha Hassan is an extraordinary new talent who has burst onto the fiction scene and is a Curtis Brown Creative alumna. Her play *Pickled Mangoes* was performed at the Tamasha comedy scratch night performance at the Soho Theatre. *When the Fireflies Dance* has already been longlisted for the Bridport Novel Award, Hachette's Mo Siewcharran Prize and shortlisted for the London Writers' Award.
- - **DEVASTATING YET UPLIFTING:** *When the Fireflies Dance* fluctuates between utterly heartbreaking and determinedly hopeful. It is the story of one young man's fight for survival against the cruellest of circumstances and will appeal to those who loved films such as *Lion* and *Slumdog Millionaire*, and is an extraordinary story of unimaginable resilience and sacrifice.
- - **INTERNATIONAL BUZZ:** *When the Fireflies Dance* was pre-empted in under twenty-four hours here in the UK, sold at auction to Alison Callahan at S&S in the US (publisher of *The Night Circus*), and has since sold in multiple international territories.

Author Biography

Aisha Hassan has a Masters degree from the University of Oxford. She lives and works in London and has previously lived in Lahore. *When the Fireflies Dance* is her first novel.



Yeonnam-dong's Smiley Laundromat The Heartwarming Korean Bestseller

Kim Jiyun
Translated by **Shanna Tan**

Keynote

A mysterious diary left in a cosy laundromat brings together residents from all walks of life - a heartwarming, K-Healing fiction debut for readers of *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop*

Description

THE HEARTWARMING KOREAN BESTSELLER

A new book from Shanna Tan, translator of *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop*

Situated at the heart of a rapidly gentrifying district of Seoul, the Yeonnam-dong Smiley Laundromat is a place where the extraordinary stories of ordinary residents unfold.

It is already a haven of tranquility and reflection for locals, but when someone leaves a notebook behind, the laundromat becomes a place that brings people together. One by one, customers start jotting down candid diary entries, opening their hearts and inviting acts of kindness from neighbours who were once just faces in the crowd.

But there is more to the diary than first appears, and before long the laundromat's regulars are teaming up to solve a mystery and help the notebook's former owner find peace.

A heartwarming, healing debut that instantly captured the hearts of Korean readers, this is a novel about the preciousness of human relationships and the power of solidarity in a world that is increasingly cold, fast-paced and virtual.

Readers love this cosy, slice-of-life K-drama:

"Talk to someone. Help someone. Do a good deed. **If this book doesn't inspire you, nothing will.** A true testament to the power of books."

"**This is a wonderfully comforting read**, and one that makes you truly believe in the goodness of others"

"Very similar to *Before The Coffee Gets Cold* or *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*. **So if that's your vibe, you'll enjoy this one too!**"

Translated from the Korean by Shanna Tan

Sales Points

- **Ranked #1 in Mille's Bookshelf**, Korea's leading E-Book platform
- 40,000 copies sold in the two months following print publication in Korea
- Similar "shop-based" titles such as *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop* have been translated fiction highlights of 2023

Author Biography

Kim Ji Yoon was born in 1992 and raised in Seoul. She studied at Dankook University, majoring in creative writing for four years. She also attended the Korean Broadcasting Writers' Association training centre to learn how to write for screen, and later completed a drama course. One day, while walking down the noisy streets of Hongdae at night, she suddenly saw a laundromat with yellow and soft lights on, and that gave her the first sentence of *Yeonnam-dong's Smiley Laundromat*, her first novel. She now writes full time.

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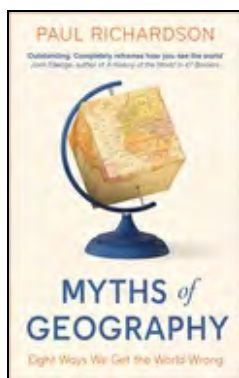


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Myths of Geography Eight Ways We Get the World Wrong

Paul Richardson

Keynote

An expert voice will turn your world upside down-literally-with this bold new international take on the myths created by our global maps and our borders

Description

Is geography really destiny?

Our maps may no longer be stalked by dragons and monsters, but our perceptions of the world are still shaped by geographic myths. Myths like Europe being the centre of the world. Or that border walls are the solution to migration. Or that Russia is predestined to threaten its neighbours.

In his punchy and authoritative new book, Paul Richardson challenges recent popular accounts of geographical determinism and shows that how the world is represented often isn't how it really is - that the map is not the territory.

Along the way we visit some remarkable places: Iceland's Thingvellir National Park, where you can swim between two continents, and Bir Tawil in North Africa, one of the world's only territories not claimed by any country. We follow the first train that ran across Eurasia between Yiwu in east China and Barking in east London, and scale the US-Mexico border wall to find out why such fortifications don't work.

Written with verve and full of quotable facts, *Myths of Geography* is a book that will turn your world upside down.

Sales Points

- Global reach covering **United States, Russia, China and Africa**
- Moves the market on after the success of Tim Marshall's *Prisoners of Geography*, Peter Frankopan's *The Silk Roads* and Thomas Halliday's *Otherlands*.
- Academically authoritative yet entertainingly written, it debunks familiar ideas about how we view the world.
- Full of interesting, quotable facts: the land in the Sahara that is claimed by no country; the place where you can be in two continents at once; and why north may not always be north.

Reviews

- '*Myths of Geography* is insightful, entertaining and will force you to think differently. It's a much-needed exploration of the realities of the world around us' - *Dipo Faloyin, author of Africa is Not a Country*
- 'As continents, borders, nations, economic growth and sovereignty become the buzzwords of today's global conflicts, Paul Richardson's *Myths of Geography* skewers each one with elegant precision. His book **places political geography at the heart of how we understand the challenges of the twenty-first century. A bracing and important book**' - *Jerry Brotton, author of Four Points of the Compass: The Unexpected History of Direction*
- 'Our world can sometimes seem upside-down. Perhaps it is. **In detailed and fervid prose, Paul Richardson dismantles eight myths we have come to tell ourselves about geography.** By revealing important truths this folklore conceals, he shows us how our geographical imagination has far-reaching consequences. From Hadrian's Wall to the US-Mexico border, from the Eastern Sahara to the ice of Antarctica, from silk roads to Ethiopian castles, Richardson takes us to places that invite reflection - and action. **After reading *Myths of Geography*, no news report, no map, no journey will appear quite the same again**' - *David Rooney, author of About Time*
- '**Outstanding.** Completely reframes how you see the world in the very first chapter, and then does it again seven more times. **You'll never look at a map the same way again**' - *Jonn Elledge, author of A History of the World in 47 Borders*

Author Biography

Paul Richardson is Associate Professor in Human Geography at the University of Birmingham in the UK. He is an established scholar in the field of Geography and Russian Studies, and the current President of the *Association for Borderland Studies*. He has previously held academic positions at Hokkaido University in Japan, the Far Eastern Federal University in Russia. Beyond academic publications, he has also written for the *New Statesman* and *The Hindu* newspaper. He has also advised documentary film makers at the BBC and National Geographic TV. *Myths of Geography* is his first trade book.

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The Book of Guilt

Catherine Chidgey

Keynote

Set in a sinisterly skewed version of England in 1979, a major new novel from the acclaimed and internationally-bestselling author of *Pet*.

Description

England, 1979. Vincent, Lawrence and William are the last remaining residents of a secluded New Forest home, part of the government's Sycamore Scheme. Every day, the triplets do their chores, play their games and take their medicine, under the watchful eyes of three mothers: Mother Morning, Mother Afternoon and Mother Night.

Their nightmares are recorded in *The Book of Dreams*. Their lessons are taken from *The Book of Knowledge*. And their sins are reported in *The Book of Guilt*.

All the boys want is to be sent to the Big House in Margate, where they imagine a life of sun, sea and fairground rides. But, as the government looks to shut down the Sycamore Homes, the triplets begin to question everything they have been told.

Gradually surrendering its dark secrets, *The Book of Guilt* is a profoundly unnerving exploration of belonging in a world where some lives are valued less than others.

Sales Points

- A major literary novel from a writer who in Australia and New Zealand dominates the bestseller lists. *The Book of Guilt*, set in the New Forest, plants a flag in the heartland of the British novel and looks set to introduce Chidgey to a much wider audience in the UK.
- Shades of Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, the dystopian English landscapes of J. G. Ballard.
- *Pet*, her novel published in 2023, was a #1 bestseller in New Zealand and Australia, and has a big Hollywood name attached to it for a proposed film.
- A novel has huge prize-winning potential: Chidgey was longlisted for the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction, shortlisted for the Dublin Literary Awards in 2022 and 2023, and won the New Zealand Book Award in 2023.

Author Biography

Catherine Chidgey is the author of *In a Fishbone Church* (1998), *Golden Deeds* (2000), *The Transformation* (2003), *The Wish Child* (2016), the 'found novel' *The Beat of the Pendulum* (2019), *Remote Sympathy* (2021), *Pet* (2023) and *The Axeman's Carnival* (2024). Her novels have been published to international acclaim and have been shortlisted and won numerous prizes. She lives in Ngāruawāhia, New Zealand, and lectures in Creative Writing at the University of Waikato.

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The Missing Half

Ashley Flowers with Alex Kiester

Keynote

From the host of the Crime Junkie podcast comes a dark and deeply compelling psychological thriller about two women haunted by their sisters' unsolved disappearances.

Description

A gripping psychological thriller from the host of CRIME JUNKIE podcast and the New York Times bestselling author.

'A propulsive mystery with excellent writing and a genuine beating heart at its centre. Simply a great read!'

GILLIAN FLYNN, author of *Gone Girl*

'A gripping, tense story of sisterhood for women everywhere'

GILLIAN MCALLISTER, author of *Wrong Place Wrong Time*

'Sharp, slick, and chilling, with a whiplash ending you'll never see coming'

JENEVA ROSE, author of *Home Is Where the Bodies Are*

Nicole Monroe is in a rut. At twenty-four, she lives alone in a tiny apartment in her hometown in Indiana, she's just gotten a DWI, and she works the same dead-end job she's been working since high school. Everyone has felt sorry for her for the last seven years - since the day her older sister, Kasey, vanished without a trace.

On the night Kasey went missing, her car was found over a hundred miles from home. The driver's door was open and her purse was untouched in the seat next to it. The only real clue in her disappearance was Jules Connor, another young woman from the same area who disappeared in the same way, two weeks earlier. But with so little for the police to go on, both cases eventually went cold.

Nic wants nothing more than to move on from her sister's disappearance and the state it's left her in. But then one day, Jules's sister, Jenna Connor, walks into Nic's life and offers her something she hasn't felt in a long time: hope.

What follows is a gripping tale of two sisters who will do anything to find their missing halves, even if it means destroying everything they've ever known.

Sales Points

- **CRIME JUNKIE PODCAST:** Ashley Flowers is the host and creator of the Crime Junkie podcast, which is ranked #17 most popular podcast in the UK, with an estimated 301,000 UK listeners. Crime Junkie is a true crime podcast where two lifelong best friends (Ashley and co-host Brit Prawat) discuss the gripping cases they can't get out of their heads.
- **PREVIOUS SUCCESS:** Ashley's first thriller, ALL GOOD PEOPLE HERE (HarperCollins, 2022), was a No. 1. *New York Times* bestseller.
- **THIS BOOK/THE COMPS:** *The Missing Half* is a twisty, female-driven thriller about the unsolved disappearance of two women in a small American town. The narrative reads like one of the cases covered on Crime Junkie and it is perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn, Jeneva Rose and Lisa Gardner.

Reviews

- "A propulsive mystery with excellent writing and a genuine beating heart at its centre. Simply a great read!" - Gillian Flynn, author of GONE GIRL
- "A gripping, tense story of sisterhood for women everywhere" - Gillian McAllister, author of WRONG PLACE WRONG TIME
- "Sharp, slick, and chilling, with a whiplash ending you'll never see coming" - Jeneva Rose, author of HOME IS WHERE THE BODIES ARE

Author Biography

Ashley Flowers is the host of the Crime Junkie podcast and the No. 1 female podcaster in the United States. As the Founder and CEO of audiochuck, an Indianapolis-based media company, she has captivated millions with over 2.6 billion downloads across a portfolio of chart-topping shows.

In addition to her podcasting success, Ashley is a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *All Good People*. Born and raised in Indiana, Ashley resides there with her husband, daughter, and their beloved dog, Chuck, the namesake of her media company.

Alex Kiester is the co-author of *The Missing Half* and *All Good People Here*. Known for psychological thrillers, she lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband.



Super Stimulated

How Our Biology Is Being Manipulated to Create Bad Habits – and What We Can Do About It

Nicklas Brendborg

Keynote

International bestselling author and scientist Nicklas Brendborg reveals how our biology is being manipulated to form unhealthy habits and how we can break free to live longer, healthier lives.

Description

Modern society is plagued by health epidemics: obesity, record levels of loneliness, increasing mental health problems and various forms of addiction. From the outside, all these issues might not seem related. But a single phenomenon actually ties them all together: superstimuli.

Superstimuli are behaviours, objects and social cues that are exaggerated, unnatural versions of things we have evolved to want and need. This hard-wired evolutionary response is why we lust after airbrushed people online, binge on fake ultra processed food and struggle to stop scrolling on social media, even when it makes us feel bad.

This lack of control isn't because we are weak. It's because powerful companies spend billions creating superstimuli that manipulate our biology for profit, leaving us unhealthy and unhappy as a consequence. The more we do things that are bad for us, the harder it is to stop, and the more money they make.

In *Super Stimulated*, international bestselling author and scientist Nicklas Brendborg shows how we can resist this hijacking of our natural instincts, recognise superstimulus traps, and take control of our bad habits to live longer, healthier lives.

Sales Points

- **PREVIOUS SUCCESS:** *Jellyfish Age Backwards* has sold **over 250,000 copies worldwide** and has been **translated into twenty-five languages**. It won the German Nonfiction Prize and was **shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Book Prize**. It was a *New York Times* Editor's Choice, one of the Best Books of Summer 2022 by the *Sunday Times*, and one of the best popular science books of 2022 by Waterstones. *Super Stimulated* was an **instant bestseller** when it was published in Denmark.
- **COMPS:** For readers of **ULTRA PROCESSED PEOPLE** by Chris van Tulleken, **STOLEN FOCUS** by Johann Hari, **DOPAMINE NATION** by Dr Anna Lembke and **OUTLIVE** by Peter Attia.
- **ON TREND TOPIC:** Health and longevity - living longer and living better - is a hot topic. Over the last five years, **consumer interest in concepts around longevity has risen five-fold** and is set to continue to rise. *Super Stimulated* is Nicklas' second book on **how to improve our longevity and healthspan**.
- **THE AUTHOR:** At 28 years old, Nicklas was the **youngest author ever to be shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Book Prize**, and has been praised by media as a "**star researcher**" and a "**young genius**". He is a brilliant communicator of complex scientific findings in an easy-to-understand and humorous manner. He is fluent in English.

Reviews

- '**Praise for JELLYFISH AGE BACKWARDS:** A beguiling mix of biology and health advice... a hugely enjoyable slice of popular science, full of memorable facts and sound advice.' - *Daily Mail*
- 'In a field characterized by overclaiming and wishful thinking, it is judicious, sensible and refreshingly clear. And fascinating.' - *Sunday Times*
- 'Could I learn something about tricking aging from a young man who is just 25? Yes, Absolutely I could. Big time ... The young genius entertains from the first page until the last.' - *Politiken*

Author Biography

Nicklas Brendborg (1995) is a Danish scientist and author. His international bestseller *Jellyfish Age Backwards*, has been translated to more than 25 languages and was shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Book Prize. Brendborg holds a master's degree in biotechnology from the University of Copenhagen and is now a PhD student in molecular biology. He has been recognized by, among others, the Novo Nordisk International Talent Program and the Novo Nordisk Scholarship Program. The second book in his series of popular science books about longevity, *Super Stimulated* (*Vanedyr*) was a bestseller in Denmark in 2023.

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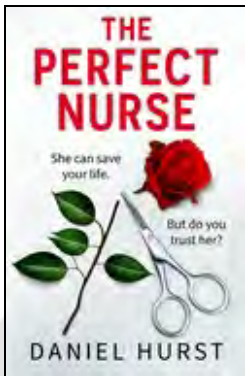
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The Perfect Nurse

A totally addictive and unputdownable psychological thriller

Daniel Hurst

Keynote

An utterly page-turning psychological thriller from the number one bestselling author of *The Doctor's Wife*. If you loved *Behind Closed Doors*, *Gone Girl* and *The Girl on the Train* then *The Perfect Nurse* will have you flipping the pages until the breath-taking final pages.

Description

'My name is Darcy, I'm your nurse. I'm here to help you.' I repeat the words I've said so many times. Except this time, I don't mean it...

If you saw me, you'd think I was pretty ordinary - I wear a crisp, white nursing uniform, my hands are scrubbed clean and you'd have no reason to believe I was anything other than a good citizen. A good nurse.

But looks can be deceiving. You shouldn't trust me - because I don't even know if I can trust myself.

Now I stare in the mirror - dark smudges under my eyes and blood on my hands - listening for the sound of police sirens.

Because the truth is I had to do something terrible. I broke all the rules a nurse should follow. **And now someone is dead...**

An utterly page-turning psychological thriller from the number one bestselling author of *The Doctor's Wife*. If you loved *Behind Closed Doors*, *Gone Girl* and *The Girl on the Train* then *The Perfect Nurse* will have you flipping the pages until the breath-taking final pages.

What readers are saying about *The Perfect Nurse*:

'Absolutely gripping and addictive... I couldn't put it down!... A thrilling ride from start to finish... **Kept me on the edge of my seat...** I was hooked... Excellent... Flawless... **Electrifying and unforgettable!**' Goodreads reviewer,

'WOW!... Had my jaw on the floor... Made me gasp out loud. I could not put this book down... I just HAD to know what was going to happen... A must-read... **Completely blew my mind... A WILD ride!**' Goodreads reviewer,

'Talk about binge worthy!... I was literally on the edge of the sofa with my heart racing.... GULP! I just had to keep on reading... I kept saying to myself 'one more page'. Next, it's lights out and it's 4am!... **What a wild ride!**... I loved every minute... **Wowser!**' *coffeandpages2021*,

'Absolutely jaw-dropping... WOW!' Goodreads reviewer,

'HOLD THE FRONT PAGE! This is my FAVOURITE Daniel Hurst book to date! Absolutely fantastic!... So many absolutely jaw-dropping moments, that snatched my breath away as the tension built to an **explosive finale. Just. WOW!**I cannot WAIT for the next one in this brilliant new series.' Goodreads reviewer,

'So addictive and compelling made me want more and more I loved the plot twists and the twists unexpected!! Highly recommend **I loved this book!!** I binged in one day! So shocking and the cliffhanger twist at the END!!!! **You need to read this!!!!'** Goodreads reviewer,

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'Had me hooked immediately! Absolutely fantastic! Constant twists and turns. **I just didn't want to put this down** until I knew how it ended. Daniel is definitely my favourite author!' Goodreads reviewer,

'I devoured this book... Wowza, did it slap me in the face!... Starts with a bang and doesn't slow down until the end. The plot continues to build at a rapidly terrifying pace

and then comes the free-fall plot twist that **will leave you speechless!** *KKEC Reads*,
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Sales Points

- The eBook for *The Perfect Nurse* was a number one bestseller in the UK, top 50 in US and top twenty in Germany.
- It was also an audiobook charts number one bestseller.
- Daniel Hurst was a self-published sensation prior to acquisition, and his sales are in growth since joining Bookouture.
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Logging Off The Human Cost of Our Digital World

Adele Zeynep Walton

Keynote

An important examination of our digital world, how it harms us and how we can change it for the better.

Description

<h2> Poignant, timely and astute, Logging Off is a compelling examination of how our lives have been shaped - and irrevocably changed - by the rise of digital technologies. - Yomi Adegoke, author of THE LIST </h2>

<h2> You won't look at your screens in the same way after reading this book - Grace Blakeley, author of VULTURE CAPITALISM </h2 >

<h2> Logging Off is a life-saving book - Mikaela Loach, author of IT'S NOT THAT RADICAL </h2>

We live in a digital world. In the 30 years since we've been online, we've created connections, crossed boundaries and discovered new worlds. We have done things generations before us could never have imagined.

But at what cost?

Growing up as a Gen Z, Adele spent endless hours as a teenager on social media, shaping her view of herself and the world. As a freelance journalist, she has used her social media platforms and digital technology to develop a career in an unfamiliar and competitive industry, benefitting from the opportunities that these spaces can offer. But after losing her sister to online harms, she realised that our current digital world is failing us.

We are an anxious and discontent generation. Our lived realities and our online vulnerabilities are inextricably linked, and this means big business for social media tycoons who want us to stay scrolling at any cost. As Big Tech barons make their billions, capitalising on our emotions, instincts, insecurities and desires, everyday people are losing out.

From workers being fired by algorithms, to online forums dedicated to revenge porn and encouraging suicide, to censorship of marginalised voices and the turbulent impacts of AI, *Logging Off* reveals that our digital world is currently fuelling crises that only empathy, agency and humanity can resolve. This book is a call for a radical reclamation of our digital world, for a more humane future that empowers us all.

Sales Points

- **HOT TOPIC.** With the rise of conversations around AI, and ongoing discussion about how social media impacts us all, this book enters the market at a time when this subject is a hot topic. The first investigation and analysis of our digital world, from a journalist specialising in writing on tech, politics and social justice, this book is an excellent entry point to this important subject.
- **WELL-ESTABLISHED JOURNALIST AUTHOR WITH AN UNBELIEVABLE PERSONAL STORY.** Adele Zeynep-Walton has bylines in all the major magazines and newspapers and is a journalist specialising in tech, politics and social justice. She understands the harms that can be inflicted by the digital world more than most and will share her personal story of her sister meeting a man via a suicide forum online, who then assisted her in ending her life. This was the spark of Adele's campaigning and the catalyst for this investigation.
- **A NEW FRESH VOICE IN SOLID MARKET AREA.** Similar titles in the market include: *People vs. Tech* by Jamie Bartlett (15k PB), *Doppelgänger* by Naomi Klein (12.5k HB), *Digital Minimalism* by Cal Newport (15k PB), *The Anxious Generation* (6k HB), *Why Social Media is Ruining Your Life* (4k HB) and *Because Internet* (2.6k PB).

Reviews

- 'Logging Off is a deeply moving and powerfully argued expose of the technologies that have come to dominate our lives. Walton masterfully demonstrates that these technologies are not neutral - they are designed to enrich their owners and harm their users. You won't look at your screens in the same way after reading this book.' - *Grace Blakeley, author of VULTURE CAPITALISM*
- 'Logging Off is a life-saving book. It's an essential deep-dive into the digital world that everyone needs to read. An important, fascinating, heart-filled page-turner of a debut.' - *Mikaela Loach, author of IT'S NOT THAT RADICAL*
- 'A harrowing but important read from a member of the rising generation of young people who've experienced first hand the dangers of out of control tech companies and killer algorithms.' - *Carole Cadwalladr, the Guardian*



Author Biography

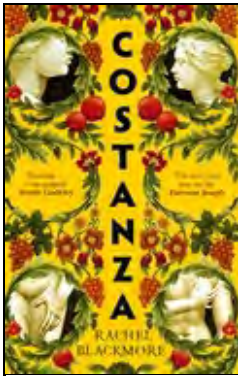
Adele Zeynep Walton is a British Turkish journalist, online safety campaigner and the author of *Logging Off: The Human Cost of Our Digital World*. Adele has channelled a personal loss into advocating for a safer digital world for young people. She is a member of Bereaved Families for Online Safety and a youth ambassador for People Vs Big Tech.

As a freelance journalist Adele has written for *The Independent*, *the i*, *Dazed*, *i-D*, *VICE*, *Metro*, *The Big Issue*, *Jacobin*, *Open Democracy*, *Tribune*, *Huck*, *gal-dem*, *The New Arab* and more. Her articles have been translated into Brazilian Portuguese, German, Italian, Swedish, Turkish and Spanish, and she has featured on Times Radio, LBC Radio, Sky News, BBC Radio Scotland and Channel 4 News and more. Between 2023-2024 Adele was DAZED's first ever political book columnist, where she has interviewed authors including Naomi Klein, Emma Dabiri, Vicky Spratt and more.

She is also the co-founder of *Logging Off Club*, which brings people together offline at phone free events to reconnect and promote connection, curiosity and wellness

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Costanza 'Striking fictional retelling of this true history' – Sunday Times

Rachel Blackmore

Keynote

Based on the true story of Costanza Piccolomini - a fierce feminist icon who has been written out of history - *Costanza* brings to life the dizzying rise and fall of a brilliant young woman in 1600's Rome.

Description

'In Blackmore's striking fictional retelling of this true history, Costanza refuses to accept a fate as nothing more than a victim of male exploitation' *SUNDAY TIMES*

Rome, 1636: In the scorched city of Rome, the cobbled streets hum with gossip and sin... Costanza Piccolomini is a respectable young wife - until she meets Gianlorenzo Bernini, the famed sculptor and star of Roman society, whose jet-black gaze matches his dark temper. From the second they set eyes upon each other, a fatal attraction is born.

Their secret love burns with a passion that consumes them. But with every stolen kiss and illicit tryst, Costanza's reputation is at stake. Meanwhile, Bernini has a dangerous desire: he wants to make Costanza immortal. He vows to possess her not just in body and soul, but also in marble.

When Bernini unveils his sculpture of Costanza, she is exposed as his lover, marking the undoing of their affair - and the beginning of a scandal which will rock Roman society. For Bernini would rather destroy Costanza than let her go.

Betrayed. Abandoned. Banished. This was meant to be the end of Costanza's story. But Costanza is no ordinary woman: from the ashes, she will rise...

History calls her a Muse. Temptress. Fallen woman. This is *her* story. Based on a true story, *Costanza* brings to life a feminist icon who has been written out of history. Perfect for fans of *The Marriage Portrait* and *The Miniaturist*.

'Emotionally intense' **DAILY MAIL**

'Stunning' **JENNIE GODFREY**

'This novel took over my life' **PATERSON JOSEPH**

'I loved it' **ELIZABETH CHADWICK**

'This has to be my book of the year!' **SHEILA O'FLANAGAN**

'A revelation' **ELLEN ALPSTEN**

Sales Points

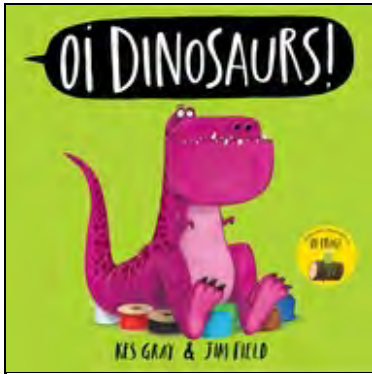
- **SUN-DRENCHED HISTORICAL FICTION:** This is historical fiction at its finest. Stunningly evocative, lyrical and bursting with beautiful prose, *Costanza* transports you to the sun-drenched streets of Rome where luxury - and danger - abounds.
- **A HIT WITH THE CRITICS:** *Costanza* was highly acclaimed on hardback publication, called 'striking' by the *Sunday Times* and 'emotionally intense' by *Daily Mail*. Author heavyweights Jennie Godfrey, Paterson Joseph, Elizabeth Chadwick and Sheila O'Flanagan also fell hard for Rachel's debut.
- **FEMINIST FIRE:** *Costanza* brings to life the story of Costanza Piccolomini who was written out of history. Within this tale of exhilarating desire and heady artistic pursuit, is a story of marital control and violence against women. Above all, *Costanza* is a story of a remarkable woman who survives - and thrives - against the odds.

Reviews

- 'In Blackmore's striking fictional retelling of this true history, Costanza refuses to accept a fate as nothing more than a victim of male exploitation' - *SUNDAY TIMES*, *BEST HISTORICAL FICTION*
- 'A stunning, visceral portrait of a woman and her life and a story as relevant now as it was then. I was gripped' - JENNIE GODFREY
- 'Wonderful... This novel took over my life. Powerful and deeply affecting' - PATERSON JOSEPH

Author Biography

Born in Birmingham, Rachel spent her childhood in the Northeast, then the Midlands. She studied history at King's College London, where her fascination for women's history took root. After a brief stint in politics, Rachel built a senior career in corporate communications. In 2021, she was runner-up in the *Harper's Bazaar* Short Story Competition and won the Irish Writers Centre 2022 Novel Fair. Rachel lives in London with her three teenagers, two cats and one dog.



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Oi Dinosaurs!

Kes Gray (Illustrated By Jim Field)

Keynote

Everyone will want to get their hands on this roaring, stomping, dino-packed new title in the award-winning, bestselling *Oi Frog and Friends* series.

Description

The laughter never ends with Oi Frog and Friends!

Get your hands on this roaring, stomping, dino-packed new title in the award-winning, bestselling *Oi Frog and Friends* series!

According to Frog, in dinosaur times sitting down hadn't been invented. So . . .

***Pterosaurs didn't sit on bendy straws?
Velociraptors didn't sit on plug adaptors?
And Triceratops didn't sit on lollipops?***

Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming fun packed with dinosaurs, mammoths and - of course - prehistoric frogs! With over **3 million copies** sold across this beloved series, this hilarious new rhyming story from Kes Gray and Jim Field is the perfect picture book to share together. Guaranteed to get little dinosaurs-fans giggling.

Can't get enough? Look out for: *Oi Dog, Oi Cat, Oi Duck-billed Platypus, Oi Aardvark!* and *Oi Puppies!*

Praise for Oi Frog:

'An absolute treat.' *Daily Mail*

'Hilarious.' *Guardian*

'The most outstanding children's book.' *Jo Wiley, BBC Radio 2*

Sales Points

- A paperback edition of the dino-packed new title in the bestselling *Oi Frog and Friends* series - over 3 million copies sold worldwide across 8 books and 14 languages!
- Kes Gray is a bestselling, multi award-winning author of more than 70 books for children.
- Award-winning illustrator Jim Field is a star in picture books. His vibrant, energetic illustrations are full of personality and detail. Jim is the illustrator behind the bestselling *The World Of* series, which has sold over 5 million copies across 42 languages.
- A brilliant rhyming read-aloud text, jam packed with prehistoric fun and featuring favourite dinosaurs (from the terrific Tyrannosaurus Rex to the velociraptor and triceratops) - perfect for dino-crazy little ones!
- The *Oi Frog and Friends* series has been shortlisted for many awards. *Oi Dog!* won the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Picture Book Award.

Author Biography

Kes Gray (Author)

Kes Gray is the bestselling author of the OI FROG AND FRIENDS series of books that has sold over 1.5 million copies and has been adapted into a theatre show. He is a multi-award-winning author with over 70 books published. He eats Ideafakes for breakfast, spreads silliness on his toast and loves to write books that will make children laugh out loud. He has won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and the Laugh Out Loud Book Award and has been shortlisted for the British Book Awards. Kes is based in Essex.

Jim Field (Illustrator)

Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He has illustrated many bestselling children's books, including *Oi Frog!* (written by Kes Gray) and *The Lion Inside* (written by Rachel Bright). Jim is also the illustrator of the Rabbit and Bear series, J.K. Rowling's *The Christmas Pig* and his debut author-illustrator bilingual picture book, *Monsieur Roscoe on Holiday*. He lives near Paris with his wife and daughter.

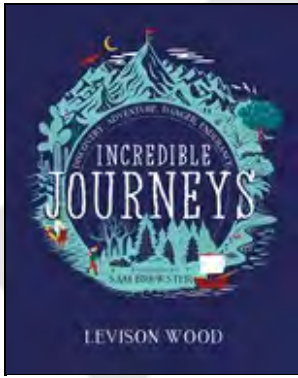
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Incredible Journeys: Discovery, Adventure, Danger, Endurance

Levison Wood (Illustrated By Sam Brewster)

Keynote

Real-life explorer Levison Wood takes us on a spectacular journey around the world to meet some of history's most daring pioneers.

Description

Embark on 20 epic expeditions alongside **real-life explorer Levison Wood**, from the Silk Road and medieval pilgrimages to the Holy Land to Nellie Bly's trip around the world, and recent missions to the Moon and the Mariana Trench. Along the way, Levison Wood shares his own insights into adventuring, telling you what it's REALLY like to follow in the footsteps of Alexander the Great.

Beautifully illustrated with maps showing the routes and filled with detail bringing the cultures of each region to life, this is a book to treasure from one of our greatest living explorers.

Perfect for budding explorers aged 9+.

Sales Points

- Levison Wood is a bestselling author and modern day explorer, hugely inspired by those who came before him
- The books spans history, continents, religions and races
- Lavishly illustrated on woodfree paper, and featuring a foiled and wibalin cover, this is a gorgeous gift package

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Author Biography

Levison Wood is an award-winning author, explorer and photographer who specialises in documenting people and cultures in remote regions and post-conflict zones. His work has taken him around the world leading expeditions on five continents and he is an elected fellow of both the Royal Geographical Society and the Explorers Club.

Levison's second book, *Walking the Himalayas*, was voted Adventure Travel Book of the Year at the Edward Stanford Travel Writing Awards and his other books, *Walking the Nile* and *Walking the Americas*, were both Sunday Times bestsellers. He has presented several critically acclaimed documentaries including *From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier* where he re-traced part of his Silk Road adventures in a four-part series for Channel 4.

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The Judge's List

John Grisham's breathtaking, must-read bestseller

John Grisham

Keynote

The phenomenal new legal thriller from international bestseller John Grisham. NO ONES WRITES DRAMA LIKE GRISHAM.

Description

*****THE SUNDAY TIMES THRILLER OF THE MONTH*****

'Besides the usual Grisham virtues of an arresting idea, polished plotting and vivid social snapshots, what's impressive here is his willingness to take on fresh challenges' THE SUNDAY TIMES

Nonstop suspense from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author: Investigator Lacy Stoltz follows the trail of a serial killer, and closes in on a shocking suspect - a sitting judge.

In *The Whistler*, Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change.

Then she meets a mysterious woman who is so frightened she uses a number of aliases. Jeri Crosby's father was murdered twenty years earlier in a case that remains unsolved and that has grown stone cold. But Jeri has a suspect whom she has become obsessed with and has stalked for two decades. Along the way, she has discovered other victims.

Suspensions are easy enough, but proof seems impossible. The man is brilliant, patient, and always one step ahead of law enforcement. He is the most cunning of all serial killers. He knows forensics, police procedure, and most important: he knows the law.

He is a judge, in Florida - under Lacy's jurisdiction.

He has a list, with the names of his victims and targets, all unsuspecting people unlucky enough to have crossed his path and wronged him in some way. How can Lacy pursue him, without becoming the next name on his list?

The Judge's List is by any measure John Grisham's most surprising, chilling novel yet.

'The shocks come thick and fast in this slick thriller that is impossible to put down' THE SUN

'An excellent nail-bitingly tense thriller' IRISH INDEPENDENT

350+ million copies, 45 languages, 9 blockbuster films: NO ONE WRITES DRAMA LIKE JOHN GRISHAM

Sales Points

- The incredible hardback publicity campaign for A TIME FOR MERCY and THE JUDGE'S LIST HB, has shown the admiration and popularity John still possesses, with his readership only growing.
- SOOLEY and THE JUDGE'S LIST HB edition were both *Sunday Times* bestsellers.
- SOOLEY had great success in HB, and even greater success in PB with over 90,000 copies sold.
- John Grisham was awarded the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction, an accolade given annually to a published work of fiction that best exemplifies the positive role of lawyers in society and their power to affect change.
- 12 week TCM sales of A TIME FOR MERCY HB were 6% up on THE GUARDIANS, Australian TPB TCM sales were up 7% and Irish HB ICM sales were 55% up.

Reviews

- 'Besides the usual Grisham virtues of an arresting idea, polished plotting and vivid social snapshots, what's impressive here is his willingness to take on fresh challenges' - *The Sunday Times*
- 'The shocks come thick and fast in this slick thriller that is impossible to put down' - *The Sun*
- 'Mary-Louise Parker narrates with a methodical clarity and an ominous energy that had me chewing my nails anxiously' - *THE TIMES, Audiobook of the Week*
- 'An excellent nail-bitingly tense thriller' - *Irish Independent*

Author Biography

Since *The Firm* in 1991, John Grisham has published a number one bestseller every year. His books have been translated into 45 languages and have sold over 350 million copies worldwide. Nine have been adapted to film, including *The Firm*, *The Pelican Brief* and *A Time To Kill*.

His first work of non-fiction, *The Innocent Man*, was adapted into a six-part Netflix docuseries; his second, *Framed*, highlights work with organisations dedicated to exonerating those who have been wrongfully convicted.

He is the two-time winner of the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction and was distinguished with the Library of Congress Creative Achievement Award for Fiction.

John lives on a farm in central Virginia.



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The Rooster Bar The New York Times and Sunday Times Number One Bestseller

John Grisham

Keynote

Page-turning, classic courtroom drama from worldwide bestselling author John Grisham.

Description

'The Best Thriller Writer Alive' Ken Follett

There's one last change for justice . . .

They dreamed of changing the world. Instead they're facing a mountain of debt and no hope of a future.

Mark, Todd and Zola are starting to realise it's not even worth graduating from law school. They're better off hanging out at The Rooster Bar, plotting how to dodge the loan sharks.

But maybe there's another way. Maybe they know enough about the law to pass as lawyers.

Because it turns out the crooked hedge fund billionaire who owns their law school also runs the bank that arranged their student loans.

And it's time justice was served. Even if it means taking on the FBI to do it . . .

Praise for *The Rooster Bar*

'Scintillating storytelling' - *The Sunday Times*

'A buoyant, mischievous thriller . . . This reliable best-selling author is feeling real pleasure, and not just obligation, in delivering his work' - *New York Times*

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Sales Points

- THE WHISTLER was a Number One bestseller in both formats.
- CAMINO ISLAND was a Number One bestseller in hardback.

Reviews

- **'The reason [Grisham is] so popular is because he's so good. If anything, he may be America's most underrated best selling author, because all he does is write compelling, page-turning fiction, book after book, year after year'** - Michael Levin, New York Times bestselling author, *Huffington Post*
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Author Biography

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Keynote

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Sales Points

- Over 450 x 5* reviews on Amazon
- THE WHISTLER was a Number One bestseller in both formats, and CAMINO ISLAND was a Number One bestseller in hardback.
- Over 350 million copies of John Grisham's books have been sold worldwide

Reviews

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- 'An **important new novel** . . . Grisham's work - **always superior entertainment** - is evolving into something **more serious, more powerful, more worthy of his exceptional talent**' - *Washington Post*
- 'John Grisham has perfected the art of cooking up convincing, fast-paced thrillers' - *Telegraph*
- 'The best thriller writer alive' - *Ken Follett*

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The Reckoning

The Sunday Times Number One Bestseller

John Grisham

Keynote

The electrifying thriller from internationally bestselling author John Grisham.

Description

'I couldn't help thinking of Harper Lee's great American novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* while reading *The Reckoning* . . . [Grisham] knows how to spin a yarn' - *Chicago Sun-Times*

'May be his greatest work yet' - David Grann, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*

Pete Banning was Clanton's favourite son, a returning war hero, the patriarch of a prominent family; a farmer, father, and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Then one cool October morning in 1946, he rose early, drove into town, walked into the Church, and calmly shot and killed the Reverend Dexter Bell.

As if the murder wasn't shocking enough, it was even more baffling that Pete's only statement about it - to the sheriff, to his defense attorney, to the judge, to his family and friends, and to the people of Clanton - was 'I have nothing to say'.

What turned Pete from a pillar of the community into cold-hearted killer? And why won't he confide in anyone? All his closest family knows is that it must have been something devastating - and that the fallout will haunt them, and the town, for decades to come . . .

Further praise for *The Reckoning*

'Beautifully constructed . . . weaves a truly magical spell' - *Daily Mail*

'In this saga of love and war, John Grisham has given us a sprawling and engrossing story about a southern family, a global conflict, and the kinds of secrets that can shape all of us. From the courtrooms and jails of rural Mississippi to the war-torn Pacific, Grisham spins a tale that is at once entertaining and illuminating' - Jon Meacham, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Soul of America*

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'When a master of storytelling and suspense takes on one of the most wrenching stories in history, the result is a book that will break your heart, set your blood pumping and your mind racing, and leave you gasping for breath by the final page. I'm still trying to recover from *The Reckoning*' - Candice Millard, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The River of Doubt* and *Destiny of the Republic*

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Sales Points

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Reviews

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Sycamore Row

Jake Brigance, hero of A TIME TO KILL, is back

John Grisham

Keynote

'Fight them, Mr Brigance. To the bitter end. We must prevail.' Jake Brigance, hero of A TIME TO KILL, is back.

Description

A sequel to A TIME TO KILL

He will make them pay . . .

Jake Brigance has never met Seth Hubbard, or even heard of him, until the old man's suicide note names him attorney for his estate. The will is dynamite. Seth has left ninety per cent of his vast, secret fortune to his housemaid.

The vultures are circling even before the body is cold: the only subject more incendiary than money in Ford County is race, and this case has both.

AS the relatives contest the will, and unscrupulous lawyers hasten to benefit, Jake searches for answers to the many questions left by Seth Hubbard's death:

What made him write that last-minute will leaving everything to a poor black woman named Lettie Lang?

Why did he choose to kill himself on the desolate piece of land known as Sycamore Row?

And what was it that Seth and his brother witnessed as children that, in his words, 'no human should ever see'?

Praise for SYCAMORE ROW

'A gripping read' - *Literary Review*

'A fantastic book' - **5 STAR** reader review

'Just as good [as *A Time To Kill*] . . . an excellent climax' - **5 STAR** reader review

'Grisham at his best' - **5 STAR** reader review

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Sales Points

- A classic Grisham legal thriller.
- Over 275 million copies of John Grisham's books have been sold worldwide.
- John Grisham has been awarded the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction 2011, an accolade given annually to a published work of fiction that best exemplifies the positive role of lawyers in society and their power to effect change.
- The combined sales of all editions of THE LITIGATORS come to nearly half a million copies.

Reviews

- 'A gripping read' - *Literary Review*
- 'A **solid courtroom thriller** with plenty to say about the long half-life of prejudice in the deep south . . . The much-trailed conclusion is **powerful**.' - *Guardian*
- 'Sycamore Row **bristles with all the old authority** . . . It's good to see the troubled attorney back' - *Independent*

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Isabella Nagg and the Pot of Basil

Oliver Darkshire

Keynote

A witty, cosy adult fantasy in which a beleaguered farmer's wife decides to try her hand at magic - because what harm could a little magic do?

Description

Books can change lives. Magic books can change everything.

In a tiny, miserable farm on the edge of the tiny, miserable village of East Grasby, Isabella Nagg is trying to get on with her equally tiny and miserable existence. Dividing her time between enduring her feckless husband, inadequately caring for the farm's strange collection of animals, cooking up 'scrunge', and crooning over her treasured pot of basil, Isabella can't help but think that there might be something more to life. So, while she's initially aghast when Mr. Nagg comes home with a spell book purloined from the local wizard, she soon starts to think: what harm could a little magic do?

As Isabella embarks on a journey of self-discovery with a grouchy cat-like companion, Darkshire's imagination runs wild, plunging readers into a delightfully deranged world full of enchantment, folklore, and an entrepreneurial villain running a magical Ponzi scheme.

Cosy, full of wit and Pratchett-ian footnotes, *Isabella Nagg and the Pot of Basil* is a book for those who can't help but find magic even in the oddest and most baffling circumstances; a story about claiming a new life and finding oneself - and also goblins, capitalism, and sorcery.

Sales Points

- Author is a whip-smart new talent - a witty and beloved antiquarian bookseller with 29k+ Twitter/X followers. Queer, young, and local talent (based in Manchester).
- The author's memoir, **ONCE UPON A TOME**, was an indie bestseller in the States, a *Daily Mail* Book of the Week and was chosen as the top book of 2023 by Taiwan's equivalent of Waterstones.
- ONCE UPON A TOME received rapturous endorsements from such genre legends as Garth Nix and William Gibson . . . and even received a rare, coveted blurb from Neil Gaiman
- **A clever book for fantasy lovers and a fantasy for clever book lovers . . .** witty, warm and wise, *Isabella Nagg and the Pot of Basil* will appeal to readers outside of the genre

Reviews

- 'Witty and wry*, a book filled with untrustworthy herbs, far too much porridge, and the most unusual and compelling explanation for goblins you will ever see. *and punctuated by an egregious number of delightful footnotes' - Caitlin Rozakis, author of *Dreadful*
- 'With more humour than you can shake a homemade apple-tree wand at, and a folkloric world of magic tomes, snarky almost-cats and the twin menaces of goblins and capitalism, Darkshire's story is a bubbling cauldron overflowing with imagination and charm' - Chris Sugden, Sunday Times bestselling co-author of *High Vaultage*
- 'This book is a delightful modern fairytale full of strangeness and wonder, and no small amount of humour. Oliver Darkshire has done a wonderful job bringing us into his fresh, fantastical world, and it's somewhere you want to stay.' - Alice Bell, author of *Displeasure Island* and *Grave Expectations*
- 'I have been longing for fantasy stories with middle-aged heroines, so I was delighted to discover the pragmatic and intelligent Isabella. Oliver Darkshire weaves a vivid story with a humorous, fantastical voice and complicated world-building' - Katy Nyquist, author of *A Holy Maiden's Guide to Getting Kidnapped*

Author Biography

Oliver Darkshire is trying very hard not to think about his life choices, or how he got here. He lives in Manchester with his husband, and once a week they sit down to figure out how they will fit another bookcase into his study without blocking the door.

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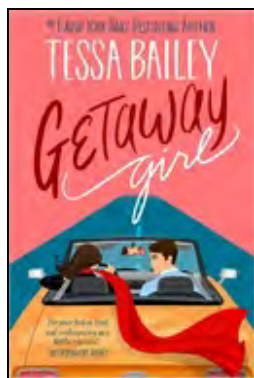
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Getaway Girl opposites attract in this slow-burn, spicy romance

Tessa Bailey

Keynote

A sexy, fun wedding-themed romcom from No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey

Description

The first in a sexy, fun wedding-themed romcom duology from Tessa Bailey, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Happened One Summer* - now in a beautiful new package!

She crashed the wedding. Now she's the jilted groom's only escape.

After a six-year absence, Addison Potts is back in Charleston to stir things up. And what better place to make her villainous return than her estranged cousin's wedding? Only, the nuptials hit a snag when the bride doesn't show, leaving Addison to play getaway driver for Elijah, the jilted groom. A groom whose heartbreaking smile and deep, southern drawl she should not be noticing . . .

Elijah Montgomery Du Pont is the future mayor of Charleston. From his military career to city hall, every detail of his life has been meticulously planned. Until now. His only respite from life's sudden upheaval is Addison, his new, improbable best friend. She makes him happy. Grounds him. And public disapproval be damned, he's not willing to give her up. But with an election on the line and public pressure rising, Addison - and the cruel hand of fate - might not give him a choice.

Why readers LOVE Tessa Bailey . . .

'One of my all-time favourite authors!' SALLY THORNE

'Tessa Bailey is the queen of rom-coms. Long may she reign!' JULIE MURPHY

'Nothing makes my heart catch fire like a Tessa Bailey book. She is all things magic and dirty talk' ELENA ARMAS

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- Tessa Bailey is also the author of hits such as *It Happened One Summer* (62k TCM), *Hook, Line & Sinker* (36k TCM) and *My Killer Vacation* (18k TCM) - March 23

Author Biography

New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey can solve all problems except for her own, so she focuses those efforts on stubborn, fictional blue-collar men and loyal, lovable heroines. She lives on Long Island avoiding the sun and social interactions, then wonders why no one has called. Dubbed the 'Michelangelo of dirty talk' by *Entertainment Weekly*, Tessa writes with spice, spirit, swoon, and a guaranteed happily ever after. Catch her on TikTok at @authortessabailey or check out tessabailey.com for a complete list of books.

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Only Here, Only Now Shortlisted for the Gordon Burn Prize 2025

Tom Newlands

Keynote

The critically acclaimed and award-nominated Scottish debut novel hailed for its unique voice and exuberant wit as well as its original exploration of poverty, family and neurodivergence in 1990s Fife

Description

'This isn't just a great first novel; it's a great novel. And Cora, the mad, chaotic, wise, funny narrator, is one of the great characters' **RODDY DOYLE**

'It's not every day you read a modern classic. But this feels destined to become one. A thunderous achievement' **NATHAN FILER**

Fife, in the blazing hot summer of 1994. Cora Mowat is stuck on a seaside council estate with a thousand dreams and a restless brain that won't behave. She's dying to escape but unsure of what the future holds - if it holds anything at all for a girl like her.

When her Mam's new boyfriend moves in, tensions rise in their tiny house. Gunner means well, but he's dodgy - a shaven-headed shoplifter with more than a few secrets stashed under the bed. As their attempts to forge a makeshift family unravel, Cora rails against her small-town existence in search of love, acceptance and a path to something good. But sometimes you can't move forward until you find your way back . . .

In this extraordinary debut, drawn from life but written with riotous imagination, Tom Newlands explores what it means to come of age in a forgotten corner of Scotland and dream of a life that feels out of reach. Vibrant, lyrical and fiercely funny, *Only Here, Only Now* is a story about poverty, identity and family that shines with hope and resilience.

Sales Points

- **RAVE REVIEWS AND PRIZE NOMINATIONS:** *Only Here, Only Now* received rapturous review coverage and praise from Douglas Stuart, Roddy Doyle, David Peace, Jennie Godfrey and Katherine May among many more. It was selected as a Book of the Year in the *Guardian*, shortlisted for the Gordon Burn prize and longlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award.
- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR WITH A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE:** A neurodivergent working-class Scottish writer, Tom Newlands has won multiple awards for his work. He was selected for the Margins to Mainstream initiative spearheaded by Michael Sheen and featured on BBC Sounds.
- **'THE SCOTTISH BOOK OF THE SUMMER' (Herald):** The book has been particularly well-received in Scotland and the author has toured extensively in his home country.

Reviews

- **'Absolutely loved this. Funny and heartbreaking in equal measure'** - DOUGLAS STUART
- **'Rich and vivid . . . This sprawling coming-of-age tale explores poverty, belonging, grief and rage, and Newlands writes with such energy that his book, though bleak, is hard to put down . . . There's humour as well as love, hope and resilience in this accomplished novel'** - OBSERVER
- **'Think Shuggie Bain. Think Trainspotting. Think The Cutting Room. You can add Tom Newlands to that list. Only Here, Only Now is the Scottish writer's debut novel and it's a brammer'** - HERALD
- **'A fantastic debut novel . . . it's a corker'** - KATHY BURKE

Author Biography

Tom Newlands is a Scottish author living in London. He is the winner of a London Writer's Award and a Creative Future Writer's Award. In 2021 he was selected for New Writing North's 'A Writing Chance,' which aimed to showcase the most talented writers in the UK from under-represented backgrounds. *Only Here, Only Now* is his first novel.

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Trust Me Always

Meagan Brandy

Keynote

The hotly anticipated third book in the Boys of Avix series by Meagan Brandy,, this angsty New Adult romance is perfect for fans of Elle Kennedy, Colleen Hoover and Monica Murphy.

Description

A third interconnected standalone in the universe of TikTok sensation *Say You Swear*, from bestselling author Meagan Brandy.

Sales Points

- **A MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH LOTS OF US BUZZ:** Meagan Brandy has sold over a million copies of her books, performing particularly well in ebook and audio in the US. Bloom Books, part of Sourcebooks, has just acquired SAY YOU SWEAR and the next three books in the Say You Swear/Boys of Avis series. We'll be publishing TRUST ME ALWAYS simultaneously.
- **UK Success Story:** Since we took over SYS in June 2023, we've sold over 90k copies through TCM in the UK, and will comfortably sell over 100k copies this year.
- **BOYS OF AVIX SERIES:** This is the third standalone novel in the Boys of Avix series, following *Say You Swear* and *Promise Me Not*. It's a standalone in the shared universe and while it will feature a different couple, we'll have returning popular characters from books 1 and 2.

Author Biography

USA Today and *Wall Street Journal* Bestselling author Meagan Brandy is a writer of New Adult romance books. She is a candy-crazed, jukebox junkie who tends to speak in lyrics. Born and raised in California, she is a married mother of three crazy boys who keep her bouncing from one sports field to another, depending on the season, and she wouldn't have it any other way. Starbucks is her best friend and words are her sanity.

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Author living in **Vancouver, Canada**

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Gloves Off

The next spicy, laugh-out-loud hockey romance from TikTok sensation Stephanie Archer (Vancouver Storm 4)

Stephanie Archer

Keynote

Perfect for fans of *Icebreaker* and Monica Murphy, this spicy pro hockey romance will feature more of every romance reader's favourite tropes!

Description

The only way to get my inheritance? Marry Alexei Volkov-the grumpiest enforcer in the NHL, a brutally handsome jerk, and the last man I'd ever fall for.

In public, we act as besotted newlyweds, but in private, we're at each other's throats. He's competitive, arrogant, and surly. The guy's never cracked a smile in his life. He's jealous of my ex, he glares at my high heels, and insists he's not attracted to me. He's only marrying me for citizenship.

Fighting with Alexei is more fun than expected, though, and beneath his grouchy exterior, Alexei is surprisingly caring, protective, and generous.

He cooks for me and worries about my safety.

He sends me flowers with secret meanings and spends way too much money on me.

He makes me sleep in his bed and calls me his wife.

For a guy who said he'd never fall in love with me, Alexei's doing a good impression of it... and now I'm wondering if this marriage is fake after all.

***Gloves Off* is an enemies to lovers marriage of convenience hockey romance. It's the fourth book in the Vancouver Storm series but can be read as a standalone.**

Tropes:

- pro hockey
- enemies to lovers
- marriage of convenience
- grumpy sunshine

Sales Points

- **SPORTS ROMANCES:** There is an appetite for sports romances, particularly when it comes to ice hockey, shown through the success of books like Hannah Grace's *Icebreaker*. Since *Icebreaker*, #icehockey now has 2.2B views on TikTok. While there are other people trying to break into this space, Stephanie has been the most successful of the follow-ups.
- **HOT ON TIKTOK:** Over 10M views on TikTok for #BehindTheNet and 12M views for #stephaniearcher.
- **THE FOURTH STANDALONE IN THE SERIES:** There are five books planned in the Vancouver Storm series, all around pro hockey. These are standalone books set in the same world with returning characters. *Behind the Net* came out June 2023, *The Fake Out* on December 2023, *The Wingman* in September 2024 and there will be two more books in 2025.
- **HUGE DEMAND:** *Behind the Net* has over 36k ratings on Amazon. *The Fake Out* has over 24k ratings, and *The Wingman*, which came out September 26th, launched straight into the Kindle bestseller charts in the UK, US and Australia.

Author Biography

Stephanie Archer writes spicy rom-coms with sharp banter, lots of laughs, and guaranteed HEAs. She believes in the power of best friends, stubborn women, a fresh haircut, and love. She lives in Vancouver with a man and a dog.

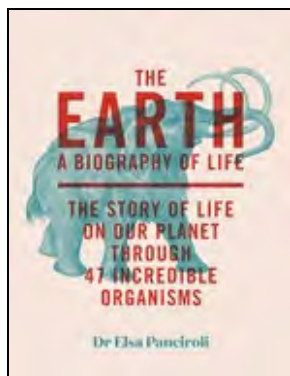
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Market

Hannah Grace, Grace Reilly, Peyton Corinne, Meagan Brandy, Monica Murphy



The Earth A Biography of Life: The Story of Life On Our Planet through 47 Incredible Organisms

Dr Elsa Panciroli

Keynote

A unique perspective on how our living planet has evolved and adapted, from early organisms to life in the current Anthropocene.

Description

'An insightful book with sparkling wit and humour that will appeal to new and seasoned readers of palaeontology.'

Dr Anjana Khatwa, TV presenter and Earth Scientist

It is difficult to conceive of the vast scale of the history of life on Earth, from the very first living organisms sparking into life in hydrothermal deep-sea vents to the dizzying diversity of life today. The evolution of life is a sweeping epic of a tale, with twists and turns, surprising heroes and unlikely survivors.

The Earth beautifully distils this complex story into a meaningful scale. In taking a closer look at 47 carefully selected organisms over fifteen periods in our planetary history, this book tells the whole story of life on Earth, and the interconnectedness that unites us through our ecosystems and planetary history.

Prepare to be confounded by the ingenuity of evolutionary biologies, humbled by our own brief part in this epic history, and disquieted by our disproportionate impact on the world we call home.

'An extraordinarily accessible and informative biography of life seen through the many forms it has generated and preserved in stone, beautifully presented. From tales of the well-known stars of palaeontology like *Archaeopteryx* to the many-sided cultural stories of the earliest bee fossil, everyone will learn something new.'

Thomas Halliday, bestselling author of *Otherlands: A World in the Making*

Sales Points

- Author is an active and engaged Oxford University palaeontologist - she is uniquely qualified to write this ambitious history of life.
- Illustrated with engravings of each organism, this new package is a unique approach to the subject of evolution.
- An ideal gift for those interested in the wonder of nature (as well as readers of Lewis Dartnell's *Origins* or Steve Brusatte's *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs*).

Reviews

- 'This ambitious new book provides insights into 47 species that have defined how life has evolved on our planet. With an eye towards those who are new to science, the book is cleverly written with a light touch to draw you into remarkable worlds with astonishing revelations. I particularly love how the punchy, bite sized chunks of information are easily digestible over a breakfast morning read as your favourite cereal. Elsa has achieved an extraordinary feat - an insightful book with sparkling wit and humour that will appeal to new and seasoned readers of palaeontology.' - Dr Anjana Khatwa, TV presenter and Earth Scientist
- 'Beyond interesting facts and unusual animals, what ties it all together and elevates this book is the writing, both on account of the excellent explanations and the beautiful phrasing... [Panciroli] injects a degree of poetry that makes you see extinct organisms in a new light...The combination of interesting popular science facts, inspired writing, and a mission to correct common misconceptions make this book easy to recommend, and it would make for a great gift.' - *The Inquisitive Biologist*
- 'An extraordinarily accessible and informative biography of life seen through the many forms it has generated and preserved in stone, beautifully presented. From tales of the well-known stars of palaeontology like *Archaeopteryx* to the many-sided cultural stories of the earliest bee fossil, everyone will learn something new.' - Thomas Halliday, bestselling author of *Otherlands: A World in the Making*

Author Biography

Dr Elsa Panciroli is a Scottish palaeontologist and writer fascinated by the natural history of our planet. She studies Jurassic fossils from the Isle of Skye, and is especially interested in the origins and evolution of mammals. She is currently a research fellow at the University of Oxford Museum of Natural History, and associate researcher at National Museums Scotland. She gives regular public talks for all ages, and has written about science for *The Guardian* and *BBC Science Focus* among others, as well as appearing on

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When Sleeping Women Wake

Emma Pei Yin

Keynote

An epic, emotional historical debut set during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong in World War II. Perfect for fans of Lisa See, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai and Kristin Hannah.

Description

Hong Kong, 1941. Following the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, the wealthy Tang family flee to Hong Kong.

As the First Wife of the family, **Mingzhu** leads a sheltered - if lonely - existence overseeing her daughter **Qiang** and managing the household alongside her devoted maid, **Biyu**.

But when the Japanese army invade, the three women are scattered. **Mingzhu** is coerced into working for a Japanese captain. **Qiang** and **Biyu** escape the island, only to be forced into factory work then separated after an encounter with the East River Column Resistance fighters.

The longer the brutal occupation lasts, the more determined the women are to resist. And as war rages around the world, each is holding onto the hope that the other is alive.

Beautifully told and compulsively written, *When Sleeping Women Wake* is an utterly transporting story of female resistance and untold bravery, at once epic and intimate, heartbreaking and hopeful.

Perfect for fans of Lisa See, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai and Kristin Hannah.

'A lushly romantic and **impassioned story of women's agency** and resilience' JUHEA KIM

'**Compelling, beautiful, and deeply moving** . . . [a] stunning tale of love, loyalty and survival' WEINA DAI RANDEL

'A breathtaking, important story of family, love and endurance . . . **historical fiction at its finest**' WIZ WHARTON

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR:** fans of Lisa See, , Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai and Kristin Hannah.
- **SWEEPING HISTORICAL EPIC:** *When Sleeping Women Wake* explores a lesser known chapter of WWII history, the story of the East River Column Resistance fighters, and the incredible part they played in defending Hong Kong
- **GLOBAL PUBLISHING CAMPAIGN:** joint acquisition with Hachette Australia, and publishing simultaneously with Ballantine/PRH US

Reviews

- 'A **heart-breaking, moving, and soaring novel. An important literary feat from an exciting new voice**' - Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, *global best-selling author of The Mountains Sing and Dust Child*
- 'With vivid historicity and deeply relatable characters, *When Sleeping Women Wake* is a **lushly romantic and impassioned story of women's agency and resilience**' - Juhea Kim, *internationally bestselling author of BEASTS OF A LITTLE LAND and CITY OF NIGHT BIRDS*
- 'In this gripping tale, a close band of women are scattered by a ruthless occupation, each finding her own path through resilience, cunning, and taking high-risk chances. Through imprisonment, forced labor, torture, sickness, and starvation, the women have to use their wits and daring to survive. **A riveting, fast-paced read.**' - Jennifer Ryan, *bestselling author of The Chilbury Ladies' Choir and The Underground Library*
- 'Emma Pei Yin weaves a **spellbinding tale of transformation**, resilience, and the quiet power of awakening. Through evocative prose and a richly drawn sense of place, she brings to life a cast of women whose journeys are as layered as the story itself. **A novel of depth and nuance, *When Sleeping Women Wake* lingers in the mind long after the final page**-an exploration of strength, self-discovery, and the landscapes, both internal and external, that shape us.' - Ayesha Inoon, *author of UNTETHERED*

Author Biography

Emma Pei Yin is a UK-born and raised Hong Kong Chinese writer. She writes for publications including *Mekong Review*, *Being Asian Australian*, *HerCanberra*, *Aniko Press*, *Hong Kong Review* and *Books + Publishing*. Her YA manuscript, *Chasing Echoes in the*



Rain, earned recognition when it was shortlisted for the Allen & Unwin Mentorship Programme. She was also nominated as BookPeople Penguin Random House Young Bookseller of 2023. She resides in Australia with her partner and an extremely barky Dachshund, Lady. *When Sleeping Women Wake* is her first novel.

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Never Saw Me Coming How I Outsmarted the FBI and the Entire Banking System—and Pocketed \$40 Million

Tanya Smith

Keynote

The true story of how a middle-class Black girl from Minneapolis became one of the single biggest threats to the United States banking system

Description

'Powerfully entertaining. A true thriller of resilience and defiance' JANELLE MONAË

'Tanya Smith's story is unbelievably bold, captivating, and moving. *Never Saw Me Coming* is a wild ride from start to finish. She is my hero' ISSA RAE

The true story of how a middle-class Black girl from Minneapolis became one of the single biggest threats to the United States banking system.

Tanya Smith fancied herself a folk hero, a kind of Robin Hood, using her powers of persuasion to buck the system and help the poor and needy.

It started innocently enough, with calls to celebrities' houses with her teenage twin sister. Soon, Tanya realised she could convince utility companies to amend the balances of her friends and neighbours, clearing their overdue electricity bills with a single phone call. Eventually, as she tested the limits and realized she could get past any gatekeeper, she began to understand the power of money and what it could do.

Over the years, Tanya 'confiscated' some \$40 million in cash and commodities from US banks, using hacked wire transfers. It didn't take long before the FBI was on her tail. But when interviewing her, they made clear that they were using her to get to the person *actually* running things - clearly, she wasn't smart enough to do this on her own (Black people she was told, rob people, they don't hack computers).

Thus began a cat and mouse game with the authorities that would drive her to unthinkable limits, breaking the hearts of her parents and putting Tanya's life in jeopardy before finally sending her to Federal prison (where she escaped twice) with the longest sentence ever given for a white-collar crime.

In the spirit of true crime narratives like **Catch Me If You Can**, **Molly's Game**, and Ben Mezrich's **Bringing Down the House**, *Never Saw Me Coming* is also the deeply personal journey of a young Black woman finding her way in a world that underestimated her brilliance. **'It's a gripping real-life caper from a charismatic antihero. - Publishers Weekly**

Sales Points

- A thrilling caper and an acute social commentary combined
- For fans of **Catch Me If You Can**, **Molly's Game**, and Ben Mezrich's **Bringing Down the House**
- Major film in the works with Janelle Monae attached

Reviews

- 'Tanya Smith's story is unbelievably bold, captivating, and moving. *Sheer Crazy Nerve is a wild ride from start to finish.*' - Issa Rae
- 'An action-packed chronicle of deceit, betrayal, and greed.' - *Kirkus*
- 'Smith is deliciously entertaining company, keeping her foot on the gas all the way through. It's a gripping real-life caper from a charismatic antihero.' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'What an immersive adventure! Tanya Smith's story is one that you would expect to be fiction and is anything but. Throughout this crazy caper and cautionary tale of twists and turns, one thing never changed - I was always wanting her to win. Highly entertaining!' - *Karrine Steffans, New York Times bestselling author of Confessions of a Video Vixen*

Author Biography

Tanya Smith was born and raised on the Northside of Minneapolis, where her father ran the Capri Theater, famous for launching the career of Prince. She was inspired by her daughter to write her memoir. Currently, she lives quietly in Southern California, enjoying the peace of suburban motherhood.



Slow Trains to Istanbul ...And Back: A 4,570-Mile Adventure on 55 Rides

Tom Chesshyre

Description

"Tom Chesshyre is the consummate traveller, who makes you want to experience all his adventures and mishaps for yourself." - Christian Wolmar, author of *British Rail: The Making and Breaking of Our Trains*

From London via Paris, Naples, Nuremberg, the Swiss Alps, Budapest, Athens and into the furthest corners of Eastern Europe across Romania and Bulgaria, join Tom Chesshyre on his fascinating journey to Istanbul and back

Ever dreamt of dropping everything and adventuring cross-country to the edge of Asia? That's just what rail enthusiast Tom Chesshyre did, hitting the tracks for a 4,570-mile adventure on 55 rides, shadowing the old Orient Express route.

Interrailing was once the realm of young backpackers setting off to "find themselves" - and for many, it still is. But it's also a joyful and eco-friendly twenty-first century adventure that's open to us all, no matter our age or agenda. Dodging striking train drivers in Germany, getting stuck by the Bulgarian-Greek border, and negotiating tricky passport officials in Turkey is all part of the fun in this illuminating and meandering journey around Europe.

Europe by rail awaits. The freedom of the lines awaits. Why not hop on board?

Sales Points

- A follow-up to Tom Chesshyre's previous successful title *Slow Trains Around Spain* (ISBN: 9781787833012).
- Chesshyre's popular book, the adventurous *Ticket to Ride: Around the World on 49 Unusual Train Journeys* (ISBN: 9781849538268), has sold over 25,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *From Source to Sea* (ISBN: 9781849539210); *Tales from the Fast Trains* (ISBN: 9781849531511); *Park Life* (ISBN: 9781800070097); *Lost in the Lakes* (ISBN: 9781837992959).

Author Biography

Tom Chesshyre is the author of twelve travel books. He has travelled more than 40,000 miles around the world for his train books, which have included *Slow Trains Around Spain: A 3,000-Mile Adventure on 52 Rides* and *Ticket to Ride: Around the World on 49 Unusual Train Journeys*. His book writing has also taken him across North Africa after the Arab Spring, round the "dark side" of the Maldives on cargo ships, along the length of the River Thames, around the Lake District on a long hike, and on a journey through "unsung Britain" (for *To Hull and Back*). He worked on the travel desk of *The Times* for 21 years and is now freelance, contributing to the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday*, *The Critic* and *The New European* magazines. He lives in London.

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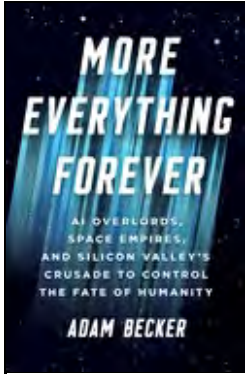
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More Everything Forever AI Overlords, Space Empires, and Silicon Valley's Crusade to Control the Fate of Humanity

Adam Becker

Author Biography

Adam Becker is a science journalist with a PhD in astrophysics. He has written for the *New York Times*, BBC, NPR, *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, *Quanta* and many other publications. His first book, *What Is Real?*, was a *New York Times Book Review* Editor's Choice and was longlisted for the PEN Literary Science Writing Award. He has been a science journalism fellow at the Santa Fe Institute and a science communicator in residence at the Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing. He lives in California.

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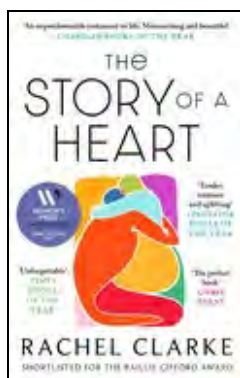
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The Story of a Heart

'Profoundly moving and at the same time wildly inspiring' Rob Delaney

Rachel Clarke

Keynote

Rachel Clarke follows the journey of a human heart - and narrates one of the most miraculous developments in 20th century medicine - as she describes the saving of a nine-year-old boy

Description

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'Rachel Clarke's finest book yet' *Financial Times*

'The best narrative non-fiction I've read in years. Rachel Clarke has written a profound piece of investigative journalism and wrapped it up in poetry' Christie Watson

'This is THE MOST BEAUTIFUL and riveting book: written with such humanity, empathy and knowledge, such tact and drama and eloquence. Vital reading, lifelong revelation' Laura Cumming

This is the unforgettable story of how one family's grief transformed into a lifesaving gift. With tremendous compassion and clarity, Dr Rachel Clarke relates the urgent journey of a young girl's heart and explores a history of remarkable medical innovations, stretching back over a century and involving the knowledge and dedication not just of surgeons but of countless physicians, immunologists, nurses and scientists.

FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER DEAR LIFE AND BREATH-taking, A MAJOR TV DRAMA

Sales Points

- *Breath-taking* is now a major TV drama to be broadcast in 2024 - written by Rachel, Jed Mecurio (*Line of Duty*) and Prasanna Puwanarajah and starring Golden Globe award-winning actress Joanne Froggatt
- To date, *Dear Life* has sold over 75k copies across all formats and *Breath-taking* has sold over 25k copies
- Shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction 2024 and a book of the year in the *Spectator*, *New Statesman*, *New Scientist* and *Prospect*

Reviews

- 'Rachel Clarke tells the selfless story of the extended and extraordinary life of this heart, and how it changed organ donation for ever. **This unconventional narrative biography fizzles with respectful, indefatigable and eloquent respect for life. Unforgettable**' - *The Times*, *Books of the Year*
- '**Profoundly moving and at the same time wildly inspiring. A beautiful, humane book**... Even hearing a sliver of this story would make you hunger to learn every possible detail, and rare is the writer who could pull it together so beautifully' - *Rob Delaney*
- '*The Story of a Heart* is the best narrative non-fiction I've read in years. **Rachel Clarke has written a profound piece of investigative journalism and wrapped it up in poetry**. A story of death - and life, and how one incredible family gifted a miracle to another' - *Christie Watson*
- 'Telling this true story with dramatic pace, medical precision and characteristic warmth, *The Story of a Heart* is **Rachel Clarke's finest book yet**' - *Financial Times*

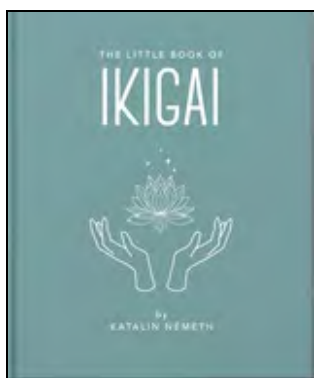
Author Biography

Dr Rachel Clarke is an NHS palliative care doctor and the author of three *Sunday Times* bestselling non-fiction books. The most recent of these, *Breath-taking* (2021), was adapted into an acclaimed television series, broadcast on ITV in 2024. It reveals how she and her colleagues confronted the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. *Dear Life* (2020), depicting her work in an NHS hospice, was shortlisted for the 2020 Costa Biography Award and long-listed for the 2020 Baillie Gifford Prize. *Your Life in My Hands* (2017) documents life as a junior doctor. Before going to medical school, Rachel was a broadcast journalist. She produced and directed current affairs documentaries focusing on subjects such as Al Qaeda, the Iraq War and the civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She continues



to write regularly for the *Guardian*, *Sunday Times*, *New Statesman* and *Lancet* among others, and appears regularly on television and radio. Inspired by a visit to Ukraine during the conflict in late 2022, Rachel founded a UK-registered charity, Hospice Ukraine, which supports the work of local palliative care teams in Ukraine.

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The Little Book of Ikigai

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A little guide to a big life, this is all about finding your purpose in life.

Description

In a world that feels ever more hurried and disjointed, the idea of *ikigai* - the reason for being - shines out like a beacon of hope. Rooted in Japanese culture and closely associated with the people of Okinawa, a so-called 'Blue Zone' where residents live incredibly long and, more importantly, fulfilling lives, the true meaning of *ikigai* is hard to pin down, with many interpretations and wider applications depending on your definition. At its core, however, is a belief that a life lived with purpose and joy, whether that be finding the dream job or savouring a delicious meal with loved ones, leads to greater fulfilment, happiness and wellbeing.

This little book serves as a window into this enigmatic philosophy, exploring its cultural origins and underlying philosophy, some practical tips to integrate it into your own life, as well as some words of wisdom and advice from the preeminent *ikigai* experts, both ancient and modern. Whether you're looking for a new direction in life, or seeking more fulfilment in the everyday, this book will shed light on a timeless practice that will help you uncover what truly makes life worth living.

SAMPLE TEXT

"I would describe ikigai as the feeling that we are alive in the here and now, and the individual awareness that drives us to survive."

Professor Akihiro Hasegawa

"When you put your finger on what your *ikigai* is, it's like you gain a superpower. It's like you get a GPS for your life."

Tim Tamashiro

The Japanese word *ikigai* (ee-key-guy) combines the terms *iki*, meaning "alive" or "life," with *gai*, meaning "benefit" or "worth."

Sales Points

- Like "hygge" or "fika", *ikigai* is the current trend that's encouraging people to reassess their lives and realise what truly makes them happy.
- Sits alongside other Little Books such as Crystal Healing, Manifesting, Joy, and Dreams.
- An ideal gift or self-purchase for anyone looking to rediscover some direction in their life.
- This book feeds the massive appetite for Eastern, and specifically Japanese, philosophy and ways of living in popular culture, following on from the likes of Marie Kondo.

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Chapter 6 - A broader perspective on *ikigai*

Author Biography

The **Orange Hippo!** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.

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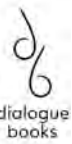
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Curandera

Irenosen Okojie

Keynote

From an award-winning author comes this thrilling, experimental new novel exploring the darker elements of shamanism, desire, betrayal and friendship - across time and dimensions.

Description

'The power of this weird, haunting fiction is undeniable.' *Guardian*
'Vivid, brutal, moving and tender. This is heartfelt and immersive.' Joanne Harris
'Mindbogglingly glorious.' Yvvette Edwards

In the mountainous town of Gethsemane, 17th-century Cape Verde, a mysterious woman's arrival sparks a series of strange events that will leave the town's inhabitants changed: men sporadically blind in the afternoons, children disappearing and reappearing without warning and infertile women pregnant with the memories of past births.

In present-day London, a quartet are brought together by their fascination with ritual, miracles and a life beyond the mundane. Botanist Therese lives with Azacca, a soulful Haitian musician, Peruvian drifter Emilien, who is haunted by the past, and adventurous Finn, who is increasingly drawn to living life on the edge.

With the past and present beginning to blur into one, *Curandera* is a story of rebirth and redemption, a mythic tale of recalibrations across time.

'I was blown away by *Curandera* and by the epic scale of Okojie's imagination and creativity . . . I loved it.' Louise Minchin
'An exhilarating experience of a novel that will take you on a hallucinatory trip into the soul and the phantasmagorical unknown.' Bernardine Evaristo
'Chimeric and delirious.' *Scotland on Sunday*

Praise for Irenosen Okojie's previous books:

'Dazzling . . . a feast for the senses.' Diana Evans
'One of the finest literary imaginations working today.' Max Porter
'A liberatingly odd, seductive and fearless talent.' Laline Paull
'Okojie has a sharp eye . . . and a turn of phrase that switches from elegance to brutality in a single line.' Stella Duffy

Sales Points

- **ACCLAIMED AND PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Irenosen Okojie was a recipient of the 2016 Betty Trask Award and in 2015 the *Evening Standard* named her as one of top debut novelists of the summer for her novel, *Butterfly Fish*. Her short story collection, *Speak Gigantular*, was shortlisted for the 2016 inaugural Jhalak Prize and the 2017 Edge Hill Short Story Prize. The story 'Animal Parts' was nominated for a 2016 Shirley Jackson Award.
- **CROSSOVER APPEAL:** Whilst Okojie's style and voice are sure to secure a literary readership, her vast, uncompromising imagination sets *Curandera* firmly into the increasingly popular speculative space, amongst titles like Tade Thompson's *Rosewater*, Marlon James' *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* and Jeff VanderMeer's *Annihilation* - a combination that promises a broad readership and marks her work as unique in both areas.
- **POPULAR IMAGINATIONS:** A transcendental revenge tale that deals with occultism, the worship of mal gods and world-threatening desires, *Curandera* plays upon tropes that prove to popular time and time again.
- **A LITERARY PIONEER:** Okojie is the founder and curator of Black to the Future, an Afro-Futurist celebration of outstanding Black artists working in the speculative space, in collaboration with the Royal Society of Literature and the British Library. She is an exciting experimental Black British voice writing across genre, and a respected, influential and well-connected figure in this space, having also been named a visionary artist in *Red Magazine*'s 'The Next 25 visionaries to watch', nominated by Bernardine Evaristo.
- **ENDORSEMENTS:** Irenosen's work has been endorsed by numerous acclaimed writers such as Ben Okri, Stella Duffy, Rupert Thomson, Alex Wheatle and Diana Evans.

Author Biography

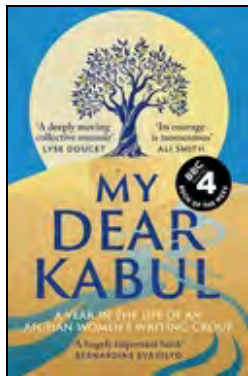
Irenosen Okojie is a Nigerian British author whose work pushes the boundaries of form, language and ideas. Her novel, *Butterfly Fish*, and short story collections, *Speak Gigantular* and *Nudibranch*, have won and been nominated for multiple awards. Her journalism has



been featured in *The New York Times*, the *Observer*, the *Guardian* and the *Huffington Post*. She was a Contributing Editor for *The White Review*. She co-presented the BBC's *Turn Up for The Books* podcast, alongside Simon Savidge and Bastille frontman Dan Smith. Her work has been optioned for the screen. She has also judged various literary prizes including the Dylan Thomas Prize, the Gordon Burn Prize and the BBC National Short Story Award. She was a judge for the 2023 Women's Prize for Fiction. Vice Chair of the Royal Society of Literature, she was awarded an MBE For Services to Literature in 2021. She is the director and founder of Black to the Future festival.

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My Dear Kabul

The extraordinary diary of an Afghan women's writing group during the fall of Kabul, as heard on R4's Book of the Week

Untold

Keynote

The incredible collective diary of a women's writing group during the Fall of Kabul in 2021

Description

'A real-time, moving and intimate portrait of a year living under the Taliban, communicated via clandestine WhatsApp messages'
SERVICE95

'An intimate, courageous chronicle of life as it unfolds under Taliban rule'
OBSERVER, *Book of the Day*

'A hugely important book'
BERNARDINE EVARISTO

'A deeply moving collective memoir'
LYSE DOUCET

In August 2021, as the Taliban approached the gates of Kabul, twenty-one women writers in Afghanistan came online in their WhatsApp chat group: they asked what news others had heard and if everyone was safe.

These women had been brought together as a writing group. They were about to publish their first collection of short stories, while working regular day jobs. Some were students, some newly married, one was a grandmother: all were afraid of what was now to come. Over the next year, in the makeshift refuge of their WhatsApp group, they shared the day-to-day reality of life after a fall.

Publishing on the anniversary of the Fall of Kabul, this is the women's courageous collective diary: in it the writers watch cities transform, schools close, families change and freedoms disappear. They share stories of chaos, protest and flight - and of life continuing. Check-points are a daily trial; men start behaving differently. Children can't afford the ice-cream man's wares; passports are near impossible to obtain. Together, their messages form a powerful chorus of resistance and solidarity.

'Its courage is momentous'
ALI SMITH

Sales Points

- **TIMELY PUBLICATION:** publishing on the three-year anniversary of the 2021 Taliban takeover, this is a real-time, moving and intimate portrait of the event written by a women's writing group, who documented the Fall via clandestine WhatsApp messages
- **A VOICE OF AUTHORITY:** Untold Narratives is a development programme for writers marginalised by community or conflict - they have first-hand access to the authors, and excellent connections across media, literature, arts and politics
- **A PLATFORM FOR MARGINALISED VOICES:** Untold's anthology of Afghan women's fiction, *My Pen is the Wing of a Bird* (Maclehose, 2022) was an FT book of the year, featured on Dua Lipa's Service 95 venture and has sold more than 4.5k copies through TCM
- **AUDIENCE:** for readers of Azar Nafisi's *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, Svetlana Alexievich's *The Unwomanly Face of War* and Rory Stewart's *The Places in Between*

Author Biography

Untold Narratives works to develop and amplify the work of writers marginalised by community or conflict. Its translators and editors work collaboratively with writers to develop their craft, connect them to one another and share their stories with readers in their local languages, and globally in translation.



Fast Money

The Backroom Deals, Corporate Espionage, and Legendary Power Struggles that Drive Formula One

Christian Sylt and Caroline Reid

Keynote

INSIDE THE UNSTOPPABLE RISE OF FORMULA ONE, TOLD BY TWO OF THE MOST CONNECTED JOURNALISTS IN THE SPORT

Description

Pre-order now: the first book to look at the unstoppable rise of Formula One

As one of the world's most popular sports, and with races in far corners of the globe, Formula One is big business. Its drivers are among the world's most highly paid athletes, and it costs more than a billion pounds to keep its ten teams ticking over.

This is a sport where money - the spending of it, the flaunting of it, the ruthless pursuit of it - matters.

With unparalleled insight and decades of reporting, Christian Sylt and Caroline Reid describe the pivotal moments which have driven the sport to new heights - the influx of tobacco advertising, the first television deals, the reign of Bernie Ecclestone, and much more. Featuring exclusive interviews with the sport's major players and never-before-heard stories, this is a ground-breaking and revolutionary account about how F1 moved from a pastime for wealthy enthusiasts into one of the world's most-watched sports.

Sales Points

- **AUTHOR CREDENTIALS:** Christian and Caroline are the two most respected journalists in this space. They have the connections, the expertise, and the platform to deliver a spectacular and explosive book.
- **FANTASTIC READ WITH UNPARALLELED INSIGHT:** This is a gripping read, with some outrageous stories included. It lifts the lid on some of the biggest deals in F1 history, as well as taking the reader into the boardroom of a highly secretive club. This is the perfect gift for any F1 fan, offering never before heard stories, insight, and intrigue.
- **GAP IN THE MARKET:** Formula One is the fastest growing sports in the world. Shows like Drive to Survive have catapulted the sport into the mainstream and more people are watching it than ever before. There hasn't been a book looking at this growth or how the sport has grown in popularity - this would be the definitive account.
- **GLOBAL OUTLOOK:** There is some strong international reach for this book, given how global the sport is. Nielsen Sports has also found that one billion people will claim interest in Formula One by April 2022. The key markets, which were **Brazil, China, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.** The fastest growing age group are the 16-35 year olds, with Drive to Survive cited as the biggest reason for this.

Author Biography

Christian Sylt and Caroline Reid have been writing about the industry for a combined total of more than four decades and have contributed to many of the world's leading publications including the Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph, Financial Times, Forbes, Guardian, Wall Street Journal and many more.

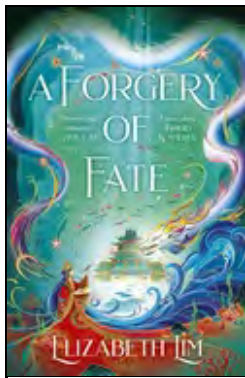
In addition to their journalism, they have founded Formula Money in 2017 - the only business information service dedicated to F1. It runs the world's largest search engine of F1 sponsorship values and produces economic impact reports for around a quarter of the F1 race organisers.

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A Forgery of Fate

Elizabeth Lim

Keynote

Beauty and the Beast meets The Little Mermaid in an East Asian-inspired world in this romantic fantasy standalone from Elizabeth Lim, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Six Crimson Cranes*.

Description

A gifted art forger, **Truyan Saigas** has the unique ability to paint the future. But when her father is lost at sea, not even magic can heal her family, or save her two younger sisters from the dangerous consequences of her mother's gambling debts.

Then **Elang**, a mysterious dragon lord, offers her a deal: in exchange for a fresh start for her mother and sisters, Tru must enter a marriage contract and join him in his desolate undersea palace.

Once there, Tru will embark on her most dangerous forgery yet. To infiltrate the tyrannical Dragon King's inner circle and paint a future so treasonous, it could upend both the mortal and immortal realms . . .

Advance praise for A FORGERY OF FATE:

'An alluring and captivating story, filled with mythical creatures, lyrical prose and vibrant characters' **Isabel Ibañez, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *What the River Knows***

'Devastatingly romantic, with heart-stopping action and twists that kept me turning the pages' **Axie Oh, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea***

'Everything I love in a story-danger, complex characters, romance, betrayal and gorgeous writing' **Mary E. Pearson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dance of Thieves***

'A tale that grabs your heart and won't let you go. Full of dangerous magic, endearing characters, and imaginative storytelling reminiscent of *Beauty and the Beast*' **Brigid Kemmerer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Defy the Night***

'Elizabeth Lim's worlds are so vivid and immersive that I'm convinced she must use her very own magic paintbrush. Readers are sure to fall in love with this high-stakes fantasy adventure!' **Lynette Noni, international bestselling author of *The Prison Healer***

'A captivating retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*, brimming with heart-pounding adventure and enchanting romance that will leave you breathless' **June Hur, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Crane Among Wolves***

'Once again Lim works her inimitable magic in taking a beloved fairy tale and making it not only her own, but genuinely original' **Liz Braswell, *New York Times* bestselling author of *As Old As Time***

Sales Points

- **A TRUE RETURN TO FORM:** Elizabeth Lim writes breathtaking, heartfelt East Asian fantasies, with resilient, relatable heroines, action-packed stories and huge romances. This a new standalone, which will give her fans exactly what they want, while being something brand new for those who haven't yet discovered her.
- **NEW YORK TIMES and SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Lim is a multiple *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author for her young adult fantasies. *Six Crimson Cranes* was beloved by the young adult fantasy community globally.
- **OVER 300K LIFETIME SALES:** Hodder & Stoughton have sold over 300,000 copies of Elizabeth Lim's books across all formats since 2021.

Author Biography

Elizabeth Lim grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she was raised on a hearty diet of fairy tales, myths, and songs. Before becoming an author, Elizabeth was a professional film and video game composer, and she still tends to come up with her best book ideas while writing near a piano.

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Wisteria

the Sunday Times bestseller - the gorgeous new gothic fantasy romance from the bestselling author of Belladonna and Foxglove

Adalyn Grace

Keynote

The sensational conclusion to the deathly and decadent Belladonna trilogy, with dramatic twists and a riveting new romance that will set readers' hearts ablaze.

Description

**YOU ARE A MYSTERY TO ME.
A SWEETBRIER, FULL OF THORNS IN MY SIDE.**

Blythe Hawthorn has never let anyone tell her what to do-not society, not her overprotective father, and certainly not her husband, no matter how rude and insufferable he is. In fact, she's determined to be a thorn in his side for the rest of her days, even as he ensures that her new life in his palace is anything but a fairytale. But as Blythe discovers a new side to herself that links her to his past, she'll have to ask herself if she's willing to let an unexpected spark ignite...and if she's willing to discover the truth about her past.

Sales Points

- Adalyn is a #1 New York Times bestselling author who is growing her fans and sales at a brilliant rate. She has 21k followers on Tiktok and 55.7k followers on Instagram and is wonderful at engaging with her readers.
- Gorgeous illustrative cover and endpapers - our designer is creating beautiful character artwork for the endpapers and we are creating multiple special editions to capitalise on Adalyn's popularity.
- Brilliant backlist - this is the third book in the BELLADONNA series, finalising Adalyn's bestselling trilogy in a beautifully dramatic way!

Reviews

- **'A deliciously deadly gothic romance. Full of poisonous deeds, spectacular secrets, and dark mysteries'** - *Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Once Upon a Broken Heart*
- 'Decadently atmospheric. This gothic romance is filled with desire, betrayal, and of course, Death' - *Kerri Maniscalco, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Kingdom of the Wicked series*
- **'Darkly twisted and deliciously gothic'** - *Renée Ahdieh, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Wrath & the Dawn and Flame in the Mist*
- 'Adalyn Grace has crafted a darkly romantic tale that will sweep readers away. This decadent world and forbidden love story are a perfect, addicting escape' - *Adrienne Young, New York Times bestselling author of Fable*

Author Biography

Adalyn Grace is a *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Stars and Teeth*, which was named '2020's biggest YA fantasy' by *Entertainment Weekly*. Prior to becoming an author, Adalyn worked in live theatre, acted as the managing editor of a non-profit newspaper, and studied storytelling as an intern on Nickelodeon Animation's popular series *The Legend of Korra*. Local to San Diego, Adalyn spends her non-writing days by watching too much anime, and playing video games with her two dogs.

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Frankie
The instant Sunday Times bestseller
Graham Norton

Keynote

Ireland, New York, London: *Frankie* is the sweeping, accomplished new novel from *Sunday Times*-bestselling writer Graham Norton

Description

'Warm and wise, *Frankie* is a woman worth getting to know'
BONNIE GARMUS

'I couldn't stop reading it, but feel bereft now that I've finished'
NIGELLA LAWSON

'I was enthralled by *Frankie* from page one. It's a beauty. A warm, deeply moving, life-enhancing novel'
SARAH WINMAN

'*Frankie* is a perfect song of a book and everyone who likes human beings should read it'
ANDREW O'HAGAN

Always on the periphery, looking on, young Frankie Howe was never quite sure enough of herself to take centre stage - after all, life had already judged her harshly. Now old, Frankie finds it easier to forget the life that came before.

Then Damian, a young Irish carer, arrives at her London flat, there to keep an eye on her as she recovers from a fall. A memory is sparked, and the past crackles into life as Damian listens to the story Frankie has kept stored away all these years.

Travelling from post-war Ireland to 1960s New York - a city full of art, larger than life characters and turmoil - Frankie shares a world in which friendship and chance encounters collide. A place where, for a while, life blazes with an intensity that can't last but will perhaps live on in other ways and in other people. But as Frankie's past slowly emerges, her spirit and endurance are revealed as undeniable . . . and unforgettable.

'Immersive, stunningly written, and very emotional - this is a triumph'
JENNIE GODFREY

'Fascinating, funny, sad... Every page is intriguing. Once again, Graham shows his class as a writer'
JO BRAND

'Packed with surprises, it's moving, riveting and enriching'
MATT CAIN

'A great sweep of a novel, full of unexpected twists'
LISSA EVANS

Sales Points

- **AN INSTANT BESTSELLER:** *Frankie* went straight in at number 4 in the *Sunday Times* hardback chart, and spending four weeks in the top 20 (as of Oct 2024). Paperbacks of all Graham's previous novels have charted on release.
- **HIS BEST NOVEL YET:** Sweeping, immersive, and featuring a brave and progressive heroine who rubbed shoulders with big names of the twentieth century
- **BEAUTIFUL NEW PACKAGE:** A fresh new jacket approach to reinvigorate Graham's publishing, firmly placing him on bookshelves next to the likes of Ann Patchett, Maggie O'Farrell and Sarah Winman
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED, PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Graham's writing has won the An Post Irish Popular Fiction Award and Irish Independent Popular Fiction Prize, has been shortlisted for the National Book Awards, and his novels have been instant *Sunday Times* bestsellers

Reviews

- 'Warm and wise, *Frankie* is a woman worth getting to know' - Bonnie Garmus
- 'Immersive, stunningly written and very emotional - this is a triumph. I defy anyone not to love it (but bring tissues!). Graham's writing gets better and better, and *Frankie* is his best yet' - Jennie Godfrey
- 'I loved *Frankie* so much. I couldn't stop reading it, but feel bereft now that I've finished' - Nigella Lawson
- 'What an unforgettable, heartening book; everybody should read it. The accumulation of grief, the revelation of joy, is so brilliant in the story - from Cork to Picadilly to



Greenwich Village - and I just loved every page. *Frankie* is a triumph, a beautiful book of sunshine and memory' - Andrew O'Hagan

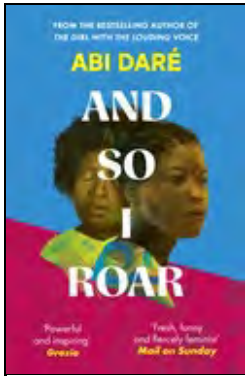
Author Biography

Graham Norton has written four other novels, all Sunday Times bestsellers, in the UK and Ireland. His fiction writing has won him critical acclaim from across all media and the literary community.

Holding won the An Post Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction. *A Keeper* was shortlisted for both the Specsavers Popular Fiction Award and the Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction. *Home Stretch* won the Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction and has been optioned for a major TV series. *Holding* was made into a high-profile ITV drama, directed by Kathy Burke, and *Forever Home* was shortlisted at the 2022 Irish Book Awards.

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Author born in	Lagos, Nigeria
Author living in	Essex

Previous Titles

The Girl with the Louding Voice (2020)

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And So I Roar

The new novel from the author of the word of mouth hit *The Girl with the Louding Voice*

Abi Daré

Keynote

Four years after *The Girl with the Louding Voice* captured half a million hearts worldwide, Abi Daré returns with a stunning, heart-wrenching new novel

Description

'Fresh funny and fiercely feminist . . . a gut punch of a book'

MAIL ON SUNDAY

'Powerful and inspiring'

GRAZIA

'An earth-shattering tale'

WOMAN'S WEEKLY

'Evocative'

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

'Innovative and brave, and the story grips the reader to the very last page'

SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

Plucky fourteen-year-old Adunni is in Lagos, excited to finally enrol in school. Having escaped her rural village in a desperate bid to seek a better future, she's found refuge with Tia, a kind and brilliant woman on her own troubled journey of self-discovery.

But it's not so simple to run away from your past.

On the night before she is due to join her new classmates for her first lesson, a terrible knocking at the front gate summons Adunni back to her home village, Ikati, where her dramatic story of resilience first begun.

As Tia frantically tries to protect her from an uncertain fate, Adunni must try to save not only herself but all the young women of her village, and transform Ikati into a place where girls are allowed to claim the bright futures they deserve - and roar their stories to the world.

Sales Points

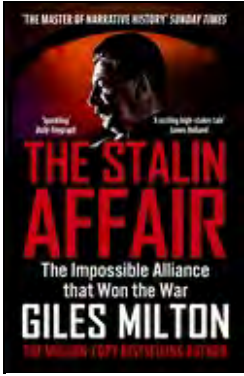
- **PERFECT FOR FANS AND FUTURE FANS ALIKE.** This novel - which picks up where *The Girl with the Louding Voice* left off - will be a dream come true to the many fans of Abi's debut, but will also be the perfect introduction to Abi's unique voice for those new to her world. Publication backed by an ambitious campaign that will aim to make this a *Sunday Times* bestseller in hardback.
- **FOLLOWING UP ON AN ACCLAIMED DEBUT.** *The Girl with the Louding Voice* was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, was nominated for the Desmond Elliott Prize, the 2020 British Bookseller Awards Debut of the year and the Goldsboro Glass Bell Award. It was a Waterstones Book of the Month and a Waterstones Paperback of the Year in the UK and became a runaway international bestseller, selling over 500,000 copies around the world.
- **STAR AUTHOR.** Abi counts Malala Yousafzai, Dolly Parton, Kiley Reid, Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizabeth Day and Maggie O'Farrell among her fans.

Author Biography

Abi Daré was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and holds a degree in law from the University of Wolverhampton, an MSc in International Project Management from Glasgow Caledonian University and an MA in Creative Writing from Birkbeck, University of London. Her debut novel, *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, was a *New York Times* and international bestseller, a BBC Radio 4 Book Club read and was shortlisted for multiple awards, including the Desmond Elliott Prize and the *Guardian's* Not the Booker Prize. It has been translated into twenty-one languages. In 2023, Abi established The Louding Voice Foundation to provide scholarships and empowerment programs for women and girls in underserved communities in Nigeria. She lives in Essex with her family.

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Word Count	
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Author born in	Buckinghamshire
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Previous Titles

The Riddle and the Knight (1996)
 Nathaniel's Nutmeg (1999)
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The Stalin Affair

The Impossible Alliance that Won the War

Giles Milton
Keynote

From internationally bestselling historian Giles Milton comes the remarkable true story of the Allies' secret mission to wartime Moscow.

Description

'Delivered with flamboyance, it features a sparkling cast of chancers' KATJA HOYER, *Daily Telegraph* 5* review

'Page-turning . . . a sizzling high-stakes tale' JAMES HOLLAND

'This book might read like the screenplay of a gripping movie, yet every word is accurate and verified' ANDREW ROBERTS

'Giles Milton is a phenomenon' DAN SNOW

'Another rollercoaster ride from Giles Milton. Endlessly surprising' ANTHONY HOROWITZ

From internationally bestselling historian Giles Milton comes the remarkable true story of the Allies' secret mission to wartime Moscow.

In the summer of 1941, as Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, Stalin's forces faced a catastrophic defeat which would make the Allies' liberation of Europe virtually impossible. To avert this disaster, Britain and America mobilized an elite team of remarkable diplomats with the mission of keeping the Red Army in the war.

Into to the heart of Stalin's Moscow Roosevelt sent Averell Harriman, the fourth richest man in America and his brilliant young daughter Kathy. Churchill dispatched the reckless but brilliant *bon vivant* Archie Clark Kerr - and occasionally himself - to negotiate with the Kremlin's wildest operators. Together, this improbable group grappled with the ingenious, mercurial Stalin to make victory possible. But they also discovered that the Soviet dictator had a terrifying masterplan for the post-war world.

Based on astonishing unpublished diaries, letters and secret reports, *The Stalin Affair* reveals troves of new material about the most unlikely coalition in history.

Giles Milton's *The Stalin Affair* was a Radio 4 Book of the Week in the week of 17th June 2024.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** A big untold WWII subject that explains the early Cold War struggle for power, and the subsequent rift between the Soviet Union and Britain and the United States that leads us to our present predicament.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Giles has been called the 'Master of narrative history' and has sold a million copies in all formats; his last book, *Checkmate in Berlin*, has sold 26,164 copies TCM. *Nathaniel's Nutmeg* is being developed into a major screen project.

Reviews

- 'How did I know nothing about this massively important part of our recent history? Giles Milton's lucid and magnetic account is utterly absorbing, revealing a chapter of WWII which is often completely invisible. Compulsory reading!' - Dame Joanna Lumley
- 'Giles Milton has mined new information to portray a convincing account of the relationship between the Second World War's "Big Three". This book might read like the screenplay of a gripping movie, yet every word is accurate and verified' - Andrew Roberts
- 'Giles Milton is a phenomenon. He is masterful as he weaves grand strategy together with individual stories, in all their colour and eccentricity. The result is a rich narrative that leaps from the microscopic to the universal and back again' - Dan Snow
- 'Giles Milton has done it again - a wartime tale of intrigue, risk and cunning involving not only three giants of twentieth century history, but a maverick British diplomat, a dashing American millionaire and his irrepressible daughter. It's a gripping tale that sheds light on one of the second world war's enduring riddles: how did Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin bury their differences and remain allies long enough to defeat Hitler?' - Jonathan Freedland

Author Biography

Giles Milton is the million-copy, internationally bestselling author of a dozen works of narrative history. His books have been translated into twenty-five languages. One of Milton's previous works, *Nathaniel's Nutmeg*, is currently being developed into a major screen project. Milton is the writer and narrator of the acclaimed narrative podcast series,

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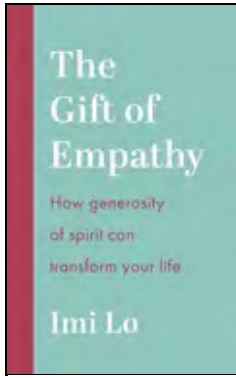
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The Gift of Empathy

How generosity of spirit can transform your life

Imi Lo

Keynote

This guide will help you cultivate empathy for both yourself and others, even in situations where it seems the most difficult to do so.

Description

What is empathy? Can it be depleted? Can you empathize with those who've hurt you? Do you grapple with an excess of empathy that leaves you drained? Why is it often hardest to muster empathy for those we love? These questions might be what led you to pick up this book.

Empathy is that profound moment when we step into someone else's shoes, perceive the world through their eyes, and genuinely understand their emotions. It's the bridge connecting us and the compass guiding us toward deeper connections. Yet, despite knowing empathy's value, there are times when it seems just beyond our reach.

One of the most perplexing aspects of empathy is how we extend it to those who've harmed us. How do we show understanding to those who've caused us pain or mistreated us? Is empathy inherent, or can it be developed through training? These questions test our emotional boundaries, and in this book, we address them directly.

Within these pages, we explore the complexities of coping with unempathetic parents, emotionally unavailable partners, and challenging work relationships. You'll gain practical tools for extending empathy and navigating the dynamics of family and groups. You'll also learn to balance empathy with self-respect, establish boundaries, and tend to your emotional needs.

If you've ever struggled with empathy-feeling like you have either too much or too little-then this book is for you. It is as a guide to mend broken relationships, nurture deeper connections, and enhance self-love. Ultimately, you may come to view empathy not as something that drains you, but as a priceless gift that multiplies when shared.

Sales Points

- A timely and very practical book which goes beyond the traditional approach of books on Empathy and, in common with all of Imi's writing, focuses on relationships and deep connection, building a robust practical framework for enhancing one's personal development by promoting one's best self.
- Building on her nuanced and original understanding of intensity and sensitivity, this book is an inspiring and comprehensive explanation of the importance of empathy.
- Written by a subject expert and practising psychologist, this book combines the latest findings in neuroscience with practical wisdom to provide in-depth insights about the experience of living with feelings and the possibilities that empathy can unlock
- Uniquely amongst empathy literature, this book will show not just how to manage and use empathy, but also how to attract it, ensuring that you are understood and valued in a range of complex and stressful situations.
- Imi Lo is young, fiercely intelligent, highly regarded and very media-friendly. This serious but uplifting handbook puts empathy in context using psychology, and arms you with the ability to use it well to improve your life

Author Biography

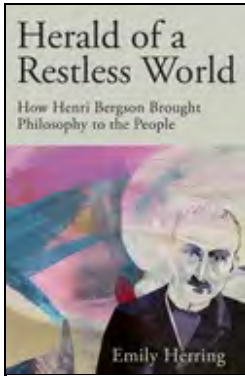
Imi Lo is a consultant, psychotherapist, and published author with extensive and international experience in psychotherapy and mental health. Her books *Emotional Sensitivity and Intensity* and *The Gift of Intensity* are available worldwide and in multiple languages.

Imi Lo has held roles as mental health supervisor, suicide crisis counselor, psychotherapist, and trainer to therapists and coaches. While living in various countries, she worked for National Health Service (UK), Médecins Sans Frontières/ Doctors Without Borders, Samaritan Befrienders, and Mind. Imi has two Master's degrees, one in Mental Health and one in Buddhist Studies.

She is trained in Jungian theories, philosophical counseling, mentalization-based treatment, solution-focused coaching, trauma-informed practices, and mindfulness-based modalities.

She has appeared in major publications such as *The Psychologies Magazine*, *Marie Claire*, *The Daily Mail*, and *The Telegraph*.

She runs Eggshell Therapy and Coaching and see clients internationally.



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Herald of a Restless World

How Henri Bergson Brought Philosophy to the People

Emily Herring

Keynote

***Herald of a Restless World* takes major events in French philosopher Henri Bergson's life and his key ideas as starting points to explore important, interesting, and often little-known aspects of 20th-century culture.**

Description

As heard on Radio 4's *Free Thinking*

The first English-language biography of Henri Bergson, the philosopher who defined individual creativity and transformed twentieth century thought.

At the dawn of the twentieth century, Henri Bergson became the most famous philosopher on earth. Where prior thinkers sketched out a predictable universe, he asserted the transformative power of consciousness and creativity. An international celebrity, he made headlines around the world debating luminaries like Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein about free will and time. The vision of creative evolution and freedom he presented was so disruptive that the *New York Times* branded him "the most dangerous man in the world."

In the first English-language biography of Bergson, Emily Herring traces how his celebration of the time-bending uniqueness of individual experience struck a chord with those shaken by modern technological and social change. Bergson captivated a society in flux like no other. Long after he faded from public view, his insights into memory, time, joy and creativity continue to shape our perceptions to this day. *Herald of a Restless World* is an electrifying portrait of a singular intellect.

Sales Points

- **PITCH:** An intimate biography of one of the most famous and influential French philosophers, who became a celebrity of his time.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Emily is an exciting young female academic with a PhD in the history and philosophy of science, who writes regularly for *TLS* and *Aeon*. She is an excellent fit for the Basic list.

Reviews

- 'Henri Bergson thought nothing could be learned about a philosopher's ideas by studying their life. Herring proves him very wrong in this engaging biography of the Parisian thinker who accidentally became an international celebrity' - Nigel Warburton, author of *A LITTLE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY*
- 'Thanks to Herring, Bergson is back - and it's about time' - Matthew Sweet, broadcaster and author
- 'With flair and verve, Herring unveils the life and philosophy of the enchanting and trailblazing icon of change and creativity: Henri Bergson. The result is a fascinating biography and magnificent revival of this brilliant thinker who was once the most influential philosopher in the world. Herring's beautifully compelling narrative shows how Bergson's ideas still hold the power to illuminate the human experience and the meaning of life' - Skye Cleary, author of *HOW TO BE AUTHENTIC*
- 'From perfumed ladies to the end-of-life mud baths, this beautifully written book tells the story of a seemingly unassuming, bowler-hatted Frenchman, whose philosophy would sweep the world. Its profound ideas - evolution, consciousness, time - are explored with depth and humour in a way that is, appropriately, creative and *new*. Herring has captured the magic *and* the mystique of Bergson' - Emily Thomas, author of *THE MEANING OF TRAVEL*

Author Biography

Emily Herring is a writer based in Paris. She studied philosophy at the Sorbonne and received her PhD in the history and philosophy of science from the University of Leeds. Her work has appeared in the *TLS* and *Aeon*.

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Blood and Treasure

The Economics of Conflict from the Vikings to Ukraine

Duncan Weldon

Keynote

How war and violence have shaped institutions, told by the author of *Two Hundred Years of Muddling Through*

Description

***Blood and Treasure* is the story of the economics of conflict from the Viking Age to the war in Ukraine.**

Wars are expensive, both in human terms and monetary ones. Since at least the 1640s, in the aftermath of the British Civil Wars, the phrase 'blood and treasure' has sought to encapsulate these costs.

Two economic notions, in particular, feature in this book: incentives and institutions. A rational look at incentives explains even the most seemingly irrational behaviour - and few things are as irrational as war. Crucially, incentives are not formed in a vacuum, they are shaped by the wider social, cultural and political context - the kind of things economists call institutions (i.e. the State). Over time institutions change and with them incentives change too. Together institutions and incentives shape and explain human behaviour. Over the long span of human history, nothing has shaped institutions - and hence economic outcomes - as much as war and violence.

Blood and Treasure examines why Genghis Khan should be regarded as the father of globalisation, how New World gold and silver kept Spain poor, why some economists think of witch trials as a form of 'non-price competition', how pirate captains were pioneers of effective HR techniques, how handing out medals hurt the Luftwaffe in the Second World War and why economic theories helped to create a tragedy in Vietnam. Along the way it considers why some medieval kings were right to arm their soldiers with inferior weapons, takes some management lessons from Joseph Stalin and asks if a culture of patronage and cronyism helped the Royal Navy rise to greatness. It also analyses the changing economic costs of war and asks whether war is always bad for the economy.

Sales Points

- *Two Hundred Years of Muddling Through* was a pick for the *Economist* books of the year 2021
- Weldon's last title had rave reviews from *Financial Times*, *Guardian* and *Sunday Times*
- *Freakonomics* meets economic history and war

Author Biography

Duncan Weldon is a writer and broadcaster. As a journalist he has previously covered the British and global economies at *The Economist* and the BBC as well as writing and presenting radio documentaries. An economist by background, he began his career at the Bank of England, before working in asset management and public policy. He is a member of the advisory board of the Centre for the Analysis of Comparative Advantage in the Global Economy at Warwick University. He is also a regular commentator on television and radio and writes for a variety of publications. His first book, *Two Hundred Years of Muddling Through*, was published in 2021.

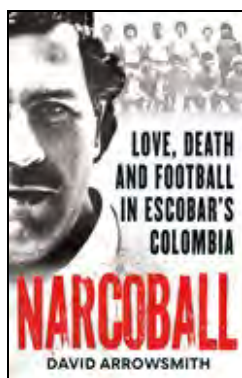
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Narcoball

Love, Death and Football in Escobar's Colombia

David Arrowsmith

Keynote

A gripping account of the chaotic period of Colombian football where cartels dictated results and players and referees died for drug lords' sporting obsessions.

Description

Pablo Escobar had one obsession. Not drugs, not money, not power... football.

Narcoball uncovers the incredible story of Colombian football during the early 1990s - shaped by drug lords, rivalries, and ambition. It uncovers a football empire backed by cartels - where victory was a currency of its own, and defeat, a matter of life and death.

This is a different story of Pablo Escobar and his rivals. A tale of clandestine deals that reshaped Medellin's football clubs, where fortunes were won and lost. It unveils the extraordinary bonds that Escobar forged with football's luminaries and why his influence reached unprecedented heights, leading to the astonishing 5-0 victory over Argentina in Buenos Aires, the murder of referees, and the ruthless coercion of officials culminating in the killing of Andrés Escobar - the Colombian defender who paid the ultimate price for an own goal in the 1994 World Cup. It is also an examination of a people's relationship with both the sport and the nefarious leaders that brought both pride and terror to their communities.

Set against the U.S War on Drugs, international threats, and government clampdowns, this is a gripping exploration of Colombian club football under Escobar's rise and fall.

Sales Points

- **Comparative Titles: Overseas Football:** A Season with Verona has sold almost 40,000 copies, The Miracle of Castel Di Sangro sold over 25,000 copies and Angels With Dirty Faces, our clearest comp, has sold over 7,000 in the UK alone.
- **Comparative Titles: Cartel Publishing:** Escobar: The Inside Story of Pablo Escobar has sold over 48,000 copies, and Pablo Escobar: My Father has sold over 21,000.
- **Global Audience:** Netflix's Narcos scored 15.6 million hours of viewing for the first season alone - making it one of most popular English-speaking dramas.
- **Anniversaries:** The year of publication will mark 75 years since the birth of Pablo Escobar (December 1949), and 30 years since Andrés Escobar was gunned down in Medellin (July 1994).

Author Biography

David Arrowsmith was the Director of Development at leading UK factual TV producer Zig Zag Productions. He has worked in television for over 20 years - developing unscripted ideas and acting as Executive Producer on key projects for companies such as October Films, DSP, Channel 5, Granada Television, and the BBC. He is passionate about history, and just some of his key commissions include '1966: Who Stole the World Cup?', 'Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty', '8 Days That Made Rome', and 'Adolf & Eva: Love & War'. He was also involved in the development of the award-winning, Nobel Peace Prize-nominated documentary 'Sri Lanka's Killing Fields'.

David was born and raised in London but is proudly half-Colombian. In fact, he is the great-grandson of a former president and directly descended from four more. He has played football for over 35 years and has no plans to stop just yet.

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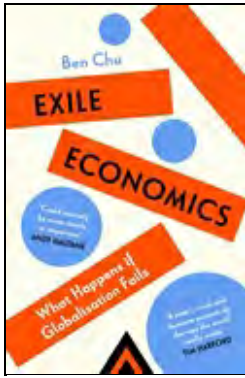
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Exile Economics What Happens if Globalisation Fails

Ben Chu
Keynote

A striving for national self-sufficiency is shaping up to be one of the greatest forces of twenty-first century geopolitics - *Exile Economics* is a provocative warning about the risks of abandoning globalisation and how isolationism weakens the global economy.

Description

'A smart, vivid and humane account of the way the world really works' TIM HARFORD

'This is the book to read if you want to understand what might be about to hit the world economy' EVAN DAVIS

The dangerous race for self-sufficiency has begun. Be warned.

Nations are turning away from each other. Faith in globalisation has been fatally undermined by the pandemic, the energy crisis, surging trade frictions and swelling great power rivalry. A new vision is vying to replace what we've known for many decades. This vision - *Exile Economics* - entails a rejection of interdependence, a downgrading of multilateral collaboration and a striving for greater national self-sufficiency. The supporters of this new order argue it will establish genuine security, prosperity and peace. But is this promise achievable? Or a seductive delusion?

Through the stories of globally traded commodities - from silicon to steel and from soybeans to solar panels - economics journalist Ben Chu illustrates the intricate web of interdependence that has come to bind nations together - and underlines the dangers of this new push to isolationism. *Exile Economics* is an essential guide to this new world in all its promise and peril.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** A punchy warning from an expert economist about the risks of abandoning globalisation. This is an exciting and original project with a fresh and provocative angle.
- **RISING STAR AUTHOR:** Ben is a brilliant, well-connected author with plenty of experience and connections with major media outlets. He is the Policy and Analysis Correspondent at BBC Verify, and was previously the Economics Editor of BBC Newsnight, and Economics Editor at *The Independent*. As an experienced journalist, broadcaster and speaker, he will be excellent for publicity.
- **AWARD RECOGNITION:** Ben was nominated for business journalist of the year at the British Journalism Awards, business commentator of the year at the Comment Awards, and his first book *Chinese Whispers* was nominated for International Affairs Book of the Year at the Paddy Power Political Book Awards.
- **COMPS:** *The Shock Doctrine* by Naomi Klein (9.9k HB, 115.8k pb); *Postcapitalism: A Guide to Our Future* by Paul Mason (15.2k HB, 52.1k pb); *The Crisis of Democratic Capitalism* by Martin Wolf (5.5k HB, 2.5k pb)

Reviews

- 'Ben Chu is a **brilliant** guide both to economic ideas and to hard economic reality. *Exile Economics* is a **smart, vivid and humane** account of the way the world really works - and the dangers that now face us all' - Tim Harford, author of *HOW TO MAKE THE WORLD ADD UP*
- 'A **superb and well-reasoned** discussion of the issue that may come to affect all our lives . . . This is the book to read if you want to understand what might be about to hit the world economy' - Evan Davis
- 'In this **beautifully written and researched** book, Ben Chu lays out clearly and compellingly why seeking self-sufficiency, in everything from food to energy, technology to talent, is more likely to undermine than strengthen growth and security given the interdependency of modern supply chains' - Andy Haldane, former chief economist of the Bank of England & Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts
- 'Ben Chu is one of the most **outstanding** economic journalists of our time. He writes with **brilliant clarity, diligence and compassion**' - Victoria Derbyshire, BBC Newsnight lead presenter

Author Biography

Ben is an experienced journalist, speaker and broadcaster who specialises in economics and current affairs. He is Policy and Analysis Correspondent at BBC Verify. Previously he was the Economics Editor of BBC Newsnight.

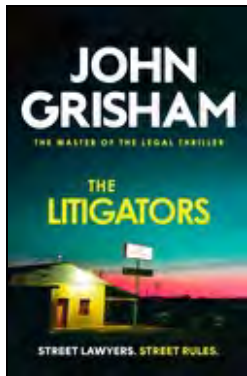
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The Litigators

John Grisham

Keynote

The bestselling legal thriller from John Grisham

Description

'A superbly plotted legal thriller' *Sunday Express*

Street lawyer. Street rules.

David Zinc lives life in the fast lane - until he unexpectedly veers off course.

Leaving behind his high-end job as a corporate lawyer, Zinc finds himself at Finley & Figg, an upstart firm of Chicago street-lawyers and ambulance chasers going head-to-head with Big Pharma.

Zinc has never entered a courtroom. He's never helped a client in desperate need. He's never handled a gun.

All that is about to change.

What readers are saying about THE LITIGATORS

'Unputdownable!' - **5 STARS**

'Vintage Grisham' - **5 STARS**

'Grisham at his best' - **5 STARS**

350+ million copies, **45** languages, **9** blockbuster films:
JOHN GRISHAM IS THE MASTER OF THE LEGAL THRILLER

Sales Points

- Over 650 x 5* reviews on Amazon
- THE WHISTLER was a Number One bestseller in both formats, and CAMINO ISLAND was a Number One bestseller in hardback.

Reviews

- 'Grisham is a **superb, instinctive** storyteller' - *The Times*
- 'Few writers have so much to say, the skills to make reading what they say an **irresistible pleasure** - and the clout to say it to an audience of millions' - *Independent*
- '**Enthralling characters and mesmeric plot**' - *Time Out*
- 'As **exciting** as a car chase with a load of **dynamite** thrown in' - *Daily Mail*

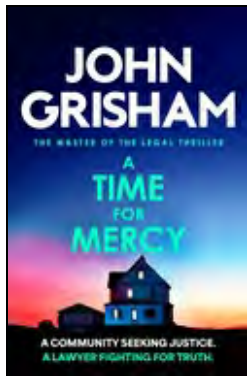
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He is the two-time winner of the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction and was distinguished with the Library of Congress Creative Achievement Award for Fiction.

John lives on a farm in central Virginia.



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A Time for Mercy

John Grisham

Keynote

The incredible, must-read thriller from international bestseller John Grisham

Description

'A master of plotting and pacing' *New York Times*

A community seeking justice. A lawyer fighting for truth.

Jake Brigance, lawyer hero of *A Time to Kill* and *Sycamore Row*, is back, in his toughest case ever.

Drew Gamble is a teenage cop killer.

He's now the most hated person in Clanton, Mississippi. He's adamant he shot the officer in self-defence. The town believes it was murder.

Everyone expects him to be sentenced to death. It falls to Clanton's most famous lawyer, Jake Brigance, to defend Drew against impossible odds.

And anything can happen when Jake Brigance is on the defence.

Starring the same hero and setting that featured in John Grisham's multi-million-selling bestsellers *A Time to Kill* (adapted as a film starring Samuel L. Jackson and Matthew McConaughey) and *Sycamore Row*, *A Time for Mercy* is an unforgettable thriller you won't be able to put down.

Reviews for A TIME FOR MERCY

'A new Grisham legal thriller is always an event, but this one is exceptional as the author is returning to Jake Brigance, the hero of his very first book, *A Time To Kill* . . . There is a lot of Grisham in Brigance - they were both street lawyers on the side of the people, not big corporations. It gives the book an emotional core that burns with a white heat' *Daily Mail*

'Suspenseful' *New York Times*

'When Grisham gets in the courtroom he lets rip, drawing scenes so real they're not just alive, they're pulsating' *Mirror*

'A superb, instinctive storyteller' *The Times*

'Storytelling genius ... he is in a league of his own' *Daily Record*

350+ million copies, 45 languages, 10 blockbuster films: JOHN GRISHAM IS THE MASTER OF THE LEGAL THRILLER

Sales Points

- The incredible hardback publicity campaign has shown the admiration and popularity John still possesses, with his readership only growing.
- THE GUARDIANS and CAMINO WINDS were both *Sunday Times* bestsellers.
- Loved and well-known character Jake Brigance returns in A TIME FOR MERCY, originally starring in A TIME TO KILL and SYCAMORE ROW.
- THE INNOCENT MAN by John Grisham is now a major six-part documentary series on Netflix.
- THE RECKONING has been in the bestseller charts for both hardback and paperback.

Reviews

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- 'Grisham, as always, delivers legal suspense in spades' - *Irish Independent*
- 'Grisham has the knack of lighting a slow-burning fuse that has readers gasping for the coming big bang of courthouse fireworks' - *Peterborough Telegraph*

Author Biography

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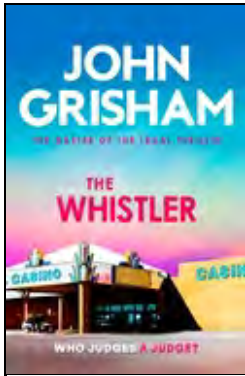
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The Whistler

John Grisham

Keynote

John Grisham will keep you on the edge of your seat with his electrifying number one bestseller.

Description

'Nail biting' *Daily Mail*

A corrupt judge is getting away with murder.

Lacy Stoltz investigates judicial misconduct in Florida. When she meets Greg Myers, an indicted lawyer, he tells her a secret that will put her in the firing line.

Myers has dirt on a judge in league with organised crime who has forced through legislation to build a casino on a Native American reservation. Anyone who opposed the crooked scheme is dead. Now, Myers wants Lacy to make the judge's crimes public.

But if she does, Lacy will be gambling with her life...

What readers are saying about THE WHISTLER

'Grisham really is the master of the legal thriller!' - 5 STARS

'A great read' - 5 STARS

'A thriller with plenty of action' - 5 STARS

'Another gripping tale' - 5 STARS

'Absolutely loved this book' - 5 STARS

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Sales Points

- Over 350 million copies of John Grisham's books have been sold worldwide
- The combined sales of GRAY MOUNTAIN come to nearly 450,000 copies.
- John Grisham was awarded the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction, an accolade given annually to a published work of fiction that best exemplifies the positive role of lawyers in society and their power to effect change.
- 'The best thriller writer alive' Ken Follett

Reviews

- 'No one does it better than Grisham' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'A master storyteller' - *Huffington Post*
- 'Leaves one eager for more' - *Spectator*
- 'John Grisham has perfected the art of cooking up convincing, fast-paced thrillers' - *Telegraph*

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Delizia The Epic History of Italians and Their Food

John Dickie

Keynote

A new, updated edition of the classic, much-loved history of the Italians and their food.

Description

'If only we could all write as brilliantly on Italy and its food as John Dickie does. He may well know Italy and Italians better than they know themselves' *Stanley Tucci*

The new edition of the much-loved classic, with a fresh chapter that brings the surprising and moreish tale of the Italian way of eating right up to the present.

Delizia! takes the reader on a revelatory historical journey through the flavours of the cities that shaped the Italian love for good eating. From the bustle of Medieval Milan, to the bombast of Fascist Rome; from the pleasure gardens of Renaissance Ferrara, to the putrid alleyways of nineteenth-century Naples. In rich slices of Italian life, *Delizia!* shows how violence and intrigue, as well as taste and creativity, went to make the world's favourite cuisine. With its mix of vivid story-telling, ground-breaking research and shrewd analysis, John Dickie's *Delizia!* is as appetising as the dishes it describes.

Sales Points

- This is THE book on the history of Italian food, **now with a new afterword** by the author.
- **Stanley Tucci** used John's book extensively in research for his hit TV series (he interviewed John in the series) and is a huge fan and has given us a wonderful quote to use on the front cover.
- John also hosted an **Amazon Prime series** in 2020 about the history of Italian food.
- We have other **excellent endorsements** from Angela Hartnett, Giorgio Locatelli and Francesco Mazzei.
- The recent successes of titles such as *Taste* by Stanley Tucci and *Cooking* by Jeremy Lee show **a market for beautifully packaged, smart food writing**.

Reviews

- "No one is more authoritative on the history of Italian food and its culture and the influence it has had on the world, ... an addictive read for anyone interested in the dolce vita." - *Angela Hartnett*
- "Food and culture of Italy come together in this fantastic and must-have book from John Dickie." - *Giorgio Locatelli*
- "John Dickie is the only non-Italian that we Italians would trust to write the history of the food we are so passionate about." - *Francesco Mazzei*
- "A brilliantly written in-depth exploration of the history Italian food- he may well know Italy and Italians better than they know themselves." - *Stanley Tucci*

Author Biography

John Dickie is Professor of Italian Studies at University College London. Hodder & Stoughton published his *Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia* in 2004, to ecstatic reviews. It became an international bestseller, with over 20 translations, and won the CWA Dagger Award for Non-fiction that year. Since then he has published *Delizia!: The Epic History of the Italians and their Food* (2007) - now a six-part TV series for H!Story Channel Italia and other networks worldwide. His most recent books are *Mafia Brotherhoods* (2011) and *Mafia Republic: Italy's Criminal Curse* (2013).

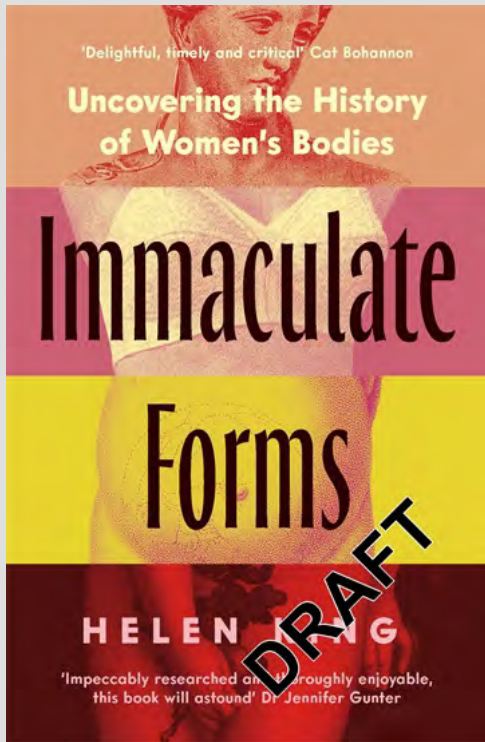
In 2005 the President of the Italian Republic appointed him a Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta Italiana.

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REVIEWS

'Dr King expertly weaves science, history, and culture to illuminate history and educate about the most misunderstood parts of our bodies...Impeccably researched, thoroughly enjoyable, and filled with moments of surprise, this book will astound' - Dr Jennifer Gunter, author of *THE VAGINA BIBLE*

'An impressively widely read study, lightened along the way with illuminating trivia and King's gentle wit' - Pippa Bailey, *New Statesman*

'Illuminating and scholarly ... [showing] again and again how men have charted women's bodies, examined and dissected those bodies, condemned those bodies ... King's thoughtful tome addresses how women - historically perceived as mysteries to themselves and those who would seem to know them - have been defined, and how their bodies by their very existence resist those definitions' - Erica Wagner, *Financial Times*

'Chock-full of wonderful, strange and amazing stories, King's book is a vivid history of how women's bodies have been understood - and misunderstood - over the centuries' - Mary Fissell, *BBC History Magazine*

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Immaculate Forms

Uncovering the History of Women's Bodies

HELEN KING

KEYNOTE

Journey into the complex medical and religious history of women's bodies from classical Greece to the modern day

SALES POINTS

- For readers of *Eve* (~10k TCM), *Unwell Women* (~38K TCM), *Medieval Bodies* (~22k TCM) and Angela Saini's *Inferior* (~23k)
- Helen King has been researching and teaching the history of the body for 40 years. The eminent expert on this subject, she is the only person poised to explore the symbiotic relationship between religion and medicine as, and their twinned history of gatekeeping women's bodies
- A historian's exploration of the turbulent history of bodies. As heated debates around what makes a woman continue to rage on, this book shows that we've never been able to agree on the identity of our bodies

DESCRIPTION

'Delightful, timely and critical' Cat Bohannon

'Expertly weaves science, history and culture to illuminate the most misunderstood parts of our bodies' Dr Jennifer Gunter

Throughout history, religious scholars, medical men and - occasionally - women themselves, have moulded thought on what 'makes' a woman. She has been called the weaker sex, the fairer sex, the purer sex, among many other monikers. Often, she has been defined simply as 'Not A Man'.

Today, we are more aware than ever of the complex relationship between our bodies and our identities. But contrary to what some may believe, what makes a woman is a question that has always been open-ended.

Immaculate Forms examines all the ways in which medicine and religion have played a gatekeeping role over women's organs. It explores how the womb was seen as both the most miraculous organ in the body and as a sewer; uncovers breasts' legacies as maternal or sexual organs - or both; probes the mystery of the disappearing hymen, and asks, did the clitoris need to be discovered at all?

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Helen King is a historian of medicine and the body, and has published on aspects of gynaecology and obstetrics from classical Greece to the nineteenth century for over forty years. She is professor emerita of classical studies at The Open University and has held visiting posts at the universities of Vienna, Texas, Notre Dame and British Columbia. She is vice-chair of Together for the Church of England, which campaigns on a range of issues including against discrimination on the grounds of gender or sexuality.



MICHELLE TEA **VALENCIA**
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'One of the few life-changing books I've encountered'
Torrey Peters, author of *Stag Dance*

REVIEWS

'*Valencia* is one of the few true life-changer books I've encountered. One of those books that gets casually slipped to you, and then, a couple hours later, you understand you've been living all wrong' - Torrey Peters, bestselling author of *Detransition, Baby*

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Valencia
MICHELLE TEA

KEYNOTE

A fast-paced account of one year in San Francisco's underground scene, filled with sex, drugs and the never-ending search for true love.

SALES POINTS

- The 25th anniversary edition of Michelle Tea's classic coming of age memoir - now with a foreword by Maggie Nelson, award-winning author of *The Argonauts*
- A raucous memoir tracing queer life in 90s San Francisco, for readers of *A Complicated Kindness* (TCM 10.7k) by Miriam Toews and *Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl* (TCM 12k) by Andrea Lawlor
- A cult author with fans including Eileen Myles, Torrey Peters, Kaitlyn Greenidge and Isabel Waidner
- *Valencia* received the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Fiction on first publication and this Classics edition is sure to receive strong coverage across the US and UK

DESCRIPTION

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Fleeing Tucson and her troublesome on-and-off ex-girlfriend, Michelle lands in queer San Francisco's riotous underbelly, stumbling through her early twenties in a haze of nightlife, drug adventures, scams and a string of hookups, break-ups and make-ups. As butches and dykes spin in and out of her orbit, she considers the force and casual cruelty of their desires and her own. Heady, beer-sticky and brimming with life, *Valencia* is a sharply observed and piercingly funny chronicle of a year lived close to the bone.

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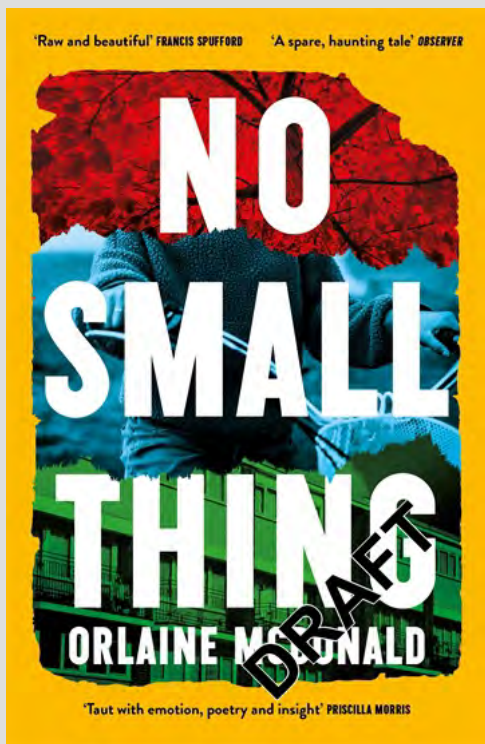
Michelle Tea is the author of over a dozen books, including *Black Wave*, *Knocking Myself Up*, and *Against Memoir*. *Valencia* received the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Fiction and was adapted into a feature film.

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'No Small Thing never lapses into sentimentality, earning every bit of its considerable pathos ... an accomplished novel that, in its very attention to the ordinary, is among the most unusual and refreshing debuts I have read this year' - Kieran Goddard, *Guardian*

'A spare, haunting tale' - *Observer*
'McDonald is skilled at investing her characters with complicated vitality ... This highly promising debut invests the small things that are so easily taken for granted with quietly shattering significance' - *Daily Mail*

'Impressively, McDonald never attempts special pleading or excusing, instead painting a bleak but toughly empathetic picture' - *Financial Times*

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No Small Thing

ORLAINE MCDONALD

KEYNOTE

An exceptional Black British debut filled with desire and jeopardy and set on a south London estate

SALES POINTS

- A taut, topical and gorgeously written debut set in South London - now in paperback
- Hugely acclaimed hardback publication lauded by critics in the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Financial Times* and more

DESCRIPTION

Three women. For one year they lived in the flat below Earl's on Blossom View Estate. Then there were two.

The Running Woman

Livia's been running for a long time, long enough to think her past might never catch up with her. But she was wrong. And now she's been forced to stop, to catch her breath and finally face the daughter she left behind.

The Firecracker

With hair as wild as her temper, Mickey is angry at a lot of things. For having a mother who left and a father who didn't fight hard enough to make her stay. She's angry at the mess she's in, and she's angry with herself. Because with no other place to go, she's forced to need the very person who chose to abandon her.

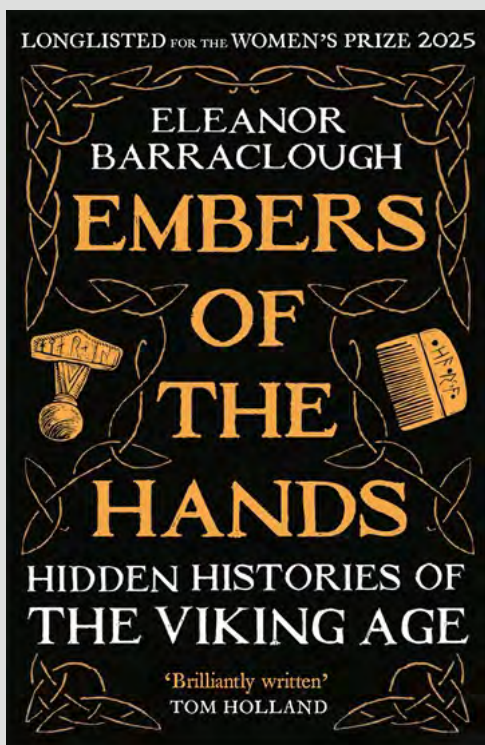
The Child

Summer has a new grandmother, but she is strange and now her mum is either angry, sad or drinking. She hates her new school and is always in trouble no matter how hard she tries. At least she's made friends with the boy from around the corner and the man who lives upstairs in his flat filled with plants.

Spanning a year, this is a novel of hope, desire and loss which explores the damage we do to the people we claim to love the most. Told with grace and compelling clarity, *No Small Thing* reveals tender truths about motherhood, the intersection of class and race and the legacies of the trauma we inherit.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Orlaine McDonald is a writer of mixed Jamaican and Irish heritage, and lives in London. This is her first novel.



REVIEWS

‘A rich trove ... This book brings us as close to an intimacy with a strange past as we are likely to get’ - *Financial Times*

‘Endlessly fascinating, authoritatively informative and, above all, great fun’ - *Times Literary Supplement*

‘If each individual artefact reveals relatively little, the enormous array Barraclough assembles... adds depth to the traditional portrait of Viking culture’ - *New Yorker*

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Embers of the Hands

Hidden Histories of the Viking Age: Longlisted for the 2025 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction

ELEANOR BARRACLOUGH

KEYNOTE

A "brilliantly written, brilliantly conceived" (Tom Holland) history of the Viking Age, told through the everyday objects of ordinary people

SALES POINTS

- Fresh and modern history from a rising star historian, who was a BBC New Generation Thinker, a Hay 30 Pick and has produced numerous BBC radio programs on the subject.
- Beautifully illustrated, full of surprising insights, *Embers of the Hands* tells the untold stories of everyday Viking life
- For readers of *River Kings* by Cat Jarman, Jack Hartnell's *Medieval Bodies* or Janina Ramirez's *Femina*.

DESCRIPTION

A *Times* best History Book of the Year 2024

'Every page glittering with insight... [a] wonderful book' **Dominic Sandbrook**
'Brilliantly written... evokes the wonder of an entire civilisation.' **Tom Holland**
'Takes us beyond the familiar into a real, visceral, far more satisfying Viking world.' **Dan Snow**

It's time to meet the real Vikings. A comb, preserved in a bog, engraved with the earliest traces of a new writing system. A pagan shrine deep beneath a lava field. A note from an angry wife to a husband too long at the tavern. Doodles on birch-bark, made by an imaginative child.

From these tiny embers, Eleanor Barraclough blows back to life the vast, rich and complex world of the Vikings. These are not just the stories of kings, raiders and saga heroes. Here are the lives of ordinary people: the merchants, children, artisans, enslaved people, seers, travellers and storytellers who shaped the medieval Nordic world.

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AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

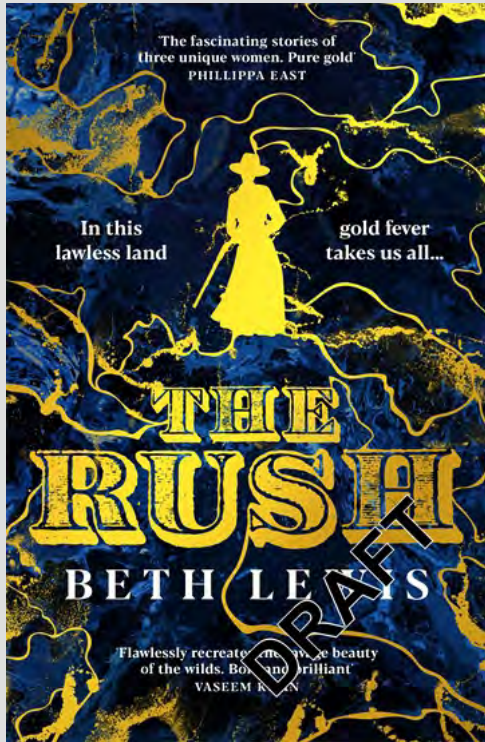
Eleanor Barraclough is a historian and broadcaster, and the author of *Beyond the Northlands: Viking Voyages and the Old Norse Sagas*. Based at Bath Spa University, she previously held academic positions at Oxford and Durham, and studied Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Cambridge. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a BBC New Generation Thinker. She lives in London.

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REVIEWS

'Lewis flawlessly recreates the savage beauty of the wilds - and the lives of those beholden to the exhilarating lawlessness of gold fever. A bold and brilliant novel' - Vaseem Khan, author of *THE UNEXPECTED INHERITANCE OF INSPECTOR CHOPRA*

'Perfectly captures that dangerous combination of chaos and desperation, and the three women's interlocking stories and their resilience and vulnerability were so well written' - Emma Curtis, author of *ONE LITTLE MISTAKE*

'An expansive and gloriously thrilling book told with such authenticity. Beth Lewis employs a rich palette to immerse the reader in the lives of the Klondike women. Masterful storytelling' - Marion Todd, author of *OLD BONES LIE*

'A wicked combination of spellbinding storytelling and a captivating plot that will capture the heart of any reader. *The Rush* is my top read of this year' - Lisa Hall, author of *BETWEEN YOU AND ME*

The Rush

BETH LEWIS

KEYNOTE

From the author of *The Wolf Road* comes a gripping historical novel about three women whose lives intertwine during the Yukon Gold Rush

SALES POINTS

- The gripping new novel from the author of *The Wolf Road* and *Children of the Sun*
- Based on the real lives of women in an era often dominated by male narratives
- Perfect for fans of Steph Penney by way of Kristin Hannah and C Pam Zhang

DESCRIPTION

'A rip-roaring adventure' - VASEEM KHAN

'My top read of the year' - LISA HALL

'Compelling, moving and highly immersive' - PHILIPPA EAST

Gold fever has taken him. I believe he means to kill me...

Canada, 1898. The Gold Rush is on in the frozen wilderness of the Yukon. Fortunes are made as quickly as they're lost, and Dawson City has become a lawless settlement.

In its midst, three women are trying to find their place on the edge of civilisation. Journalist Kate, along with her dog Yukon, has travelled hundreds of miles after receiving a letter from her sister warning that her husband means to kill her. Martha's hotel and livelihood are under threat from the local strongman, who is set on buying up the town. And down by the river, where gold shimmers from between the rocks, Ellen feels her future slip away as her husband fails to find the fortune they risked so much to seek.

When a woman is found murdered, Kate, Martha and Ellen find their lives, fates and fortunes intertwined. But to unmask her killer, they must navigate a desperate land run by dangerous men who will do anything for a glimpse of gold...

Rich in its setting and characters, *The Rush* is a gripping historical crime novel perfect for readers of Stef Penney by way of Kristin Hannah and C Pam Zhang.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Beth Lewis was raised in the wilds of Cornwall and split her childhood between books and the beach. She has travelled extensively throughout the world and has had close encounters with black bears, killer whales, and Great White sharks. She has been, at turns, a bank cashier, fire performer, juggler, and is currently the Publishing Manager at Rebellion. *The Rush* is her fifth novel. She lives in Oxford with her wife and daughter.

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Tangletree Mysteries: Peggy & Stu Hear Something Strange Book 3

Steve Roberts and Joel Stewart

Keynote

The third in a comic/graphic novel series for 5-8s following the adventures of Peggy the dog, who - when she enters Tangletree Woods on her walk every day - takes up her position as investigator of mysteries.

Description

Join Peggy the dog and her faithful sidekick, Stew the shrew, as they go on TWO brilliant adventures in Tangletree! This colourfully illustrated comic series is perfect for fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*.

Peggy the dog has a secret... every day, during her walk in the park, she scampers into Tangletree Wood and becomes a brilliant detective! No mystery is too tricky to solve for Peggy and her faithful sidekick, Stu. Join them for two twisty adventures.

Case 1: Tangletree Hooter

The woods around Tangletree are filled with strange creatures. But what keeps making the loud HOOTing sound echoing among the trees? Some of the townsfolk think it's a monster. Are they right? Only Peggy and Stu can find out!

Case 2: Vegetrouble

It's time for the Tangletree Annual Veg Growing Contest, and the townsfolk are getting VERY competitive. But things take a weird turn when the cucumbers explode, the potatoes float and the carrots go crazy! Can Peggy and Stu solve this mystery?

An ideal graphic novel series for readers starting to enjoy stories independently, visual readers and aspiring mystery solvers! And watch out for even more Tangletree mysteries, in *Peggy and Stu Investigate* and *Peggy and Stu Play the Wrong Notes*!

Sales Points

- Third title in a 3-book graphic novel series for readers aged 5+.
- Gentler in tone than many other graphic novels, this will appeal to fans of Winnie the Pooh and Ruper Bear as well as Isadora Moon and Hotel Flamingo.
- Created by Steve Roberts and Joel Stewart who have previously collaborated on TV animation including Abney & Teal and BOT and the Beasties.

Author Biography

Steve Roberts (Author)

Tangletree Mysteries is **Steve Roberts'** and Joel Stewart's first book collaboration. Previously to this they have collaborated on TV animation including Abney & Teal and BOT and the Beasties. **Steve** has also created DipDap (which won a Children's BAFTA) and Twirlywoos for Ragdoll. Before his work in television Steve was a freelance illustrator in comics.

Joel Stewart (Author)

Tangletree Mysteries is **Joel Stewart's** and Steve Roberts' first book collaboration. Previously to this they have collaborated on TV animation including Abney & Teal and BOT and the Beasties. **Joel** has also illustrated for Julia Donaldson, Michael Rosen, Michael Bond as well as his own picture books.

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Dr Maggie's Astronaut Adventure Activity Book

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Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (Illustrated By Chelen Ecija)

Keynote

A space-themed puzzle book written by award-winning scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (DBE).

Description

Written by renowned space scientist Dame Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, this fun, fact-filled activity book is packed with over 30 puzzles designed to put readers' astronaut skills to the test!

Activities include finding the kit to build a Mars rover, collecting all the floating objects on the International Space Station and a lunar landing sequence puzzle. Along the way, readers can learn all kinds of incredible things about life in space, from what astronauts have for dinner to what space smells like, and develop their own astronaut skills.

Also available in the series:

9781916763258 Dr Maggie's Around the Universe Activity Book

Sales Points

- Packed with over 30 puzzles themed around astronaut skills and space exploration. Topics include astronaut training, life on the International Space Station, spacecraft, and past and future space missions
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- All the facts are provided by Dr Maggie and written in her engaging and fun style
- The beautifully illustrated puzzles allow the reader to feel immersed in the world of outer space and bring this STEM subject to life in an interactive way
- Building on the success of *Dr Maggie's Grand Tour of the Solar System*, which was published in 2019 to rave reviews, is a BookTrust Pick and has sold over 60,000 copies in the English language, and *Am I Made of Stardust?*, which won the Royal Society Young People's Book Award 2023, was nominated for 'Best Children's Non-Fiction Book' at the British Book Awards, and sold over 35,000 copies in the English language

Author Biography

Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock PhD is a space scientist whose passion is presenting science to a general audience and demonstrating that you 'don't need a brain the size of a small planet' to understand, participate in and enjoy science.

She studied at Imperial College London, where she obtained her degree in Physics and her Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering. She has spent her career making novel, bespoke instrumentation in both the industrial and academic environments including working on the James Webb Space Telescope and various satellite monitoring climate change.

To further share her passion for science, in 2004 Maggie founded Science Innovation Ltd. Through this company she conducts public engagement activities, sharing her love of space and encouraging underrepresented communities to take up STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. To date Maggie has directly spoken to well over 600,000 people around the world. As well as public speaking she is a Bafta-nominated TV presenter, co-hosting the world's longest-running science television program *The Sky at Night*.

She is also an author, and her recent children's book *Am I Made of Stardust?* won the Royal Society book prize. Maggie also won the Institute of Physics gold medal for exceptional services to science education and physics communication; she was the President of the British Science Association and is the current Chancellor of the University of Leicester. She was made a Dame in the 2023 New Year's Honours list.

Illustrator Biography

Chelen Ecija

Chelen is an illustrator and a lettering artist based in Madrid, Spain. Painting and lettering are her passions and playing with letterpress type is her hobby. She is also addicted to travelling, eating sunflower seeds and buying new books. She has worked for numerous publishers including Penguin Random House, Scholastic and Hachette.

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The Tech Exit A Practical Guide to Freeing Kids and Teens from Smartphones

Clare Morell

Keynote

A road map to free your kids from the harms of digital technology and to recover the beauty, wonder, and true purpose of childhood - by a leading tech policy expert

Description

It's no secret that addictive digital technologies like smartphones and social media apps are harming a generation of kids socially, mentally, and even physically. But a workable solution seems elusive. After all, don't kids need phones, and won't they be vulnerable or socially isolated without tech?

Clare Morell, fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and director of its Technology and Human Flourishing Project, argues that the answer is 'no'. She exposes the lies parents have been sold about managing the dangers of tech through parental controls and screen-time limits, and demonstrates that another way is possible - even if your children are already using smartphones or social media.

The Tech Exit maps a doable pathway to freedom from digital technology for families, local communities, and society. Drawing on dozens of interviews with experts and with families who have gone tech-free, as well as Morell's own work as a policy expert, *The Tech Exit* shows how digital technology is anything but necessary for children to live happy, healthy, and socially full lives.

The Tech Exit is essential reading for any parent who has felt stuck between an awareness of the dangers of digital technology for kids and the feeling that tech is necessary and inevitable. Clare Morell's message is simple and compelling: You and your family can be free. The life you want for your children is within reach.

Sales Points

- Urgent topic receiving increasing amounts of media attention and the subject of a new campaign fronted by parents' forum Mumsnet
- The only book to show why, when and most importantly HOW to remove smartphones and digital media from your family's life
- Full of compelling statistics, studies and evidence-based research to back up the author's compelling case for a digital media-free childhood at all levels

Author Biography

Clare Morell is a Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) and director of EPPC's Technology and Human Flourishing Project. Her work and writing have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fox News*, *The New York Post*, *Newsweek*, *National Review*, *The Hill*, *The Dispatch*, *National Affairs*, *Washington Examiner*, *Deseret News*, *The Federalist*, *The American Conservative*, *Public Discourse*, *WORLD Opinions*, *American Affairs*, *The Washington Times*, and *The Daily Signal*. She frequently consults state legislators and members of Congress on technology policy, and has helped draft legislation to protect children online. She, her husband, and their three children live out their Tech Exit life together in Washington, D.C.

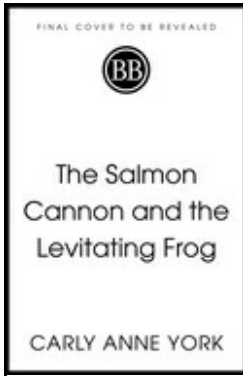
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The Salmon Cannon and the Levitating Frog And Other Serious Discoveries of Silly Science

Carly Anne York

Keynote

A playful examination of how science's silliest research leads to crucial breakthroughs and enduring insights.

Description

'York is a witty, whip-smart, lithely engaging science storyteller, truly one of our best'

Mary Roach, author of *Stiff and Fuzz*

A playful examination of how science's silliest research leads to crucial breakthroughs and enduring insights.

Why would anyone research how elephants pee? Or study worms who tie themselves into a communal knot? Or quantify the squishability of a cockroach?

Carly Anne York shows how unappreciated, overlooked and simply curiosity-driven science has led to breakthroughs big and small. Got wind power? You might have humpback whales to thank. Know anything about particle physics? Turns out there is a ferret close to the heart of it all. And if you want to keep salmon around, be thankful for that cannon! The research itself can seem bizarre, but it drives our economy. York invites us to appreciate the often-unpredictable journey of scientific exploration, highlighting that the heart of science lies in the relentless pursuit of knowledge for its own sake.

Emphasizing the hard work of the people behind the discoveries, this is an accessible, story-driven book that shows how important and exciting it is to simply let curiosity run wild.

Sales Points

- **STRONG CATEGORY:** The book is for readers of story-driven books, including Sam Kean's *The Icepick Surgeon*; Lucy Cooke's *Bitch*; Erika Engelhaupt's *Gory Details*; and more aspirational comps such as *Fuzz* by Mary Roach.
- **ACCOMPLISHED PUBLIC-FACING AUTHOR:** York knows how to tell a scientific story: She created an integrative science communication program at Lenoir-Rhyne University, where she is a professor of biology. She collaborated with TED-Ed on the creation of two science lessons: *How Squids Outsmart their Predators* and *The Frog that Knows You're Pregnant*, which have been viewed nearly 3 million views total. Additionally, she leads workshops around the country on using the powerful tool of storytelling to engage a general audience in the sciences.
- **UNIQUE ANGLE:** Most science books celebrate obviously big ideas in a self-serious way. York's focus on research that can seem ludicrous, pointless, or even absurd but which, nevertheless, had huge payoffs for knowledge, offers a unique perspective on how science works. This means an opportunity for real people to have real (mis)adventures in pursuit of their curiosity and their passion.

Reviews

- 'Bravo! Carly Anne York leaps to the defense of basic scientific research with wit, passion, and unabashed wonder. **Filled with insights and eureka moments**, *The Salmon Cannon and the Levitating Frog* is a **timely, thought-provoking, and thoroughly terrific read**' - Thor Hanson, author of *CLOSE TO HOME*
- **'York is a witty, whip-smart, lithely engaging science storyteller, truly one of our best.** This book is a celebration of curiosity and a spirited defense of the quirky endeavors it inspires. With clear but never dumbed-down explanations and an infectious taste for the surreal, York makes the case for pure inquiry -- showcasing the value and world-changing discoveries that come of asking why. Fascinating, entertaining, and a welcome antidote to the small minds of certain politicians' - Mary Roach, author of *STIFF* and *FUZZ*

Author Biography

Carly Anne York is currently an associate professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University. She received her PhD in ecological studies from Old Dominion University. She is also the author of two nonfiction science books for children, *A Day in the Life: Horses* and *Queens of the Jungle*. She lives in North Carolina.

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The Piano Player of Budapest A True Story of Holocaust Survival, Music and Hope Roxanne de Bastion

Keynote

The heart-breaking and inspiring true story of one man and his piano during the Holocaust, for fans of *The Choice* and *The Cut Out Girl*.

Description

One man, his piano and their miraculous survival.

'**Extraordinary**' Baroness Julia Neuberger

'**Powerful and gruelling ... an almost unimaginable story of horror and survival!**
Mail on Sunday

'**Stunning. A beautiful blend of action, poetry, thought-provoking comment and music ... just brilliant!**' James Ainscough OBE

'**A gripping narrative of suffering, loss and survival, with music at its heart!**
Fiona Maddocks

All future, freedom and success lay ahead of young pianist Stephen de Bastion in 1930s Hungary. Life whirled headily around cocktails, romance, applause and the buzz of Budapest late into the night. Then, 1939. Stephen's world disintegrates and this becomes a story of his brutal descent, of his time in labour camps, of Mauthausen and Gunsckirchen and the unimaginable horrors he endured during the Holocaust as a man of Jewish descent. Yet, this is also a tale of extraordinary escape ... and the piano, waiting for him.

The same piano that Roxanne de Bastion, his granddaughter, inherits when her father dies. It has been in the family over one hundred years but it is only when, deep in grief, she discovers a cassette recording of Stephen, that the astonishing history of the piano, the man and her family begins to unravel. Weaving together his original recordings, unpublished memoirs, letters and documents, Roxanne sings out her grandfather's story of music and hope, lost and found. Luminous and profoundly moving, this book captures the great spirit of one man in the face of darkness and the hope that echoes down through generations.

Sales Points

- A rare and special event in biography, deeply layered storytelling and unforgettable characters - with the broad appeal of *The Choice* and *The Hare with Amber Eyes*.
- A haunting and beautiful family tale that echoes through generations, but also resonates with readers today on contemporary issues - themes of immigration, persecution, hope and loss.
- Lead title for 2024 backed by an ambitious campaign and an accompanying album release - the perfect sweet spot for reading group non-fiction, brilliant endorsements, prizes, events and reviews.

Reviews

- 'I loved this [book]. I expected it to be a more gruelling read, but actually it was very emotional but also very approachable. One can hear Istvan/Stephen's voice and his grand-daughter has done him proud. An extraordinary story, and one that lingers in the mind...' - Baroness Julia Neuberger
- 'A remarkable story of survival... told with such humanity and lyricism' - Kevin Brennan MP
- 'Stunning. A beautiful blend of action, poetry, thought-provoking comment and music... just brilliant' - James Ainscough OBE
- 'Painfully moving' - *Kirkus Reviews*

Author Biography

Roxanne de Bastion is a critically acclaimed singer-songwriter and artist advocate. She has released two albums that have been championed by the likes of Iggy Pop and Steve Lamacq. Her music has garnered praise in the *Observer*, *NME*, *Record Collector* and *Rolling Stone Germany*, and her pioneering DIY artistry and activism have been featured in the *Metro*, *Huffington Post*, LBC and Sky News. Roxanne has toured with Katie Melua, Howard Jones, Lambchop and Martha Wainwright and has performed at Latitude, Glastonbury and Cambridge Folk Festival. Roxanne sits on the board of the Featured Artist Coalition and the PPL Performer Board, where she represents artists' rights. She is the founder of the independent artist conference FM2U (From Me to You) and hosts a radio show on North London's Boogaloo Radio. *The Piano Player of Budapest* is her first book.

Market

Readers of titles like *Lily's Promise*, *The Twins of Auschwitz*, *The Choice*, *The Cut Out Girl*.

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for colored girls who have considered suicide / when the rainbow is enuf

With an introduction by Bernardine Evaristo

Ntozake Shange

Keynote

A revolutionary, award-winning, hugely influential choro-poem about the experiences of Black women, with an introduction from Bernadine Evaristo

Description

'Inspiring. Emotionally charged. Ground-breaking' BERNARDINE EVARISTO

'A revelation. I am so thankful to Ntozake Shange for seeing us, reflecting us and showing us how beautiful we can be' JESMYN WARD

'Encompassing, it seems, every feeling and experience a woman has ever had' NEW YORKER

The Lady in Red has adored her lover for 8 months, 2 wks, & a day, but now she is leaving. The Lady in Blue has an abortion, all alone. The Lady in Brown can read fifteen books in three weeks.

The Lady in Purple has met a man, and is finally being real. The Lady in Yellow was a virgin, until she spent her graduation night driving around in a black Buick with boys. And the Lady in Orange has to dance to keep from crying and dying.

Written in 1975 and immediately hailed as a masterwork, this 'choro-poem' is made up of monologues detailing loss, betrayal, love and community. A passionate and fearless portrait of black womanhood in the twentieth century, it resonates with deep emotional power and unusual beauty.

A W&N Essential

Sales Points

- **AN EXTRAORDINARY, CANONICAL TEXT:** Shange's amazing choro-poem is on university reading lists and continues to inspire readers today.
- **HIGH PROFILE FANS:** this book is beloved by writers and artists across the cultural sphere, including Bernardine Evaristo, Hilton AS, Toni Cade Bambara, Jesmyn Ward, Tyler Perry and the star-studded cast of the [film adaptation](#) (Whoopi Goldberg, Janet Jackson, Kerry Washington, Thandiwe Newton, Loretta Devine and Anika Noni Rose).
- **A KEY INSPIRATION FOR BOOKER PRIZEWINNER *GIRL, WOMAN, OTHER*:** Evaristo, who has produced a new introduction for this edition, was inspired by Shange's choro-poem when writing her own polyphonic novel.
- **W&N ESSENTIALS:** The latest title on W&N's list of hand-picked literary jewels, following on from Elspeth Barker's *O Caledonia*, Helen Garner's *The Children's Bach* and Susanna Moore's *In the Cut*.
- **CURRENT THEATRICAL ADAPTATIONS:** a 2022 Broadway production of *for colored girls* was nominated for seven Tony awards. The text was also the inspiration for 2024's runaway West-End success, *For Black Boys Who Have Considered Suicide When The Hue Gets Too Heavy*, which has had four sold-out runs.

Reviews

- **'Extraordinary ... Ntozake Shange writes with such exquisite care and beauty'** - *New York Times*
- **'Celebrates the capacity to master pain and betrayals with wit, sister-sharing, reckless daring, and flight and forgetfulness if necessary'** - Toni Cade Bambara
- **'A cannon-creating work that illuminates the lived experience of Black women. First conceived in 1974, it is rightfully revered for its unquantifiable influence'** - *Guardian*

Author Biography

Ntozake Shange (1948-2018) was a poet, novelist, playwright, and performer. She wrote the Broadway-produced and Obie Award-winning FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE / WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF, as well as numerous works of fiction, including SASSAFRAS, CYPRESS & INDIGO; BETSEY BROWN; and LILIANE.

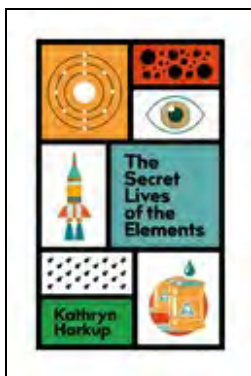
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The Secret Lives of the Elements

Kathryn Harkup

Keynote

An exploration into the fascinating stories and personalities of 52 of life's essential building blocks.

Description

'The perfect book to escape our human-sized existence and take a tour of the atomic world instead.' Helen Arney, science comedian and broadcaster

When we think of the periodic table we picture orderly rows of elements that conform to type and never break the rules. In this book Kathryn Harkup reveals that there are personalities, passions, quirks and historical oddities behind those ordered rows, and shows us that the periodic table is a sprawling family tree with its own black sheep, wayward cousins and odd uncles. The elements in the periodic table, like us, are an extended family - some old, some newborn, some shy and reticent, some exuberant or unreliable.

Dr Harkup tells the weird and wonderful stories of just fifty two members of this family - remarkable tales of discovery, inspiration and revolution, from the everyday to the extraordinary. Some elements are relatively anonymous; others, already familiar, are seen in a new light; and old friends have surprising secrets to share. From our green-fingered friend magnesium to the devil incarnate polonium, this eclectic collection of engaging and informative stories will change the way you see the periodic table for ever.

Sales Points

- Beautifully and engagingly written by a reliable expert author.
- Provides an at-a-glance overview of each element, highlighting key characteristics of each entry.
- This gifty new package offers a new approach to a perennially strong area of publishing.

Reviews

- 'A **delightful and engaging** treasure trove of a book that brings the chemical elements to life and gives them personalities of their own. A wonderful read for young and old alike to get you inspired by chemistry.' - Professor Jim Al-Khalili
- 'The **perfect book to escape** our human-sized existence and take a tour of the atomic world instead.' - Helen Arney, science comedian and broadcaster.

Author Biography

Kathryn Harkup is a chemist and author. Her first book was the international best-seller, *A is for Arsenic*. She has also written about the science of Frankenstein in *Making the Monster*, all the ways to die in a Shakespeare play in *Death By Shakespeare* and investigated the scientific background to horror's most famous fiend in her most recent book *Vampirology*.

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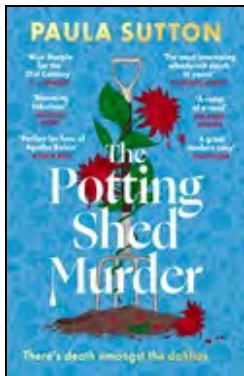
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The Potting Shed Murder

A totally unputdownable cosy murder mystery

Paula Sutton

Keynote

There's death amongst the dahlias... The totally gripping and delightfully quirky debut cosy crime novel by cottage-core queen and social-media sensation Paula Sutton, the creator of Hill House Vintage.

Description

'Miss Marple for the 21st Century. Loved it. A must-read' S.J. BENNETT

Welcome to the sleepy village of Puttling Corner, a quintessentially English haven of golden cornfields, winding cobbled lanes ... and murder.

Daphne Brewster has left London behind and is settling into her family's new life in rural Norfolk, planting broad beans in raised beds and vintage hunting for their farmhouse.

But when the local headmaster is found dead in his potting shed, amongst his allotment cabbages, the village is ablaze: Who would kill beloved Mr Papplewick, pillar of the community? Daphne soon comes to realise perhaps the countryside isn't so idyllic after all...

When the headmaster's widow points her finger at Minnerva, Daphne's new friend, Daphne vows to clear her name. Sneaking into the crime scene and chasing down rumours gets her into hot water with the local inspector - until she comes across a faded photograph that unearths a secret buried for forty years...

They say nothing bad ever happens in close-knit Puttling Corner, but Daphne is close to the truth - **dangerously** close...

There's death amongst the dahlias... A truly unputdownable, twist-packed whodunnit that is perfect for fans of Richard Osman, Janice Hallett and Richard Coles.

'Reminiscent of Poirot . . . Daphne Brewster is easily the most interesting whodunnit sleuth in year' **Paterson Joseph**

'Blooming fabulous! The perfect book to get lost in . . . The cosiest of cosy crime' **Veronica Henry**

'A village of secrets, a cast of zany characters: this is a romp of a read that warms the heart' **Orlando Murrin, author of Knife Skills for Beginners**

'A really fun, fast-paced and atmospheric whodunnit. Perfect for fans of Agatha Raisin' **Jessica Bull, author of Miss Austen Investigates**

'Begs to be read in the cosiest of spaces' **Tasha Coryell, author of Love Letters to a Serial Killer**

'A great modern cosy' **Ian Moore, author of Death and Croissants**

'Delightful . . . Charming and fresh' **Kuchenga Shenjé, author of The Library Thief**

'I absolutely loved it! Utterly absorbing. Daphne is such a brilliant protagonist, I couldn't help but love her. And that twist!' **Lisa Hall, author of The Mysterious Double Death of Honey Black**

'The most wholesome whodunit I've ever read . . . I loved it!' **Stephanie Yeboah**

'Such a fun cosy crime mystery with a really exciting ending! I hope that we're going to see Daphne solving more crimes in the future!' **Kate Weston, author of You May Now Kill the Bride**

'A quintessentially English murder mystery. Paula Sutton brings a new voice to the cosy genre with her fresh take and witty twist on modern village life. Vintage crime!' **Jo Furniss, author of Dead Mile**

'An utterly delightful whodunnit unfolds in this pitch-perfect cosy mystery. Absolutely glorious!' **Victoria Dowd, author of The Smart Woman's Guide to Murder**

'Beautiful, mesmerising and immensely satisfying, *The Potting Shed Murder* shows us how

even the most idyllic places can hide secrets. Rich in detail and bursting with warmth, I read this book well into the night, finding myself unable to put it down. Sutton is a master storyteller' **Awais Khan, author of *No Honour and Someone Like Her***

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Sales Points

- Paula Sutton is the creator of Hill House Vintage, the Instagram account with over 500k followers, 84k TikTok followers with 1.6m likes, and 19k YouTube subscribers.
- Paula upped and left her glamorous London life (where she worked in fashion publishing) over ten years ago to move to Hill House in Norfolk with her family. Since then, Paula has curated a beautiful country home, mixing new with vintage, and is the creator of popular blog and Instagram account, Hill House Vintage.
- Paula is a cosy crime super-fan and her debut novel is written completely by her - not a ghostwriter in sight! Named by *Vogue* as the happiest influencer on Instagram, this joyful and quirky cosy crime novel couldn't be a more perfect fit for Paula's brand.
- Paula is a monthly contributor to *Country Homes and Interiors*, is a regular on *This Morning*, was part of a Channel 4 show *Millionaire Hoarders*. She has built up an impressive portfolio of brand partnerships, such as Lancome, Liberty London, Fortnum & Mason, John Lewis and The White Company.

Reviews

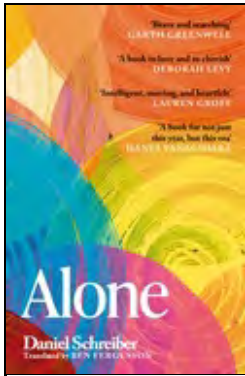
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- 'Delightful ... Charming and fresh' - *Kuchenga Shenjé, author of *The Library Thief**
- 'Miss Marple for the 21st Century. Loved it' - *S.J. Bennett, author of *The Windsor Knot**

Author Biography

Paula Sutton is the face behind Hill House Vintage, with over half-a-million Instagram followers. Named by *British Vogue* as the 'happiest influencer on Instagram', Paula is a vintage-hunting interiors stylist, author, columnist and television personality showcasing her wonderful cottage-core and cosy Norfolk life through a lens. Paula upped and left her glamorous London life - where she worked in fashion publishing - over ten years ago to move to Hill House in Norfolk with her family. Since then, Paula has curated a beautiful country home, mixing new with vintage, to find her perfect aesthetic, and is the creator of the popular blog, Hill House Vintage.

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Alone On different ways of living

Daniel Schreiber
Translated by **Ben Fergusson**

Keynote

An intelligent and profoundly moving book about friendship, loneliness and the enduring myth of romantic love - for fans of *The Lonely City* and *The Cost of Living*.

Description

'A book to love and cherish'

Deborah Levy, author of *The Cost of Living*

'A beautiful writer and, just as important, a beautiful thinker'

Hanya Yanagihara, author of *A Little Life*

'Friendship is, in fact, as much the topic of this book as aloneness'

Sarah Bakewell, *Guardian*

At no time before have so many people lived alone, and never has loneliness been so widely or keenly felt. Why, in a society of individualists, is living alone perceived as a shameful failure? And can we ever be happy on our own?

Drawing on personal experience, as well as philosophy and sociology, Daniel Schreiber explores the tension between the desire for solitude and freedom, and for companionship, intimacy and love. Along the way he illuminates the role that friendships play in our lives - can they be a response to the loss of meaning in a world in crisis? A profoundly enlightening book, *Alone* explores how we want to live.

Sales Points

- **DANIEL IS INCREDIBLY WELL-CONNECTED:** friends with Hanya Yanagihara, Octavia Bright and chaired events for Gabrielle Zevin when her book tour took her to Germany. Fans of his work include Douglas Stuart and Brandon Taylor, followed on Instagram by the likes of Megan Nolan and Lauren Oyler.
- **AN AVAILABLE AUTHOR:** He is fluent in English and used to live in London - he visits regularly.
- **OPPORTUNITY IN SECOND FORMAT:** The HB ed has sold 1k copies despite no real push to publish from the small indie who published it last year [according to Daniel]. The launch event for ALONE was held in Waterstones Gower Street, in conversation with Deborah Levy, organized by Daniel. The translator also organized an event at Gays the Word. Foyles have been selling it in low numbers but steadily.

Reviews

- 'This is **a book to love and to cherish. Daniel Schreiber is such a skilled and engaging writer.** Without sentimentality, he digs into the taboo subject of loneliness - societal, personal, existential; the salvation of hiking, the many dimensions of friendship, the solace of literature, the value of kindness, the pleasures of solitude. You will meet Nietzsche, Sappho, Arendt - and perhaps you will meet yourself, walking in the hills, thinking about new ways to live.' - Deborah Levy, author of *The Cost of Living*
- '**Beautifully written and elegantly constructed**, *Alone* explores the tension between our desire for the freedom of solitude, and the draw of companionship, and questions how we might disentangle ourselves from inherited ideas about how to live. Romantic love is this relentless grand narrative in our culture but it's only one way of living - what about the grand narrative of friendship? **I absolutely loved reading it!**' - Octavia Bright, author of *This Ragged Grace*
- 'The most moving, memorable books are the ones that attempt to answer questions that the author has been struggling with for his entire life. In *Alone*, Daniel Schreiber - **a beautiful writer and, just as important, a beautiful thinker** - explores the questions of not just his life, but our age: Who am I if no one loves me? What are the limits of friendship? How does one live with deep and profound loneliness? **This is a book for not just this year, but this era**' - Hanya Yanagihara, author of *A Little Life*
- 'Blends passages of memoir with scholarly and literary references to explore the author's existence as a single gay man who often feels he is living outside standard social models . . . Friendship is, in fact, as much the topic of this book as aloneness. Schreiber writes interestingly about it, drawing a contrast between its polymorphic freedoms and the 'grand narratives' of love and family . . . *Alone* follows a "small" spirit itself; it takes only brief dips into its sources, and does not drive towards any climactic answer . . . **Beautiful images and insights bounce up along the way.**' - Sarah Bakewell, *Guardian*

Author Biography

Daniel Schreiber born in 1977, is the author of three previous books, including *Susan*



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Youthjuice American Psycho meets The Substance in this gripping fem-gore

E.K. Sathue

Keynote

AMERICAN PSYCHO meets THE SUBSTANCE in this outrageous, hilarious, indulgently nasty 'girl horror' novel for the goop generation.

Description

'youthjuice got under my (ever-aging!) skin and might stay there for a very long time' CJ LEEDE

'My Year of Rest and Relaxation meets The Neon Demon - youthjuice is a nail-biting story of friendship, self-esteem, and transgression' JENNA CLAKE

'Staggeringly brilliant and biting honest . . . his novel is a blood-smeared mirror. What truth will it reflect back to you?' RACHEL HARRISON

American Psycho meets The Substance in this outrageous body horror for the goop generation

A 29-year-old copywriter realises that beauty is possible - at a terrible cost - in this surreal, satirical send-up of NYC It-girl culture.

From Sophia Bannon's first day on the Storytelling team at HEBE, a luxury skincare/wellness company based in New York City's glitziest neighbourhood, it's clear something is deeply amiss. But Sophia, pushing thirty with plenty of skeletons in her closet next to the designer knock-offs, doesn't care. Though she leads an outwardly charmed life, she aches for a deeper meaning to her flat existence - and a cure for her brutal nail-biting habit. She finds it all and more at HEBE, and with Tree Whitestone, HEBE's charismatic, sinister founder and CEO.

Soon Sophia is addicted to her HEBE lifestyle, especially youthjuice, the fatty, soothing moisturiser Tree has selected Sophia to test in top secret. But the unsustainability of HEBE's system is rapidly growing apparent, and Sophia is going to have to decide how far she's willing to go to stay beautiful forever...

Glittering with ominous flashes of Sophia's coming-of-rage story, former beauty editor E.K. Sathue's horror debut is as hilarious as it is stomach-churning in its portrayal of literally all-consuming female friendship and capitalism's short attention span. You'll never moisturise the same way again.

'A certifiable page-turner' PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'A stomach-turning work of corporate horror' KIRKUS REVIEWS

Sales Points

- **CROSS-GENRE APPEAL:** It has a little bit of everything: scares and light gore, a toxic workplace, and real commentary on today's toxic wellness culture, the whiteness and size-ism shaping beauty culture. It's also beautifully written and has real cross-genre appeal - readers of literary fiction are just as likely to pick up YOUTHJUICE as thriller and horror fans.
- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR/EARLY BLURB CAMPAIGN:** EK Sathue has written for a variety of online publications including Bustle and has extensive connections in the beauty world, having been a top beauty editor there for years - blurbs have been pouring in, and SoHo is expecting even more.
- **U.S. EXTENSIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN:** This is a lead title for the US and they're planning extensive marketing spend that will include a huge galley mailing to maximise coverage, bespoke out-of-the-book beauty products, and goop lookalike adverts. They're targeting social media influencers in the beauty industry as well and are confident this will be huge. We'd love to match their enthusiasm with similar influencer activation as soon as possible.

Author Biography

E.K. Sathue is a pseudonym for the author Erin Mayer. A native New Yorker, she wrote her first haunted house story in Mr. Palladino's third-grade class and never looked back. Her work has appeared in a variety of online publications including Bustle, Travel + Leisure, Better Homes & Gardens, Literary Hub, CrimeReads, Business Insider, and Man

Publication date **Thursday, June 05, 2025**
Price **£9.99 / ₹599**
Main Identifier **9781408749241**
BIC 2.1 **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Horror & ghost stories (FK)**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **288 pages**
Word Count **75000 words**
Illustrations **N/A**
Exclusively for Sale **Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **New York**
Author born in **US**
Author living in **US**

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**



Sausage Dog Surfer Book 2

Bella Swift (Illustrated By Kelly Caswell)

Keynote

Come along on a paw-fect summer holiday with Stanley the sausage dog!

Description

Stanley the sausage dog puppy is off to the seaside for the first time! But Stanley feels left out by the cool dogs at the beach because he doesn't even know how to doggy-paddle. Can Stanley become one of the gang, or will his attempts to make friends be a total wipeout?

A heartwarming summer holiday story about how you should always be yourself.

With adorable black and white illustrations throughout, *Sausage Dog Surfer* is a fun summer time story from the author of *THE PUG WHO WANTED TO BE A UNICORN*.

Sales Points

- From the author of the best-selling *The Pug Who Wanted to Be...* series.
- Sausage dogs are the 5th most popular dog breed in the UK.
- Adorable black line illustrations throughout.
- Short chapters are perfect for newly independent readers, or for sharing aloud.
- A perfect summer holiday beach read for dog lovers.

Author Biography

Bella Swift is a children's book editor who has written many successful children's book series under a variety of pen names. She lives in London with her husband, her two daughters and a pet cat - but dreams about getting a dog!

Publication date	Thursday, June 05, 2025
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408374450
BIC 2.1	Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) Swimming & water sports (Children's / Teenage) (YNWW) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Holidays & seasonal interest (5H) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)

CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	Sausage Dog Series
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Sausage Dog Santa

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



Publication date	Thursday, June 05, 2025
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781510112445 Science fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFG) Uganda (1HFGU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Series	Transcendent
Exclusively for Sale Not for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK Can; USA
Author living in	South London

Transcendent: Dark Swarm (Book 2) An edge-of-your-seat, high-octane adventure

Patrick Gallagher

Keynote

What if you could save the world from climate change? The second edge-of-your-seat, high-octane adventure from Patrick Gallagher, starring introverted Jacob and hot-headed Kira, as they embark on a high-tech mission like no other. JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD. Perfect for fans of Vashti Hardy and LOST IN SPACE (Netflix).

Description

JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD. Join twin geniuses Jacob and Kira on an out-of-this-world mission to protect the planet in the second book in the Transcendent series.

Jacob and Kira have been launched into space by a top-secret agency called Transcendent. Their mission? Finish work on an invention with the power to clean up the Earth and stop climate change for good.

But they soon lose all communication with mission control and discover that a mysterious creature is closing in on them.

Meanwhile, an evil billionaire is determined to get rid of Transcendent so he can unleash a terrifying, mind-bending technology on the planet.

With two disasters looming, how will Jacob and Kira save the day when everything is at stake?

Two kids, one top-secret agency and an epic mission to save the world.

Praise for Book 1:

'A fun, action-packed thriller with a brother-sister duo that I really loved.' - David Owen, author of the Alex Neptune series

Sales Points

- Fulfils our strategy to acquire the best middle grade content, particularly with a skew to boy readers and strong representation
- High-octane adventure with cliffhanger ending makes this the perfect series build
- Agent reports strong interest from film and TV - most of the scenes lend themselves to the big-screen. Think rocket-launches, car-chases, defeating giant tarantulas...
- Diversity and representation are an important part of the stories Patrick tells, and he has drawn on his own experience, being of dual heritage and his love of all things technologically advanced to tell this amazing story

Author Biography

Patrick Gallagher is a primary school teacher from South London with roots in Goa in India and Donegal in Ireland. He studied English and American Literature with Creative Writing in both Kent and Maynooth and is a keen artist and violinist in his spare time.

Like lots of Goans of that generation, Patrick's mother was born and raised in Uganda and the time he himself has spent there inspired the spectacular backdrop to *Transcendent*.

Jacob and Kira's story has been years in the making. It draws not only on Patrick's experience of dual heritage but every science-fiction and adventure story he devoured as a child, every *Doctor Who* episode and *Spider-Man* cartoon, every comic or short story he scribbled on scrap paper, every daydream on long car journeys.

To Patrick's class and every other child reading *Transcendent*, he would like to say this: if you love writing stories, keep going.

You never know. You might just never stop.

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Flora Stormer and the Magic Feather Book 3

Isabella Harcourt

Keynote

Flora Stormer is digging up the past in ancient Egypt! A magical and self-affirming adventure with a neurodiverse heroine for readers aged 7+.

Description

Flora Stormer has a brush with death when she finds an ancient Egyptian amulet and meets Rana, the ghost of its former owner! Rana needs Flora's help - she's afraid tomb raiders will steal the magical feather given to her by the god Horus. The powerful feather would be very dangerous if it fell into the wrong hands . . .

Flora's relaxing Nile cruise becomes a race through the desert as she searches for Rana's hidden tomb. From angry hippos to lethal booby-traps, there is danger at every turn!

Can Flora find the feather and protect it for eternity?

Sales Points

- A magical, action-packed adventure story with a neurodiverse main character.
- Authentic voice - like her heroine, the author has Tourette's Syndrome. Includes note from author with information about Tourette's.
- Popular influencers on TikTok, such as Evie Meg, and pop musicians such as Lewis Capaldi and Billie Eilish have raised awareness of Tourette's Syndrome. This story is filling a gap in the market for fiction exploring this condition.
- Exotic flora and fauna brought to life with beautiful black and white illustrations throughout by Hannah McCaffery.
- Story includes ancient Egyptian mythology, as studied in Key Stage 2.

Author Biography

Isabella Harcourt was a finalist in the Penguin Random House/Daily Mail First Novel Competition in 2018. She has worked in children's publishing and mentored for the Society of Young Publishers. She lives near Southampton with her two cats, who are her harshest critics. Flora Stormer is her first book for children.

Publication date **Thursday, June 12, 2025**

Price **£7.99 / ₹499**

Main Identifier **9781408370056**

BIC 2.1 **Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) Personal & social issues: disability & special needs (Children's / Teenage) (YXK) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)**

CBMC **C3N79**
Age **7-9 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**
Character Tie In **Non-character Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **198x129**
Extent **208 pages**
Word Count
Series **Flora Stormer**
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author living in **Southampton**

Previous Titles

Flora Stormer and the Golden Lotus
Flora Stormer and the Mystic Pearl

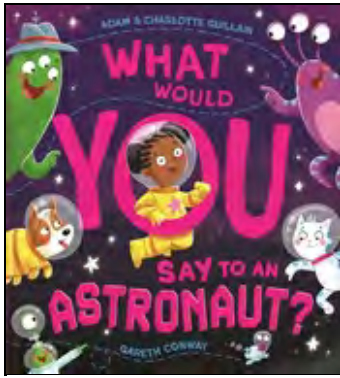
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Publication date	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781444970661
BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)
CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	275x250
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

What Would You Say to a Dinosaur?

What Would You Say to an Astronaut?

Adam and Charlotte Guillain (Illustrated By Gareth Conway)

Keynote

What would YOU say to Astronaut Grace, on a quest for the best doggy treat up in space?

Description

Time is running out and Astronaut Grace and her trusty canine sidekick, Jojo, need to get to Planet Woof fast! But first they must navigate their way through an intergalactic funfair, avoid a collision with a bus full of aliens, and win a lightning-fast space race, all with a few extra passengers on board.

With hilariously nonsensical questions and answers, unpredictable space drama and plenty to spot on every page, this picture book is huge fun to read aloud and is sure to become a family favourite.

Sales Points

- An interactive picture book filled with nonsensical questions, silly answers and plenty of mayhem.
- The second title, following *What Would You Say to a Dinosaur*, in an exciting trend-led series by duo Adam and Charlotte Guillain, whose books have sold in over ten languages.
- Enormous fun to read aloud with vibrant busy spreads, illustrated by the award-winning Gareth Conway.

Author Biography

Adam Guillain (Author)

Adam has written novels, short-stories, scripts, songs and has penned over 40 picture books with his wife, Charlotte, including the award-winning *Spaghetti with the Yeti*, from their home in Oxford.

He is a former early-years teacher and teacher-trainer, writer-in-residence at the Roald Dahl Story Centre and a co-founder of Storytelling Schools.

Adam is now Creative Lead at Dewie, a high-quality Ed-tech school-readiness program that features Adam presenting picture books, oral stories and songs alongside a number of well-known Cbeebies celebrities.

Charlotte Guillain (Author)

Charlotte says she doesn't come from anywhere because she moved around a lot when she was growing up. She always wanted to be a writer and worked as a bookseller before training to teach English as a Foreign Language. This took her to the Czech Republic and Ukraine, before she headed to Zanzibar to teach English to student nurses. On her return to the UK, Charlotte moved to Oxford where she started working in publishing before going freelance and writing children's non-fiction. She now writes picture books and young fiction, both with her husband Adam, and on her own.

Gareth Conway (Illustrator)

Gareth Conway is an illustrator and animation character designer. He graduated from University with a degree in animation and has worked in children's television animation ever since. Gareth started working on illustration projects in 2007, in that time he has illustrated joke books, activity books, sticker books, educational reading books, poems, puzzles, young fiction books and most recently picture books, including the bestselling *Greg the Sausage Roll* books. Gareth lives in Devon with his wife and daughter.

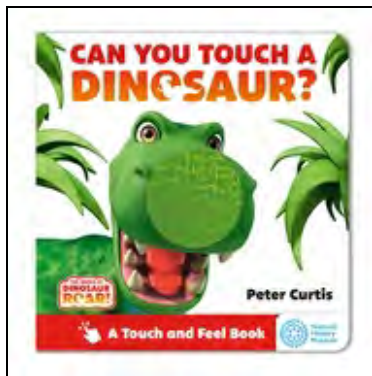
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The World of Dinosaur Roar!: Can You Touch a Dinosaur?

Peter Curtis

Keynote

Turn the pages to discover awesome dinosaurs and amazing facts in this rhyming touch and feel book by Peter Curtis, part of The World of Dinosaur Roar! series, in association with the Natural History Museum.

Description

Can you touch a dinosaur? Read the rhyming text, touch the textured patches and learn fun facts about some of your favourite dinosaurs!

Turn the pages to discover awesome dinosaurs and amazing facts in this rhyming touch and feel book by Peter Curtis, part of The World of Dinosaur Roar! series, in association with the Natural History Museum.

From scales to horns, feathers to armour, *Can You Touch a Dinosaur?* introduces textures to help us imagine what dinosaurs may have felt like. With wonderful rhyming text, dinosaur facts and bright illustrations, this fun touch and feel book will bring toddlers closer than ever to their favourite dinosaurs.

Meet five friendly dinosaurs from *The World of Dinosaur Roar!* in this Touch and Feel book by Peter Curtis. Little ones will enjoy touching the textured patches as they meet dinosaurs with rough scales, soft feathers, lumpy armour, hard horns and a sticky tongue!

Written and created by Peter Curtis, author of *What Dinosaur Am I?*, *Can You Touch a Dinosaur?* is part of *The World of Dinosaur Roar!* series. Inspired by the classic picture book, *Dinosaur Roar!* by Paul Stickland and Henrietta Stickland, this colourful series introduces a cast of authentic dinosaur characters to very young children. All facts are approved by the Department of Earth Sciences at the Natural History Museum in London.

Sales Points

- Dinosaur Roar! has a strong track record over the last 30 years with a TC M in 2022 of 11k and a lifetime TC M of over 146k
- The World of Dinosaur Roar! brand is endorsed by the Natural History Museum and covers everything from dinosaur nature trails to gifts, toys, clothing, accessories and stationery and more.
- There are a number of marketing and publicity plans surrounding the 30th Anniversary year in 2024, including music, animation and live events.

Author Biography

Peter Curtis is a best-selling author, award winning producer and creator of children's characters, books and television series known and loved around the world.

With over a million book sales to his name, Peter is the creator and author of the popular children's book series, *The World of Dinosaur Roar!* published by Hachette Children's Group and produced in association with the Natural History Museum.

Peter has written 15 books so far in The World of Dinosaur Roar! series including *Dinosaur Roar and Friends!* which was specially created for the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day 2022. His latest book, *What Dinosaur Am I? A Lift-the-Flap book* is frequently in the best-selling books for children on Dinosaurs.

Publication date **Thursday, June 19, 2025**
 Price **£8.99 / ₹699**
 Main Identifier **9781408373026**
 BIC 2.1 **Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNNA) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**

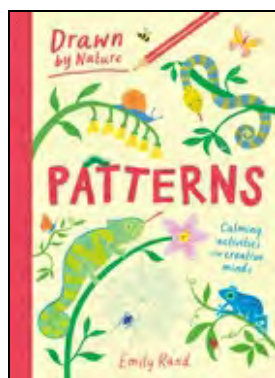
CBMC **A5K69**
 Age **0-5 years**
 Subject **Non-fiction**
 Type **Board / Bath / Rag Book**
 Character **Character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **A5K69**
 Format **210x210**
 Extent **12 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **The World of Dinosaur Roar!**
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

- The World of Dinosaur Roar!** board book series:
- 1: Dinosaur Roar! The Tyrannosaurus rex
 - 2: Dinosaur Boo! The Deinonychus
 - 3: Dinosaur Munch! The Diplodocus
 - 4: Dinosaur Stomp! The Triceratops
 - 5: Dinosaur Snap! The Spinosaurus
 - 6: Dinosaur Flap! The Oviraptor
 - 7: Dinosaur Whack! The Stegosaurus
 - 8: Dinosaur Whizz! The Coelophysis
 - 9: Dinosaur Honk! The Parasaurolophus
 - 10: Dinosaur Squeak! The Compsognathus
 - 11: Dinosaur Bash! The Ankylosaurus
 - 12: Dinosaur Chew! The Iguanodon

With four new titles coming in the range!



Publication date	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Price	£9.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781510231443 Colouring & painting activity books (YBGC) Wildlife (Children's / Teenage) (YNNR) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ)

CBMC	C5L79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	289x210
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; S Am; USA

Drawn by Nature: Patterns

Emily Rand

Keynote

An art activity book about the incredible patterns found in nature, designed to help bring a little bit of calm into your day.

Description

An art activity book celebrating the amazing array of patterns that can be found in the natural world.

In part, this is a colouring book in reverse - instead of colouring in the shapes, you get to fill in shapes with patterns. Combining creativity and calming repetition, this is an activity book to help you feel grounded, relaxed and inspired. A wealth of other activities awaits as well - try creating your own patterns inspired by the incredible shapes you find in nature and draw your own details onto the natural scenes.

Ranging from the mesmerising stripes of a zebra to the tessellating patterns of a turtle's shell and swirly, spiral ferns, this book is bursting with plant and animal life that's just begging for some extra detail to be added. It's perfect for anyone who likes to doodle or who loves noticing the little details in our world.

As an added bonus, each page also has some extra info on why these extraordinary patterns exist in nature, whether it's for camouflage, to attract a mate, or even to defend themselves.

Sales Points

- Perfect for parents looking for calming activities for their children, as well as fans of adult colouring titles
- Encourages children to take a closer look at the natural world, teaching them to be observant and developing their curiosity
- Includes natural history facts around patterns in nature, as well as some handy drawing tips and a useful guide to art materials

Author Biography

Emily Rand studied illustration at Camberwell College of Arts and the London College of Communication. After graduating she worked with children and young people teaching art and running creative workshops in schools, galleries and museums. Inspired by the beautiful and unusual books in the children's bookshop Chantelivre in Paris, Emily was inspired to start creating picture books in her free time.

In 2012 she entered her illustrations to the illustrator's exhibition at Bologna Children's Book Fair, her work was selected and nominated for the prestigious Bologna Illustrator's Award. The selected illustrations became her first picture book, *A Dog Day*, published in 2014 by Tate Publishing. Since then she has written and illustrated six books published by Tate Publishing, Thames & Hudson and Flying Eye, her books have been translated into many languages and sold all over the world (including in the Chantelivre bookshop in Paris!).

In 2019 Emily was selected by the Children's Laureate, Lauren Child, to be featured in Drawing Words, an exhibition of contemporary UK children's book illustration.

Emily lives in east London and works from a studio nearby in an old carpentry factory.

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 Price **£12.99 / ₹699**
 Main Identifier **9781510112537**
 BIC 2.1 **Comic strip fiction / graphic novels (Children's / Teenage) (YFW) Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN)**

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

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **224 pages**
 Word Count
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

JAMIE
 Artezans - The Forgotten Magic
 Artezans - The Whispering World
 Stepfather Christmas
 The Biggest Christmas Secret Ever
 The Strangeworlds Travel Agency
 The Strangeworlds Travel Agency: The Edge of the Ocean
 The Strangeworlds Travel Agency: The Secrets of the Stormforest

Kickflip Vol. 1
A heartfelt graphic novel about LGBTQ+ identity, acceptance and friendship

L.D. Lapinski (Illustrated By Logan Hanning)

Keynote

School girl. Skater boy. What if neither label fits? A poignant LGBTQ+ graphic novel about self-discovery, skateboarding and finding your true community of friends, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.

Description

School girl. Skater boy. What if neither label fits? A poignant LGBTQ+ graphic novel about self-discovery, skateboarding and finding your true community of friends, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.

At school, Elliot gets bullied for being 'different to other girls' whereas at the skate park, everyone welcomes Elliot - presuming they're male - but neither label feels *right*.

As Elliot's love of skateboarding and friendships grow, their worlds collide at a sports expo where the school netball team *and* skate crew are competing. Can Elliot find the courage to share what they've learned about non-binary identity? Will best friend Jess or the skateboarding crew accept Elliot for who they are? And what about Ryan, the skater who Elliot has been feeling increasingly close to?

The first volume of a new graphic novel series that will steal your heart!

Sales Points

- An inclusive, truly warm and hopeful own-voices narrative illustrated by exciting new artist whose works celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with expressive, free-flow skate-inspired black-and-white graphics.
- Emotionally charged, engaging YA graphic novel that further builds LD's profile as one of the most important children's and YA authors writing queer stories today. Carnegie nominated for ground-breaking standalone *Jamie*, LD's first graphic novel showcases the breadth of their prolific talent in writing warm, inclusive narratives that sensitively explore identity for both middle-grade and young adult readership.
- First in a graphic novel duology with more gentle romance, identity exploration and real-life YA to come in Vol. 2 in June 2026.
- LD's STRANGEWORLDS series was one of the most successful middle-grade debut series published over the lockdown period - sold it into more than 17 territories worldwide

Reviews

- 'A sensitive, moving 9+ story about fighting for acceptance and change.' - *Imogen Russell Williams, The Guardian, praise for JAMIE*
- 'An inspirational story of a young person finding the strength and resilience to be exactly who they are.' - *The Scotsman, praise for JAMIE*
- 'A stupendous, witty, humane fantasy . . . an inventive, compelling world and characters I would die for. LD Lapinski is a genius!' - *Praise for Artezans, Louie Stowell, author of 'Loki' series*
- 'Fabulous, hopeful, important' - *Emma Carroll, praise for JAMIE*

Author Biography

L.D. Lapinski (Author)

L.D. Lapinski lives in the Scottish Highlands with their family, a lot of books, and a cat called Hector. They are the author of *The Strangeworlds Travel Agency* and *Artezans* trilogies, the standalone novel *Jamie*, *The Biggest Christmas Secret Ever* and *Stepfather Christmas*. They have also written for BBC's *Doctor Who* books, and write stories for grown-ups as Lucy Lapinska.

L.D. collects tattoos and Sanrio merch, enjoys watching the wildlife from their office window, and when they grow up would like to be a free-range guinea pig farmer.

You can find them on social media @ldlapinski or at ldlapinski.com

Logan Hanning (Illustrator)

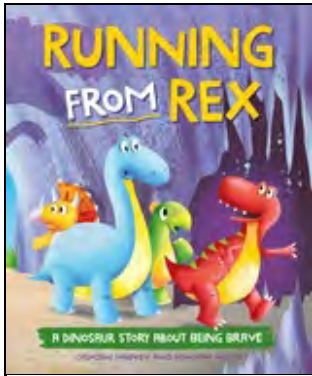
Logan Hanning is a comic artist and illustrator based in Shropshire, UK, originally from America. After graduating from Kutztown University, Pennsylvania with a degree in Art Education and Fine Art, they worked in Falun, Sweden as a textile and art teacher before studying for an MA in Illustration at Nottingham Trent University, then teaching as an Art Facilitator in Telford. Throughout their years of teaching, they've found that working with students lends authenticity to their work as they design characters that reflect younger generations. Their experience living and teaching in multiple countries has helped them better understand people and the ties that connect all of us. Logan has been creating comics on everything from notebook paper to Post-it notes since



their childhood. For them, comics are a language - how they process feelings, and experiences and connect with others. Logan's current work celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and challenges how we engage with gender in society and within ourselves. By working with traditional materials like dip pens and combining textures with digital elements, their comics have a hand-drawn feel which hopefully evokes memories of reading comics in the Sunday pages. They hope to keep creating comics and sharing them with others forever.

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A Dinosaur Story: Running from Rex
A Dinosaur Story about Being Brave
Damian Harvey (Illustrated By Hannah Wood)

Keynote

The *A Dinosaur Story* series follows a group of dinosaur friends who, through getting themselves in and out of some sticky situations, learn about good manners and behaviour

Description

Each book in the *A Dinosaur Story* series follows a group of dinosaur friends who get into some sticky situations but in doing so, helps them to learn about good manners and behaviour.

In *Running from Rex*, Deano and his friends are playing hide-and-seek and it's Deano's turn to count. But while he's trying to find them, he's told to run because the biggest, baddest *T-Rex* is looking for a dinosaur to eat. Will Deano leave his friends and run for safety? Or be brave and try to help them?

The *A Dinosaur Story* series is great to read aloud or to share with friends and family. Each book includes notes for parents, teachers and care-givers which give suggestions for how to reinforce and extend understanding of the message of each book.

The series also supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is suitable for use with children in KS1. Suitable for children aged 3+.

Sales Points

- Original stories by author Damian Harvey, who has written more than 150 books for children
- Humorous illustrations by Hannah Wood bring the dinosaur characters to life
- Includes notes for parents, teachers and carers to help start discussions around the topics

Author Biography

Damian Harvey lives in North Wales with his lovely wife, Vicky. He has three wonderful daughters, one brilliant boy and a cat called Polly. He has written more than 130 books for primary school aged children and is busy writing more. When he isn't writing, Damian loves visiting schools, libraries, bookshops, festivals and anywhere that will have him, where he shares stories, talks about writing and gets people excited about books and reading. You can find out more about Damian by visiting <http://www.damianharvey.co.uk> and follow him on Twitter @damianjharvey

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CBMC	A3N79
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Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	236x195
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	A Dinosaur Story
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Not for Sale	Can; USA

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A Dinosaur Story: Valley Adventure A Dinosaur Story about Patience

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Keynote

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In *Valley Adventure*, Seren finds it hard to be patient. Mum's eggs will hatch very soon and she can't wait to find out if she will have a new brother or sister. Mum tells her to go out and play. Her friends tell her there are some new dinosaurs to meet in the valley so rushes on ahead of them to go and find them. On the way, she meets some scary velociraptors, falls off a tree branch into a river and scares away the fish her new friends were patiently trying to catch. Eventually, she learns the rewards of being patient.

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Hannah Wood (Illustrator)

Hannah is from England but grew up in the Netherlands and Norway. She returned to England to study politics and history at university, until the moment she finally saw the light and, after a spell as a graphic designer, followed her first love - illustration.

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Interest age: from

c 3 years (5AC)

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Curriculum Early

Years (4KHA)

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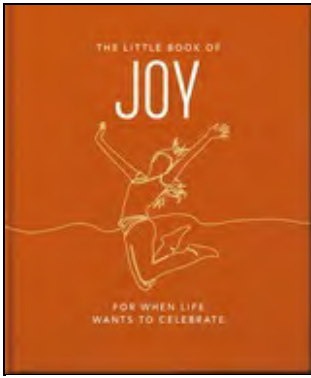
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The Little Book of Joy For When Life Wants to Celebrate

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A delightful collections of quotes and facts that celebrate the beauty of life's most uplifting moments.

Description

It can feel like there's not much joy in the world at the moment, but this charming little book is the perfect antidote. Packed with the positivity needed to brighten your day, designed to inspire, motivate and bring a smile to your face, making it the perfect companion for anyone seeking a bit of daily cheer. With pearls of wisdom and timeless advice from the world's greatest thinkers, writers and leaders, this tiny tome is full of joyous insight and uplifting affirmations to help you capture that inner contentment and elation.

From finding joy in the small everyday things to thought-provoking reflections on happiness, this book can be dipped into when a little boost of joy is needed. Whether bought as a gift or as a self-purchase, this small but mighty book is sure to spread joyous energy everywhere.

Sales Points

- A perfect pick-me-up self-purchase or gift for a loved one, this little book is sure to brighten anyone's day.
- Sits alongside the other Little Books on Calm, Positive Affirmations, Balance, Happiness, Hope, and many others.
- When worldwide events have been causing stress and unhappiness, this is a timely book to help people recapture some joy.

Author Biography

The **Orange Hippo!** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.

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The Little Guide to The Tour de France

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

A little guide packed with quotes, facts and trivia about one of the most prestigious sporting events and the biggest cycling race in the world.

Description

The Tour de France has been thrilling people and challenging cyclists for well over a century and is seen by many to be the pinnacle of cycling achievements. From the controversies to the coloured jerseys and the mountain climbs to the sprints, the Tour de France is one of the most iconic sporting events in the world and makes headline news every year.

With fascinating tidbits and remarkable stories behind this prestigious and grueling event from dramatic victories to heart-wrenching defeats, this tiny tome dives into the legendary riders, epic battles and memorable moments along with the passion, perseverance and passion of this thrilling race.

Whether an armchair fanatic or a cycling champion, this *Little Guide to the Tour de France* has something for everyone. Packed with quotes, facts and trivia, it's the ultimate companion to the ultimate challenge.

Sales Points

- Netflix's *Tour de France: Unchained* has done for the Tour de France what *Drive to Survive* did for F1 - create a new legion of fans and reinvigorated the sport. Season 2 is set to be released in June 2024.
- One of the biggest sporting events in the world, the 2023 Tour de France featured riders from 27 countries and is one of the most watched sporting events worldwide.
- The perfect gift for the cycling fan in your life.
- Sits alongside the other sports Little Books, including Formula One, The Ashes, Golf, and Cricket.

Author Biography

The **Orange Hippo!** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.

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Main Identifier	9781035422647
BIC 2.1	Gift books (WZG) France (IDDF) Sporting events & management (WSB)
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Format	137x113
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

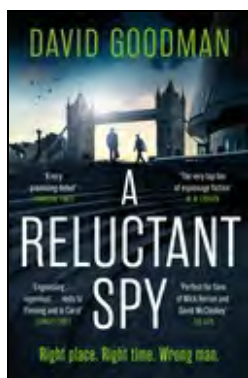
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Price	£10.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781035416028
BIC 2.1	Espionage & spy thriller (FHD) Political / legal thriller (FHP) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	UK, France, Tanzania
Author born in	Scotland
Author living in	Scotland
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A Reluctant Spy

A gripping spy thriller 'perfect for fans of Mick Herron and David McCloskey' (THE SUN)

David Goodman

Keynote

A gripping spy thriller perfect for fans of **Charles Cumming, David McCloskey and Mick Herron.**

Description

RIGHT PLACE. RIGHT TIME. WRONG MAN.

'Engrossing...ingenious...Goodman combines traditional elements - the nods to Buchan, Fleming and le Carré - with the topicality of 2020s technology and the threat from Russia' SUNDAY TIMES, THRILLERS OF THE MONTH

'A gripping debut, perfect for fans of Mick Herron and David McCloskey' THE SUN

'A twisty storyline and convincing action scenes make this a very promising debut' FINANCIAL TIMES

'In the very top tier of espionage fiction' M. W. CRAVEN

Jamie Tulloch is a successful exec at a top tech company, a long way from the tough upbringing that drove him to rise so far and so quickly.

But he has a secret...since the age of 23, he's had a helping hand from the Legend Programme, a secret intelligence effort to prepare impenetrable backstories for undercover agents. Real people, living real lives, willing to hand over their identities for a few weeks in return for a helping hand with plum jobs, influence and access.

When his tap on the shoulder finally comes, it's swiftly followed by the thud of a body. Arriving at a French airport ready to hand over his identity, Jamie finds his primary contact dead, the agent who's supposed to step into his life AWOL and his options for escape non-existent.

Pitched into a deadly mission on hostile territory, Jamie must contend with a rogue Russian general, arms dealers, elite hackers, CIA tac-ops and the discovery of a brewing plan for war. Dangerously out of his depth, he must convince his sceptical mission handler he can do the job of a trained field agent while using his own life story as convincing cover.

Can Jamie play himself well enough to avoid being killed - and to avert a lethal global conflict?

'An excellent debut with terrific pace...will grip you to the end' JAMES SWALLOW

'A twisting, edge-of-your-seat tale of mercenaries, greed, corruption, and espionage' I.S. BERRY

'I was on the edge of my seat the whole time' ANTONY JOHNSTON

'A rip-roaring page-turning keep-you-up-all-night thriller' NICHOLAS BINGE, author of ASCENSION

'Smart, riveting, and eerily prescient' SUNYI DEAN, Sunday Times Bestselling author of THE BOOK EATERS

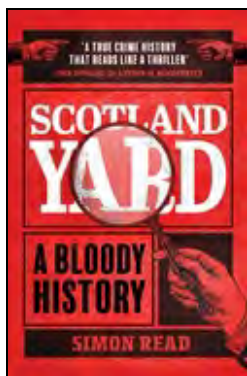
'A pulse-pounding, twisting thrill-a-minute read that Slow Horses fans are going to absolutely love' ADAM SIMCOX

Sales Points

- **A GRIPPING SPY THRILLER FROM AN EXCITING NEW TALENT** Intelligent, authentic and propulsive - with a unique premise - this is quality espionage fiction perfect for readers that love Mick Herron, Charles Cumming, David McCloskey and Dov Alfon.
- **A HUGELY COMPETITIVE TV/FILM AUCTION** There were 8 offers from major UK production companies, eventually won by Carnival Films, producers of Downton Abbey and The Last Kingdom.
- **FANTASTIC CRITICAL RECEPTION IN THE MEDIA** Arriving to great acclaim, it was praised by the **Sunday Times** as combining 'traditional elements - the nods to Buchan, Fleming and le Carré - with the topicality of 2020s technology and the threat from Russia'. **The Sun** called it 'perfect for fans of Mick Herron and David McCloskey' while the **Financial Times** said it was 'a very promising debut'.
- **HUGE GROWTH IN POPULARITY OF SPY THRILLERS IN BOOKS, FILM & TV** From THE NIGHT AGENT to SLOW HORSES, there's been a massive resurgence in the appetite for espionage thrillers.

Author Biography

David Goodman is an author of espionage and speculative fiction. He lives in East Lothian,



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Scotland Yard A Bloody History

Simon Read

Keynote

A fascinating yet gruesome look at the bloody history that helped shape Scotland Yard and modern crime-fighting into what it is today.

Description

'A true crime history that reads like a thriller . . . A macabre and fascinating page-turner' John Douglas, bestselling co-author of *Mindhunter*

'A great true crime history that reads like one of the best page-turning thrillers . . . Riveting' *Sunday Post*

'*Scotland Yard: A Bloody History* is beautifully researched, elegantly written, and brimming with vivid characters and detail' Daniel Stashower, bestselling author of *American Demon*

'Triumphant . . . Indispensable for anyone drawn to true crime and the darker districts of history' Lindsey Fitzharris, bestselling author of *The Butchering Art*

'*Scotland Yard* is a riveting and novelistic deep dive into the true history of one of the world's great institutions . . . essential reading for anyone even mildly curious about the history of investigative technique' Alex Grecian, bestselling author of *The Yard*

Katherine Webster: dismembered and gutted her former employer, boiling the parts down into a sludge and selling it to the local pub as the 'best dripping'.

George Joseph Smith: married several women under different aliases, only to drown each of them while they bathed.

Patrick Mahon: swept pregnant Emily Kay off her feet and brought her to his house of horrors, where he chopped her up into 37 different pieces and torched her bones.

From the torched bones to the dismembered bodies hidden in haystacks, London has been home to some of the most gruesome murders in history. Based on official case files, trial transcripts and first-hand accounts, *Scotland Yard* follows some of their most notorious murders to look at how they pushed the police force to its limit, forcing them to grow and develop new techniques.

Filled with stories of decapitation, public executions, poisoning and more, *Scotland Yard* is a fascinating look into some of the most horrific crimes in history and how they've shaped the police force into what it is today.

Sales Points

- From 'The Corned Beef Killer' to the 'Charing Cross Trunk Murder', this is the first book to collate all these stories into one volume, bringing to life the history of Scotland Yard through its most gruesome cases.
- From podcasts to Netflix documentaries, true crime has achieved all new heights of popularity with fans constantly looking for more. *Scotland Yard* builds on this by tapping into the darkest and most morbid parts of it all - decapitation, poisoning, mutilations and more.
- For fans of Jack the Ripper-style murder stories like *The Suspicions of Mr Whicher* (390k TCM), *The Scotland Yard Puzzle Book* (24.8k TCM) and *The Five* (122k TCM).

Author Biography

Simon Read is the author of nine previous works of non-fiction, his most recent being *The Iron Sea*.

His books *Winston Churchill Reporting: Adventures of a Young War Correspondent* and *Human Game: Hunting the Great Escape Murderers* have been optioned for screen adaption.

Originally from Britain, he currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona.



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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	400 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Book locale	Florida/New York/Canada
Author living in	United States

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The Six Murders of Daphne St Clair

Mackenzie Common

Keynote

A dark and twisty mystery thriller debut, set against the true crime podcast backdrop that sparks discussions about female murderers and public opinion of serial killers. For fans of the satirical bite of *How to Kill Your Family* and the historical sweep of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.

Description

PRE-ORDER NOW!

Meet Daphne St Clair: glamorous ninety-year-old grandmother, care home resident, and your new favourite serial killer.

Meet Ruth Robinson: broke, depressed, aspiring true crime podcaster.

When Daphne confesses to killing a number of men throughout her lifetime, she chooses Ruth to produce the podcast reporting her story. Each episode charts Daphne's humble beginnings from the Dust Bowl in Canada to her glittering life in 70s New York - and a string of murders in her wake.

Daphne tells her story. Ruth listens. And edits it.

The public are hooked. Is she a feminist icon taking revenge on bad men? Or just a ruthless criminal? Then, as the podcast finale approaches, it becomes clear that neither woman has been entirely honest with the other. Who has been controlling the narrative?

After all, the truth doesn't always make for the best story...

A darkly witty thriller, sparking conversations around true crime and female serial killers, for fans of Janice Hallett, Bella Mackie and Katy Brent.

Sales Points

- **AN ELECTRIC NEW VOICE:** MacKenzie Common's debut is a serial killer thriller with a fresh new voice and a killer twist - the serial killer who has just confessed to multiple murders is an unassuming ninety-year-old woman. She's not a cosy murderer, she's a ruthless killer - just wait until you meet Daphne St Clair . . .
- **FRESH TAKE ON TRUE CRIME TREND:** Popularity of true crime podcasts and true crime media is at an all-time high. THE SIX MURDERS OF DAPHNE ST CLAIR digs into the morality of this phenomenon - why do we obsess over and almost idolise serial killers? And what is the limit of this? Daphne St Clair becomes a figure of female empowerment in the novel, until she crosses a line and public opinion changes . . .
- **DEBUT PRIORITY LAUNCH FOR MOUNTAIN LEOPARD PRESS:** THE SIX MURDERS OF DAPHNE ST CLAIR is a key debut launch for the new Mountain Leopard Press list in 2025, backed by a hardback-first marketing and publicity campaign.
- **ORIGINAL STORYTELLING VIA MIXED MEDIA:** The novel unfolds with true crime podcast snippets, news articles, Reddit posts and TikTok snippets. Perfect for the Janice Hallett audience and fans of original and inventive crime and thriller mystery novels.

Author Biography

Dr MacKenzie Common works in the field of digital rights and is an expert on human rights issues in social media content moderation. She also has a background in international law and worked at a war crimes tribunal at The Hague. She is a Canadian who has lived so long in England that she has acquired a British husband, two British children, and a love for bleak British comedy. *The Six Murders of Daphne St Clair* is her debut adult novel.

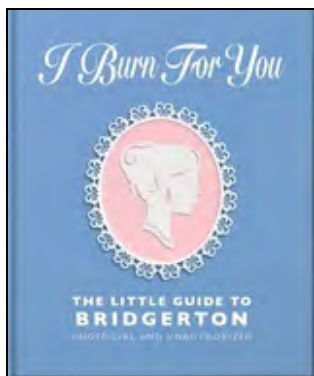
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I Burn For You: The Little Guide to Bridgerton

Keynote

Step into the irresistibly scandalous world of Bridgerton and the burning passion of its ton.

Description

Prepare to be thoroughly enchanted - and perhaps, ever so slightly scandalized - by this little book, crafted to indulge your every curiosity about the ton's most illustrious family. Step beyond the glittering chandeliers and velvet-clad ballrooms to uncover whispered secrets, unforgettable quotes, and fascinating truths that bring our beloved Bridgertons - and those who dare cross their path - to life.

With over 82 million households captivated by its charms, *Bridgerton* is the most-watched series debut in Netflix history, sweeping audiences into a world of courtship, corsets and thrilling intrigue. This book peels back the layers of *Bridgerton's* meteoric success, offering insights into why viewers became ardent admirers of Regency-era romance and revealing what inspired Lady Whistledown's sharpest quips. From tales of true love to society's most delectable gossip, every page brings you closer to the very heart of this enchanting phenomenon.

Whether you are a romantic at heart or a seeker of society's most salacious scandals, this little book is sure to gratify your every whim. So, dear reader, turn these pages with caution, for once ensnared by such delights, you may find it utterly impossible to look away.

SAMPLE TEXT

"You are the bane of my existence and the object of all my desires."

Anthony Bridgerton

"True love is something else entirely. It is when the rest of the world goes quiet. It is not eyes that meet, but souls that dance."

Kate Sharma

2.5 billion hours

The total number of hours viewed of *Bridgerton* on Netflix making the show the overall fourth most popular on the streaming platform. All three seasons remain in Netflix's Top Ten most watched shows amassing more 312 million viewers.

Sales Points

- A modern twist on England's Regency era, *Bridgerton* is the fourth biggest show of all time on Netflix.
- Contains more than 175 iconic quotes and quips from the characters, cast, creators and crew, plus a lot of scandalous trivia gossip.
- Published in April 2025, giving fans something Bridgerton-shaped to hold on to ahead of the much-anticipated fourth season due in - *swoon!* - August 2026.

Author Biography

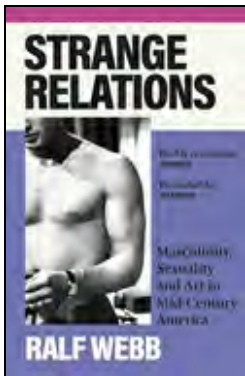
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	New York; New Jersey; New Orleans; Paris
Author living in	Bristol
Previous Titles	
	<i>Rotten Days in Late Summer</i> 9780141992730 (Penguin 2021)
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Strange Relations Masculinity, Sexuality and Art in Mid-Century America

Ralf Webb

Keynote

From a Forward Prize shortlisted young British poet: An investigation of masculinity, bisexuality and queerness, routed through the lives and works of four mid-century writers

Description

SHORTLISTED FOR THE SUNDAY TIMES YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025

'Remarkable... entertaining... deft... moving... refreshing'
Daily Telegraph

'A richly rewarding account of a resonant cultural moment'
Guardian

'Textured literary portraits of the masculine mind and body'
Raymond Antrobus, author of *The Perseverance*

In 1960, James Baldwin decisively diagnosed the troubled state of American society as a 'failure of the masculine sensibility'.

Strange Relations explores this mid-century crisis through the lives and works of four bisexual writers: Tennessee Williams, Carson McCullers, John Cheever, and James Baldwin.

In a mesmerising blend of biography and cultural criticism, Ralf Webb examines how these writers challenged the damaging restrictions of contemporary gender and sexuality, and how, through both their art and relationships, they sought a transformative new masculinity - one grounded in fluidity, love and intimacy.

'Webb's writing is of a quality rarely seen, and his book returns you to the world slightly changed, equipped with another angle of vision on the quiddity of man'
Diarmuid Hester, author of *Nothing Ever Just Disappears*

'Impeccably well researched and hugely enjoyable'
Nicole Flattery, author of *Nothing Special*

'Wise, hopeful, and exquisitely written'
Will Tosh, author of *Straight Acting*

Sales Points

- **A Forward Prize shortlisted poet and well-connected young writer:** The first prose book from an important young poet with a growing reputation and an exciting future. Ralf is a beautiful stylist and *Strange Relations* has real prize potential.
- **Masculinity, an important and hotly discussed subject:** Socially, we are in the process of reassessing our damaging beliefs about masculinity and looking for alternative models and ways to live. Ralf Webb does this with remarkable intellectual insight and tenderness.
- **Perfect for fans of:** *Square Haunting* by Francesca Wade, *The Lonely City* by Olivia Laing, *At the Existentialist Cafe* by Sarah Bakewell and *Monsters* by Claire Dederer. Also, of course, readers of Tennessee Williams, Carson McCullers, John Cheever and James Baldwin.

Reviews

- 'Textured literary portraits of the masculine mind and body. **Webb has skilfully blended narratives of maleness, queer desire and gender norms with mid-century American cultural critiques.** If you're a fan of Judith Butler, Hilton Als, Mark Doty, you will love Webb's *Strange Relations*' - Raymond Antrobus, author of ALL THE NAMES GIVEN
- 'A **compassionate, imaginative, inquisitive** book about men, how American authors like Carson McCullers, Tennessee Williams, and James Baldwin wrote about masculinity, and how they imagined relationships between men-and women. **Webb's writing is of a quality rarely seen, and his book returns you to the world slightly changed, equipped with another angle of vision on the quiddity of man'** - Diarmuid Hester, author of NOTHING EVER JUST DISAPPEARS

Author Biography

Ralf Webb is a poet, writer and editor based in London. His debut collection of poems,



Rotten Days in Late Summer was published by Penguin in 2021, and was shortlisted for the Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection. Webb's poetry and critical writing has appeared in the *London Review of Books*, *Fantastic Man*, *The Poetry Review*, and the *Guardian*. He currently manages a creative writing mentorship programme in collaboration with Folio and First Story, which supports school-age writers from low-income backgrounds.

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The God and the Gwisin

Sophie Kim

Keynote

In the sequel to *The God and the Gumiho*, a trickster god must work with his reincarnated lost love to solve the mystery of his brother's murder on board a luxury underworld cruise ship in this charming and clever contemporary fantasy romance.

Description

Seokga the No-Longer-Fallen is looking for his love. Since he lost Hani and was reinstated as a god, nothing has felt right - and he's been desperately searching for her reincarnated form ever since.

But when the red thread of fate leads Seokga to a cruise down the river of the dead, the woman he finds isn't Hani . . . she's Yoo Kisa, and she has no memory of him whatsoever - with seemingly no interest in regaining it either.

But when the Heavenly Emperor of Okhwang is murdered, Seokga and Kisa must solve the crime before the cruise ends. And as the mystery draws them closer, they will have to decide what they truly mean to each other.

There's something bigger at play aboard the ship, something that holds the key to their fated connection - and the very fate of the world.

Sales Points

- **ADULT CONTEMPORARY FANTASY SEQUEL:** A follow up set in the same world as *The God and the Gumiho*, with a brand new set of characters and the return of some familiar faces: witty, effortlessly charming, and unendingly romantic.
- **FANTASY MURDER MYSTERY ON A CRUISE SHIP:** HOTEL DEL LUNA meets DEATH ON THE NILE. It takes place on a cruise ship that journeys along the underworld's river... There's a new murder mystery, shenanigans galore, and a very cute infant god.

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR THE GOD AND THE GUMIHO'**
- **'The tastiest treat for fantasy lovers . . . Following the perfect drama between two sneaky immortals, *The God and the Gumiho* glows with its supernatural antics and sumptuous world'** - *Chloe Gong, #1 New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights*
- **'Korean folklore, murder mystery, and a quirky love/hate story combine in this highly entertaining novel. *The God and the Gumiho* is one of a kind!'** - *Juliet Marillier, author of the Sevenwaters series and the Blackthorn & Grim series*

Author Biography

Sophie Kim has a penchant for writing stories that feature mythology, monsters, mystery, and magic. Her work includes young adult novels such as the *Talons Series* and books on the adult spectrum such as *The God and the Gumiho*.

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Days You Were Mine

The emotional, gripping family drama about secrets and jealousy from the Reese's Book Club author of Broken Country

Clare Leslie Hall

Keynote

An emotional, gripping family drama about relationships, secrets and jealousy that will stay with you long after the final page, from the author of *Broken Country*.

Description

A life-changing love story. A devastating decision.

1972. Alice Garland can't take her eyes off Jacob Earl. With his black curls and snakeskin boots, the lead singer of the Disciples commands the stage. It's the beginning of a passionate relationship. For a while it feels like they're at the centre of something electrifying. But it doesn't take long before the dream starts to fall apart.

2000. Even the arrival of his gorgeous baby son can't stop Luke feeling like an outsider. When he finds his birth mother, Alice, it seems like he's found the missing piece in his life. And she seems delighted to be a grandmother.

But Alice is still battling with demons of her own - she's still not forgotten the heart-breaking event that forced her to give up Luke.

She will do anything to stop history repeating itself.

'I lost sleep over this. Beautifully told . . . I loved it' JANE CORRY, author of *My Husband's Wife*

'Haunting and heart-rending' VICTORIA SELMAN, author of *Truly Darkly Deeply*

'The grip of a thriller, but the emotional depth of a tragic love story. A heart-wrenching novel about families and love that will stay with me for a very long time' FRANCESCA JAKOBI, author of *Bitter*

Previously published as MINE under Clare Empson

Sales Points

- **EMOTIONAL PAGE-TURNER:** For fans of *Daisy Jones and the Six* and *The Paper Palace*, *Days You Were Mine* is a moving, gripping story of family, jealousy and secrets
- **BROKEN COUNTRY POISED TO BE A GLOBAL SENSATION:** Clare Leslie Hall's new novel is a major lead title both in the UK and with S&S in the US, and with 20+ rights sales, is ready to be a sensation across the world
- **NEW AND UPDATED:** Previously published as *Mine* under Clare Empson, *Days You Were Mine* has been updated with a new ending, plus a gorgeous fresh jacket and sneak peek at *Broken Country* inside

Reviews

- 'A sensuous, raw, intense and captivating bittersweet story, written in gorgeous prose' - CAROLINE ENGLAND, author of *My Husband's Lies*
- 'Addictive and soulful, Clare Leslie Hall writes about love so well' - HANNAH PERSAUD, author of *The Codes of Love*
- 'I adored this powerful, emotive and sensitively written story about love and loss' - LOUISE JENSEN, author of *The Sister*

Author Biography

After several years of living and working in London as a journalist and writing *Pictures of Him* and *Days You Were Mine*, Clare, her husband and three children moved to an old farmhouse in Dorset. The house, the ancient fields surrounding it and the farmers who have a deep connection to the land inspired the setting for *Broken Country*.

Broken Country will be published in thirty-one countries.

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Pictures of Him
A page-turning story of love and obsession with a jaw-dropping twist, from the Reese's Book Club author of Broken Country.

Clare Leslie Hall

Keynote

A page-turning story of love, obsession and guilt with a jaw-dropping twist, from the author of *Broken Country*.

Description

Her silence destroyed him. Only the truth will set them free.

Catherine has experienced something so traumatic that she can't speak. Or won't speak. The doctors say the only way forward is to look into her past.

Fifteen years ago, Catherine met the love of her life at university. Lucian was charming, adored her and she was drawn into the hedonistic and careless lifestyle of his wealthy friends. They were inseparable - then one morning Catherine left him without a word.

She married, had two children, and was convinced she'd moved on. But when they are unexpectedly reunited, the memories of their intoxicating love affair come rushing back. They could be that boy and girl again, and this time get it right. To do that, Catherine will have to tell Lucian why she left all those years ago.

She's lived with the truth. But can he?

'Dark, addictive and ultimately heart-breaking' RUTH HOGAN, author of *The Keeper of Lost Things*

'Taut and sophisticated, not a word wasted. I loved this book' FRANCESCA JAKOBI, author of *Bitter*

'Elegant and pacey. Brideshead recalibrated by way of *Big Little Lies*' LEX COULTON, author of *Falling Short*

Sales Points

- **BROKEN COUNTRY POISED TO BE A GLOBAL SENSATION:** Clare Leslie Hall's new novel is a major lead title both in the UK and with S&S in the US, and with 20+ rights sales, is ready to be a sensation across the world
- **UNPUTDOWNABLE TRAGIC LOVE STORY:** For fans of *The Paper Palace*, *Pictures of Him* is a gripping story of first love, hedonism and secrets with an explosive twist
- **FRESH LOOK:** Previously published as *Him* under Clare Empson, *Pictures of Him* has been updated with a gorgeous fresh jacket and sneak peek at *Broken Country* inside

Author Biography

After several years of living and working in London as a journalist and writing *Pictures of Him* and *Days You Were Mine*, Clare, her husband and three children moved to an old farmhouse in Dorset. The house, the ancient fields surrounding it and the farmers who have a deep connection to the land inspired the setting for *Broken Country*.

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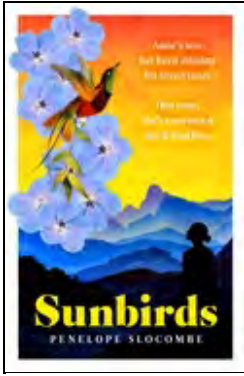
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Sunbirds

Penelope Slocombe

Keynote

A propulsive, immersive novel about a woman searching for her missing son in India.

Description

'Seductive' *Daily Mail*

'Vivid and packed with emotion, this assured debut about a mother searching for her son will take you on a journey to the ragged landscape of the Himalayas' *Woman and Home*

'A thought-provoking ode to motherhood' *Scots Magazine*

In 1997 Anne's eighteen-year-old son Torran walked out of his hotel in the notorious Himalayan town of Manali - and disappeared.

Seven years later Anne is still searching, haunted by the idea that someone must know something, following every tenuous lead, obsessed with potential sightings. She's ridden with guilt at the way she failed Torran as a mother. Though, unlike her husband, she's never stopped believing her son is alive.

When her estranged niece Esther arrives with new information, Anne is convinced that her tenacity will finally be rewarded. Forging an uneasy truce, they venture deep into the lush but unpredictable Himalayas, hunting for answers and the secluded community living in the Sunshine House.

It is a journey that will test them in ways they couldn't have imagined. And the closer they get to discovering the truth, the more Anne begins to question everything she thought she wanted.

Sales Points

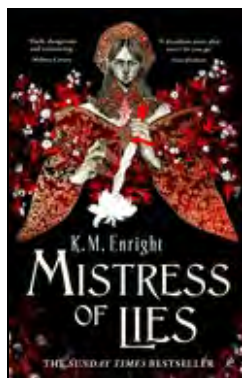
- Penelope had an unconventional childhood. Raised in Scotland by an Australian mother, her childhood was split between the Findhorn Foundation, a New Age community near Inverness, and its satellite community on a tiny Hebridean island where sheep outnumbered people ten to one. As a teenager she taught English in a Tibetan school and Buddhist monastery.
- Combines escapist, immersive sense of place - both lush colours of India and wild coast of Scotland - with propulsive physical and emotional journey
- 50-year-old female protagonist discovering new sense of self will speak to the biggest book-buying audience. Perfect for book clubs - discussion topics include motherhood, life post children, spirituality, freedom and travelling.
- The book for anyone who read *Are You Experienced?*, *The Beach* or *Shantaram* in the nineties and is now more likely to go to India on a yoga retreat rather than a Full Moon party.

Reviews

- 'A marvellous read -pin-sharp on motherhood and finding yourself as an older woman. By the end, I was as reluctant to leave INDIA as any of the characters' - Sally Magnusson, author of *MUSIC IN THE DARK*
- 'A poignant and beautifully-written novel about the expectations of families, the weight of love and the grief of loss. *Sunbirds* moves easily between the familiar and the otherworldly, questioning whether you can ever truly write your own story' - Emma Flint, author of *OTHER WOMEN*

Author Biography

Penelope Slocombe was raised in Scotland by an Australian mother, her childhood was split between the Findhorn Foundation, a New Age community near Inverness, and its satellite community on a tiny Hebridean island where sheep outnumbered people ten to one. She now lives in London with her husband and two children. *Sunbirds* is her first novel.



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Mistress of Lies the sensual and sinister Sunday Times bestseller!

K. M. Enright

Keynote

A dark romantic fantasy debut with a villainous, bloodthirsty heroine who finds herself plunged into the dangerous world of power, politics and murder in the court of the Eternal king.

Description

'Politics, family, and desire weave a tangled web across a decadent, blood-soaked city in this stunning debut. Dark, dangerous, and entrancing!' Melissa Caruso

*****Now a Sunday Times bestseller*****

A villainous heroine finds herself plunged into a seductive world of power, politics and murder in the court of the vampire king in this bloodthirsty debut from an unmissable new voice in fantasy romance. Perfect for fans of Hannah Whitten and S.T. Gibson.

The daughter of a powerful but disgraced Blood Worker, Shan LeClaire has spent her entire life perfecting her blood magic, building her network of spies, and gathering every scrap of power she could. Now, to protect her brother, she assassinates their father and takes her place at the head of the family. And that is only the start of her revenge.

Samuel Hutchinson is a bastard with a terrible gift. When he stumbles upon the first victim of a magical serial killer, he's drawn into the world of magic and intrigue he's worked so hard to avoid - and is pulled deeply into the ravenous and bloodthirsty court of the vampire king.

Tasked by the Eternal King to discover the identity of the killer cutting a bloody swath through the city, Samuel, Shan and mysterious Royal Blood Worker Isaac find themselves growing ever closer to each other. But Shan's plans are treacherous, and as she lures Samuel into her complicated web of desire, treason and vengeance, he must decide if the good of their nation is worth the cost of his soul.

Praise for *Mistress of Lies*:

'Dark and gripping, raw and beautifully imagined. With their stunning prose, compelling morally grey characters, inventive magic system, and knack for piercingly heartfelt moments amidst all the horror and intrigue, K.M. Enright is definitely one to watch' Thea Guanzon, author of *The Hurricane Wars*

'A stunning tale ripe with political scheming, fascinating magic, and deliciously complicated characters you can't help but root for. A decadent story that won't let you go' Sara Hashem, author of *The Jasad Heir*

'Mistress of Lies is dark, sexy, and twisty, the plot as winding and eerie as the streets of Aeravin itself. With compelling characters and a fresh take on blood magic, this book will seize you by the throat and hold your attention to the very end' Andrea Stewart, author of *Bone Shard Daughter*

'A blood-stained, heart wrenching romance balanced on the knife's edge of revolution. Luxurious and beautifully cruel' Andrew Joseph White, author of *Hell Followed With Us*

'A dark, delicate, beauty of a novel, with all the edges of sharpened steel' K.S. Villosio, author of *The Wolf of Oren-Yaro*

'Glittering darkly with facets of magic, romance, and deep lore, Mistress of Lies is a seductive and blood-soaked jewel of a debut' Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather So Black*

'Lush and unrelenting, this complex political intrigue is an ode to those who will seize destiny in their own, bloodied hands' Lyndall Clipstone, author of *Unholy Terrors*

'Mistress of Lies is a honey trap of romance and royaltycore that leaves no corroded stone unturned when delving into the corruption at the heart of monarchy' Ladz, author of *The Fealty of Monsters*

'Sensual and sinister, Mistress of Lies had me by the throat' Gabriella Buba, author of *Saints of Storm and Sorrow*

'A cunning and clawed fantasy romance that will leave you breathless to the very end' S. A. MacLean, author of *The Phoenix Keeper*

'Captivating and deadly, *Mistress of Lies* enthralls from the very first page. Twisted through with the darkest of secrets. . . a powerful exploration of race, class and injustice' Laura R. Samotin, author of *The Sins On Their Bones*

Sales Points

- **TikTok potential:** this book has all the makings of a TikTok word-of-mouth hit: perfect for fans of Scarlett St Clair, *The Bridge Kingdom*, and Jennifer Armentrout's *From Blood and Ash*.
- **TRANS REPRESENTATION:** Koren Enright is a trans non-binary author and harnesses their own identity in writing the main cast of characters in *MISTRESS OF LIES*, with a trans character and trans poly relationship at the heart of the novel.
- **Readers are craving vampire fantasy:** books such as *King of Battle and Blood*, *Empire of the Vampire* and Orbit's own *A Dowry of Blood* are all seeing success in this area - *Mistress of Lies* has a similar commercial feel that will appeal to this growing, keen readership
- **SPICY ROMANCE:** this series features a polyamorous queer triad (m/m/f) with one of the main characters being trans. There is a definite gap in the fantasy romance market for kink positive and queer spicy romance and *Mistress of Lies* is perfectly poised to fill that role.
- **This has huge subscription box potential:** it's a dark, romantic fantasy with a fearless, feisty heroine, a decadent blood-based magic system a fast-paced plot.

Reviews

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- **'Rich, fresh, and deliciously dark, *Mistress of Lies* strikes the perfect chord-captivating magic, intense romance, and beautiful prose'** - Freydis Moon, author of *HEART, HAUNT, HAVOC*
- **'A dark fantasy the way it should be done: intricately built, steeped in political intrigue, featuring messy families, morally grey protagonists, and visceral blood magic. I adored the world Enright has created, deep and complex, with an atmosphere so thick, you can slice it with a knife'** - Genoveva Dimova, author of *FOUL DAYS*

Author Biography

K.M. Enright is a Filipino-American writer of romantic fantasy. When not writing he can be found playing too many video games, cooking, or listening to Broadway musicals. He currently lives in New Jersey with his husband and their black cat, Zuko.

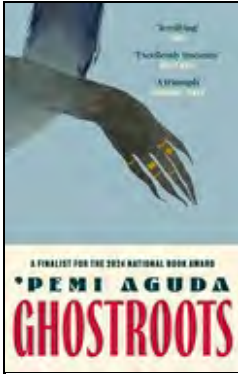
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Ghostroots

The most 'thrilling and disturbing' (Financial Times) literary horror of 2024

'Pemi Aguda

Keynote

An electrifying, terrifying collection of literary horror stories from a prize-winning young star of Nigerian writing

Description

An electrifying, terrifying collection of literary horror stories from a prize-winning young star of Nigerian writing

A FINALIST FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD, THE PEN FAULKNER AWARD AND THE LA TIMES ART SEIDENBAUM AWARD; AND SHORTLISTED FOR THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING

A BOOK OF THE YEAR IN THE DAILY MAIL, ELLE, TIME MAGAZINE AND THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

'Thrilling and disturbing ... a triumph' *Financial Times*

'Excellent uncanny' *Daily Mail*

'Terrifying' *TIME, 100 Must-Read Books of 2024*

Exploring the dark borders between psychology and superstition, these feverishly imaginative stories of trauma, betrayal, terror and love lay bare the forces of myth, tradition, gender, sexuality and modernity in Nigerian society. Here are characters cursed by guilt, bound by the ties of ancestors and community; or enchanted by the allure of mysticism and would-be prophets. Powered by a deep empathy, and glinting with humour and insight, they announce a major new literary talent.

Sales Points

- **A BOOK AND AUTHOR FESTOONED IN PRIZES:** *Ghostroots* was a finalist for the National Book Award; the story 'Breastmilk' was shortlisted for the Caine Prize for African Writing; and 'Pemi won the Deborah Rogers Foundation Writers' Prize
- **PERFECT FOR READERS HUNGRY FOR LITERARY HORROR:** and fans of *Things We Lost in the Fire*, by Mariana Enriquez (9.3k TCM); *Her Body and Other Parties*, by Carmen Maria Machado (21k TCM); and *Friday Black*, by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah (5K TCM)
- **WELCOME TO LAGOS, AS YOU'VE NEVER QUITE SEEN IT BEFORE ...:** 'Pemi Aguda writes about faith, fear and superstition to explore the forces of family, psychology, gender, myth, sexuality and parenthood in Nigerian society

Reviews

- 'Magic and mayhem on the streets of Lagos thrilling and disturbing a triumph' - *Financial Times*
- 'Wildly inventive and odd, but written with surgeonlike precision ... heralds the arrival of a major voice in speculative fiction' - *New York Times Book Review, 100 Notable Books of 2024*
- 'The eerie and the everyday are perfectly aligned in these twelve stories set in the hustle and bustle of Lagos in Nigeria ... excellently uncanny' - *Daily Mail*
- '*Ghostroots* is the kind of collection you dream of discovering and reading - from one of my favorite living writers' - *Jeff VanderMeer, author of Hummingbird Salamander*

Author Biography

'Pemi Aguda is from Lagos, Nigeria. She is the winner of the 2020 Deborah Rogers Foundation Writers' Award and a graduate of the Zell MFA program at the University of Michigan. Her work has been published in *American Short Fiction*, *Granta*, *One Story*, *Ploughshares*, *Zoetrope* and *The Best Short Stories 2022 and 2023: The O. Henry Prize Winners*, edited by Valeria Luiselli (2022) and Lauren Groff (2023), among other publications.

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The Stepdaughter

Caroline Blackwood

Keynote

A wicked stepmother finds her ideal prey in Caroline Blackwood's blackly brilliant debut - now published as a Virago Modern Classic

Description

Discover Caroline Blackwood's darkly brilliant debut - a perfect rediscovered classic for fans of Shirley Jackson and Ottessa Moshfegh

'A bracingly nasty book . . . Splendid, dark, often very funny' MEGAN NOLAN, *Telegraph*

A lavish Upper West Side apartment is the site of a familial cold war about to enter a phase of dangerous escalation.

J is a lonely woman without the luxury of being alone. Her husband has fled to Paris with his latest flame, leaving J with not only their own four-year-old daughter, Sally Ann, but the sulky, cake-mix addicted, thirteen-year-old Renata, a leftover from his previous marriage.

Writing letters in her head to imaginary friends, J delights in dwelling on the hapless Renata, who 'invites a kind of cruelty'. This is an invitation J fully intends to take up - and like so many stepmothers before her, she will find that wickedness, once indulged, is a difficult habit to kick. A mordant black splinter of a book, Caroline Blackwood's first novel is a testament to her razor-sharp mastery - and mockery - of the darkest depths of human feeling.

'Contained and ferocious' *TLS*

'One of the greatest, darkest writers who ever lived' VIRGINIA FEITO

'Witty, observant, clever' *Guardian*

'The perfect book for people who find Joan Didion too even-keeled, Renata Adler too fair-minded . . . In its own way, it's a perfect novel . . . It deserves to be a cheeky summer hit' *LA REVIEW OF BOOKS*

'Blackwood was in fact a writer of rare distinction, the author of wit-drenched books about the wages of class, women's inhumanity to women, bitchiness, greed, abjection, family, monsters' *NEW YORKER*

'Caroline Blackwood sits firmly alongside the greats like Shirley Jackson and Patricia Highsmith. Her writing is smart, economical and as dark as night' *ARAMINTA HALL*

Sales Points

- **REDISCOVERED MODERN CLASSIC:** Caroline Blackwood has been better known as a muse to Lucian Freud and Robert Lowell, but her novels mark her out as 'one of the greatest, darkest writers who ever lived' (Virginia Feito). She is a major new author on the Virago Modern Classics list.
- **THE DARK HEART OF MOTHERHOOD:** Beautifully taut and concise, *The Stepdaughter* is an acidly funny and disturbing vision of the stepmother/stepdaughter relationship, and the darkest impulses of human nature - like a modern fairytale written by Shirley Jackson.
- **US PUBLICATION:** McNally Editions are publishing in the US, with renewed interest in Blackwood's fiction in translation and on both sides of the Atlantic.

Reviews

- 'Contained and ferocious, at once disarmingly and ambiguously candid about blistering feelings which are made to seem commonplace and all the more frightening for that' - *TLS*
- 'Blackwood is 'an expert analyst of female fury,' an outlook which is tempered by her deliciously dark sense of humour. She utilises black comedy as a means to engage with stories of the shocking difficulties faced by women and girls . . . Despite being a 'savagely original' voice and an irrepressible talent, Caroline Blackwood remains inexcusably neglected . . . Caroline Blackwood deserves to stand as a northern fiction author on par with her southern contemporary Edna O'Brien' - Dawn Miranda Sherratt-Bado, *Irish Times*
- 'One of the greatest, darkest writers who ever lived . . . Her books are concise, mordant essays on evil . . . Blackwood's magnificent works are like pure odes to odium, her prose cuttingly matter-of-fact . . . Blackwood's works delve deeply into complicated, ugly relationships between women, something that is especially fascinating when the author herself was defined throughout her lifetime by her marriages to high-profile men' - Virginia Feito, author of *MRS MARCH*

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- 'Blackwood's macabre humour teases out the farcical aspects of human behaviour at its most awkward and unmanageable, addressing outrageous situations with glacial detachment and overtones of Gothic dread. 'The worst that could happen,' in Blackwood's fiction, is what is always happening, and from a certain perspective, always, horribly, hilarious' - Gary Indiana

Author Biography

Caroline Blackwood (1931-1996) was born into a rich Anglo-Irish aristocratic family. She rebelled against her background at an early age and led a hectic and bohemian life, which included marriages to the painter Lucian Freud, the pianist and composer Israel Citkowitz, and the poet Robert Lowell, who described her as 'a mermaid who dines upon the bones of her winded lovers'. In the 1970s Blackwood began to write. Her novel *Great Granny Webster* was shortlisted for the 1977 Booker Prize.

Market

Fans of rediscovered modern classics; readers who enjoy Celia Dale, Shirley Jackson, *Lord Jim at Home*, Ottessa Moshfegh

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The Singer Sisters

An escapist family drama full of glamour and secrets

Sarah Seltzer

Keynote

A sweeping, escapist page-turner about the women in a notorious musical family, set between the 1960s folk music scene and the late 1990s alt-rock scene. *Daisy Jones and the Six* meets *Lessons in Chemistry*.

Description

'**Compulsory summer reading**' Laura Jane Williams

'**Arguably better than *Daisy Jones and The Six***' *InStyle*

LOVE CONNECTS THEM.
MUSIC DIVIDES THEM.
SECRETS COULD TEAR THEM APART . . .

1967: Judie Zingerman is rising to stardom as one half of folk duo the Singer Sisters.

As she and her sister Sylvia tour coast to coast, crowds can't get enough of Judie's confessional lyrics. Everyone can see they're heading for new heights. Yet something is about to push them off course...

1996: Alt-rocker Emma Cantor is playing the festival circuit, with her sights on a record deal. Emma has never understood why her mother, folk icon Judie Zingerman, gave up music at the height of her success.

But as Emma is catapulted into the spotlight as an MTV darling and LA It girl, fame brings its own heartache. Could discovering her mother's long-kept secrets help Emma find her path again?

If you loved DAISY JONES AND THE SIX, this is the perfect page-turner to escape with this summer. Let yourself be transported across the decades by the story of this notorious musical family, following their rises to stardom, their heartbreaks and mistakes, and the secrets that their fans could never imagine.

Sales Points

- **THE BOOK:** This is pure escapist book club fiction: gorgeously written and with the right combination of rich settings, complex characters and a moving plot to keep you absorbed. The storylines are inspired by the lives and music of beloved singer-songwriters including Joni Mitchell, the McGarrigle/Wainwright family and Alanis Morissette. There are strong themes explored which will appeal to a book club audience, such as motherhood, fame, feminism and what women artists must sacrifice for success.
- **THE COMPS:** The glamour of DAISY JONES AND THE SIX, with the strong female characters and feminist commentary of LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY. Readers of Curtis Sittenfeld and PINEAPPLE STREET by Jenny Jackson will also enjoy.
- **THE AUTHOR:** Sarah Seltzer is a feminist journalist and cultural critic, who has written for *The New York Times*, *TIME*, *Jezebel*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, and many more. She has earned an online following for her discussions on subjects ranging from Hollywood casting, to abortion rights. Her husband works in the music industry.

Reviews

- '**Family drama, unexpected love stories and of course, music**, make this pulse with life. **It's arguably better than *Daisy Jones and The Six*...**' - *InStyle*
- '**An epic! . . . a rock & roll saga of a folk-rock family through two drama-filled generations**, the Sixties and the Nineties' - *Rolling Stone*
- '**Utterly addictive**' - *Woman's Own*
- '**Books To See You Through Summer**' . . . Two women in music, three decades apart. The one constant? The men controlling the industry' - *Grazia*

Author Biography

Sarah Seltzer is a journalist who has been published in dozens of publications including the *New York Times*, *TIME*, *Jezebel*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Nation*, and *Lilith* - where she currently works as an editor. She lives in Harlem, New York with her husband, two children and their out-of-control book and record collection. She loves watching British costume dramas, roaming outdoors, eating ice cream and constantly texting with her family. *The Singer Sisters* is her debut novel.

Follow her on Instagram and X @sarahmseltzer.



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Test Kitchen

Neil D A Stewart

Keynote

Take a seat for an evening service at Michelin-starred Midgard, during which the stage is set for the most deliciously haunting who-done-it you'll read this year... *Test Kitchen* is a novel about food: about desire and violence, mothers and mortality. Do you dare let us whet your appetite?

Description

'*Test Kitchen* is phenomenal - a mad, magical, ten-course feast of a novel, gorgeously written, totally original, packed with ideas and invention. Incredibly ambitious too - so many characters, so many stories, all of it choreographed so expertly. I have no idea how Neil Stewart did it, even after reading it twice. It deserves to be a massive success. Three Michelin stars' Paul Murray, author of *The Bee Sting*

'An amazing novel . . . Veering from humorous to horrifying, *Test Kitchen* shows real insight into the mildly unhinged nature of both high-end restaurants and their diners - with wit, lyricism and a killer turn of phrase' Marina O'Loughlin

'*Test Kitchen* is like *A Visit from the Goon Squad* meets *The Menu* and I'm loving it!' Alice Slater, author of *Death of a Bookseller*

It's Tuesday night at sleek London restaurant Midgard. In the kitchen, knives race through *mise en place*; the front of house hums with anticipation: the stage is set for chaos.

The maître d' is tangled in a conspiracy he can't escape. A young foodie plots revenge. The nervous new sous chef is about to crack. A restaurant critic has her pen poised. A patisserie chef is haunted by an ex-lover who won't let go. And a diner with a terrible wound conceals an even more terrible secret.

Watching from the shadows is Marley, one of the waitresses. As stories collide and truths quickly unravel, she knows something terrible is about to unfold - but she's powerless to stop it.

Gripping and darkly comedic, *Test Kitchen* explores the twisted world of food, power, and passion - a biting tale of mothers, magic and mortality, served on a silver platter.

Sales Points

- An edgy, gripping and highly original contemporary character-led who-done-it set in the restaurant world that will appeal to literary/commercial readers
- For readers of *Vladimir* and novels by Ottessa Moshfegh

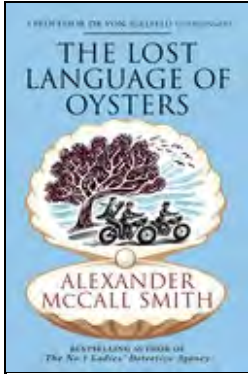
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- '*Test Kitchen* is an amazing novel that hovers somewhere between the fantastical and gritty reality. Veering from humorous to horrifying, it shows real insight into the mildly unhinged nature of both high-end restaurants and their diners - with wit, lyricism and a killer turn of phrase' - Marina O'Loughlin
- 'TEST KITCHEN offers a necklace of short stories strung on the golden thread of a novel. The book is full of twists that will leave you winded. It is a thriller, a meticulously painted picture of the world of high-end dining, a portrait of different kinds of damage, a deeply felt story of what people begin as and what they become. It is, in short, a wild wild ride.' - Neel Mukherjee
- 'A gorgeous tasting menu of a novel, a glittering mystery as sharp as a paring knife and as artfully constructed as its fictional restaurant. Like the best fine dining experience, *Test Kitchen* is beautiful, satisfying and ultimately surprising' - Lauren Beukes, author of *The Shining Girls*

Author Biography

Neil Stewart was born in Glasgow in 1978. He was educated at the University of Glasgow and holds an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia. His first novel *The Glasgow Coma Scale* (Corsair) was published in 2014. He currently freelances as a proofreader and editorial assistant for galleries and museums, and is Arts Editor of the online magazine *Civilian*. He lives in London.

Market



The Lost Language of Oysters

Alexander McCall Smith

Keynote

The latest book in Alexander McCall Smith's entertaining and hilarious Professor von Igelfeld series

Description

The latest book in Alexander McCall Smith's entertaining and hilarious Professor von Igelfeld series

Professor Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld is not just any German professor - he is the author of that great work of scholarship, *Portuguese Irregular Verbs*. His eminence in language studies is widely recognised, even if it is rarely acknowledged by his colleague, Professor Detlev-Amadeus Unterholzer, author of a much less important work on the subjunctive. Their rivalry bubbles away under the surface, but is apt to come into the open if something unusual disturbs the calm waters of the institute in Regensburg in which they both work.

One such event is the arrival from New Orleans of two visiting scholars. These ladies, Professor Pom Pom Boisseau, and her friend, Professor Alice Martinique, are both experts in the Provençal language as well as being keen bikers. When they choose to arrive on large, noisy motorbikes, Unterholzer is shocked, but von Igelfeld is rather taken with Pom Pom. In fact, he is *very* taken with her, even to the extent of going for a ride with her on her motorbike.

Anybody can tell that this infatuation will lead to disappointment, if not worse. But for von Igelfeld, disasters often arrive in twos and threes. The great professor is invited to attend a student occasion in which the old habit of duelling rears its head. He is handed a sword...

Von Igelfeld may suffer humiliation after humiliation, but at the end of it all there is the promise of a visit to Louisiana, a culinary paradise, where important research is being undertaken into communication among oysters...

Sales Points

- One of the world's most popular authors - English language sales for McCall Smith's titles now exceed **20 million copies** worldwide
- Winner of Author of the Year three times (BA, Nibbies and Waterstones)
- The Von Igelfeld series, despite being one of Alexander McCall Smith's 'lesser known' series, has still sold well over a quarter of a million copies

Author Biography

Alexander McCall Smith is the author of over one hundred books on a wide array of subjects, including the award-winning The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. He is also the author of the Isabel Dalhousie novels and the world's longest-running serial novel, *44 Scotland Street*. His books have been translated into forty-six languages. Alexander McCall Smith is Professor Emeritus of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and holds honorary doctorates from thirteen universities. He was knighted by the King in 2024.

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Party of One The Rise of Xi Jinping and China's Superpower Future Chun Han Wong

Keynote

From one of the most respected reporters on China today, a vital new account of the political education of Xi Jinping, the authoritarian leader of China whose hard-edged tactics have set the rising superpower on a collision with Western liberal democracies.

Description

'Compelling and informative... a useful gateway into [Xi Jinping's] mind' Rana Mitter, *Literary Review*

From one of the most admired reporters covering China today, a vital new account of the life and political vision of Xi Jinping, the authoritarian leader of the People's Republic whose hard-edged tactics have set the rising superpower on a collision with Western liberal democracies.

Party of One: The Rise of Xi Jinping and China's Superpower Future shatters the many myths and caricatures that shroud one of the world's most secretive political organizations and its leader. Many observers misread Xi during his early years in power, projecting their own hopes that he would steer China toward more political openness, rule of law, and pro-market economics. Having masked his beliefs while climbing the party hierarchy, Xi has centralized decision-making powers, encouraged a personality cult around himself, and moved toward indefinite rule by scrapping presidential term limits-stirring fears of a return to Mao-style dictatorship. Today, the party of Xi favors political zeal over technical expertise, trumpets its faith in Marxism, and proclaims its reach into every corner of Chinese society with Xi portraits and hammer-and-sickle logos. Under Xi, China has challenged Western preeminence in global affairs and cast its authoritarian system as a model of governance worthy of international emulation.

As a China reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, Chun Han Wong has chronicled Xi's hardline strategy for crushing dissent and asserting Beijing's expansive global interests. Wong spent five years in Beijing before the Chinese government forced him to leave mainland China in 2019, after which he moved to Hong Kong and continued writing about Xi's leadership. Now, Wong has drawn on his years of first-hand reporting across China to create a lucid and historically-rooted account of China's leader, and how he inspires fear and fervor in his party, his nation, and beyond.

Timely, revelatory, and important, *Party of One* explains how the future Xi imagines for China will reshape the future of the entire world.

Sales Points

- Books that examine China's secretive ruling party have strong sales records. Michael Pillsbury's *The Hundred-Year Marathon* and Kai-Fu Lee's *AI Superpowers* are just two recent examples of books on modern China that have sold well over 100,000 copies.
- In 2021, Wong was part of a team of *Wall Street Journal* reporters named as Pulitzer Prize finalists for their coverage of China's autocratic turn under Xi Jinping.
- This is a much-needed expert view on China today

Reviews

- **'An authoritative, clear-minded study . . . A penetrating and timely unraveling of the personality and impact of a strongman president'** - *Kirkus (starred review)*
- 'More than a decade into the era of Xi Jinping, readers ask, 'Why are there so few penetrating books on China's leader?' The answer is that the Communist Party deems even Xi's birth date too sensitive to disclose. But now, the skilled and energetic journalist Chun Han Wong has drawn on an impressive range of reporting and sources to craft a superb, readable, illuminating portrait of the man and his times. A must-read for China veterans and amateurs alike' - Evan Osnos
- '*Party of One* brims with insights into the multitude of contradictions that make up Xi's China. It's a captivating read for anyone seeking to more deeply understand China in the Xi Jinping era.' - *Bonnie Glaser*
- '"In a crowded marketplace of books about Xi Jinping's China, *Party of One* stands head and shoulders above its competitors. Chun Han Wong has combined rigorous investigative skills with a forensic grasp of an opaque political system to produce an enthralling portrait of the leader, and the party, that sits atop the world's emerging superpower.'" - *Richard McGregor, author of 'The Party' and 'Asia's Reckoning'*

Author Biography

Chun Han Wong has covered China for the *Wall Street Journal* since 2014. He was part of a team of reporters named as Pulitzer Prize finalists for their coverage of China's autocratic turn under Xi Jinping. As a *Journal* correspondent in Beijing and Hong Kong,



Wong has written widely on subjects spanning elite politics, Communist Party doctrine, human and labor rights, as well as defense and diplomatic affairs. Born and raised in Singapore, Wong is a native speaker of English and Mandarin Chinese. He studied international history at the London School of Economics, where he graduated with first class honors and won the Derby Bryce Prize.

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The Secret Life of Clutter

Getting clear, letting go and moving on

Helen Sanderson

Keynote

Stephen Grosz meets Marie Kondo in Helen Sanderson's exploration of how our spaces reflect our psyche.

Description

'A thoughtful and surprisingly emotional account of our complex relationship with stuff ... If you don't want your possessions to possess you, then this is a book you must read' Graham Allcott

When you get clear about why your clutter is holding you back, you can finally let it go and create the home you love.

Our homes have fascinating stories to tell. The spaces we inhabit and the objects within them reflect many aspects of our lives and our inner selves. In *The Secret Life of Clutter*, ten intimate and touching stories take you on a profound journey as people discover what their cluttered homes reveal about their lives, and make life-changing shifts when they start to let go and move on.

The secret to creating a calm and nurturing home is to uncover the psychological reasons that lie beneath your clutter, and to understand that what is blocking you in your home and your life is often the key to moving forwards. Unlocking some of the meaning your possessions may hold can free you to say goodbye to what you no longer need, whilst keeping your precious memories intact.

The insights revealed in this book will help you understand some of the factors that may be sabotaging your efforts to make more space. It will inspire you to take action and create a home that you love, that loves you back - a home that reflects who you are and the life you want to live.

You'll never look at your clutter - or your home - the same way again.

Sales Points

- This is occupational memoir meets Marie Kondo - a thought-provoking examination of our relationships with our homes, objects and other spaces and how this can impact the way we live our lives told through client stories.
- Organising and decluttering remains a huge trend, but this will be the first book to go deeper into how making changes in your home can facilitate significant and often life changing shifts in the rest of your life as well as redefining your relationship with your home and your possessions into one which is more empowering.
- Through fascinating, moving and beautifully told stories, you will learn to look at your home in a different way, start to understand why you might be holding on to certain things and come to a place of understanding and compassion for yourself.

Author Biography

Helen Sanderson is the founder and creative director of Ministry of Calm. She is a space therapist, interior designer, professional organiser, author and public speaker. With her background in psychotherapy, she's an expert in the psychology of space and the design of quiet rooms and wellbeing environments. Helen speaks regularly at events such as Ideal Home, Mind Body Spirit, Grand Designs Live and 100% Design. She has appeared on BBC Radio, Sky TV and been featured in *The Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Mail*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Good Housekeeping* and *Red*.

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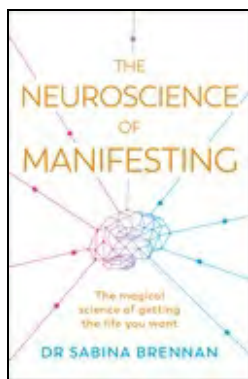
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Author living in **Ireland**

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The Neuroscience of Manifesting The Magical Science of Getting the Life You Want

Dr Sabina Brennan

Keynote

Everything you need to know to manifest the life of your dreams using the power of your own brain.

Description

Discover the magical science of getting the life you want

In *The Neuroscience of Manifesting*, psychologist and neuroscientist Dr Sabina Brennan uses cutting edge research to demonstrate that the power to manifest the life of our dreams resides within us all.

By grounding key manifestation principles in science, Dr Brennan shows that manifesting does not require blind trust or faith in higher powers. Instead, it requires changing how you think and behave, and learning how to harness the power of your brain.

Through breaking down complicated neuroscience into empowering everyday strategies, this book will show you how to:

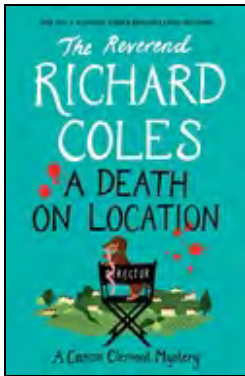
- Gain clarity on what you really want
- Cultivate more self-compassion
- Connect with your true self
- Take considered action to bring about the change you desire
- Create your best life using effective, scientifically grounded techniques

Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES TRACK RECORD** - The hardback edition was an Irish Top 10 Bestseller, and Sabina's previous book *Beating Brain Fog* sold particularly well for us
- **AUTHOR PASSION FOR SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY**: Sabina is able to bridge her passion and expertise in neuroscience and biology with her wish to encourage the reader's own personal development
- **BUZZY SUBJECT MATTER**: Manifesting has seen a huge surge in popularity over the last two years that Sabina is tapping into with a new angle
- **MAPPING RECOGNISABLE MANIFESTING PRINCIPLES ONTO NEUROBIOLOGY**: Fans of manifestation will recognise the principles in the book, but gain a new understanding with the brilliant science provided by Sabina
- **RIGHTS SOLD**: We have sold rights for the book in four territories.

Author Biography

Dr Sabina Brennan is a research psychologist and award winning science communicator. She previously worked as a Research Assistant Professor in the Institute of Neuroscience at Trinity College Dublin. Her scientific research focuses on understanding dementia risk and protective factors to establish how decline in cognitive function might be prevented or delayed.



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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; UK (ex Airports); USA

Author living in **Eastbourne, England**

Previous Titles

FATHOMLESS RICHES (2014);
BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES (2016);
THE MADNESS OF GRIEF (2021);
MURDER BEFORE EVENSONG (2022)

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A Death on Location

Richard Coles

Keynote

The fourth novel in the No.1 bestselling Canon Clement series

Description

THE NO. 1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES

'The best of the new cosy crime writers'

Daily Telegraph

In the spring of 1990, we return to Champton, where the characters we've come to love are all aflutter as a glamorous Hollywood movie takes over Champton House as its set location.

As the actors and extras hired from the village don their farthingales, gowns and crowns for a masque set in the 1600s, a murder interrupts filming on set - and it's an ingenious one . . .

Can Daniel solve the mystery with help from his sidekick Detective Sergeant Neil Vanloo - even when things are so sticky between them?

'You'll want to take a front row pew in Champton while this delicious series unfolds'

Janice Hallett

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING SERIES:** The Canon Clement Mystery books have all been *Sunday Times* No.1 bestsellers; collectively, they have sold hundreds of thousands of copies across physical, audio and ebook, and garnered critical acclaim from the likes of the Guardian, to the Telegraph, to Dawn French and Ian Rankin. Having another book in the series is enormously exciting and a huge commercial opportunity for W&N.
- **ONE-OF-A-KIND, BELOVED AUTHOR:** Richard Coles is well-loved and hugely popular; he has over half a million Twitter followers and presents shows on BBC Radio 4 as well as on TV shows such as *Have I Got News for You* and *QI*. His profile remains high and he is a gift for PR, as well as a repeat author for us who will likely continue to write for many years.
- **LOVABLE CHARACTERS:** Many of the characters which made *Murder Before Evensong* and *A Death in the Parish* instant hits are back: Daniel himself, his mother Audrey, the inhabitants of Champton and - of course - Cosmo and Hilda, Daniel's beloved dachshunds.

Author Biography

THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES is a writer, broadcaster and an Anglican priest. He co-presented *Saturday Live* on BBC Radio 4 for a number of years and appears, from time to time, on *QI*, *Have I Got News For You* and *Would I Lie To You?* He has won *Christmas MasterChef*, *Celebrity Mastermind* twice, and captained Leeds to victory in *Christmas University Challenge* in 2019. A contestant on *Strictly Come Dancing* (2017) and a third place finalist on *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* (2024) he exhibits huge bravery.

He writes regularly for the *Sunday Times*, and is the author of half a dozen books, including a bestselling autobiography, *Fathomless Riches*, and the bereavement bestseller *The Madness of Grief*, written after the death of his partner, David Coles. The first three books in the Canon Clement series have all been No.1 *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

Market

FOR READERS OF: the other books in the Canon Clement series; Richard Coles' previous novels and non-fiction; fans of cosy crime by writers like Richard Osman, Janice Hallett, Ian Moore, S.J. Bennett, Tom Hindle, etc.



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Author living in	Los Angeles, USA
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One of Our Kind

Nicola Yoon

Keynote

The Stepford Wives meets *Get Out* meets *The Other Black Girl* in this mind-bending thriller, the adult debut of YA sensation Nicola Yoon.

Description

'Your bookclub will be discussing this one for DAYS'-Jodi Picoult, author of SMALL GREAT THINGS

Get Out meets The Stepford Wives in #1 New York Times best-selling author Nicola Yoon's first adult novel.

When Jasmyn Williams and her husband King realise they're expecting their second child, they decide to move to the town of Liberty, California hoping to find a community of like-minded people, where their growing family can thrive in a majority-Black environment.

King settles in at once, embracing the Liberty ethos, including the luxe wellness centre at the top of the hill which proves to be the heart of the community. But Jasmyn struggles to find her place. She expected to find liberals and social justice activists striving for racial equality, but Liberty residents seem more focused on booking spa treatments and ignoring the world's troubles.

Then, as Jasmyn gets further into her pregnancy, she discovers a terrible secret that turns her frustration to dread. A secret that could threaten the safety of not only her family, but everything she believes in...

Tense, thrilling and packed with insightful social commentary, One of Our Kind explores what happens when the quest for true liberation comes at a shocking price, from an acclaimed author at the height of her powers.

Sales Points

- **SUCCESSFUL YA AUTHOR WITH BREAKOUT ADULT DEBUT**-Nicola Yoon's strong sales in the YA space have given her a platform to build from, but the concept will break out beyond just those who are familiar with her from her previous work.
- **POWERFUL, CONVERSATION-STARTING CONCEPT**-this story is still hugely relevant in terms of its examination of contemporary society and how Black people are still forced to navigate trauma and issues of race in the West, but done in a thrilling, commercial manner that will allow audiences access to thought-provoking ideas.
- **AUTHOR WITH HIGH PROFILE FILM & TV PROJECTS**-her YA titles *Everything, Everything* and *The Sun Is Also A Star* were made into Hollywood films, and the anthology she wrote with fellow YA authors, *Blackout* is being produced by the Obamas' production company for Netflix. She & her husband have a first-look TV deal for their production company with Anonymous Content.

Reviews

- 'Brilliant, provocative, seminal - there aren't enough adjectives to describe how much food for thought Yoon's novel provided. When cultural identity is shaped by trauma, can you even imagine who you are when that trauma is excised? What is the difference between equality and equity? And how deep into the magma of racism does implicit bias go? Your book club will be discussing this one for DAYS.' - Jodi Picoult, bestselling author of *SMALL GREAT THINGS*
- 'With haunting and powerful prose, Nicola Yoon brilliantly imagines a world with much to tell us about our own.' - *John Green, author of THE FAULT IN OUR STARS*
- 'Nicola Yoon can write about any subject beautifully, but what she's done in *One of Our Kind* is as thrilling as it is lusciously written. I can't remember the last time a book kept me turning the pages so quickly, or kept me up so late. *One of Our Kind* is for readers who want to be taken to the edge of expectation, and solidly dropped into the middle of a new nightmare. I still have goosebumps.' - *Ashley C. Ford, author of SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER*
- 'In her first novel for adults, popular YA novelist Yoon steadily builds suspense and provocation in this chilling, subtly speculative tale via perfectly selected details and unnerving conversations as Jasmyn's growing concerns and inquisitiveness turn increasingly risky. In the mode of Percival Everett, Maurice Carlos Ruffin, and Rion Amilcar Scott, Yoon presents a riveting tale spiked with surprises, laced with compassion, and designed for discussion as it raises unsettling questions about class, Blackness, parenthood, social responsibility, justice, and the hidden repercussions of deep, centuries-spanning trauma.' - *The Booklist*

Author Biography

Nicola Yoon is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR* and *EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING*. Nicola is also the author of the #1 NYT bestseller, *INSTRUCTIONS FOR DANCING* (June 1, 2021).



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Format	Royal
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; UK (ex Airports); USA

Author living in **London N19**

Previous Titles

Fault Lines (2021), shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award

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Kakigori Summer

Emily Itami

Keynote

A transporting, entertaining and moving novel about three sisters reunited for a summer on the Japanese coast, from the acclaimed author of *Fault Lines*

Description

Rei, Kiki and Ai are three sisters whose lives have taken them on very different paths. They have lost both parents, one way or another, and found their own ways of carrying on. Eldest daughter Rei is spiky and sensible, distracting herself with an all-consuming job at a financial corporation in London. Big-hearted Kiki is a single mother in Tokyo, juggling the demands of her young son and the cantankerous elderly residents of the retirement home she works in. Ai, the free-spirited youngest, is a Japanese pop idol who has found fame and fortune but lost herself along the way.

When Ai is embroiled in a scandal and thrust into the spotlight, Rei must pick up the pieces of her family once more. Over the course of a summer in their childhood home on the Japanese coast, the sisters reunite with their sharp-tongued grandmother, entertain Kiki's irrepressible son and silently worry about Ai, carefully avoiding the subject of their mother's death fifteen years before. But silence between sisters can only last for so long.

Transporting, funny and moving, *Kakigori Summer* is an uplifting exploration of love and loss, sisterhood and family, the stories we tell ourselves about the past and how they determine our future.

Sales Points

- **BREAKOUT SECOND NOVEL FROM ACCLAIMED AUTHOR:** Emily Itami's *Fault Lines* was a word-of-mouth hit in both the UK and US. *Kakigori Summer* is a bigger story, told on a broader canvas, told with her characteristic wit, vibrancy, tenderness and acuity.
- **A BITTERSWEET NOVEL ABOUT SISTERS AND FAMILY:** Fans of *Blue Sisters*, *Hello Beautiful* and *Sorrow and Bliss* will love its funny and heartbreaking exploration of sisterhood and family ties and fans of *Crying in H Mart* will love the way this novel explores food and grief.
- **AWARD RECOGNITION:** *Fault Lines* was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award and longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize.
- **AUTHOR AVAILABILITY:** British-Japanese author Emily Itami grew up in Tokyo but lives in London and will be widely available for events and PR in the lead-up to publication.

Reviews

- 'A confident new voice, full of wit' - Costa First Novel Award judges (on *Fault Lines*)
- 'Dreamy . . . Itami's descriptions of spring in Japan are to be savoured' - New York Times (on *Fault Lines*)
- 'Clever, wise and heartbreaking - the perfect marriage of Sally Rooney and early Murakami, with a unique insight that is all Emily Itami's own. Absolutely brilliant' - Kathy Wang (on *Fault Lines*)
- 'A funny, whip-smart story of a modern love affair that'll leave you weeping and hugging the book' - Stylist (on *Fault Lines*)

Author Biography

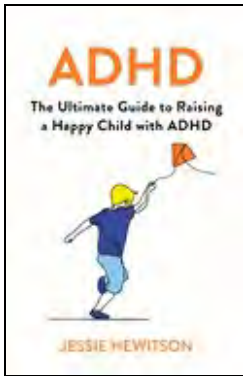
Emily Itami grew up in Tokyo before moving to London, where she now lives with her young family. She has been published widely as a freelance journalist and travel writer. Her first novel, *Fault Lines*, was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award.

Market

For fans of *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, *Sorrow and Bliss* by Meg Mason and *All My Puny Sorrows* by Miriam Toews.

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ADHD How to Raise a Happy Child with ADHD

Jessie Hewitson

Keynote

The ultimate guide to raising a happy child with ADHD

Description

ADHD is the must-have, parenting bible, containing everything you need to know to raise a happy child with ADHD.

Written by Jessie Hewitson, an award-winning journalist and mother of two wonderfully neurodivergent children, this book will explain what ADHD is, the diagnosis process, how to get support right at school, what to know about medication (and whether you should medicate), negotiating care with the local authority, and much more.

Your child may be having a very difficult time at school, defiant at home due to the stress of not having their condition accommodated, or left hurt because they feel so misunderstood. This book will help you come up with a plan and leave you feeling less isolated as you navigate a condition that can come with a lot of judgement and challenges.

Jessie knows from the many emails she gets from readers of her first book *Autism* that life can feel more manageable again when armed with the right information. With the invaluable advice and insights in this book, you will be empowered to centre happiness in your journey to care for your brilliant child with ADHD.

Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES TRACK:** Jessie's first book has sold over 30k copies across formats
- **LIVED EXPERIENCE COMBINED WITH RESEARCH AND ADVICE:** Jessie is able to speak from experience of raising a child with ADHD and a child with Autism. The book is woven through with research and interviews with experts.
- **MEETING AN URGENT NEED:** Many parents feel lost and isolated when navigating the care and school systems whilst keeping their child's happiness front and centre. This book will support parents in doing that.

Author Biography

Jessie Hewitson is an award-winning journalist and editor who has worked for *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *i newspaper*. She lives in London and is the mother of two boys.

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Author living in **London, SE1**

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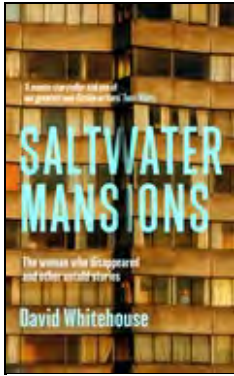
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Author living in	Margate, Kent

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Saltwater Mansions

The woman who disappeared and other untold stories

David Whitehouse

Keynote

From the highly acclaimed author of *About A Son* comes a riveting and deeply moving work of creative non-fiction about a mysterious disappearance and an unsettling obsession

Description

Margate is in the grip of a heatwave when David Whitehouse stumbles across the mysterious story of a local woman who lived on the ground floor of Saltwater Mansions, a block of flats not far from the sea. On paper, Caroline Lane was unremarkable. She paid her mortgage every month. She always paid her bills. But nobody had seen or heard from her for 13 years, and no one had ever come looking. She had disappeared completely.

David quickly becomes as fascinated by this missing woman as the residents of Saltwater Mansions, all of whom have their own theories to share, and their own unique stories to tell. As his obsession grows, David unearths vital clues that private detectives and amateur investigators alike have failed to spot. But the closer he gets to the truth, the clearer it becomes that this mystery was never meant to be solved, and that some stories don't want to be told. What if this one was never about Caroline Lane at all?

From acclaimed and award-winning author David Whitehouse, *Saltwater Mansions* is an astonishing work of creative non-fiction blending reportage and memoir to explore the extraordinary hidden lives of ordinary people, the impact of grief, and the dangerous allure of taking true crime stories into our own hands.

Sales Points

- **GENRE-BENDING CREATIVE NON-FICTION:** *Saltwater Mansions* is a unique blend of true crime, reportage and memoir - ingeniously structured and compellingly told.
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** David Whitehouse's first non-fiction book, *About A Son*, received outstanding reviews and was shortlisted for the Gordon Burn Prize and a CWA Dagger. He has also won several awards as a novelist.
- **TIMELY, EMOTIVE THEMES:** *Saltwater Mansions* explores topical, conversation-starting themes including class divides and the impact of gentrification on a community, social media sleuthing and voyeurism, and our ongoing obsession with true crime.
- **AUTHOR AVAILABILITY:** David Whitehouse lives in Margate and will be widely available for events and interviews.

Reviews

- **'Brilliant. A proper read-it-in-one-go book, opening up an advent calendar of lives behind the doors of a block of flats. Beautifully written, humane and soul-baring'** - ADAM KAY, author of THIS IS GOING TO HURT
- **'I inhaled it in a sitting - what an exhilarating book. Brave, revealing and unexpected, this is a wise and original exploration of the extraordinary nature of ordinary lives and how they are interpreted by others'** - CATHY RENTZENBRINK, author of THE LAST ACT OF LOVE
- **'An engrossing mystery . . . thrilling, moving, and searingly profound. I loved it'** - CHRIS WHITAKER, author of ALL THE COLOURS OF THE DARK
- **'A master storyteller and one of our greatest non-fiction writers'** - TERRI WHITE

Author Biography

David Whitehouse is the author of three acclaimed novels. His first, *Bed*, won the 2012 Betty Trask Prize 2012. His second, *Mobile Library*, won the 2015 Jerwood Fiction Prize. In 2022, his debut non-fiction book, *About A Son*, was shortlisted for The Gordon Burn Prize and the CWA Gold Dagger for Non-Fiction. His journalism has appeared in the *Guardian*, *Esquire*, *The Times* and many other publications, and he has also written extensively for the screen. He lives in Margate.

Market

For readers of Stuart: A Life Backwards by Alexander Masters, Doppelganger by Naomi Klein, All the Devils Are Here by David Seabrook and If You Were There by Francisco Garcia.

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Metal Slinger

Rachel Schneider

Keynote

From global TikTok sensation Rachel Schneider comes an unmissable new Romantasy series with morally grey characters, quick witted banter and firey slow-burn tension

Description

<h2> DISCOVER THE BOOK WITH THE PLOT TWIST THAT BROKE THE INTERNET </h2>

Featuring a never-before-in-print bonus scene from the sequel & ANZ exclusive inside cover printing

Rebellion. Loyalty. Friendship. Magic. Love. *What would you do to have it all?*

Even though she's not one of them, Brynn has spent her life among the Alaha - a community exiled to live at sea - training to be a guard and waiting for the chance to attend the annual market hosted by the Kenta - the very same people who exiled her adopted community. Going to the market is a rite of passage eagerly anticipated by all young guards, but Brynn does not anticipate breaking a century-long peace treaty while there... Or for an intense encounter with an enemy soldier to threaten the fragile peace between their people and everything Brynn once believed to be true.

Soon, Brynn's loyalty to the Alaha is tested when an unexpected visitor tracks her down - none other than said enemy soldier - sworn under oath to awaken Brynn to her true identity. Sent to sea and feeling more alone than ever, there a world of denied magic is unveiled. With rumours of a growing rebellion, Brynn's future has never looked so unsure. She was once certain of her fate and where she belonged, but the dark, knowing eyes of this stranger have her questioning everything, including her heart...

READERS ARE GOING WILD FOR METAL SLINGER

'The BEST plot twist to ever grace my Kindle'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'The author is a mastermind. Romantasy is back!!!!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Need the next book like I need water' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I foamed at the mouth multiple times because they were so HOT!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'RUN, DON'T WALK. READ THIS RIGHT NOW!!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- **SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKTOK SENSATION:** #metalslinger quickly went viral in Autumn 2024 and has continued to grow since, with 16k reviews average 4.5 stars on Amazon UK and 32k ratings and 4.3 stars on Goodreads.
- **THE HOTTEST SFF MARKET TRENDS:** this explosive romantasy debut was an instant BookTok hit, fusing the coveted spice, slow-burn tension romance coupled with rich world building, plenty of plot twists and a cliff-hanger that has broken the internet. Perfect for fans of WHEN THE MOON HATCHED and QUICKSILVER alike!
- **A MAJOR GLOBAL EVENT:** US & UK rights were sold an ignited, instant, global 10-way auction, with rights sold in 14 countries and counting!

Author Biography

RACHEL SCHNEIDER lives in South Louisiana with her husband and only daughter. She loves to write wherever her imagination takes her, which includes fantasy worlds, thrilling surprises, and complex romance with a touch of heat. When she's not writing down her daydreams, you can find her at a hockey game or enjoying a bubble bath with a good book.

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Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
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Author living in **California, USA**

Previous Titles

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Never

The brand new series from the author of MAGNOLIA PARKS

Jessa Hastings

Keynote

THE FIRST IN A FANTASY ROMANCE SERIES FROM THE AUTHOR OF TIKTOK SENSATION MAGNOLIA PARKS

Description

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"There is a boy of legend in the tales passed down in my family. He glides on the coat-tails of the sun, rides the wind, and freedom runs through his veins. His heart - so the legend goes - is wild.

The boy lived in a faraway land tucked behind a star, where pirates were still true, mermaids didn't hide, and fairies flew through the air like autumn leaves on a windy day. He took my mother there, just like he took my grandmother, and my great-grandmother.

Just as he would come for me."

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Swept away from her life in London to a place beyond the stars, Wendy's granddaughter Daphne is torn between the boy of legend - Peter Pan, whose fate is irrevocably intertwined with her family's - and Jem Hook, the pirate who has captured her heart against all her better judgement.

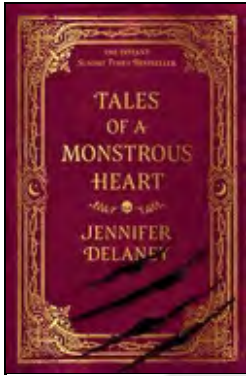
Filled with hope and heartbreak, beauty and betrayal, dreams and devastating reality, *Never* asks: Can we ever be free while we're holding on to the past? And what would happen if - just once - we truly let go?

Sales Points

- **BRAND NEW SERIES FROM VIRAL BOOKTOK SENSATION:** This is the highly anticipated new series from Jessa Hastings, author of BookTok hit MAGNOLIA PARKS, which gained millions of views and hundreds of dedicated fan accounts and video tributes.
- **SWOONY NEW-ADULT FANTASY ROMANCE:** Perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas, Holly Black and Ana Huang.
- **A STAR ON THE RISE:** Jessa Hastings is set to be the next big name in New Adult romance. In 2022 she took publishing by storm, with competitive auctions and pre-empts all over the world. Her books have since sold in 15 languages and counting. Her work will also be coming to screen - details soon to be announced!

Author Biography

JESSA HASTINGS is an Australian native who now lives in Tennessee with her husband, two children, her beautiful, clingy dog, and three cats, which is one more than the last time she wrote one of these. She spends a lot of her time in London, which is still her favourite city in the world. Other current favourites are: Bluey, Jenni Kayne cardigans, Galaxy Minstrels and Gracie Abrams' 'The Secret of Us' album. *Magnolia Parks* was her debut novel and is the series that changed her life and made way for all this. She is very grateful.



Tales of a Monstrous Heart

The instant Sunday Times bestselling gothic romantasy inspired by Jane Eyre

Jennifer Delaney

Keynote

A love letter to the Bronte sisters, TALES OF A MONSTROUS HEART is a gothic, dark fantasy inspired story filled with magic, monsters, a sentient manor, and a forbidden romance.

Description

Be careful of the dark and those that call it friend.

Katherine Woodrow is fey, and all she wants is to graduate from the Institute of Magic. But when the prejudiced mortal council threaten her position at the institute, she is left with only one option: accept a Mage Partnership with the elusive Lord Blackthorn.

Emrys Blackthorn is a riddle Kat is fearful of solving. The mysterious, cursed war hero with his stormy eyes and unpredictable ways leaves Kat with more questions than answers. What she *does* know is that she is irresistibly drawn to him . . . no matter how forbidden it might be.

When a string of murders and fey disappearances herald the return of dark magic, Kat and Emrys are thrown into a world of ancient books that hide hideous monsters, dark fiends who play with nightmares and mortal men who wish nothing more than to see them both burn.

But what haunts them both are secrets even ghosts dare not whisper, while insidious shadows lick their teeth and sharpen their claws, waiting for the moment that all tales will come to light - even the monstrous ones.

Sales Points

- A subgenre that has seen growing interest; with authors such as S.T. Gibson (Orbit), Caitlin Starling (Titan), Adalyn Grace (Hodder), Ava Reid (Del Rey), and Alexis Henderson (Bantam)
- This book has huge TikTok potential due to the attractive tropes of dark academia, dark fantasy elements, queer representation and swoon-worthy tension.
- Sits in the heart of the Romantasy subgenre with a slow burn romance that book one only begins to skim the surface of.
- Jennifer Delaney has an ever-growing presence online and will play a crucial role at Gollanczfest, alongside chairing Sarah Hawley's UK book tour

Reviews

- 'A sensual, gothic feast, full of forbidden romance and wild magic' - *Sarah Hawley*

Author Biography

Jennifer Delaney lives in Liverpool, England. She has always had a deep love for troublesome characters, heart stopping romance, and all things gothic

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Extent	480 pages
Word Count	
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Author living in	Liverpool
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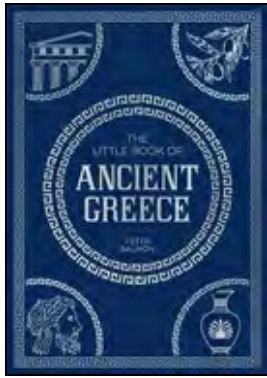
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The Little Book of Ancient Greece A Pocket Guide to an Epic Civilization, Including Key Events, People, Trivia and More

Peter Salmon

Description

If you've ever been curious about the rich culture and vibrant history of Ancient Greece, dive into this whirlwind tour and discover the highlights of this epic civilization

Although they lived over 2,000 years ago, the echoes of the Ancient Greeks can still be heard, loud and clear, today. From warfare and politics, to art, culture and everyday life, uncover their history with this fascinating little book, in which you will find the following and much more:

- A whistle-stop tour of the Ancient Greek timeline, from the Mycenaean civilization to the Roman conquest.
- Profiles of some of the most influential figures in politics, art, and culture, from Homer to Pericles to Sappho.
- An insight into the daily life of an Ancient Greek citizen.
- The influence of Ancient Greece on the modern day, from democracy to the Olympics.

In this pocket-sized window into the past, discover the key events, people and trivia you need to know to understand this remarkable period of history.

Sales Points

- This is a new addition to the accessible *Little Book of...* series, and is the perfect introduction to the epic history Ancient Greece - both for those new to the topic as well as those who want to brush up their knowledge.
- Another successful book in this series, *The Little Book of Psychology* (ISBN: 9781786858078), has sold over 89,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Little Book of Ancient Rome* (ISBN: 9781837995615); *The Little Book of World Mythology* (ISBN: 9781800071766); *The Little Book of Anthropology* (ISBN: 9781800074156); *The Little Book of Palaeontology* (ISBN: 9781837990139).

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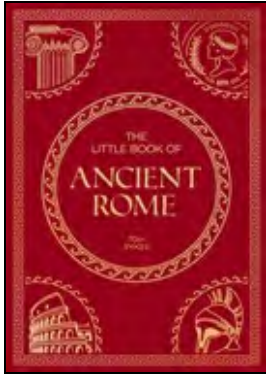
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The Little Book of Ancient Rome A Pocket Guide to an Epic Civilization, Including Key Events, People, Trivia and More

Tom Sykes

Description

If you've ever been interested in the rich culture and epic history of Ancient Rome, dive into this whirlwind tour and discover the highlights of this mighty civilization

Growing from humble origins into a world-spanning empire, the Ancient Roman civilization has captured human imagination for generations. Uncover its history, from the legendary Roman army and its conquests to the art, culture and everyday life of its citizens, in this fascinating little book.

Within these pages you will find the following and much more:

- A whistle-stop tour of the Ancient Roman timeline, from the founding of Rome to the fall of the Roman Empire.
- Profiles of some of the most influential figures in politics, art, and culture, from Caesar to Hadrian to Ovid.
- An insight into the daily life of an Ancient Roman citizen.
- The influence of Ancient Rome on the modern day, from architecture and trade to the calendar.

In this pocket-sized window into the past, discover the key events, people and trivia you need to know to understand this remarkable period of history.

Sales Points

- This is a new addition to the accessible *Little Book of...* series, and is the perfect introduction to the epic history Ancient Rome - both for those new to the topic as well as those who want to brush up their knowledge.
- The Roman Empire has recently been established as a particularly popular topic among men; a 2023 social media trend revealed that a vast majority of men think about the Roman Empire frequently. The phrase "my roman empire" is now used on social media to describe something that you are obsessed with or think about often.
- Another successful book in this series, *The Little Book of Psychology* (ISBN: 9781786858078), has sold over 89,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Little Book of Ancient Greece* (ISBN: 9781837995356); *The Little Book of World Mythology* (ISBN: 9781800071766); *The Little Book of Anthropology* (ISBN: 9781800074156); *The Little Book of Palaeontology* (ISBN: 9781837990139).

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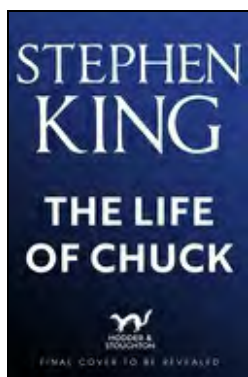
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Binding	Hardback
Format	Royal
Extent	128 pages
Word Count	N/A
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	USA
Author born in	Maine
Author living in	Maine

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The Life of Chuck

Stephen King

Keynote

Now a major motion picture and winner of the Toronto International Film Festival People's Choice Award, *The Life of Chuck* is available for the first time as a standalone hardback.

Description

Stephen King's 'The Life of Chuck' is a 'phenomenal' (*USA Today*) tale of life and legacy - and now a feature film directed by Mike Flanagan and starring Tom Hiddleston, Mark Hamill, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Karen Gillan. It is now available for the first time in a beautiful standalone edition.

Originally featured in the acclaimed story collection *If It Bleeds*, this unforgettable, mind-bending tale unfolds in reverse, taking readers through the extraordinary life of Charles 'Chuck' Krantz.

In a crumbling world plagued by natural disasters, collapsing infrastructure, and mass panic, bizarre billboards and advertisements appear throughout town: 'Charles Krantz. Thirty-nine great years. Thanks, Chuck!' Marty Anderson, a schoolteacher, becomes obsessed with these messages as the world, inexplicably linked to Chuck's life, seems to be approaching its end.

Told in three acts, presented in reverse order, *The Life of Chuck* explores one man's past. We see him in middle age on a business trip in Boston as he is seduced by a busker into spinning a gorgeous sidewalk dance. And we see him as a child, in a house haunted by a terrible secret, learning to dance with his grandmother. In these pages King reminds us that life's quotidian pleasures are even more glorious because they are fleeting: the outrageous good fortune of a beautiful blue day after a string of gray ones; the delight of dancing when every move feels perfect; a serendipitous meeting. King's ability to describe pure joy rivals his ability to terrify us.

Now a major motion picture and winner of the Toronto International Film Festival People's Choice Award, *The Life of Chuck* is a glorious story about community and about humanity at its best, a celebration of joy, mystery, existential wonder, and the multitudes contained in all of us.

Sales Points

- **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED STORY:** A beautiful three act story told backwards, THE LIFE OF CHUCK is in the spirit of King's famous novella THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION.
- **HIGH-PROFILE NEW FILM RELEASE:** The cover will tie into a new film starring Tom Hiddleston, which won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival.
- **NEW READER OPPORTUNITY:** Guaranteed to open up to a brand new reader for Stephen King via the film, who will then discover a range of exciting corelist titles with a similar reading experience.

Author Biography

STEPHEN KING is the author of more than seventy books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent titles include *Fairy Tale*, *Holly* and *If It Bleeds*, all No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

Many of his titles are the basis for major motion pictures including *IT*, *Stand By Me* (adapted from *The Body*) and *The Shawshank Redemption*, which is IMDb's top-rated movie of all time.

King is the recipient of *The Sunday Times* Award for Literary Excellence 2022, the 2020 Audio Publishers Association Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2018 PEN America Literary Service Award, the 2014 National Medal of Arts, and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.



Publication date	Thursday, June 05, 2025
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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	270x270
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Little One
Little Whale
Little Tigers
Bibi
Henry's Little Sister

Two Little Gorillas

Jo Weaver

Keynote

A beautifully illustrated story about welcoming others and overcoming feelings of jealousy, told through the eyes of a little gorilla. From Jo Weaver, award-winning creator of *Little One*.

Description

A beautifully illustrated story about welcoming others and overcoming feelings of jealousy, told through the eyes of a little gorilla.

Little Toya finds another young gorilla hiding in the bushes and can't wait to show him off to her family. But when her daddy and cousins pay Umu too much attention, Toya starts to feel jealous and left out.

Wanting to hide away with her feelings, Toya climbs the tallest tree in the forest. But high up and under heavy rain, Toya's too scared to get down again. As the branches shake, Toya is surprised to see who has come to her rescue . . .

With stunning, realistic charcoal illustrations, this heartwarming story is the perfect gift for little ones experiencing feelings of jealousy for the first time.

Other books by the award-winning Jo Weaver:

Little One
Little Whale
Little Tigers
Bibi
Henry's Little Sister

Sales Points

- An exquisitely illustrated story about a little gorilla experiencing jealousy for the first time as her family coo over another adorable gorilla
- Stunningly illustrated in charcoal throughout, with a limited palette, this book is a beauty to treasure
- The perfect gift for children with new siblings, or those starting school learning to be around other children for the first time
- Jo Weaver was shortlisted for the AOI Illustration New Talent Awards, and *Little One* won Italian prize "Nati per leggere" and was longlisted for the Klaus Flugge prize and the Kate Greenaway Medal

Author Biography

Jo Weaver had a career as a support worker in the non-profit sector before retraining as an illustrator. She completed an MA degree in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art in 2014, where she discovered a love of working in charcoal. Shortly afterwards she was shortlisted for the Association of Illustrator's newcomer's Awards.

Jo lives with her husband and two sons in Scotland and when she's not drawing you'll find her tramping about in the wild outdoors.

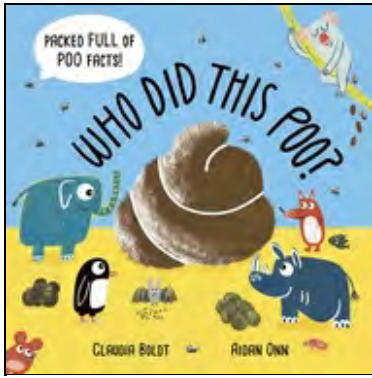
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Word Count	
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Who Did This Poo?

Aidan Onn (Illustrated By Claudia Boldt)

Keynote

A bright and funny picture book packed with everything you need to know about different species of animals' poo.

Description

Did you know that wombats poo in cubes and that mice can drop up to 75 pellets of poo a day? Do you know which animal's poo is sparkly like glitter? And which civilised animals always poo in the same spot, a bit like using their own toilets?

With this fun and slightly irreverent book adapted from the bestselling board game, little readers can laugh while they learn all about different animals - specifically, how they poo!

Sales Points

- A spin-off book based on the popular matching cards game.
- A fun and accessible approach to two popular topics for young children - animals and poo!
- Packed full of poo facts!

Author Biography

Aidan Onn (Author)

Writer Aidan Onn was born in the UK but grew up in Hong Kong. After returning to the UK to study design and film production, he settled in London. His other titles for Laurence King include *Who Did This Poo?*, *Monster Hotel* and *Poo Bingo*.

Claudia Boldt (Illustrator)

Claudia Boldt is a young German illustrator based in London. She attended the Glasgow School of Art, and then Kingston University, London, where she graduated with her Masters in Illustration in 2007. Claudia was a winner of the Booktrust Best New Illustrators Award. She is the co-founder of children's newspaper *The Loop*.

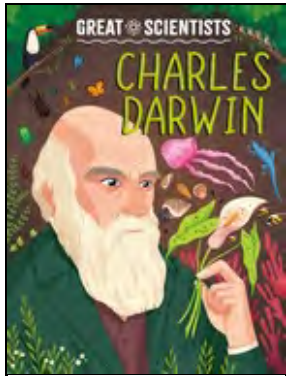
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Great Scientists: Charles Darwin

Anna Baker (Illustrated By Alexandra Badiu)

Keynote

An illustrated biography of Charles Darwin, one of the most famous figures in the history of science

Description

Charles Darwin tells the story of this key scientific figure, covering his origins as the son of a wealthy doctor, his famous voyage on *HMS Beagle*, the development of his evolutionary theories, the publication of *On the Origin of Species* and his death and burial in Westminster Abbey. For children working through Book Bands, it is suitable for those working at band 12, Brown.

Great Scientists are first biographies introducing some of the world's great scientists, simply retelling their lives and explaining why their work was important. Perfect for children aged 7 plus. Each book has been book banded and includes a timeline and quiz at the end to test what has been learned.

Sales Points

- Simple, straightforward approach that reads like a story
- Endmatter includes a timeline of events and a quiz to test knowledge
- Book banded by a literacy consultant to help children develop their literacy skills

Author Biography

Anna Baker (Author)

Anna Baker 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.

Alexandra Badiu (Illustrator)

Alexandra Badiu is a Romanian children's book illustrator and creative director for animation, currently living in Turkey.

Publication date	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781526326478
BIC 2.1	Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)

CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	250x190
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Great Scientists
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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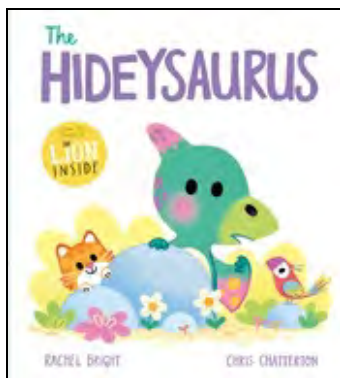
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The Hideysaurus

Rachel Bright (Illustrated By Chris Chatterton)

Keynote

The next book in the bestselling DinoFeelings series from superstar pairing Rachel Bright and Chris Chatterton. A joyful and reassuring picture book story about overcoming feelings of shyness.

Description

A joyful and reassuring rhyming story about overcoming feelings of shyness, from the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Lion Inside*.

Little Hideysaurus loves the hush and quiet. Crowds are REALLY not her thing.

But one day, her parents decide to throw a HUGE party! And as the guests keep arriving, it all becomes too much for Hidey. With wibbly knees and a squeezey heart, she HIDES!

Will Hideysaurus miss the party? Or can a very brave dinosaur help her find a way to join in the fun?

The perfect picture book for little Hideysauruses who might be feeling shy about parties or starting a new school or nursery. From bestselling creators Rachel Bright (*The Koala Who Could*) and Chris Chatterton (*Ten Minutes to Bed*).

Check out the other brilliant books in the DinoFeelings series:

The Worrysaurus
The Hugasaurus
The Stompysaurus
The Wobblysaurus
The Chattysaurus

Sales Points

- Rachel Bright is the multi award-winning, bestselling author of *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could* and more in The World of Rachel Bright and Jim Field - more than 5 million copies sold in 42 languages.
- Illustrated by Chris Chatterton, the artist behind the bestselling *Ten Minutes to Bed* series.
- A sweet and reassuring tale to help children with moments of shyness.
- The sixth title in the bestselling *DinoFeelings* series, which has sold over 1 million copies worldwide across 24 languages!

Author Biography

Rachel Bright (Author)

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. She has written many bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could* - winner of the *Evening Standard* Oscar's Book Prize and the Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 40 languages and have sold over 2 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, The Brightside. Rachel lives on a farm near the seaside, with her partner and their two young daughters.

Chris Chatterton (Illustrator)

Chris Chatterton began his career in graphic design and animation, working on a variety of projects including Dr Who and CBBC's *The Dumping Ground*. Chris' passion for illustration then led him to pursue a career as a freelance artist, illustrating a number of children's books including *Ten Minutes to Bed*, *Little Unicorn* and *Supermarket Gremlins*. Originally from County Durham, Chris now lives and works in Barcelona.

Publication date	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Price	£12.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781408368916
BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNNA) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3M79
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Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
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Tie In	Non Tie-in

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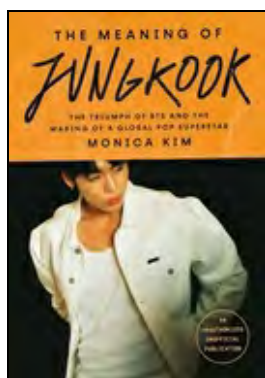
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The Lion Inside
 The Koala Who Could
 The Squirrels Who Squabbled
 The Way Home for Wolf
 The Whale Who Wanted More
 The Gecko and the Echo
 The Camel Who Had the Hump

Illustrator:

Ten Minutes to Bed
 Uh Oh, Niko!



The Meaning of Jungkook The Triumph of BTS and The Making of a Global Superstar

Monica Kim

Keynote

Celebrate Jungkook, the once-in-a-generation talent at the centre of BTS, in this illuminating look into the forces that have made him a global icon.

Description

Jungkook is one of the world's biggest stars, period. His first album, *Golden*, sold more than 2 million copies on the day of its release and stayed on the Billboard 200 for twenty-four consecutive weeks. How did a young prodigy from South Korea make music history?

The Meaning of Jungkook is an unofficial kaleidoscopic exploration of the forces that made Jungkook into the triumph he is today. This book does more than just chronicle his humble beginnings in Busan and meteoric rise to fame. A lively narrative, it places Jungkook in a larger cultural and historical context, shedding light on the inner workings of the K-pop industry, internet culture, ARMY, and more.

We learn that Jungkook's ruthless work ethic is a symptom of Korean culture and its singular pursuit for excellence; his style of dance places him in the lineage of Michael Jackson; and "the soldout king" has a unique visual appeal that meets high, intensive Korean beauty standards but also subverts it with his irreverent style choices.

Jungkook's success is not an accident. Talent and training, the livestreams and good looks, globalization and timing all contributed to the making of Jungkook, "the Golden Maknae," the South Korean pop superstar who overcame the odds, and through his success, changed the status quo.

This is an unauthorized elevated tribute to the singer, for both his fans and others interested in the genre.

Monica Kim has delivered a tour-de-force, filled with vivid detail, that makes sense of the world of a music icon who has captured the devotion of millions of fans worldwide.

Sales Points

- Original piece of publishing - first biography of any of the BTS members.
- Engaged fanbase: June 2025 is a big moment for fans as Jungkook is discharged from military service so this will be a good moment to capitalise on.
- Strong international potential - good opportunity to publish a biography of an Asian megastar/musician.
- Fills a gap in the market: first narrative book on BTS/biography of an Asian musician.

Author Biography

Monica Kim spent five years at *American Vogue* as the senior fashion news editor. Currently based between New York and Seoul, she became Yaeji's stylist in 2018 and works with brands such as Kozaburo, Rokh, Rare Market, We11done, Laura Lombardi, Penultimate, and others. *The Meaning of Jungkook* is her first book.

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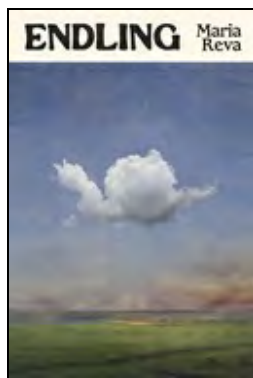
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Endling

'A fantastic novel' (Percival Everett, author of James)

Maria Reva

Keynote

The debut novel by 'one of the leading post-Soviet writers of her generation' (*The Nation*), about the journey of three women and one extremely endangered snail through contemporary Ukraine.

Description

An unforgettable debut novel about the journey of three women and one extremely endangered snail through contemporary Ukraine

'Brilliant ... funny and smart, full of science, longing and adventure, all the while reminding us what the world stands to lose, and what it has already lost. This is essential reading' **ANN PATCHETT**

'A fantastic novel' **PERCIVAL EVERETT**

'Heartbreaking, hilarious, profound, and vital, *Endling* is a brilliant, visceral journey that pulses with a powerful sense of urgency and relevance to our times' **LARA PRESCOTT**

Ukraine, 2022. Yeva is a maverick scientist who scours the country's forests and valleys, trying and failing to breed rare snails while her relatives urge her to settle down and start a family of her own. What they don't know: Yeva already dates plenty of men—not for love, but to fund her work-entertaining Westerners who come to Ukraine on guided romance tours believing they'll find docile brides untainted by feminism.

Nastia and her sister, Solomiya, are also entangled in the booming marriage industry, posing as a hopeful bride and her translator while secretly searching for their missing mother, who vanished after years of fierce activism against the romance tours.

So begins a journey of a lifetime across a country on the brink of war: three angry women, a truckful of kidnapped bachelors, and Lefty, a last-of-his-kind snail with one final shot at perpetuating his species.

Sales Points

- Maria Reva's debut collection of stories was supported by a wide variety of prominent writers, including Margaret Atwood, Miriam Toews and Yann Martel. We will approach them all for quotes for her debut novel
- Perfect for fans of experimental but still accessible and emotionally resonant literary fiction, eg readers of George Saunders, Gary Shteyngart, Ali Smith and Sigrid Nunez
- Maria has a very personal connection with some elements of the story: she was born and partially grew up in Ukraine, and still has a lot of family there

Reviews

- 'A fantastic novel' - *Percival Everett, author of James*
- 'Open this book, fasten your seatbelt, and brace for impact' - *Ben Fountain, author of Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*

Author Biography

Maria Reva was born in Ukraine and grew up in Canada. Her story collection, *Good Citizens Need Not Fear*, won the Kobzar Book Award and was a finalist for the Writers' Trust of Canada's Fiction Prize. Her writing has been featured in *The Atlantic*, *Granta*, *The Best American Short Stories*, and elsewhere. She also works as an opera librettist.

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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	C Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	352 pages
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Author born in	Ukraine
Author living in	Vancouver, Canada

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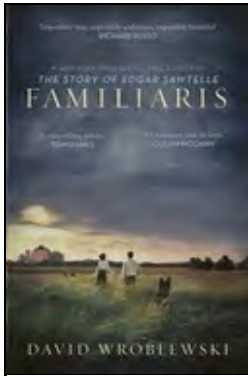
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Familiaris

An Oprah's Book Club Pick

David Wroblewski

Keynote

The new novel from the author of the milion copy international bestseller, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*.

Description

'A story-telling bonfire as enthralling in its pages as it is illuminating of our fragile and complicated humanity. *Familiaris* is as expansive and enlightening a saga as has ever been written' Tom Hanks

'An epic novel... brilliantly interweaves history, philosophy, adventure, and mysticism to explore the meaning of love, friendship and living your life's true purpose' Oprah Winfrey

Spring 1919, and John Sawtelle's imagination has got him into trouble...again. Now John and his newlywed wife, Mary, along with their two best friends and their three dogs, are setting off for Wisconsin's north woods, where they hope to make a fresh start - and to live a life of meaning, purpose, and adventure. But the place they are headed for is far stranger and more perilous than they realize, and it will take all their ingenuity, along with a few new friends - human, animal, and otherworldly - to realise their dreams.

By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, mysterious and enchanting, *Familiaris* takes readers on an unforgettable journey from the halls of a small-town automobile factory, through an epic midwestern firestorm and an ambitious WWII dog training program, examining the dynamics of love and friendship, the vexing nature of families, the universal desire to create something lasting and beautiful, and of course, the species-long partnership between Homo sapiens and Canis familiaris.

PRAISE FOR FAMILIARIS

'An American tour de force' Colum McCann

'Impossibly wise, impossibly ambitious, impossibly beautiful' Richard Russo

Sales Points

- An Oprah's Book Club Pick in 2024, on publication.
- Praised by high-profile fans including Tom Hanks, Oprah Winfrey and Colum McCann, *Familiaris* is an immersive, utterly absorbing read.
- *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, David Wroblewski's first book, was an Oprah Pick, a #1 *New York Times* bestselling classic, an international bestseller and translated into 25 languages.

Reviews

- '[A] most enchanting debut novel. **A great, big, mesmerising read.** Pick up this book and expect to feel very, very reluctant to put it down' - *New York Times*, *praise for The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*
- 'I read it last summer **and I could not stop!**' - *Audrey Niffenegger*, *Guardian (Books of the Year)*, *praise for The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*
- '**A big-hearted novel you can fall into, get lost in and finally emerge from reluctantly!**' - *Washington Post*, *praise for The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*
- '**I flat-out loved *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle!***' - *Stephen King*

Author Biography

David Wroblewski is the author of the internationally bestselling novel *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, an Oprah Book Club pick, Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection, and winner of the Colorado Book Award, Indie Choice Best Author Discovery award, and the Midwest Bookseller Association's Choice award. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* has been translated into over twenty-five languages. He lives in Colorado with the writer Kimberly McClintock.



A Place of Our Own Six Spaces That Shaped Queer Women's Culture - 'A cracking read' (Val McDermid)

June Thomas

Keynote

A joyful celebration of lesbian spaces and their contribution to queer women's history

Description

A highly readable cultural history of queer women's lives in the second half of the twentieth century

'An inspiring celebration of lesbian camaraderie, activism and fun' **SARAH WATERS**

'A cracking read, and a reminder of what shaped where we are now' **VAL MCDERMID**

'Riveting; indispensable; and suffused with a humane warmth' **ALISON BECHDEL**

For as long as queer women have existed, they've created gathering grounds where they can be themselves. In *A Place of Our Own*, journalist June Thomas invites readers into six iconic lesbian spaces over the course of the last sixty years, including the rural commune, the sex toy boutique and the feminist bookstore. She also illuminates what is gained and lost in the shift from the exclusive, tight-knit women's spaces of the '70s toward today's more inclusive yet more diffuse LGBTQ+ communities.

'Thomas's ability to resurrect the past is a testament to her meticulous research. But it's her voice - charming, irreverent, tender - that makes the journey through lesbian history so worthwhile' **NEW YORK TIMES**

'A must-have for any queer bookshelf' **TEGAN QUIN**

'Pulses with delicious dykes and the spaces we have made for ourselves over the years' **STELLA DUFFY**

Sales Points

- With a chapter about feminist bookshops (including London's Silver Moon), this is perfect for queer, feminist and progressive bookshops
- Publishing in June for Pride
- The author is an experienced journalist and willing to do lots of publicity (she did great events with Toppings and Wilderness for the hardback)

Reviews

- 'Thomas's ability to resurrect the past is a testament to her meticulous research. But it's her voice - charming, irreverent, tender - that makes the journey through lesbian history so worthwhile' - *New York Times*
- 'An engaging and informative study that defies attempts to erase people or their places' - *Kirkus*

Author Biography

June Thomas is a journalist and the co-host of *Slate's* Working podcast. Thomas was formerly senior managing producer of *Slate* podcasts and was the founding editor of *Outward*, *Slate's* LGBTQ section. Her work has appeared in outlets including *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Marie Claire*, the *New York Times' T magazine*, and the *Advocate*. She was born and raised in Manchester, England, and now, after forty years in America, Thomas lives in Edinburgh.

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The Parasites

Daphne Du Maurier

Keynote

A novel of the loyalties, betrayals and rivalries of a glittering theatrical family - and the secrets they hide. From the author of the bestselling novel *Rebecca*.

Description

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF REBECCA

'Wickedly readable . . . every woman instinctively wants to read her' NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

'A tale of dramatic longings . . . unexpected and fun' MARGARET DRABBLE

It was Charles who called us the parasites . . .

No one would choose the Delaneys as their ideal guests. Vain Maria, capricious Niall and self-sacrificing Celia have grown up in the shadow of their famous parents, ferried around Europe from one performance to the next. But beneath the glittering surface of their own artistic careers, old loyalties, rivalries and secrets still bind the half-siblings together - at the expense of all outsiders.

A razor-sharp portrait of a family - and the world of the theatre - *The Parasites* weaves together humour, poignancy and darkness in one of du Maurier's most personal novels.

'One of the last century's most original literary talents' DAILY TELEGRAPH

'Somehow more personal than Daphne du Maurier's other novels' KIRKUS REVIEWS

Sales Points

- To be reissued in the stunning new Daphne du Maurier series style
- **GORGEOUS NEW EDITIONS:** These new editions of du Maurier's timeless novels are publishing in thematic collections for a new generation of readers, with fresh quotes from fans including Alice Slater, Lucy Foley and Emerald Fennell, director of *Saltburn*. This trio of *Mary Anne*, *The Parasites* and *I'll Never Be Young Again* explores twisted coming-of-age stories.
- **CLASSICS THAT FEEL CONTEMPORARY:** Striking, contemporary covers will appeal to a BookTok audience as well as a younger literary readership. Du Maurier's novels are still a major influence on writers and filmmakers today - she is the queen of unreliable narrators, atmospheric locations and heartstopping suspense.
- **MULTI-MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER:** Du Maurier's books have sold millions of copies worldwide, and she continues to be one of the best-loved novelists of the 20th century - *Rebecca* was #14 on the BBC's 'Big Read' and included in the '100 novels that shaped the world'. Her novels continue to be adapted for film and television, with a major Netflix version of *Rebecca* in 2020. She is Virago's bestselling author.

Reviews

- 'One of the last century's most original literary talents' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'She wrote exciting plots, she was highly skilled at arousing suspense, and she was, too, a writer of fearless originality' - *Guardian*
- 'A tale of dramatic longings with added sex, some of it of an ambiguous nature. . . unexpected, and fun, and one of her own favourites' - Margaret Drabble

Author Biography

Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989) was born in London, England. In 1931 her first novel, *The Loving Spirit* was published. A biography of her father and three other novels followed, but it was the novel *Rebecca* that launched her into the literary stratosphere and made her one of the most popular authors of her day. In 1932, du Maurier married Major Frederick Browning with whom she had three children.

Many of du Maurier's bestselling novels and short stories were adapted into award-winning films, including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* and Nicolas Roeg's *Don't Look Now*. In 1969, du Maurier was awarded the Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE). She lived most of her life in Cornwall and died there which is the setting for many of her books.



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I'll Never Be Young Again

Daphne Du Maurier

Keynote

A coming-of-age novel of adventure and love, ranging over early twentieth century Europe, told by a master storyteller.

Description

A COMING-OF-AGE TALE OF ADVENTURE AND LOVE, FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF REBECCA

'She wrote exciting plots . . . a writer of fearless originality' **GUARDIAN**

'One of the last century's most original literary talents' **DAILY TELEGRAPH**

'Amazingly vivid' **SATURDAY REVIEW**

'The iron of the bridge felt hot under my hand. The sun had been upon it all day. Gripping hard with my hands I lifted myself on to the bar and gazed down steadily on the water passing under . . . I thought of places I would never see, and women I should never love.'

As far as Richard's father, a famous poet is concerned, his son has no talent as a writer and will never amount to anything. In a moment of crisis, Richard decides to end his life, but is saved by Jake, a passing stranger. The two men, both at turning points in their lives, set out for adventure, jumping aboard a ship to Norway.

Their travels take them through Europe and they form a passionate friendship. But in bohemian Paris, Richard meets Hesta, a music student who inspires him to follow his artistic dreams.

Sales Points

- With an Introduction by Elaine Dundy, author of *The Dud Avocado*
- Daphne du Maurier has undergone a huge reappraisal over the last decade and is recognised as one of the most influential writers of the twentieth century. Virago is proud to publish her entire backlist - novels, short stories and biographies.
- Reissued in a stunning new cover style.

Reviews

- 'No other popular writer has so triumphantly defied classification . . . She satisfied all the questionable criteria of popular fiction, and yet satisfied the exacting requirements of "real literature", something very few novelists ever do' - Margaret Forster
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Mary Anne

Daphne Du Maurier

Keynote

Based on the true story of one of du Maurier's own distant relatives, Mary Anne's love of money and the men who spend it embroil her in risks that threaten her very existence.

Description

'This novel catches fire' **NEW YORK TIMES**

DISCOVER THIS THRILLING STORY OF DESIRE AND AMBITION FROM THE AUTHOR OF REBECCA

She set men's hearts on fire and scandalized a country.

In Regency London, the only way for a woman to succeed is to beat men at their own game. So when Mary Anne Clarke seeks an escape from her squalid surroundings in Bowling Inn Alley, she ventures first into the scurrilous world of the pamphleteers. Her personal charms are such, however, before long she is noticed by the Duke of York.

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A vivid portrait of overweening ambition, *Mary Anne* is set during the Napoleonic Wars and based on the life of du Maurier's own great-great-grandmother.

'She wrote exciting plots, she was highly skilled at arousing suspense' **GUARDIAN**

'With unfailing du Maurier skill, the author has coupled family interest with dramatic sense' **ELIZABETH BOWEN**

Sales Points

- **GORGEOUS NEW EDITIONS:** These new editions of du Maurier's timeless novels are publishing in thematic collections for a new generation of readers, with fresh quotes from fans including Alice Slater, Lucy Foley and Emerald Fennell, director of *Saltburn*. This trio of *Mary Anne*, *The Parasites* and *I'll Never Be Young Again* explores twisted coming-of-age stories.
- **CLASSICS THAT FEEL CONTEMPORARY:** Striking, contemporary covers will appeal to a BookTok audience as well as a younger literary readership. Du Maurier's novels are still a major influence on writers and filmmakers today - she is the queen of unreliable narrators, atmospheric locations and heartstopping suspense.
- **MULTI-MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER:** Du Maurier's books have sold millions of copies worldwide, and she continues to be one of the best-loved novelists of the 20th century - *Rebecca* was #14 on the BBC's 'Big Read' and included in the '100 novels that shaped the world'. Her novels continue to be adapted for film and television, with a major Netflix version of *Rebecca* in 2020. She is Virago's bestselling author.

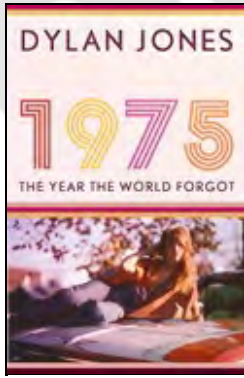
Reviews

- 'With unfailing du Maurier skill, the author has coupled family interest with dramatic sense' - *Elizabeth Bowen, Tatler*
- 'Like its heroine the book is possessed of such unforgettably vivid charm that one is seduced' - *L. S. Hilton*
- 'She wrote exciting plots, she was highly skilled at arousing suspense, and she was, too, a writer of fearless originality' - *Guardian*

Author Biography

Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989) was born in London, England. In 1931 her first novel, *The Loving Spirit* was published. A biography of her father and three other novels followed, but it was the novel *Rebecca* that launched her into the literary stratosphere and made her one of the most popular authors of her day. In 1932, du Maurier married Major Frederick Browning with whom she had three children.

Many of du Maurier's bestselling novels and short stories were adapted into award-winning films, including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* and Nicolas Roeg's *Don't Look Now*. In 1969, du Maurier was awarded the Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE). She lived most of her life in Cornwall and died there which is the setting for many of her books.



1975 The Year the World Forgot

Dylan Jones

Keynote

1975 - the greatest year for music . . . (50 years on).

Description

There is a myth that the long, dark days before punk were full of legions of British prog rock groups; that the likes of Yes, Genesis, King Crimson, Emerson Lake & Palmer and Jethro Tull roamed the land, soiling the culture like university-educated Orcs.

Wrong.

The mid-seventies were dense with extraordinarily sophisticated, mature rock music made by singers, songwriters and musicians who had no problem calling themselves artists. None at all. And the records they made aspired to artistic status: everyone was trying to make their own masterpiece, and the sense of competitiveness was like something not seen since the mid-sixties. Three-minute pop singles had given way to concept albums and pop-package tours had been supplanted by rock festivals, and rock in general had a renewed sense of ambition.

1975 was the apotheosis of the adult pop, the most important year in the narrative arc of post-war music, and a year that was rich with masterpieces: Blood on the Tracks by Bob Dylan, The Who by Numbers by the Who, Young Americans by David Bowie, The Köln Concert by Keith Jarrett, Siren by Roxy Music, Another Green World by Brian Eno, The Hissing of Summer Lawns by Joni Mitchell, Marcus Garvey by Burning Spear, Katy Lied by Steely Dan, Chocolate City by Parliament, A Night at the Opera by Queen &c.

These records were magisterial; records that couldn't be bettered. Who could realistically make a more sophisticated album than The Hissing of Summer Lawns? Or a more complex hard-rock album than Physical Graffiti? Or indeed a record as unimpeachable and as prescient as Horses?

1975 was the greatest year of them all.

Sales Points

- Dylan is well connected, having been editor in chief at GQ and now the Evening Standard. He has a big online platform with 190K followers on X/Twitter and 105K on Instagram.
- He also has a proven sales track record, particularly for books on music (see Sweet Dreams, iPod, and David Bowie biographies).
- The appetite for definitive music narratives is still very much there, as seen with the continued success of authors such as David Hepworth.

Author Biography

New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling author Dylan Jones has written or edited over twenty-five books. In the eighties, he was one of the first editors of i-D, before becoming a Contributing Editor of The Face and Editor of Arena. He spent the next decade working in newspapers - principally the Observer and the Sunday Times - before embarking on a multi-award-winning tenure at GQ. During his editorship, Conde Nast's flagship magazine won more awards than any other title - over eighty. A former columnist for the Guardian, the Independent and the Mail On Sunday, he is a Trustee of the Hay Festival and an independent BBC television producer. In 2012 he was awarded an OBE for services to publishing. He is currently the editor-in-chief of the Evening Standard.

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Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint, Vol. 7

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Key Selling Points

- From the creator of *The World After the Fall*, this iconic survival game title brings together psychological drama and supernatural action in one brilliant package.
- An anime adaptation of *Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint* was announced at Anime Expo 2024 and has been licensed by Crunchyroll.
- *Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint* is available to read digitally on WEBTOON, where it has 2.8 million subscribers and 250 million views as of July 2023.
- The acquisition announcement for *Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint* was the most popular announcement of all time for both Yen Press and Ize Press, gaining over 1 million impressions and 17 thousand likes on Twitter alone.

Summary

As the War of the Kings rages on, all of Seoul turns into a massive battlefield where historical rulers of Korea act through their chosen incarnations to regain the power and glory they once held. And at the center of it all is Dokja, who, as the sole reader of TWSA knows that this conflict will only lead to irreversible disaster for all. In order to prevent a bad ending, he must win the right to the Absolute Throne...even if means facing Junghyeok in a one-on-one brawl!

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Comics & Graphic Novels / East
Asian Style
CGN021000
Series: Omniscient Reader's
Viewpoint
Territory: World English
8.3 in H | 5.8 in W | 0.6 in T
Status: **FORTHCOMING**



Bungo Stray Dogs: Wan!, Vol. 11

Neco Kanai, Kafka Asagiri, Sango Harukawa

Key Selling Points

- *Bungo Stray Dogs: Wan!* is a fun gag spin-off of *Bungo Stray Dogs*, a manga series that has had a resurgence in popularity.
- This hilarious spin-off manga was the basis of the anime *Bungo Stray Dogs Wan!*, which aired in the Winter 2021 season to the delight of fans who were eager for more content.
- The original *Bungo Stray Dogs* is a consistent best-seller in the shonen (young boys) manga category.

Summary

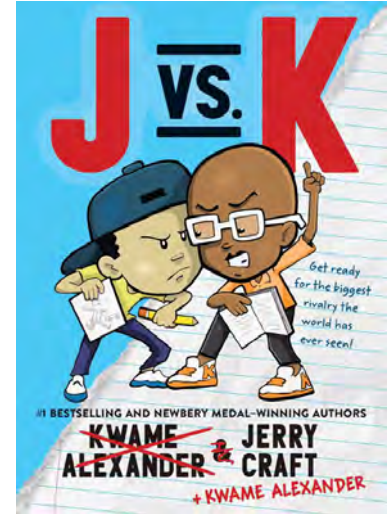
The colorful cast of *Bungo Stray Dogs* return! Higuchi gets really into haiku as she seeks out new ways to express her feelings for Akutagawa and Dazai has a totally serious conversation with his Dark Era buddies about the true meaning of what it means to apologize. Even the bad guys are getting into the gag manga groove as the Hunting Dogs, the Guild, and Dostoyevsky take the stage!

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Asian Style
CGN004050
Series: Bungo Stray Dogs: Wan!
Territory: World English
7.5 in H | 5 in W | 0.4 in T
Status: **FORTHCOMING**

J vs. K

By (author)s / Illustrated by	Alexander, Kwame ; Craft, Jerry / Craft, Jerry		
Format/Sub-format	Paper Over Board / Middle Grade	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316582681 / 0316582689	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	250,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 8 (T) / 240 (T) / 20	Age Range	8-12
Team	Margaret Raymo (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Fiction / Humorous Stories, Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Friendship, Juvenile Fiction / School & Education, Juvenile Fiction / Art, Juvenile Fiction / Poetry (see also Stories in Verse)		
Pricing	\$16.99 (US Price) / \$22.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	June 2025



Rs 835

Title Notes

Sales Handle: Not one, but two Newbery Medal winners and #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors, real-life rivals Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft are teaming up to celebrate creativity, comics, and the magic of collaboration through their corresponding counterparts (J and K) in this hilarious story, perfect for fans of *Stuntboy* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Book Description: J and K are the most talented and creative fifth graders at Dean Ashley Public School (DAPS). J loves to draw and his wordless stories are J-ENIUS! K loves to write and his stories are K-LASSIC!! Both J and K are determined to win the DAPS annual creative storytelling contest or at least get in the top five. And when they find out that they are both entering The Contest, it's the beginning of one of the most intense rivalries the world has ever seen.

It's artist vs. writer with plenty of shady double crosses as J and K plot their way to the top.

Key Selling Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHORS:** Kwame is an award-winning and the #1 NYT Bestselling Author of *The Crossover*, *The Door of No Return*, *Booked*, *Rebound*, *The Undefeated* with Kadir Nelson and *Becoming Ali* with James Patterson. Jerry is a seasoned author-illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling graphic novel *New Kid*, and its companion books, *Class Act* and *School Trip*. Both contributors are Newberry award winners.
- **MULTIPLE PROMOTIONAL & MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES:** Kwame and Jerry's names brings with them many promotional opportunities. The duo has ideas for a marketing campaign that will also reflect their personal rivalry: In real life, Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft are the best of friendly rivals. In addition to doing a semi-annual Zoom called, "Two Kwames and a Jerry" (with Kwame Mbalia), they have enjoyed poking fun at each other on social media (much to the delight of their fans).
- **EDUCATOR NOTE:** Completely relevant to many classroom conversations around identity, creativity, writing, community, and how collaboration can create magic!

Author Info

Author Residence	Reston, VA	Local Bookstore	Politics & Prose
About The Author	<p>Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, publisher, and <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of more than 35 books, including the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor-winning picture book <i>The Undefeated</i>, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, the Newbery medal-winning novel, <i>The Crossover</i>, <i>Becoming Muhammad Ali</i>, co-authored with James Patterson, <i>Booked</i>, which was longlisted for the National Book Award, <i>Rebound</i>, <i>Solo</i> and <i>Swing</i>. A regular contributor to NPR's <i>Morning Edition</i>, Kwame is also the recipient of numerous other awards, including the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, three NAACP Image Award Nominations, and the 2017 Inaugural Pat Conroy Legacy Award. He invites you to visit him at kwamealexander.com on IG and Twitter @kwamealexander.</p> <p>Jerry Craft is the <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author and illustrator of the graphic novels <i>New Kid</i>, <i>Class Act</i> and <i>School Trip</i>. <i>New Kid</i> is the only novel to ever win the John Newbery Medal, the Kirkus Prize, and the Coretta Scott King Author Award. Jerry is also a co-founder of the Schomburg's Annual Black Comic Book Festival. He was born in Harlem and grew up in the Washington Heights section of New York City. He lives with his family in Connecticut. You can learn more about Jerry at www.jerrycraft.com.</p>		
Author Links	<p>http://kwamealexander.com/ (Author Website), @kwamealexander (Author Twitter), http://www.facebook.com/KwameAlexanderBooks (Author Facebook), @kwamealexander (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)</p>		

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Influencer Campaign
Goodreads Promotion
Digital Consumer Content
Ebook Value-priced Promotion
Social Media Outreach
LBYP.com Promotion
Librarian and Educator Outreach
School & Library Conference Promotion
LB School Social Media

Author History

01/23 — *American Story (Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner)* — Kwame Alexander (9780316473125, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$18.99, 56 pgs)
·72,076 (Gross), 48,390 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:
09/22 — *Door of No Return* — Kwame Alexander (9780316441865, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$17.99, 432 pgs)
·123,726 (Gross), 100,586 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:
10/20 — *Becoming Muhammad Ali* — James Patterson (9780316498166, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$16.99, 320 pgs)
·252,074 (Gross), 169,228 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:
02/19 — *New Kid* — Jerry Craft (9780062691200, HC, Harpercollins, \$22.99, 0 pgs)
·28,710 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: TP: 644,022

Comps

01/24 — *A Royal Conundrum (The Misfits)* — Lisa Yee (9781984830296, HC, Random House, \$14.99, 0 pgs)
·17,116 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: humorous middle grade that appeals to same audience
08/23 — *Stuntboy, In-Between Time* — Jason Reynolds (9781534418226, HC, Simon & Schuster, \$14.99, 0 pgs)
·12,028 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: humorous middle grade that appeals to same audience
10/22 — *Diper Överlöde (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #17)* — Jeff Kinney (9781419762949, HC, Abrams, Harry N. Inc., \$14.99, 0 pgs)
·1,264,892 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: humorous middle grade that appeals to same audience
01/22 — *Middle School: It's a Zoo in Here!* — James Patterson (9780316430081, , Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$13.99, 336 pgs)
·137,601 (Gross), 75,743 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: humorous middle grade that appeals to same audience

The Gate, the Girl, and the Dragon

By (author)	Lin, Grace		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Middle Grade	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316594684 / 0316594687	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	/ 352 (T) / 40	Age Range	8-12
Team	Alvina Ling (Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Hardcover Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic, Juvenile Fiction / Legends, Myths, Fables / Asian, Juvenile Fiction / Asian American & Pacific Islander, Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Lions, Tigers, Leopards, etc., Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	June 2025



Rs 1440

Title Notes

Sales Handle:

Book Description: Jin was one of the Stone Lions—one of those guardians of the spirit gate who were charged to watch over humans and protect the Sacred Sphere. But he didn't care. The duties of a Stone Lion, those duties his solemn and serious father did nonstop—were boring. To Jin, all that was just a waste of time.

What wasn't a waste of time? Perfecting his zuqiu kick, scoring a Golden Goal, and becoming the most legendary zuqiu player of all the spirit world.

But when Jin's perfect kick accidentally knocks the Sacred Sphere out of the gate, he has no choice but to run after it, tumbling out of the only realm he calls home and into the human world as the gate closes behind him.

Stuck in this strange outside, Jin must find help from unlikely allies, including a girl who can hear the same mysterious voice he does, and a dragon trapped in a worm's body. Together, they must find the sphere and return it to the world beyond the gate...or risk losing everything.

Jin never wanted to be a guardian of the gate, but if he wants to return home and restore balance to both worlds, he'll have to find the strength, courage, and will to become who he truly is.

Award-winning and bestselling author Grace Lin returns with another gorgeously illustrated adventure story about duty, love, and balance—expertly written in the vein of the Newbery Honor winner and modern classic *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*.

Key Selling Points

- **BESTSELLING AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Grace Lin's *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon*, *Starry River Of The Sky*, *And When The Sea Turned To Silver* have sold over 3 million copies in all formats, and have also earned Grace a Newbery Honor and a National Book Award finalist. This latest novel is some of Grace's best work, and we expect it to follow her other successes in stride. Grace has also received a Geisel and Caldecott Honor, as well as being the ALA Legacy Award winner.
- **DELUXE GIFTY PACKAGE WITH STENCILED EDGES:** The first printing will include designed, two-color stenciled edges, a case with a front foil stamp, designed endpapers, and red foil on the jacket! Like *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon*, *Starry River Of The Sky*, *And When The Sea Turned To Silver*, *The Gate, the Girl, and the Dragon* is printed in full color throughout with ten full-page intricate illustrations by Grace. The stunning cover will invite readers to open up the book and pore over Grace's beautiful story and art.

Author Info

Author Residence	Western Massachusetts	Local Bookstore	High Five Books
About The Author	<p>Grace Lin is the award-winning and bestselling author and illustrator of <i>Chinese Menu</i>, <i>When the Sea Turned to Silver</i>, <i>Starry River of the Sky</i>, <i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>, <i>The Year of the Dog</i>, <i>The Year of the Rat</i>, <i>Dumpling Days</i>, and <i>Ling & Ting</i>, as well as picture books such as <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i>, <i>A Big Bed for Little Snow</i>, and <i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</i>. Grace is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and lives in Massachusetts. Her website is www.gracelin.com.</p>		
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Marketing & Publicity Plans

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National Advertising Campaign

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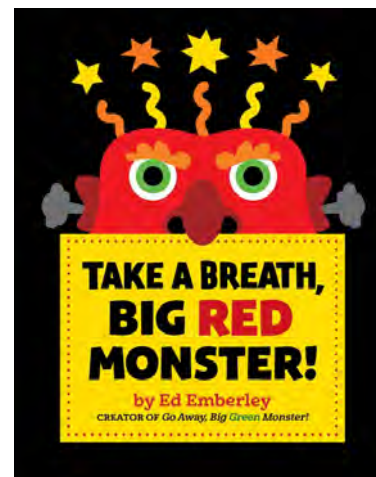
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Author History

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Take a Breath, Big Red Monster!

By (author)	Emberley, Ed		
Format/Sub-format	Paper Over Board / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316571814 / 0316571814	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
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Team	Mary-Kate Gaudet (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Kelly Moran (Public		
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BISAC Category	Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings, Juvenile Fiction / Interactive Adventures, Juvenile Fiction / Monsters, Juvenile Fiction / Concepts / Body		
Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	June 2025



Rs 1360

Title Notes

Sales Handle: This companion to the bestselling classic *Go Away, Big Green Monster!*, which has sold over a million copies, shows kids how to calm down with a "monstrously" fun format boasting die-cuts on every spread.

Book Description: This companion to the bestselling classic *Go Away, Big Green Monster!*, which has sold over a million copies and is now celebrating over 30 years in print, boasts a similar, "monstrously" fun format and features die-cuts on every spread.

Big Red Monster is angry! Turning the pages reveals colorful illustrations of different parts of the cranky creature's face, from two mean green eyes to a big thundery loud mouth. We can help him calm down by taking deep breaths—in and out—until even his yellow-and-orange firecracker hair disappears.

This ingenious, interactive book about working through feelings of anger through play, imagination, and breathing deeply feels as fresh and innovative today as *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* did 30 years ago.

Key Selling Points

- **COMPANION TO STAR AUTHOR'S BESTSELLING CLASSIC:** LBYR's *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* has sold over 1 million copies to date, and total sales of our Emberley books are over 5 million. Ed Emberley has received both a Caldecott Medal for *Drummer Hoff* (1967) and Honor for *One Wide River to Cross* (1966).

EMOTIONAL REGULATION: The success of books like *The Color Monster* has proven that emotional regulation is an evergreen topic and coping resources are needed for today's toddlers and families.

PROMOTIONAL MOMENT: May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Additionally, while this book has year-round appeal, the monster hook makes this title ideal for Halloween promotions.

Author Info

Author Residence	Massachusetts	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Ed Emberley is the illustrator and author of over 80 books, including the bestselling <i>Go Away, Big Green Monster!</i> and his enormously popular Drawing Book series. He has received many awards and accolades, including a Caldecott Honor in 1967 and a Caldecott Medal in 1968. Ed lives in Ipswich, Massachusetts, with his family. You can visit him online at edemberley.com.		
Author Links	http://everythingemberley.com (Author Website), @EdEmberley (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @edemberley (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Praise

Praise for *Go Away, Big Green Monster!*:

"A graphic delight...This imaginative original work is a most friendly way in which children can take control over their own ``monsters" or nightmares." — **School Library Journal**

"The Caldecott Medalist makes wonderful use of innovative production techniques in this ingenious offering....A joy to read aloud, the simple story entertains even as it helps its audience master common fears." — **Publishers Weekly**

"A satisfying game that may also allay some nighttime fears." — **Kirkus Reviews**

Praise for *Nighty Night, Little Green Monster*:

Marketing & Publicity Plans

Prepublication Buzz Campaign
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Select Author Appearances
Retailer and Review Advertising
Video Content
Digital Consumer Content
Social Media Outreach
LBYP.com Promotion
Librarian and Educator Outreach
School & Library Conference Promotion
LB School Social Media

Author History

08/13 — ***Nighty Night, Little Green Monster*** — Ed Emberley (9780316210416, , Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$15.99, 32 pgs)
·117,734 (Gross), 101,076 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Author history
04/93 — ***Go Away, Big Green Monster!*** — Ed Emberley (9780316236539, , Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$17.99, 32 pgs)
·1,487,450 (Gross), 1,383,011 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Author history

Comps

05/24 — ***Dr. Color Monster and the Emotions Toolkit*** — Anna Llenas (9780316574525, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$18.99, 56 pgs)
·13,330 (Gross), 13,159 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Picture book about emotions, featuring a monster
01/23 — ***Mister Kitty Is Lost!*** — Greg Pizzoli (9780316056540, , Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$16.99, 32 pgs)
·17,702 (Gross), 16,043 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Interactive POB with diecuts
09/21 — ***Roaring Mad Riley: an Anger Management Story For Kids*** — Allison Szczecinski (9781638788362, HC, Callisto Pub, \$10.99, 0 pgs)
·8,652 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Picture book about big emotions (TP=38,623)
08/21 — ***Clovis Keeps His Cool*** — Katelyn Aronson (9781645672135, HC, Macmillan, \$18.99, 0 pgs)
·12,518 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Picture book about managing anger

Blades of Furry (A Graphic Novel)

Subtitle	Volume 1		
By (author)s	Muniz, Deya ; Erdos, Emily		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Graphic Novel	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316459938 / 0316459933	Season	2025 Summer
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Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Young Adult Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels / LGBTQ+, Young Adult Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels / Romance, Young Adult Fiction / Comics & Graphic Novels / Humorous, Young Adult Fiction / Sports & Recreation / Winter Sports		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date: June 2025	



Rs 1650

Title Notes

Sales Handle: Enter the high-stakes world of battle skating in this rivals-to-lovers romance based on the spectacularly popular webcomic.

Book Description: Emile is an up-and-coming rookie in battle skating, a sport that combines the grace of figure skating with the high-impact sparring of martial arts. Just as he is gearing up to fight in his next duel at the championships, there's a change in the lineup! To his horror, he'll have to face off against reigning champion Radu, the best battle skater in the world (and Emile's longtime skating idol). There's no way he can win!

During a pivotal moment in their match, however, Emile discovers Radu's most closely guarded secret...and it's a bloody one. This could destroy Radu's career for good, but when feelings start to develop between them both on and off the rink, will this rivalry turn into something more...?

Based on the WEBTOON hit comic with over forty million views and half a million subscribers, this irresistible story full of heart-pounding romance, breathtaking skate battles, and secrets both good and bad is now available in a gorgeous print edition that includes never-before-seen content!

Key Selling Points

- **WILDLY POPULAR WEBCOMIC:** This comic, which has been serialized on WEBTOON, has racked up over 41MM views, 517K subscribers, and 300K likes on the platform. In addition, the fans of this series are very engaged—each chapter garners from 800 to 2,000 comments.
- **LOTS OF FOLLOWERS ON OTHER PLATFORMS TOO!** Deya has 135K Instagram followers for their *Brutally Honest* comic, and 44K followers on her main Instagram account, which is basically a *Blades of Furry* promo account. Emily has 28K Instagram followers.
- **QUEER YA ROMANCE:** This is exactly the kind of sweet, heart-thumping story that is doing well in this market (see *Check, Please!* and *Heartstopper*) but this manages to be a contemporary-feeling, relatable romance while also boasting vampires, battle skating, and—in true Deya style—some excellent fashion.

Author Info

Author Residence	Chicago, Illinois	Local Bookstore	Anderson's Bookshop
About The Author	<p>Emily Erdos was born and raised in the Midwest with a wild love of making up tales that tugged on people's heartstrings. After attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and Savannah College of Art and Design, she graduated with an MFA and married her comic partner-in-crime, Deya Muniz. They now live and create sweet and silly stories together with their dog children, Ellie and Pumpkin, by their sides!</p> <p>Deya Muniz was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where they grew up watching <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and reading copious amounts of shoji manga. In 2017, they moved to the United States to pursue a master's degree in sequential art, where they met and fell in love with a wonderful girl who makes delicious grilled cheese sandwiches.</p>		
Author Links	http://www.webtoons.com/en/romance/blades-of-furry/list?title_no=2383 (Author Website), @DeyaMuniz (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @deyathemuniz (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Marketing & Publicity Plans

- Prepublication Buzz Campaign
- ARCs
- National Media Campaign
- Select Author Appearances
- Consumer Advertising
- Trade and Review Advertising
- Early Reads Campaign
- NOVL YA Community Promotion
- Retailer and Social Media Graphics
- Goodreads Promotion
- Digital Consumer Content
- Social Media Outreach
- LBYR.com and LBlnk.com Promotions
- Librarian and Educator Outreach
- School & Library Conference Promotion
- LB School Social Media

Author History

05/23 — *Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich (A Graphic Novel)* — Deya Muniz (9780316538725, PB, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$17.99, 256 pgs)
 ·52,539 (Gross), 47,196 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Author Internal History

Comps

12/23 — *Heartstopper #5: a Graphic Novel* — Alice Oseman (9781338807486, PB, Scholastic Books, \$15.99, 336 pgs)
 ·214,463 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: REACH but similar appeal: YA webtoon-to-print graphic novel.

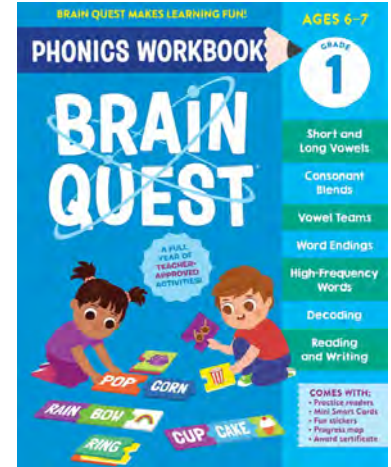
12/22 — *Unfamiliar: Volume 1* — Haley Newsome (9781524876838, PB, Andrews & Mcmeel, \$15.99, 160 pgs)
 ·19,964 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar appeal: YA webtoon-to-print graphic novel.

07/22 — *Crumbs* — Danie Stirling (9781250193537, PB, Harpercollins Publishers, \$17.99, 288 pgs)
 ·28,484 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar appeal: YA webtoon-to-print graphic novel.

10/21 — *Creepy Cat Vol. 1* — Cotton Valent (9781648277870, PB, Random House, \$14.99, 128 pgs)
 ·24,112 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar appeal: YA webtoon-to-print graphic novel.

Brain Quest Phonics Workbook: Grade 1

Series / Series #	Brain Quest Phonics Workbooks, #3		
By (author)	Workman Publishing		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Workbook	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781523527908 / 1523527900	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8.5 x 10.875 / 160 / 32	Age Range	6-7
Team	Alisha Zucker (Editor) / Moira Kerrigan (Marketer) / Amanda Trautmann (Public		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio)		
Photos / Illustrations	4-color illustrations throughout		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Nonfiction / Language Arts / Vocabulary & Spelling, Juvenile Nonfiction / Study Aids / General, Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education		
Pricing	\$10.99 (US Price) / \$13.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	06/03/2025



Rs 845

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Book Description: The ultimate first grade phonics workbook, with curriculum-based activities and exercises for important phonics skills such as letter blends, vowel teams, word endings, and more decoding skills.

From the brand that's loved by kids, trusted by parents, and teacher-approved, *Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 1 Phonics* is packed with hands-on activities that reinforce essential first grade phonics concepts plus pull-out practice readers, mini smart cards, fun stickers, and a poster.

Aligned with national and state standards and using research-proven methods based on the science of reading, key concepts are thoughtfully presented, setting students and parents up for success. Brain Quest friends appear throughout the lessons to provide support and encouragement.

Key Selling Points

- **THE HUGE SUCCESS OF BRAIN QUEST** Brain Quest has been America's #1 educational bestseller for over 30 years, with more than 56 million copies in print and glowing reviews from caregivers, educators, and kids alike. Plus, every Brain Quest product is reviewed and approved by a panel of teachers and experts.
- **PHONICS WORKBOOKS ARE BIG BUSINESS** Millions of copies of phonics workbooks are sold each year to parents looking to support their children's reading education. A renewed focus on phonics and the science of reading is driving increased sales of phonics resources.
- **FEATURES SUPPORT PARENTS AND LEARNERS** Friendly kid characters share support and encouragement throughout the book and pull-out practice readers provide opportunities to apply learned skills while reading engaging fiction and nonfiction stories. The back of the workbook contains a celebratory certificate and stickers, a phonics-focused mini-deck of Brain Quest Smart Cards, and a sound-spelling correspondence chart to aid learners with pronunciation. Additional phonics support for parents, teachers, and children is available at brainquest.com.

Author Info

Author Residence	Local Bookstore
About The Author	Workman Publishing is a New York-based publisher of award-winning nonfiction for adults and children.
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Marketing & Publicity Plans

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- Trade advertising
- Social media influencer & ambassador campaign
- National Digital and social media advertising campaign
- Promotion across the Brain Quest brand channels and platforms
- Featured title in Brain Quest social media ambassador program

Author History

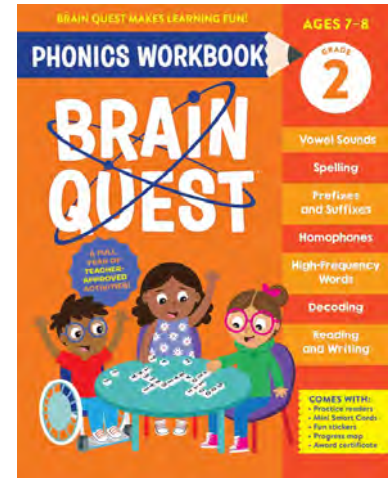
- 07/24** — **Brain Quest Math Workbook: 1st Grade** — Workman Publishing (9781523524228, PB, Workman Kids, \$10.99, 160 pgs)
 ·18,805 (Gross), 17,795 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Same grade, same brand
- 07/23** — **Learn by Sticker: Beginning Phonics** — Workman Publishing (9781523519798, PB, Workman Kids, \$11.99, 44 pgs)
 ·79,327 (Gross), 63,184 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Same age range
- 05/23** — **Brain Quest Workbook: 1st Grade Revised Edition** — Workman Publishing/Trumbauer (9781523517350, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 320 pgs)
 ·195,216 (Gross), 181,766 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Same grade, same brand
- 04/17** — **Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades 1 & 2** — Workman Publishing/Butler (9780761189176, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 160 pgs)
 ·530,236 (Gross), 465,331 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: same series, contains phonics

Comps

- 10/22** — **My First Grade Reading Workbook: 101 Games & Activities to Support First Grade Reading Skills** — Molly Stahl (9781685395438, , Rockridge Press, \$12.99, 126 pgs)
 ·4,730 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: same brand as previous comp, more recent pub date
- 01/22** — **Get Ready for School: First Grade Wipe-Off Workbook** — Heather Stella (9780762475841, , Workman Kids, \$12.99, 64 pgs)
 ·13,767 (Gross), 10,018 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:
- 06/19** — **My Phonics Workbook: 101 Games and Activities to Support Reading Skills** — Lauren Brainard (9781641524414, , Rockridge Press, \$11.99, 98 pgs)
 ·31,700 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: same price, similar page count, 2019 pub date
- 01/10** — **Phonics For First Grade, Grade 1: Gold Star Edition Volume 11** — Carson Dellosa Education (9781604187854, , Carson-Dellosa Publishing Co, \$4.49, 64 pgs)
 ·109,751 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: High sales numbers

Brain Quest Phonics Workbook: Grade 2

Series / Series #	Brain Quest Phonics Workbooks, #4		
By (author)	Workman Publishing		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781523527854 / 1523527854	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8.5 x 10.875 / 160 / 32	Age Range	7-8
Team	Alisha Zucker (Editor) / Moira Kerrigan (Marketer) / Amanda Trautmann (Public		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio)		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Nonfiction / Language Arts / Vocabulary & Spelling, Juvenile Nonfiction / Study Aids / General, Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education		
Pricing	\$10.99 (US Price) / \$13.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	06/03/2025



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Book Description: The ultimate second grade phonics workbook, with curriculum-based activities and exercises for important phonics skills such as regular and irregular spelling patterns, prefixes and suffixes, contractions, homophones, and more decoding skills.

From the brand that's loved by kids, teacher approved, and parent trusted, *Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 2 Phonics* is packed with hands-on activities that reinforce essential second-grade phonics concepts, plus pull-out practice readers, a mini smart card deck, fun stickers, and a poster.

Aligned with national and state standards and using research-proven methods based on the science of reading, key concepts are thoughtfully presented, setting students and parents up for success. Brain Quest friends appear throughout the lessons to provide support and encouragement.

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- Social media influencer & ambassador campaign
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- Promotion across the Brain Quest brand channels and platforms
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Author History

07/24 — **Brain Quest Math Workbook: 2nd Grade** — Workman Publishing (9781523524235, PB, Workman Kids, \$10.99, 160 pgs)

·20,753 (Gross), 18,776 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: same series; same page count; no sales yet because not yet on sale

05/24 — **Learn by Sticker: More Phonics** — Workman Publishing (9781523523948, PB, Workman Kids, \$11.99, 44 pgs)

·18,844 (Gross), 17,570 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Same age range

05/23 — **Brain Quest Workbook: 2nd Grade Revised Edition** — Workman Publishing/Onish (9781523517367, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 320 pgs)

·194,203 (Gross), 178,978 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Contains phonics sections

04/17 — **Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades 2 & 3** — Workman Publishing/Walker (9780761189183, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 160 pgs)

·541,915 (Gross), 478,162 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Contains phonics sections

Comps

04/21 — **Get Ready for School: Second Grade (Revised and Updated)** — Heather Stella (9780762472406, , Workman Kids, \$18.99, 320 pgs)

·53,681 (Gross), 35,031 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Similar to BQ multisubject series

06/19 — **My Phonics Workbook: 101 Games and Activities to Support Reading Skills** — Lauren Brainard (9781641524414, , Rockridge Press, \$11.99, 98 pgs)

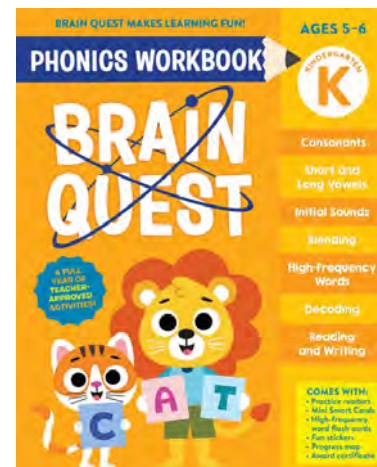
·31,700 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: consistent sales from Callisto's phonics workbook

04/18 — **School Zone Phonics Review Grades 1-3 Workbook** — School Zone (9780887437724, , School Zone, \$4.49, 64 pgs)

·57,979 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: high sales, 2019 pub date

Brain Quest Phonics Workbook: Kindergarten

Series / Series #	Brain Quest Phonics Workbooks, #2		
By (author)	Workman Publishing		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781523527847 / 1523527846	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8.5 x 10.875 / 160 / 32	Age Range	5-6
Team	Karen Halpenny (Editor) / Moira Kerrigan (Marketer) / Amanda Trautmann (Pub)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio)		
Photos / Illustrations	4-color illustrations throughout, poster, 2 sticker sheets		
Selling Territory	World		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Alphabet, Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Words (see also headings under Language Arts), Juvenile Nonfiction / Study Aids / General, Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education		
Pricing	\$10.99 (US Price) / \$13.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	06/03/2025



Rs 845

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From the brand that's loved by kids and teacher-approved, Brain Quest Workbook: Kindergarten Phonics is packed with hands-on activities that reinforce essential Kindergarten phonics concepts, plus pull-out practice readers, mini smart cards, fun stickers, and a progress poster.

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·18,844 (Gross), 17,570 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

09/23 — **Brain Quest Learn to Write: Letters** — Workman Publishing (9781523516001, PB, Workman Kids, \$9.99, 80 pgs)
·29,547 (Gross), 18,191 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

07/23 — **Learn by Sticker: Beginning Phonics** — Workman Publishing (9781523519798, PB, Workman Kids, \$11.99, 44 pgs)
·79,327 (Gross), 63,184 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

05/23 — **Brain Quest Workbook: Kindergarten Revised Edition** — Workman Publishing/Trumbauer (9781523517343, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 320 pgs)
·169,713 (Gross), 154,581 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

Comps

05/22 — **Kindergarten Phonics and Spelling Learning Fun Workbook** — Highlights Learning (9781644726693, PB, Random House, \$4.99, 48 pgs)

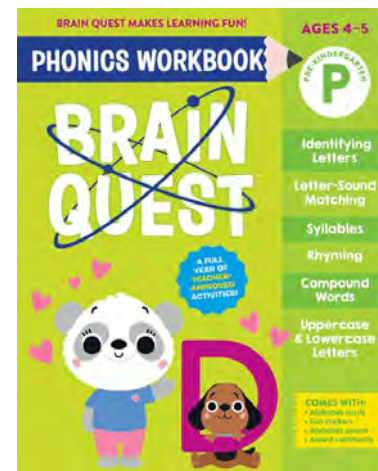
·8,512 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar topic and age group, at Target

04/19 — **Phonics Kindergarten Workbook: Scholastic Early Learners** — Scholastic (9781338305043, PB, Scholastic Books, \$3.99, 24 pgs)

·6,778 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar topic and age

Brain Quest Phonics Workbook: Pre-Kindergarten

Series / Series #	Brain Quest Phonics Workbooks, #1		
By (author)	Workman Publishing		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781523527830 / 1523527838	Season	2025 Summer
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
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Selling Territory	World		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Alphabet, Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Words (see also headings under Language Arts), Juvenile Nonfiction / Study Aids / General, Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education		
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07/24 — **Brain Quest Math Workbook: Pre-Kindergarten** — Workman Publishing (9781523524204, PB, Workman Kids, \$10.99, 160 pgs)

·15,400 (Gross), 14,869 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

07/23 — **Learn by Sticker: Beginning Phonics** — Workman Publishing (9781523519798, PB, Workman Kids, \$11.99, 44 pgs)

·79,327 (Gross), 63,184 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

05/23 — **Brain Quest Workbook: Pre-K Revised Edition** — Workman Publishing/Onish (9781523517336, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 320 pgs)

·144,929 (Gross), 127,858 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

04/18 — **Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades Pre-K & K** — Workman Publishing/Heos (9781523502998, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 160 pgs)

·399,808 (Gross), 336,356 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

Comps

02/23 — **Scholastic Phonics Jumbo Workbook** — Scholastic (9781338873924, PB, Scholastic, \$9.99, 320 pgs)

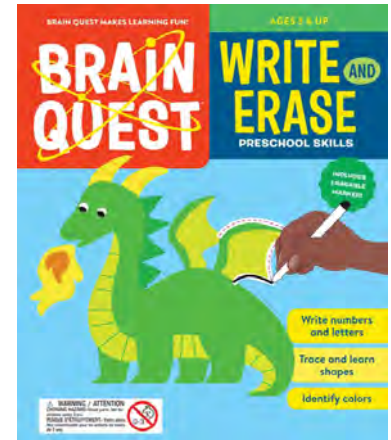
·6,269 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar topic, at Target

06/19 — **My Phonics Workbook: 101 Games and Activities to Support Reading Skills** — Laurin Brainard (9781641524414, PB, Callisto Pub, \$11.99, 98 pgs)

·31,700 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar topic, high sales

Brain Quest Write and Erase: Preschool Skills

By (author)	Workman Publishing		
Format/Sub-format	Spiral Bound	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781523528554 / 1523528559	Season	2025 Winter
Announced 1st Print	75,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 10-7/8 / 56 / 24	Age Range	3 & up
Team	Karen Halpenny (Editor) / Moira Kerrigan (Marketer) / Amanda Trautmann (Pub		
Other Formats			
Photos / Illustrations	Full color illustrations		
Selling Territory	World		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Nonfiction / School & Education, Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity Books / General, Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Alphabet, Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Colors, Juvenile Nonfiction / Concepts / Counting & Numbers		
Pricing	\$10.99 (US Price) / \$13.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date: June 2025	



Rs 845

Title Notes

Sales Handle: *Brain Quest Write and Erase: Preschool Skills* brings a new format to the best-selling Brain Quest workbook series. This hands-on (and marker-on!) curriculum-based workbook provides reinforcement, practice, and review opportunities of foundational pre-math and pre-reading concepts plus motor skill work for the youngest learners.

Book Description: The ultimate write and erase workbook, with tons of curriculum-based activities and exercises focusing on letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. Includes a removable double sided white board and dry erase marker (attached in spiral binding).

It's fun to be smart! From the brand that's loved by kids, teacher approved, and parent trusted, *Brain Quest Write and Erase: Preschool Skills* is packed with hands-on activities that introduce and reinforce concepts students need to prepare for school. Bonus questions on each page extend the learning and give parents ample opportunities for engaging conversations and language development. Aligned with early learning standards and expertly vetted by award-winning teachers, each page is designed to set students and parents up for success. Colorful, kid-friendly illustrations and a removeable white board in the back complete the learning fun.

Key Selling Points

- **THE HUGE SUCCESS OF BRAIN QUEST:** Brain Quest has been America's #1 educational bestseller for over 30 years, with more than 56 million copies in print and glowing reviews from caregivers, educators, and kids alike. Plus, every Brain Quest product is reviewed and approved by a panel of experts.
- **WORKBOOKS ARE BIG BUSINESS:** More than 500k Write and Erase workbooks sold in the last 2 years ('22-'23). (Bookscan)
- **SPECIAL FEATURES HELP PARENTS AND LEARNERS ENGAGE WITH CONTENT:** Targeted questions provide opportunities for discussion and to extend the activities, and an included white board lets kids draw on their own!

Author Info

Author Residence	Local Bookstore
About The Author	Workman Publishing is a New York-based publisher of award-winning nonfiction for adults and children.
Author Links	(Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)

Marketing & Publicity Plans

- Video
- Trade advertising
- Social media influencer & ambassador campaign

- National digital and social media advertising campaign
- Promotion across the Brain Quest brand channels and platforms
- Featured title in Brain Quest social media ambassador program

Author History

07/24 — Brain Quest Math Workbook: Pre-Kindergarten — Workman Publishing (9781523524204, PB, Workman Kids, \$10.99, 160 pgs)

·15,400 (Gross), 14,869 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

09/23 — Brain Quest Learn to Write: Letters — Workman Publishing (9781523516001, PB, Workman Kids, \$9.99, 80 pgs)

·29,547 (Gross), 18,191 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

05/23 — Brain Quest Workbook: Pre-K Revised Edition — Workman Publishing/Onish (9781523517336, PB, Workman Kids, \$12.99, 320 pgs)

·144,929 (Gross), 127,858 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

Comps

06/23 — Scholastic Toddler Wipe-Clean Workbook — (9781338891089, , Scholastic, \$9.99, 56 pgs)

·4,592 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: New version

12/22 — Get Ready for School: Pre-K Wipe-Off Workbook — Heather Stella (9780762481217, , Workman Kids, \$12.99, 64 pgs)

·12,508 (Gross), 5,503 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Similar format.

12/16 — Get Ready For Pre-K Wipe-Clean Workbook: Scholastic Early Learners (Wipe-Clean) — (9780545903479, , Scholastic, \$9.99, 56 pgs)

·286,644 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar format

08/15 — Pre-K Wipe-Clean Workbook: Scholastic Early Learners — (9780545903240, , Scholastic, \$9.99, 56 pgs)

·791,098 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar format

Be a Hero with Skipper the Seal

Series / Series #	Skipper the Seal		
By (author)s / Illustrated by	McRaven, Admiral William H. ; McRaven, Kelly Marie / McWilliam, Howard		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316576406 / 0316576409	Season	2025 Winter
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 11 / 48 / 32	Age Range	4-8
Team	Deirdre Jones (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Cheryl Lew (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Values & Virtues, Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance, Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Marine Life, Juvenile Fiction / Business, Careers, Occupations, Juvenile Fiction / War & Military		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date:	Pub Date:	June 2025



Rs 1520

Title Notes

Sales Handle: The star of *Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal* is back in this inspiring story about everyday heroism, by *New York Times* bestselling author Admiral William H. McRaven.

Book Description: The star of *Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal* is back in this inspiring story about everyday heroism, by *New York Times* bestselling author Admiral William H. McRaven and Kelly Marie McRaven.

When the president of the United States tasks Skipper the SEAL with assembling a team of heroes, Skipper isn't sure where to start. But as he meets other animals who give of their time and talents every day—from the Courageous Cat who stands up for others, to the Dutiful Duck who never leaves a student behind, to the Funny Fox who creates joy wherever he goes—Skipper realizes that heroes don't have to be big and strong. There are heroes all around us!

In this inspiring children's adaptation of the instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived*, Admiral William H. McRaven and daughter Kelly Marie McRaven show young readers what it means to be truly heroic and encourage kids to become everyday heroes, too.

Skipper says: Be a hero in all that you do!

Key Selling Points

- **BESTSELLER TRACK:** *The Hero Code* (GCP) was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and has netted over 230K copies across all formats. This children's adaptation is a follow-up to *Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller.
- **AUTHOR WITH A PLATFORM:** Admiral McRaven is a well-known figure who has written numerous opinion pieces for national outlets like *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. He was a strong promoter of *Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal*, and we expect similar enthusiasm for his second picture book, which was co-written with his daughter Kelly—creating a compelling new angle for media opportunities.
- **INSPIRING AND ACCESSIBLE MESSAGE:** Like *Make Your Bed*, this kid-friendly distillation of key lessons on leadership and everyday heroes is presented in a fun and accessible way through the recurring character of Skipper plus a whole new cast of fun and memorable animal friends.

Author Info

Author Residence	Austin, TX (Bill) / Alexandria, VA (Kelly)	Local Bookstore	The Book People (Austin, TX); Old Town Books (Alexandria, VA)
About The Author	<p>Admiral William H. McRaven (US Navy Retired) is the <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal</i>; <i>Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World</i>; <i>The Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived</i>; and <i>Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations</i>. In his thirty-seven years as a Navy SEAL, he commanded at every level. As a four-star admiral, his final assignment was as commander of all US Special Operations Forces. After retiring from the Navy, he served as the chancellor of the University of Texas System from 2015 to 2018. He lives in Austin, Texas.</p> <p>Kelly Marie McRaven is a national security professional with ten years of combined experience in the public and private sector. She has an MA from Georgetown University and a BA from the University of Notre Dame. Kelly grew up going on adventures around the world and, like the characters in this book, is passionate about public service. She lives in Virginia with her husband and a dog named Riley.</p> <p>Howard McWilliam is the <i>New York Times</i> bestselling illustrator of <i>Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal</i>; John Cena's Elbow Grease series; <i>I Need My Monster</i> by Amanda Noll; and <i>When a Dragon Moves In</i> by Jodi Moore, among others. He lives in the United Kingdom and invites you to visit him online at howardmcwilliam.com.</p>		
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Praise

A *New York Times* Bestseller

"Don't skip this lively, feel-good story." — *Kirkus Reviews*

Praise for *Make Your Bed With Skipper the Seal*:

"In this children's adaptation, McRaven shares life lessons from Navy SEAL training and encourages young readers to become their best selves. As Skipper the seal embarks on Navy SEAL training, he and his hardworking friends learn much more than how to pass a swimming test, including the need to take risks and persevere through tough times." — *Publishers Weekly*

"This new book teaches kids about perseverance and dealing with failure." — *CBS This Morning*

Marketing & Publicity Plans

- Prepublication Buzz Campaign
- F&Gs
- National Author Tour
- National Publicity Campaign
- Local Author Appearances
- National Advertising Campaign
- Trade, Social Media, Retailer, and Review Advertising
- Graduation Promotion
- Promotional Bookmark
- Downloadable Storytime Kit
- Retailer and Social Media Graphics
- Digital Consumer Content
- Social Media Outreach
- LBYR.com Promotion
- Librarian and Educator Outreach
- School & Library Conference Promotion
- LB School Social Media

Author History

04/23 — *Wisdom of the Bullfrog* — William H McRaven (9781538707944, HC, Grand Central Publishing, \$25.00, 224 pgs)

·279,141 (Gross), 244,611 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

09/21 — *Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal* — William H McRaven (9780316592352, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$18.99, 48 pgs)

·90,764 (Gross), 65,937 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

04/21 — *Hero Code* — William H McRaven (9781538719961, HC, Grand Central Publishing, \$22.00, 176 pgs)

·198,481 (Gross), 154,644 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

04/17 — *Make Your Bed* — William H McRaven (9781455570249, HC, Grand Central Publishing, \$20.00, 144 pgs)

·2,470,224 (Gross), 2,365,879 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason:

- 03/23** — ***Little Daymond Learns to Earn*** — Daymond John (9780593567272, HC, Random House, \$19.99, 0 pgs)
·48,908 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Celebrity picture book about life lessons
- 03/23** — ***A Is for Ambitious*** — Harris/Valdez (9780316354493, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$18.99, 40 pgs)
·34,417 (Gross), 21,522 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Second picture book from a celebrity author
- 01/23** — ***Kindest Red*** — Ibtihaj Muhammad (9780759555709, HC, Little Brown Bks Young Readers, \$18.99, 40 pgs)
·76,030 (Gross), 65,735 (Net), HBG (Source) — Reason: Second picture book from a celebrity author
- 01/22** — ***Just Help!: How to Build a Better World*** — Sonia Sotomayor (9780593206263, HC, Penguin, \$17.99, 0 pgs)
·42,817 (Net), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Second picture book by a celebrity author about making the world a better place