



Poems & Prayers

Matthew McConaughey

Keynote

From the Academy Award-winning actor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Greenlights*, an inspiring collection of personal poetry and prayers for finding purpose, hope, and satisfaction in a rapidly changing world, filled with his one-of-a-kind McConaughey wisdom

Description

From the Academy Award-winning actor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Greenlights* comes an inspiring, faith-filled, and often hilarious collection of personal poetry and prayers about navigating the rodeo of life and chasing down the original dream, belief.

My prayers are my poems are my prayers.

I've always relied on logic to make sense of myself and the world.

A prescriptionist at heart, I've always looked to reason to find the rhyme, the practical to get to the mystical, the choreography to find the dance, the proof to get to the truth, and reality to get to the dream.

I've been finding that tougher to do lately. It's more than hard to know what to believe in; it's hard to believe.

But I don't want to quit believing, and I don't want to stop believing *in* . . . humanity, you, myself, our potential.

I think it's time for us to flip the script on what's historically been our means of making sense, and instead open our aperture to enchantment and look to faith, belief, and dreams for our reality.

Let's sing more than we might make sense, believe in more than the world can conclude, get more impressed with the wow instead of the how, let inspiration interrupt our appointments, dream our way to reality, serve some soul food to our hungry heads, put proof on the shelf for a season, and rhyme our way to reason.

Forget logic, certainty, owning, or making a start-up company of it; let's go beyond what we can merely imagine, and believe, in the poetry of life.

Sales Points

- **MEMOIR JUST KEEPS SELLIN:** *Greenlights* debuted on the NYT bestseller list and stayed there for 100+ weeks. In the UK it was a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Globally, it has sold more than 6M copies worldwide, across formats, since publication.
- **INSPIRATION AND ADVICE:** Readers loved the advice and poetry in *Greenlights*; this book offers more, with user friendly categories.
- **POWERFUL, RELENTLESS AUTHOR PROMOTION:** McConaughey is a tireless promoter and will again devote his time and energy to spreading word about this book across all territories media and podcasts, as well as his massive social platform.
- **GIFTY PACKAGE:** This paper-over-board hardcover will have a textured casewrap with foil stamping on the front and spine, enhancing the book's giftiness.
- **TARGET CONSUMER:** Fans of the Academy Award-winning actor and his films, and the 6M readers worldwide who bought his bestselling memoir, *Greenlights*. His 9.7M Instagram followers, 3M X followers, and 10M Facebook fans.

Reviews

- 'Praise for *Greenlights*'
- 'Brilliant' - *Financial Times*
- 'A rollicking, contemplative trip' - *Financial Times*
- 'Gloriously bonkers' - *Guardian*

Author Biography

Academy Award-winning actor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Matthew McConaughey** is a husband and a father, an eternal optimist, a hopeful skeptic, and a man of faith who believes that we should all start sellin' Sunday morning like a Saturday night.

McConaughey is a professor of practice at the University of Texas in Austin and co-owner of The Austin FC soccer club. He and his wife, Camila, founded the just keep livin Foundation, which is dedicated to helping boys and girls transform into good men and women through programs that teach the importance of decision-making, health, education, and active living. McConaughey resides with Camila and their three children in Austin, Texas.

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Greenlights

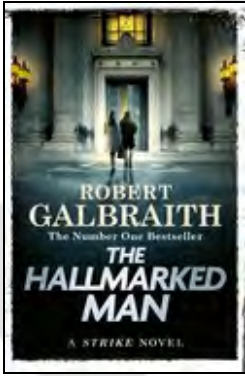
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The Hallmarked Man Cormoran Strike Book 8

Robert Galbraith

Keynote

The brand new instalment in the highly acclaimed international bestselling series, featuring Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott, written by Robert Galbraith, a pseudonym of J.K. Rowling

Description

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING SERIES RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER

A dismembered corpse is discovered in the vault of a silver shop. The police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber - but not everyone agrees with that theory. One of them is Decima Mullins, who calls on the help of private detective Cormoran Strike as she's certain the body in the silver vault was that of her boyfriend - the father of her newborn baby - who suddenly and mysteriously disappeared.

The more Strike and his business partner Robin Ellacott delve into the case, the more labyrinthine it gets. The silver shop is no ordinary one: it's located beside Freemasons' Hall and specialises in Masonic silverware. And in addition to the armed robber and Decima's boyfriend, it becomes clear that there are other missing men who could fit the profile of the body in the vault.

As the case becomes ever more complicated and dangerous, Strike faces another quandary. Robin seems increasingly committed to her boyfriend, policeman Ryan Murphy, but the impulse to declare his own feelings for her is becoming stronger than ever.

A gripping, wonderfully complex novel which takes Strike and Robin's story to a new level, *The Hallmarked Man* is an unmissable read for any fan of this unique series.

PRAISE FOR THE CORMORAN STRIKE SERIES

'A superlative piece of crime fiction' *Sunday Times*

'The work of a master storyteller' *Daily Telegraph*

'A scrupulous plotter and master of misdirection, Galbraith keeps the pages turning . . . Strike and Ellacott remain one of crime's most engaging duos' *Guardian*

'No one can deny [Robert Galbraith, pseudonym of] J. K. Rowling's formidable talents as a crime writer' *Daily Mail*

'Strike is a compelling creation . . . this is terrifically entertaining stuff' *Irish Times*

Sales Points

- All seven novels in the Strike series have been Number One *Sunday Times* and international bestsellers. Combined, they have spent **89 weeks on the Sunday Times** bestseller list.
- Robert Galbraith novels have sold almost **half a million copies through Nielsen ABM**, and over **8.2 million** copies of the Sphere editions have been sold across all formats and international territories.
- The C format, *The Running Grave*, was a **Number One** bestseller, selling **44,000 copies** to date..
- The first six Robert Galbraith novels have been adapted into a **major BBC drama series** - *Troubled Blood* received **5.7 million viewers** for the first episode with **over 35%** audience share.

Author Biography

Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym for J.K. Rowling, bestselling author of the Harry Potter series and *The Casual Vacancy*. The previous seven Strike novels, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, *The Silkworm*, *Career of Evil*, *Lethal White*, *Troubled Blood*, *The Ink Black Heart* and *The Running Grave* topped the national and international bestseller lists and the series has been adapted for television, produced by Brontë Film and Television.

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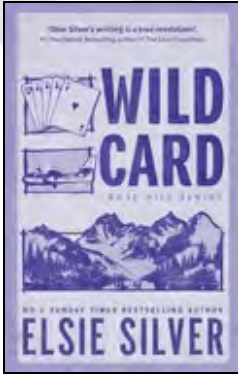
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Wild Card

Elsie Silver

Keynote

The most-anticipated final book in the Sunday Times bestselling series, Rose Hill.

Description

<h3>FROM THE NO. 1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*, ELSIE SILVER! SET IN THE SAME BELOVED UNIVERSE AS SMASH-HIT SERIES CHESTNUT SPRINGS: SMALL-TOWN, BIG CHARACTERS, FOUR ADDICTIVE LOVE STORIES . . .

MEET THE SINGLE DADS OF ROSE HILL. </h3>

'Elsie Silver's writing is a true revelation!' **ALI HAZELWOOD**

'This book contains a hero to die for' **TESSA BAILEY**

Sebastian Rousseau is a grumpy, hot as hell fire pilot who is too damn good with his hands.

It's the perfect combination. But unfortunately for me, he's also my ex-boyfriend's dad.

A chance meeting brought us together and a missed connection has kept us apart.

One year later, a stroke of fate has us living under the same roof-which makes everything between us downright *messy*.

Because even after all this time, he's still the man I think about when I fall asleep. The one I can't get over no matter how hard I try.

He's working on mending a fragile relationship with his son and we both know acting on these urges would be the ultimate betrayal.

But I see the heat in his eyes. That look of need that never fails to send a shiver down my spine.

The mutual longing is borderline unbearable and the simmering heat between us is downright palpable.

We both know there are rules when it comes to situations like this.

But then again...following the rules never has been my strong suit.

<h3> Readers can't get enough of the Rose Hill series . . . </h3>

'Billionaire romance but make it rustic . . . Elsie Silver just **hits the mark** every time' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Hands-down my **favorite book** Elsie has written. HIGHLY recommend' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Did I **devour** this in a single day? You bet I did!' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Elsie Silver is the **queen of small-town romances**' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'The **banter**. The **tension**. The relationship between Ford & Rosie. The **character development**. Wow' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'I was **hooked** from the first chapter' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

**Wild Side* was an instant no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller in the second week of March 2025.

Sales Points

- Elsie Silvers has invoiced **over 3.5 million copies** for us since we published her first book in February 2023 (as of March 2025).
- Elsie's total author sales through BookScan is well **over 1 million copies** and average weekly sales so far this year at over **16k copies a week in the UK** (as of March 2025)
- *Wild Love* and *Wild Eyes* were both instant Sunday Times bestsellers. *WILD Side* was an

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instant **#1 Sunday Times Bestseller.**

- Elsie is the **third biggest Romance author in the UK** in 2024 up 11 places from 2023, behind only Sarah J Maas and Colleen Hoover (as per the Nielson Bookscan 24 report.)
- Rose Hill is a four book series set in a small lake town in the Canadian Rockies. The series will follow four men who are part of a recreational bowling team and who meet for regular practices and games. Each team member will get their own book and each book will have a character experiencing parenthood in different ways. Four single dads, living very different stories.

Author Biography

Elsie Silver is a Canadian author of sassy, sexy, small town romance who loves a good book boyfriend and the strong heroines who bring them to their knees. She lives just outside of Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband, son, and three dogs and has been voraciously reading romance books since before she was probably supposed to.

She loves cooking and trying new foods, traveling, and spending time with her boys- especially outdoors. Elsie has also become a big fan of her quiet five am mornings, which is when most of her writing happens. It's during this time that she can sip a cup of hot coffee and dream up a fictional world full of romantic stories to share with her readers.

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- 0.1. The Last Wish (2007)
- 0.2. Sword of Destiny (2015)
1. Blood of Elves (2008)
2. The Time of Contempt (2013)
3. Baptism of Fire (2014)
4. The Tower of the Swallows (2016)
5. The Lady of the Lake (2016)
6. Season of Storms (2018)

Hussite Trilogy

1. The Tower of Fools (2020)
2. Warriors of God (2021)
3. Light Perpetual (2022)

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Crossroads of Ravens

**A brand-new Witcher novel starring Geralt of Rivia –
Now a major Netflix show**

Andrzej Sapkowski

Translated by David French

Keynote

THE GLOBAL PHENOMENON RETURNS . . .

Description

Witchers are not born. They are made.

Before he was the White Wolf or the Butcher of Blaviken, Geralt of Rivia was simply a fresh graduate of Kaer Morhen, stepping into a world that neither understands nor welcomes his kind.

And when an act of naive heroism goes gravely wrong, Geralt is only saved from the noose by Preston Holt, a grizzled witcher with a buried past and an agenda of his own.

Under Holt's guiding hand, Geralt begins to learn what it truly means to walk the Path - to protect a world that fears him, and to survive in it on his own terms. But as the line between right and wrong begins to blur, Geralt must decide to become the monster everyone expects, or something else entirely.

This is the story of how legends are made - and what they cost.

Andrzej Sapkowski's Witcher series is a global phenomenon with over thirty million copies sold, translated into over forty languages worldwide. *Crossroads of Ravens* is a new standalone novel following fantasy's most beloved monster hunter, Geralt of Rivia, on his first steps towards becoming a legend.

Translated from original Polish by David French

Sales Points

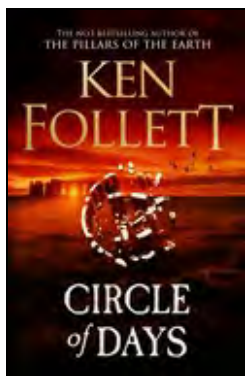
- First new Witcher novel in over 7 years, and since the Netflix series propelled the franchise to greater heights
- Perfect entry point for new readers but full of easter eggs for existing fans
- Translated by David French, the acclaimed translator of 6 of the previous Witcher books
- A global publishing plan, with all editions except Polish aiming for a simultaneous pub date
- Netflix series 4 due to land in Q4 2025

Reviews

- 'One of the best and most interesting fantasy series I've ever read' - *Nerds of a Feather*
- 'Sapkowski's series has the potential to develop a new audience and appreciation of fantasy and like Mieville, take the old and make it new' - *Foundation*
- 'It's refreshing to see another take on familiar elements. There's a fairy-tale quality to much of [*The Witcher*]' - *SFX*
- 'Delightful, intense, irreverent and compelling . . . you have to read *The Witcher* books because they are rife with all of the elements that make you love fiction, and especially fantasy, in the first place . . . In a word, *The Witcher* delivers' - *Hypable*

Author Biography

Andrzej Sapkowski was born in 1948 in Poland. He studied economy and business, but the success of his fantasy cycle about the sorcerer Geralt de Rivia turned him into a bestselling writer and he is now one of Poland's most famous and successful authors, selling more in his own country than Stephen King or Michael Crichton.



Circle of Days

The epic new novel from the No. 1 bestselling author of *The Pillars of the Earth*

Ken Follett

Keynote

From the master of epic fiction comes the deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.

Description

From the master of epic fiction comes the deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.

A FLINT MINER WITH A GIFT

Seft, a talented flint miner, walks the Great Plain in the high summer heat, to witness the rituals that signal the start of a new year. He is there to trade his stone at the Midsummer Rite, and to find Neen, the girl he loves. Her family lives in prosperity and offers Seft an escape from his brutish father and brothers, within their herder community.

A PRIESTESS WHO BELIEVES THE IMPOSSIBLE

Joia, Neen's sister, is a priestess with a vision and an unmatched ability to lead. As a child, she watches the Midsummer ceremony, enthralled, and dreams of a miraculous new monument, raised from the biggest stones in the world. But trouble is brewing among the hills and woodlands of the Great Plain.

A MONUMENT THAT WILL DEFINE A CIVILISATION

Joia's vision of a great stone circle, assembled by the divided tribes of the Plain, will inspire Seft and become their life's work. But as drought ravages the earth, mistrust grows between the herders, farmers and woodlanders - and an act of savage violence leads to open warfare . . .

Truly ambitious in scope, *Circle of Days* invites you to join master storyteller Ken Follett in exploring one of the greatest mysteries of our age: Stonehenge.

Sales Points

- Ken Follett is the No.1 International Bestseller and the #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Pillars of the Earth*. His novels are translated into 40 languages and have sold over 195 million copies in over 80 countries.
- In 2025, Ken Follett returns with *Circle of Days*, a standalone novel about one of the greatest mysteries of all time: the building of Stonehenge.
- A global publication for HBG with Quercus and Grand Central, the launch of *Circle of Days* will be backed by a huge and spectacular international campaign.

Reviews

- '**A must-read**, wonderful saga for anyone who's ever gazed at Stonehenge in awe' - *Chris Hadfield*
- 'There could be **no better match between author and subject than Ken Follett writing about Stonehenge**. His **trademark blend of the intensely human and the monumentally epic works to perfection here - a superb novel**' - *Lee Child*
- '**Ken Follett is unquestionably a master storyteller** but his unique skill is animating the ordinary lives that history too often fails to record. In *Circle of Days*, like *Pillars of the Earth* **he breathes life into iconic stone, to fill histories silences with living breathing people**' - *Mariella Frostrup*
- '**Follett is a master storyteller**' - *The Times*

Author Biography

Ken Follett is one of the world's best-loved authors. More than 198 million copies of the thirty-eight books he has written have been sold in over eighty countries and in forty languages.

He started his career as a reporter, first with his hometown newspaper, the *South Wales Echo*, and then with the *London Evening News*.

Ken's first major success came with the publication of *Eye of the Needle* in 1978, which earned him the 1979 Edgar Award for Best Novel from the Mystery Writers of America.

In 1989, *The Pillars of the Earth*, Ken's epic novel about the building of a medieval cathedral, reached number one on bestseller lists everywhere. It was turned into a major

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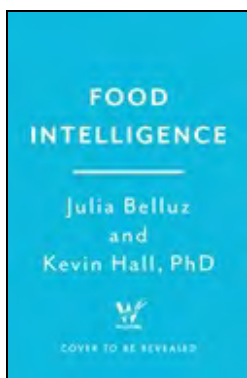


television series produced by Ridley Scott, which aired in 2010.

Ken has been active in numerous literacy charities and was president of Dyslexia Action for ten years. He is also a past chair of the National Year of Reading, a joint initiative between government and business. He lives in Hertfordshire, England, with his wife Barbara. Between them they have five children, six grandchildren and two Labradors.

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Food Intelligence The Science of How Food Both Nourishes and Harms Us

Julia Belluz and Kevin Hall, PhD

Keynote

The essential guide for understanding what you're eating, and the forces that are driving you to eat it.

Description

*'This is not just one of the best science books I have read, but one of the best books full stop' - Chris van Tulleken, author of the Sunday Times bestseller **ULTRA-PROCESSED PEOPLE***

*'A must-read . . . written with great expertise' - David Kessler, author of the New York Times bestseller **DIET, DRUGS, AND DOPAMINE***

*'If you are going to read one book about nutrition and health, then make it this one' - Deborah Blum, Pulitzer-Prize winning author of **THE POISON SQUAD***

*'FOOD INTELLIGENCE will make us all smarter about what we eat' - Eric Topol, MD, author of New York Times bestseller **SUPER AGERS***

Nutrition isn't rocket science; it's harder.

There are new diet fads, bold claims about superfoods and articles promising the secrets to lasting weight-loss and longevity. The more 'expert' advice we hear about diet, the less clarity we have about what to eat.

In *Food Intelligence*, award-winning health journalist, Julia Belluz, and internationally renowned nutrition and metabolism scientist, Kevin Hall, cut through the myths about nutrition to deliver the definitive book on food, diet, metabolism and healthy eating.

Breaking food down into its constituent parts, they reveal the science behind how protein, fat, carbs and vitamins impact our bodies. They shine a light on the wonders of metabolism, and debunk the latest 'theories' about blood sugar trackers and ultra-processed foods. They reveal the ways that the world around us - our food environment - shapes our eating behaviors and the food choices we make every day. Diseases like obesity and type 2 diabetes are not a result of a failure of will power; they are consequences of food systems working as designed.

Humane and deeply reported, this journey into the science of what we eat will equip you with the food intelligence you need to better understand what's on your dinner plate, how it got there, and why you eat it.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHORS:** Written by the world's leading nutritional scientist, and one of the top health journalists - this is the definitive book about diet and nutritional health.
- **PERFECT FOR READERS OF:** *Ultra-Processed People* by Chris van Tulleken (2023), *Food for Life* by Tim Spector (2022), *How to Eat* by Dr Andrew Jenkinson (2024) - Belluz and Hall's book is the cutting edge of scientific research, made accessible to the general reader.
- **ZEITGEISTY TOPIC:** Dispelling all the myths about fad diets - *Why We Eat* gives us a real understanding of how our metabolism works and how the food we eat should be fuelling our bodies.
- **GLOBAL PUBLICATION:** Wildfire are publishing in tandem with the US, where Avery (PRH US) will be matching publication date, and harnessing global buzz to create international-focused campaign.

Reviews

- **'This is not just one of the best science books I have read, but one of the best books full stop.** It's funny, scholarly, and extremely important. Full of piercing observations, it ruthlessly cuts a path through the wilderness of nutritional nonsense that we have been lost in for so long. It is the first and last book anyone really needs to read on this subject. A spectacular piece of writing that manages to be both fascinating and entertaining in equal measure.' - Chris van Tulleken, author of the Sunday Times bestseller *ULTRA-PROCESSED PEOPLE*
- **'A must-read** breath of sanity written with great expertise that can improve the health of all of us.' - David Kessler, MD, Former FDA Commissioner and author of the New York Times bestseller *DIET, DRUGS, AND DOPAMINE*
- **'If you are going to read one book about nutrition and health, then make it this one.** *Food Intelligence* is so insightful, so beautifully researched, so fascinating in the telling, that you will finish it - as I did - feeling smarter about what you eat and about yourself as well.' - Deborah Blum, Pulitzer-Prize winning author of *THE POISON SQUAD*

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Author Biography

Kevin Hall, PhD (Author)

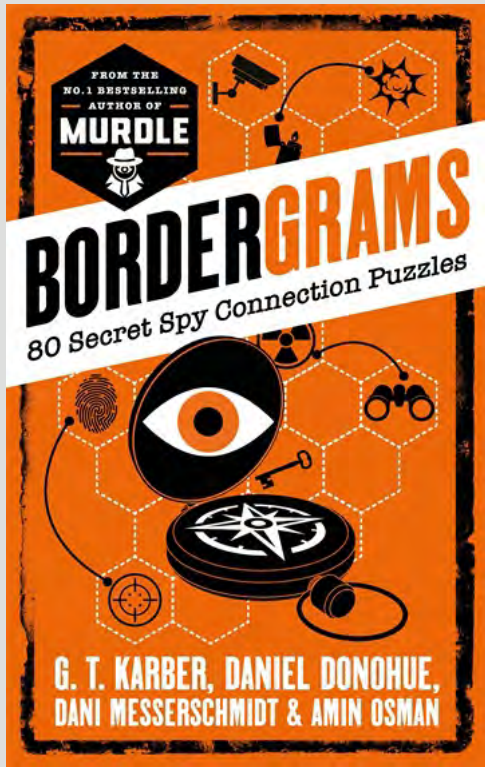
Kevin Hall, PhD, is an internationally recognised expert in human nutrition, metabolism, obesity, and neuroscience. Despite being a physicist by training, Dr. Hall has led groundbreaking clinical research investigating how our food environment shapes our diet and how our diet affects the physiology of our bodies and our brains. Dr. Hall has twice received the Director's Award from the US National Institutes of Health and has also received the E.V. McCullum Award from the American Society for Nutrition, the Lilly Scientific Achievement Award from The Obesity Society, and the Guyton Award for Excellence in Integrative Physiology from the American Physiological Society.

Julia Belluz (Author)

Julia Belluz is a journalist and a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*. She has reported extensively on medicine, nutrition, and global public health from Canada, the US, and Europe. Previously, Belluz was Vox's senior health correspondent in Washington, DC, and a Knight Science Journalism Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. A Canadian, she holds an MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science and lives with her family in Paris, France.

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A brand new spy-themed puzzle series from the #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Murdle*

SALES POINTS

- A brand new puzzle series from G. T. Karber the #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Murdle*.
- *Bordergrams* combines spycraft, cryptic clues and a dystopian landscape with connections-style puzzles.
- The *Murdle* series has sold over 600,000 copies through TCM.
- *Murdle* book 1 was Waterstones Gift of the Year 2023, the Christmas #1 bestseller in 2023 and Book of the Year at the 2024 British Book Awards.

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AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

G. T. Karber is the award-winning creator of *Murdle*, the global bestselling puzzle sensation. He is the General Secretary of the Hollywood Mystery Society is one of only three non-British authors to have ever published a number one Christmas bestseller in the UK.

Daniel Donohue is an esteemed entertainment attorney and former TV producer and host.

Dani Messerschmidt is a comedy writer, digital artist and the creative director and exhibit designer for *Murdle*.

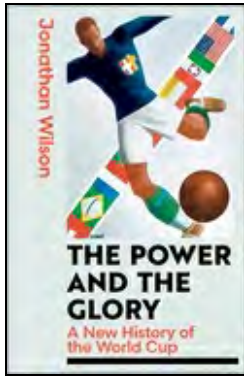
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The Power and the Glory A New History of the World Cup

Jonathan Wilson

Keynote

The definitive history of the World Cup, for the first time exploring the tournament's socio-political impact across the globe as well as the goals and scandals that keep us all gripped

Description

'A master at telling football's greatest ever stories... Breathtaking. Wilson's eye for detail and his elegant writing brings the World Cup to life like no other book on the topic I have ever read' ELIS JAMES

'Epic in scope, awesomely rich in detail, and compulsively entertaining' TOM HOLLAND

The football World Cup is the most watched sporting event on the planet. It has become a global obsession: 211 nations initially entered the 2022 edition. It has been running for almost a century. Yet there is no comprehensive history of the tournament: based on fresh interviews and meticulously researched this book will change that.

By 1930, football had outgrown the Olympic Games. A new competition, run by Fifa, would take international football to the next level. After a shambolic start to the first cup in Uruguay - an incomplete stadium, shoddy refereeing and physios accidentally injuring players - the thrilling final saw Uruguay take on Argentina, beating them 4-2.

From those chaotic beginnings grew the modern World Cup, a cultural phenomenon that draws the world together like nothing else, and that gives it a profound importance. Ask a random person on a random street to name a moment in the history of Senegal and they may well say Pape Bouba Diop's winner against France in the 2002 World Cup, a goal not only against the defending champions but against the former colonial masters.

The World Cup has political significance. West Germany's success in 1954 was a moment of reintegration into global society. Progress to the semi-finals in 1998 gave a huge boost to Croatia's sense of national self. But football is an unpredictable sport. In the so-called Soccer War of 1969 tensions between El Salvador and Honduras were ignited by a World Cup qualifier. More recently, the focus for governments seeking to political gain has been hosting the tournament, with the World Cups in Russia and Qatar clear examples of sportswashing, staging a tournament to project an image of a thriving society.

There has never been a comprehensive history of the World Cup that has considered not only the matches and goals, the players and coaches, the tales of scandal and genius, the haggling and skulduggery of the bidding process, but has also placed the tournaments within a socio-political framework. The story of the World Cup is also the story of the world; this book tells its definitive history.

Sales Points

- The author has conducted extensive interviews (for instance, with Pancho Varallo, the Argentinian who was the last survivor of the 1930 final, shortly before his death in 2010) as well as archival research
- Author has 145,000 followers on Twitter @jonawils and is editor of The Blizzard, a quarterly football magazine sold as downloads and in physical, along with a regular podcast.
- Written by a highly experienced sports journalist whose books include *Brian Clough: No-one Ever Says Thank You* and *Inverting the Pyramid* which was shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year in 2008. His most recent book, *Two Brothers*, was published by Abacus in 2022 to critical acclaim.
- Perfect for readers who love modern history, as well as football fans.

Author Biography

Jonathan Wilson is the editor of the *Blizzard* and a freelance writer for the *Guardian*, *World Soccer* and *Sports Illustrated*. He is the author of twelve books, including *Inverting the Pyramid: The History of Football Tactics*, *Behind the Curtain: Football in Eastern Europe*, *Angels with Dirty Faces: The Footballing History of Argentina*, *The Barcelona Legacy*, *The Names Heard Long Ago* and *Two Brothers*.

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The Convenience Store by the Sea

The quirky, charming Japanese sensation with over half a million copies sold worldwide

Sonoko Machida

Keynote

An international bestseller with over half a million copies sold between Japan and South Korea, *The Convenience Store by The Sea* tells the delightfully quirky and heartfelt stories of the store's customers and employees, offering us all a unique recipe for a good, fulfilling life.

Description

A special night edition to celebrate the success of The Convenience Store by the Sea. Everything you loved about the original in a stunning new companion package.

Welcome to Tenderness. Our doors are always open.

The Convenience Store by the Sea makes magic from life's simple moments . . . an unexpected treasure revealing what's truly important in life. I will hold it close for when I need a reminder! **Laurie Gilmore, bestselling author of The Pumpkin Spice Cafe**

'If you loved Before The Coffee Gets Cold you will love this!'

'A perfect, feel-good story about finding joy in unexpected connections, ideal for those who love a cosy, heartwarming escape!'

'Bubble bath fiction' **The Herald**

'A delightful tale of community and connection' **My Weekly**

Welcome to Tenderness!

A quaint seaside town in Kitakyushu, Mojiko is full of hidden delights. And one unexpected treasure is the 24/7 convenience store, Tenderness.

At first glance, it's a store like any other.

Sure, it's a bit odd that the handsome manager has his own fan club. And perhaps the customers are somewhat eccentric. But there's a warmth about Tenderness that draws you in.

The bright lights are always on. The employees know you by name. And the shelves are stacked with delicious treats, from strong hot coffee to sweet parfaits, egg sandos to ramen, crispy fried chicken to refreshing soba.

After a while, you get the feeling that whatever you need might just be waiting for you here...

***The Convenience Store by the Sea* is the heartwarming international bestseller from award-winning Japanese author Sonoko Machida. A series of interconnected vignettes set in a 24/7 Japanese convenience store, the novel tells the delightfully quirky and heartfelt stories of the store's customers and employees, offering us all a unique recipe for a good, fulfilling life. Translated by Bruno Navasky.**

Sales Points

- **Huge international bestseller:** Readers can't get enough of this delightfully quirky novel. Originally published as *Konbini Kyōdai* in Japan in 2020, this sold over 200k copies sold in Japan. The Korean edition was published in March 2023, and has sold over 300k copies in South Korea. The author has been commissioned to write two further volumes to follow the characters from this book, with the second volume already out in Korea. Chinese and Thai editions are also in the works.
- **Award-winning author:** Sonoko Machida is a well-established and renowned author in Japan. She won the Japan Booksellers' Award Grand Prize for *52 Hertz no Kujiratachi* in 2021, and was shortlisted twice more for her two following novels.
- **Healing trend:** the healing trend of gentle novels about community and friendship is hot in East Asia, and the demand is spilling over to the English market. Comps include *Welcome to Hyunam-dong Bookshop*, *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*, *Day at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *DallerGut Dream Department Store*, to name a few, but this is just the start of a huge trend in upcoming translated fiction.



- **GIFTED TRANSLATOR:** Bruno Navasky is known for his translation of HOW DO YOU LIVE? by Genzaburo Yoshino, the book that was the inspiration for *The Boy and the Heron*, the major new Studio Ghibli film. His translation captures the humour and heart of this gorgeous novel. His comments: 'THE CONVENIENCE STORE BY THE SEA is fun, whimsical but always heartfelt, and communicates something of the flavor of modern Japan.'

Author Biography

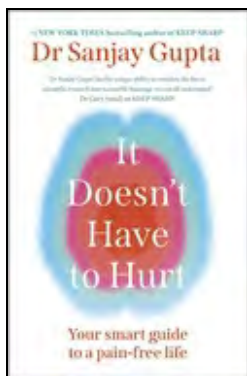
Sonoko Machida is an award-winning Japanese author, born in 1980 in Fukuoka Prefecture. In 2016, she won the Onna ni yoru onna no tame no R-18 bungakusho (By Women for Women R-18 Literature Prize) for *Kamerun no aoi sakana* (Blue Fish of Cameroon). Her masterpiece *52 herutsu no kujira-tachi* (The 52-Hertz Whales), won the 2021 Japanese Booksellers' Award and became a bestseller with about half a million copies sold in Japan. Her two following novels, *Hoshi wo sukuu* (Scooping Up the Stars) and *Sora gohan* (Sora's Recipes), were both nominated for the award in consecutive years.

Market

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It Doesn't Have to Hurt Your Smart Guide to a Pain-Free Life

Dr Sanjay Gupta

Keynote

Transform your everyday life by reducing and eliminating chronic pain, with the latest science-backed pain relief techniques and expert practical advice from America's bestselling doctor and neurosurgeon Sanjay Gupta

Description

Transform your everyday life by reducing and eliminating chronic pain, with the latest science-backed pain relief techniques and expert practical advice

Are you one of the 52 million people who experience chronic pain in your day-to-day life? In *It Doesn't Have to Hurt*, Sanjay Gupta makes the empowering argument that there are effective options for relief that you can start practicing today to greatly reduce your chances of suffering pain tomorrow.

The significance of reducing and even eliminating pain cannot be overstated. Gupta shows how pain carries an enormous amount of physical, social, and emotional baggage, which is, in part, why it has been so hard to treat, and too often ignored. It can also present in infinite ways. Yet both patients and practitioners labor under the mistaken idea that most pain problems can be fixed with a drug or procedure. It turns out we have tremendous agency in choosing how we'll respond. The brain "creates" pain, but it also has the capacity to reduce or even eliminate it. There is more evidence than ever about the benefits of sleep, diet and nutrition, mindfulness-based pain management (MBPM), myofascial and other hands-on treatments, as well as yoga, specialized psychotherapies, and even social "prescriptions"-prompting more doctors than ever to focus on these solutions.

Gupta runs the gamut of conventional and complementary approaches, including the technique known as Mobilization Exercise Analgesia Treatment, foam rolling, acupuncture, trigger point injections, and vital "prehabilitation" before any operation. He shares how to make sense of all those over-the-counter pills, patches, and pain products, as well as drugs advertised on television or prescribed by your doctors. He covers psychedelics, supplements, and CBD. And he highlights insights from some of the nation's leading pain scientists and specialists, plus stories of challenge and triumph over pain by those with lived experience.

Gupta sorts through them all with his pain-smart guide to a pain-smart life.

With expert guidance and a wealth of science-backed strategies, *It Doesn't Have to Hurt* is your ultimate resource for reclaiming your life from chronic pain and unlocking a future of lasting relief - starting today.

Sales Points

- **Chronic pain is a type of pain that persists for over 12 weeks and it is a huge issue globally.**
-According to a 2011 Institute of Medicine report, roughly **100 million Americans**, almost **one-third of the U.S. population**, have chronic pain, more than have diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined.
-Estimates suggest that **20% of adults suffer from pain globally** and **10% are newly diagnosed with chronic pain each year.**
- In the UK, Google searches for 'chronic pain' have **grown significantly** since 2004. In 2004-20010, monthly searches hovered between 30K and 60K. **By 2021, they had more than doubled.** The gentle growth suggests that this is a **long-term shift in consumer interest**, unlikely to disappear anytime soon! **We see a very similar trajectory for searches in the US.**

Author Biography

Dr Gupta is the multiple Emmy® award winning chief medical correspondent for CNN. Gupta, a practicing neurosurgeon, plays an integral role in CNN's reporting on health and medical news for all of CNN's shows domestically and internationally. His bestselling book *Chasing Life: New Discoveries in the Search for Immortality to Help You Age Less* was made into a 6-part documentary on CNN and focused on Dr. Gupta's travels to Japan, India, Bolivia, Norway, Italy, and Turkey to uncover secrets to living a longer and better life.

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Femonomics

What Data Tells Us About Women's Lives and How to Get the Most Out of Yours

Corinne Low

Keynote

Femonomics is a data-driven guide to empower women to make choices that will reclaim their time, energy and joy, written by an economics professor at Wharton. This is *Lean In*, 2.0.

Description

This book is published in the USA with the title *HAVING IT ALL*

'A groundbreaking book. A brilliant, evidence-based roadmap for navigating the unique challenges faced by women.' EVE RODSKY

'A passionate, provocative case for changes to boost women's earning power and well-being... filled with insights to help men better understand and support the women in their lives.' ADAM GRANT

It's not in your head. It's in the data.

To be a woman today is to be overwhelmed from every angle. The data proves that the odds are still stacked against us - biologically, culturally, economically. But that same data can empower us to make choices that will reclaim our time, energy and help us find joy.

In *Femonomics*, economist Corinne Low explodes the myths about what makes women successful and happy such as:

- What if flexible working isn't the answer, and we actually need more boundaries?
- What if the gender happiness gap was as important as the gender pay gap?
- What if you had the power to prioritise things you actually value, rather than the things that other people value?
- What if being more 'successful' actually meant putting family *before* work?

Femonomics gives you the tools to design the life you want. It will teach you how to turn your time into money, how to work out what you value, how to invest in the right partner, how to plan your career at every stage, how to organise your family life - and ultimately how to make the world work *for you*.

Sales Points

- **HUGELY COMMERCIAL CONCEPT UNDERPINNED BY DATA AND ORIGINAL RESEARCH** - for readers of *Lean In* (180k TCM), *Invisible Women* (280k TCM), *Expecting Better* (30k TCM) and *Four Thousand Weeks* (125k TCM)
- **RADICAL NEW FRAMEWORK FOR WOMEN'S LIFE CHOICES** - Corinne Low's approach is to apply economics principles to women's decisions - bringing cold hard data and science to 'emotional' decisions.
- **PROMOTABLE, EXPERT AUTHOR WITH GROWING PROFILE** - Corinne Low is Business Economics Professor at Wharton. Her research has been published in top economic journals as well as in major popular media outlets including Forbes, Vanity Fair, and NPR. She has given talks on stages ranging from Stanford and Oxford to organizations like Google and Uber.
- **HUGE GLOBAL SALES AND CAMPAIGN PRIORITY** - We won this in an 8-way auction while Flatiron in the US acquired for seven figures. This will be a huge global priority title with a publicity and marketing campaign to match. We will be aiming for blanket coverage and there are a wealth of angles and audiences to target.

Author Biography

CORINNE LOW, PhD is an associate professor of business economics and public policy at the Wharton School, where she teaches an award-winning course on the economics of discrimination. Her research has been published in journals such as the *American Economic Review*, *the Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and the *Journal of Political Economy*. She regularly speaks to and advises companies on their practices, and her research has been featured in media outlets from *Vanity Fair* and the *Guardian* to the *Harvard Business Review*. She received her PhD in economics from Columbia University and her BS in economics and public policy from Duke University, and formerly worked for McKinsey & Company. She lives in Philadelphia with her family.

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Heartbeats A Memoir

Björn Borg

Keynote

Idol. Legend. Enigma. For the first time, one of the all-time greatest sportsmen is finally ready to share his astonishing story: the long-awaited tell-all memoir from Björn Borg.

Description

No one had ever played tennis quite like Björn Borg. With his incredible athleticism, powerful shot-making and distinctive style, he became a sensation after he burst onto the scene aged just 15. As he ascended to the pinnacle of men's tennis, Borg experienced unprecedented stardom and success that changed the game forever.

Hailed as one of the most talented players to ever step onto a tennis court, Borg collected the game's highest honours, including eleven Grand Slam titles - with five consecutive Wimbledon titles - establishing himself as one of the greatest of all time. Then he stunned the sporting world by announcing his retirement at the age of 26 and disappeared from tennis.

After all these years of silence, Borg is ready to share everything. In this candid memoir, Borg takes us through all the major moments in his career, shares insights into his rivalry with John McEnroe - considered one of the best in the sport's history - and their legendary 1980 Wimbledon final, and explains his shock retirement. Borg writes candidly about his personal life - for so long kept under wraps - including his childhood, his early stardom and his uncomfortable relationship with fame, alongside all the highs and lows of his unmatched career.

For the first time, readers will get Borg's own account of his career, his choices, and the experiences that shaped him as a person, from his childhood right up to today. This look behind the curtain at an enigmatic player who has fascinated generations of tennis fans, is ultimately a fascinating look at the making of sporting legend and, for readers who know nothing about tennis, a rare glimpse into an extraordinary, compelling life.

Sales Points

- Björn Borg is a true sporting legend: world number one for 109 weeks and the first man to win eleven Grand Slam titles. Readers who've enjoyed books from tennis stars like John McEnroe, Rafael Nadal and Andre Agassi will love hearing Borg's story in his own words.
- Borg is famously reclusive. When he retired at age 26, he vanished from the tennis world. He's been reluctant to share anything about his personal life in the past. This book is the rarest of chances to peek behind the curtain, with story after story that are completely unknown to the press and public.
- Tennis fans have been desperate to know Borg's side of his famous rivalry with John McEnroe and the truth behind his retirement, which this book delivers. Borg also offers fascinating insights into his relationships, his dark spiral after retirement, and the brutal realities of superstardom.

Author Biography

Björn Borg is a Swedish former professional tennis player. He was ranked as the world No. 1 in men's singles for 109 weeks. Borg won 66 singles titles during his career, including 11 majors (six at the French Open and five consecutively at Wimbledon). A teenage sensation at the start of his career, Borg experienced unprecedented stardom and consistent success that helped propel the rising popularity of tennis during the 1970s. His rivalries with Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe became cultural touchstones beyond the world of tennis, with the latter rivalry peaking at the 1980 Wimbledon final, considered one of the greatest matches ever played. Borg unexpectedly retired from tennis at the age of 25. This is his first memoir.

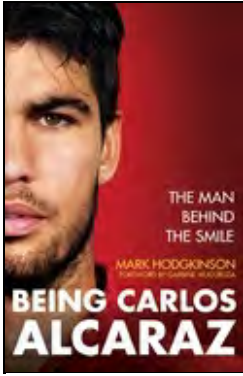
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Being Carlos Alcaraz The Man Behind the Smile

Mark Hodgkinson

Keynote

The first detailed and comprehensively researched biography of the heir apparent to the Djokovic-Nadal-Federer era.

Description

A deeply researched biography of the new (smiley) face of tennis. A global star who has achieved more than Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer did by this stage of their careers. At just 19 years old, Carlos Alcaraz won the US Open and became the youngest ever men's world number one. At only 21, he already had four Grand Slam titles.

For Alcaraz, everything - from his charm to his star power to his tennis mojo - starts with a smile. But there is a more complex character behind the smile. One who grew up in modest circumstances in a small village in Murcia in southern Spain. A man with strong family traditions who has a tattoo of his grandfather's favourite saying - 'cabeza, corazon y cojones' (brain, heart and balls) - inked on his left wrist.

Mark Hodgkinson talks to those who know Alcaraz best - including his coaches, old teachers and competitors - to provide a fascinating insight into a showman with ambitions of becoming the GOAT, the greatest of all time.

Sales Points

- **CELEBRATED FIGURE:** Carlos Alcaraz has six million followers on Instagram. He is the youngest-ever number one and has won more majors (US Open, French Open and Wimbledon (twice)) than Djokovic, Nadal and Federer did at this age.
- **AUTHOR CREDENTIALS:** Mark's previous book - *Searching for Novak* - was critically acclaimed and long-listed for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. It has sold 16.5k copies since publication in June 2024.
- **TARGET MARKET:** Tennis fans are book buyers. *The Master - The Brilliant Career of Roger Federer* - has sold more than 40k copies in the US and UK.

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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Searching for Novak - The Man Behind the Enigma

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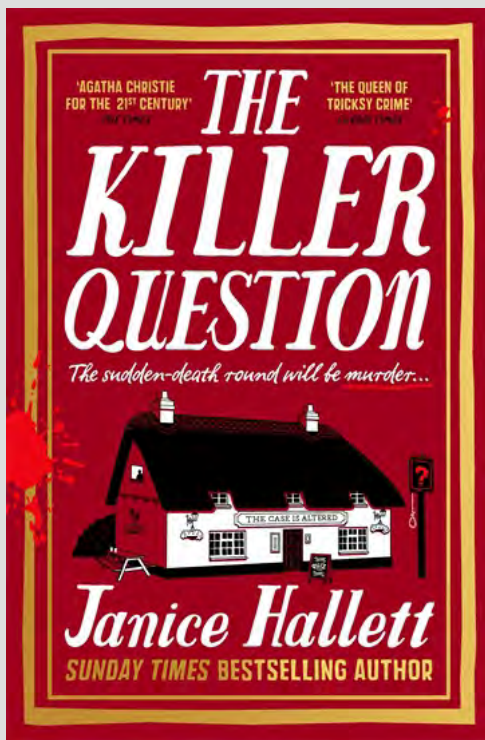
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REVIEWS

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‘Agatha Christie for the 21st century’
- *The Times*

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addictive’ - *Mail on Sunday*

‘Gripping, ambitious and unusual’ -
Sophie Hannah

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heartwarming mystery not to be
missed’ - *Observer*

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The Killer Question

JANICE HALLETT

KEYNOTE

The fifth mystery by bestselling author Janice Hallett, a fiendishly clever story of missing persons, murder, and battling pub quiz teams

SALES POINTS

- Hallett's debut novel *The Appeal* was the *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Month, a Waterstones Thriller of the Month, a *Sunday Times* bestseller and won the CWA Debut Dagger. Hallett's second novel, *The Twyford Code*, was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller in both hardback and paperback and *Daily Mail* Book Club pick
- *The Mysterious Case of the Alperton Angels*, *The Christmas Appeal* and *The Examiner* were all *Sunday Times* bestsellers
- *The Killer Question* has already been listed in the *Guardian's* Books to Look Forward to 2025

DESCRIPTION

Get ready for the sudden-death round...

Mal and Sue Eastwood were once the kindly landlords of a local village pub, The Case is Altered. They ran a weekly pub quiz and were well liked by their customers and colleagues alike, always happy to lend a helping hand. But now The Case stands empty, its windows boarded up. What could have happened to Mal and Sue?

Did The Case close because it was failing? Was it because of the body pulled from the nearby river? Or perhaps it had something to do with the quiz? It had always been a quiet affair, five teams of locals battling it out for a small prize pot. Until one day a mysterious new team of outsiders arrived, and started winning every round...

Only by sifting through the quiz sheets, the WhatsApps, and Mal and Sue's hidden past may the truth be revealed. Someone's not playing fair, so get the drinks in and see if *you* can get a perfect score.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Janice Hallett is the author of five *Sunday Times* bestselling novels, most recently *The Christmas Appeal* and *The Examiner*. Her smash-hit debut novel, *The Appeal*, was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month and won the CWA Debut Dagger Award. *The Twyford Code* won the British Book Awards Crime and Thriller Book of the Year, and *The Mysterious Case of the Alperton Angels* was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick. She lives in West London.

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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*.

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Five-Minute Magic Stories

Enid Blyton

Keynote

A collection of five-minute short stories, filled with magical adventures and enchanting tales, from the world's best-loved storyteller.

Description

From magic spells that can't be stopped to fairy parties in the woods at midnight, there's a quick bit of magic for everyone in this collection of five-minute tales by Enid Blyton!

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:
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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

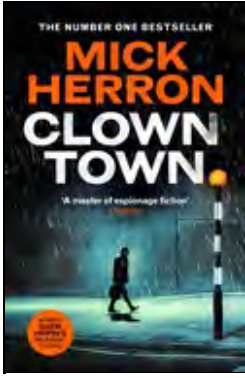
Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

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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Series	Slough House Thriller
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Author living in	Oxford

Previous Titles

Slough House series:
 Slow Horses
 Dead Lions
 Real Tigers
 Spook Street
 London Rules
 Joe Country
 Slough House
 Bad Actors

Zoë Boehm series:
 Down Cemetery Road
 The Last Voice You Hear
 Why We Die
 Smoke and Whispers

Standalone novels:
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Clown Town

The new thriller in the bestselling series that inspired the hit show *Slow Horses* (Slough House Thriller 9)

Mick Herron

Keynote

The brand new Slough House thriller from the #1 bestseller Mick Herron

Description

The brand new Slough House thriller from the #1 bestseller Mick Herron

Now an award-winning Apple TV+ series starring Gary Oldman, Kristin Scott Thomas and Jack Lowden

Spies lie. They betray. It's what they do.

Slow horse River Cartwright is waiting to be passed fit for work. With time to kill, and with his grandfather - a legendary former spy - long dead, River investigates the secrets of the old man's library, and a mysteriously missing book.

Regent's Park's First Desk, Diana Taverner, doesn't appreciate threats. So when those involved in a covert operation during the height of the Troubles threaten to expose the ugly side of state security, Taverner turns blackmail into opportunity.

Over at Slough House, the repository for failed spies, Catherine Standish just wants everyone to play nice. But as far as Jackson Lamb is concerned, the slow horses should all be at their desks.

Because when Taverner starts plotting mischief people get hurt, and Lamb has no plans to send in the clowns. On the other hand, if the clowns ignore his instructions and fool around, any harm that befalls them is hardly his fault.

But they're his clowns. And if they don't all come home, there'll be a reckoning.

Available to pre-order now!

Sales Points

- **THE BEST THRILLER WRITER WORKING TODAY:** Mick Herron is the **critically acclaimed and #1 bestselling author** of sixteen novels, four novellas, and one collection of short stories. His work includes the Slough House thrillers, the Zoë Boehm detective series, and his most recent bestselling standalone *The Secret Hours*. **Widely considered the best living thriller writer in Britain**, Mick Herron is loved by readers far and wide, both in the crime writing community and beyond.
- **INCREDIBLE SALES AND AMAZING GROWTH:** Mick Herron's books have sold over **2.5 Million copies** across all formats and shows no signs of slowing down. His sales across all formats are **growing at an average of 30% across all formats** year-on-year making him one of the fastest growing fiction brands in the UK.
- **FROM BESTSELLING BOOKS TO AWARD WINNING TV:** Mick Herron's Slough House series has been fantastically adapted to television by Apple TV in a **series regularly described as 'the best thing on our screens'**. **Starring Oscar-winning actor Gary Oldman** as Jackson Lamb, alongside Kristin Scott Thomas and Jack Lowden, the series has adapted the first four Slough House books with two more series already greenlit. In addition, the first book in Mick's Zoë Boehm series, *Down Cemetery Road*, **is being adapted by Apple TV+ and will star Oscar-winner Emma Thompson and Ruth Wilson** (*Luther, The Affair, His Dark Materials*).
- **A LANDMARK PUBLICATION:** *Clown Town* will be the ninth book in the Slough House series and promises to showcase **Mick's exhilarating plotting, scabrous dialogue, acid-like political observations, written in his unique and inimitable style**. *Clown Town* will publish 3 and half years since the last Slough House novel (*Bad Actors*), the longest gap between any Slough House books, so **this publication will be hotly anticipated**.
- **MICK HERRON AND JOHN MURRAY PRESS: A DECADE TO REMEMBER:** 2025 will be 10 years since JMP started publishing Mick Herron. **To celebrate this anniversary we'll make it a year to remember**. This will include special editions of Mick's backlist, new covers, unmissable events, and author branding.

Reviews

- 'Praise for Mick Herron --'
- 'Mick Herron is our best and most topical spy writer' - Ian Rankin
- 'The man is a genius' - *The Spectator*
- 'A master of espionage fiction' - *Observer*

Author Biography

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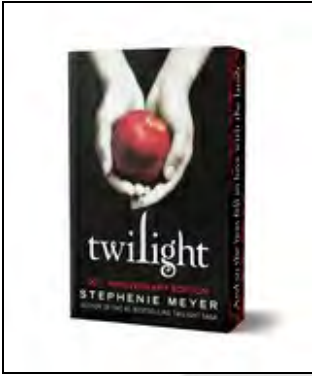
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Mick Herron is the #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the Slough House thrillers, which have been published in over twenty-five languages and are the basis of the award-winning TV series *Slow Horses*, starring Gary Oldman as Jackson Lamb. Among his other novels are the Zoë Boehm series, also now adapted for TV starring Emma Thompson and Ruth Wilson, and the standalone novels *The Secret Hours* and *Nobody Walks*. Mick's awards include the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year and the CWA Gold, Steel and Diamond Daggers. A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, he was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, and now lives in Oxford.

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Twilight 20th Anniversary Edition Twilight, Book 1 Stephenie Meyer

Keynote

A stunning paperback edition featuring inside cover art and red-stenciled edges, to commemorate Twilight's 20th anniversary

Description

Deluxe paperback features stunning inside cover art and a dazzling edge design! • Fall in love with the addictive, suspenseful love story between a teenage girl and a vampire with the book that sparked a "literary phenomenon" (*New York Times*) and redefined romance for a generation, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stephenie Meyer.

Isabella Swan's move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Isabella's life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. So far, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Isabella, the person Edward holds most dear.

Deeply romantic and extraordinarily suspenseful, *Twilight* captures the struggle between defying our instincts and satisfying our desires. This is a love story with bite-and fans of the genre-defining tale can relive the experience with this 20th anniversary edition paperback, with gorgeous full-color art on the inside of the front and back covers, and luscious designed stained edges featuring an iconic quote from the book.

Praise for The Twilight Saga

"Piles on the suspense and romance." -*USA Today*

"A literary phenomenon." -*New York Times*

"[Stephenie Meyer is] the world's most popular vampire novelist since Anne Rice."

-*Entertainment Weekly*

"People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -*Time*

Sales Points

- A special paperback edition of the first book in the series, with a refreshed typeface and red-stencilled edges featuring an iconic quote from the novel

Author Biography

Stephenie Meyer is the author of the number 1 bestselling Twilight Saga, *The Host*, and *The Chemist*. She lives in Arizona with her husband and three sons.

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The Ickabog Ben Mantle Illustrated Edition J.K. Rowling (Illustrated By Ben Mantle)

Keynote

Prepare for a legendary adventure.

Description

Once upon a time there was a terrible monster called the Ickabog. Or so the story goes . . .

Prepare for a legendary adventure from one of the world's greatest storytellers J.K. Rowling, now featuring striking illustrations from award-winning illustrator Ben Mantle.

Once upon a time there was a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, as rich in happiness as it was in gold, and famous for its food. From the delicate cream cheeses of Kurdsburg to the Hopes-of-Heaven pastries of Chouxville, each was so delicious that people wept with joy as they ate them.

But even in this happy kingdom, a monster lurks. Legend tells of a fearsome creature living far to the north in the Marshlands... the Ickabog. Some say it breathes fire, spits poison, and roars through the mist as it carries off wayward sheep and children alike. Some say it's just a myth...

And when that myth takes on a life of its own, casting a shadow over the kingdom, two children - best friends Bert and Daisy - embark on a great adventure to untangle the truth and find out where the real monster lies, bringing hope and happiness to Cornucopia once more.

Sales Points

- The Ickabog is a fairytale for our times, about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers
- This stunning edition features a new foreword from J.K. Rowling
- This new edition features a striking cover and 25 black and white illustrations by the award-winning Ben Mantle. The Ickabog was originally published in November 2020, in a beautiful edition featuring children's artwork, after a competition during the COVID-19 lockdown; that edition is still in print
- Combined sales of HCG's editions of The Christmas Pig and The Ickabog are more than a million copies

Author Biography

J.K. Rowling (Author)

J.K. Rowling is the author of the enduringly popular Harry Potter books. After the idea for Harry Potter came to her on a delayed train journey in 1990, she plotted out and started writing the series of seven books and the first, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in the UK in 1997. The series took another ten years to complete, concluding in 2007 with the publication of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

To accompany the series, J.K. Rowling wrote three short companion volumes for charity, *Quidditch Through the Ages* and *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, in aid of Comic Relief and Lumos, and *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, in aid of Lumos. She also collaborated on the writing of a stage play, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, which was published as a script book.

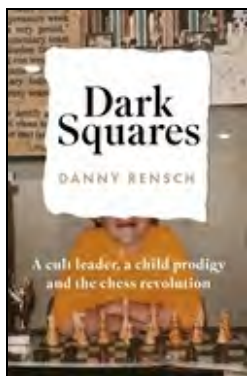
Her other books for children include the fairy tale *The Ickabog* and *The Christmas Pig*, which were published in 2020 and 2021 respectively and have also been bestsellers. She is also the author of books for adults, including a bestselling crime fiction series.

J.K. Rowling has received many awards and honours for her writing. She also supports a number of causes through her charitable trust Volant and is the founder of the children's charity Lumos.

To find out more about J.K. Rowling visit jkrowlingstories.com.

Ben Mantle (Illustrator)

Ben Mantle is the illustrator of Shane Hegarty's *Boot*, shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. His picture book *The Best Birthday Present Ever* won the Dundee Picture Book Award and he has illustrated a number of iconic fiction covers such as Piers Torday's *The Lost Magician* and Jenny McLachlan's *The Land of Roar*. Ben studied Animation at the Surrey Institute of Art & Design before working as an animator. Since 2008, Ben has been working as a children's book illustrator and also produces screen prints and digital artwork to exhibit. Ben lives in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.



Dark Squares: A cult leader, a child prodigy and the chess revolution

Danny Rensch

Keynote

A memoir of being raised in a cult, from former chess prodigy and current chief chess officer at Chess.com.

Description

Educated meets *The Queen's Gambit* in this extraordinary memoir by International Master and Chess.com co-founder Danny Rensch, who describes his upbringing in an abusive cult - and how chess ended up saving his life

Born into the Church of Immortal Consciousness, Danny Rensch spent his childhood navigating the isolated confines of a cult. Despite psychological manipulation, physical abuse, and neglect, he persevered. An international chess master and world-class commentator, Rensch's remarkable journey led him to being the face of Chess.com, one of the largest online gaming platforms in the world.

With unflinching honesty, Rensch recounts his life, starting from the moment he discovered chess in the summer of 1995, all the way up to being at the center of the most explosive cheating scandal in chess history.

He chronicles the traumas of being "special" in a cult that forced separation from his mother. Mentored by an alcoholic, Russian chess master, he found solace alongside suffering in his obsession for an ancient game, and chess became his only escape. Rensch rose through the chess ranks until a medical emergency nearly took him out of the game forever. And it almost did, until Chess.com came along.

Deeply heartfelt, keenly reflective, and haunting, *Dark Squares* is the never-before-told story of Danny Rensch's resilience, survival, and his enduring love for the game that saved him.

Sales Points

- **Chess.com:** Danny is the face of the world's biggest chess app, with over 80 million users, a host of celebrity users and major brand partnerships, which Danny will leverage to market and promote the book.
- **Extraordinary memoirs:** readers of unique life stories like *Educated*, *How to Say Babylon* and *Sociopath: A Memoir*, will love Danny's book. Cults are of perennial interest and this book will appeal to fans of *In the Days of Rain* and *Unfollow: A Journey from Hatred to Hope, leaving the Westboro Baptist Church*
- **Marketing:** Danny has 47k followers on X and will be tapping into Chess.com's socials, which have an audience of over 3 million.
- **Growth:** The interest in Chess continues to grow on both sides of the Atlantic, as highlighted in a recent Guardian article and the success of *The Queen's Gambit*, 'the biggest hit in the history of Netflix'.

Reviews

- 'A fantastic read! Danny Rensch's story is **inspiring, fascinating, and at times heartbreaking**. His wild ride from a difficult and traumatic childhood to becoming one of the most influential people in the history of chess will keep you turning pages way past bedtime. **Compelling and unique**, a deep dive into the chess world through the eyes of someone who is at the center of it all!' - Ben Mezrich, NY Times bestselling author of *The Accidental Billionaires*, *Bringing Down the House*, and *Dumb Money*
- 'Great men overcome great obstacles - and **I haven't been this inspired by an underdog story in a long time**. Taken from his mother, raised in a cult, Danny rose to the very pinnacle of the chess world - and then the business world. **A must read.**' - Bobby Hall (aka Logic), #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *Supermarket*
- '**Dark Squares is a powerful memoir and a testimony to why an ancient boardgame still has a place in our modern world**. With a home life as troubled as the one Danny Rensch experienced, the complexities of the chessboard were more than a mere distraction. Chess is not life-even a world champion can admit that. But, as in Rensch's case, it can certainly save one. With his work at Chess.com and with this beautiful book, he is well on the way to paying back his debt to our beloved game.' - Garry Kasparov, 13th World Chess Champion
- 'Dark Squares is a **heart-breaking, hilarious, ultimately transcendent story** of one man's journey out of chaos and dysfunction. Danny Rensch's vehicle for escape was not anger or hate, but rather finding what he loved - chess - and turning it into his superpower. Thank you, Danny Rensch, **for making my Christmas shopping easier.**' - Jeannette Walls, author of the two million copy bestseller *The Glass Castle*

Author Biography

Danny Rensch is an international chess master, world-renowned chess broadcaster and commentator, and Chief Chess Officer for Chess.com. Rensch was a seven-time all-American chess player and a national scholastic chess champion on multiple occasions. He

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You Like It Darker

The number one Sunday Times bestseller (May 2024)

Stephen King

Keynote

With a bonus story for the paperback edition, the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller (May 2024) is a collection of thrilling stories, many never-before-published.

Description

**** With a bonus story for the paperback edition. ****

'You like it darker? Fine, so do I' writes Stephen King in the afterword to this magnificent new collection of stories that delve into the darker part of life - both metaphorical and literal.

Each of these stories holds its own thrills, joys and mysteries; each feels iconic. In 'Danny Coughlin's Bad Dream', a brief and unprecedented psychic flash upends dozens of lives, Danny's most catastrophically. 'Rattlesnakes', a sequel to *Cujo*, sees a grieving widower travel to Florida for respite and instead receive an unexpected inheritance - with major strings attached. 'The Answer Man' asks if prescience is good luck or bad and reminds us that a life marked by unbearable tragedy can still be meaningful.

King writes to feel 'the exhilaration of leaving ordinary day-to-day life behind' and his ability to surprise, amaze and bring us both terror and solace remains unsurpassed.

You like it darker? You got it.

'As classic as King's novels are, his shorter fiction has been just as gripping over the years' *USA Today*

'One of the great storytellers of our time' *Guardian*

Sales Points

- **The No. 1 BESTSELLER:** out in paperback, perfect for late Summer holiday reading.
- **KING'S COLLECTIONS SOAR:** as popular as full-length fiction, and a perfect entry point for new readers.
- **ADAPTED INTO FIRST-RATE FILMS:** King's stories from his collections are the basis for major movies including *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Life of Chuck*.
- **2025 is a MEGA YEAR for Stephen King:** *YOU LIKE IT DARKER* is the brand new paperback, *NEVER FLINCH* is a number one hardback bestseller, and we have multiple film tie-in releases to enjoy.

Reviews

- 'One of the great storytellers of our time' - *Guardian*
- 'As classic as King's novels are, his shorter fiction has been just as gripping over the years' - *USA Today*
- 'King is writing some of the best work of his long career' - *Seattle Times*
- 'King proves he's still a master of short fiction in his sterling seventh collection... This remarkably assured collection will thrill the author's fans' - *Publishers' Weekly*

Author Biography

STEPHEN KING is the author of more than seventy books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. He is described in the *Daily Mail* as 'one of the greatest storytellers of the past century . . . a master at revealing the horrors that lurk beneath the surface of what looks like ordinary life.' His recent work includes *Never Flinch*, *Holly*, *Fairy Tale* and *If It Bleeds*. Many of his other titles are also the basis for major motion pictures, TV series and streamed events, including *IT*, *Misery* 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.

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Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	90000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale	North America
Author living in	Canada

Previous Titles

The Ruinous Love Trilogy
Butcher & Blackbird
Leather & Lark
Scythe & Sparrow

1st Serial	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
2nd Serial	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
Audio	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
Dramatisation and documentary	The Whalen Agency
Electronic	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
Film and TV	The Whalen Agency
Large print	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
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Undramatised (straight) reading	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
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Tourist Season

Brynne Weaver

Keynote

From No.1 New York Times bestselling author Brynne Weaver comes a wickedly delicious new series where dark romantic comedy meets thrilling suspense - and where falling in love can be a killer.

Description

'Tourist Season is everything I loved about the Ruinous Love Series and MORE - MORE murderly arts and crafts, MORE spice, MORE plot twists, MORE serial killers per capita than any town should ever have and I'm SO here for it' ABBY JIMENEZ

From No.1 New York Times bestselling author Brynne Weaver comes a wickedly delicious new series where dark romantic comedy meets thrilling suspense - and where falling in love can be a killer.

Welcome to Cape Carnage! Visit Once, Stay Forever.

You can hide in the farthest reaches of the deepest hell, and I will still drag you out. Even the devil can't save you from me.

Cape Carnage is a seaside town of colourful houses, quirky shops, and an unusually high body count. But with tourists comes trouble, and Harper Starling won't let anyone ruin her picture-perfect home. A skilled gardener with killer instincts, Harper protects her sanctuary at any cost - especially for her aging mentor with a fading memory. Troublesome tourists don't check out of Carnage. They compost beneath Harper's award-winning flowerbeds.

But Nolan Rhodes isn't your average tourist. Devilishly handsome, disarmingly charming, and skilled with a blade, Nolan is relentless in the pursuit of revenge. On every anniversary of the hit-and-run accident that fractured his life, Nolan slays another target. And he's saved the best for last: the undeniably beautiful Harper Starling. The problem? Harper isn't the monster he expected. And she won't go down without a fight.

When an amateur true crime investigator comes to Cape Carnage on the trail of a long-lost serial killer, Harper and Nolan strike an uneasy truce. If Nolan helps Harper protect her town, she'll keep quiet about his hunting habits . . . for now. But their alliance soon spirals into obsession, one that threatens to shatter every secret in Carnage - including their fragile love.

***Tourist Season* is a darkly funny, slow burn enemies-to-lovers romance where destruction and desire are balanced on the edge of a blade - and where love is the most dangerous battleground of all.**

Tropes:

Small-town romance
Fish out of water
Grumpy/grumpy
Forced proximity
He falls first
Touch her/him and die
Groveling

Praise for *Tourist Season*

'Hilarious, hot, and maniacally memorable! I'm obsessed with Brynne Weaver's one-of-a-kind brand of fun, sexy killers' **Penn Cole**

'Another dark yet sweet and sexy romance - liberally spattered with body parts - crafting a fresh, funny tale in a way only [Brynne] can' **Nisha J. Tuli**

'Weaver knows just how to carefully curate a romance you can't put down, from the deliciously hostile banter to an attraction you can't help but obsess over' **Santana Knox**

'An evocative, suspenseful romance that will be sure to grip onto every reader's imagination and send their pulse skyrocketing. Filled with deliciously dark humour and slow-burn tension' **Hannah Bonam-Young**

Sales Points

- Brynne Weaver is a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author and we've sold over 400k copies of her Ruinous Love Trilogy! Readers are excited for more of her uniquely dark romcom voice and this is the start of a new trilogy with all Brynne's trademark romance, killing and comedy

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Reviews

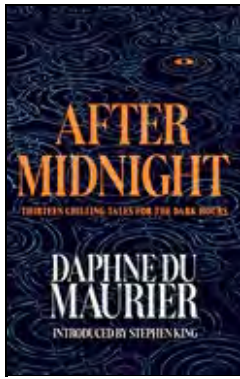
- '*Tourist Season* is everything I loved about the Ruinous Love Series and MORE - MORE murderous arts and crafts, MORE spice, MORE plot twists, MORE serial killers per capita than any town should ever have and I'm SO here for it' - *Abby Jimenez, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Say You'll Remember Me*
- 'Hilarious, hot, and maniacally memorable! I'm obsessed with Brynne Weaver's one-of-a-kind brand of fun, sexy killers' - *Penn Cole, New York Times bestselling author of Spark of the Everflame*
- 'A bloody ball meat of a good time! Weaver knows just how to carefully curate a romance you can't put down, from the deliciously hostile banter to an attraction you can't help but obsess over. I've taken permanent residence in Cape Carnage and feverishly anticipate the next season of murders' - *Santana Knox, international bestselling author of Heartless Heathens*
- 'Brynne Weaver returns with another dark yet sweet and sexy romance - liberally spattered with body parts - crafting a fresh, funny tale in a way only she can. Full of heart, twists, and tender moments, *Tourist Season* delivers exactly what rabid fans of Weaver have come to love about her writing. I am obsessed' - *Nisha J. Tuli, USA Today bestselling author of Not Safe for Work*

Author Biography

Brynne Weaver is a fan of velociraptors, the Alien movies (well, most of them), red wine, and wild adventures. She can relate nearly anything you say to a line from the movie *Hot Fuzz*. She has been trying unsuccessfully for years to convince her husband that they should acquire a pet mink to add to their menagerie of animals (what could possibly go wrong with that plan?!). When not busy writing, Brynne can be found with her husband and son on their family farm in NS, Canada, or enjoying her other passions which include riding horses, reading, motorcycling, and spending time with family and friends around a raclette and a bottle of wine.

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After Midnight Thirteen Chilling Tales for the Dark Hours Daphne du Maurier, Introduction by Stephen King

Keynote

Thirteen deliciously uncanny stories from the iconic pen of Daphne du Maurier, brought together in a new hardback collection for the first time.

Description

INTRODUCED BY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER STEPHEN KING

A STUNNING NEW HARDBACK COLLECTION OF DAPHNE DU MAURIER'S THIRTEEN DARKEST STORIES - INCLUDING 'THE BIRDS' AND 'DON'T LOOK NOW'

Amid the reflections and twisting alleyways of Venice, a grieving couple are haunted by the past. On a sharp December day, the wind changes - and the birds begin to gather. A group of wartime scientists attempt to capture the power of death, an eye operation reveals a monstrous reality, and a woman returns home to find she doesn't exist.

From murderous desires to supernatural forces, du Maurier's masterful short stories stare into the dark heart of our relationships: between men and women, humanity and nature, love and obsession, the future and the past. Whatever you do, don't look now . . .

PRAISE FOR DAPHNE DU MAURIER:

- 'These stories are staggeringly good' **Stephen King**
- 'Masterful, troubling and wickedly seductive' **Sarah Perry**
- 'Moody and unnerving' **Gillian Flynn**
- 'Du Maurier is mistress of the sleight of hand in fiction' **Maggie O'Farrell**
- 'Will chill you as much as any thriller. I love it' **Alice Slater**
- 'She was able to make worlds in which people and even houses are mysterious and mutable, not as they seem' **Olivia Laing**
- 'The master of slow-burning menace' **Stacey Halls**
- 'Daphne du Maurier remains the indisputable queen of the sophisticated literary thriller . . . often imitated and never, ever surpassed' **Laura Shepperson**

Sales Points

- **A MASTER OF THE SHORT STORY:** One of the most beloved writers of the twentieth century, du Maurier's short stories show her at her most confident, chilling and creative. This collection brings together thirteen of her best stories into one book for the first time, including the true classics 'The Birds' and 'Don't Look Now'.
- **PERFECT FOR HORROR READERS:** This is perfectly timed for the turn to horror, supernatural and ghost stories, appealing not just to classics readers but to anyone who loved *The Haunting Season*, *The Winter Spirits* and *You Like It Darker*.
- **STUNNING HARDBACK PACKAGE:** A luscious cover will appeal to du Maurier's core fans and those looking for the perfect gift - either for themselves during spooky season, or to give at Christmas.
- **INTRODUCED BY STEPHEN KING:** The legendary storyteller and international bestseller has written a brand-new introduction, calling these stories 'staggeringly good'.

Reviews

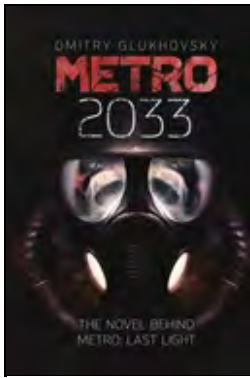
- 'These stories are staggeringly good' - Stephen King
- 'Daphne du Maurier has no equal' - *Sunday Telegraph*
- 'One of the most shocking plot twists in all of literature' - Gillian Flynn
- 'No writer has conveyed the sheer strangeness of being human as well as du Maurier. Her influence on fiction is incalculable, her imagination unsurpassable' - Andrew Michael Hurley

Author Biography

Daphne du Maurier (1907-89) began writing short stories and articles in 1928, and achieved widespread recognition in 1931 with her first novel, *The Loving Spirit*. A biography and three other novels followed, including *Jamaica Inn*, but it was her 1938 novel *Rebecca* that catapulted du Maurier into international fame. An instant bestseller, it made her one of the most popular authors of her day and was adapted into an acclaimed film by Alfred Hitchcock. When she died in 1989, she left behind a remarkable literary legacy, and remains one of the most influential and beloved authors of the twentieth century.

Market

Du Maurier fans; readers of ghost stories and anthologies including *You Like It Darker*, *The Haunting Season*, *Under a Dark Angel's Eye*, gift-buyers looking for a luscious package for Christmas



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Metro 2033

The novels that inspired the bestselling games

Dmitry Glukhovsky

Keynote

The basis of three bestselling computer games Metro 2033 and Metro Last Light, and Metro: Exodus. After the nuclear holocaust a new fear is born - underground...

Description

<h3>Now including a new translation, this is a chilling piece of Russian dystopian fiction and the basis of three bestselling computer games Metro 2033 and Metro Last Light, and Metro: Exodus</h3>

The year is 2033. The world has been reduced to rubble. Humanity is nearly extinct. The half-destroyed cities have become uninhabitable through radiation. Beyond their boundaries, they say, lie endless burned-out deserts and the remains of splintered forests. Survivors still remember the past greatness of humankind. But the last remains of civilisation have already become a distant memory, the stuff of myth and legend.

More than 20 years have passed since the last plane took off from the earth. Rusted railways lead into emptiness. The ether is void and the airwaves echo to a soulless howling where previously the frequencies were full of news from Tokyo, New York, Buenos Aires. Man has handed over stewardship of the earth to new life-forms. Mutated by radiation, they are better adapted to the new world. Man's time is over.

A few score thousand survivors live on, not knowing whether they are the only ones left on earth. They live in the Moscow Metro - the biggest air-raid shelter ever built. It is humanity's last refuge. Stations have become mini-statelets, their people uniting around ideas, religions, water-filters - or the simple need to repulse an enemy incursion. It is a world without a tomorrow, with no room for dreams, plans, hopes. Feelings have given way to instinct - the most important of which is survival. Survival at any price.

VDNKh is the northernmost inhabited station on its line. It was one of the Metro's best stations and still remains secure. But now a new and terrible threat has appeared. Artyom, a young man living in VDNKh, is given the task of penetrating to the heart of the Metro, to the legendary Polis, to alert everyone to the awful danger and to get help. He holds the future of his native station in his hands, the whole Metro - and maybe the whole of humanity.

Readers are hooked on Metro 2033:

'The Russians have a skill in writing apocalyptic, nightmarish stories' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'It is the best post-apocalyptic sci-fi I have ever read' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Those Russians know how to write dystopian, post-apocalyptic, creepy horror . . . a fantastic, immersive read' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

Sales Points

- **NEW TRANSLATION:** This has a fresh new translation which breathes new life into this massively popular novel.
- **GLOBALLY POPULAR VIDEO GAMES:** This novel is the basis for the hit Metro video game series.
- **NEW COVER LOOK:** This edition has been modernised with an updated and new cover look.
- **PERPETUALLY POPULAR:** Ever since its initial release, the novel has proved immensely popular with readers and it continues to sell on.

Reviews

- 'A fascinating and claustrophobic exploration of a terrible future and how human nature adapts' - *Fantasy Book Review*
- 'The world of *Metro 2033* is fascinating' - *Medium*
- 'If you're looking for thoughtful, meandering, and thrilling exploration of a world after the end of the everything, check out Dmitry Glukhovsky's *Metro 2033*' - *SFF Insiders*

Author Biography

Dmitry Glukhovsky is a Journalism and Foreign Relations graduate of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He won THE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD OF THE EUROPEAN SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY in 2007. In addition to his native Russian, he speaks English,



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Metro 2034

The novels that inspired the bestselling games

Dmitry Glukhovsky

Keynote

The basis of three bestselling computer games Metro 2033 and Metro Last Light, and Metro: Exodus. The much-anticipated sequel to the million-copy selling cult international hit. In the ruins of the apocalypse mankind fights for survival in the Moscow Metro.

Description

The basis of three bestselling computer games Metro 2033 and Metro Last Light, and Metro: Exodus.

The Metro books have put Dmitry Glukhovsky in the vanguard of Russian speculative fiction alongside the creator of Night Watch, Sergei Lukyanenko.

A year after the events of METRO 2033 the last few survivors of the apocalypse, surrounded by mutants and monsters, face a terrifying new danger as they hang on for survival in the tunnels of the Moscow Metro.

Featuring blistering action, vivid and tough characters, claustrophobic tension and dark satire the Metro books have become bestsellers across Europe.

Readers can't get enough of the Metro series:

'What can I say - **once you pick up this book and start reading, it's just amazingly hard to actually put it down** until you finish. And after that, you just want MORE!!' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'**This does everything right** in its additions to the metro world. A great story with **super fleshed out characters**, who have all been warped by the new life humanity leads underground' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'**The author is particularly good at character development and world building.** I've read a lot of dystopian novels but nothing like [Metro 2033] and [Metro 2034]' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'What a sequel! From page 1 on you get soaked into this **dark, creepy and yet beautiful universe**' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Metro 2034 is an amazing book, it shows tremendous amount of thought. **The post-apocalyptic/sci-fi feel of the book makes it very exciting**' Goodreads reviewer, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

Sales Points

- **GLOBALLY POPULAR VIDEO GAMES:** This novel is the basis for the hit Metro video game series.
- **INTERNATIONAL SENSATION:** Since publication, the METRO series has been translated into 40 languages and has sold over 3 million copies worldwide.
- **HARD HITTING DYSTOPIA:** The Metro series are all examples of razor sharp and spectacular dystopian fiction, and METRO 2035 is no exception.

Reviews

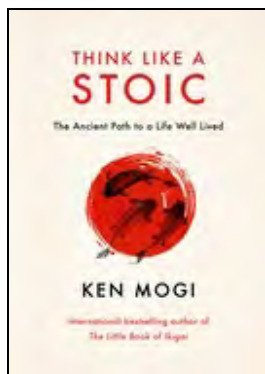
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Author Biography

Dmitry Glukhovsky was an award-winning International journalist in Russia. METRO 2033 was a runaway bestseller and launched his successful career as a novelist. Fluent in five languages he has gone on to write three further novels and has also launched a hugely successful shared-world writing franchise set in the Metro Universe.

Market

Fans of SF, fans of the computer games and fans of Russian writing.



Think Like a Stoic The Ancient Path to a Life Well Lived

Ken Mogi

Keynote

The Japanese perspective that made *The Little Book of Ikigai* a worldwide bestseller meets the wisdom of the ancients, updated for the universe we live in.

Description

In a world overflowing with abundance and information, the calm and clarity of stoicism has never been more necessary. In this new book, bestselling author Ken Mogi explores the ancient Greek philosophy as well as its resonance with other cultures around the world, not least his own Japanese perspective. The result is **a new version of stoicism that is practical, global, future-proof and, above all, optimistic.**

With his expertise as a neuroscientist, Mogi uncovers the cognitive foundations of the resilience that is so central to stoicism. Rooted in science, he finds in stoicism robust coping strategies for the challenges of modern life, and ways to balance self-discipline with enjoying life's pleasures.

But stoicism is also a mindset that uniquely equips us to handle the future, from global challenges such as the climate emergency to the rise and rise of AI. Thinking like a stoic, he argues, can offer us not just a path for personal growth and wisdom, but the key to the future of humanity.

Sales Points

- **There's been an explosion of interest in Stoicism over the past few years.** Ryan Holiday's *The Daily Stoic* has sold more than 220,000 copies. Google searches for stoicism have increased by 128% over the past five years and by 28% in the last year and YouTube searches have increased by 118%. Ken's stoicism is not a rehash of the ancient texts, but a new interpretation of stoicism, updated and reframed to provide a way to negotiate the modern world.
- **This is the perfect match of author and subject.** Ken Mogi's neuroscientific training means he can tell us why and how our brains are set up for stoicism, while his Japanese perspective means that he has a lived understanding of many of the stoic values, which have striking echoes in the Japanese approach to life.
- **The success of *The Little Book of Ikigai* proves the appeal of the Japanese approach to life and Ken is one of its best known interpreters.** *Think Like a Stoic* explores some of the many parallels between Japanese culture and the attitudes of the stoics.
- **Ken Mogi's books are international bestsellers.** *The Little Book of Ikigai* is sold in over 30 languages and has been **on the German bestseller chart (Spiegel) for over 150 weeks**, selling over 500,000 copies.
- Ken Mogi's Japanese twitter account has 1,230,000 followers, while his English twitter account has 61,000 followers.

Author Biography

Ken Mogi is a neuroscientist, writer and broadcaster based in Tokyo. He has published more than 30 papers on cognitive and neurosciences, and over 100 books in Japan covering popular science, essay, criticism and self-help. His books have sold close to 1 million copies. He is the author of the global bestseller *The Little Book of Ikigai*.

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Hansel and Gretel

Stephen King (Illustrated By Maurice Sendak)

Keynote

The legendary Stephen King brings to life beautiful opera set and costume design illustrations by Maurice Sendak, the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of *Where the Wild Things Are*, in this thrilling, must-have reimaging of the Brothers Grimm fairytale, *Hansel and Gretel*.

Description

The classic, haunting tale of two brave children lost in an eerie and dangerous forest, reimaged by literary legends: Stephen King and Maurice Sendak.

Let Stephen King, global bestselling and award-winning author, and Maurice Sendak, beloved creator of the Caldecott-Medal winning *Where the Wild Things Are*, guide you into this most deliciously daring rendition of the traditional Grimm fairy tale. But will you find your way back out?

This beautiful book includes a personal introduction from Stephen King and has been created in close collaboration with the Maurice Sendak Foundation. A stunning, high-quality hardback with jacket, it is the perfect gift for fans of King, Sendak and dark fairy tales.

Sales Points

- **THE LITERARY EVENT OF THE YEAR:** We couldn't be more honoured to welcome Stephen King to the Hodder Children's Books list with this collaboration between two literary titans: Maurice Sendak and Stephen King
- **A FEAST FOR THE EYES:** Maurice Sendak's hauntingly beautiful set and costume designs for productions of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* opera bring the great dark forest to life in the pages of this book. The opera premiered in 1997 at the Houston Grand Opera and was a co-production with Juilliard, Canadian Opera Company, and the opera companies of Baltimore, Indianapolis, and San Diego
- **PICTURE BOOK FROM A LEGENDARY ADULT AUTHOR:** Stephen King is the author of more than seventy books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. He is the recipient of the PEN America Literary Service Award, the National Medal of Arts, and 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, among countless more awards and accolades
- **WILD SALES FOR SENDAK AND KING:** Maurice Sendak's children's books have sold over 50 million copies - with *Where the Wild Things Are* alone selling over 26 million copies worldwide - and have been translated into more than 50 languages. And Stephen King's books have sold over 350 million copies across 40 languages
- **DELICIOUSLY DARING RENDITION:** Stephen King's words and Maurice Sendak's art are seamlessly woven together in the most deliciously daring rendition of the classic Grimm fairytale yet that will satisfy young readers, King and Sendak fans of all ages, and anyone with a taste for spooky stories, classics, fairy tales, and literary excellence

Author Biography

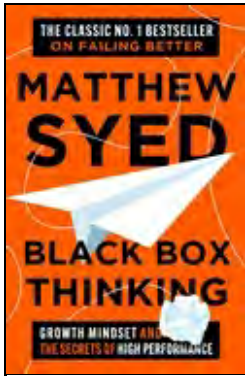
Stephen King (Author)

Stephen King is the author of more than seventy books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His new novel *Never Flinch* comes out in May 2025. His recent work includes the No. 1 bestsellers *You Like It Darker*, *Holly*, *Fairy Tale* and *Sleeping Beauties* (co-written with Owen King). He is also the author of the iconic novel *Carrie*. Many of King's titles are the basis for major motion pictures, TV series or streamed events including *The Dark Tower*, *IT* 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.

Maurice Sendak (Illustrator)

Maurice Sendak's books have sold over 50 million copies and have been translated into more than 40 languages. He received the 1964 Caldecott Medal for *Where the Wild Things Are* and is the creator of such classics as *In the Night Kitchen*, *Outside Over There*, *Higglety Pigglety Pop!* and *Nutshell Library*. In 1970 he received the international Hans Christian Andersen Medal for Illustration, in 1983 he received the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award from the American Library Association, and in 1996 he received a National Medal of Arts in recognition of his contribution to the arts in America. In 2003, Sendak received the first Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, an annual international prize for children's literature established by the Swedish government. In 2024, HarperCollins released Maurice Sendak's *Ten Little Rabbits* (published by Puffin in the UK in February 2025), a hilarious counting picture book starring Mino the Magician, which *School Library Journal* called in a starred review, "a newly discovered treasure from a beloved children's book magician".



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Black Box Thinking

Growth Mindset and the Secrets of High Performance

Matthew Syed

Keynote

10th ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE SUNDAY TIMES NO.1 BESTSELLER

Description

10th ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE SUNDAY TIMES NO.1 BESTSELLER

'Will transform your entire perspective' **THE TIMES**

'A stirring call to revolutionise how we think about success' **DANIEL PINK**, author of *DRIVE*

'Brilliant' **JAMES DYSON**

What is the secret to success? Black Box Thinking.

Ten years on from its original publication, *Black Box Thinking* remains a game-changing manifesto for success.

In this special anniversary edition - featuring brand new material from Matthew Syed - his bold thesis that failure, far from being something to fear, is the secret to innovation and improvement feels more urgent than ever.

Packed with gripping case studies, eye-opening research, and stories from elite sport, cutting-edge medicine, aviation, business, and beyond, Syed shows how the most progressive individuals and organizations treat mistakes not as threats, but as tools for growth.

This is a book for anyone striving to do better. It will change how you think about failure - and show you how to turn it into success.

'Highly persuasive' **DAILY MAIL**

'It highlights the need for a growth mindset in life' **RICHARD BRANSON**

'A book that dares us to do better' **HOWARD JACOBSON**

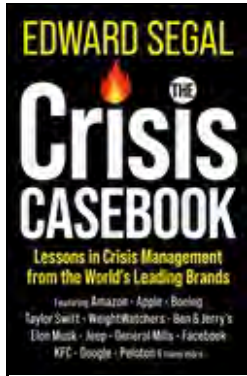
Sales Points

- **A MODERN CLASSIC - REBORN FOR A NEW GENERATION:** With **over 545,000 copies sold** (including **331,924 paperbacks** and **97,930 audio downloads**) and **translations into 30 languages**, *Black Box Thinking* remains one of the most influential books on performance, innovation, and learning from failure. This **10th anniversary edition features a brand-new preface** deepening the book's urgent, universal message.
- **FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR TO GLOBAL THOUGHT LEADER:** Matthew Syed has sold **over 2 million books worldwide** across his seven titles. A former Olympian, award-winning journalist, and one of the UK's most sought-after thinkers, he brings a rare mix of **intellectual authority, lived experience and storytelling flair** to everything he writes. *Black Box Thinking* remains a cornerstone of his work - and this edition brings it fully up to date.
- **FRESH AUDIO FOR A FRESH MOMENT:** As part of the anniversary release, the audiobook will be **re-recorded and narrated by Matthew Syed for the first time**.
- **THE AUTHOR BEHIND A PODCAST PHENOMENON:** Matthew Syed's award-winning **BBC Radio 4 podcast *Sideways*** has been **downloaded over 15 million times**, further cementing his profile as one of the UK's leading public thinkers. His media presence spans ***The Times*, *Sunday Times***, and top podcasts like *The Diary of a CEO* and *High Performance* - offering rich opportunities for cross-promotion and wide appeal.
- **A RESONANT, CROSS-SECTOR MESSAGE - STILL GROWING IN REACH:** Whether in **classrooms, boardrooms, hospitals or sports arenas**, Syed's ideas have sparked transformation. His gripping case studies - from aviation disasters and Formula One pit crews to medical mishaps and elite sport - continue to shape how **leaders, educators, and individuals think about failure, risk and growth**. And the book **still sells steadily**, a decade on from its original publication.

Author Biography

Matthew Syed (Author)

Matthew Syed is one of the UK's most influential thinkers on mindset, performance, and culture. A former Olympic table tennis player turned award-winning journalist and bestselling author, his seven books - including *Black Box Thinking*, *Rebel Ideas*, and the groundbreaking *You Are Awesome* series for children - have sold over two million copies worldwide, been translated into more than 30 languages, and earned widespread acclaim.



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The Crisis Casebook

Lessons in Crisis Management from the World's Leading Brands

Edward Segal

Keynote

A collection of crisis management case studies exploring how the world's biggest brands, from Elon Musk and Amazon to Taylor Swift and The British Royal Family, have responded in a crisis.

Description

It doesn't matter who you are or what business you're in, you are never far from a crisis.

Edward Segal has profiled over 700 crises in his popular column on Forbes.com since 2020, from those affecting businesses and organizations to global celebrities and royalty. Here he builds on that bank of real-life stories, developing the lessons and adding new unseen material, to reveal how global organizations and high-profile individuals have prevented, managed, and recovered from a variety of crisis situations.

According to The Conference Board's C-Suite Outlook 2023, less than half of surveyed corporate executives around the world said they were ready for a pandemic or global health crisis; only 41% are prepared for cybersecurity crises; and only 39% have planned for financial instability. And these are just the tip of the iceberg of crisis triggers with others including recession, extreme climate events, terrorism, lawsuits, accidents, and allegations of sexual abuse.

In *The Crisis Casebook*, Edward Segal expertly recounts the good, the bad, and the ugly ways companies and people have managed a variety of crisis situations showing you how to avoid crisis management mistakes that could damage your company's reputation, profits, and future - and your career.

Sales Points

- **PERENNIAL TOPIC:** Crisis management IS the news and Edward Segal has been forensically following it and articulating best and worst practise for years. It's not a question of IF a crisis will happen, it's WHEN.
- **CONTEMPORARY SOURCES:** The anecdotes and stories are drawn from the more than 600 stories Segal has written for Forbes.com about well-known companies and high-profile individuals including Amazon, Boeing, the British royal family, Elon Musk, Taylor Swift, and Meta, and updated with lessons from the latest headline-making crisis prior to the submission of the manuscript.
- **ADVICE:** The book includes advice and recommendations from reputation, crisis management, branding, public relations and other experts who know about the best practices for managing a business crisis.
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Edward Segal is one of the country's top crisis management experts and a popular Leadership Strategies Senior Contributor for Forbes.com, where more than three million people around the world have read his stories.
- **AUTHOR WILL RETAIN SMITH PR IN THE US:** Edward plans to retain the services of Smith Publicity who also worked on *Crisis Ahead*.

Author Biography

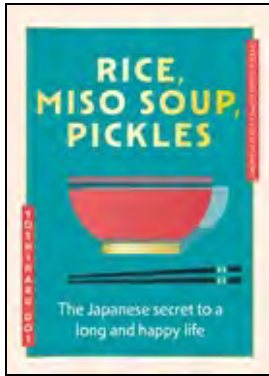
Edward Segal has more than 30 years' experience as a crisis management expert. He managed crisis situations as the CEO of two trade associations; advised and helped organizations survive disasters, scandals, and emergencies including the arrest and firing of corporate officers, hate crimes, and sexual harassment; and conducted crisis management and communication training for hundreds of executives and their staffs. Segal is the former marketing strategies columnist for *The Wall Street Journal's* StartUpJournal.com and senior media relations consultant for Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide. He has provided expert PR advice and counsel to more than 500 corporations and organizations.

Market

The target customers include CEOs, other senior corporate executives, and their staff; boards of directors; and public relations and marketing professionals. They will be motivated to buy the book when they learn how it can help them avoid the mistakes and repeat the successes of others who responded to a variety of crisis situations.

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Rice, Miso Soup, Pickles

The Japanese secret to a long and happy life

Yoshiharu Doi
Translated by **Gwen Clayton**

Keynote

A bestseller in Japan that unlocks the secrets behind the traditional Japanese way of eating and why it is still relevant today.

Description

'Rice, miso soup, pickles is not just a recommended Japanese menu. It's a system, a philosophy, and an aesthetic.'
Yoshiharu Doi, Japan's best-known food writer

Rice, Miso Soup, Pickles: the Japanese secret to a long and happy life is for lovers of all things Japanese and reveals much about the country and its people.

Not a cookbook, but a unique insight into Japanese cuisine and culture by one of its most revered food writers, *Rice, Miso Soup, Pickles* has sold almost half a million copies in Japan and is now for the first time translated into English.

Traditional Japanese food is a way of eating that embodies seasonality and simplicity; encourages health and longevity; and delights in the meditative peace to be found in preparing the same meal time and again . . . a simple bowl of rice, miso soup containing seasonal vegetables, and salty pickles. Yoshiharu Doi, Japan's best-known cookery writer urges readers to adopt this traditional Japanese diet to make life and cooking easier - creating a routine, a modest way of eating that is in sympathy with the body, that nurtures and soothes the mind and which makes home a place of reassurance and comfort.

Sales Points

- OVER 420,000 COPIES SOLD IN JAPAN since it was published in 2016.
- YOSHIHARU DOI IS CULINARY ROYALTY in Japan and around the world. This is the first English translation of his bestselling book which will delight professional chefs as well as anyone fascinated by the Japanese way of life.
- SURGE IN INTEREST in all things Japanese from Marie Kondo to *Wabi Sabi*; *Ikigai* to *Kintsugi*; *Butter* to *The Convenience Store Woman*
- EXPLORES THE PHILOSOPHY behind Japanese food and how it can improve your physical and spiritual well-being.
- JAPAN IS IN THE BLUE ZONE with one of the healthiest and longest living populations.

Author Biography

Yoshiharu Doi was born in Osaka in 1957. After graduating from the Faculty of Education Ashiya University, at the age of 20 he travelled to Switzerland to train as a chef. On returning to Japan, he worked in Osaka. His work promoting home cooking has included appearing for 34 years on the TV Asahi programme *Okazu no kukkingu*. He has also worked to promote Japanese cuisine abroad. In 2022, he was selected for a Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the cultural field.

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Shadow Cell an explosive insider account of the world's new spy war from ex-CIA operatives

Andrew and Jihi Bustamante

Keynote

A thrilling firsthand account by husband-and-wife ex-CIA operatives.

Description

A thrilling first-hand account by husband-and-wife CIA operatives who, against all odds, triumphed in a deadly cat-and-mouse game against a mole within the intelligence agency - an unprecedented insider view of 21st-century spycraft.

Andrew and Jihi Bustamante were a 'tandem couple': married spies who'd dedicated their lives to the CIA. They met as trainees at Langley, and got married while hunting terrorists across the globe. Then, suddenly, they were assigned to a mission so sensitive and explosive that the CIA has still never acknowledged it. The CIA's source network in a country code-named 'Falcon' - one of America's most formidable rivals - had been compromised by a mole, and the agency needed a new way to collect intelligence there. Young newlyweds the Bustamantes were considered safe choices for this daunting task precisely because they had no experience in Falcon. They were also loyal, forgettable, and completely disposable - operatives who could help to strengthen the CIA's position in Falcon while simultaneously serving as bait for the mole.

But although their superiors at the CIA didn't realize it, the Bustamantes also brought another advantage to the table: a granular understanding of how terrorist cells operate, and how the agency could exploit those same tactics to keep the West safe. Assembling a rag-tag team of fellow operatives and recruiting new sources from Falcon, the Bustamantes pioneered a new way of spying by building a cell of their own, right at the heart of the CIA.

The propulsive, untold tale of one of history's greatest intelligence crises and the unlikely band of agents who were sent in to clean up the mess, *Shadow Cell* allows us to peer behind the curtain to see how today's spy wars are being fought - and won.

Sales Points

- A fascinating and authentic insider's account of the CIA, packed with riveting detail.
- Globally relevant - the spy-craft methods employed by the Bustamantes have been adopted worldwide due to their success in Falcon.
- With Trump's re-election, embrace of isolationist policies, and break down of geopolitical ties, an insider account of spying in a hostile nation is highly topical.
- Promotable author with a growing public profile, and British ghostwriter.

Reviews

- '*Shadow Cell* rips the curtain off the modern spy game with the kind of insider access only two former CIA operatives could provide. It's a rare glimpse into the shadow war of the 21st century, where loyalty is tested, trust is weaponized, and victory comes at a personal cost.' - Jack Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Red Sky Mourning*
- 'The "Shadow Cell" operation is arguably one of the most esoteric, innovative, and successful by CIA to date. It is also proof of how important fresh blood is to any organization. As you will read, the selection of these two young officers was a gamble that not only paid off but also exceeded everyone's expectations. **Reads like a novel, educates like a thesis.** I truly enjoyed the read and even learned a trick or two.' - Ric Prado, New York Times bestselling author of *Black Ops*, and former Chief of Operations at CIA's Counterterrorism Center

Author Biography

Andrew Bustamante (Author)

Andrew Bustamante is a former CIA intelligence officer who served in the US military in Afghanistan and Iraq before being recruited into the CIA's National Clandestine Service where he served for 7 years handling sensitive operations still classified Top Secret. He is the presenter of the *EverydaySpy* podcast and a sought-after media authority on military, espionage, and current events.

Jihi Bustamante is also a former CIA intelligence officer and the Vice-President of *EverydaySpy*. After earning two masters degrees and a law degree, Jihi was recruited into CIA's National Clandestine Service from a career in social work supporting female refugees fleeing sex trafficking and genocide. Unlike her public-facing husband, Jihi remains private in both her personal and professional lives.

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The Arrogant Ape And A New Way To See Humanity

Christine Webb

Keynote

A groundbreaking and inspiring call for a radical shift in how we understand our own species - and all those we share our planet with

Description

Most people are certain that humans are the most intelligent, sophisticated, successful species on earth. But what if we're wrong? And what if our arrogant human exceptionalism is leading us to exploit the earth at the expense of other species - and destroy our own world in the process?

In *The Arrogant Ape*, leading primatologist Christine Webb challenges our belief in human superiority by revealing underappreciated wonders of nonhuman life - from the language of songbirds and prairie dogs, to the cultures of chimpanzees and reef fishes, to the acumen of plants and fungi. With fresh research into the rich social, emotional and cognitive lives of animals, and compelling stories from all over the world, *The Arrogant Ape* demonstrates how our belief in our own importance is directly linked to our some of the greatest threats against us and our environment - and offers a hopeful, inspiring way forwards.

By radically altering our understanding of our place in the universe, and by looking anew at other organisms - and ourselves - we can heal and rejuvenate our shared planet.

Sales Points

- **FOR AN ESTABLISHED, HUNGRY, BOOK-BUYING MARKET:** For fans of Peter Godfrey-Smith's *Other Minds*, Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Merlin Sheldrake's *Entangled Life* and Ed Yong's *An Immense World*
- **A CONVERSATION-STARTER, MOVING ON THE CULTURAL DISCOURSE:** Explores and examines many similar themes to Yuval Noah Harari's *Sapiens*, but from a wildly different perspective
- **BASED ON EXPERT RESEARCH:** Webb draws on her first-hand experience observing primate behaviour as well as her own experiences and analysis of human language and culture
- **PERFECT FOR NATURE-LOVERS:** Rich in incredible, eye-opening detail on the remarkable abilities of a vast spectrum of species

Reviews

- 'Thrilling, disconcerting, ultimately hopeful ... A crucial and transformative read' - Charles Foster, author of *Being a Beast*
- 'Bursting with vivid firsthand accounts of encounters with wild animals and a survey of cutting-edge research into animal cognition ... Webb will leave you in awe' - Justin Gregg, author of *If Nietzsche Were A Narwhal*
- 'In her landmark book, Christine Webb makes clear that the notion that we're the most important show in town has got it all wrong. I highly recommend *The Arrogant Ape*' - Marc Bekoff, author of *The Emotional Lives of Animals*

Author Biography

Christine Webb, PhD, is a broadly trained primatologist at Harvard's Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, with expertise in social behavior, cognition, and emotion. She works with nonhuman primates in diverse settings and collaborates with scholars from the social sciences and humanities to reimagine the role of science in the growing charge to grant moral status to other animals. Her work has been covered by popular outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Geographic, and the BBC.

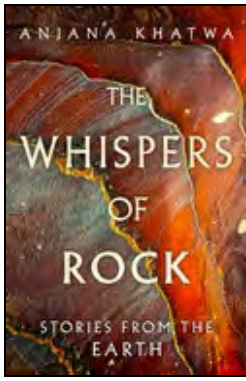
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The Whispers of Rock Stories from the Earth

Anjana Khatwa

Keynote

A revelatory approach to geology, illuminated with untold stories of humanity's relationship with rock

Description

From the sacred stones of Stonehenge to the rose red city of Petra, from towering mountains to the smallest grains of sand, rocks have had a profound influence on human life.

Anjana Khatwa, an award-winning earth scientist and TV presenter, has dedicated much of her life to geology. Here she tells us in beautifully descriptive writing how rocks have been shaped over the eons-but also how they have shaped us.

Boldly alternating between modern science and ancient lore, Khatwa takes us on an exhilarating journey through deep time from bursting volcanoes in the Andes to the wonder of the Dorset coastline, while honouring the Indigenous stories that have brought the land alive over the millennia.

She also explores how connecting with the earth has guided her through the toughest times and offers the hope of reconnection with the earth and its stories-if only we open ourselves to hear the wisdom in its whispers.

Sales Points

- Global reach: Anjana explores geological features from all of the continents of the world
- First to market: the first popular book about geology and earth science that folds in a personal narrative and the stories of indigenous and overlooked people from across the world
- Star on the rise: Anjana already has a brilliant profile as a science communicator and advocate for underrepresented groups in science, having presented on the BBC and This Morning and received multiple awards. She also has great connections with authors like Alice Roberts and Robert MacFarlane who have agreed to endorse the book

Author Biography

Dr Anjana Khatwa is an award-winning earth scientist, TV presenter and an advocate for diversity in the geosciences and nature. She has been presented with the Geographical Award for public engagement by the Royal Geographical Society and the 2021 RH Worth Award by the Geological Society of London. Dr Khatwa has presented TV programmes for BBC2 and BBC4 and is a regular contributor to ITV's *This Morning*. In 2021, she received a National Diversity Award in recognition of her work within earth science and natural heritage. Her writing has been published in *The Clearing* magazine and she was longlisted for the 2021 Nan Shepherd Prize.

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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format Non- character Non Tie- in
Character Tie In	in
Binding	Hardback 210x148
Format	24 pages
Extent	
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Lightwing Learns to Fly
When Cow Forgot Her Moo
Bushy's Secret
The Clever Puppy
A Piece of Cheese
The Big Diamond

Reading Champion: Enid Blyton animal stories: Lightwing Learns to Fly Yellow Band 3

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Rosie Edwards)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories to a young audience, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by beautiful colour illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, *Lightwing*, a baby bird, is too afraid to leave the nest and learn to fly. He watches nervously as first his brother, then his sister leap out of the nest. Now, it is his turn ...

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Yellow 3.

Sales Points

- Simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories, made accessible for younger readers
- Charming colour artwork by Rosie Edwards brings Blyton's animal characters to a younger audience
- Carefully levelled to book band yellow 3, a perfect next step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

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Reading Champion: The Wishing-Chair: The Land of Dreams Red Band 2

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Liliana Perez)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Brand new readers based on the wonderful world of Enid Blyton's *The Wishing-Chair*, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, the Wishing-Chair whisks Mollie, Peter and Binky off to a dream-like world. In this strange land, the Wishing-Chair keeps changing into different animals and running off! How will they get back home?

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Red 2.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's *The Wishing-Chair*
- Dazzling artwork by Liliana Perez brings Blyton's magical settings to life
- Carefully levelled to book band red 2, a perfect first step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

Publication date	September, 2025
Price	£9.99 / ₹175
Main Identifier	9781445198941
BIC 2.1	Interest age: from c 5 years (5A F) English (2A B)
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CBMC	5-7 years
Age	Fiction
Subject	Ordinary Printed
Type	Book Format Non-character Non Tie-in
Character Tie In	Paperback
Binding	210x148
Format	24 pages
Extent	
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Land of Sweets, 9781445196671
 The Land of Dreams, 9781445196640
 The Land of Wishes, 9781445196701
 The Land of Surprises, 9781445196732
 The Witch's Garden, 9781445196763
 The Wizard's Party, 9781445196794

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Reading Champion: The Secret Seven: The Forgotten Password Blue Band 4

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Holly Bushnell)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing the characters of Enid Blyton's much loved *Secret Seven* to a young audience with these fun new adventures, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, Jack is late to a Secret Seven meeting and he's forgotten the password! The others are all in the clubhouse waiting for him, how will he remember the password in time?

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 5+ and has been levelled at book band Blue 4.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's *The Secret Seven*
- Vibrant new artwork for a young audience
- Carefully levelled to book band blue 4, perfect for children learning to read independently

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

Publication date	September, 2025
Price	£9.99 / ₹175
Main Identifier	9781445198958
BIC 2.1	Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2AB)
	B3N79
CBMC	5-7 years
Age	Fiction
Subject	Ordinary Printed
Type	Book Format Non-character Non Tie-in
Character Tie In	Paperback
Binding	210x148
Format	24 pages
Extent	
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Forgotten Password, 9781445197005
 The Stolen Badge, 9781445197029
 The Missing Hamster, 9781445197050
 The Town Fair, 9781445197111
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Reading Champion: Magic Faraway Tree: Silky's Cakes Pink Band 1B

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Amy Zhing)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing the characters of Enid Blyton's *Magic Faraway Tree* to a young audience with these fun new adventures, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, Silky the fairy is busy baking cakes. But each time she makes some, they seem to disappear!

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Pink 1B.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree
- Dazzling artwork by Amy Zhing captures the magical world of Blyton's Enchanted Wood setting
- Carefully levelled to book band pink 1b, a perfect first step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

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 Price **£9.99 / ₹175**
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 BIC 2.1 **Interest age: from c 5 years (5A F)**
English (2A B)
Fantasy & magical realism
(Children's / Teenage) (YFH)

CBMC **B3N79**
 Age **5-7 years**
 Subject **Fiction**
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format Non-character Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
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F1 Insider Notes from the Pit Lane

Ted Kravitz

Keynote

Legendary F1 commentator, Ted Kravitz, brings his unique view and knowledge of the past, present, and future of the world's most glamorous sport to life for the first time - providing an insider's view of the inner circle of Teams, drivers and all things F1.

Description

From Australia and Italy to China and the U.S, Ted Kravitz - hailed as an 'icon' and 'one of the most high-profile voices in F1' - is the fan's eyes and ears in the pit, followed by millions of F1 fans eager to see what's going on behind the scenes. His 'Ted's Notebook' series is essential viewing for the fan, and his insights are fascinating, fun and accurate.

For the first time, *F1 INSIDER: Notes From The Pit Lane* brings his unique view and knowledge of the past, present, and future of the world's most glamorous, complex, and fascinating sport to life. Drawing from his own inimitable style, crafted with over two decades of working in, mixing with, and immersing himself throughout F1, Ted provides an insider's view of the inner circle of Teams, drivers and all things F1.

Sales Points

- **DEDICATED FANBASE:** Ted is incredibly popular among F1 viewers, and is known for his Ted's Notebook Sky F1 show, and his reporting from the pits during races. He has a steadily growing fanbase, with 60k followers on Instagram and 388k followers on Twitter to date.
- **GLOBAL POPULARITY:** F1's viewership continues to grow, with CEO Stefano Domenicali reporting a cumulative TV audience of 1.54 billion in 2022. This includes a 36% rise in the U.S, signifying the sport's expanding global appeal. The 2023 season saw record-breaking audiences in U.S TV history, with Miami (1.96 million), Monaco (1.79 million) and Canada (1.76 million) recording notable figures.
- **COMPARATIVE TITLES:** *How to Build a Car* by Adrian Newey (110,00 TCM), *Surviving to Drive* by Guenther Steiner (54,000 TCM), *The Mechanic* by Marc 'Elvis' Priestley (24,000 TCM) and *Total Competition* by Ross Brawn and Adam Parr (20,000 TCM).

Author Biography

Ted Kravitz is a vastly experienced motorsport journalist and television presenter, renowned for coverage of Formula 1 across BBC, Sky and other channels. With over twenty years of experience, Ted has established himself as an indispensable figure in the F1 community, celebrated for his the widely acclaimed 'Ted's Notebook' segments on Sky F1. Named an 'icon' and 'one of the most high-profile voices in F1', Ted's profound expertise and captivating commentary has amassed a following of over 500k across social media platforms.

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House of Bane and Blood

An addictive fantasy romance

Alexis L. Menard

Keynote

A spicy enemies-to-lovers romantasy with an irresistible morally grey love interest that has been making waves on BookTok.

Description

After the death of my father, I vowed that if I ever met a member of the Attano family, I'd kill them. Instead, I married one.

Magic, smoke, and steam swirl in the air. High in their mansions, the ruling cartels play games of blood and secrets, while monsters lurk in the alleyways below.

Once I was the most powerful heiress in this city. Then the Attanos killed my father and left my family's business empire in ruins. I'll do whatever it takes to get it back...

So when the man who destroyed my world offers to pay our debts-in exchange for my hand in marriage-I have no choice but to accept.

Nicolai Attano is everything I was raised to hate. Arrogant, heartless and devastatingly handsome, he leads a group of criminals with lethal magical abilities.

I know I can't trust him, but Nicolai claims his offer is strictly business-if I help him find the serial killer who stalks the streets on his side of the city, he will release me from our contract. As we plunge into an underworld of magic and forbidden desires, I can't deny the attraction drawing me to my new husband... or the thrilling power I feel whenever he's around.

Can I hunt down a killer and escape with my life, before the most dangerous man in the city steals my heart?

If you love morally gray love interests, warring mafia houses, dark magic, and spicy rivals-to-lovers romance, *House of Bane and Blood* is your new romantasy obsession. It's perfect for fans of *Quicksilver*, *Metal Slinger* and *The Bridge Kingdom*.

See why readers love the Vows of Vengeance series:

"**Wow, wow...** Absolutely phenomenal... **The ROMANCE!! THE. ROMANCE.** God don't even get me started... Had me **giggling and kicking my feet...** Tension and banter and LONGING!... **HAD ME ON MY KNEES!!!!**" Goodreads reviewer,

"What a book... **I loved it so much...** Fantastic... The banter and tension made me fall in love instantly... Had me weak and wanting more... **Perfection... I was screaming...** I honestly didn't want it to end." Goodreads reviewer,

"**This was so, so good!!...** I was squealing... **The banter was top tier...** The tension was immaculate... I was giggling so hard." Goodreads reviewer,

"This is **legit perfection...** The banter was BANTERING, ok??!!... **I ate it up!!** I fell in love with both main characters...**Obsessed.**" Goodreads reviewer,

"**The tension between Nico and Milla is *chef's kiss*...** Perfection... Fast paced and action packed... **I loved this book so much!**" Goodreads reviewer,

"This book was everything... **I devoured it...**The witty banter had me smiling and laughing more times than I can count... **I fell in love...** The tension and **slow burn sizzle** was perfection!... I cannot recommend it enough!" Goodreads reviewer,

"**I loved each and every second of this book...** Fantastic... The slow burn and the banter. Camilla and Nico are **so good together.**" Goodreads reviewer,

Sales Points

- Spicy enemies-to-lovers romantasy with an irresistible morally grey love interest that has been making waves on BookTok.
- Previously self-published, the series has over 25 million KU page reads, and more than 6,000 five-star ratings on Goodreads.
- Alexis is fantastic on social media. Her viral TikTok videos about the series have millions of views and she receives around 90,000 views per month on Instagram.
- The books are filled with warring gangs, magic and tech - think Six of Crows but all grown up, or a romantasy Peaky Blinders.

Publication date	Tuesday, September 09, 2025
Price	£10.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781836185116 Fantasy romance (FMR) Fantasy (FM) Romance (FR)
Binding	Paperback
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Word Count	
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- We will be publishing a complete 2-book series in 2025, with a new series (set in the same world) beginning early 2026.

Author Biography

Alexis L. Menard is a registered nurse based out of Louisiana where she lives with her family. She enjoys long walks through the Renaissance Fair, reading spicy romance into the dark hours of the night, and wine nights with friends.

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A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage

Don't miss the hottest thriller of summer 2025 - a BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick

Asia Mackay

Keynote

Mr and Mrs Smith meets *How to Kill Your Family* - because even serial killers can have a midlife crisis.

Description

A COUPLE THAT SLAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

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Hazel and Fox are an ordinary married couple with a baby. Except for one small thing: they're ex-serial killers.

They had it all. An enviable London lifestyle, five-star travels, and plenty of bad men to kill. Not many power couples know how to get away with murder.

Then Hazel fell pregnant and they gave it all up for life in the suburbs; dinner parties instead of body disposal.

But recently Hazel has started to feel *that* itch again. When she kills someone behind Fox's back and brings the police to their door, she must do anything she can to protect her family.

This could save their marriage - unless it kills them first.

WHAT MORE READERS ARE SAYING:

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'I honestly couldn't stop reading' **⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐**

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'I loved the short chapters, I finished this in one day.' **⭐ ⭐ ⭐**

'Huge fun.' **⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐**

Sales Points

- **SUPER LEAD THRILLER:** *A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage* will be Headline's super lead thriller launch in 2025, accompanied by a no-holds-barred marketing campaign leaning into the incredible characters and Asia's incredible breadth of connections across books and media, with endorsements of her writing from the likes of Hugh Grant, Clare Mackintosh, Marian Keyes to Chris Whitaker and Sophie Ellis-Bextor.
- **WORLD RIGHTS INCLUDING FILM & TV:** TV rights have been acquired in a record-breaking deal by a major production company, with more details to be announced. US rights have been acquired by Ballentine Penguin Random House, and translation rights by DuMont in Germany, Giunti in Italy and Luitingh-Sijthoff in the Netherlands.
- **VOICE-LED, VIBRANT CAST OF CHARACTERS:** married couple Hazel and Fox are the perfect dinner hosts - so long as you don't look in the basement. They are the envy of everyone in their social group, all the mother's at nursery wonder how they manage to spend so much time with their delightful daughter. Maybe they're just that perfect - or maybe there's something lurking beneath the surface.

Reviews

- **'Sexy, stylish, thrilling and funny. Asia Mackay rips up the rulebook in this wildly original, razor-sharp tale of marriage and murder, mundanity and mayhem. I loved it.'** - *Chris Whitaker*
- **'Murder has never been so funny. If you liked *Mr & Mrs Smith*, you'll love this original and darkly funny thriller.'** - *Clare Mackintosh*

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Format	B Format
Extent	432 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
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Book locale	Hampshire, London
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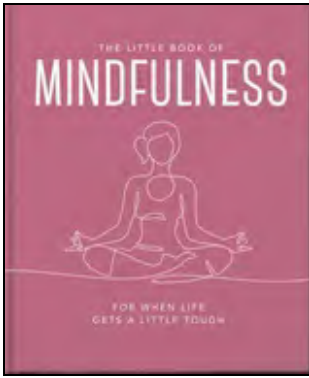
- 'Certain to be your sassy, twisted must-read of 2025' - *Janice Hallett*
- 'An invaluable manual that I return to again and again' - *Hugh Grant*

Author Biography

Asia Mackay is a Chinese Scottish author and mother of four based in London. Asia studied Anthropology at Durham University and began her career in television. She moved to China, presented and produced lifestyle programmes in Shanghai before returning to London where she worked for the likes of Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman, and subsequently completed a Faber Academy course. Her debut novel *Killing It* was the Runner Up in Richard and Judy's Search for a Bestseller competition and Runner Up/ Exceptionally Recognised for the Comedy Women In Print prize.

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Format	137x113
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

The Little Book of Mindfulness For When Life Gets a Little Tough

Orange Hippo!

Keynote

Immerse yourself in the wisdom of mindfulness with this inspiring collection of quotes, guiding you toward inner peace and the beauty of the present moment.

Description

Embrace the transformative power of mindfulness with this serene collection of quotes that gently guide you on your journey toward a more peaceful, present life. Filled with wisdom from renowned thinkers, spiritual leaders and everyday heroes, this book is a sanctuary of insights that invite you to slow down, breathe deeply and truly connect with the moment.

Whether you seek motivation to begin your day, reflections to center your mind in times of chaos, or a gentle reminder to embrace the here and now, this book offers a quote for every mood and moment. Each page invites you to pause, reflect and cultivate awareness and mindfulness in your everyday life.

Let these powerful words resonate within you, guiding you toward a more mindful existence.

Sales Points

- The book features profound quotes from a diverse array of thinkers, philosophers, and spiritual leaders, offering timeless insights that resonate across generations.
- This book makes a thoughtful gift for anyone looking to cultivate mindfulness, making it perfect for birthdays, holidays, or as a gesture of support for friends and family.
- This little book sits alongside other well-being books, such as *The Little Book of Joy*, *The Little Book of Calm* and *The Little Book of Meditation*.

Author Biography

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

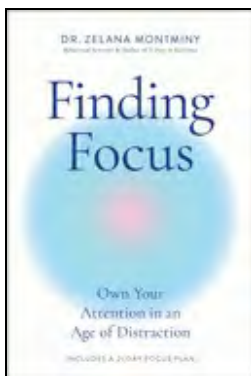
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Finding Focus

Own Your Attention in an Age of Distraction

Dr Zelana Montminy

Keynote

A must-read action plan to reclaim your focus, direct your attention and save your mind in an era of endless distraction, featuring a 21-day kickstart guide to focus.

Description

'Finding Focus is an essential read for our distracted times' - Dr Mark Hyman

'Filled with helpful applications and science-packed insights, this practical guide to improving our mental focus empowers us to create real changes in our daily lives that can improve our mental and physical health' - Dr Daniel J. Siegel

Our brains are wired for focus. We are designed for it, we crave it, and yet in our current age of overload we too often feel like our minds are bolting from one distraction to the next, with sustained focus always just out of reach.

Finding Focus is an empowering guide to reclaiming your most precious resource: your attention. Leading behavioural scientist Dr Zelana Montminy unveils the science behind focus and distraction, revealing how our hyperconnected reality and the endless flux between digital and physical life fragments our thoughts and diminishes our well-being.

The good news? Your brain is more adaptable than you think. *Finding Focus* equips you with powerful strategies to:

- * **Silence the noise:** Learn to manage distractions and cultivate an environment that fosters deep concentration.
- * **Rewire your brain:** Discover the science of neuroplasticity and harness its power to train your brain for sustained focus.
- * **Unleash your potential:** Reclaim the ability to connect meaningfully, contribute authentically, and shape the life you desire.
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Focus is key to our ability to do good work, but it's connected to so much more than just efficiency or productivity. When our rest is punctured by email notifications we feel exhausted; when family time is disrupted by multitasking we seem disconnected from each other; when creative space is drained away by the lure of other priorities, we feel empty. But if we can control our attention and be present, if we choose when and how we engage, we have a greater sense of wellbeing, deeper fulfillment, and a clear purpose. *Finding Focus* invites you to ask the question 'Where do I want to direct my focus today?' and supports you on your journey to reclaiming your attention and curating the life you want to lead. It is a call to arms for anyone yearning to break free from the grip of distraction and live a life brimming with purpose and connection.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Dr Zelana Montminy is a renowned behavioural scientist pioneering a transformative approach to mental health and resilience.

Reviews

- 'Filled with helpful applications and science-packed insights, this practical guide to improving our mental focus empowers us to create real changes in our daily lives that can improve our mental and physical health. Engaging and easy-to-understand-and-implement, the advice in Zelana Montminy's exciting book provide key steps to enable us to take on the ever-changing challenges of our modern lives with a clear path to resilience.' - *Dr Daniel J. Siegel, founder of Mindsight Institute and Whole Mind Catalyst, New York Times bestselling author of The Whole Brain Child*
- '*Finding Focus* is an essential read for our distracted times. Focus begins with the body - how we eat, sleep and exercise - and Dr. Montminy translates the latest research into practical steps and simple behavioral changes that will empower you to reclaim your attention.' - *Dr Mark Hyman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Young Forever*
- 'Zelana put her life's work into creating a comprehensive guide for better living, which is both engaging and enjoyable to read. Her advice covers key aspects of life, including nutrition, sleep, exercise, work, and, most importantly, maintaining focus in a world full of distractions. Her guide is practical and captivating. I read it in one sitting.' - *Ayelet Fishbach, PhD, Professor of Behavioral Science, author of Get It Done: Surprising Lessons from The Science of Motivation*

Author Biography

Dr. Zelana Montminy is a renowned behavioural scientist delivering a fresh perspective

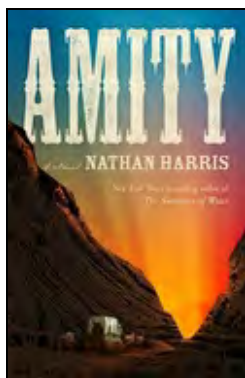
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rooted in the latest research, paving the way for a new approach to emotional wellbeing she calls mental fitness. A prominent figure in Positive Psychology and one of Maria Shriver's 'Architects of Change', she is the author of *21 Days to Resilience* (HarperOne). Dr. Zelana is a world-class speaker, a go-to authority in the media, and consultant to executives, corporations, schools, athletic teams, and universities worldwide. She is currently working with U.S. Olympic and Paralympic teams on mental health and resilience training. Her clients include most recently American Express, KPMG, Coca Cola, Estee Lauder, Bank of America, and Capital Group. She lives in Los Angeles with her family.

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AMITY

from the Booker-longlisted author of *The Sweetness of Water*

Nathan Harris

Keynote

From the Booker-longlisted author of *The Sweetness of Water* comes a gripping story about a brother and sister, emancipated from slavery but still searching for true freedom, and their odyssey across the deserts of Mexico

Description

The highly anticipated second novel from the author of the Booker-longlisted **THE SWEETNESS OF WATER**

'*Amity* is deeply adventurous and astonishingly beautiful' **Robert Jones, Jr., author of *The Prophets***
 'A writer of great lyricism and power' *i paper*
 'Harris will win over the hearts of many readers' **Financial Times**
 'Masterful' **Oprah Winfrey**

Louisiana, 1869. The Civil War might be over, but former slaves Coleman and June have yet to find the freedom they've been promised. Two years ago, the siblings were separated when their old master, Mr Harper, took June away on a hair-brained scheme to Mexico, to escape the new reality of the post-war South. Coleman stayed behind to serve the Harper family, clinging to the hope that Mr Harper would one day bring June back to him.

When an unexpected letter from Mr Harper arrives, summoning Coleman and the Harper family to Mexico, Coleman believes his prayers have been answered. But what he cannot know is the tangled truth of June's tribulations and Mr Harper's true intentions. As Coleman and June separately navigate a perilous, parched landscape to find their way back to each other, they learn quickly that freedom isn't always given - sometimes, it must be taken by force.

THE SWEETNESS OF WATER: A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER, OPRAH BOOK CLUB PICK, AN OBAMA SUMMER READING SELECTION, SHORTLISTED FOR THE DYLAN THOMAS PRIZE, LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE

Sales Points

- **HUGELY SUCCESSFUL DEBUT:** Nathan's previous novel THE SWEETNESS OF WATER attracted huge success and acclaim. The novel was longlisted for the Booker Prize, shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize, was the first Oprah's Book Club pick for a debut novel in years, and was chosen as one of President Obama's summer reading selection
- **US OPPORTUNITY:** This is an international publication with Little, Brown in the US where THE SWEETNESS OF WATER was a New York Times bestseller
- **A NATURAL FOLLOW-UP:** Harris has delivered a follow-up in the same vein as *The Sweetness of Water*, exploring another unexamined pocket of history in the aftermath of the Civil War. With its rich, post-Civil War Southern setting and the vividly rendered perspectives of this memorable sibling duo, *Amity* explores the contradictions and inadequacies inherent in emancipations for Black Americans - resonating powerfully in our present day
- **A STORY IN THE POPULAR TRADITIONS OF BLACK PICARESQUES:** Harris uses his protagonists' episodic journeys across vast geographical and cultural distances to offer a panoramic view of the profundity and complexity of racial subjugation, in a spirit that recalls more recent beloved novels like *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan, and *James* by Percival Everett

Author Biography

Nathan Harris is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Sweetness of Water*, which was an Oprah's Book Club pick and was longlisted for the Book Prize, shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize and won the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. He holds an MFA from the Michener Center at the University of Texas, and lives in Chicago.

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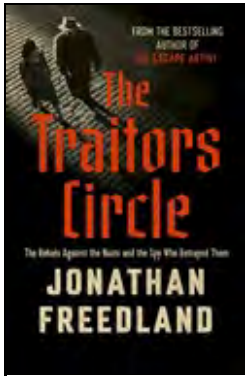
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Matthew Syed Consulting Ltd (Author)

Matthew Syed is the *Sunday Times* number one bestselling author of *Bounce*, *Black Box Thinking* and *You Are Awesome*. He writes an award-winning newspaper column in *The Times* and is the co-host of the hugely successful BBC podcast, *Flintoff, Savage and the Ping Pong Guy*. Matthew is the co-founder of Greenhouse, a charity that empowers youngsters through sport, a member of the FA's Technical Advisory Board and an ambassador for the PiXL educational foundation. Matthew lives in London with his wife and two children. To find out more about his work visit: www.matthewsyed.co.uk

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Previous Titles

Bring Home the Revolution: The Case for a British Republic (Fourth Estate, 1998), *Jacob's Gift: A Journey into the Heart of Belonging* (Hamish Hamilton, 2005), *The Righteous Men* (HarperCollins, 2006), *The Last Testament*, published elsewhere as *The Jerusalem Secret* (HarperCollins, 2007), *The Final Reckoning* (HarperCollins, 2008), *The Chosen One* (HarperCollins, 2010), *Pantheon* (HarperCollins, 5 July 2012), *The 3rd Woman* (Harper 4 August 2015), *To Kill the President* (HarperCollins, 12 June 2017), *To Kill the Truth* (Quercus, 21 February 2019), *To Kill a Man* (Quercus, 19 March 2020), *The Escape Artist* (John Murray, 9 June 2022)

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The Traitors Circle

The Rebels Against the Nazis and the Spy Who Betrayed Them

Jonathan Freedland

Keynote

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Description

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The Traitors Circle tells the true, but scarcely known, story of a group of secret rebels against Hitler. Drawn from Berlin high society, they include army officers, government officials, two countesses, an ambassador's widow and a former model - meeting in the shadows, whether hiding and rescuing Jews or plotting for a Germany freed from Nazi rule. One day in September 1943 they gather for a tea party - unaware that one among them is about to betray them all to the Gestapo. But who is the betrayer of a circle themselves branded 'traitors' by the cruellest regime in history?

In another page-turning work of nonfiction that reads like a thriller, Jonathan Freedland, acclaimed author of *The Escape Artist*, sheds light on one of the most dramatic episodes of the second world war, telling a story of courage, resistance and ultimate betrayal that has deep moral resonance for our own time, and asks what kind of person it takes to risk everything and stand up to tyranny.

PRAISE FOR THE ESCAPE ARTIST:

'Thrilling' **Daily Mail**
 'Gripping' **Guardian**
 'Heartwrenching' **Yuval Noah Harari**
 'Magnificent' **Philip Pullman**
 'Excellent' **Sunday Times**
 'Inspiring' **Daily Mail**
 'An immediate classic' **Antony Beevor**
 'Awe inspiring' **Simon Sebag Montefiore**
 'Shattering' **Simon Schama**
 'Utterly compelling' **Philippe Sands**
 'A must-read' **Emily Maitlis**
 'Indispensable' **Howard Jacobson**

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** A haunting thriller offering far reaching implications about who stands up to tyranny, with a classic whodunnit at its heart - very important and very commercial. This is *The Traitors* (BBC) meets Agatha Christie meets *Fatherland* by Robert Harris. Narrative non-fiction at its best.
- **IMPORTANT UNTOLD HISTORY:** As with *The Escape Artist*, Freedland brings an important, rarely told piece of history to light through personal testimonies of surviving relatives and deep archival research, with deep moral resonance for our own time.
- **SUCCESSFUL BRAND AUTHOR:** *The Escape Artist* sold 40k HBs, 54.8k pbs TCM to date. It was: A *Sunday Times* bestseller for 10 weeks, in the top 10 for 8 weeks, peaking at #2; A Radio 4 Book of the Week; A Book of the Year for 7 publications; an Amazon book of the year featured in their billboard campaign; shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford prize, Rathbones Folio prize, Waterstones Book of the Year, and longlisted for the Wingate Literary prize; and translated into 16 languages.
- **COMPS:** *Precipice* by Robert Harris (89.8k HB, 7.2k pb); *Colditz: Prisoners of the Castle* by Ben Macintyre (73.4k HB, 68.3k pb); *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell (10.6k HB, 29.5k pb); *The Volunteer* by Jack Fairweather (7.2. HB, 113k pb TCM)

Reviews

- **'Praise for *The Escape Artist*:**

'Thrilling' - Daily Mail
 • 'Gripping' - Guardian
 • 'Heartwrenching' - Yuval Noah Harari
 • 'Magnificent' - Philip Pullman

Author Biography

Jonathan Freedland is a *Guardian* columnist and former foreign correspondent. He was named Columnist of the Year in 2002, Commentator of the Year in 2016 and won an Orwell Prize for Journalism in 2014. He is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's contemporary

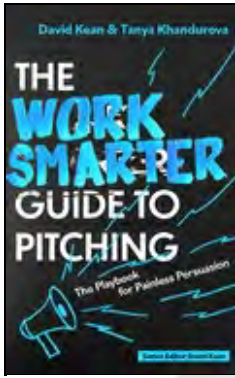
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history series, *The Long View*, and is a regular contributor to the *New York Review of Books*. He is the author of 11 books, two of them non-fiction, including his first book, the award-winning *Bring Home the Revolution*. He has written nine thrillers under the name Sam Bourne, including *The Righteous Men* which was a #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and has sold over 2 million copies worldwide.

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The Work Smarter Guide to Pitching The Playbook for Painless Persuasion

David Kean and Tanya Khandurova

Keynote

Based on decades of experience composing, rehearsing, delivering, receiving and analysing thousands of pitches across four continents, this book distils what's proven to be effective into an easy to implement system which works. You might even find you enjoy your next pitch...

Description

'Most people find having to stand in front of strangers to make their case and the process leading up to that moment anxiety-inducing and laborious. Yet we all have to pitch. Wouldn't it be good to have a simple way to shortcut all that hassle so you can get the result you want without having to reinvent the wheel every time? A simple method which produces superior results and makes for a better experience.

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Sales Points

- **'WORK SMARTER' SERIES:** This series of short books is the 'pirate' equivalent of business advice: the antidote to conventional wisdom, dull business theory and bluffer's guides. It provides proven, actionable advice and shortcuts to achieving success in business learned through practice, rather than a textbook approach full of technical jargon and theory.
- **Expert and well-connected authors:** David Kean and Tatiana Khandurova have been senior leaders in large technology and communications organisations, including Google and Omnicom, and successful entrepreneurs. They have advised the C-suite of many of the world's largest and most successful corporations, as well as start ups, the fastest-growing unicorn companies and private equity and venture capital partnerships. They have deep relationships with many influential business leaders and commentators, and lecture at conferences around the world where they will sell books.

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The Work Smarter Guide to Marketing Better Marketing Without the Bullsh*t

Mark Palmer

Keynote

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Description

Whether you're promoting a company, product, a service or even your own personal brand, this guide will empower you to simplify your approach. You'll learn how to connect with your audience by understanding what they want and positioning your brand meaningfully. Through this book, you'll gain tools to navigate the complexities of marketing, avoid common pitfalls and ultimately work smarter - not harder.

From avoiding jargon traps to staying customer-focused, this book provides insights that you can apply immediately, whatever your marketing challenge. It's a fresh perspective for a cluttered field, focusing on clarity, simplicity and real results.

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- Expert author: Mark Palmer is a professionally qualified market researcher, marketer and change practitioner. He is the founder of Maverick Planet, a facilitated brand and change consultancy. Mark has been part of the teams who've launched, positioned, repositioned and sustained some of the world's most famous and notable brands, including BMW, Pepsi, Orange, Google, Sony, Channel 4, The Economist, Cadbury, Bupa and more.
- This is the ultimate practical guide for anyone who wants to enhance their marketing skills.

Author Biography

Mark Palmer is a professionally qualified market researcher, marketer and change practitioner. He is the founder of Maverick Planet, a facilitated brand and change consultancy. For 20 years, he was the Executive Head of Strategy and Communication Planning at some of the world's most regarded advertising agencies. He was named the strategist in Campaign magazine's fantasy agency of the millennium. Mark has been part of the teams who've launched, positioned, repositioned and sustained some of the world's most famous and notable brands, including BMW, Pepsi, Orange, Google, Sony, Channel 4, The Economist, Cadbury, Bupa and more. Mark has helped position numerous start-ups that have gone on to successfully sell. He's helped many of these brands rethink their approach to marketing and communication, from product placement to pop-up shops to brand partnerships. Mark guest lectures at the Henley School of Management, the School of Communication Arts, and the Danish DNCC. He runs the branding and marketing module at the London Business School Launchpad programme, where start-ups look to develop their business and seek investment to launch.

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The Work Smarter Guide for New Managers Achieve Management Mastery

Maria Duthoit

Keynote

Managing teams in an era of remote work and global team is challenging. This book will coach you to find your leadership style, develop your vision and enjoy your new role of leading a team.

Description

This book is a safe and encouraging space for those who have stepped into a managerial role for the first time and need guidance and support on their way to becoming a trusted leader. Becoming a manager means a radical change in your job. The "what" and "how" of your work drastically changes: your objectives, performance indicators, time management, level of responsibility, problems that you face, scale of your results...all alter for good.

This book offers a concise yet comprehensive way of finding your own answers to all the pressing questions that one can face when becoming a manager. Using a coaching approach to interact with the reader, exercises, points for reflection, tips and real-life stories, it will help you develop your vision, a clear actionable plan and, most importantly, fully enjoy your new role of leading a team.

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Sales Points

- **CLEAR MARKET NEED:** New managers rarely receive any training or support. Research by the Chartered Management Institute in 2023 showed that four out of five managers fall into this category. Left to sink or swim, new managers face high stress, limited time and no proper training which inevitably leads to a poorly considered and superficial approach to their work. This book is intended to fill that training gap.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Maria Duthoit has managed customer service teams in international advertising agencies including BBDO, Leo Burnett and McCann Erickson. She spent a decade at Google leading multiple commercial teams across markets and industries and has worked as a coach with managers of all levels - from first-time team leads to senior leaders in global organisations.
- **'WORK SMARTER' SERIES:** This series of short books is the 'pirate' equivalent of business advice: the antidote to conventional wisdom, dull business theory and bluffer's guides. It provides proven, actionable advice and shortcuts to achieving success in business learned through practice, rather than a textbook approach full of technical jargon and theory.

Author Biography

Maria Morozova-Duthoit has spent over two decades leading teams in sales and customer service at Google and world-wide advertising networks such as BBDO, Leo Burnett and McCann Erickson. Maria has extensive managerial experience: first becoming a manager at 23 years old, she has led teams of multiple levels of hierarchy, international teams, cross-functional teams, freelancers teams and others. Maria is a certified coach, and holds an Executive MBA degree from HEC Paris.

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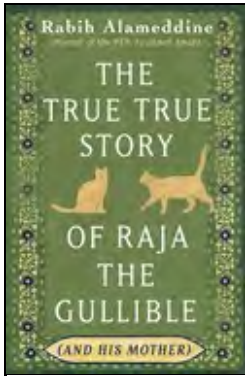


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The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)

Rabih Alameddine

Keynote

From the inimitable Rabih Alameddine - National Book Award finalist and winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award - comes a tragicomic saga set in Lebanon, a modern story of family, memory, and the unbreakable (and insane) attachment of a son and his mother.

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From the inimitable Rabih Alameddine - National Book Award finalist and winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award - comes a tragicomic saga set in Lebanon, a modern story of family, memory, and the unbreakable (and insane) attachment of a son and his mother.

In a tiny Beirut apartment, sixty-three-year-old Raja and his mother live side by side. A beloved high school philosophy teacher and the 'neighbourhood homosexual,' Raja relishes books, mediative walks, order, and solitude. Zalfa, his octogenarian mother, views her son's privacy as a personal affront. She craves nothing more than to know the ins and outs of Raja's work life and love life, boundaries be damned.

When Raja receives an invite to an all-expenses-paid writing residency in America, the timing couldn't be better. It arrives on the heels of a series of personal and national disasters that have left Raja itching for peace and quiet away from his mother and the heartache of Lebanon. But what at first seems a stroke of good fortune soon leads Raja to recount and relive the very disasters and past betrayals he wishes to leave behind.

Wickedly funny, heartbreaking, and told in Raja's irresistible voice, *The True, True Story of Raja the Gullible* dances across six decades to tell the unforgettable story of a singular life and its absurdities - a tale of mistakes, self-discovery, trauma, and maybe even forgiveness. Above all, it's a wild and sparkling celebration of love.

Sales Points

- **Prize-winning author:** Rabih's last novel, *The Wrong End of the Telescope*, won the 2022 Pen/Faulkner Award for Fiction. *An Unnecessary Woman* was a National Book Award and the National Book Critics' Circle Award finalist. Rabih Alameddine is also the 2025 recipient of the Publishing Triangle's Bill Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement.
- **Topical storyline:** *The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)* is largely set in Beirut, Lebanon, where the author partly grew up. The backdrop to this story is the Lebanese civil war and the country's relationship with Israel. Rabih has recently been invited on Times Radio to speak about current events.

Author Biography

Rabih Alameddine is the author of the novels *An Unnecessary Woman*; *I, the Divine*; *Koolaid*s; *The Hakawati*; and the story collection, *The Perv*.

Publication date **Tuesday, September 02, 2025**
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Main Identifier **9781472160522**
BIC 2.1 **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**

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Format **C Format**
Depth **22mm**
Extent **336 pages**
Word Count **91000 words**
Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire**
Not for Sale **Can; UK; USA**
UNITED STATES **Grove Atlantic, Inc. Publisher**
Publisher

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Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**
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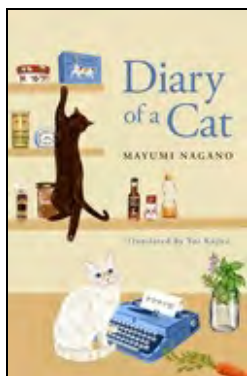
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Diary of a Cat

Mayumi Nagano

Keynote

Two lost kittens find a new home with a large eccentric family who are utterly obsessed with food

Description

The perfect cosy read for 2025 - cats and food come together as the seasons change

Meet Chimaki and Norimaki - two young cats lost in the sprawling metropolis of Tokyo, sniffing out cat-lovers who might be kind enough give them a ride or place to sleep for the night . . . Until they find a new home with the Hōrai family, an eccentric assortment of artists, dreamers and caterers who have one thing in common: their love of good food.

Inspired by the bougie magazine column written by Madam Hōrai, Chimaki decides to keep his own diary, inviting us to in share the family's meals and activities, his younger brother's comical scrapes, and the movements of a mysterious stranger around the house. His journal follows the change of the seasons from early spring to midwinter, with each entry featuring all kinds of delectable dishes and a wealth of Japanese culinary lore.

Playful, gentle and curiously addictive, *Diary of Cat* offers intriguing glimpses into Japanese culture on every page, recipes to follow and characters to fall in love with - all through the eyes of an endearingly curious cat.

Translated from the Japanese by Yui Kajita

Sales Points

- Brings together two perennial trends in Japanese fiction - cats and food
- Cute twist on the Japanese cat book - the story is narrated by one of the cats
- For readers of *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* and *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*
- Offers intriguing insights not only into Japanese cooking methods, but also into other cultural practices, such as Mamenon notebooks used by school children to jot down their questions and impressions, and teru teru dolls, hung up to repel rain.

Author Biography

Born in Tokyo in 1959, Mayumi Nagano is a writer and illustrator. In 1988, she won the Bungei Prize for *Shōnen Arisu (Boy Alice)*, and in 2015, she received the 43rd Izumi Kyōka Prize for Literature as well as the 68th Noma Literary Prize for *Meido-ari (On the Path to the Land of the Dead)*.

Publication date **Thursday, September 11, 2025**

Price **£14.99 / ₹699**

Main Identifier **9781529435337**

BIC 2.1 **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Fiction in translation (FYT) Cats as pets (WNGC) Japan (1FPJ)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**

Format **Demy**

Extent **320 pages**

Word Count

Illustrations **N/A**

Exclusively for Sale **Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**

Not for Sale **Can; UK; USA**

In-House Editor **Paul Engles**

Book locale **Japan**

Author born in **Japan**

Author living in **Japan**

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**

2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**

Audio **Refer to Publisher**

Dramatisation and documentary **Refer to Publisher**

Electronic **Refer to Publisher**

Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**

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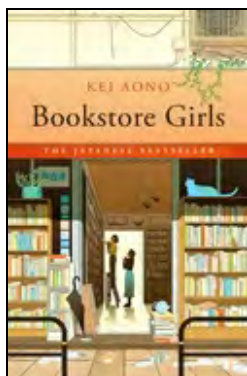
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Bookstore Girls

Kei Aono

Translated by Haydn Trowell

Keynote

The Japanese bestseller that kicked off a seven-books series - adapted for TV and 200,000 copies sold. Enemies to friends set in the cut-throat Tokyo publishing scene

Description

Can two very different women put aside their differences to save the bookstore they love? The Japanese bestseller that kicked off a seven-book series - adapted for TV and 200,000 copies sold

Riko Nishioka is assistant manager of the flagship Pegasus bookstore in Kichijoji. After working her way up from a part-time position, she is now, aged forty, a respected figure in the Japanese publishing industry. But she has a nemesis.

Aki Kitamura, twenty-seven, has waltzed in as a full-time employee thanks to her family connections. A free spirit with a rebellious streak and a silver spoon in her mouth, she's anything but a team player.

The two are always clashing - both at work and over their personal lives. But when Riko is given notice that the store will be closing in six months' time, they face a stark choice.

Can they put their petty enmities aside to boost sales and save their livelihoods or will they go down fighting . . . each other?

Translated from the Japanese by Haydn Trowell

Sales Points

- More than 200,000 copies sold in Japan. The series as a whole has sold more than 600,000 copies
- Adapted for television in 2015
- For readers of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, *More Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop*
- Offers a less idyllic view of bookshop life from other titles in the market, with a larger cast of characters. Readers learn a lot about the Japanese publishing industry and its tensions and conflicts.

Author Biography

Kei Aono was born in 1959 in Nagoya, Japan and studied at Tokyo Art university. After starting her career at an anime magazine, she worked as a fiction editor at a publishing company. In 2006 she made her novel debut with *The Reason I Won't Quit*, and in 2014 *Bookstore Woman* won the Grand Prize in the "Book I want made into a movie" category at the Shizuoka Bookstore Awards.

Publication date	Thursday, September 04, 2025
Price	£14.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781529446333
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Fiction in translation (FYT)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Demy
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
In-House Editor	Paul Engles
Book locale	Kichijoji, Japan
Author born in	Nagoya, Japan
Author living in	Japan
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
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Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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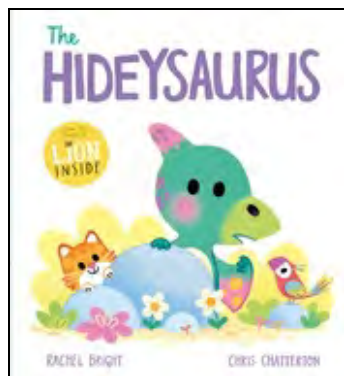
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The Hideysaurus

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, September 11, 2025
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408368930
BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNN) 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
Depth	10mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	DinoFeelings
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Author and illustrator:
The Worrysaurus
The Hugasaurus
The Stompysaurus
The Wobblysaurus
The Chattysaurus

Author:
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!



Cluedunnit: 5-minute Spooky Puzzles for Kids

E.Z. Case

Keynote

The spooktacular puzzle mystery book where young detectives pit their wits against ghosts, ghouls, witches and more, with 60 frightfully-fun mystery puzzles to solve - if you dare!

Description

There are spooky goings-on around town - pumpkins are being stolen, ghosts are popping up everywhere, witches are on the loose! Detective E.Z. Case needs a brave assistant to help get to the bottom of it all. Readers must put their puzzle-solving skills to the test to solve the mysteries and find out whodunnit and why.

There are 60 puzzles to solve, for 7+ readers, ranging from easy-peasy to diabolically difficult. With logic problems, number puzzles, mazes, maps and more, you'll need to wits about you to catch the culprits.

The bite-sized, five-minute mysteries are perfect to dip in to at home - or even if you're out trick-or-treating! - so grab your detective hat and start puzzling.

Sales Points

- Capitalising on the expanding market and huge appetite for puzzle books, and extending our successful Cluedunnit series.
- Five-minute fun - 60 bite-sized puzzles to dip into at home or on the go, with a spooky theme that is perfect for Halloween.
- Features a mixture of different puzzle types suitable for international markets, from logic grids and lateral thinking, to picture puzzles and numerical conundrums.
- Child-friendly crimes to crack with a light narrative framing each mystery to solve
- Bestsellers such as *Secret Code Games for Clever Kids* and *Murdle Junior* show that the mystery puzzle trend is filtering down to the children's market.

Author Biography

Detective E.Z. Case helps you pit your wits against cunning criminals to solve fun mystery puzzles in minutes!

Publication date **Thursday, September 11, 2025**
 Price **£9.99 / ₹399**
 Main Identifier **9781526367785**
 BIC 2.1 **Puzzle books (Children's / Teenage) (YNVP) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)**

CBMC **C5N79**
 Age **7-9 years**
 Subject **Non-fiction**
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**
 Character **Non-character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **B Format**
 Extent **192 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **Cluedunnit**
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**
 Not for Sale **None**

Previous Titles

Cluedunnit: 5-Minute Mystery Puzzles for Kids

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**
 2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**
 Audio **Refer to Publisher**
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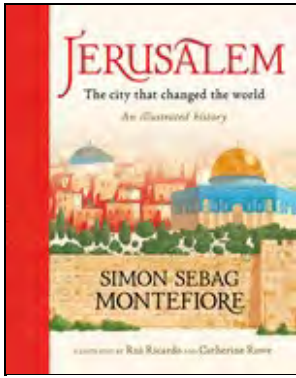


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Jerusalem: The City That Changed the World An Illustrated History

Simon Sebag Montefiore (Illustrated By Rui Ricardo and Catherine Rowe)

Keynote

From the author of the seminal non-fiction classic *Jerusalem: A Biography* comes a beautifully illustrated adaptation. Discover the history of the city that changed the world.

Description

Jerusalem is unique: the capital of two peoples and the shrine of three faiths. A cast of extraordinary characters have played a part in the city's history, including King David, Cyrus the Great, Cleopatra, the Maccabees, Julius Caesar, Herod the Great, Queen Melisende, Saladin, Suleiman the Magnificent, Catherine the Great, Napoleon, Churchill, Ben-Gurion and Arafat.

Many have claimed Jerusalem belongs only to them, but its stories belong to many. In this beautifully illustrated book, historian Simon Sebag Montefiore tells thirty of the most remarkable stories in the city's 3,000-year history. By explaining the Middle East's political, religious and ethnic divisions, from 1000 BCE to 2000, the book becomes an essential guide to understanding today's world.

Based on the seminal classic *Jerusalem: A Biography*, and vividly brought to life by illustrators Rui Ricardo and Catherine Rowe.

Sales Points

- Adult edition of Jerusalem is a modern classic and no. 1 bestseller, has sold over 1 million copies in the English language alone and been translated in over 30 languages
- Understanding the history of Israel and Palestine helps make sense of current events
- Stunning illustrations from both Rui Ricardo and Catherine Rowe in a sumptuous gift package
- Perfect for adult fans of the original and those who found that one a bit daunting, as well as older children

Author Biography

Simon Sebag Montefiore (Author)

Simon Sebag Montefiore is the author of the international bestsellers *STALIN: THE COURT OF THE RED TSAR*, *JERUSALEM: THE BIOGRAPHY*, *YOUNG STALIN*, *CATHERINE THE GREAT AND POTEMKIN*, *THE ROMANOV*s and *VOICES OF HISTORY*, as well as the *Moscow Trilogy* of novels and *THE ROYAL RABBITS OF LONDON* for children. He has won prizes for both history and fiction.

Rui Ricardo (Illustrator)

Rui Ricardo is an illustrator born and living in Porto, Portugal. He studied fine arts and graphic design, and after a few years working as an animator and motion designer for cinema and television, he's been working as a freelance illustrator for over fifteen years. His work has been commissioned by clients like Penguin, *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, *The Telegraph* and many more.

Catherine Rowe (Illustrator)

Catherine Rowe is a British designer whose work embodies luxury. Inspired largely by her love of nature and wildlife, her illustrations marry tradition with contemporary style. Catherine trained as an Illustrator at Cambridge School of Art. She won the Liberty Open Call for a new iconic Liberty fabric in 2018. Her winning design 'Palace Gardens' was launched in 2019 and her career has flourished ever since. Catherine's clients include Anthropologie, Museums & Galleries, Chicken House Books, Michael O'Mara Books, Cocoon Home, Paperchase, The National Trust, Lagom Design, and Liberty Fabrics.

Publication date	Thursday, September 11, 2025
Price	£25.00 / ₹1899
Main Identifier	9781526363091
BIC 2.1	People & places (Children's / Teenage) (YNM) History & the past: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNH) Bibles & bible stories (Children's / Teenage) (YNRB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 3 (4KHN) Interest age: from c 11 years (5AM) Religion & beliefs: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNR)
CBMC	E5N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	298x233
Extent	128 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	Jerusalem
Author born in	London, UK
Author living in	London, UK

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Roswell Johnson Saves the Galaxy! Book 2: An action-packed adventure from the bestselling author of *The Land of Stories*

Chris Colfer

Keynote

The bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic* returns in the sequel to *Roswell Johnson Saves the World!* Packed with humor and heart, the second book in this action-packed adventure series is another epic journey, this time, to save the galaxy! Perfect for fans of *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

Description

The bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic* returns in the sequel to *Roswell Johnson Saves the World!* Packed with humor and heart, the second book in this action-packed adventure series is another epic journey, this time, to save the galaxy! Perfect for fans of *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

Something very strange is happening in our galaxy. People, spaceships, and even whole stars are disappearing without a trace. The Milky Way Galactic Alliance have no explanation, so it's up to Roswell and his alien friends to solve the mystery themselves.

But, along the way, Roswell discovers new technology that could put our solar system in grave danger. Can he save not just the world, but the entire galaxy?

Sales Points

- An exciting opportunity to launch a new out-of-this-world series from the bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic*.
- This is Chris's first middle-grade series outside of the *Land of Stories* universe. This space fantasy has similar appeal to such enduring classics including *Star Wars* and *Guardians of the Galaxy!* With Chris's trademark humour and heart, this book should appeal to fans of *The Land of Stories*
- Full-page black and white interiors at the start of each chapter

Author Biography

Chris Colfer is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and Golden Globe-winning actor. He was honored as a member of the TIME 100, *Time* magazine's annual list of the one hundred most influential people in the world, and his books include *Struck By Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal*, *Stranger Than Fanfiction*, and the books in The Land of Stories series: *The Wishing Spell*, *The Enchantress Returns*, *A Grimm Warning*, *Beyond the Kingdoms*, *An Author's Odyssey*, and *Worlds Collide*, and the companion books *A Treasury of Classic Fairy Tales*, *The Mother Goose Diaries*, *Queen Red Riding Hood's Guide to Royalty*, *The Curvy Tree*, and *Trollbella Throws a Party*.

Publication date	Thursday, September 18, 2025
Price	£14.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781510202665
BIC 2.1	Science fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFG) Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) UFOs & extraterrestrial beings (Children's / Teenage) (YNXF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject Type	Fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Hardback Demy
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Series	Roswell Johnson
Exclusively for Sale	Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK
Not for Sale	Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA

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Publication date	Thursday, September 04, 2025
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Main Identifier	9781526366825
BIC 2.1	History & the past: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK) General knowledge & trivia (Children's / Teenage) (YNG)
CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback Royal
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	History's Most Epic
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

History's Most Epic Fails

Discover the truth behind the world's biggest historical howlers

Athena Kugblenu (Illustrated By Nicole Miles)

Keynote

Join comedian and podcaster Athena Kugblenu as she uncovers history's most EPIC fails, from the calamities that changed the world to the happy accidents that made things better.

Description

Discover the truth behind the world's biggest historical howlers!

History is full of daring deeds, mighty heroes and incredible inventions. But it's also full of humongous FAILS! Athena Kugblenu - comedian and writer on CBBC's *Horrible Histories* - explores them all, whether it be the silly mishaps that changed the course of history or the mistakes that did us all a favour.

From the *Titanic* lookout who forgot his binoculars or the astronaut who taped over the Moon landings, to the famous inventors who failed THOUSANDS of times before getting something right, the amazing scientists who ACCIDENTALLY invented life-saving medicines and the businesses that went bust and bounced back better - take a riotous ride through history and discover the epic fails that changed the world.

Sales Points

- **EPIC HISTORY:** The second book in the epic new history series that brings KS2 history to life. Featuring a vast array of historical content, from emperors of ancient Rome to the Pharaohs of Egypt. As well as modern scientific figures such as Einstein and Edison, famous inventions, epic discoveries, space exploration, modern mishaps, entrepreneurs who failed and bounced back, and more.
- **ATHENA KUGBLENU:** From writer, comedian and podcaster Athena Kugblenu. Athena has written for CBBC's *Horrible Histories* and is a regular performer at the Comedy 4 Kids Club. She also co-presents iTunes Top Ten podcast *Bust or Trust*, and has recently been featured on the TedTalk channel, talking about lies and fibs throughout history.
- **FUNNY MIDDLE GRADE:** In the vein of Adam Kay's *Kay's Incredible Inventions* and Dara Ó Briain's *Secret Science*, this book is packed with historical trivia and facts that will allow readers to ask 'did you know?' to family and friends.
- **POSITIVE ANGLE:** Reveals how some mistakes and FAILS changed the course of history, but also how some mishaps were happy accidents and led on to great things. So, mistakes can sometimes be a force for good.
- **ILLUSTRATIONS:** Epic illustrations from Nicole Miles and dynamic design, for ease of reading and keep reader interest.

Author Biography

Athena Kugblenu (Author)

Athena Kugblenu is a stand-up comedian and writer. She has written for CBBC's *Horrible Histories* series, CBBC's *Odd Squad*, CBeebies *JoJo and Gran Gran*, *The Amelia Gething Complex* and *Swashbuckle* as well as *The Russell Howard Hour*, *Dara Ó Briain's Timewasters*, and *The Lenny Henry Show* among many other credits. She is the co-host of *Bust or Trust?*, a podcast for curious kids.

Nicole Miles (Illustrator)

Nicole is an illustrator who has worked with a variety of clients including **Adobe, BuzzFeed, Candlewick Press, Google, the New York Times, Penguin Random House, Rebel Girls, Simon & Schuster, Sisters Letter (AARP) and Hachette Children's Group**. Her comic *Barbara* (**ShortBox**, 2017) was nominated for an Eisner award.

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Main Identifier	9781444981896
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CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Suckers

LeeSha Shay

Keynote

With a love triangle splattered with blood and angst, **SUCKERS** is a YA fantasy romance featuring bloodsucking vampires from different cultural traditions around the world.

Description

A love story with real bite . . .

Following an incident that involved accidentally almost killing her best friend, 18-year-old Gabrielle is sent to stay with her grandmother in a Gothic castle in Whitby for the summer.

There, Gabrielle befriends nice-guy Ethan, the handsome young builder renovating the castle. She has no choice but to ignore the attraction between them because Gabby has a secret: she has recently discovered that she's a *soucouyant* - a bloodthirsty vampire with fire powers from Caribbean lore.

As Gabrielle struggles to control her thirst for blood, she joins a secret support group with other young vampires.

Then she meets rebellious, self-loathing Alok, whose adoptive father leads a group of local vampire hunters. And Alok has a deadly secret of his own.

Tensions between vampires and hunters rise as vicious attacks take the small seaside town by storm, and Gabrielle finds herself caught in a dangerous love triangle. As worlds collide and secrets unravel, she must face the disastrous consequences of her actions . . .

Darker than *Twilight* and sharper than *Euphoria*, this steamy vampire romantasy will have readers thirsting for more.

Sales Points

- A highly commercial vampire romance with diverse characters and an authentic voice, featuring vampires from various folklore
- Taps into beloved tropes in a way that is mass market, accessible and light - sitting more in the *Twilight* space, with its very own love triangle

Author Biography

LeeSha Shay released her first book in 2012 and currently writes African American Urban Romance, Paranormal, Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Romantic Comedy, and Contemporary Romance.

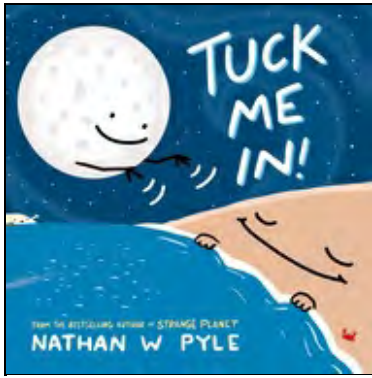
With more than 40 books published to date, representation is important to her, so you will always find positive representations of black men and women in her books, with a focus on family bonds, growth, and above all, strong fiery heroines.

Writing novels that make her readers 'feel' is her mission. As someone who has lived through many up and downs in her personal life, she uses those experiences in her stories, priding herself on the realism in her work, regardless of genre.

As a mother to four children, LeeSha enjoys her spare time caring for her family, helping others discover self-love through her wellness blog and social media, binge reading, and watching food review shows on YouTube.

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Main Identifier	9781444981179
BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL)
CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	200x200
Extent	40 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Books with Headline:
STRANGE PLANET
STRANGER PLANET
Strange Planet: The Sneaking, Hiding, Vibrating Creature

Tuck Me In
Nathan W. Pyle

Keynote

The moon does its best to please everyone in this laugh-out-loud, comic-style picture book from Nathan Pyle, creator of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Strange Planet* - now a major TV series on Apple TV+

Description

One starry night, the moon kindly pulls the sea up to the sand, to tuck the beach in.

But all of a sudden, she hears another beach in the distance cry out, "HEY, WHERE DID MY BLANKET GO?"

Uh oh! As the moon pushes the tide back and forth trying to tuck in both beaches, one is *always* left uncovered and unhappy, and the bickering begins . . .

Can the moon get them to agree to take turns?

Nathan W. Pyle combines his signature humour with a pinch of science, inviting readers to tuck in to this hilarious story about the ever-present bedtime struggle and the fun that can be found in compromise.

FROM THE CREATOR OF THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER, *STRANGE PLANET* - NOW A MAJOR TV SERIES ON APPLE TV+

Sales Points

- Tapping into the comic/graphic novel trend in the picture book space, with adult gift cross-over
- Opportunity to take further ownership of Nathan Pyle's UK publishing - adult books with Headline
- Funny, silly story about a moon trying to tuck in beaches on opposite sides of the world by pulling up the tide
- Big gift opportunity for fans of Nathan and *Strange Planet* (major TV series on Apple TV). Nathan's *Strange Planet* Instagram has 6.6 million followers (and half a million on his personal account) - 64% are aged 25-34 and 19% are 35-54

Author Biography

Nathan W. Pyle is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *NYC Basic Tips and Etiquette*, *99 Stories I Could Tell* and *Strange Planet* - now a major TV series on Apple TV. He is a former staff writer and illustrator for BuzzFeed. Based in New York City, Nathan travels the country speaking about creativity and storytelling. *Tuck Me In* is his first children's book.

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Crooked Kingdom (Six of Crows Book 2) Dregs Edition

Leigh Bardugo

Keynote

DISCOVER THE CULT HIT THAT BECAME A WORLDWIDE PHENOMENON

The Dregs Edition of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Crooked Kingdom*, sequel to *Six of Crows*, features new cover art, black stained edges and updated maps.

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When you can't beat the odds, change the game.

Kaz Brekker and his crew have just pulled off a heist so daring even they didn't think they'd survive. But instead of divvying up a fat reward, they're right back to fighting for their lives. Double-crossed and badly weakened, the crew is low on resources, allies, and hope. As powerful forces from around the world descend on Ketterdam to root out the secrets of the dangerous drug known as *jurda parem*, old rivals and new enemies emerge to challenge Kaz's cunning and test the team's fragile loyalties. A war will be waged on the city's dark and twisting streets—a battle for revenge and redemption that will decide the fate of the world as they know it.

"Dark, larcenous fun." -*NPR*

"Bardugo outdoes herself in this exhilarating follow-up...fans will have their eyes glued to every page." -*Booklist*, **starred review**

"Un-put-down-able excitement from beginning to end." -*Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

Sales Points

- Bardugo's books have been published in more than 100 countries and in almost 50 languages. There are currently 20 million copies in print across the globe.
- SHADOW AND BONE is a NEW YORK TIMES bestselling trilogy and global Netflix sensation.
- Stunning new cover paperback editions of SIX OF CROWS and CROOKED KINGDOM with black sprayed edges - publishing simultaneously, celebrating ten years since the first publication of SIX OF CROWS.
- Featuring a new illustrated map of the Ice Palace in this edition.

Author Biography

LEIGH BARDUGO is the No. 1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Familiar* and the Ninth House series, and the creator of the Grishaverse, which spans the Shadow and Bone trilogy (now a Netflix series), the Six of Crows duology, the King of Scars duology- and much more. Her short fiction has appeared in multiple anthologies, including *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy*. She lives in Los Angeles and is an associate fellow of Pauli Murray College at Yale University.

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Price	£12.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781510113831 Fantasy (FM) Fantasy romance (FMR)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject Type	Fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format Extent	Paperback B Format 560 pages
Word Count	
Series	Six of Crows
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK
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Previous Titles

The Shadow and Bone Trilogy
Shadow and Bone
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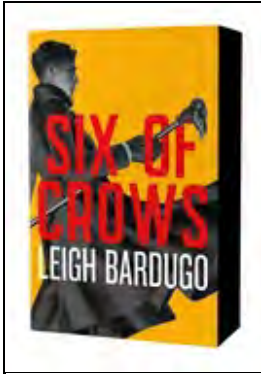
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Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price-and no one knows that better than criminal mastermind Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly job that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...

A convict with a thirst for revenge.

A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager.

A runaway with a privileged past.

A spy known as the Wraith.

A Heartreder using her magic to survive the slums.

A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction-if they don't kill each other first.

"Full-throttle adventure . . . If you're not careful, it'll steal all your time." -*The New York Times Book Review*

"*Six of Crows* is a well-turned heist tale. . . [It] has a muscle car's drive and a cast that hangs with you like they were made of magnets." -*NPR*

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CBMC	E3N79
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Subject	Fiction
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Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	496 pages
Word Count	
Series	Six of Crows
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK
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The Little Guide to Lewis Hamilton

Orange Hippo!

Description

With seven world championships, 103 race wins, and 104 pole positions, Lewis Hamilton is the statistical GOAT of Formula One, and he stands alongside the likes of Michael Schumacher and Ayrton Senna as a legend of the sport.

His legacy is set to be cemented further with his move to join Ferrari in 2025 - the ultimate pairing of the most successful team ever and most successful driver. ever The move is not just one of the biggest in F1 history, but one of the biggest transfers in the history of sport. With the news making headlines around the world, and causing Ferrari's stock value to jump more than 10%, Hamilton's influence can't be doubted.

Hamilton's reach extends far beyond F1 too, with his famous sense of style, investments, music, and philanthropism. This little guide to the legendary driver is packed full of quotes, facts, and trivia, including quotes from the man himself and other legends of the sport. Whether you're a die-hard fan or a casual F1 follower, this is a must-read. Lights out and away we go.

Author Biography

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

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Main Identifier	9781035437566
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Format	137x113
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Word Count	
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Price **£10.99 / ₹799**
Main Identifier **9781399740340**
BIC 2.1 **Political / legal thriller (FHP) Thriller / suspense (FH) Crime & mystery (FF)**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **464 pages**
Word Count
Exclusively for Sale **Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **USA**
Author born in **Arkansas**
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The Boys from Biloxi

John Grisham

Keynote

JOHN GRISHAM IS THE MASTER OF THE LEGAL THRILLER

Description

BEST FRIENDS. DEADLY ENEMIES.

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco were once like brothers.

But as they grew up in the lawless city of Biloxi, their lives took very different paths. Rudy enrolled in law school and vowed to rid Biloxi of crime; Malco worked in his father's clubs, seduced by a world of money, violence and corruption.

The Malco family considers itself above the law: until a court case threatens to destroy their empire. And Rudy will be the one to prosecute them.

It's friend against friend - and there can only be one winner...

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

Sales Points

- 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.
- Part of a rebranding programme for all backlist John Grisham titles that sees redesigned jackets to update these much-loved classic legal thrillers.
- THE WIDOW, publishing autumn 2025, will see John Grisham return to form with a new legal thriller, with a cover to match the new rebranded livery.

Reviews

- **'Invites comparisons with the Godfather trilogy** - it spans two generations and several postwar decades - and has **a vast cast and a winning energy**' - *The Sunday Times*
- 'No one . . . writes courtroom dramas like Grisham . . . As ever with Grisham there are corkscrew twists and turns as he ratchets up the suspense. It is **exceptional storytelling, which leaves the reader begging for the novel never to end. Grisham has sold more than 300 million copies of his work. This shows exactly why**' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Grisham nails **a thriller with a great human backstory** once again' - *Peterborough Telegraph*
- 'Grisham has been stretching his wings in recent books. Having ventured into cosy crime, he now takes on a full-blown Godfather-type saga . . . It's a story that spans half a century and ends inevitably in a courtroom showdown. **A morally complex, compelling and illuminating read**' - *Mail on Sunday*

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*.

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Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
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The Guardians

John Grisham

Keynote

JOHN GRISHAM IS THE MASTER OF THE LEGAL THRILLER

Description

FRAMED FOR MURDER. FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE.

Twenty-two years ago, Quincy Miller was framed for murder - now he wants justice.

Accused of killing his divorce lawyer, he's serving life without parole. There were no reliable witnesses and no solid evidence in the case. Enter Cullen Post: he's helped to exonerate eight men and he intends to make Miller the ninth.

But powerful and ruthless people were behind this murder - and they're not about to let Miller walk free without a fight...

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- 'Simmering with righteous and understandable anger in place about the manifest injustices of the US criminal justice system' - *Financial Times*
- 'The master of the legal thriller turns to one of his real-life passions - freeing those wrongly convicted. Inspired by true stories, the skilful plot follows an "innocence lawyer", who goes up against dangerous foes as he dedicates himself to freeing a man behind bars for the murder of a lawyer.' - *Sunday Mirror*
- 'Delivered with all his signature easy, flowing style. A past master at the art of deft characterisation and the skilful delivery of hair-raising crescendos, Grisham makes this a deceptively easy read. But *The Guardians* is much more than a simple legal divertissement... Grisham aims a spotlight at the all-too-prevalent venality of the American 'win at all costs' prosecutorial attitude... much of his inspiration is based on tragic fact' - *Irish Independent*

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	USA
Author born in	Arkansas
Author living in	Virginia
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Description

THREE STORIES. THREE CRIMES. WILL JUSTICE PREVAIL?

Is the law always black and white? These stories show the shades of grey...

Jake Brigance has a choice to make: help an old friend who stole money from his clients or turn him over to the police?

Cody Wallace is three hours away from his execution. There will be no last-minute requests for mercy. But as the clock ticks down, will Wallace get his dying wish?

Kirk and Rusty Malloy are feuding lawyers and partners. As their business disintegrates, they turn to hotshot lawyer Diantha Bradshaw to help save them: but how much can they trust each other - and her?

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Sales Points

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- THE WIDOW, publishing autumn 2025, will see John Grisham return to form with a new legal thriller, with a cover to match the new rebranded livery.
- 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.

Reviews

- 'Three sparkling Grisham stories for the price of one . . . **Appealing entertainment**' - *Irish Independent*
- '**Grisham is on vintage form**' - *Financial Times*
- 'These three novellas in a single volume show **Grisham at his masterful best**, exquisite evocations of the law though far from complimentary about lawyers . . . **A minor masterpiece**' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Grisham's work - **always superior entertainment** - is evolving into something more serious, more powerful, more worthy of **his exceptional talent**' - *The Washington Post*

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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Vilest Things

the fiercely addictive and gripping sequel to the epic fantasy sensation *Immortal Longings*

Chloe Gong

Keynote

Romance, politics and power meld in this pulse-pounding, electric enemies-to-lovers epic fantasy romance sequel to the #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling *Immortal Longings*, inspired by Antony and Cleopatra.

Description

The games are over. Let chaos reign.

Calla Tuoleimi has done the impossible. Against all odds, she won San-Er's bloody games and eliminated King Kasa, her tyrant uncle and the former ruler of Talin. She now serves as royal advisor to August Shenzhi, who has risen to the throne.

Only Calla knows it isn't really August.

Anton Makusa is still furious about Calla's betrayal in the final round of the games. In an impossible feat, he took over August's body to survive, and has no intention of giving up this newfound power. But when his first love awakens from a years-long coma and reveals a secret that threatens the monarchy, chaos erupts.

As tensions come to a boiling point, Calla and Anton will have to journey to the kingdom's furthest reaches to prevent anarchy - before their real identities are exposed . . .

Sales Points

- *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling series: this is the epic and romantic to Chloe Gong's first adult fantasy *Immortal Longings*, which was a *New York Times* and #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller.
- **NEW YORK TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Originally from New Zealand, Chloe Gong now lives in New York. Every book she has written has been a *New York Times* bestseller. She has over 100k followers on Instagram, 210k followers on Tiktok and 41k followers on X. She has been profiled in *Varsity*, the *New York Post*, and the *New York Times*.
- Perfect for fans of morally complicated, epic adult fantasy: fans of *Jade City* and *A Darker Shade of Magic* will devour this re-imagining of Shakespeare's *Anthony and Cleopatra* by way of *The Hunger Games* for adults, set in a 90s Asian noir fantasy world.
- **LIFETIME SALES:** Chloe Gong's sales are worth over £1 million on the UK TCM, and in all formats she is worth over £1.9m to Hodder since she debuted in 2020.

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR CHLOE GONG'**
- 'Smart, imaginative, and brutal, *Immortal Longings* is a mind- and genre-bending epic that is as cutting and honest as it is unpredictable' - *Wesley Chu*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The War Arts Saga*
- **'Immortal Longings is a grab-you-and-won't-let-go sort of book, as brutal and merciless as its characters'** - *Andrea Stewart*, author of *The Drowning Empire trilogy*
- 'Gripping, bewildering, irresistible, Chloe Gong's *Immortal Longings* is a tour de force of Asian Futurism' - *Ryka Aoki*, author of *Light From Uncommon Stars*

Author Biography

Chloe Gong is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Secret Shanghai novels, as well as the *Flesh and False Gods* trilogy. Her books have been published in over twenty countries and have been featured in the *New York Times*, *PEOPLE*, *Forbes* and more. She is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she double-majored in English and International Relations. Born in Shanghai and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, Chloe is now located in New York City, pretending to be a real adult.



Happy Sexy Millionaire

From bestselling author and host of *The Diary of a CEO* podcast, and *Dragons Den* star

Steven Bartlett

Keynote

A crucial intervention for a society heading in the wrong direction, offering a more fulfilling way to live in the modern age.

Description

FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND HOST OF THE *DIARY OF A CEO* PODCAST

We are losing ourselves. We're chasing the wrong things, asking the wrong questions, and polluting our minds. It's time to stop, it's time to resist and it's time to rethink the fundamental social blueprint that our lives are built upon.

'As an 18-year-old, Black, broke, lonely, insecure, university drop-out from a bankrupt family, I wrote in my diary that I wanted to be a "Happy Sexy Millionaire" by the age of 25. By 25 I was a multi-millionaire having created a business worth over \$300m dollars. Ironically, in achieving everything I set out to, I learnt that I was wrong about almost everything . . . The world had lied to me. It lied to me about how you attain fulfilment, love and success, why those things matter, and what those words actually mean.'

In this book, Steven Bartlett dismantles the most popular, unaddressed lies about happiness that we've been led to believe. He exposes the source of these lies, examines the incentives that fuel them and replaces them with a practical set of scientifically proven and unconventional ideas that will help you to live a truly fulfilled life, a life full of the love you seek and the success you deserve.

'This book will change your life if you let it' - Tom Bilyeu, Co-Founder/CEO of Impact Theory & Co-Founder of Quest Nutrition

Sales Points

- Steven has a strong presence across all his social media platforms with over a million followers on Instagram and over 776,000 on Facebook.
- Steve's podcast chart topping podcast, *Diary of a CEO*, has had nearly a million downloads. He is extremely well connected having featured guests by likes of: Joe Wicks, Ella Mills, Alan Barratt and Tobi Pearce, Tom Bilyeu etc. This provides brilliant opportunities to create an online buzz around his book online through mailing out copies to influential people.
- The content within Steven's book has proven itself extremely popular amongst his audience with his videos on happiness, wealth, success and love gaining millions of views across his channels (i.e. *The Single Biggest Killer of Relationships* receiving over 30 million views and *Smiling Through Depression* receiving over 20 million views).
- As exemplified through best-selling book *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a Fu*ck*, readers are craving disruptive and controversial voices that challenge dominant thinking and this is precisely what Steven's book offers. Though, more uniquely, Steven's location as a young millionaire CEO creates a refreshing perspective that, as his success online suggests, his audience connect and engage with.

Author Biography

Steven Bartlett is the 28-year-old founder of the social media marketing agency, Social Chain. From a bedroom in Manchester, this university drop-out built what would become one of the world's most influential social media companies when he was just 21-years-old, before taking his company public at 27 with a market valuation of almost £200m.

He was born in a village in Botswana, Africa and grew up as a young black man in an all-white area in the southwest of England. He never had money or good grades, but he did have an unshakeable sense of self-belief and a remarkably unconventional perspective on the world.

Steven is widely considered one of Europe's most talented and accomplished young entrepreneurs and philosophical thinkers.

His podcast *The Diary Of A CEO* has become one of the top lifestyle, business and mindset podcasts in Europe and Steven has accumulated over 2 million followers online.

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The Land in Winter

Winner of the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction

Andrew Miller

Keynote

Winter 1962. As Britain becomes engulfed in one the coldest and longest winters on record, the lives of two newly married couples are changed in surprising and irrevocable ways.

Description

**Winner of the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction
Winner of the Winston Graham Historical Prize 2025**

'Miller may have written his best book yet' **GUARDIAN, The best fiction of 2024**

'Delicate and devastating . . . a brilliant novel' **INDEPENDENT**

'A novel of dazzling humanity and captivating, crystalline prose' **MAIL ON SUNDAY**

'Miller is on superb form' **OBSERVER**

December 1962, the West Country.

In the darkness of an old asylum, a young man unscrews the lid from a bottle of sleeping pills. In the nearby village, two couples begin their day. Local doctor, Eric Parry, mulling secrets, sets out on his rounds, while his pregnant wife sleeps on in the warmth of their cottage.

Across the field, in a farmhouse impossible to heat, funny, troubled Rita Simmons is also asleep, her head full of images of a past life her husband prefers to ignore. He's been up for hours, tending to the needs of the small dairy farm he bought, a place where he hoped to create a new version of himself, a project that's already faltering.

There is affection - if not always love - in both homes: these are marriages that still hold some promise. But when the ordinary cold of an English December gives way to violent blizzards - a true winter, the harshest in living memory - the two couples find their lives beginning to unravel.

Where do you hide when you can't leave home? And where, in a frozen world, could you run to?

Sales Points

- **A LITERARY GIANT ON THE SCEPTRE LIST.** Andrew Miller has won the Costa Book of the Year, the James Tait Black Award and the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, and been shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the Walter Scott Prize, among others.
- **AN EXCELLENT SALES HISTORY.** Andrew Miller's nine novels have sold over 620,000 copies, for a value of over two million pounds. Pure alone has sold almost a quarter of a million copies and his books have been published in 20 languages.
- **VIVID, EXCITING HISTORICAL FICTION BY ONE OF BRITAIN'S BEST WRITERS.** An atmospheric, immersive novel set over the infamous winter of 1962-63, one of the coldest ever recorded in the UK. A land covered in snow and a book populated by characters that jump off the page. This is a stunning work by one of the best English writers working today.
- **FOR FANS OF CLARE CHAMBERS'S SMALL PLEASURES.** Also for fans of: *The Offing* by Benjamin Myers, *Trio* by William Boyd, *On Green Dolphin Street* by Sebastian Faulks and *Frostquake* by Juliet Nicolson.

Author Biography

Andrew Miller's first novel, *Ingenious Pain*, was published by Sceptre in 1997. It won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and the Grinzane Cavour Prize for the best foreign novel published in Italy. It has been followed by *Casanova*, *Oxygen*, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the Whitbread Novel of the Year Award in 2001, *The Optimists*, *One Morning Like a Bird*, *Pure*, which won the Costa Book of the Year Award in 2011, *The Crossing*, *Now We Shall Be Entirely Free*, *The Slowworm's Song* and *The Land in Winter*, which won the Winston Graham Historical Prize and the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction in 2025. Andrew Miller's novels have been published in translation in twenty countries. Born in Bristol in 1960, he currently lives in Somerset.

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Blood of the Old Kings

an unmissable epic fantasy where three heroes stand against an empire powered by necromancy

Sung-il Kim

Keynote

Blood of the Old Kings opens an enthralling new epic fantasy series from award-winning South Korean author Sung-il Kim (translated by Anton Hur) perfect for fans of John Gwynne, Andrea Stewart and James Islington

Description

'Thrilling, inventive, and fierce - a tale of malevolent empire and those who stand against it. Not to be missed' Max Gladstone

There is no escaping the Empire. Even in death, you will serve.

In an Empire fuelled by necromancy, dead sorcerers are the lifeblood. Their corpses are wrapped in chains and drained of magic to feed the unquenchable hunger for imperial conquest.

Born with magic, Arienne has become resigned to her dark fate. But when the voice of a long-dead sorcerer begins to speak inside her head, she listens. There may be another future for her, if she's willing to fight for it.

Miles away, beneath a volcano, a seven-eyed dragon also wears the Empire's chains. Before the imperial fist closed around their lands, it was the people's sacred guardian.

Loran, a widowed swordswoman, is the first to kneel before the dragon in decades. She comes with a desperate plea, and will leave with a sword of dragon-fang in hand and a great purpose before her.

***Blood of the Old Kings* begins an epic fantasy adventure in which three strangers fight back against an all-powerful Empire, from award-winning author Sung-il Kim and translated by the highly-acclaimed Anton Hur.**

'A woman's burning quest for vengeance and power leads to a thrilling magic-filled adventure. Absolutely captivating' K.S. Villosio

'Fast, fun and fabulous! Truly imaginative fantasy with a story that speeds along like a bullet train fueled by sorcery' Dyrk Ashton

'Epic underdog fantasy in which choice outweighs destiny . . . Readers seeking an exciting new fantasy world to sink into will find this hits the spot' *Publishers Weekly*

'A magnificent tapestry . . . If you're looking for something to scratch that sprawling epic itch, give *Blood of the Old Kings* a chance' *Lightspeed*

'Full on fantasy delight . . . expansive and exciting—it's a book that so clearly loves fantasy and gives readers classic elements of the genre in a totally new way. *Blood of the Old Kings* is just a goddamn blast to read' *Reactor*

'An immersive world that's sparking towards war' *Library Journal*

Sales Points

- **A fresh take on beloved tropes:** Sung-il Kim puts a fresh spin on classic fantasy themes and elements including dragons, evil empires and magic swords
- **Huge commercial appeal:** packed with dramatic action sequences and distinctive worldbuilding including an empire fuelled by the corpses of dead necromancers, *Blood of the Old Kings* is commercial fantasy of the highest quality and will appeal to a wide range of fantasy fans
- **Popular anti-colonial themes:** In a similar vein to recent bestsellers like *The Poppy War* and *The Bone Shard Daughter*, *Blood of the Old Kings* tells the story of a conquered people who resist the fate their oppressors have inflicted on them
- **Booker-nominated and bestselling translator:** Anton Hur is the world-renowned translator of Man Booker Prize-listed books such as *Cursed Bunny* and *Love in the Big City*

Reviews

- 'Thrilling, inventive, and fierce - a tale of malevolent empire and those who stand against it. Not to be missed' - Max Gladstone
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Author Biography

Sung-il Kim was born in Seoul in 1974. Despite his lifelong dream of writing fiction, he only got around to it in his forties. He writes science fiction, fantasy, Lovecraftian horror, or some blend of those. In South Korea, he is known for *Star of Mercia*, *I Will Go to Earth to See You*, and *The Knight of La Mancha*, the last of which earned him an Excellence Award in SF Awards 2018. He spends most of his time in his downtown Seoul apartment, with his wife and two cats.

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The Guardians of Dreamdark: Windwitch

Laini Taylor

Keynote

Step into the world of Dreamdark, a place of bright magic and unimagined danger... The first book in an immersive fantasy duology from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Laini Taylor.

Description

Step into the world of Dreamdark, a place of bright magic and unimagined danger where one determined faerie must fight to defeat a darkness that threatens to destroy the world...

Magpie Windwitch has always felt different to other faeries. While they prefer to live in seclusion, deep in the forests of Dreamdark, she would rather travel on the wind with her faithful gang of crows, exploring the world and dreaming up bold magic.

When an ancient evil rises, Magpie is the only one with determination enough to stand in its way, fighting back where others choose to flee.

But how can a single faerie, even with the help of her friends, hope to defeat the impenetrable darkness of the Blackbringer?

The start of an immersive fantasy duology from the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author, Laini Taylor, perfect for readers aged 10 and up.

Sales Points

- Laini Taylor is the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of YA/crossover titles such as *THE DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE* and *STRANGE THE DREAMER* - her total UK sales are over a million copies across all formats.
- *Windwitch* is Laini's youngest offering to date. It's suitable for the youngest end of YA with no inappropriate content, but it's also rich and complex and can be enjoyed by Laini's older fans.
- This was the first book that Laini ever wrote - and it was released in the US many years ago, but it's never been published in the UK until now.
- Book proofs will be available from March 2025.

Author Biography

Laini Taylor is a *Sunday Times* bestselling and award-winning writer. She lives in Portland, Oregon, USA, with her husband and daughter.





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Previous Titles

comic book writer makes novel debut

1st Serial	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
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Undramatised (straight) reading	Little, Brown Book Group Ltd
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Red Sonja: Consumed

The exhilarating swords and sorcery novel starring the legendary redhead warrior

Gail Simone

Keynote

Bestselling comic book author and screenwriter Gail Simone makes her novel-writing debut with *Red Sonja: Consumed* - an epic fantasy novel featuring a cult icon: the red-headed barbarian warrior known as 'the she devil with a sword'.

Description

'Fierce and fascinating. This is the story Red Sonja has always deserved. Unmissable'

FELICIA DAY

'An epic debut novel from one of the most entertaining writers on the planet'

TOM TAYLOR

It's time to rage, drink and fight like a barbarian! Red Sonja, the iconic She-Devil with a Sword, will meet a new generation of readers in this action-packed epic fantasy by legendary comic book writer Gail Simone, making her novel-writing debut.

Hot-headed, charismatic and always unapologetically herself, Red Sonja, the ferocious She-Devil and barbarian of Hyrkania has never concerned herself with the consequences of her actions. She's pursued all her desires, from treasure, to drink, to the companionship of bedfellows. She's fought those who deserve it (and sometimes those who didn't). And she's never looked back.

But when rumours start bubbling up from her homeland - rumours of unknown horrors emerging from the ground and pulling their unsuspecting victims to their deaths - she realises she may have to return to the country that abandoned her. Sonja must finally do the only thing that ever scared her: confront her past.

THE MOST FAMOUS WOMAN IN COMICS WRITES THE MOST INFAMOUS BARBARIAN WARRIORESS IN THIS EXHILARIATING DEBUT NOVEL

'Red Sonja and Gail Simone - she-devils with a sword and pen respectively. Don't fret about which is mightier, just savour this glorious fantasy epic'

M R CAREY

'Sonja is a fearless, iconic character that crackles with heart and relatable complexities... unique, cinematic, and memorable'

ALEX SEGURA

'A writer who speaks to readers of every generation'

NANCY A. COLLINS

'Simone is a total sweetheart in the form of a sharp-as-a-machete genius. And her writing delivers that right into your eyeholes'

BRIAN POSEHN

'Gail Simone is poised to become *the* writer of Red Sonja just as Robert Jordan became *the* writer of Conan. Hold onto your axes, it's going to be a wild ride!'

MERCEDES LACKEY

'Everything Gail Simone writes - every world she explores, every character she brings life to - is infinitely improved'

PATTON OSWALT

'Gail Simone has won comics. And now she has come after novels'

CHELSEA CAIN

'Gail Simone is a living legend whose wit and characterisation is second to none'

SARAH REES BRENNAN

Sales Points

- **Gail Simone is the most influential woman in the comic book industry.** She has a huge fan recognition factor, and **over 175K Twitter followers(!)**
- **Red Sonja is a beloved fantasy character** with a huge fan recognition factor (**63.9K followers on her official Instagram**) and appearing in comics, on merch, in cosplay and on screen.
- 400,000 comic book units featuring the character of Red Sonja are sold per year - and

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a blockbuster film (written by Simone) is in the works

- **Orbit is a market leader in epic fantasy** and launching debut fantasy novelists - and with Orbit US we have a simultaneous global publication lined up, with a joined up publicity and marketing campaign
- A major hardback release for Orbit, this will be **a marketing and publicity focus title for 2024 with a long-lead campaign**, and simultaneous global launch from Orbit US

Author Biography

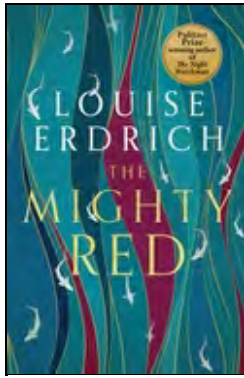
GAIL SIMONE is the most influential woman in the comic book industry. *Red Sonja: Consumed* is her debut novel.

Gail's advocacy for greater representation in comics has been instrumental in changing the landscape for creators and bringing about huge success for female and LGBTQ+ characters. She has led the writing on epic series like *Wonder Woman*, *Superman*, *Tomb Raider* and *Batgirl*. She is known for taking on series and revamping the characters with her wit, unique style and her eye for an action scene - revitalising sales of *Deadpool* and *Birds of Prey* issues when she joined the creative team. As well as comic books, she has also written for film, TV and video games.

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The Mighty Red

The powerful new novel from the beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning author

Louise Erdrich

Keynote

In this stunning novel, Women's Prize finalist, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich tells a story of love, natural forces, spiritual yearnings, and the tragic impact of uncontrollable circumstances on ordinary people's lives.

Description

'A sweeping, tender-hearted epic' *Harper's Bazaar*
'The Mighty Red might just be a new American classic' *Bookpage*

In Argus, North Dakota, a fraught wedding is taking place.

Gary Geist, a terrified young man set to inherit two farms, is desperate to marry Kismet Poe. Gary thinks Kismet is the answer to all of his problems; Kismet can't even imagine her future, let alone the kind of future Gary might offer. During a clumsy proposal, Kismet misses her chance to say 'no' and so the die is cast.

Hugo has been in love with Kismet for years. He has been her friend, confidante and occasionally her lover - and now she is marrying Gary, Hugo is determined to steal her back.

Meanwhile Kismet's mother, Crystal, hauls sugar beets for Gary's family, and on her nightly truck drives along the highway from the farm to the factories, she tunes in to the darkness of late-night radio, sees visions of guardian angels, and worries for the future - both her daughter's and her own.

Starkly beautiful like the landscape it inhabits, *The Mighty Red* is about ordinary people who dream, grow up, fall in love, struggle, endure tragedy, carry bitter secrets. And as with every book this great modern master writes, *The Mighty Red* is about our tattered bond with the earth, and about love in all of its absurdity and splendour.

A new novel by Louise Erdrich is a major literary event; gorgeous and heartrending, *The Mighty Red* is a triumph.

Sales Points

- **Award winning author:** Erdrich won the Pulitzer Prize in 2021 for her novel *The Night Watchman*, was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2022 for *The Sentence*, and received an Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. She won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2012 and was awarded the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction.
- It is 40 years since Louise's first novel, *Love Medicine*, so we anticipate beyond usual coverage

Reviews

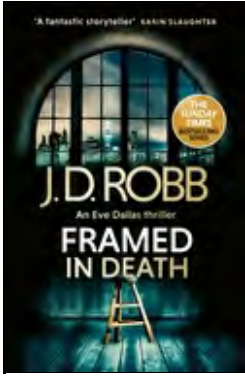
- "Erdrich excels at the slow simmer, and once again she delivers a deliciously seductive masterwork" - *Publishers Weekly*, *starred review*
- 'In the hands of this master storyteller, everything is effortlessly connected. . . . Fearlessly depicting the toughest losses and darkest threats, Erdrich always finds hope' - *Oprah Daily (The Best Books of Fall)*
- '**Erdrich's achievement is pretty remarkable:** a [narrative] voice with brio and lightness that wends and weaves between modes and moods. It's unpredictable and multifaceted' - Michael Donkor, *Guardian*
- '**A sweeping, tender-hearted epic**' - *Harper's Bazaar*

Author Biography

Louise Erdrich, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, is the author of many novels as well as volumes of poetry, children's books and a memoir of early motherhood. Her novel *The Round House* won the National Book Award for Fiction. *Love Medicine* and *LaRose* received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction and *The Night Watchman* won the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. *The Sentence* was shortlisted for The Women's Prize for Fiction 2022. Erdrich lives in Minnesota with her daughters and is the owner of Birchbark Books, a small independent bookstore.

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Framed In Death: An Eve Dallas thriller (In Death 61)

J.D. Robb

Keynote

Death imitates art in the brand-new crime thriller starring homicide cop Eve Dallas from the Sunday Times bestselling author J.D. Robb.

Description

The brand-new crime thriller from Sunday Times bestselling author, J, D. Robb.

'J.D. Robb is a fantastic storyteller who knows how to keep the pages flying by' -#1 International Bestselling Author, Karin Slaughter

"One of my all-time favorite authors hitting a golden moment in one of my all-time favorite series. J.D. Robb never disappoints!" Lisa Gardner

Death imitates art in the brand-new crime thriller starring homicide cop Eve Dallas from the Sunday Times bestselling author J.D. Robb.

Manhattan is filled with galleries and deep-pocketed collectors who can make an artist's career with a wave of a hand. But one man toils in obscurity, his brilliance unrecognized while lesser talents bask in the glory he believes should be his. Come tomorrow, he vows, the city will be buzzing about his work.

Indeed, before dawn, Lt. Eve Dallas is speeding toward the home of the two gallery owners whose doorway has been turned into a horrifying crime scene overnight. A lifeless young woman has been elaborately costumed and precisely posed to resemble the model of a long-ago Dutch master. Can Eve unravel the twisted mind of a serial killer before he strikes again...

Sales Points

- Eve Dallas is the kind of strong female lead beloved by crime readers: a cop who believes in the valour of protect and serve - and kicks ass doing it
- **Over 75 million copies** of the In Death series have been sold worldwide
- One of the most borrowed authors in UK libraries - ahead of Jeffery Archer, Ian Rankin and Peter Robinson

Author Biography

J.D. ROBB is the pseudonym for #1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts. Nora Roberts is the number one *New York Times* bestseller of more than 200 novels. With over 500 million copies of her books in print, she is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular writers in the world. She is both a Sunday Times bestseller in the UK and a number one bestseller in Australia.

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BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery (FF)

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Series	In Death
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Payback in Death
Random in Death
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The Crustacean

The spiky revenge narrative from Lolita's perspective

Jang Jinyeong

Keynote

For fans of *My Dark Vanessa* and *Acts of Desperation*, **THE CRUSTACEAN** is a Korean high schooler's response to *Lolita*

Description

THE MOST EXPLOSIVE BOOK OF THE YEAR

The year's most spiky and powerful novel, told from the point of view of Lolita.

*"When I was 13 I knew **nothing** about **anything**.*

I only cared about love.

And the older man, who I thought I fell in love with, never told me he was divorced.

I made that up on my own."

Chichirim is a plain 13-year-old girl. An ordinary, misunderstood, lonely seventh-grader. A girl with a *terrible* secret.

Her dad is worse than useless. And her mum spends all her days tattooing thick ugly eyebrows on old women.

Her parents forget her birthday and her sister hates them so much she wishes they were dead.

Chichirim does bad things at school. And still, no one cares.

Until, one day, an older man picks her up on the side of the road.

He tells her she is pretty.

Her tells her what to do.

Underneath her hard outer shell, her softness is being exploited and destroyed by the people she trusts and loves the most.

"I want to come back as a crab. A crab's skin is made of bone and the flesh is inside the bone. But we're the opposite. We have bone inside flesh."

THE CRUSTACEAN is an intricately-crafted novel exploring memory, exploitation, and the lasting effects of adult abuse and betrayal for readers of *My Dark Vanessa* and *Tampa*.

Sales Points

- **AN ANTI-LOLITA FOR FANS OF MY DARK VANESSA** by Kate Elizabeth Russell (TCM 40k), **ACTS OF DESPERATION** by Megan Nolan (TCM 13k) and **TAMPA** by Alissa Nutting (TCM 13k)
- **DARK, DRY, WITTY WRITING:** This Korean novella is perfect for lovers of dark and twisted voice-driven literary fiction and translated fiction reminiscent of **ELIZA CLARK**, **MONA AWAD** and **OTTESSA MOSHFEGH**.
- **A KOREAN CULT CLASSIC:** K-culture is on the rise, particularly dark and twisted movies and books as shown by the success of **Han Kang**. **THE CRUSTACEAN** was originally published by Minumsa, one of **South Korea's leading literary publishing powerhouses**.
- **A SOCIALS M&P CAMPAIGN:** A huge social media campaign in the vein of **Heaven**, focusing on Instagram and **BookTok**.

Author Biography

Jang Jin-yeong made her literary debut in 2019 by winning the Jamobook New Writer's Award. She is the author of the short story collection *Only If I Make Up My Mind* and the novel *My Hobby is Private Life*.

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Soul Searching A Sweetwater Peak Novel

Lyla Sage

Keynote

A heartwarming and sexy new series from the queen of western romance, Lyla Sage.

Description

Home is where the heart is - and this one is haunted.

The No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of the Rebel Blue Ranch series returns with a brand-new story, featuring a small-town upholsterer in need of a fresh start, a photographer whose life has come to a screeching halt . . . and the supernatural forces that bring them together.

Collins Cartwright does not want to go home. Sweetwater Peak, Wyoming, was supposed to be in her rearview mirror, but when she finds out a developer is trying to buy her parents' antique shop out from under them, she doesn't have a choice - at least, that's what she tells her family. They don't need to know she's lost her job and is out of money. Or that the ghosts that have always been her companions have recently gone silent.

But just because she's returned home doesn't mean she has to stay with her parents or crash on her twin sister's couch. Lucky for her, the new-to-town upholsterer has a room for rent above his store. Unluckily, it is absolutely crawling with more ghosts who are freezing her out. And Collins hates being ignored.

Brady Cooper is absolutely and totally fine. Seriously, there's no secret reason why he decided to uproot his life and suddenly move to Sweetwater Peak. He just needed a change of pace. At least, that's what he tells himself. And everyone else.

When he agrees to let the elusive Collins Cartwright stay in his spare room, he doesn't know that she's absolutely bonkers - constantly talking to herself and having conversations with no one - or that she looked like that. But as they begin to get closer, the lines between them start to blur, leaving both of them - and the ghosts that have been pushing them together - wondering whether or not their temporary arrangement could be something more permanent.

Sales Points

- The Rebel Blue Ranch series is going from strength to strength, and reader engagement will be at an all-time high when this new series launches. Fans will be desperate to see where Lyla takes them next!
- For fans of B.K. Borison, Tessa Bailey and Ali Hazelwood
- This new series brings a touch of the paranormal to Lyla's tried and tested small-town romances

Author Biography

Lyla Sage lives in the Wild West with her loyal companion, a sweet, old, blind rescue pitbull. She writes romance that feels like her favourite things: sunshine and big blue skies. She is the author of *Done and Dusted*, *Swift and Saddled*, *Lost and Lassoed* and *Wild and Wrangled*. When she's not writing, she's reading.

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Fatal Gambit

By the author of **THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB**

David Lagercrantz

Keynote

A gripping new thriller from the bestselling author of **THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB**

Description

Claire Lidman died fourteen years ago.

So why does she appear in the background of a recent holiday snap taken in Venice?

Her husband brings the anomaly to Hans Rekke and Micaela Vargas. Initial scepticism gives way to cautious belief, but Rekke is falling apart again and Vargas has her own problems. Her gangster brother is threatening to silence her if she doesn't get off his case.

Meanwhile, Rekke's daughter Julia has a new boyfriend she's determined to keep secret. He sees something in her she can't see herself, but there are hints of a darker side.

Most troubling of all, Rekke is hearing whispers of a name he hasn't heard for years. A rival from his youth whose restless evil links all the threads in this incipient case. The pieces are laid and he's already one move ahead. The name of the game is revenge.

Translated from the Swedish by Ian Giles

Reviews for *Dark Music*:

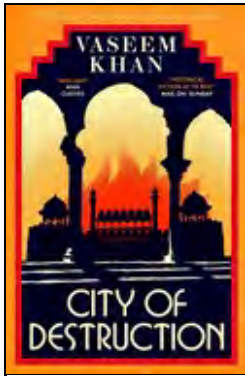
"One Holmes himself would have loved to solve" *Independent*
"A rich, engrossing novel" *Literary Review*
"A complex and dark Sherlock Holmesian tale" *Irish Independent*

Sales Points

- A must for Sherlock Holmes (and *Sherlock*) fans looking for their next fix
- More than 2,250,000 copies of David Lagercrantz's books sold in English translation in MacLehose Press editions in the UK and export
- Second book in a number one bestselling series in Sweden

Author Biography

David Lagercrantz was born in 1962, and is an acclaimed author and journalist. In 2015 *The Girl in the Spider's Web* (2015), his continuation of Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy, became a worldwide bestseller and was made into a film by Sony Pictures (2018). He is the author of the acclaimed and bestselling *I am Zlatan Ibrahimovic*, *Fall of Man in Wilmslow*, and the fifth and sixth books in the *Millennium* series, *The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye* (2017) and *The Girl Who Lived Twice* (2019). *Dark Music*, the first Rekke and Vargas Investigation, will be published in the UK in 2022.



City of Destruction

The gripping and unputdownable new Malabar House mystery

Vaseem Khan

Keynote

The brilliant new Persis and Archie mystery, from the highly acclaimed and award-winning author of *MIDNIGHT AT MALABAR HOUSE*.

Description

'Vaseem Khan writes with charm and wit, and an eye for detail that transports the reader entirely. I couldn't love this series more' CHRIS WHITAKER
'Historical fiction at its finest' *MAIL ON SUNDAY*

From the award-winning author of *MIDNIGHT AT MALABAR HOUSE* and *THE LOST MAN OF BOMBAY* comes a brilliant new mystery featuring the inimitable Persis Wadia.

Bombay, 1951. A political rally ends in tragedy when India's first female police detective, Persis Wadia, kills a lone gunman as he attempts to assassinate the divisive new defence minister, a man calling for war with India's new post-Independence neighbours.

With the Malabar House team tasked to hunt down the assassin's co-conspirators - aided by agents from Britain's MI6 security service - Persis is quickly relegated to the sidelines. But then she is given a second case, the burned body of an unidentified white man found on a Bombay beach. As she pursues both investigations - with and without official sanction - she soon finds herself headed to the country's capital, New Delhi, a city where ancient and modern India openly clash.

Meanwhile, Persis's colleague, Scotland Yard criminalist Archie Blackfinch, lies in a hospital fighting for his life as all around him the country tears itself apart in the prelude to war...

Sales Points

- **GROWING PROFILE IN THE INDUSTRY:** Vas is the current Chair of CWA, he programmed the Harrogate Crime Festival in 2023 and has been commissioned by the James Bond estate to write a series of cosy crime mysteries based on the character of Q.
- **HIGHLY RESPECTED HISTORICAL FICTION WRITER:** acclaim for the Malabar House series grows with every book. Vaseem is the author of the award-winning Inspector Chopra crime series as well.
- **STRATEGIC SECOND STRAND TO BUILD NEW READERSHIP:** Hodder is also publishing a contemporary thriller, *THE GIRL IN CELL A*, in 2024 to broaden Vas's readership.
- **INCREASING SALES PROFILE:** Sales grew by 10% from *The Lost Man of Bombay* to *Death of a Lesser God*. Digital sales are especially strong, especially in the US.
- **AWARD-WINNING WRITER:** Vaseem Khan's *Midnight at Malabar House* won the CWA Historical Dagger and was shortlisted for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year.

Reviews

- 'A book to cancel plans for' - *Closer*
- 'The fifth of the Malabar House series is as charming, disarming and engrossing as ever' - *Heat*
- '[an] engaging, thoughtful novel' - *Irish Times*

Author Biography

Vaseem Khan's acclaimed Baby Ganesh Agency crime series won the Shamus Award in the US, with *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra* selected by the Sunday Times as one of the 40 best crime novels published 2015-2020, now translated into 16 languages. The first novel in the Malabar House series, *Midnight at Malabar House*, won the CWA Historical Dagger 2021 and was shortlisted for the Theakstons Crime Novel of the Year Award. Vaseem lives in London.

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She Wolves **The Untold History of Women on Wall Street** **Paulina Bren**

Keynote

The Wolf of Wall Street meets Hidden Figures: this is the untold, exciting, and narrative-driven history of how women stormed Wall Street and smashed the glass-ceiling of patriarchy...

Description

They cracked the glass ceiling and changed the face of finance.

The untold story of the women who took on Wall Street.

Long before gender diversity became a corporate buzzword, a generation of women quietly infiltrated one of the world's most exclusive - and male-dominated - clubs: Wall Street.

From the typing pools of the 1960s to the trading floors of the 1980s, these women navigated a brash, bawdy world that was built to exclude them. Along the way, they challenged entrenched sexism and racism, reshaping the financial industry from the inside out.

She Wolves is a vivid portrait of the women who dared to dream big, who re-wrote the rules and shook the foundations of power.

From the award-winning author of *The Barbizon*

'Vivid . . . Riveting' LIZA MUNDY, author of *Code Girls*

'Fascinating . . . Gorgeous' AMY ODELL, author of *Anna*

Praise for *The Barbizon*

'Captivating . . . a brilliant many-layered social history of women's ambition' *Observer*

'Fascinating . . . a piece of forgotten female history' *Sunday Times*

Sales Points

- **EVERGREEN AND BESTSELLING POWER:** A lively and engaging popular narrative history like *The Barbizon*, which will appeal to a broad readership. It will sit nicely on the shelf next to other popular histories that tell a page-turning narrative through a rich cast of characters, whilst illuminating the deeper impacts of a particular era.
- **FORGOTTEN FEMALE VOICES:** The landscape of available book titles is largely dominated by shelf loads of memoirs written by men about their experiences on Wall Street (not to mention the many blockbuster films about male Wall Street culture). *She Wolves* is the first of its kind, shining a light on the history of the American white-collar working woman.
- **SENSE OF NOSTALGIA/ VIVID SENSE OF TIME AND PLACE:** New York is a location of endless fascination, and recently there is an increasing interest in the decades *She Wolves* covers: the core being the 1970s and 1980s. Popular TV series like *Stranger Things*, *Freaks and Geeks*, and *Glow* capitalize on this setting too. As we recognize that we are firmly embedded in the digital age and there is no going back, there is a new generation of readers asking what the "before" looked and felt like.
- **SOCIAL COMMENTARY:** *She Wolves* is a delightful yet disturbing look at the collision of women, finance, and New York in an era that seems surprisingly relevant again in light of **Occupy Wall Street**, **#MeToo**, **BLM**, and **a New York city now shakily emerging from the pandemic.**

Reviews

- **'Praise for THE BARBIZON:'**
- 'More than a biography of a building, the book is **an absorbing history of labor and women's rights** in one of the country's largest cities, and also of the places that those women left behind to chase their dreams.' - *The New Yorker*
- **'A captivating history . . .** Bren's book is really about the changing cultural perceptions of women's ambition throughout the last century, set against the backdrop of that most famous theater of aspiration, New York City . . . Bren draws on **an impressive amount of archival research, and pays tender attention to each of the women she profiles.**' - *New York Times*
- **'A fascinating look at a piece of forgotten female history.'** - *The Sunday Times*

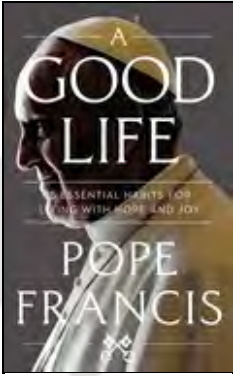
Author Biography



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A Good Life

Pope Francis
Translated by Oonagh Stransky

Keynote

15 rules for a good life from the late pope

Description

You are a wonder of creation. This represents Pope Francis' story for you.

Even when your face is lined with worries or fatigue, remember that you are always a light that shines through the night. This is the greatest gift you've ever received, and no one can take it away from you. Never stop dreaming. Believe in even greater and more beautiful truths. Let yourself be surprised by love. This is what it means to Live Well. This is the greatest and most beautiful wish we can extend to each other.

Joy - the wholesome and concrete kind, the joy we have all been searching for since birth - will be the natural outcome. It won't be an easy path; life's difficulties and the pervasive pessimism and cynicism of our era will periodically make it difficult to recognize and welcome grace into our life.

But the late pope guarantees us that it is precisely when we open our hearts to providence and allow tenderness and mercy to enter that life becomes beautiful. We can always begin again. God can rebuild a story within us from the fragments.

Let yourself be inspired by Pope Francis' 15 Rules for a Good Life, revel in the wondrous creation that you are, and savour the experience of what it means to live authentically.

Sales Points

- Pope Francis was pope from 2013 until 2025. He was the first non-European pope and set the agenda for the Church for a generation
- Pope Francis was the most popular pope of modern times. The book is non-academic, popular-level theology and spirituality for the ordinary Catholic. Also perfect for the curious, non-Christian reader.

Author Biography

The first Pope of the Americas, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, hailed from Argentina. The Jesuit former Archbishop of Buenos Aires was a prominent figure throughout the continent, yet remained a simple pastor who was deeply loved by his diocese, throughout which he travelled extensively on the underground and by bus during the 15 years of his episcopal ministry.

He was born in Buenos Aires on 17 December 1936, the son of Italian immigrants. His father Mario was an accountant employed by the railways and his mother Regina Sivori was a committed wife dedicated to raising their five children. He graduated as a chemical technician and then chose the path of the priesthood, entering the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto. On 11 March 1958 he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He completed his studies of the humanities in Chile and returned to Argentina in 1963 to graduate with a degree in philosophy from the Colegio de San José in San Miguel. From 1964 to 1965 he taught literature and psychology at Immaculate Conception College in Santa Fé and in 1966 he taught the same subject at the Colegio del Salvatore in Buenos Aires. From 1967-70 he studied theology and obtained a degree from the Colegio of San José.

He was elected Supreme Pontiff on 13 March 2013 in the conclave following the resignation of Benedict XVI and died in 2025, succeeded by Leo XIV.

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Once Was Willem

The sensational, enthrallingly dark tale of twisted folklore and macabre magic

M. R. Carey

Keynote

From the bestselling M R Carey comes an utterly unique and enchantingly dark historical fantasy fable like no other. This is the tale of Once Was Willem . . .

Description

'A MASTERPIECE OF MEDIEVAL DARK FICTION' Christopher Buehlman, author of *Between Two Fires*

From the bestselling M. R. Carey comes an enthrallingly dark medieval tale - a story of twisted folklore, macabre magic and the strangest of found families. This is the tale of Once-Was-Willem.

Eleven hundred and some years after the death of Christ, in the kingdom that had but recently begun to call itself England, I, Once Was Willem, rose from the dead to defeat a great evil facing the humble village of Cosham. The words enclosed herein are true.

I speak of monsters and magic, battle and bloodletting, and the crimes of desperate men. I speak also of secret things, of that which lies beneath us and that which impends above. By the time you come to the end of this account you will know the truth of your own life and death, the path laid out for your immortal soul, your origin and your inevitable end.

You will not thank me.

'An incredible masterwork of medieval fantasy-horror, dark and twisted and burning bright with humanity. *Once Was Willem* is packed with magic, folklore, superstitious fear, and horrors that bring hope' Cameron Johnston, author of *The Maleficent Seven*

'Weaves a fable full of dread and wonder, a deeply intelligent and emotionally gripping story . . . A masterpiece of medieval dark fiction. I love this book. Highest recommendation' Christopher Buehlman, author of *Between Two Fires*

'A delicious blend of horror, fantasy and historical fiction, *Once Was Willem* gave me exactly what I crave most as a reader - the unexpected. That, and a main character I would fight to the undeath for. A unique and brilliant book' Jen Williams, British Fantasy Award-winning author of *The Ninth Rain*

'It's a long time since a book has reached out and just entirely enveloped me in its world the way *Once Was Willem* did. Astounding, and I loved every moment of it - it had me absolutely rapt' RJ Barker, author of *The Bone Ships*

'It's so absurdly fun and readable, you nearly miss the incredible use of language and lore. Lovable grotesques and ghoulish villains populate a compelling folk-tale. Absolutely wonderful' Gareth Hanrahan, author of *The Gutter Prayer*

'A wild fever-dream of novel - complicated, monstrous and beautiful' Seanan McGuire, Hugo Award-winning author

Sales Points

- **A unique and incredibly engrossing dark, historical fantasy novel from the hugely talented M. R. Carey** - author of the million-copy bestseller *The Girl With All the Gifts*.
- **Set in the Middle Ages, it's the tale of a ragtag group of fantastical beings who band together to defend a village against a demonic sorcerer.** The lead character is a boy who has risen from the dead (he was once a boy named "Willem", but has become something monstrous...) and he joins forces with other fantastical creatures to defeat a great evil.
- **Perfect for fans of dark, historical fantasy** such as *Empire of the Vampire* by Jay Kristoff, *The Bone Ships* by RJ Barker, *Between Two Fires* by Christopher Buehlman and *The Devils* by Joe Abercrombie.
- **An incredibly original, distinctive narrative voice that evokes the medieval era wonderfully.** Mike Carey has built a strong reputation as one of the most pioneering voices in genre fiction, and this novel will stand out for the unique power of its language.

Author Biography

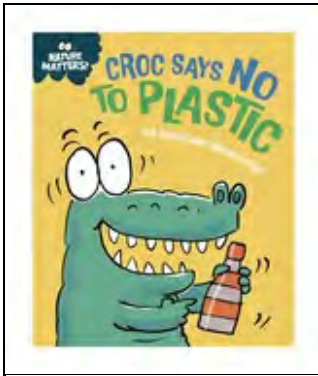
M. R. Carey has been making up stories for most of his life. His novel *The Girl With All the Gifts* has sold over a million copies and became a major motion picture, based on his own



BAFTA Award-nominated screenplay. Under the name Mike Carey he has written for both DC and Marvel, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*. His creator-owned books regularly appear in the *New York Times* bestseller list. He also has several previous novels including the Felix Castor series (written as Mike Carey), two radio plays and a number of TV and movie screenplays to his credit.

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Nature Matters: Croc Says No to Plastic

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to the concept of reducing the use of plastic for young children, perfect for supporting PSHE learning

Description

***Croc Says No to Plastic* offers a gentle introduction to the concept of reducing the use of plastic for young children.**

In this humorous story, Croc shows her love for plastic. She loves drinks and snacks that come packaged in plastic, and she isn't very careful about throwing the plastic away after she has used it. Can she learn to reuse and recycle plastic better?

This charming book is the perfect way to introduce young children to the concept of reducing the use of plastic. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children understand the concept.

The *Nature Matters* series of picture books provide a gentle means of promoting concepts of environmental issues, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss citizenship and values. Suitable for children aged 3+.

Sales Points

- Each story is backed up with suggestions for activities and ideas to talk about, consolidating learning by relating the story to the children's own experiences
- Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Reviews

- 'Excellent for sharing and encouraging discussion ... we can all learn from the approach taken in this series.' - *Parents in Touch*

Author Biography

Sue Graves (Author)

Sue Graves has been a freelance children's author for more than 17 years. She has written over two hundred books for children from pre-school up to 15+ years. She writes fiction and non-fiction, plays and poetry across the age ranges.

Sue loves reading all sorts of books and is at her happiest when she has a book in her hand. She also loves painting in watercolours, playing tennis and badminton and going for long walks in the country with her husband and children.

Trevor Dunton (Illustrator)

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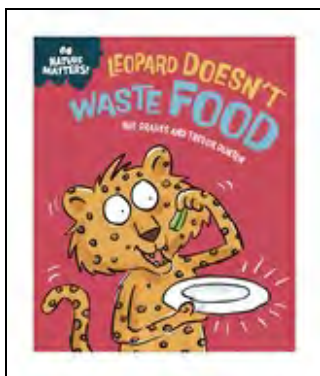
A keen tennis player and apiarist, if he isn't hitting the fluff of a ball, he can generally be found in a field in Kent serenading his bees.

Publication date	Thursday, September 25, 2025
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781445186795
BIC 2.1	Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 236x195
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	Full colour
Series	Nature Matters
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Electronic	Refer to Publisher
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Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Nature Matters: Leopard Doesn't Waste Food

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to the concept of reducing food waste for young children, perfect for supporting PSHE learning

Description

***Leopard Doesn't Waste Food* offers a gentle introduction to the concept of not wasting food for young children.**

In this humorous story, Leopard often throws away food. He sometimes takes too much, or he doesn't store it carefully and then doesn't want to eat it. But after a day on the farm and Wolf's party, he wants to make a change!

This charming book is the perfect way to introduce young children to the concept of food waste. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children understand the concept.

The *Nature Matters* series of picture books provide a gentle means of promoting concepts of environmental issues, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss citizenship and values. Suitable for children aged 3+.

Sales Points

- Each story is backed up with suggestions for activities and ideas to talk about, consolidating learning by relating the story to the children's own experiences
- Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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BIC 2.1	Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 236x195
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
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Illustrations Series	Full colour Nature Matters
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Publication date	Thursday, September 25, 2025
Price	£14.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781804538456
BIC 2.1	Sports & outdoor recreation (Children's / Teenage) (YNW) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ) For National Curriculum Key Stage 3 (4KHN)
CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Hardback 280x216
Extent	112 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; Cent & S Am

World of Racing

Alex Rice

Keynote

The complete fully illustrated, unofficial guide to all the major motor racing tournaments throughout the world, covering the history, highlights, cars and personalities in the sport.

Description

Welcome to the glamorous world of motor racing! With Formula One's viewership rocketing and the increasing popularity of a host of other motorsports, now is the ideal time to get this complete, fun and fully photographic kids' guide to racing.

Inside, readers can find out all about the best F1 drivers and tracks, the latest NASCAR stars and their cars, the coolest bikes and riders in MotoGP and all about a host of other motorsports, from dirt bike racing to demolition derbies and the monster car scene. There's also plenty of info about the coolest high-speed technology, the latest up-and-coming competitions, the action-packed story of every sport, and tech specs for the fastest vehicles.

Whether you're a diehard F1 fan or you love any kind of fast-paced racing action, this is the book for you.

Sales Points

- Formula One's popularity with children's been increasing massively since 2020, thanks to shows like Netflix's Drive to Survive.
- The average fan age of Formula 1 is reducing thanks to F1's digital and streaming initiatives since F1's change of ownership; there's also been a rise in the number of new young female fans coming into the sport, paving the way for publishing an exciting kids' guide.
- Recent Hollywood films about motor racing and drivers suggests a renewed global interest in the sport - the book supports this trend by offering a one-stop shop for all info on Formula One, IndyCar, NASCAR and all the other leading motorsports.

Author Biography

Alex Rice is a former BBC journalist who now helps international sporting organisations develop innovative digital content. An excellent communicator, Alex was co-presenter of one of football's first successful podcasts, The Beautiful Game, from 2004-2006.

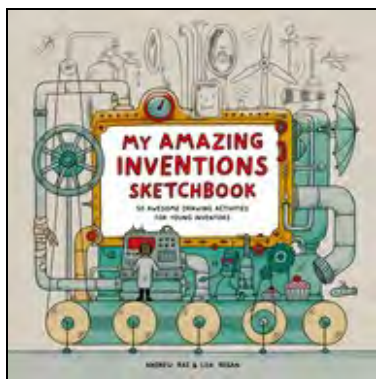
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My Amazing Inventions Sketchbook 50 Awesome Drawing Activities for Young Inventors

Lisa Regan (Illustrated By Andrew Rae)

Keynote

Dream up your own amazing inventions with this fantastically creative sketchbook!

Description

Dream up your own amazing inventions with this fantastically creative sketchbook! This book is packed with Andrew Rae's incredible drawings showing all sorts of real inventions that seem too weird to work. How about a dog umbrella? A submarine that looks like a plane ... or even a shark. A swimming machine where you don't get wet? A car wash for people? Someone has even made a device to charge your cell phone using a hamster! There is plenty of inspiration to get kids' minds going, and plenty of room to add their own awesome inventions to the mix. They can design the best beach buggy ever, create a brand-new candy to share with the world, or even draw a transformer dinosaur! Includes a patent certificate for their very own amazing invention.

Sales Points

- An awesomely creative sketchbook for young inventors of 7+ to design and doodle all their great creations
- Also bursting with fun facts about the greatest, boldest, and youngest inventors in history
- Discover all about real weird and wonderful inventions-and then design your own
- Illustrated with brilliantly absurd inventions by Andrew Rae

Author Biography

Lisa Regan (Author) Lisa Regan studied English and Linguistics at the University of Nottingham and gained a postgraduate diploma in Publishing at West Herts College. She has written over 400 published titles, including picture books, puzzle books, children's reference, and curriculum-linked workbooks. She lives in Colchester, UK, with her sons, and a husband with an encyclopaedic knowledge of soccer. Her work ranges from magazine-style books on fashion and sleepovers, to highly illustrated STEM titles that fit into schools and libraries lists. Her favorite topics are wildlife and geography, but she also has huge fun writing rhyming tales. Andrew Rae (Illustrator) Andrew Rae is an illustrator who uses simple hand rendered lines and a combination of paper, felt pens, watercolour, ipad, iMac, and Wacom pads and screens to render irreverent images of characters, ghouls, robots, machines, and creatures that are used in an editorial, publishing, advertising, animation, and mural context. He is a regular contributor to *The New York Times Magazine* and has worked for many clients worldwide including Apple, The London Science Museum, Google and *The Guardian*.

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Main Identifier	9781510232075
BIC 2.1	Colouring & painting activity books (YBGC) Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)

CBMC	C5L79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	240x240
Extent	128 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Previous Titles

9781780676111 My Crazy Inventions Sketchbook (US HB)
9781780676104 My Crazy Inventions Sketchbook (US PB)

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Publication date **Thursday, September 11, 2025**
 Price **£7.99 / ₹599**
 Main Identifier **9781801301176**
 BIC 2.1 **Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) Picture storybooks (YBCS) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)**

CBMC **A3M79**
 Age **0-5 years**
 Subject **Fiction**
 Type **Picture Book**
 Character **Non-character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **251x280**
 Extent **32 pages**
 Word Count
 Illustrations **Full clr illus**
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Who Nicked My Knickers?

Francesca Simon (Illustrated By Steve May)

Keynote

Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU? Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.

Description

Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU?

Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.

A hilarious picture book by Francesca Simon and Steve May.

Sales Points

- *Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU?* Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.
- A hilarious new picture book by the multi-million-copy-selling author of HORRID HENRY.
- Great for readers of ALIENS LOVE UNDERPANTS.
- Francesca Simon has been published in 31 languages and sold more than 21 million copies worldwide.

Author Biography

Francesca Simon (Author)

Francesca Simon MBE spent her childhood on the beach in California and started writing stories at the age of eight. She wrote her first Horrid Henry book in 1994. Horrid Henry has gone on to conquer the globe; his adventures are published in 27 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Francesca has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and been a judge for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2009, in one of the proudest moments of her career, Francesca was awarded a Gold Blue Peter badge. She was appointed MBE in the 2023 New Year Honours.

Francesca is also a passionate ambassador for children's literacy and is a trustee of the World Book Day charity. She lives in North London with her family.

Visit Francesca's website at www.francescasimon.com and keep up-to-date with Horrid Henry at www.horridhenry.co.uk. You can also follow her on Twitter @simon_francesca

Steve May (Illustrator)

Steve has been a life-long doodler, studying fine art and filmmaking in Nottingham and Animation at the Royal College of Art. He has illustrated various children's books including the bestselling **Dennis the Menace** fiction series, Harry Hill's **Matt Mills** series and Francesca Simon's **Terrible Viking** books.





Beast Quest: Makroxa the Tunnelling Terror Series 32 Book 3

Adam Blade

Keynote

Free the Beasts. Live the Adventure.

Join the New Protectors as they battle Beasts and fight Evil in the bestselling adventure series for boys and girls aged 7 and up!

Description

Rafe and the rest of the New Protectors are facing their greatest challenge yet. The wizard Daltec has been struck down by a magical curse, and the land of Tangala is in grave danger from the sorceress Zuba, who wants to destroy the kingdom forever. But when the brave young fighters and their mystical animal companions set off on their Quest to fight back against Zuba, a great storm leaves them stranded. Stranded in a perilous swamp, can Rafe defeat an enormous burrowing rodent with monstrous teeth and claws? The fate of Tangala depends on him and his friends!

There are FOUR thrilling adventures to collect in the latest set of this beloved series - don't miss out! *Dolrus the Spiked Destroyer*; *Zynara the Striped Prowler*; *Makroxa the Tunnelling Terror* and *Kyropta the Skeleton Eagle*.

Sales Points

- *Beast Quest* now stars the New Protectors - four brave young warriors chosen by Tom and Elenna to continue their mission to protect the realms against Evil. In this series, our heroes and their companions must face four monstrous Beasts summoned by the powerful witch Zuba . . .
- Over fourteen million *Beast Quest* books sold!
- The original and best adventure series - perfect for getting boys hooked on books
- Visit the website to be the first to hear about new *Beast Quest* books: www.orchardseriesbooks.co.uk
- The *Beast Quest* game is available on PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch - and don't miss *Ultimate Heroes* on Apple and Android!

Author Biography

Adam Blade is the name for a small collective of authors who write the bestselling series *Beast Quest*, as well as Adam Blade's other series: *Team Hero*, *Beast Quest: New Blood* and *Space Wars*. Over 14 million *Beast Quest* books have been sold.

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BIC 2.1	Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) 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	B Format
Depth	18mm
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	Beast Quest
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

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Main Identifier	9781445192017
BIC 2.1	True stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFY) Short stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFU) 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	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Series	True Stories You'll Never Forget
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

True Stories You'll Never Forget: True Space Stories

Clive Gifford

Keynote

Gripping real-life stories that will inspire, astonish and entertain

Description

This book retells 5 true stories of some amazing space adventures. Great for readers aged 9+ these real-life stories are gripping and inspiring reads. The non-fiction stories are retold by experienced author, Clive Gifford, who knows how to tell a tale. Illustrated with black and white line drawings, this chapter book is perfect for engaging readers.

Included at the back is some additional educational information as well as a glossary to help educators to make the most of the stories.

Sales Points

- Illustrated with b/w line drawings, the books will be suitable for readers aged 9+
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Author Biography

Clive Gifford lives in Manchester, UK and is an award-winning author of over 150 books for children and adults. These include *Eye Benders: The Science of Seeing and Believing*, winner of the prestigious Royal Society Young People's Book Prize in 2014, and *Cool Technology*, which won the School Library Association Information Book Award 2013. Clive's titles range from the serious (*Robots, iScience, How the World Works*) and sporty (with books on motor racing, the Olympics and football) to the downright silly (*The Curse of the Toxic Trousers*).

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True Stories You'll Never Forget: True Spooky Stories

Clive Gifford

Keynote

Gripping real-life stories that will inspire, astonish and entertain

Description

This book retells 5 amazing and true spooky stories from around the world. Great for readers aged 9+ these real-life tales are gripping reads. The non-fiction stories are retold by experienced author, Clive Gifford, who knows how to tell a tale. Illustrated with black and white line drawings, this chapter book is perfect for engaging readers.

Included at the back is some additional educational information as well as a glossary to help educators to make the most of the stories.

Sales Points

- Illustrated with b/w line drawings, the books are suitable for readers aged 9+
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Author Biography

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Main Identifier	9781445191997
BIC 2.1	True stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFY) Short stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFU) 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	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Series	True Stories You'll Never Forget
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

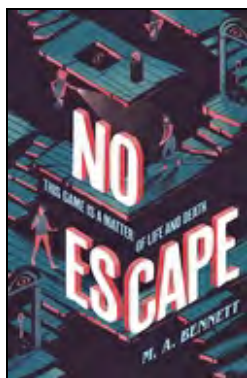
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Publication date	Thursday, September 25, 2025
Price	£9.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781804536216
BIC 2.1	Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Interest age: from c 14 years (SAQ) Witches & ghosts (Children's / Teenage) (YNXW)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

No Escape

A claustrophobic, closed-room Gothic horror

M.A. Bennett

Keynote

Estranged twins Mabel and Kai are pitted against each other to solve a deadly mystery set by their elusive grandfather ... but time is running out and there can only be one survivor.

Perfect for fans of *The Inheritance Games* and *Wednesday*, this is a dark and claustrophobic Gothic horror where no one is safe.

Description

This isn't just a puzzle. It's a lethal game of survive or die ...

Estranged twins Mabel and Kai each receive an unexpected invitation to stay for a week at their grandfather's Parisian chateau. Neither remember meeting their grandfather, and neither had any idea that he was still alive.

The author of a notoriously difficult puzzle book, their grandfather is bed bound and dying. His last wish? For Mabel and Kai to solve it. The prize: unimaginable riches. The catch? They are trapped in the house until one of them wins ... or dies trying.

Their only other hope for escape is a mysterious student who has been working for their grandfather and seems to have eyes for both twins. But the walls are closing in and the contest takes darker and darker turns towards the supernatural. In this deadly game, there can only be one winner.

Perfect for fans of *The Inheritance Games* and *Wednesday*.

Sales Points

- There is huge popularity of horror/gothic/darker themes amongst consumers as evidenced by TV shows such as *Wednesday* and *Stranger Things*
- M. A. Bennett is a very experienced author and has done plenty of festivals and conventions (including YALC, Cheltenham, Harrogate and Edinburgh) and is very comfortable dealing with press and the media, she's done this all over the world, including on live TV. She also has connections in the film and TV world through her husband, and she also used to be an actress
- M. A. Bennett lives in north London, but has connections with Venice, Italy (she's half-Venetian), Yorkshire Dales and Manchester
- M. A. Bennett's other YA series, *STAGS*, has been optioned for film and TV, first by Fox/Disney, and now with Annapurna/Urban Myths films. A pilot has been written by Ava Pickett (*The Great*, *Brassic*)

Author Biography

M.A. Bennett was born in the north of England to an English mother and a Venetian father. She loved history so much she studied it at four different universities. She also studied art and worked as an illustrator, an actress and a film reviewer. Now she has her dream job of being a writer and her books have been translated into more than 20 languages. She lives in London - the home of Greenwich Meantime - with one husband, two children and three cats.

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Midnight Treasure

An immersive new world of werwolves and vampires, from an award-winning author

Piers Torday

Keynote

A breathtaking new fantasy world from the award-winning author of *The Last Wild*. In an empire of vampires and werwolves, Tibor and Roza are hunting a treasure more valuable than gold ... For readers who loved Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures* or S.F. Said's *Tyger*.

Description

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Tibor is a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampire. He and his friend Roza are on the deadliest of quests, and one that will test their very immortality. And they're not the only ones hunting for the Midnight Treasure. Battling with bears, wrestling with vampires and racing against the clock, Tibor and Roza must decide who to trust. And whether they will dare reveal the secrets ... of the Midnight Treasure.

From the award-winning Piers Torday comes this spectacular, irresistible treasure hunt: there will be clues, spells, imprisonments and escapes, fights, betrayals ... but above all there will be courage and hope.

Sales Points

- This is an exceptional book, with a strong vampire/werewolf theme underpinned by Piers's family connection to the Transylvanian locations inspiring the story
- Piers Torday's books have sold over 200,000 copies through the TCM
- Piers Torday is a celebrated children's writer whose books have been shortlisted for numerous awards, and won the Guardian Children's Book Prize

Reviews

- 'Gripping, original and memorable' - Francesca Simon, on *The Last Wild* trilogy
- 'Piers Torday continues to demonstrate that he is one of the best writers for children working today' - *The Guardian on There May Be A Castle*
- 'Written in vivid and urgent style ... As thrilling as *James and the Giant Peach* ... *The Last Wild* may be as critical to the new generation as *Tarka the Otter*' - *The Times on The Last Wild* trilogy

Author Biography

Piers Torday began his career in theatre and then television as a producer and writer. His first book for children, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal and is being adapted for the stage by the Unicorn and National Theatre. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Other titles include *There May Be A Castle* (People's Book Award finalist), which was adapted for the stage by the Little Angel Theatre, *The Lost Magician* (Teach Primary Book Award) and *Midnight Treasure*, the New Statesman Children's Book of the Year. He recently adapted *The Box of Delights* for the RSC. Other stage adaptations include *Christmas Carol* and *The Wind in the Willows* (Wilton's Music Hall).

Publication date	Thursday, September 25, 2025
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781786541437
BIC 2.1	Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) 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	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Series	Midnight Treasure
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	London

Previous Titles

Piers has written *The Last Wild* series, *The Lost Magician*, *The Frozen Sea*, and *There May Be A Castle*, as well as adapting *The Box of Delights*, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Wind in the Willows* for the stage.

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A Witch's Guide to Love and Poison

A cosy YA fantasy from the author of *The Baby Dragon Cafe*

Aamna Qureshi

Keynote

An addictively romantic and beautifully written cosy YA fantasy from author Aamna Qureshi.

Description

'**Brimful of charm**' Heather Fawcett, bestselling author of the Emily Wilde series
'**A tale as warm as a cup of spiced chai on a chilly evening**' Sarah Mughal Rana, author
'**A grumpy/sunshine romance you'll never forget**' Anam Iqbal, author

Bisma knows three things to be true: the Enchanted Forest will always be her home, she would go to the ends of the Earth to protect her sisters, and Xander Chapman is the most irritating guy she's ever met.

Since finding a home in the Enchanted Forest, Bisma - a garden witch with a penchant for potions - has always been protective of other runaways. So, if a drop of one of her poisons finds its way into the porridge of those who have hurt them . . . that's none of her business.

But Xander, the charmingly handsome son of the apothecary, sees things differently and is fast becoming known for creating cures - much to Bisma's annoyance.

When her sisters are poisoned themselves, Bisma will need to put her feelings aside and enlist Xander's help to find out who is responsible and save the only family she has, before it's too late.

Perfect for fans of:

- grumpy x sunshine romance
- cottagecore with a Pakistani twist
- found family and sisterhood
- potions and ... poison!?

Aamna Qureshi has woven a beautiful, warm and rich world of magic in this charming new cosy YA fantasy.

Sales Points

- A rich and beautiful tale of magic, romance and found family that taps into the beloved cosy fantasy trope and brings a unique Pakistani twist to the 'cottagecore' trend
- Aamna Qureshi is an award-winning author at the cusp of her big break! She's passionate, creative and has built a platform and cult following of dedicated readers

Author Biography

Aamna Qureshi is a Pakistani, Muslim American who adores words. She is the award-winning author of YA fantasy novel, *The Lady or the Lion*. She grew up on Long Island, New York, in a very loud household, surrounded by English (for school), Urdu (for conversation), and Punjabi (for emotion). Much of her childhood was spent being grounded for reading past her bed-time, writing stories in the backs of her notebooks, and being scolded by teachers for passing chapters under the tables. Through her writing, she wishes to inspire a love for the beautiful country and rich culture that informed much of her identity.

Publication date	Thursday, September 11, 2025
Price	£9.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781444977479
BIC 2.1	Fantasy romance (Teenage) (YFHR) Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Toto the Ninja Cat and the Pirate Treasure Hunt Book 6

Dermot O'Leary (Illustrated By Nick East)

Keynote

Toto is no ordinary cat, and she can't wait for you to join her on her SIXTH ninja adventure - treasure-hunting in Ireland! From one of the UK's best-loved broadcasters.

Description

Toto is no ordinary cat, and she can't wait for you to join her on her SIXTH ninja adventure! From one of the UK's best-loved broadcasters.

Toto and her friends are on their way to Ireland. Their old arch rival Archduke Ferdinand needs their help infiltrating a gang who he feels sure are up to something. Toto disguises herself and soon discovers there is some very valuable treasure buried in the hills above the town in the cliffs.

The race is on - can Toto and her friends track down the treasure in time - or will their enemies get there first...?

Ideal for reading aloud or for children to curl up with and read alone, the story features brilliant black and white illustrations throughout. With themes of friendship, inclusivity and winning in the face of adversity, this is a hilarious must-read for all animal-loving kids!

From one of the UK's best-loved broadcasters, the *Toto* series is purrfect for fans of *The Aristocats*, *The Secret Life of Pets* and *Atticus Claw Breaks the Law*. Dermot says: *'The idea for Toto first came to me when my wife and I rescued two stray cats from an olive grove in Italy. One of them, Toto, has been blind from birth, but we quickly realised she had ninja-like reactions. Like a lot of cat owners (or cat servants), we like to imagine our pets having secret lives when we're out or asleep. So before I knew it I was writing about Toto and her brother Silver's nocturnal adventures around London. I really hope that children who pick it up enjoy reading the adventures of our little Italian underdog (cat).'*

Sales Points

- Dermot O'Leary is one of the UK's most popular TV and radio personalities, with a longstanding reputation for family entertainment and a squeaky clean image. This book is based on his real cats!
- Nick East is a rising star in illustration and brings this book to life with hilarious detail that readers will love
- Dermot's books have sold over half a million copies and been translated into thirteen languages.

Author Biography

Dermot O'Leary (Author)

Dermot O'Leary is the bestselling author of the *Toto the Ninja Cat* series, which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies and been translated into sixteen languages.

His career in television, radio and entertainment has established him as a household name. He's presented shows for BBC, ITV and Channel 4, and his Radio 2 show airs on Saturday mornings.

He is passionate about history but when he's not got his head in a history book, he enjoys time with his son and an afternoon at the Arsenal, or a nice wild swim.

You can find Dermot on Twitter and Instagram: @radioleary

Nick East (Illustrator)

Nick East is the illustrator of the bestselling TOTO THE NINJA CAT series, written by Dermot O'Leary. He is also the illustrator of Michelle Robinson's popular GOODNIGHT . . . series. He worked for many years as a museum designer but has always been a storyteller whether, as a child, filling sketchbooks with quirky characters or, as a designer, displaying a collection of ancient artefacts. Nick is based in York.

Publication date	Thursday, September 11, 2025
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781444976564
BIC 2.1	Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) 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	B Format
Depth	20mm
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	Toto
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Not for Sale	Can; USA

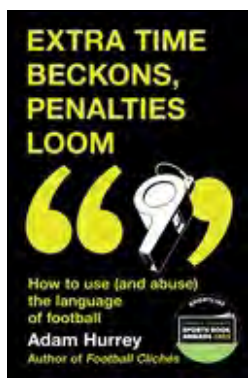
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Publication date	Thursday, September 18, 2025
Price	£12.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781035408382
BIC 2.1	Prose: non-fiction (DN) Sports & outdoor recreation (WS) Sports teams & clubs (WSBT) Football (Soccer, Association football) (WSJA)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	Football Cliches series
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Author born in	UK
Author living in	UK

Previous Titles*Football Clichés*

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Extra Time Beckons, Penalties Loom How to Use (and Abuse) The Language of Football: Shortlisted for Football Book of the Year at the Sports Book Awards 2025

Adam Hurrey

Keynote

The glorious follow-up to cult classic *Football Clichés*

Description

SHORTLISTED FOR FOOTBALL BOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE SPORTS BOOK AWARDS 2025

LONGLISTED FOR THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD

A *New Statesman* Book of the Year

A *Sunday Times* Sports Book of the Year

"A hilarious examination of the football commentary language we all understand but don't know why" WHSBOTY 2024 Reading Panel

The long-awaited follow-up to *Football Clichés*, Adam Hurrey's cult classic about the language of football.

"So enjoyable ... fascinating and deliciously nerdy." *FourFourTwo*

"Adam Hurrey is the best observer of football culture in the world. He has a knack for either encapsulating something that's always nagged at you or nailing something you can't believe you haven't noticed before." Elis James

"The funniest, smartest book on the language of football. It sends out a message, silences the doubters and lets its football do the talking ... a Rolls-Royce of a book." David Goldblatt

Does language evolve? Yes, it does.

Will it ever be acceptable for a football commentator to call a shot that bounces before it goes in 'a screamer'? No, it will not.

As the self-appointed world expert on the subject, Adam Hurrey sets off to define the definitive rules of the language of football.

He will answer the big questions such as: is it acceptable to say a player is 'breaking their silence' (it's complicated), can headers can be 'lashed' (anatomically impossible), whether a penalty shootout could ever be described as 'late drama' (truly abhorrent), how many games constitute a 'bumper' day of Premier League action (minimum of eight) and just how big a deficit constitutes 'a mountain to climb' (certainly not Liverpool going 1-0 down at home to Wolves in the third minute, Sky Sports).

Along the way, Hurrey examines some case studies of how the football media has reached saturation point - the transfer rumour mill, the futile art of big-match previewing, the rise of (and backlash against) football jargon - and how its language has evolved to keep the machine going.

Have we let the football lexicon spiral out of control? In finding out, this book will be exactly as gloriously pedantic as it sounds.

Sales Points

- *Football Clichés* has become a real cult classic amongst football book aficionados
- The *Football Clichés* podcast boasts hundreds of thousands of downloads a month, and has been acquired by Goalhanger productions - the same people behind The Rest is Politics
- Adam continues to write for *The Athletic*
- The *Football Clichés* twitter account now has over 150,000 followers
- Adam has done several sold-out events based on the podcast, and will be available for more on publication

Reviews

- 'Adam Hurrey is the best observer of football culture in the world. He has a knack for



either encapsulating something that's always nagged at you or nailing something you can't believe you haven't noticed before.' - *Elis James*

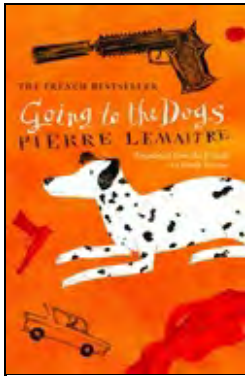
- '*Football Clichés* was already the funniest, smartest football podcast, and now it is the funniest, smartest book on the language of football. It sends out a message, silences the doubters and lets its football do the talking. It is what it is, and what it is, is a Rolls-Royce of a book.' - *David Goldblatt*

Author Biography

Adam Hurrey is a London-based football writer. He created the Football Clichés blog in 2007 while working as a TV listings editor and has since contributed articles about the unique language of football to the websites of the *Guardian* and the *Telegraph*, among others. He also had trials for Swindon Town as a youngster, but was genuinely rejected for being 'too small'.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	256 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
Book locale	Paris
Author living in	France
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Going to the Dogs

Pierre Lemaître
Translated by Frank Wynne

Keynote

Going to the Dogs is a hilarious and thrilling ride marking the award-winning Pierre Lemaître's triumphant return to crime thriller, with the most unlikely of killers.

Description

<h3> And anyway, who cares? All that matters is that the guy is dead, right? </h3>

A dark and thrilling ride about the most unlikely of killers, perfect for Tarantino fans, by the award-winning and bestselling author, PIERRE LEMAITRE

'A really excellent suspense novelist' **Stephen King**

'A total success' **Le Canard Enchaîné**

'Dark, very funny and completely unexpected' **Madame Figaro**

'Deft, funny, sharp . . . an absolute delight' **Guardian**

With Mathilde, there is never a stray bullet, her work is clean and neat. Tonight was an exception. A little whim. Obviously, she could have taken the shot from a distance, done less damage; obviously she could have made the hit with a single bullet. What can I say? I don't know what came over me. This is what she will say if anyone asks. And anyway, who cares? All that matters is that the guy is dead, right?

1985. Paris. Sixty-three-year-old Mathilde Perrin is on another mission. A widow, mother and decorated hero of the Resistance, she is also a ruthless and skilled contract killer, and the most unlikely suspect. But tonight, something has changed. Mathilde is agitated, forgetful and impulsive - so much so that even Ludo, her loyal and long-suffering Dalmatian, has noticed a dangerous shift in her mood.

For Mathilde, retirement is not an option. And no superior, nor police detective nor meddling neighbour will stand in her way. But as Mathilde's mind unravels and the bodies pile up, **how long will it take before the killer herself becomes the target?**

Sales Points

- A massive bestseller in France, *Going to the Dogs* has sold 370.000 copies in hardback and paperback.
- Joyfully dark and subversive, with razor-sharp dialogue and fascinating characters who are expertly crafted by Lemaître.

Reviews

- 'A total success; wonderful language and a perfect plot' - *Canard Enchaîné*
- 'Dark, very funny and completely unexpected' - *Madame Figaro*
- 'A treat from start to finish' - *La Croix*
- 'Delightful, hilarious and utterly wicked' - *Biblioteca*

Author Biography

Pierre Lemaître is an internationally renowned French author who was awarded the Prix Goncourt, France's most prestigious literary award, for his novel *The Great Swindle*, and has three times won the C.W.A. International Dagger.

Frank Wynne is an award-winning literary translator. He has translated works by Michel Houellebecq and Frédéric Beigbeder, and his translation of *Vernon Subutex* by Virginie Despentes was shortlisted for the Man Booker International 2018.

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HOT WAX

An electric, rock and roll fuelled story of one band's rise to stardom and one women's quest for answers - for fans of Emma Cline and Taylor Jenkins Reid

M. L. Rio

Keynote

A nostalgic love-letter to the 80s rock and roll scene, *Hot Wax* follows a band of rocker misfits, rivals and trailblazers on the tour that could have catapulted them to super-stardom, if it all hadn't come crashing down.

Description

'The sleaze of the Stooges, the energy of the Ramones and the glamour of the Cramps - *Hot Wax* is a pure foot-on-the-monitors, amps-up-to-ten rock 'n' roll classic.' - MAT OSMAN

A vivid and immersive tale of one woman's reckless mission to make sense of the events that shattered her childhood, and made her who she is.

Summer, 1989: ten-year-old Suzanne is drawn like a magnet to her father's forbidden world of electric guitars and tricked-out cars. When her mother remarries, she jumps at the chance to tag along on the concert tour that just might be Gil and the Kills' wild ride to glory. But fame has sharper fangs than anybody realized, and as the band blazes up the charts, internal power struggles set Gil and his group on a collision course destined for a bloody reckoning - one shrouded in mystery and lore for decades to come.

The only witness to a desperate act of violence, Suzanne spends the next twenty-nine years trying to disappear. She trades the music and mayhem of her youth for the quiet of the suburbs and the company of her mild-mannered husband Rob. But when her father's sudden death resurrects the troubled past she tried so hard to bury, she leaves it all behind and hits the road in search of answers.

Hitching her fate and Gil's beloved car to two vagabonds who call an old Airstream trailer home, she finds everything she thought she'd lost forever: desire, adventure, and the woman she once wanted to be. But Rob refuses to let her go. Determined to bring her back where she belongs, he chases her across the country - and drives her to a desperation all her own.

Drenched in knock-down drag-out rock and roll, *Hot Wax* is a raucous, breakneck ride to hell and back - where getting lost might be the only way to find yourself and save your soul.

Sales Points

- **The highly anticipated new novel 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. *Hot Wax* is the author's first full-length novel since the massive acclaim of her debut in 2017.**
- **Featuring the complex group dynamics that defined her debut with a new spin, telling the backstage story of the greatest rock and roll band that never made it. An evocative, rocking nostalgia-bomb for fans of *Daisy Jones & the Six* and Rio's ensemble tragedy *If We Were Villains*.**
- **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*
- **'*The Crazies* by way of an academic thriller (with a little bit of sporrer thrown in for good measure), *Graveyard Shift* by M.L. Rio is nothing short of an absolute blast.'** - *Polygon*

Author Biography

M. L. Rio is the author of international bestseller and BookTok sensation *If We Were*

Publication date	Tuesday, September 09, 2025
Price	£15.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781035421176
BIC 2.1	Thriller / suspense (FH) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) c 1980 to c 1990 (3JJPN)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	400 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
Book locale	South-Western USA (Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona)
Author born in	USA
Author living in	Philadelphia, USA

Previous Titles

If We Were Villains
Graveyard Shift

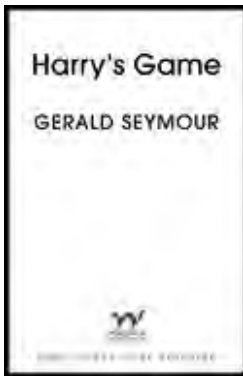
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Villains. She holds an MA in Shakespeare Studies from King's College London and Shakespeare's Globe and a PhD in early modern English literature from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research explores representations of madness and mood 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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BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Crime & mystery (FF) Espionage & spy thriller (FHD)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale **Belfast**
Author living in **Reading, UK**

Previous Titles

A Duty of Care
The Best Revenge

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Harry's Game

Gerald Seymour

Keynote

The 50th Anniversary edition of one of the best spy thrillers of the 20th Century.

Description

***** A *The Times* Best Novels Since 1945 *****

***** A *Sunday Times* '100 Best Crime Novels and Thrillers Since 1945' *****

A British cabinet minister is gunned down on a London street by an IRA assassin. In the wake of national outcry, the authorities must find the hitman.

But the trail is long cold, the killer gone to ground in Belfast, and they must resort to more unorthodox methods to unearth him. Ill-prepared and poorly briefed, undercover agent Harry Brown is sent into the heart of enemy territory to infiltrate the terrorists.

But when it is a race against the clock, mistakes are made and corners are cut. For Harry Brown, alone in a city of strangers, where an intruder is the subject of immediate gossip and rumour, one false move is enough to leave him fatally isolated . . .

'Compelling . . . almost Dickensian' *Times*

'The best thriller writer in the world' *Daily Telegraph*

Sales Points

- **VETERAN AUTHOR:** Gerald Seymour is a master of the thriller genre, with an amazing track record and extensive backlist.
- **HUGE ANNIVERSARY:** *Harry's Game*, Gerald Seymour's groundbreaking debut, turns 50 in 2025. It has been listed in *The Times*'s Best Novels Since 1945. This is the perfect opportunity for Gerald to be celebrated as the master thriller writer that he is.
- **EVER-RELEVANT:** Gerald Seymour has a truly uncanny knack for topical themes, in this case looking at Belfast during the Troubles.

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR GERALD SEYMOUR:'**
- **'You don't read Gerald Seymour, you commit to it totally.** His stories have **amazing detail**, yet you still **fly through them**. And your effort is well rewarded' - *Sun*
- **'The great strength of Seymour's writing lies in his depiction of the poor bloody infantry of crime and policing'** - *Times*
- **'Seymour's finger is always on the current socio-political pulse'** - *i News*

Author Biography

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

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



The Hidden Seasons

Tristan Gooley

Keynote

A life-enhancing journey through the seasons from the bestselling author of HOW TO READ A TREE and THE WALKER'S GUIDE, told through the prism of nature's clues and signs.

Description

'When we know what to look for and what it means, seasonal moments that were once hidden shine brightly.'

In *The Hidden Seasons*, Tristan Gooley shows us how to read the clues that the sun, moon, stars, plants, fungi, animals, water and weather give us - but that we continually miss, because we don't know how and where to look.

Spring is the time of wildflower signs, unique cloud shapes and curious animal behaviour. Summer is a time of coastal clues, astronomical extremes and secret grass patterns. Autumn is a time for reading leaves, deciphering scents and investigating fungi. And in winter, we learn to read snow, deepen our star knowledge and use rare methods to find clues in overlooked places, including indoors.

As with Tristan Gooley's bestsellers *The Walker's Guide*, *How to Read Water* and *How to Read a Tree*, *The Hidden Seasons* inspires us to explore these signs for ourselves, giving us many rich insights into our turning year. Soon we will be able to anticipate and celebrate daily changes that few notice, however surprising they may be.

And the seasons will never look, sound or smell the same again.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Tristan Gooley's titles have cumulatively sold over 660,000 copies across all formats. HOW TO READ A TREE was a *Sunday Times* no. 1 bestseller in 2024.
- **THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT:** THE HIDDEN SEASONS is the first of Tristan's titles to be published for the Christmas gift market. It will be complete with specially commissioned illustrations by Neil Gower and colour inset sections.
- **MAJOR MEDIA CAMPAIGN:** Tristan will actively promote THE HIDDEN SEASONS through his social media (63k Instagram followers) plus live events, TV, radio, press and podcast appearances.
- **WOULD EXPECT ENDORSEMENTS AND REVIEWS** from leading writers in the field, such as Raynor Winn, John Lewis-Stempel, Richard Mabey, Isabella Tree and more. His previous books have been published to great critical acclaim.

Reviews

- 'Gooley drops learning as lightly as a blossom falls in spring.' - *John Lewis-Stempel*
- 'Tristan has done trees the greatest service.' - *Isabella Tree*
- 'Gooley is the best kind of teacher.' - *Richard Mabey*
- 'An important book and a pleasure to read.' - *Raynor Winn*

Author Biography

Tristan Gooley is the award-winning and international bestselling author of titles such as *The Walker's Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs*, *How to Read Water* and *How to Read a Tree*. Through his journeys, teaching and writing, he has pioneered a renaissance in the rare art of natural navigation.

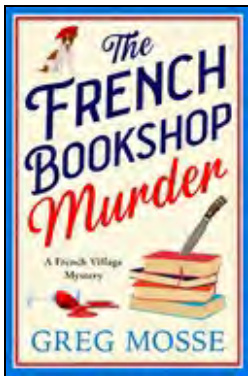
Tristan is the only living person to have both flown solo and sailed singlehanded across the Atlantic. He has explored close to home and walked with and studied the methods of tribal peoples in some of the remotest regions on Earth.

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BIC 2.1	Trees, wildflowers & plants (WNP) Walking, hiking, trekking (WSZC) Natural history (WN)
Binding	Hardback
Format	216x153
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	b/w drawings
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
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The French Bookshop Murder

A brand-new utterly gripping cosy crime series

Greg Mosse

Keynote

A brand-new cosy crime series introducing a new amateur sleuth, from the author of the Maisie Cooper Mysteries!

Description

Don't miss the brand-new cosy crime series from Greg Mosse - available to pre-order now!

Zoe Pascal has decided to live her dream: leave England and open up a bookshop in a small village in the south of France. She wants to spend her later years in life eating croissants, reading her beloved books, and getting to know her charming new hometown.

When the body of a tourist is found inside the local church, Zoe begins to discover that something is afoot in the village of Sainte-Catherine. And as the last person to have seen the deceased alive, Zoe suddenly becomes a prime suspect in a murder investigation.

Can she prove her innocence and discover who the real murderer is, or will Zoe have to say *au revoir* to her French countryside dream?

Readers love Greg Mosse:

'Maisie Cooper is a brilliant main character, an everyday Miss Marple!... I love cosy crime and I loved this book!' 5 star reader review

'Fans of Osman are in for a treat!' Peter James

'Fabulous, full of wit, mystery, romance and small town politics... The characters are witty, quirky... The plot is twisty and engaging with lots of red herrings' 5 star reader review

'I loved the way that I was pulled into the mystery... I found myself constantly looking for potential clues which made it feel like a real puzzle to get stuck into. I had a lot of fun reading this book' 5 star reader review

'I was addicted from the first page' Fern Britton

'Mixes classic whodunnit with cosy mystery elements... Kept me guessing... I thoroughly enjoyed it' 5 star reader review

Sales Points

- **A BRAND-NEW SERIES:** Cosy crime still performs really well digitally, but this new series offers a USP. Set in France, the series will have a brilliant escapist-feel, whilst still covering all the themes that cosy readers love.
- **SALES HISTORY:** The Maisie Cooper Mystery series, Greg's previous novels, has consistently sold well in print, having currently sold over 30k TCM across the series.
- **EXPERIENCED AND WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Greg Mosse is an experienced writer, well-known on the festival circuit and a favourite to lead creative writing workshops. He's hugely involved in the wider writing community across a range of genres. Greg has spent years in the world of theatre and his writing is cinematic and dramatic, making it leap off the page.

Author Biography

GREG MOSSE is a 'writer and encourager of writers' and husband of internationally bestselling author, Kate Mosse. He has lived and worked in Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Madrid, mostly as an interpreter and translator, but grew up in rural south-west Sussex. In 2014, he founded the Criterion New Writing playwriting programme in the heart of the West End and, since then, has produced more than 25 of his own plays and musicals. His creative writing workshops are highly sought after at festivals at home and abroad. His first novel, *The Coming Darkness*, was published by Moonflower in 2022, followed in 2024 by *The Coming Storm*. *Murder at the Wedding* is the sixth book in his successful cosy crime series featuring the charming and perceptive amateur sleuth, Maisie Cooper.

Publication date	Thursday, September 18, 2025
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Main Identifier	9781399746885
BIC 2.1	Classic crime (FFC) Crime & mystery (FF) France (1DDF)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Series	A French Village Mystery
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Author living in	UK

Publishing History

Greg is the author of the Maisie Cooper Mystery series.

Previous Titles

Murder at Church Lodge
Murder at Bunting Manor
Murder at the Theatre
Murder at the Fair
Murder at Sunny View
Murder at the Wedding

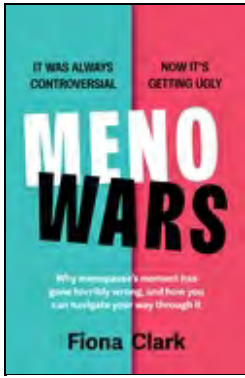
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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	288 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	Up to 10 b/w illustrations
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
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Menowars

Why menopause's moment has gone horribly wrong, and how you can navigate your way through it

Fiona Clark

Keynote

Menopause is yet another area of women's health that has become politicised, commercialised and divisive: so how do you find a path through the conflicting, the controversial and the celebrity-riddled maze of information to find a health outcome that works?

Description

First, we were told we all needed to have HRT to remain interesting for our husbands. Then, we were told it was going to give us cancer and put us in an early grave. Next, we were told HRT was safe and we had to take it, or we'd all end up with crippling brain fog, quitting our jobs and descending into dementia as the economy collapsed around us.

On the other side of the fence are those who argue that menopause is natural, it doesn't need treating, and a cold-water swim could fix everything.

No wonder we're more confused than ever.

Why has this happened? What does the evidence say? *Menowars* explains why menopause is such a political hot potato, taking into account the history of gender bias in health and health research, the void and how it's filled, and what the evidence actually says. It answers questions like:

- will HRT prevent dementia?
 - what you can do help your brain?
 - will HRT prevent heart disease?
 - what you can do to help your heart?
- ...and much more.

Menowars explains the silent changes you can't see, and which need to be sorted, and why. Importantly, it not only shows why we're arguing, it outlines where the science is heading so we can live longer, better, healthier lives in perimenopause and throughout the decades we spend in post-menopause.

Sales Points

- Hot topic, and a book written for all those who loved *Invisible Women* and wondered where the healthcare equivalent was
- Exceptionally well-connected author with contacts across the menopause and women's health landscape in both the UK, US and Australia
- Includes interviews with such key figures as Mary-Claire Haver, Louise Newson, Alicie Smilie and Kelly Caspersson

Author Biography

Fiona Clark is a journalist who has covered health and politics for almost 40 years. She has decades of experience working in television, radio, print and online for both consumer and B2B media organisations including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and on medical publications such as *The Lancet*, *Medical Observer* and *Australian Doctor*. She wrote an opinion column on Russian politics for Deutsche Welle while living in Russia for a number of years and covered both the 1991 coup, and the rise of Putin's totalitarian regime from 2008-2018).

In 2016 Fiona set up a website called Harley Street Emporium which aimed to give evidence-based information to women on skincare and general health but within a few months of launching she quickly realised there was a real need for information on menopause, and turned her focus there. She spent years interviewing experts from across the globe and soon became a leading source of evidence-based information on menopause, the Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause (GSM) and sexual health. In 2023 the site rebranded as Hello Menopause, while at the same time founding the Menopause Research and Education Fund, a charity aiming to support menopause research and deliver education and information to all those who go through menopause as well as healthcare professionals.

Fiona has been dubbed 'the Newsnight of menopause' by her fellow experts and clinicians, a phrase first coined by Dr Sarah Molly Ball.

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Format	B Format
Extent	208 pages
Word Count	70000 words
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Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	USA
Author born in	Rhode Island, USA
Author living in	New York, USA
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Life's Short, Talk Fast 15 Writers on Why We Can't Stop Watching Gilmore Girls

Ann Hood

Keynote

A vibrant and page-turning anthology of essays on what *Gilmore Girls* means to writers from different walks of life.

Description

***Gilmore Girls* hit our screens in 2000 and has been our autumn obsession ever since. There's a reason that *Vogue* calls it 'the quintessential autumn girl show' and that, years later, we're still head over heels with *Stars Hollow*.**

Fast-talking, warm-hearted, and endlessly rewatchable, *Gilmore Girls* has bonded real-life mothers and daughters since 2000, when its iconic pilot introduced us to Lorelai, Rory, and their idyllic town of Stars Hollow. More than twenty years later, it has become one of the most-streamed TV shows, ever.

In an anthology as intimate and quick-witted as *Gilmore Girls* itself, bestselling author Ann Hood invites fifteen writers to investigate their personal relationships to the show. ('It's a show? It's a lifestyle. It's a religion.') Joanna Rakoff considers how Emily Gilmore helped her understand her own mother; Freya North connects with her son through the show; Nina de Gramont offers a comic ode to the unreality of Stars Hollow, Yassmin Abdel-Magied writes about why being a daughter is a permanent state.

For anyone who identifies as Team Logan, Team Jess, or even Team Dean, *Life's Short, Talk Fast* reveals what *Gilmore Girls* tells us about ourselves - and why it matters.

This autumn, get cosy and curl up with *Life's Short, Talk Fast*, where fifteen leading writers explore what *Gilmore Girls* means to them in this delightful celebration of a contemporary TV classic.

Sales Points

- **A cultural phenomenon:** *Gilmore Girls* shows no signs of slowing down! Today, there are no less than nine podcasts devoted to *Gilmore Girls*; countless fan clubs on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and online; a weekly online trivia game; a *Gilmore Girls* in-person Fan Fest that meets every October; six *Gilmore Girls* cookbooks; a *Gilmore Girls* encyclopedia, trivia game, episode guide, and colouring book; and a new memoir by Lauren Graham, aka Lorelai Gilmore, *Talking as Fast as I Can: From Gilmore Girls to Gilmore Girls (And Everything In Between)*.
- **British contributors:** The anthology has two brilliant British writer writers, Freya North and Yassmin Abdel-Magied, writing essays.
- **Our Fall obsession:** *Gilmore Girls* trends every Autumn on Netflix, and goes viral on TikTok. Peak online searching interest in all things *Gilmore Girls* is End of August to Mid-October according to Google Search Trends. This paperback edition is being published in perfect time!

Author Biography

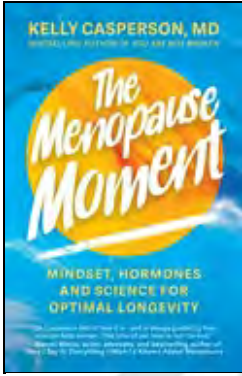
Ann Hood is the author of over a dozen novels, including the bestsellers *The Knitting Circle*, *The Obituary Writer*, *The Book That Matters Most*, *Fly Girl* and *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine*; and several memoirs, including the bestsellers *Kitchen Yarns: Notes on Life, Love and Food and Comfort: A Journey Through Grief*, which was named one of the top ten books of 2008 by *Entertainment Weekly*. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island and New York.

Market

This will appeal to the legions of fans who, according to *The New York Times*, are still feverish about the show and its characters. 'Few would have predicted in 2000 that the show still endures all these years later,' the *NYT* says. But not only does the show get re-watched by its diehard fans, but it also gains new fans every year, partially due to its easy availability on Netflix and partially because its themes and characters are still relevant and appeal to mothers and daughters today.

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The Menopause Moment Mindset, Hormones and Science for Optimal Longevity

Kelly Casperson, M.D.

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Main Identifier **9781399830102**
BIC 2.1 **Coping with old age (VFJG)
Women's health (VFDW)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**
Format **Royal**
Extent **368 pages**
Word Count
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**
Not for Sale **None**

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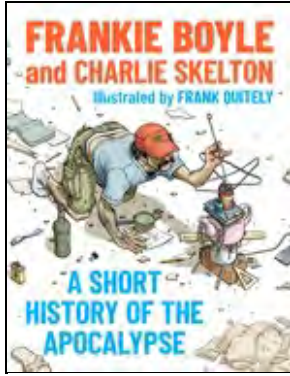
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BIC 2.1 **Science fiction (FL)
Humour (WH)
Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
Fantasy (FM)**

Binding **Paperback**

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Meantime by Frankie Boyle

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A Short History of the Apocalypse

A Times Bestseller

Frankie Boyle and Charlie Skelton

Keynote

A Short History of the Apocalypse is Frankie Boyle and Charlie Skelton's guide to overcoming the endtimes featuring exclusive illustrations from legendary comic book artist Frank Quitely

Description

****A Short History of the Apocalypse: your comprehensive guide to the challenges of Armageddon****

Join **Frankie Boyle** (*Saturday Night Swindle; Celebrity Vengeance*) and **Charlie Skelton** (head writer: *Ad Naseum; David Suchet's News Sachet*) as they debrief time traveller and bon vivant from the late 21st Century, Alonso Lampe.

Will humanity survive the coming cataclysm? Find out inside, along with helpful tips on cannibalism, thunderdome etiquette, and post-societal dating.

How do you go about joining a militia?

What will life be like in a billionaire's bunker?

How will people entertain themselves in re-education camps?

All these questions will be fully and satisfactorily answered.

With **exclusive illustrations by Hall of Fame comic artist Frank Quitely**, *A Short History of the Apocalypse* is vital to your future survival.

Sales Points

- Frankie Boyle's previous book with JMP was ***Meantime* and was a #3 Sunday Times bestseller.**
- Frankie Boyle has a huge online following and fanbase from his TV, comedy, and non-fiction books: **Twitter/X: 2.7 Million followers; Facebook: 1 Million followers; Instagram: 300,000 followers.**
- Frankie Boyle is one of the UK's premier comedians and writers and is the author of three bestselling non-fiction books including ***My Shit Life So Far* (275,000 copies TCM), and *Work! Consume! Die!* (575,000 copies TCM).** Boyle is also known for his shows ***New World Order* (BBC2), *Tramadol Nights* (Ch4), *Frankie Boyle's Tour of Scotland* (BBC2),** and his best selling DVD's and Netflix Special.
- ***A Short History of the Apocalypse* will feature twelve black and white illustrations by the legendary comic book artist Frankie Quitely whose work includes *X-Men, Superman, and Batman & Robin.***
- ***A Short History of the Apocalypse* will see Frankie read the audiobook, the first time he has ever done the audio for one of his books.**

Reviews

- **'Had me giggling with existential dread for days'** - *Metro*

Author Biography

Frankie Boyle (Author)

Frankie Boyle is one of the UK's premier comedians and writers and is the author of three bestselling non-fiction books including *My Shit Life So Far*, and *Work! Consume! Die!* Boyle is also known for his shows *New World Order* (BBC2), *Tramadol Nights* (Ch4), *Frankie Boyle's Tour of Scotland* (BBC2), and his best selling DVD's and Netflix Special. Frankie also regularly contributes articles for the broadsheet press. He has topped the podcast charts with the first three volumes of his eight volume Promethiad sequence.

Charlie Skelton (Author)

Charlie Skelton is a comedy writer and journalist, who was script editor of Frankie Boyle's *New World Order*. Generally he writes jokes for TV shows, but sometimes writes for the *Guardian*, covering the elite Bilderberg Conference since 2009. Back in 2003 he co-wrote a book with Victoria Coren Mitchell, *Once More, With Feeling*, a book about making a pornographic film in Amsterdam. More recently he organised two academic conferences on comedy and AI, and is preparing for the apocalypse by raising chickens and growing olives. In 2024 he produced 53 litres of olive oil and killed five roosters.

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Previous Titles

Writing as Andrew Pyper:
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 The Demonologist
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 The Killing Circle
 The Wildfire Season
 The Trade Mission
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William

'Its chilling final twist will have you turning directly back to the first page' Mail on Sunday

Mason Coile

Keynote

William is a devour in up-all-night thriller which is *Black Mirror* meets *Frankenstein* with a dash of Stephen King

Description

An up-all-night slice of Halloween horror, perfect for fans of Stephen King, *Black Mirror*, and *Frankenstein*

'[A] timely spin on fears about AI developing consciousness . . . a diabolically disguised twist will bring you up short. Sleep tight' *The Times*

Henry, a brilliant but reclusive engineer, has achieved the crowning discovery of his career: he's created an artificially intelligent consciousness. He names the half-formed robot William.

But there's something strange about William. It is the way he looks at Henry's pregnant wife, Lily.

As William's fixation with Lily grows and threatens to bring harm to their house, Henry has no choice but to destroy him. But William isn't gone. In this smartest of smart homes, William becomes a haunting presence.

He lurks behind each locked door. You can hear him muttering in the eaves of the attic. He is whispering in Henry's head. And he will be the one to take control . . .

'Its chilling final twist will have you turning directly back to the first page' *Mail on Sunday*

Sales Points

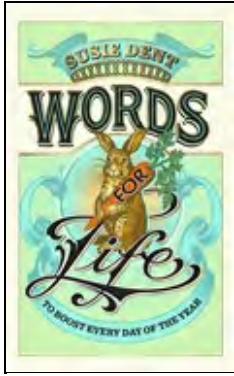
- **Bought in a whirlwind pre-empt:** *William* was pre-empted ahead of London Book Fair 2023 and become one of the most talked about books at the fair.
- **Newsworthy PR hook:** *William* focuses on the hugely relevant theme of artificial intelligence and how A.I. is can become such an integral part of our lives but also a threat.
- **For fans of:** The creeping dread, page-turning quality, and spine-tingling suspense will make readers of **Stephen King, Andrew Michael Hurley, and C.J. Tudor** love *William*.
- **A short, shocking book:** At just 45,000 words *William* is the perfect book to read in one sitting and should help spread word of mouth as readers will be divulging this book in a matter of hours.
- **Halloween:** The book is set over the course of one day - Halloween. Our spooky but fun marketing campaign will put the book front of centre of any Halloween promotions or publicity.

Reviews

- **'Best thing I've read this year.** WILD. *Frankenstein* meets *Rosemary's Baby* with hints of Shirley Jackson. **Just superb. Unsettling in the most beautiful way'** - Will Dean, author of *THE LAST PASSENGER*
- 'A book that **probes at the fears for our future and provokes the terrors of our pasts** - *William* asks, if the things we make reflect us, what does that say about what we are? Also - it's f***ing **terrifying**' - Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *THE DANCE TREE*
- **'Mason Coile's *William* is twisted, timely, scarily intelligent, and menacing even before it reveals its greatest, darkest secrets'** - Jonny Compton, author of *THE SPITE HOUSE*
- **'Dark, clever, and terrifying, I devoured Coile's novel.** If you're not afraid of AI now, you will be after *William*' - Robyn Harding, author of *THE DROWNING WOMAN*

Author Biography

Mason Coile is a pseudonym of Andrew Pyper, the award-winning author of ten novels including *The Demonologist*, which won the International Thriller Writers Award, and *Lost Girls*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller and Notable Book of the Year.



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Words for Life To Boost Every Day of the Year

Susie Dent

Keynote

365 amazing words or expressions that will make every day of the year better from Britain's best-loved and most brilliant word expert, Susie Dent

Description

Whatever you need, Susie Dent has a word for it.

Do you know the name for someone who loves reading in bed, or what a **binfluencer** does? How about the medieval invention of **Lubberland** as a place for lazy teenagers, or the story of **Mayday** as a request for help? Lexicographer extraordinaire and Queen of *Countdown's* Dictionary Corner, Susie Dent does and here are her greatest discoveries.

From **wabbit** to **dust bunnies**, and from the strange history of **arse** to the best ways to describe moonlight, *Words for Life* offers a full year's supply of verbal vitamins guaranteed to brighten and boost every day. Here you will learn of the **Mother-in-Law's Dream** as well as the **Yuleshard**, and discover expressions that can fix (or at least nail) the problems of modern life, whether dealing with unrequited love or unsatisfactory politicians, eating a whole packet of biscuits or forgetting someone's name.

From starting January 1 with your best foot forward (**qualtagh**) to leaping happily into the unknown (with a drink in your hand) on 31 December, here is the perfect guide to ensure your best year yet - and 365 words you'll want to keep for life.

Sales Points

- **SUSIE'S AMAZING PLATFORM KEEPS GROWING: Radio 4 quiz host with Phil Wang, 31 years on *Countdown*, 7 years on *8 out of 10 Cats*; 1.3 million followers on Twitter; best-selling novelist; Nero judge; columnist for the *i* and *the Week*; gold-award-winning million-download podcast and more in the pipeline**
- **We have sold over 250,000 copies of Susie Dent's books: THIS is going to be the most successful one yet**
- **Watch out for UNMISSABLE PR and Marketing campaigns**

Reviews

- **'SUSIE DENT IS A NATIONAL TREASURE' - RICHARD OSMAN**
- **"Susie's books are MAGICAL" - JO BRAND**
- **'A JOY AND A HALF' - NIGELLA LAWSON**

Author Biography

Susie Dent is the resident word expert in Dictionary Corner on C4's *Countdown* and *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, and has been on every programme about words: *15 x 15*, *Word of Mouth*, and *More or Less*. Susie also writes regularly for the *Radio Times*, *The Week Junior* and *The I*, and her Word of the Day has attracted over 1,000,000 followers on Twitter.



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Writing as Mason Coile:
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Exiles
Mason Coile
Keynote

A terrifying locked-room mystery set in a remote outpost on Mars.

Description

The new novel from the author of WILLIAM

'A propulsive gasp of a novel' Clay McLeod Chapman, author of *Wake Up and Open Your Eyes*

It is 2030. A three-person human crew are on a shuttle travelling to Mars as part of a colonizing mission.

Four years earlier, three robots were sent to the planet to build the base for the humans. But when the human crew arrive, they discover a third of the base has been destroyed. Each robot must be interrogated. But one of them is missing.

Searching for answers from the robots, the human crew discover that the machines have formed alliances, chosen their own names, and picked up some disturbing beliefs.

As the astronauts close in on the truth, it dawns on them that in this barren, hostile landscape, none of them are safe.

Sales Points

- **A short, shocking book:** At just 45,000 words *Exiles* is the perfect book to read in one sitting and should help spread word of mouth as readers will be divulging this book in a matter of hours.
- **Newsworthy PR hook:** *Exiles* focuses on the hugely relevant theme of artificial intelligence and the new race to space colonisation, which is a huge preoccupation for billionaires like Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Richard Branson.
- **For fans of:** The creeping dread, page-turning quality, and spine-tingling suspense will make readers of **Stephen King, Octavia Butler, and Iain M Banks** love *Exiles*.

Reviews

- **'Mason Coile just brought gothic horror to Mars. Don't let its vast landscape fool you, there's something haunting this planet, and these pages. I absolutely inhaled this propulsive gasp of a novel'** - Clay McLeod Chapman, author of *WAKE UP AND OPEN YOUR EYES*

Author Biography

Mason Coile is a pseudonym of Andrew Pyper, the award-winning author of ten novels including *The Demonologist*, which won the International Thriller Writers Award, and *Lost Girls*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller and Notable Book of the Year.



The Virago Book of Friendship

Rachel Cooke

Keynote

A fond, fascinated look at women's friendship through the fiction, diaries, and letters of friends

Description

<h3>A fond, fascinated look at women's friendship through the fiction, diaries, and letters of friends</h3>

'A highly entertaining, often instructive anthology bursting with every kind of amicable - or inimical - anecdote . . . Cooke has dug deep and uncovered nuggets of pure gold in every form of writing . . . a delicious book about the great power and strength of real friendship' *TABLET*

Friendship, a timeless subject, has never been more debated, something that has to do both with the internet - the perils of WhatsApp groups, the agony of ghosting - as well as with a growing awareness that loneliness is increasing in our society. Friendship has become a matter of urgent inquiry to therapists, scientists and sociologists. We understand its importance more and more, not only as a comfort and a privilege, but as vital to our health. But it's hard to get inside friendship: its particular intensity and its miraculous ease; its tendency to wax and wane; its ability to inspire both delight and despair.

This is the territory of novels and poems, diaries and letters, comics and graphic novels - and it is where the innovative and wide ranging *Virago Book of Friendship* steps in, bringing together work by more than 100 writers. From Jane Austen to Edith Wharton and Virginia Woolf, from Dolly Alderton to Sarah Waters and Meg Wolitzer and, it celebrates and investigates friendship between women from first encounters to final goodbyes, from falling out to making up again.

'A treasure chest' *THE TIMES*

'An uplifting anthology' *HARPER'S BAZAAR*

'A fascinating document' *LITERARY REVIEW*

'An exhilaratingly wide array' *SPECTATOR*

Sales Points

- Follows in a long tradition of bestselling Virago anthologies - including *The Virago Book of Women Travellers*, *The Virago Book of Women Gardeners*, *The Virago Book of Witches*
- A wide range of authors - including Jane Austen, Nora Ephron, Toni Morrison, Vivian Gornick, Helen Garner, LM Montgomery, Dolly Alderton, Maya Angelou, Elena Ferrante and many more
- Edited by Rachel Cooke, an award-winning and well-connected journalist and author

Reviews

- **'A highly entertaining, often instructive anthology bursting with every kind of amicable - or inimical - anecdote . . . Cooke has dug deep and uncovered nuggets of pure gold in every form of writing: letters, diaries, poems, novels - conventional and graphic - children's comics and even a newspaper agony aunt . . . this delicious book is about the great power and strength of real friendship**, whether of besties at school, students sharing digs, suffragettes, WAAFs in freezing barracks, feminists, work colleagues or members of like-minded groups' - *Tablet*
- 'A treasure chest' - Ceci Browning, *The Times*
- 'An uplifting anthology' - Claire Brayford, *Harper's Bazaar*
- 'A fascinating document' - *Literary Review*

Author Biography

Rachel Cooke is an award-winning journalist and author. She writes for the *Observer*, and is the television critic of the *New Statesman*. Her book, *Her Brilliant Career: Ten Extraordinary Women of the Fifties*, was published by Virago in 2013. Her most recent book is *Kitchen Person: Notes on Cooking & Eating*.

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Kingmaker

Pamela Churchill Harriman's astonishing life of seduction, intrigue and power, from the bestselling author of A Woman of No Importance

Sonia Purnell

Keynote

Chosen as a Best Book of the Year 15 times- an electrifying re-examination of one of the twentieth century's greatest unsung power players, from the bestselling author of A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Description

An electrifying re-examination of one of the twentieth century's greatest unsung power players, from the bestselling author of A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE TELEGRAPH, ECONOMIST, FINANCIAL TIMES, GUARDIAN, MAIL ON SUNDAY, DAILY EXPRESS, TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT, SPECTATOR, IRISH EXAMINER, LONDON STANDARD, NEW YORKER, POLITICO, APPLE BOOKS, TOWN & COUNTRY and OLDIE

'Supremely enjoyable . . . With a historian's eye for rigour, a journalist's for detail and a storyteller's for drama' FINANCIAL TIMES

'A page turner that matches her subject in verve and ambition . . .

Tremendous' IRISH EXAMINER

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'An incredible story, beautifully told, of a remarkable woman whose political influence spanned Churchill to Clinton. Quite a woman, quite a read' ALASTAIR CAMPBELL

'Superb and fascinating. I can't recommend it more' LADY ANNE GLENCONNER, bestselling author of Lady in Waiting

During Pamela Churchill Harriman's life and even after her death, in 1997, her glamorous social life and infamous erotic adventures overshadowed her true accomplishments. She was one of the most powerful women of the 20th century and there is practically no-one in 20th century politics, culture and fashion whose lives she did not touch: from her father-in-law Winston Churchill, to the Kennedys and Gloria Steinem, to Bill Clinton and Nelson Mandela. Now, for the first time and with a wealth of fresh research, Sonia Purnell unveils the spectacular story of how Harriman left an indelible mark on the world today.

'Rigorous but rollicking' NEW YORK TIMES

'Fascinating and revelatory. A triumph' WILLIAM BOYD

'As compelling as its subject' TLS

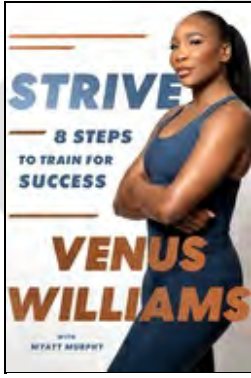
' Riveting and revelatory' THE NEW YORKER

Sales Points

- We've sold over 22k copies across all editions so far
- Named a Best Book of the Year by 15 outlets on hardback publication
- Sonia did almost 20 events for the hardback and will continue to tour for paperback
- Sonia Purnell's previous book , *A Woman of No Importance*, has sold over 95k copies across all editions for Virago (and over 600k copies in the US).

Author Biography

Sonia Purnell is a prize-winning and bestselling biographer, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Her latest work *Kingmaker: Pamela Churchill Harriman's astonishing life of seduction, power & intrigue*, was published to huge media acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic. Purnell is interested in setting the record straight on twentieth-century women whose lives have been overlooked, misrepresented or misunderstood by history, works that led to her recently being described as 'one of the most accomplished biographers of our time' (Liza Mundy). Her work on Virginia Hall, *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of Virginia Hall, WWII's Most Dangerous Spy*, won the 2020 Plutarch Award for Best Biography and was a *New York Times* bestseller. Her book *First Lady: The Life and Wars of Clementine Churchill* was a book of the year in the *Daily Telegraph* and *Independent*, and was shortlisted for the Plutarch Award for Best Biography. Her first book, *Just Boris: A Tale of Blond Ambition*, was longlisted for the Orwell prize.



Strive
8 Steps to Train for Success
Venus Williams

Keynote

Venus Williams' strategic, practical and inspirational guide to winning and wellbeing.

Description

Throughout her multi-faceted career, Venus Williams has earned four Olympic gold medals, 21 Grand Slam titles, and built two companies. Along with her sister, Venus became the first female African American minority owner of an NFL team, Miami Dolphins. All her successes are tied to one simple promise to herself: make everything in life easy, enjoyable - but most of all - exciting.

In 2011, Venus was diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease which causes uncomfortable symptoms such as dry eyes and mouth, achiness and fatigue. But the diagnosis did not hold her back - in fact, she grew wiser and stronger. Venus has always believed that it shouldn't be hard to be healthy, which is why in STRIVE, she introduces readers to the strategy that has allowed her to reach any goal she has ever set for herself much faster with less effort or stress. She delivers an innovative approach that asks readers to simply consider eight tiny but essential tenets: Observe, Appreciate, Balance, Enrich, Soothe, Believe, Inspire, and Strive.

By staying true to these eight tenets - even if just for a few minutes a day - the immediate and long-term health and wellness goals you have for yourself fall into place, quickly transforming smart, healthy choices into life-long habits. Through STRIVE, you'll finally forge a lifestyle you'll always return to because you 'want' to - not because you have to - and that's when you start winning.

Sales Points

- Venus Williams is one of the most-recognised names in the sports world and here she will detail her lessons on how you too can reach optimum performance in any area of life.

Author Biography

Venus Williams is a professional tennis player. A former world No. 1 in both singles and doubles, Williams has won seven Grand Slam singles titles, five at Wimbledon and two at the US Open. She is widely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time.

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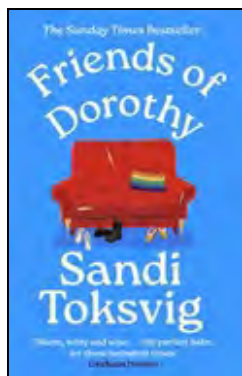
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Friends of Dorothy

The funny and brilliant new novel from the star of *QI* - an instant Sunday Times bestseller

Sandi Toksvig

Keynote

The funny, wise and brilliant novel - an instant Sunday Times bestseller - from the much-loved star of *QI*

Description

NOW IN PAPERBACK - THE FUNNY, WISE AND BRILLIANT NOVEL FROM THE STAR OF *QI*

PAPERBACK PUBLICITATION BACKED BY A MAJOR PERFORMANCE TOUR

'Warm, witty and wise . . . the perfect balm for these turbulent times' GRAHAM NORTON

After much searching, the happily married young couple, Amber and Stevie think they have found the perfect spot in Grimaldi Square. Despite the rundown pub across the way, the overgrown garden and a decidedly nosy neighbour, number 4 is the house of their dreams. Stevie, a woman who has never left anything to chance, has planned everything so nothing can spoil their happiness.

But upstairs in their new home, seated on an old red sofa is the woman they bought the place from - eighty-year-old foul-mouthed, straight-talking, wise-cracking Dorothy - who has decided that she's not going anywhere. It turns out that Dorothy will be only the first in a line of life-changing surprises.

Friends of Dorothy is a touching, funny novel about a family that is not biological, but logical; a story close to Sandi Toksvig's heart.

Readers can't get enough of *Friends of Dorothy*:

'Superb. Buy this book . . . Enjoyed it so much that I feel like starting at the beginning again'

'I absolutely adored this book! I hope to be half as hilarious as Dorothy when I reach my 70s'

'I literally read this in 24 hours and really could not put it down'

'It's a rare thing to find a novel that's warm and funny, but in no way cheesy or predictable . . . can't wait to re-read!'

'A great big warm hug of a book'

'I would give this six stars if I could'

Sales Points

- **23-CITY PAPERBACK TOUR:** from September 21 to October 31, Sandi Toksvig will do events in the following 23 cities: Richmond, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Leicester, Nottingham, Bradford, Durham, York, Birmingham, Cambridge, St Albans, Eastbourne, Oxford, Bristol, Buxton, Newcastle, Bromley, Yeovil, Worthing, Sheffield, Coventry, Leeds, Chichester.
- **HARDBACK BESTSELLER:** *Friends of Dorothy* stayed on the bestseller list for three weeks in hardback
- **BUILDING ON PREVIOUS SUCCESS:** Virago has sold over 150,000 copies of Sandi's previous book for us, *BETWEEN THE STOPS*
- **STRONG AUTHOR PROFILE:** Sandi is a national treasure, currently hosting *QI* and often in the media
- **COMMERCIALY FRIENDLY PITCH:** A smart and funny feel-good novel for fans of Marian Keyes, Graham Norton, Bob Mortimer and Dawn French

Reviews

- 'Warm, witty and wise... the perfect balm for these turbulent times' - *Graham Norton*
- 'Life-affirming and addictive' - *Sunday Express on BETWEEN THE STOPS*
- 'Wise and kind... it will make you miss your stop' - *Observer on BETWEEN THE STOPS*
- 'Her writing style is as kooky and digestible as Bill Bryson's, her genius as a raconteur inherited from her Danish journalist father... a memorable ride' - *Sunday Times on BETWEEN THE STOPS*

Author Biography

Sandi Toksvig was born in Denmark, brought up in Africa, then America and moved to the



UK when she was fourteen. She has been on British stage, screen and radio for over forty years and was awarded an OBE for Services to Broadcasting. She is the mother of three children, married and lives in London.

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Return Journey

How to get back to work and thrive after a career break

Julianne Miles

Keynote

A highly useful, inspiring guide for anyone returning to work after a career break, by a world-renowned specialist coach and psychologist.

Description

A highly useful, inspiring guide for anyone returning to work after a career break, by a world-renowned return to work expert and Chartered Psychologist.

Returning to work after a career break can be a daunting prospect. Even though more people than ever are pressing pause on their careers - to care for children or elderly parents, for health reasons, to relocate, or simply to try something new - the roadmap for returning to gainful employment when you're ready is still unclear.

Return Journey is the go-to blueprint and source of encouragement for any professional looking to get back to fulfilling work after some time out. It will answer such questions as: how do you regain a sense of professional identity after so long out of the game? Where are the role models to look up to? How should your CV look? How do you tackle the unconscious bias of hirers? How do you handle the emotional turmoil of the first few months? Where do you even start?

Julianne Miles MBE, co-founder of Career Returners, lays out a roadmap for the journey. Drawing from case studies based on real-life returners, Miles dives into the challenges of each stage of the return and breaks them down into simple psychological models to see you through. Most importantly, she offers simple, practical advice for rediscovering your confidence and motivation, and for building a career that is more successful and rewarding than ever before.

Sales Points

- Julianne Miles runs Women Returners, a consulting and coaching network for women returning to work and devoted to destroying the 'career break penalty'
- Author has already appeared in broadcast media including BBC radio and events for outlets like Stylist
- Perfect blend of author credentials: in addition to being a coach, Julianne is a Chartered Psychologist with a business background, an INSEAD MBA and an MSc in Occupational Psychology

Author Biography

Julianne Miles has supported thousands of people in their path back to work after a long career break. A Chartered Psychologist and a successful career returner herself, she is an internationally-recognised expert on returning to work and a pioneer in the development of corporate returner programmes.

After running her own career psychology practice, Julianne co-founded Career Returners in 2014. Career Returners is a social impact business that supports a global online community, partners with leading employers worldwide to create routes back to work, delivers return-to-work employability programmes, and provides returner guidance for government bodies.

Julianne's mission is to make career breaks a valued part of a lifetime career. She was awarded an MBE in 2019 in recognition of her pivotal role in changing the landscape for UK returners. She lives in London, England and has two adult children.

Market

Women returning to work after a career break; readers looking for advice from comps like THE SQUIGGLY CAREER

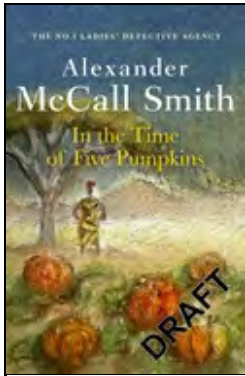
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In the Time of Five Pumpkins

Alexander McCall Smith

Keynote

Book 26 in the multi-million copy bestselling and perennially adored No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series

Description

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The rains are coming, but not just yet. When they do, there will be green shoots of growth throughout Botswana. Pumpkins will flourish - particularly those of Mma Potokwani, matron of a children's home and old friend of Precious Ramotswe. Mma Potokwani and Mma Ramotswe have many other things to talk about, including a new friendship that Mr J.L.B. Matekoni has struck up with Mr Freddie Mohlala, a prominent figure in the motor trade. Freddie Mohlala has invited Mr J.L.B. Matekoni to go fishing with him on the local dam - which is home to some fairly nasty crocodiles. They do not catch anything, but something nearly catches them.

In the meantime, Mma Ramotswe looks into what seems to be a straightforward matter involving a husband who thinks his wife may be having affair. But there is a surprise in store: she, it transpires, suspects that he himself has a lover. This is obviously a case that will require tact - which of course is a quality Mma Ramotswe has in abundance. Along with kindness.

For Botswana is a kind country, and in this latest visit to the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency we are reassured that no matter how unhappy the world may be, there is always an oasis of courtesy and peace in that special place in southern Africa. To which you are now invited.

Sales Points

- 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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Moonflow

Bitter Kareella

Keynote

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I see something out there, in the woods. It does not have a face.

They call it the King's Breakfast. One bite and you can understand the full scope of the universe; one bite and you can commune with forgotten gods beyond human comprehension. And it only grows deep in the Pamogo forest, where the trees crowd so tight that the forest floor is pitch black day and night, where rumors of strange cults and disappearing hikers abound.

Sarah makes her living growing mushrooms. When a bad harvest leaves her in a desperate fix, the lure of the King's Breakfast has her journeying into those vast uncharted woods. Her only guide is the most annoying man in the world, and he's convinced there's no danger. But as they descend deeper, they realize they're not alone. Something is luring them into the heart of the forest, and they must answer its call.

'Weird, wild, and oh-so-wretched, Moonflow is the trans botanical horror we need in the world right now. Moonflow will sink its tendrils into you and infest you with its spores . . . and you'll enjoy it' Drew Huff, author of *The Divine Flesh* and *Free Burn*

'A triumph of queer, horny, hippy horror that'll make you cackle, gasp, and scream! With its cast of iconic characters, imaginative enchanted setting, gripping story, and mind-bending horrific imagery, Bitter Kareella's Moonflow is a trip to die for' Eve Harms, author of *Transmuted*

'Is it legal to have this much fun reading a book? I'm in awe of Bitter Kareella's incredible gift for creating biting satire without a shred of cruelty. Moonflow made me laugh out loud while genuinely caring about its wild cast of characters . . . I had a f*cking blast' Joe Koch, author of *The Wingspan of Severed Hands* and *Invagines*

Sales Points

- Launching Orbit's Run For It horror list, this gloriously irreverent and creepy novel will meet increased reader demand for horror novels in the current market
- Readers love horror that addresses current issues of social justice - such as Gretchen Felker Martin's *Manhunt*. This debut from a trans horror author will 'do numbers' with Gen Z and LGBTQ readers!
- Bitter Kareella has a huge fanbase due to their Midnight Pals social media parody accounts (24k on socials) and their podcast projects - there will be great support from readers and their fellow horror authors for this debut novel
- This is a global launch with Orbit US, for a joined-up campaign and maximum impact in all English language-speaking territories

Reviews

- **'Weird, wild, and oh-so-wretched, MOONFLOW is the trans botanical horror we need in the world right now. MOONFLOW will sink its tendrils into you and infest you with its spores . . . and you'll enjoy it'** - Drew Huff, author of *THE DIVINE FLESH* and *FREE BURN*
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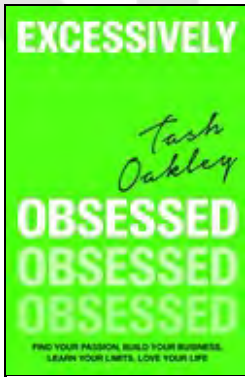
Bitter Kareella (he/she/they) is a two-time Hugo nominee and creator of the microfiction comedy account *The Midnight Society* (33.1K followers on Twitter/X). Beloved by the



horror writing community and quoted in the *Telegraph*, The Midnight Society successfully crowdfunded three collections and is currently being adapted as an audio podcast. Karella writes gonzo psycho-sexual body horror with a grotesquely humorous edge. Their short story "Low Tide Jenny" was a winner of the Brave New Weird award for best new weird fiction. Karella lives in northern California with their partner, tarantula, and two cats.

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Excessively Obsessed

Find your passion, build your business, learn your limits, love your life

Natasha Oakley

Keynote

Modern, practical business and brand lessons from Natasha Oakley, Super Influencer and co-founder of Monday Swimwear and The Pilates Class.

Description

Modern and practical business lessons from Natasha Oakley, co-founder of Monday Swimwear and The Pilates Class

Do you have an idea for a business, but no clue where to start? Is there a product or service you're sure you could sell, if only you knew how to file the paperwork or fund the company or build the marketing plan? Do you have an inkling that you'll want to start a business one day - and you can't stop wondering if you have what it takes? Then you have come to the right place.

In this empowering guide, Natasha gives an honest account of the blood, sweat and tears that goes into creating a successful business, from registering your company and opening a bank account, all the way to building your team and scaling for growth. Removing the glamour of #hustleculture and the illusion of how easy it might look on social media, Natasha will detail how she bartered jobs and co-founded Monday Swimwear in her living room with her best friend and grew that business (and others) to a multi-million dollar empire. And she will explain how, no matter what your idea, if you are Excessively Obsessed with it, you can do the same.

In her book, she will show readers how to:

- Harness your idea to create a viable business that has longevity
- Know when to leave your job, how to fund your start-up and whether you need a business partner
- Generate and grow a huge following
- Build contacts when no one knows who you are
- Rise above pressures of social media to use it powerfully and with purpose
- Create work/life balance to avoid burnout and take care of yourself

Excessively Obsessed is for anyone who has ever wondered: should I start my own business? (Spoiler alert: There's no right answer!) And whether you decide to get started tomorrow or give it more time, you'll close this book with a reignited sense of passion and purpose in your career. Through her own story, Natasha will inspire readers to tap into their own unique potential, because when you find your calling, it's worth becoming obsessed.

Sales Points

- Natasha Oakley has over 3.5 million Instagram followers on her personal account alone; combined with her business accounts, her reach is over 5 million worldwide.
- There is a good track record for millennial business/entrepreneurship books aimed at women, and with Natasha's own huge following combined with her close contacts, this could be the next breakout book in this area.

Reviews

- 'Packed with trusted insights into navigating entrepreneurship, this book is a **must-read** for **every aspiring female entrepreneur**.' - Raissa Gerona, *Chief Brand Officer of REVOLVE*
- 'This isn't just a guide; it's a **recommended roadmap for entrepreneurs**. Natasha skilfully navigates the evolving business landscape, offering **valuable insights** that turn challenges into opportunities on the collective **path to success**.' - Jen Atkin, *founder of OVAI and Mane*
- 'This is the book **for every woman** who's ever thought of **starting a business**. I love how **real Natasha is** about what it takes to run a business!' - Jennifer Hawkins

Author Biography

Based between the US and Australia, Natasha Oakley is a pioneer Super Influencer with over 3.6 million followers and is a leading voice in the social media space.

Alongside her best friend Devin Brugman, the two set up 'A Bikini A Day' in 2012 as an outlet to share their favourite swimwear, which quickly took off as one of the most well-renowned marketing platforms in the industry. The huge success saw the pair co-found their own swimwear label, Monday Swimwear in 2014, which created a worldwide recognition for the duo, not only as role models, but successful business women. Recently, in 2023, the pair expanded their portfolio with the launch of Monday Body,

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focusing on eco-friendly activewear and everyday essentials. These days, Natasha counts Model, Presenter, Designer, Producer, Entrepreneur, CEO and Digital Influencer among her credits.

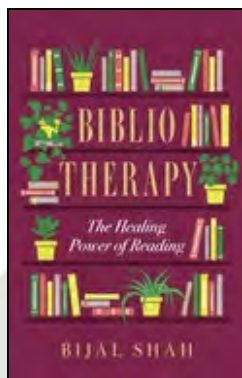
In 2020, Natasha also co-founded, and is the CEO, of The Pilates Class, a highly successful online fitness platform, generating a revenue in the multi-millions and becoming one of the most internationally recognised online Pilates classes within 12 months of launching. Tash's booming businesses truly are a testament to her entrepreneurial spirit.

Market

Tasha's followers, readers of personal development/business books, people who want to start a business/build their brand. Mainly women 18+

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Bibliotherapy The Healing Power of Reading

Bijal Shah

Keynote

A thoughtful exploration of how reading can act as a form of therapy - and practical advice on how to curate a reading list for every mood and need.

Description

<H5> 'Utterly fascinating. I have long felt that books can be medicine. Now I understand why. Read this book. Feel better.'

Beth Kempton, bestselling author of *Wabi Sabi: Japanese wisdom for a perfectly imperfect life*

'One of the most fascinating books that I have read in years! Beautifully written and full of insights, this book demonstrates the healing power of stories and how you can transform your life through bibliotherapy.'

Simon Alexander Ong, bestselling author of *Energize*, international keynote speaker and award-winning coach. </H5>

In this unique and transformational guide to healing, bibliotherapist and counsellor Bijal Shah explores the restorative power of reading.

Bibliotherapy traces the history of how therapeutic reading evolved - including the important role played by the best writers such as the Stoics, Montaigne, Eliot and Wordsworth. In doing so, Bijal offers first-hand stories from clients who have found solace in great works of literature when struggling with grief, relationships or illness. Full of practical advice and insights into how bibliotherapy really works, Bijal offers an A to Z reading list of books for every mood and need.

A much-needed reminder of how comforting and life-changing reading can be, *Bibliotherapy* is a sumptuous celebration of books that will invite you to see them as more than just an escape, but a legitimate form of self-care.

Sales Points

- This is the first book on bibliotherapy to be written by a psychodynamic counsellor.
- It will appeal to readers of self-help and book lovers more generally.

Author Biography

Bijal Shah is a bibliotherapist, counsellor and author. She is the founder of Book Therapy, which offers individual, couples and group bibliotherapy, literary curation and personalised reading services as well as bibliotherapy training. Bijal's book recommendations have featured in the *Guardian*, *Marie Claire*, NBC News, among other publications. She's a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and the American Library Association, and has undertaken bibliotherapy workshops for the United Nations as well as various corporate organisations and libraries in the UK and the US. She is also the co-host of the podcast *Raising a Reader & Storyteller*.

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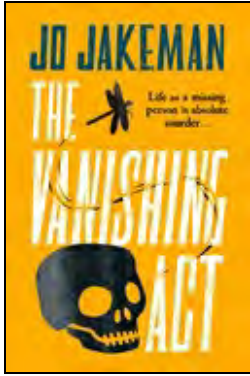
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The Vanishing Act A gripping murder mystery

Jo Jakeman

Keynote

A gripping tale of missing persons and unsolved murders that are thrust into the online spotlight by a determined group of true-crime fans. Set in glorious Cornwall, this shrewd, suspenseful thriller is packed with wit, twists and pulse-pounding scenes. Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell, Janice Hallett and Bella Mackie.

Description

Life as a missing person is absolute murder...

When artist Eloise Ford hears that human remains found in an abandoned mine are believed to be those of long-missing teenager Elizabeth King, the shock sends her reeling.

It can't be true. Eloise knows this for a fact because... *she* is Elizabeth King.

Now, her carefully curated life in Cornwall is falling apart. Her husband is acting strangely, her children aren't speaking to her and she can't sell a painting for love nor money. But much more worrying are the signs that someone knows *exactly* who she is... and why she had to vanish thirty years ago.

Eloise needs answers. Is her son's ex-girlfriend just plain annoying... or does she know something? Will the detection skills of the online 'Truth Seekers' group prove more than amateurish? What's the real story behind those village newcomers?

And just how far would she go to keep her family, her friends, and her fraudulent life, safe?

Perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty, Lisa Jewell and Kristen Perrin, this clever, darkly comic thriller will keep you glued to the pages!

Readers love Jo Jakeman!

"What a cracking read! I had an absolute blast reading it - Amazon reviewer

"Humour and secrets aplenty... a fantastic read!" - Amazon reviewer

"Jo Jakeman's new books are always a cause of jubilation. I raced through this book on Christmas Day. The story was gripping... When you writing the next one, Jo?" - Amazon reviewer

"Couldn't put it down! Looking forward to seeing what Jo writes next!" - Amazon reviewer

"Jo Jakeman is something of a canny secret for those readers in the know. Join the club. Buy this book... join me in the queue for the next one." - Amazon reviewer

'Packed with explosive twists, this captivating murder mystery will keep you reading late into the night' - *Womans Own*

'A superb mystery with perfectly drawn characters and plenty of twists and turns' - Katy Watson, author of *The Three Dahlias*

'Absolutely loved this witty, wicked and cleverly plotted story, with its sharply-drawn characters and skewering of privilege and class... a classic murder mystery - and one that will keep you guessing to the very end' - Caz Frear, author of *Sweet Little Lies*

Sales Points

- A crime novel that speaks to the current obsession for true crime solving. Featuring multi-person perspective and witty, pacy online chat forum posts, this brilliantly twisty murder mystery is a page-turner with a twist you will *never* see coming.
- Jo's domestic psych suspense novels (*Sticks & Stones*, *Safe House* and *What His Wife Knew*) were published by Harvill Secker. Her 2024 wickedly funny murder mystery *One Bad Apple* marked a new direction and her arrival at Constable, and we're thrilled to be publishing *The Vanishing Act* in 2025.

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BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery (FF)

Binding	Trade Paperback
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Previous Titles

One Bad Apple, 2024

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Author Biography

Born in Cyprus, Jo Jakeman worked for many years in London before settling in Cornwall with her husband and sons.

When she's not writing or reading, Jo walks the coastal paths and plots the fictional downfall of those who have wronged her.

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Twilight Deluxe Collector's Edition Twilight, Book 1 Stephenie Meyer

Keynote

A deluxe vintage-inspired Collector's Edition to mark the 20th anniversary of *Twilight*

Description

Deluxe vintage-inspired collector's edition features a foil-stamped slipcase; stunning new cover, interior, and endpaper art; and a one-of-a-kind interactive gilded edge design! • Fall in love with the addictive, suspenseful love story between a teenage girl and a vampire with the book that sparked a "literary phenomenon" (*New York Times*) and redefined romance for a generation, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stephenie Meyer.

Isabella Swan's move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Isabella's life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. So far, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Isabella, the person Edward holds most dear. Deeply romantic and extraordinarily suspenseful, *Twilight* captures the struggle between defying our instincts and satisfying our desires. This is a love story with bite.

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the genre-defining tale, this vintage-inspired collector's edition features a foil-stamped slipcase and cover with lush, romantic artwork; new chapter opener art and beautifully illustrated endpapers; a ribbon marker; and a one-of-a-kind gold gilded edge design that shows a portrait of either Bella or Edward, depending which way you spread the pages. It's a must-have edition for any die-hard or newly minted *Twilight* fan.

Praise for The Twilight Saga

"Piles on the suspense and romance." -*USA Today*

"A literary phenomenon." -*New York Times*

"[Stephenie Meyer is] the world's most popular vampire novelist since Anne Rice."

-*Entertainment Weekly*

"People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -*Time*

Sales Points

- A unique collector's edition featuring stunning new interior and endpaper artwork and an interactive gilded edge design, all encased in a beautiful foil-stamped slipcase.

Author Biography

Stephenie Meyer is the author of the number 1 bestselling *Twilight Saga*, *The Host*, and *The Chemist*. She lives in Arizona with her husband and three sons.

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Main Identifier	9780349125930
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Binding	Hardback
Format	210 x 140
Depth	22mm
Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Series	Twilight Saga
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The Autumn Springs Retirement Home Massacre

Philip Fracassi

Keynote

A fast-paced and darkly comedic slasher set in a retirement home from Bram Stoker award nominated author Philip Fracassi.

Description

'**DIABOLICALLY DELIGHTFUL**' Tananarive Due, author of *The Reformatory*
'**OLD-SCHOOL HORROR**' Stephen King on *Boys in the Valley*

Burgeoning with dark humour, violence and mystery, *The Autumn Springs Retirement Home Massacre* is a blood-soaked slasher sure to keep readers flinching, laughing, and guessing until the very last page.

Rose DuBois is not your average final girl.

Rose is in her late 70s, living out her golden years at the Autumn Springs Retirement Home.

When one of her friends dies alone in her apartment, Rose isn't too concerned. Accidents happen, especially at this age!

Then another resident drops dead. And another. With bodies stacking up, Rose can't help but wonder: are these accidents? Old age? Or something far more sinister?

Together with her best friend Miller, Rose begins to investigate. The further she digs, the more convinced she becomes: there's a killer on the loose at Autumn Springs, and if she isn't careful, Rose may be their next victim.

'**Fracassi blends the true-life horror of aging and society's scorn for the elderly with an original slasher premise and reimagined *Final Girl*. The question isn't who will die at the Autumn Springs Retirement Home - but who will survive? Diabolically delightful!**' Tananarive Due, author of *The Reformatory*

'**Rose isn't your average final girl. She's a woman and a survivor who you'll cheer for every step of the way in this smart, fast-paced slasher!**' Erika T. Wurth, author of *White Horse* and *The Haunting of Room 904*

'**A wholly original slasher novel with a uniquely strong and vulnerable heroine...Fans of the genre should put this on their must-read list!**' Christina Henry, author of *Alice* and *The Place Where They Buried Your Heart*

Sales Points

- **A HIGHLY ENTERTAINING SLASHER:** Smart, fast-paced and darkly comedic, this is slasher set in a retirement home that will keep you on the edge of your seat and keep you guessing until the end. Fans of Grady Hendrix, Stephen Graham Jones and Riley Sager will love it!
- **INCREDIBLE AUTHOR BUZZ:** the author has received superb review coverage for his previous book *Boys in the Valley*, which received an online shout-out from Stephen King. It also won the Esquire Best Horror Book of 2023 award and was a finalist for the British Fantasy Award for Best Horror Novel.
- **HORROR IS HAVING A RENAISSANCE:** We've seen a revived hunger for horror over the last couple of years, with the success of TV shows like Mike Flanagan's *The Haunting of Hill House* and *Midnight Mass*, as well as the growing obsession with cult horror in the vein of *Midsommar*. Indies and booksellers have been asking for more fresh horror on their shelves and a Bookseller article cited 'a growing appetite for horror'. Horror is also taking off on TikTok, with *Tender is the Flesh* going viral and selling over 30,000 copies.
- **UNIQUE DARK COMEDY HORROR PREMISE:** This is *Scream* meets *The Thursday Murder Club*, a slasher where the Final Girl is an elderly woman living in a retirement home

Reviews

- 'Fracassi makes terror read so damn beautifully' - Victor LaValle
- 'Fracassi. . . builds his horrific tales slowly and carefully...he's especially skilful at creating, and sustaining, suspense' - THE NEW YORK TIMES
- 'Horror readers will be hooked' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY
- 'Fracassi's storytelling is. . . horror with a big, broken heart' - Esquire

Author Biography

Philip Fracassi is the author of the award-winning story collection, *Behold the Void*, which won "Best Collection of the Year" from *This Is Horror* and *Strange Aeons Magazine*.

His newest collection, *Beneath a Pale Sky*, was published in 2021 by Lethe Press. It

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received a starred review from *Library Journal*, was named "Best Collection of the Year" by *Rue Morgue Magazine*, and was nominated for a Bram Stoker award.

His upcoming novels include *A Child Alone with Strangers* (September 2022, Talos Press), *Gothic* (February 2023, Cemetery Dance), and *Boys in the Valley*, (Summer 2023, Tor Nightfire).

Philip's books have been translated into multiple languages and his stories have been published in numerous magazines and anthologies, including *Best Horror of the Year*, *Nightmare Magazine*, *Black Static*, *Dark Discoveries*, and *Cemetery Dance*.

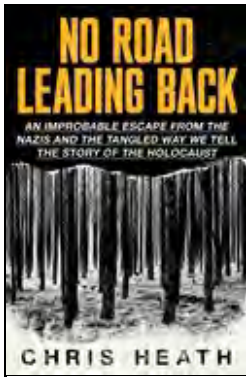
The New York Times calls his work "terrifically scary."

As a screenwriter, his feature films have been distributed by *Disney Entertainment* and *Lifetime Television*. He currently has several stories under option for film/tv adaptation.

Philip lives in Los Angeles and is represented by Elizabeth Copps at Copps Literary Services. For more information, visit his website at www.pfracassi.com. He also has active profiles on Facebook, Instagram (@pfracassi) and Twitter (@philipfracassi).

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No Road Leading Back

An Improbable Escape from the Nazis, 'utterly compelling,' James Holland, *The Telegraph*

Chris Heath

Keynote

The true story of how 12 Jewish men escaped a Nazi killing pit in Ponar, Lithuania - and how the trauma lived with them in their later lives

Description

'A stunning book, a powerful investigation, utterly compelling,' James Holland, *The Daily Telegraph*, Five stars

Ponar, Lithuania. 1944. The Nazis have enslaved Jewish men to exhume and incinerate the bodies of more than 70,000 Jews previously shot to death in the forest. Trapped in almost unimaginable horror, a group develop an audacious escape plan. Despite being guarded day and night, they dig a tunnel with their bare hands. Twelve men escape - an act of great bravery and desperation as well as extraordinary imagination.

Based on first-person accounts of the escapees and on every scrap of evidence that has been documented, repressed or amplified since, *No Road Leading Back* resurrects the lives of the twelve and their acts of witness, as well as providing an urgent analysis of why their story has rarely been told - and never accurately. Author Chris Heath explores the cultural use and misuse of Holocaust testimony and the need for us to face uncomfortable historical truths with honesty and accuracy.

This shattering and inspiring true story of prisoners who dug their way out of torture and imprisonment by the Nazis is both a stunning escape narrative and an object lesson in how we remember and continually forget the particulars of the Holocaust.

Sales Points

- For fans of Ben Macintyre or Jonathan Freedland, this is a moving and gripping read that is also a vital addition to our understanding of history and the Holocaust
- An untold story - Ponar in Lithuania has attracted relatively little attention, and these men's stories has never been fully told in this form
- Chris Heath is a narrative journalist - the book reads more like a forensic investigation into a 'cold case' than a straight history

Reviews

- 'This is one of the best books written about The Shoah by Bullets. **Clearly written, superbly researched, it's a fascinating reminder of an unjustly neglected story about The Holocaust**' - *David Herman*
- 'Chris Heath has finally given the horror of Ponar the sustained and concentrated attention it deserves. He has left no stone unturned in his effort to understand what happened in this terrible place, and to reinscribe its survivors' stories back into historical memory. **I was stunned by this book's scope, rigor, and compassion. A monumental work of reportage and commemoration**' - *Heather Clark, author of Red Comet: The Short Life and Blazing Art of Sylvia Plath*
- '**Utterly absorbing in its powerfully detailed horror and inspiring redemption: a must-read in Holocaust studies**' - *Kirkus Reviews*
- '*No Road Leading Back* is **a stunning book, a powerful investigation, utterly compelling**, at times stomach-churning and deeply shocking, but also by turns tragic, wistful and curiously uplifting... **Five Stars**' - James Holland, *Daily Telegraph*

Author Biography

Chris Heath has been a contributing editor at *GQ* since 2003. He was previously contributing editor at *Details Magazine* and *Rolling Stone*. He has won the 2013 National Magazine Award for Reporting for the story '18 Tigers, 17 Lions, 8 Bears, 3 Cougars, 2 Wolves, 1 Baboon, 1 Macaque, and 1 Man Dead in Ohio'. His books include *Pet Shop Boys, Literally* and the 2004 number one UK bestseller *Feel*, about Robbie Williams. In recent years he has written about the aftermaths of the 2011 Japanese tsunami and of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans; Iraqi refugees in Syria; and a Colorado man traveling on repeated solo missions to kill Osama Bin Laden, among many other subjects. Currently based in London and New York, Chris grew up south of Birmingham.

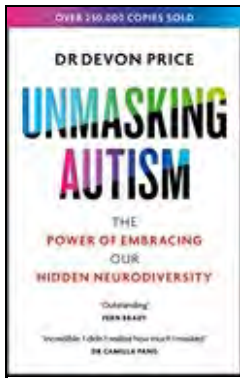
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Unmasking Autism

The Power of Embracing Our Hidden Neurodiversity

Devon Price

Keynote

The most groundbreaking and bestselling book on autism in the last decade, demystifying 'masked Autism' and the power of embracing neurodiversity for both individuals and society.

Description

UNMASKING FOR LIFE, DEVON PRICE'S NEW BOOK, IS AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW

OVER 250,000 COPIES SOLD

'Outstanding.' -Fern Brady, author of *Strong Female Character*

'Reading this felt like being at home - I didn't realise how much I masked. What an incredible book that I know will be re-read many times over.' -Dr Camilla Pang, author of *Explaining Humans*

'A remarkable work that will stand at the forefront of the neurodiversity movement.' -Dr Barry M. Prizant, author of *Uniquely Human*

'A powerful argument for radical self-acceptance applicable to all readers.' -Los Angeles Times

'An essential roadmap for autistic people to be themselves.' -NPR

Have you, a friend or family member been living with undiagnosed autism?

For every visibly Autistic person you meet, there are countless 'masked' people who pass as neurotypical. They don't fit the stereotypical mould of Autism and are often forced by necessity to mask who they are, spending their entire lives trying to hide their Autistic traits. In particular, there is evidence that Autism remains significantly undiagnosed in women, people of colour, trans and gender non-conforming people, many of whom are only now starting to recognise those traits later in life.

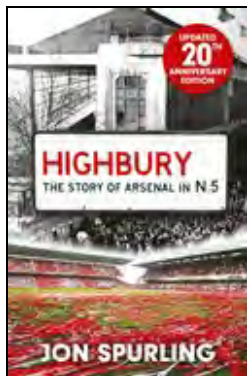
Blending cutting-edge research, personal insights and practical exercises for self-expression, Dr Devon Price examines the phenomenon of 'masking', making a passionate argument for radical authenticity and non-conformity. A powerful call for change, *Unmasking Autism* gifts its readers with the tools to uncover their true selves and build a new society - one where everyone can thrive on their own terms.

Sales Points

- **PHENOMENAL INTERNATIONAL SALES SUCCESS:** Since hardback publication, *Unmasking Autism* has changed the game for this market and has sold 100k copies across our editions; in UK TCM terms, 17k HBs, 26k Audio and 7.2k eBooks. That's on top of 200k copies of the Penguin edition sold in the US. Readers loved it - from TikTok videos raving about the writing to the 700 5* reviews on Amazon.
- **MASS MARKET PB:** This title is now available for the first time in paperback after selling consistently in HB/TPB for 3 years via word of mouth.
- **TRUSTED VOICE IN AUTISM SPACE:** Most books on Autism are not written by Autistic people - Dr Devon Price is a leading researcher in Autism studies and Autistic himself, offering a fresh perspective on neurodiversity. He is a trained social psychologist and professor with a PhD in Applied Social Psychology. He is equally brilliant at translating academic research into accessible takeaways as he is speaking to an online, intersectional audience.
- **DEMAND IN THE MARKET:** There is a clear demand for Autism books in the market, which is evident from the success of *Unmasked* by Ellie Middleton (16.1k HB), *Strong Female Character* by Fern Brady (HB 28.5k/ PB 26.1k), *Untypical* by Pete Wharmby (HB 8.5k/ PB 2.5k) and *The Autistic Brain* by Richard Panek and Temple Grandin (44k PB).

Author Biography

Devon Price, PhD, is a social psychologist, professor, author, and proud Autistic person. His research has appeared in journals such as the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, and the *Journal of Positive Psychology*. Devon's writing has appeared in outlets such as the *Financial Times*, *HuffPost*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Slate*, *Jacobin*, *Business Insider*, *LitHub*, and on *PBS*, *NPR*, *MSNBC*, and the *BBC*. He lives in Chicago, where he serves as Clinical Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago's School of Continuing and Professional Studies.



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Highbury The Definitive History of Arsenal at Highbury Stadium

Jon Spurling

Keynote

From Herbert Chapman to Arsène Wenger, this is the definitive history of Arsenal's time at the famous Highbury stadium.

Description

'SPORTING HISTORY AT ITS BEST' *Daily Telegraph*
'A TERRIFIC READ AND A WORTHY TRIBUTE' *FourFourTwo*
'VERY WELL WRITTEN AND RESEARCHED' *Nostalgic Gooner*

From Herbert Chapman to Arsène Wenger, this is the definitive history of Arsenal's time at the famous Highbury stadium.

After several years of sitting in Highbury's local pubs and cafés with a dictaphone, Jon Spurling has pooled hours of exclusive interviews with fans, programme sellers, local publicans and even those who dug the foundations of the Laundry End (and later cleared rubbish from its terraces) to meticulously construct the biography of the ground and chart the ups and downs of one of England's greatest league clubs.

Spurling has also spoken to numerous players, the late greats of yesteryear including Ted Drake, George Male and Reg Lewis, legends of a more recent vintage from Bob Wilson, Charlie George and Malcolm MacDonald to Anders Limpar, as well as heroes of the Wenger era such as Patrick Vieira.

Written in the year that Arsenal moved to the Emirates, Jon Spurling has produced the definitive account of the club's 93 years at Highbury.

Sales Points

- **DEFINITIVE HISTORY:** Arsenal played at Highbury from 1913 until 2006, when they moved to the Emirates Stadium. This unique book charts the history of Arsenal's time at Highbury from the perspective of players, fans and managers.
- **20th Anniversary Reissue:** Originally, the book was published in 2006 to coincide with the last month at Highbury and the massive media interest that surrounded the move. It was then reissued in 2014 ahead of the 10th anniversary, and this addition will be reissued ahead of the 20th anniversary to coincide with any media and nostalgia.
- **PERENNIAL BACKLIST SELLER:** Across all formats we have sold over 26,000 copies and each year we see a spike in sales ahead of Father's Day and Christmas, with consumers buying as gifts.
- **FULLY UPDATED:** The new edition will include a new foreword from Jon, looking at the legacy of Highbury 20 years on, and how the move hasn't been the dream move it was promised.

Reviews

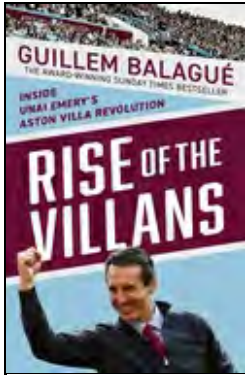
- 'Spurling is a diligent researcher and this is local sporting history at its best' - Andrew Baker, *DAILY TELEGRAPH*
- 'The second of at least three homages to Highbury, but the others will do well to match this one, not just for the depth of research, but for its wit and vibrancy ... A terrific read and a worthy tribute' - *FOURFOUR TWO*
- 'Some would argue that a building cannot have a soul: I'd beg to differ and would suggest that Spurling has found it' - *ARSENAL WORLD*

Author Biography

A History and Politics teacher by day, Jon Spurling is the author of four other books on Arsenal, including *Rebels For The Cause: The Alternative History of Arsenal*. He writes regularly for a range of publications at home and abroad. His two histories of English football - *Get It On: How The '70s Rocked Football* and *Go To War: Football On The Brink In The '80s* were both shortlisted for the Sports Book awards in 2023 and 2025. He is currently writing a '90s follow up to *Go To War*.

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Rise of the Villans Inside Unai Emery's Aston Villa Revolution

Guillem Balague

Keynote

The exclusive behind-the-scenes account of Unai Emery's Aston Villa revolution from the award-winning *Sunday Times* bestseller, Guillem Balagué

Description

Featuring exclusive interviews with Unai Emery, Monchi, Ollie Watkins, and more, this is the behind-the-scenes account of Unai Emery's Aston Villa revolution, from the award-winning bestseller Guillem Balagué.

In October 2022, Unai Emery was appointed manager of Aston Villa. Despite being one of England's most historic football clubs, Emery was taking charge of a team in turmoil and hovering above the relegation zone in the Premier League. But in his very first match, Villa produced a statement victory, deftly beating Manchester United 3-1 at Villa Park. It was a sign of things to come.

Guillem Balagué has had unparalleled access to Unai Emery, his backroom staff and the Aston Villa squad ever since the Spaniard was appointed manager in 2022. From Emery's early years growing up in the Basque region to becoming one of the most exciting coaches managing today, *Rise of the Villans* reveals the inner workings of Emery's psyche. Featuring exclusive interviews with Emery himself, as well as key players such as Villa captain John McGinn and star striker Ollie Watkins, it charts the journeys of both Emery and Aston Villa over the last three decades, offering a comprehensive and compelling narrative of why they are the perfect match.

Exploring Emery's management of the Midlands side, the book outlines how he has transformed them into an exciting side renowned for their direct passing, high energy and devastating counter attacks. After a 7th placed finish in his first season in charge, Emery's Villa continued their fine form in the 2023-24 season, finishing 4th and qualifying for the Champions League for the first time in over four decades.

With the Holte End roaring into life as Villa Park welcomed the return of European football's most prestigious club competition, it was clear for all to see: Unai Emery had awoken the sleeping giant.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING & AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** All of Guillem's books have been successive *Sunday Times* bestsellers, and each has been nominated for various awards in their market category. *Cristiano Ronaldo* won Football Book of the Year at the 2016 Sports Book Awards.
- **HUGE AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Guillem's reach is undeniable, he has instant name recognition in the footballing world, and has a total following on social media of over 1.32m followers across his platforms.
- **SLEEPING GIANT WITH BRILLIANT MANAGER:** Aston Villa are the team of the moment with a manager that has them playing brilliant football. They are a team most definitely on the rise, which has been overlooked for years. This book would be a celebration of their rise under Emery.
- **FULL ENDORSEMENT OF CLUB & MANAGER:** Guillem has already spoken to Unai Emery, as well as several board members at Aston Villa, who have given their full support to the book. Guillem will have unrivalled and exclusive access to Unai himself, the Aston Villa players and staff in order to write the book.

Author Biography

Guillem Balagué is an award-winning football author, journalist and presenter who works for BBC TV, BBC Radio 5 Live, ITV, LaLiga TV and the American network CBS.

His books include *A Season on the Brink*; *Pep Guardiola: Another Way of Winning*; *Messi*; *Cristiano Ronaldo*; *Brave New World: Inside Pochettino's Spurs* and *Maradona: The Boy, The Rebel, The God*. All of Guillem's books have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers in the UK, and each has been shortlisted for various category awards.

He is also chairman of Biggleswade United.

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BIC 2.1	Football (Soccer, Association football) (WSJA) Midlands (1DBKEM) Spain (1DSE)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex UK)
Not for Sale	UK
Author born in	Barcelona, Spain
Author living in	Leicester, UK

Previous Titles

A Season on the Brink (2005)
Pep Guardiola (2012, 2016 & 2018)
Messi (2013, 2022 & 2023)
Cristiano Ronaldo (2015, 2018, 2020 & 2024)
Brave New World (2017 & 2019)
Maradona (2021)

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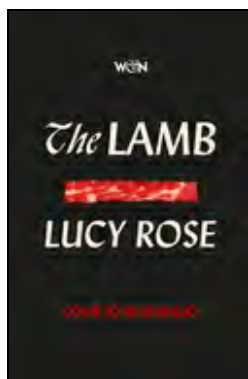
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Main Identifier	9781399619752
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Horror & ghost stories (FK)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	Newcastle, UK

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The Lamb

The bestselling literary sensation of 2025

Lucy Rose

Keynote

The instant No. 2 *Sunday Times* bestseller, the coming-of-age cannibal folktale that everyone is talking about

Description

'Deliciously dark and shockingly bold' KIRSTY LOGAN

'Destined to become a classic' WASHINGTON POST

'A new generation of horror begins with Lucy Rose' GENEVIEVE JAGGER

A FOLK TALE. A HORROR STORY. A LOVE STORY. AN ENCHANTMENT.

Margot and Mama have lived by the forest since Margot can remember. When Margot is not at school, they spend quiet days together in their cottage, waiting for strangers to knock on their door. Strays, Mama calls them. Mama loves the strays. She feeds them wine, keeps them warm. Then she satisfies her burning appetite by picking apart their bodies.

But Mama's want is stronger than her hunger sometimes, and when a white-toothed stray named Eden turns up in the heart of a snowstorm, little Margot must confront the shifting dynamics of her family, untangle her own desires and make her own bid for freedom.

With this tender coming-of-age tale, debut novelist Lucy Rose explores how women swallow their anger, desire and animal instincts - and wrings the relationship between mother and daughter until blood drips from it.

Sales Points

- **HUGE SUCCESS IN HARDBACK:** *The Lamb* was one of the biggest debut launches in 2025, selling over 10k copies in hardback with an unprecedented outpouring of love from across the industry. It was selected for Dakota Johnson's TeaTime bookclub and Goldsboro's PREM1ER Pick. It was an instant no.2 *Sunday Times* bestseller
- **A SHOCKING CANNIBAL FOLKTALE:** This mother-daughter cannibal story is a truly unnerving reading experience that also manages to be a luminous, precise and playful literary coming-of-age tale
- **UNLIKEABLE FEMALE CHARACTERS:** *The Lamb* interrogates female rage, cruelty and desire. Lucy has said: 'I'm looking for a place where female characters can be a little bit unhinged, unlikeable and unmasked'
- **A RISING LITERARY STAR:** Named on the Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe Class of 2025, Lucy Rose is a Cumbrian-born writer and filmmaker; a Curtis Brown Creative Breakthrough alumni who was awarded Arts Council DYCP funding for literary development

Reviews

- 'Stunning, shocking and surprising at each turn - everything one would want from a novel, and so much more. Lucy Rose's fearful and fantastic imagination is a powerful weapon' - Benjamin Myers, author of CUDDY
- 'A superbly creepy folk-horror tale . . . At heart it's about dysfunctional family dynamics, female rage and empowerment' - *FINANCIAL TIMES*
- 'An unforgettable, nightmarish tale. I ate it all up' - Anna Bogutskaya, author of FEEDING THE MONSTER
- 'I predict you will be as obsessed as me' - Molly Aitken, author of BRIGHT I BURN

Author Biography

Lucy Rose is a writer and filmmaker with an interest in the gothic, girlhood and horror. Her short fiction and personal essays have been published in *Dread Central*, *Msllexia*, *Ghouls on Film* and more. She's proud to be a Curtis Brown Creative Breakthrough alumni writer and one of Msllexia's featured columnists and fiction writers. In early 2023, she was awarded Arts Council DYCP funding for literary development. She currently lives in Newcastle.

Market

FOR FANS OF: fiction by Julia Armfield, Eliza Clark, Shirley Jackson, Sarah Moss, Benjamin Myers, Sophie Mackintosh, Daisy Johnson or Kirsty Logan

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Publication date **Thursday, September 25, 2025**
 Price **£10.99 / ₹799**
 Main Identifier **9781399633598**
 BIC 2.1 **Science fiction (FL)**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **B Format**
 Extent **512 pages**
 Word Count
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**
 Not for Sale **None**

Book locale **Futuristic scifi world and 1811 London**
 Author born in **London**
 Author living in **London (SM4 - Morden)**

Previous Titles
 Debut

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**

The Principle of Moments Longlisted for the 2024 TikTok Book Awards

Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson

Keynote

Winner of the inaugural Future Worlds Prize for SFF writers of colour, this is science fiction like you've never seen it before...

Description

'My favourite kind of grand space opera' BEN AARONOVITCH

She's searching for the emperor who stole her sister.
He's searching for the prince who stole his heart.
 The entire **universe** is at stake.

The Principle of Moments is a centuries-spanning adventure unmissable for fans of the spacefaring found family of Becky Chambers, the magical London of V. E. Schwab, and the epic climate-craft of N. K. Jemisin.

WHAT READERS ARE SAYING:

'This book! OMG this book was everything I could hope for! A queer love story, a space story, a rebel story and so well written' **5-star reader review**
 'An absolute stonker of a debut... I was hooked the whole way through' **5-star reader review**
 'I absolutely devoured this book! Everything I could possibly want with Star Wars / Doctor Who vibes mixed in with Pride and Prejudice' **5-star reader review**
 'THIS is how you write a "chosen one" story! Jikiemi-Pearson is going straight on my "instant read" list of authors' **5-star reader review**
 'I have read quite a few debuts this year and this was easily my top of the year' **5-star reader review**
 'OMG, this book was amazing... Fantastic if you like N.K. Jemisin and Doctor Who... Well worth five stars' **5-star reader review**
 'Hang on and enjoy the ride!' **5-star reader review**

Sales Points

- INSTANT *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER
- INAUGURAL WINNER OF THE FUTURE WORLDS PRIZE
- LONGLISTED FOR THE 2024 TIKTOK BOOK AWARDS FOR BRITISH BOOK OF THE YEAR
- ILLUMICRATE MONTHLY BOX EDITION
- UK AUTHOR WITH GROWING AND ENGAGED TIKTOK AND INSTAGRAM FOLLOWING
- WORLD ALL LANGUAGE RIGHTS

Reviews

- 'An audaciously joyous debut full of heart. I loved stepping into Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson's world of heroes and prophecies, friendships like family, and an epic adventure through the stars' - *Nalini Singh, New York Times*-bestselling author of the *Psy-Changeling* and *Guild Hunter* series
- 'I blooming loved it! It reminded me of Lois McMasters Bujold x 2000AD (Halo Jones in particular) with a large helping of *Doctor Who*, utterly absorbing space opera!' - *Louie Stowell, author of the Sunday Times*-bestselling *Loki: A Bad God's Guide* series
- 'I just love this universe... I am already ready for more!' - *Jay McGuinness, vocalist of global sensation The Wanted and author of Blood Flowers*
- 'I've not read anything quite like Jikiemi-Pearson's award-winning debut. At once a meticulous space opera - with hints of N. K. Jemisin's Broken Earth trilogy - and a centuries-spanning love story' - *The Bookseller*
- 'A sprawling space opera fantasy stuffed with familiar tropes' - *The Guardian*
- 'Every page shines with the vigour and passion of youth' - *The Financial Times*
- 'Entertaining as all hell... It gets the *vibe* of being twelve years old and watching a lightsaber ignite on the big screen' - *Locus Magazine*

Author Biography

Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson is a science-fantasy author and co-founder of the organisation Impact of Omission. Her writing is invariably about Black people dismantling space empires, travelling through time, and saving the world - often simultaneously.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	Chesham, London
Author born in	London
Author living in	London, NW5

Publishing History

9780575097568	<i>Rivers of London</i>
9780575097605	<i>Moon Over Soho</i>
9780575097643	<i>Whispers Under Ground</i>
9780575132467	<i>Broken Homes</i>
9780575132504	<i>Foxglove Summer</i>
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The Masquerades of Spring The Brand New Rivers of London Novella

Ben Aaronovitch

Keynote

The brand new novella in the *Sunday Times* #1 bestselling *Rivers of London* series.

Description

Meet Augustus Berrycloth-Young - flaneur extraordinaire and Englishman abroad - as he chronicles the Jazz Age from his perch atop the city that never sleeps.

'Gussie' is not one to shun shut-eye himself, however. But his peaceful luxuriation is about to be rudely awakened by the arrival of an unexpected guest.

Enter his old friend Thomas Nightingale, who has braved the Atlantic passage pursuing the matter of a rather intriguing saxophone said to possess a strange power over those who play it.

This deeply inconvenient affair will rouse Gussie from his warm bed for the cold shores of Long Island - and down to the jazz clubs of Harlem where music, magic, and madness haunt the shadows...

PRAISE FOR THE RIVERS OF LONDON NOVELS

'Ben Aaronovitch has created a wonderful world full of mystery, magic and fantastic characters. I love being there more than the real London'

NICK FROST

'As brilliant and funny as ever'

THE SUN

'Charming, witty, exciting'

THE INDEPENDENT

'An incredibly fast-moving magical joyride for grown-ups'

THE TIMES

Discover why this incredible series has sold over two million copies around the world. If you're a fan of Terry Pratchett or Douglas Adams - don't panic - you will love Ben Aaronovitch's imaginative, irreverent and all-round irresistible novels.

Sales Points

- **COMMERCIAL MIX:** A uniquely commercial mix of crime fiction, love for London and the supernatural
- **CROSS-GENRE APPEAL:** Ben Aaronovitch sells to both crime and fantasy readers and to those who consider themselves neither.
- **#1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Every *Rivers of London* novel and novella has been a *Sunday Times* Top Ten HB bestseller. and this is a **3.5 million copy selling series!**
- **RETURNING FAN-FAVOURITE:** The protagonist is funny, a fan fav... more details to come!

Reviews

- 'Highly entertaining.' - *Sunday Express*
- 'Funny and wildly inventive.' - *Mail on Sunday*
- 'Masterfully crafted ... Gives the late, great Terry Pratchett a run for his money.' - *The Sun*
- 'Ben Aaronovitch has created a wonderful world full of mystery, magic and fantastic characters. I love being there even more than the real London.' - *Nick Frost*

Author Biography

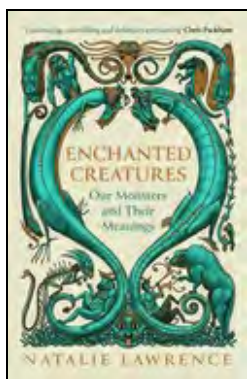
Before becoming a bestselling author, **Ben Aaronovitch** was a screenwriter for *Doctor Who* and a bookseller at Waterstones. He now writes full time, and every book in his *Rivers of London* series has been a *Sunday Times* Top Ten bestseller. He is published in 14 languages and has sold more than 2 million copies around the world. Aaronovitch is also a trustee on the board of Cityread London and is a long-time supporter of Nigeria's



premiere arts and cultural festival, The Aké Festival. He still lives in London, the city he likes to refer to as 'the capital of the world'.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	B&W integrated illustrations
Exclusively for Sale	Can; Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	USA
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Author living in	London N7
UNITED STATES	Pegasus Books
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Enchanted Creatures Our Monsters and Their Meanings

Natalie Lawrence

Keynote

A fascinating journey through 15,000 years of history, exploring the incredible variety of monstrous creatures we have created and what they can tell us about who we are

Description

'Fascinating . . . a riveting tour' **MERLIN SHELDRAKE**

'*Game of Thrones* meets the Natural History Museum meets Grimm fairytales . . .

fascinating, enthralling and definitely enchanting' **CHRIS PACKHAM**

'Thrilling, wide-ranging and profound' **CASPER HENDERSON**

The hydra rears its many heads in a flurry of teeth and poisonous fumes. The cyborg lays waste to humanity with a ruthless, expressionless stare.

From ancient mythology to modern science fiction, we have had to confront the monsters that lurk in the depths of our collective imagination. They embody our anxieties and our irrational terrors, giving form to what we don't wish to know or understand. For millennia, monsters have helped us to manage the extraordinary complexity of our minds and to deal with the challenges of being human.

In *Enchanted Creatures*, Natalie Lawrence delves into 15,000 years of imaginary beasts and uncovers the other-worldly natural history that has evolved with our deepest fears and fascinations. Join Lawrence on a tour of prehistoric cave monsters, serpentine hybrids, deep-sea leviathans and fire-breathing Kaiju. Discover how this monstrous menagerie has shaped our minds, our societies and how we see our place in nature.

Sales Points

- **HIGH PROFILE ENDORSEMENTS:** Alongside glowing reviews, the book received support from several high profile writers including Chris Packham, Merlin Sheldrake and Caspar Henderson
- **BREAKS NEW GROUND:** Despite their near-universal relevance, the insights and stories in this book have been bound up in academic discourse until now - this book brings them to a commercial audience for the first time
- **CAPTURES MULTIPLE AUDIENCES:** ENCHANTED CREATURES will appeal to fans of cultural history, psychology, mythology and literary history alike. We see this book finding a home among fans of Adam Rutherford, Francesca Stavrakopoulou, Caroline Dodds Pennock and Greg Jenner

Reviews

- 'Fascinating . . . a riveting tour of the monsters which have long occupied human minds and cultures, and which reveal a huge amount about who we are and where we have come from' - Merlin Sheldrake
- '*Game of Thrones* meets the Natural History Museum meets Grimm fairytales . . . fascinating, enthralling and definitely enchanting' - Chris Packham
- 'A thrilling, wide-ranging and profound exploration into the things of darkness that humanity would do well to acknowledge as parts of itself' - Caspar Henderson
- 'A menagerie of monstrous creatures that could compete with the contents of any cabinet of curiosities . . . a wide-ranging book about spectacles, stories and hoaxes' - *Daily Telegraph*

Author Biography

Natalie Lawrence is a writer, illustrator and researcher. She has a degree in Natural Sciences and received a PhD in the History and Philosophy of Science from Cambridge University for her work on early modern exotic monsters. She published *Planta Sapiens* with Paco Calvo in 2022, and her first solo book, *Feathers and Eggshells* when she was a teenager. Her writing has appeared in *New Scientist*, *Aeon Magazine*, *Atlas Obscura* and *BBC Wildlife*, amongst others, and she has spoken for TEDx, BBC Radio and podcasts. She lives in London with her curiosity cabinet and the occasional atlas moth.

Market

Readers of history particularly those interested in unusual approaches to the story of humanity. Will also appeal to fans of books about mythology and psychology. Comps include Caspar Henderson's THE BOOK OF BARELY IMAGINED BEINGS, the works of Chris Packham and Merlin Sheldrake

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Word Count	
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Not for Sale	Can
Book locale	Arctic
Author living in	London, SW19
Previous Titles	
The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series	
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Dark Matter

The bestselling Richard & Judy book club pick

Michelle Paver

Keynote

A terrifying ghost story set in the 1930s haunting wilderness of the far north, from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author

Description

FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR...

'The novel virtually defines a new genre: literary creepy ' **JEFFEREY DEAVER**

'Paver is the mistress of suspense' **GUARDIAN**

'An atmospheric ghost story' **INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY**

January 1937. Clouds of war are gathering over a fogbound London. Twenty-eight year old Jack is poor, lonely and desperate to change his life. So when he's offered the chance to join an Arctic expedition, he jumps at it. Spirits are high as the ship leaves Norway: five men and eight huskies, crossing the Barents Sea by the light of the midnight sun. At last they reach the remote, uninhabited bay where they will camp for the next year. Gruhuken.

But the Arctic summer is brief. As night returns to claim the land, Jack feels a creeping unease. One by one, his companions are forced to leave. He faces a stark choice. Stay or go. Soon he will see the last of the sun, as the polar night engulfs the camp in months of darkness. Soon he will reach the point of no return - when the sea will freeze, making escape impossible.

And Gruhuken is not uninhabited. Jack is not alone. Something walks there in the dark...

Author Biography

Born in Malawi to a Belgian mother and a father who ran the tiny 'NYASALAND TIMES', Michelle Paver moved to the UK when she was three. She was brought up in Wimbledon and, following a Biochemistry Degree from Oxford, she became a partner in a big City law firm. She gave up the City to follow her long-held dream of becoming a writer. She is the author of the brilliantly successful children's series, THE CHRONICLES OF ANCIENT DARKNESS. DARK MATTER is her first adult ghost story. It arises from her lifelong love of the Arctic, which has taken her to northern Canada, Greenland, Scandinavia and Spitsbergen.

Market

Shirley Jackson, Stephen King

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Main Identifier	9781399632775
BIC 2.1	Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Fantasy romance (Teenage) (YFHR) Fantasy (FM)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK
Not for Sale	Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA
Book locale	Fantasy version of Victorian Britain
Author living in UNITED STATES	California
Publisher	Little, Brown & Company Publisher

Previous Titles

All the Stars and Teeth series:
ALL THE STARS AND TEETH (2020)
ALL THE TIDES OF FATE (2021)

Belladonna series:

BELLADONNA (2022)
FOXGLOVE (2023)
WISTERIA (2024)

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Holly

A Belladonna Novella

Adalyn Grace

Keynote

RETURN TO THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING WORLD OF *BELLADONNA* WITH A FULLY-ILLUSTRATED HOLIDAY NOVELLA FROM YA FANTASY PHENOMENON ADALYN GRACE.

Description

A mysterious and magical holiday novella set in the romantic, Gothic-infused world of *Belladonna*, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Adalyn Grace.

Something strange is happening at Wisteria Gardens, the magical manor that Blythe and Aris call home. All they want is a peaceful holiday season with their family, but a group of restless spirits is determined to threaten their festivities. With a new mystery to solve, Signa, Death, Blythe, and Fate must uncover what happened to Wisteria's ghostly inhabitants and help the spirits move on before it's too late.

Praise for Adalyn Grace:

'Deliciously deadly' STEPHANIE GARBER

'Decadently atmospheric' KERRI MANISCALCO

'A true pleasure to read from beginning to end' JENNIFER L. ARMENTROUT

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL BESTSELLER:** Adalyn Grace is the #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author of TikTok sensation *Belladonna*, translated into 17 languages and counting with a formidable international sales record spanning five titles since 2020.
- **A RETURN TO THE WORLD THAT MADE HER A PHENOMENON:** This stunning new holiday novella transports readers back to the Gothic masterpiece that started it all, picking up right after the events of *Wisteria*, with full-page colour illustrations throughout - the perfect gift for series super fans and new readers alike.
- **JAW-DROPPING SPECIAL EDITIONS:** With multiple hardback special editions already in the works, this is set to be Adalyn Grace's biggest global launch ever.
- **HIGHLY ENGAGED GLOBAL FANBASE:** Commanding more than 100k followers across Instagram and TikTok, she has already completed multiple international tours.
- **INTERNATIONAL TOURING OPPORTUNITY:** Adalyn will also be embarking on a global tour to promote *Holly*.

Reviews

- 'A deliciously deadly Gothic romance' - *Stephanie Garber on the Belladonna series*
- 'This book is a true pleasure to read from beginning to end' - *Jennifer L. Armentrout on the Belladonna series*
- 'A darkly romantic tale' - *Adrienne Young on the Belladonna series*
- 'Utterly original and completely addictive' - *Rachel Griffin on the Belladonna series*

Author Biography

Adalyn Grace is the #1 *New York Times*, *Sunday Times*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, international, and indie bestselling author of the *Belladonna* trilogy and the *All the Stars and Teeth* duology. Prior to becoming an author, Adalyn spent four years working in live theatre 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 by playing video games with her two dorky dogs.

Market

Adalyn Grace fans; YA fantasy; romantasy; TikTok; general SFF; general romance



Publication date **Thursday, September 25, 2025**

Price **£9.99 / ₹599**

Main Identifier **9781529430820**

BIC 2.1 **Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Fiction in translation (FYT) Diaries, letters & journals (BJ) France (1DDF)**

Binding **Paperback**

Format **B Format**

Extent **304 pages**

Word Count

Exclusively for Sale **Cw (ex Can); EU; UK**

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

In-House Editor **Jasmine Palmer**

Previous Titles

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Dear Dickhead
A Telegraph Best Novel of the Year

Virginie Despentes
 Translated by Frank Wynne

Keynote

A novel of rage, irreverence and vulnerability, exploring ageing, gender, privilege, addiction and consent - by the queen of French punk literature

Description

"The book of the moment" *Sunday Times*

"Highly entertaining . . . subtle and complex" *Guardian*

"Despentes at her very best" *New European*

"Brilliant - funny, wise and completely addictive" VICTORIA HISLOP

"Full of energy and blistering rationality" LISA McINERNEY

Dear Dickhead,

I read the piece you posted on Insta. You're like a pigeon shitting on my shoulder as you flap past. It's shitty and unpleasant. Congratulations: you've had your fifteen minutes of fame! You want proof? Here I am writing to you.

Rebecca Latté is a famous actress in her fifties, perhaps past the peak of her career.

Oscar Jayack is a middle-aged, moderately successful author who, in the wake of the #MeToo movement, has been accused of sexual harassment by his former publicist-turned-feminist blogger Zoé Katana.

When Oscar insults Rebecca's appearance on Instagram, she sends a scorching reply and the pair fall into a spiral of mutual antipathy. In back-and-forth emails, they vie for the last word, finding common ground in their experiences of addiction, assessing the changing world around them as Covid locks down Paris, and reluctantly beginning to lean on one another.

A novel of rage, irreverence and vulnerability, exploring ageing, gender, privilege, addiction and consent, *Dear Dickhead* is an excoriating encapsulation of our times and of the broken human beings trying to make sense of it.

Translated from the French by Frank Wynne

Sales Points

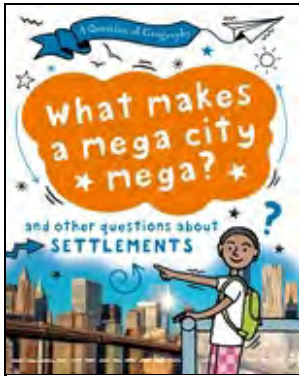
- 280,000 copies sold in first year in France
- 21 international editions
- From the author of the International Booker shortlisted Vernon Subutex trilogy

Reviews

- 'This is what makes Despentes and her characters so appealing: they act as if they have nothing to lose yet it's clear they do . . . At 55, she is still lancing the patriarchy, and her writing remains highly acute. But it has become more sober, patient and full of emotional suspense' - *Financial Times*
- 'Highly entertaining . . . subtle and complex' - *Guardian*
- 'Despentes pulls it off with a brio that's wholly characteristic . . . the energy of [her] voice kept me on her side, and rooting for Oscar, Rebecca and Zoé as they navigated their lives with varying degrees of failure, distress and, occasionally, hope' - *Telegraph*
- 'A book that shows Despentes at her very best: incisive, intelligent and fearless. There is justifiable anger at the heart of *Dear Dickhead*, but it's a clear-eyed and channelled anger' - *New European*

Author Biography

VIRGINIE DESPENTES is a writer and filmmaker. Her first novel, *Baise-Moi* was published in 1992 and adapted for film in 2000. She is the author of over fifteen further novels, including *Apocalypse Baby* (2010) and *Bye Bye Blondie* (2004), and the autobiographical work, *King Kong Theory* (2006). She won the Prix de Flore in 1998 for *Les Jolies Choses*, the 2010 Prix Renaudot for *Apocalypse Baby* and *Vernon Subutex One* won the Prix Anaïs Nin in 2015, and was shortlisted for the Man Booker International in 2018.



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Tony and Paula Richardson

Keynote

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How are some towns like magnets? Do people actually sleep in dormitory towns? And just how did polar bears save a remote town? Find out the answers to all these questions and much more in *A Question of Geography: Settlements!*

With an engaging question and answer format, these books draw kids into geography in a fun way. Each book features one question per spread with a clear explanation to follow, maps, photos and fun and humorous illustrations. The quirky questions are designed to range from those that children will often ask to things they may never have thought of, but will still be keen to know the answer to.

Perfect reading for curious young geographers aged 8 and up.

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Summary of Contents

What are settlements? / What makes a mega city mega? / Do people sleep in dormitory towns? / Wait – I live in a Roman city? / How are some towns like magnets? / Was a city really named after cows? / How did polar bears save a town? / Can some places just ... disappear? / What drove city commuters underground? / Is there really a town that lives in one building? / Can you build a city in 15 minutes? / Why are some people always on the move? / Quick-fire questions / Glossary / Further reading / Index

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Evil Beetle Versus Science: The Electric Attack A Science Comic Book About Electricity

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Scott Garrett)

Keynote

A humorous science comic-book story that explains key concepts about electricity

Description

A humorous science comic-book story that explains key concepts about electricity. Loveable anti-heroine Evil Beetle thinks she can get rid of the noisy gardener and his radio by cutting off the electricity. But, Evil Beetle doesn't know enough about science to make the plan work! The hilarious story is full of facts about electricity and is perfect for children aged 6 plus who love comic books. For children progressing through book bands, it is suitable for children reading at Book Band 11: Lime.

Evil Beetle Vs Science is a series of books about a hapless anti-heroine and her loyal band of minibeast sidekicks. Evil Beetle's plots keep going wrong because she doesn't understand science! Luckily her friend Smart Snail is on hand to explain, and readers will learn key science concepts while enjoying Evil Beetle's attempts to keep her garden free from intruders.

Titles in the series: The Shadow of Doom (Light); The Itching Powder Plot (Plants); The Alarm Call (Sound); The Electric Attack (Electricity); The Garden Force Attack (Forces); Building the Secret Headquarters (Materials).

Sales Points

- Entertaining story format with science concepts that are aligned to the national curriculum
- Scott Garrett's bright artwork paired with Paul Mason's hilarious storylines are perfect for children who want to be entertained as they learn
- The endmatter includes a summary of the learning and Smart Snail's quiz to test if the reader can do better than Evil Beetle

Author Biography

Paul Mason (Author)

Paul's books cover a wide range of subjects, from whether the Romans ate crisps to how to build the world's best skatepark, but he writes mostly about sport. Whether you are interested in swimming, cycling, snowboarding, surfing or another sport, Paul has probably written something that will inspire you to get out and give it a try. Paul writes in a shack by the beach, which he shares with his one-eyed surf dog, Daisy.

Scott Garrett (Illustrator)

Scott Garrett, freelance illustrator living in the UK, has worked for clients nationally and internationally, including Vodafone, Nestle, VW, GQ, The Guardian, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Business Week, Klutz Books, Faber & Faber and Random House.

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Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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Series	Evil Beetle Versus Science
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How To Find A Dinosaur

Dr. Dave Hone (Illustrated By Josy Bloggs)

Keynote

Learn how to be a dinosaur detective and join a team of palaeontologists as they go on an expedition and dig for clues!

Description

Dinosaurs went extinct 66 million years ago, but their fossils can still be found hidden beneath the earth - if you know how to look for them.

Learn how to be a dinosaur detective and join a team at every stage of the process, from planning an expedition and digging for clues to safely transporting any finds back for study. Meet the palaeontologists and geologists who cross continents to uncover underground fossils and the researchers and palaeoartists who work out the stories from the bones.

We're going on a dinosaur hunt... what will we find?

Written by an expert palaeontologist with experience of discovering new species, each stage in the process is verified and a perfect resource for fossil hunters aged 7 and up.

Sales Points

- An ideal first look at palaeontology and the process behind discovering new fossils, including everyone involved: geologists, local researchers, paleoartists, students and more.
- Written by an expert palaeontologist, who has proven experience of being on digs and discovering new species.
- Includes tips at the back of the book on how to become a dinosaur detective.

Author Biography

Dr. Dave Hone (Author)

Dr. Dave Hone is a palaeontologist working primarily on dinosaur behaviour and ecology. He has named new species, looked at locomotion and evolutionary patterns and he also researches some other ancient reptile groups, especially pterosaurs. He is a senior lecturer in zoology at Queen Mary University of London in the UK and has been studying and teaching biology his whole adult life.

In addition to writing books, David hosts the podcast, *Terrible Lizards*. He maintains several blogs, including *Lost Worlds Revisited* on The Guardian. He has been a consultant for various TV shows and regularly gives public talks on his research.

Josy Bloggs (Illustrator)

Josy Bloggs is a published illustrator and author of children's non-fiction books. She has always been passionate about reading, and developed a love for books about nature and exploring the world from an early age. She loves nothing more than seeing young readers engage with the natural world through her books. Some of her published credits as an illustrator include the series *Blue Worlds* which explores each of the world's five oceans and major seas in beautifully illustrated detail.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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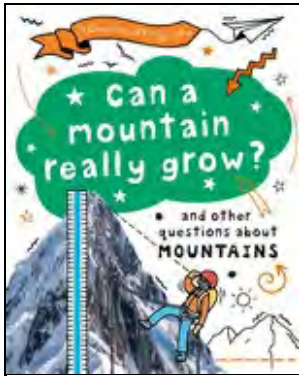
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Keynote

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How did mountains get there? Can guinea pigs really survive on mountains? And just how do you take on the mighty Mount Everest? Find out the answers to all these questions and much more in *A Question of Geography: Mountains!*

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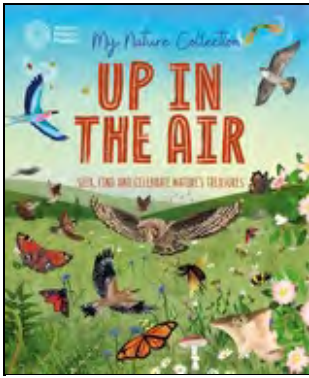
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Cameron Menzies (Illustrated By Marc Pattenden)

Keynote

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- Interactive questions on every spread and a detailed answers page enrich the experience and factual value contained in each book

Author Biography

Cameron Menzies (Author)

Cameron Menzies is an author and editor of nonfiction books for children, and a former actor. She lives and works in a cottage near the Scottish seaside with the company of her husband, two children and the family's beloved border collie.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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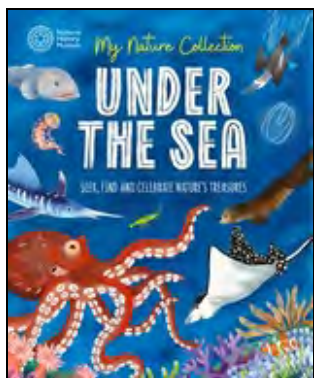
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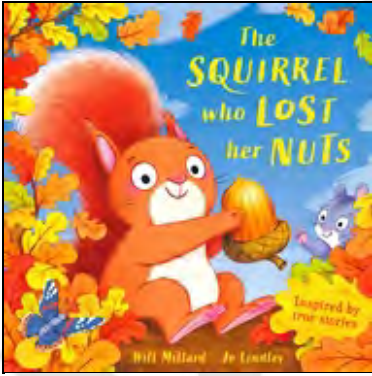
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The Squirrel Who Lost Her Nuts

Will Millard (Illustrated By Jo Lindley)

Keynote

A heart-warming picture book, inspired by true stories, about a young squirrel who struggles to find a hiding place for her nuts.

Description

Hazel can never find anywhere to store her nuts! Every year, bigger squirrels raid all the nuts that she hides up high, greedy foxes and badgers dig up all the nuts she hides down below and crafty jay birds spy her secret spots and steal everything she hides in between. Growing desperate, Hazel starts hiding her nuts closer and closer to humans. That doesn't work either! But Hazel's luck changes when a couple of concerned humans, charmed by her persistence and imagination, make it their mission to give Hazel her most successful year yet.

Includes facts about squirrels and the real events behind the true stories!

Sales Points

- Inspired by true stories about the weird and wonderful places that squirrels have hidden their nuts
- Tackles trending topics of climate change and the impact of humans on the natural world
- Features a non-fiction spread at the back packed with facts about squirrels

Author Biography

Will Millard (Author)

Will Millard is a writer, BBC presenter, and expedition leader. Born and brought up in the Fens, he is the BAFTA Cymru winning presenter of the BBC Two series 'Hunters of the South Seas' and 'My Year With The Tribe'.

Jo Lindley (Illustrator)

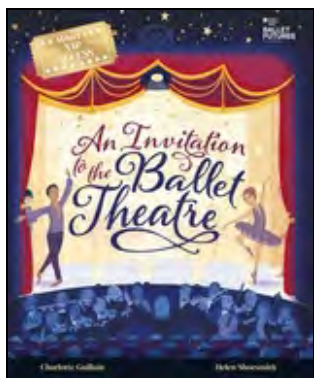
Jo graduated in architecture and is a children's book illustrator and author. She specialises in character-led picture books and illustrated fiction and is a self-styled 'archistrator' (architect + illustrator). She lives in Cardiff, Wales.

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Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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Binding	Paperback
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An Invitation to the Ballet Theatre

Charlotte Guillain (Illustrated By Helen Shoemith)

Keynote

Here is your very own invitation to the ballet theatre, asking you to take a tour and peek behind the scenes to see what goes on between performances.

Description

Grab your very own VIP access pass and enter the wonderful world of the ballet theatre.

Have you ever wondered how ballet dancers stay strong and avoid injury? Or how the magical scenes on stage are created by the set department? Step behind the scenes of the ballet theatre with your very own access-all-areas invitation to find out.

Discover how stunning costumes are designed and see the thousands of shoes stored in the shoe room. Watch the dancers put on dramatic makeup, elaborate wigs and headdresses to create their characters. Discover the magic and wonder of performance night as the dancers prepare to dance Swan Lake. As you turn the pages you'll read the stories of other famous ballets such as *The Nutcracker* and *The Firebird*.

With beautifully intricate illustrations, you'll discover more wonderful details each time you return.

Sales Points

- Here is your very own invitation to the ballet theatre, asking you to take a tour and peek behind the scenes to see what goes on between performances!
- Produced in consultation with the English National Ballet.
- Large gatefolds open up to reveal even more information.
- For fans of *The Story Orchestra* series; see also *Curtain Up!*

Author Biography

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.

Helen Shoemith (Illustrator)

Helen has a degree in Graphic Arts from Liverpool John Moores University and a Masters in Illustration for Children from the North East Wales School of Art. Helen lives and works in the North West of England with her partner and two young children and when she's not drawing she's planning adventurous family days out and cosy nights in.

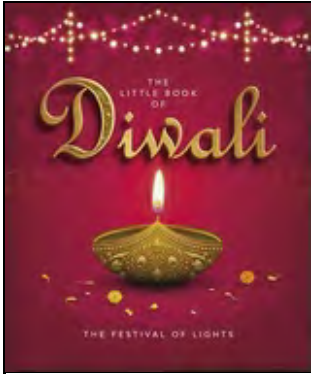
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Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
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Not for Sale	None

The Little Book of Diwali

Keynote

Celebrate the festival of light triumphing over darkness.

Description

Feasts, fireworks, friends and family - Diwali's festival of lights is a millennia-old religious and cultural tradition that celebrates more than just the defeating of evil spirits with an abundance of light, it is also a time where knowledge triumphs over ignorance, and the Indian nation enters a New Year with a new harvest and new fortunes. Diwali is India's No.1 national holiday, a day observed and enjoyed by more than 1.7 billion people globally, and the largest multi-faith celebration on earth.

This *Little Guide to Diwali* shines a brilliant and pure light of illumination on this incredible festive celebration with more than 175 easy-to-remember (and hard-to-forget) facts, quotes and trivia about Diwali's deep-rooted origins and traditions, serving as an ideal introductory reader to those wishing to learn more, as well as the ultimate gift for those who already observe this happy, holy holiday every year.

So, put on your kurtas and saris, light up your diyas, unwrap your mithai and wrap up your uphaar, because it's time for the festival of lights to begin. Shubh Deepavali!

SAMPLE CONTENT

"Let's not only celebrate with lights but also with the light of wisdom."
Mahatma Gandhi

"Diwali is about setting goals, not accumulating gold. As Lakshmi comes from Lakshya, meaning Goal."
Tapan Ghosh

Diwali is celebrated over five days, with each day observing its own unique traditions.

While Diwali is primarily a festival celebrated by Hindus it is also celebrated by Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists with each religion honouring different origins and traditions.

Sales Points

- The largest multi-faith festival celebration in the world, Diwali is celebrated annually by more than 1.7 billion people.
- More than 175 illuminating facts, quotes and trivia about Diwali's ancient traditions, history and purpose.
- A celebration of the festival and an introductory guide for those who want to learn more about its origins.

CONTENTS

Chapter 1 - A New Moon

Let us shine a bright illuminating spotlight on the ancient origins and history of Diwali, a festival of lights that has been celebrated for more than 2, 500 years.

Chapter 2 - Light the Fuse

Diwali has many iconic traditions and practices, from fireworks to prayer rituals. This chapter highlights all the most essential ones you need to know.

Chapter 3 - Golden Touch

Diwali is celebrated all around the world by people of all creeds and colours. A collection of quotes and quips by esteemed authors, philosophers, movies, literature and film about Diwali's global importance and heritage can be found within.

Chapter 4 - Pure Illumination

An A-Z of Diwali - a glossary! - to help you learn the lingo. From Amavasya to Sivakasi, rangoli to uphaar, knowledge of these Diwali-related words will help you celebrate the festival in style.

Chapter 5 - Diyas of Our Lives

Diwali is anything but a typical festival by-the-numbers, but this chapter is exploding with statistics and figures about the five-day celebration.

Chapter 6 - Fortune & Glory

Diwali in the 21st century is more than just ancient origins and religious practices, it's about family, friends, fireworks...and shopping. Learn more within.

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David Bowie Rainbowman 1967-1980

Jérôme Soligny

Keynote

The most authoritative work on the creation of Bowie's music ever published

Description

*A **TIMES BEST MUSIC BOOK OF 2023***

'For Bowie nuts this is research-heavy heaven.' -THE TIMES

'Quite simply the best book there is on David Bowie.'-MAIL ON SUNDAY

'If you love David Bowie, you will really love *Rainbowman*. Part oral history, part essay... It's an absolutely biblical text.' - STUART MACONIE, *BBC Radio 6 Music*

'This is a book unlike any other, the definitive analysis of David's music, told in a quiet natural way, but with absolute authenticity, by the people around him.' - HERMIONE FARTHINGALE

'Jérôme Soligny is one of the best authorities in the world on David Bowie's career and life in general.' - TONY VISCONTI

In *David Bowie Rainbowman*, Jérôme Soligny tells the story of David Bowie the musician with the help of those intimately involved with the creation of his music.

This uniquely exhaustive work on Bowie's 1967-1980 albums draws on **over 150** interviews with the musicians, producers and friends who knew Bowie best, including **Robert Fripp, Hermione Farthingale, Lou Reed, George Underwood, Mick Ronson, Carlos Alomar, Trevor Bolder, Mike Garson, Woody Woodmansey** and many, many others. With an essay by Soligny on each album followed by oral histories from the most trusted and influential figures in Bowie's musical life, *David Bowie Rainbowman* is the definitive guide to a singular and mercurial genius - the Rainbowman himself.

- **With a foreword by Tony Visconti, an introduction by Mike Garson and cover photo by Mick Rock**
- **A beautiful and stylish gift for Bowie fans, over 700 pages long and with striking cover design by Barnbrook**

Sales Points

- **TOTALLY COMPREHENSIVE:** At over 700 pages and drawing on over 150 interviews, this book is an incredibly detailed account of Bowie's music unlike anything else on the market.
- **INCREDIBLY AUTHORITATIVE:** The book draws on interviews with some of the most significant people in David Bowie's life and huge figures in the music industry. The author, Jérôme, was the only journalist Bowie would talk to in France and exchanged many emails with him over 25 years of friendship. He was honoured with the Chevalier des Artes et des Lettres in 2019.
- **STUNNING PACKAGE:** At over 700 pages and with a striking artwork to open each chapter, *David Bowie Rainbowman 1967-1980* is a fantastic gift for Bowie fans.
- **KEY INVOLVEMENT FROM BOWIE HEROES:** *Rainbowman* include a foreword by Bowie producer Tony Visconti, an introduction by Bowie pianist Mike Garson, cover photo by legendary rock n roll photographer Mick Rock, and cover design by Barnbrook, who did the cover artwork for four Bowie records including his last, *Blackstar* (2016).
- **A TIMELY BOOK:** The Victoria and Albert Museum is set to open its doors to a second site featuring a brand new exhibition on David Bowie in 2025. The exhibition will house some of the 80,000 items the museum has acquired.

Author Biography

Jérôme Soligny is a musician, writer and journalist based in France. Over the course of 25 years, Jérôme exchanged many emails with Bowie, and interviewed him on numerous occasions for *Rock & Folk* magazine. He was honoured with the Chevalier des Artes et Lettres in 2019 and is described by Bryan Ferry as 'one of the great French authorities on contemporary music'.

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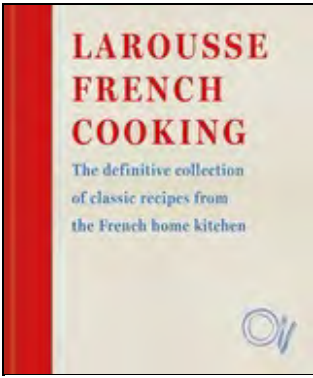
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Larousse French Cooking

The definitive collection of classic recipes from the French home kitchen

Larousse

Keynote

The definitive bible of French cuisine, From the publishers of Larousse Gastronomique, the world's classic culinary reference book

Description

Master the art of French cooking with this essential book. Structured around the specialties and seasonal ingredients from each region, this concise guide to French cuisine is packed with invaluable information. In a few simple steps, perfect your beef bourguignon and make crowd-pleasing madeleines.

With recipes ranging from quintessential French classics to hidden regional gems, any enthusiastic cook and serious gastronome can improve their French culinary repertoire with *Larousse French Cooking*.

Sales Points

- From the publishers of *Larousse Gastronomique*, the world's classic culinary reference book
- Larousse is highly regarded as an authoritative publisher of cookbooks and praised by renowned chefs worldwide, notably Jamie Oliver and Anthony Bourdain
- *New Larousse Gastronomique* has sold 47.5k copies via TCM

Author Biography

Larousse is the pre-eminent French cookery brand, publisher of the world-renowned classic *Larousse Gastronomique* since 1938. Larousse is synonymous with expert culinary advice that has been trusted by generations.

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Code It!

Make your own games, apps and more in Scratch and Python

Kevin Pettman

Keynote

Learn the programming languages Scratch and Python to create games, animations, utilities, and more. You don't need to know a single thing about coding to start making your own amazing creations!

Description

Want to make cool apps and games, but don't know where to start? This straightforward guide gives you everything you need to start making your own fun programs, using simple step-by-step guides.

Learn the programming languages Scratch and Python to create games, animations, utilities and more. You don't need to know a single thing about coding to get going!

This book takes the complexity out of coding and makes it simple for anyone to create fun and useful projects in code. Starting with the complete basics, the course takes the reader through the building blocks of code with Scratch, the simple and colourful visual language that's perfect for learners.

Once readers can make their own games and projects in Scratch, they can learn all about Python, a slightly more advanced language that offers a huge amount of flexibility and control. The book includes simple, step-by-step instructions for brilliant projects, teaching essential skills, so readers can learn while they create.

Sales Points

- A complete, self-contained coding course for absolute beginners.
- Clear, concise visual style makes learning easy.
- No prior knowledge of coding required-if you can switch on a computer, you can use this book.
- Full of fill-in puzzles, flowcharts, quizzes, doodling and more, turning learning into a game.
- Practical focus gets readers creating from the very first lesson.

Author Biography

Kevin Pettman is a versatile and passionate editor and writer with more than 15 years' experience, spanning magazines, books and partworks, including *Match of the Day* and *Match*. He is also a regular contributor to *Top Gear's* annuals and children's titles.

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Cat On The Road To Findout

Yusuf/Cat Stevens

Keynote

The long-awaited memoir from the legendary Yusuf/Cat Stevens: music icon, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and humanitarian.

Description

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the life, music and spiritual adventures of Yusuf/Cat Stevens, one of the iconic figures of our time. *CAT ON THE ROAD TO FINDOUT* is more than a memoir - it's a profound exploration of identity, faith, and the universal search for meaning.

Cat Stevens was launched to fame in the swinging sixties, with chart-topping pop hits like 'Matthew and Son' and 'The First Cut is the Deepest'. His early career was drastically interrupted by a mortal battle with TB - a turning point that ignited his quest for peace and understanding. Emerging from this experience, he rapidly rose to become one of the most prolific singer-songwriting icons of the seventies, captivating the world with soul-stirring anthems like 'Wild World', 'Father and Son', 'Peace Train', and 'Morning Has Broken'.

After exploring Buddhism, Zen, Hinduism, and astrology, in 1975 he again came face-to-face in a dangerous encounter with fate; a near-drowning experience in the ocean led to a massive transformative commitment to the Omniscient Power which miraculously saved him. This was fulfilled when his brother gifted him a copy of the Qur'an. By 1977, he embraced Islam, changed his name to Yusuf Islam, and shocked the world by leaving the music industry, dedicating his life to God, family, and humanitarian work.

Yusuf's inspirational story is one of quest, survival and redemption. With over 100 million records sold and billions of streams, still today, his soulful voice and poetic lyrics continue to inspire, now intertwined with a life of activism and altruism. As a campaigner for faith education, ecological consciousness and humanitarian work, Yusuf has become a global advocate for peace and coexistence.

FINDOUT unveils the untold chapters of his remarkable journey, illustrated with dozens of drawings in Yusuf's own hand. Self-penned with raw honesty and poetic insight, he reflects on the challenges, controversies, and triumphs that have defined his life, offering readers a rare glimpse into the soul of a man who has lived multiple lives in one - finally shedding light on all those hidden 'in-betweens'.

Sales Points

- Yusuf is legendary in the music world; he's sold over 100 million albums, been inducted into both the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame, and has been the recipient of hundreds of awards and accolades for both his music and humanitarian efforts.
- This is the very first time he'll be sharing his story, covering the dreams that drew him to the limelight, repelled him away from it and compelled him back again, as well as his controversial choices in the past.
- His online presence is huge:

Facebook: 1.5 million
Twitter: 130k
Insta: 172k
Spotify: 7.5 million monthly listeners
Spotify: 1.6 million followers

Author Biography

Yusuf/Cat Stevens is one of the most influential singer-songwriters of all time; the profound philosophy embedded within his songs continues to inspire generations. Following a near-fatal bout of TB at the end of the 1960s, he embarked on a deeply personal quest for spiritual enlightenment, seeking answers, and transcending religious boundaries. Cat's introspective lyrics and melodic charm placed him front and centre of a golden generation of singer-songwriters in the 1970s.

His amazing catalogue of songs, including 'Father and Son', 'Wild World', 'Where Do The Children Play?' and 'Peace Train', reflect a quest for peace and consciousness, inner development, and a passion for the natural world, that continues to resonate with music lovers and peace seekers all over the world. To date, he has sold over 100 million records and has over 4 billion streams.

In 1977, at the height of his career, Cat Stevens embraced Islam, and changed his name to Yusuf Islam. One year later, he left the music industry and dedicated himself to philanthropy and education. His extensive charity work has seen him receive numerous prestigious international awards, including the World Award for 'humanitarian relief work helping children and victims of war', and the Man of Peace Award, voted for by The Nobel Peace Laureates.

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Inducted into both the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Yusuf/Cat Stevens is the recipient of an Ivor Novello Award for Outstanding Song Collection and a two-time recipient of the ASCAP Songwriter of the Year Award. He holds honorary doctorates in Philosophy and Law from the universities of Gloucestershire and Exeter respectively and was made a Doctor of Humane Letters by the American University of Sharjah.

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One Dark Window the gothic and spellbinding million-copy bestseller

Rachel Gillig

Keynote

A special edition hardback of the million-copy bestselling TikTok sensation *One Dark Window* - the dark, lushly gothic fantasy about a maiden who must unleash the monster within to save her kingdom.

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A special edition hardback of the million-copy bestselling TikTok sensation *One Dark Window* - the dark, lushly gothic fantasy about a maiden who must unleash the monster within to save her kingdom.

'One Dark Window is enthralling from beginning to shocking end' Hannah Whitten, bestselling author of *For the Wolf*

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'An evocative tale of romance, mystery and alluring monsters, told in beautifully lush prose' Lyndall Clipstone, author of *Lakesedge*

'The steamy romance that emerges between Elspeth and Ravyn delights' *Publishers Weekly*

'A beautifully dark fairy tale of blood, rage and bitter choice, that whisked me away to mist-wreathed woods ripe with romance and menace' Davinia Evans, author of *Notorious Sorcerer*

The Shepherd King duology:

One Dark Window
Two Twisted Crowns

The Stonewater Kingdom
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Sales Points

- **A stunning special edition hardback of this sensational, gothic, mist-cloaked fantasy romance** that is taking the Tiktok and romantasy world by storm
- **OVER 1.1 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE of the series as of September 2024, and the Shepherd King duology is an instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller**
- **HUGE TIKTOK HIT:** this series has over 30 million TikTok views and *One Dark Window* is regularly charting in the top 100 kindle charts in the UK and ANZ
- **Rachel Gillig is one of the biggest new names in romantasy**, with her books holding massive appeal for fans of such as *Fourth Wing*, *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, *The Serpent and the Wings of Night* and *Quicksilver*

Reviews

- **'An evocative tale of romance, mystery and alluring monsters, told in beautifully lush prose.** Rachel Gillig has created **a story which left me entranced'** - Lyndall Clipstone, author of *LAKESEDGE*
- **'A beautifully dark fairy tale of blood, rage and bitter choice, that whisked me away to mist-wreathed woods ripe with romance and menace'** - Davinia Evans, author of

- **NOTORIOUS SORCERER** - 'A superb performance, twisted magic and nail-biting intrigue, *One Dark Window* snares readers in its deliciously dark spell and leaves them desperate for more. I couldn't put it down' - Kat Delacorte, author of *WITH FIRE IN THEIR BLOOD*
- 'The steamy romance that emerges between Elspeth and Ravyn delights' - Publishers Weekly



Author Biography

Rachel Gillig is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Shepherd King series. If she's not ensconced in blankets, dreaming up her next novel, Rachel is out walking in beautiful coastal California with her husband, son and their dignified poodle Wally.

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Two Twisted Crowns the instant NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY bestseller

Rachel Gillig

Keynote

A special edition hardback of the second and final book in the million-copy bestselling TikTok sensation, the Shepherd King duology.

Description

A special edition hardback of the final book in the million-copy bestselling Shepherd King duology, which began with *One Dark Window*. In this lushly gothic, mist-cloaked romantasy, Elspeth must face the consequences of what she's wrought.

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Elspeth and Ravyn have gathered most of the twelve Providence Cards, but the last, and most important one remains to be found: The Twin Alders.

If they are going to find it before the Solstice and cure the kingdom of the dark magic infecting it, they will need to journey beyond the dangerous mist-cloaked forest that surrounds their kingdom.

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Discover the dark gothic fantasy taking the world by storm, from one of the most exciting voices in romantasy: the million-copy bestselling Rachel Gillig.

Praise for *One Dark Window*:

'An enchanting tale with sharp claws and teeth - Gillig's prose will pull you in and won't let you sleep. Pulse-pounding, darkly whimsical and aglow with treacherous magic, *One Dark Window* is everything I love in fantasy and more' Allison Saft, author of *A Far Wilder Magic*

'A beautifully dark fairy tale of blood, rage and bitter choice, that whisked me away to mist-wreathed woods ripe with romance and menace' Davinia Evans, author of *Notorious Sorcerer*

'An evocative tale of romance, mystery and alluring monsters, told in beautifully lush prose' Lyndall Clipstone, author of *Lakesedge*

'Steeped in brooding romance, twisted magic and nail-biting intrigue, *One Dark Window* snares readers in its deliciously dark spell and leaves them desperate for more. I couldn't put it down' Kat Delacorte, author of *With Fire in their Blood*

'The steamy romance that emerges between Elspeth and Ravyn delights' *Publishers Weekly*

Books by Rachel Gillig

The Shepherd King duology:
One Dark Window
Two Twisted Crowns

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Sales Points

- **A stunning special edition hardback of this sensational, gothic, mist-cloaked fantasy romance** that is taking the Tiktok and romantasy world by storm
- **OVER 1.1 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE of the series as of September 2024,** and the Shepherd King duology is an instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller
- **HUGE TIKTOK HIT:** this series has over 30 million TikToks views and *One Dark Window* is regularly charting in the top 100 kindle charts in the UK and ANZ
- **Rachel Gillig is one of the biggest new names in romantasy,** with her books holding massive appeal for fans of such as *Fourth Wing, A Court of Thorns and Roses, The Serpent and the Wings of Night* and *Quicksilver*

Reviews

- **'An evocative tale of romance, mystery and alluring monsters,** told in

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beautifully lush prose. Rachel Gillig has created **a story which left me entranced** - Lyndall Clipstone, author of LAKESEDGE

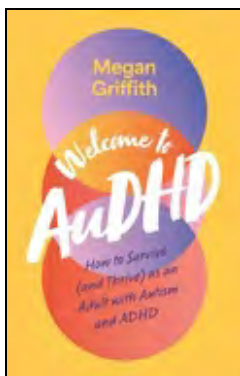
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Author Biography

Rachel Gillig is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Shepherd King series. If she's not ensconced in blankets, dreaming up her next novel, Rachel is out walking in beautiful coastal California with her husband, son and their dignified poodle Wally.

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Welcome to AuDHD How to Survive (and Thrive) as an Adult with Autism and ADHD

Megan Griffith

Keynote

This affirming lived experience guide explores what it means to be auDHD.

Description

Whether you just got diagnosed as AuDHD, or came to the realization on your own, you're probably wondering...what do I do now? That's how Megan Griffith felt after her own AuDHD diagnosis in her late 20s. So she wrote the AuDHD welcome guide that she (and so many other late-realized AuDHDers) desperately needed.

As an adult who's AuDHD, you need adult advice on how to do adult things, like how to make dinner every single night for the rest of forever, or how to interview for, get, and keep a job without burning out. You need support that's designed for you as an adult, and as someone who's not just autistic, not just ADHD, but both.

This book covers all of that, and more. From gentle emotional validation to incredibly practical advice, and exercises to help you create real change in your daily life, Megan Griffith is ready to be your guide into the wonderful, terrible, confusing, liberating world of AuDHD.

Welcome home.

Sales Points

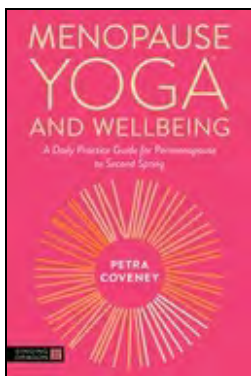
- The author is a popular US voice on the subject of 'AuDHD' on social media, and has a strong brand. She has consistent high engagement with 300k followers on tiktok, 37k on Instagram and 36k YouTube subscribers. She is a neurodivergent life coach.
- There is increasing recognition that Autism and ADHD can co-occur. Between 30-70% of autistic people also have ADHD. Due to changes in diagnostic criteria this has only been recognised within the past 10 years, and there aren't many books catering to this demographic.
- A positive and neurodiversity-affirming title that engages a bit of humour will appeal to this demographic.
- There is a growing market for a book that focuses on the unique combination of autism and ADHD as its own condition, and not just about on the individual traits of both.
- The book is written in an accessible style and there are clear 'Takeaways' sections for quick reference at the end of each chapter making it appropriate for neurodivergent readers.

Author Biography

Megan Griffith is auDHD-autistic and ADHD. She is an auDHD life coach who's spent the last 10 years learning everything she can about emotions, selfhood, neurodivergence, and community. In addition to running her coaching business, The Neurocuriosity Club, she's also a speaker and author, and she loves doing deep dives on all things autism, ADHD, and neurodivergence. When she's not writing or working with clients, she can typically be found dying her hair or taking walks with her husband and three kids.

Market

This book is intended for late-diagnosed (either professionally or self-diagnosed) auDHDers. They're struggling to find resources for adults rather than children, and resources for the unique combination of autism and ADHD rather than one or the other.



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Extent	304 pages
Word Count	62000 words
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Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
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Author living in	Hove, UK

Previous Titles

Petra Coveney, *Menopause Yoga: A Holistic Guide to Supporting Women on their Menopause Journey*, October 2021, 9781787758896; 3026 copies sold

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Menopause Yoga™ and Wellbeing A Daily Practice Guide for Perimenopause to Second Spring

Petra Coveney

Keynote

How yoga and other complementary and lifestyle wellness techniques can help improve menopause symptoms and positively embrace your Second Spring.

Description

This handbook builds on the wisdom shared in Petra Coveney's first book, *Menopause Yoga* by providing tools and techniques for home practice or as part of yoga therapy. It offers curated 15-30-minute yoga home practice classes for symptoms such as hot flushes, anxiety, irritability, brain fog, disturbed sleep, pelvic floor challenges, and many more.

It is accompanied by 18 class videos, illustrations and written instructions including modifications and how to use props, as well as a wealth of contributions from leading experts on menopause wellness.

It includes information on HRT, nutrition, exercise, CBT psychology, herbal remedies and supplements, Ayurveda and traditional Chinese medicine, whilst also acknowledging the wide spectrum of menopause experiences based on ethnicity, gender identity, trauma, neurodiversity, and medically induced menopause.

Sales Points

- This guide builds on the success of the author's previous book, *Menopause Yoga* - a holistic guide to supporting women on their menopause journey, which has sold over 3,000 copies.
- This book is aimed at the general public, but will also be part of the author's international teacher training courses, which are accredited in four regions (UK and Northern Ireland, Europe, Australia and the USA).
- Supplemented with class instructions, illustrations and 18 class videos, plus guided audio meditations.
- There is growing interest in more holistic approaches to the menopause.
- The author is committed to an inclusive approach to menopause and yoga, which is reflected in the book's content and the models who feature in the videos who represent body positivity, ethnic diversity and ages from 40-60.

Reviews

- 'A beautiful, empowering guide packed with practical tools to support women through every stage of menopause. These simple yoga practices are a powerful addition to your self-care toolbox - wherever you are in your journey.' - Lavina Mehta MBE - Personal Trainer, Author of *The Feel Good Fix* & Founder of *Feel Good with Lavina*

Author Biography

Petra Coveney is the founder and creator of Menopause Yoga™, the world's first specific style of yoga practice and teacher training course to support women and people on their journey from peri-menopause to post-menopause. Petra is a qualified Yoga Therapist, Senior Teacher and Trainer for the British Wheel of Yoga and Yoga Alliance Professionals and Yoga Australia, and has been a member of the British Menopause Society for health practitioners since 2017. She lives in the UK but trains teachers and supports women worldwide in her weekly public classes and monthly courses.

Market

People going through peri-menopause and menopause; yoga teachers; menopause coaches; wellbeing coaches; personal trainers; Pilates instructors; other fitness instructors.



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Adapting Chair Yoga for Every Body

Finlay Wilson

Keynote

A yoga teacher's guide to the principles of chair yoga and creating accessible yoga practices.

Description

Open your yoga practice to every body with this essential guide to accessible chair yoga. Based in the author's years of experience working with amputees and people with disabilities of all types, the book expands the movement vocabulary, creating space to adapt poses and movements for your students' unique accessibility needs.

From backbends and twists to core work and balancing poses, every part of each sequence is approached with adaptability in mind, allowing teachers and students alike to focus on what they **can** do, whatever their physical ability or requirements. The book offers suggestions on how to begin your practice, breathwork, and meditation, as well as sample sequences and teaching plans to help you carry the principles of adaptive yoga into your future classes with flexibility and openness.

Sales Points

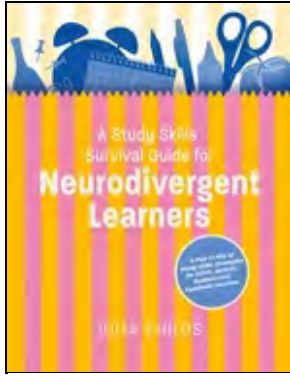
- **Solid topic** - *Chair Yoga* by Edeltraud Rohnfeld (9781848190788) still sells approx. 100 copies a year over a decade after publication
- **There are 16 million disabled people in the UK** (Family Resources Survey 2022-2023) - **24% of the population. Accessibility is vital.**
- **International author presence** - the author has run workshops internationally on anatomy, movement, and accessibility, and has been featured in the media including *New York Times*, *Cosmo*, the *Today Show*, *This Morning*, and *BBC Breakfast*
- **Proven author** - *Kilted Yoga* (9781473667846) and *Wild Kilted Yoga* (9781529377149) are both bestsellers

Author Biography

Finlay Wilson is a yoga teacher and the CEO of Heartspace in Dundee, a charity that develops yoga programmes, community work, and outreach for the people of Dundee and Scotland. Through his leadership over the last 14 years, a diverse community has formed with physical challenges from physical disability, limb loss, and additional support needs.

Market

Yoga teachers and trainees; movement professionals; physiotherapists. Secondary market of care home staff, disability group leaders; disabled yoga practitioners; able-bodied yoga practitioners looking for in-depth information on chair yoga practice.



A Study Skills Survival Guide for Neurodivergent Learners

A Pick n Mix of Study Skills Strategies for ADHD, Autistic, Dyslexic and Dyspraxic Learners

Julia Childs (Illustrated By Jules Scheele)

Keynote

The ultimate pick 'n' mix study guide filled with strategies and templates from timetables to summaries and doodle boxes with something for EVERY neurodivergent brain to choose from and develop the best study skills skillset for their brain.

Description

When it comes to studying - one size does NOT fit all - especially if you're neurodivergent. How we approach learning and what works can vary widely depending on if we're ADHD, AuDHD, Autistic, Dyslexic, Dyspraxic... and maybe some of those profiles overlap. So where do you begin?

Neurodivergent study skills expert and tutor Julia Childs has put the power back in your hands to experiment and find out exactly what works for you.

With a pick 'n' mix of strategies and templates, tailored not only on your neurotype but also potential overlaps in profiles with other neurotypes, you'll be guided to try out the strategies most likely to work for you and your brain based on your skills and how you experience the world. Through the journey of experimenting (and enjoying it) you can get your own perfect 'bag' of study skills. Covering everything from self-care and burn out (yes that's actually a study skill) to getting organised, reading, and notetaking and much more, you will obtain personalized study skills for life.

Sales Points

- **Unique book structure** - Strategies are organized by the neurodivergent student's skills as opposed to neurotype/identity so neurodivergent students have the autonomy to experiment and choose what works best for them.
- **Excellent author connections** - Author works directly with neurodivergent students and is a member of PATOSS.
- **Great value for students with downloadable & reusable templates for studying/summarising**

Reviews

- 'This is a great book of practical and easy-to-implement study strategies. With a focus on creating sustainable study practices and avoiding burnout, this book is an essential companion for neurodivergent learners.' - Victoria Honeybourne, Neurodiversity Specialist and author of 'Finding Joy in Studying: An Autistic and ADHD Guide to Uncovering the Study Skills that work for you.'

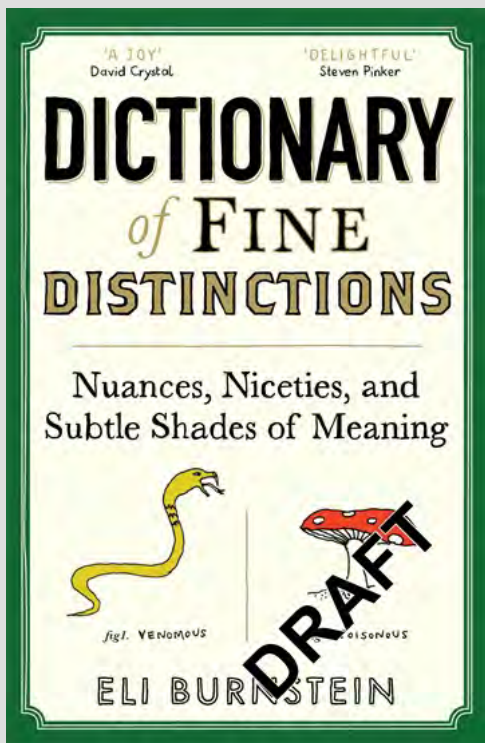
Author Biography

Julia Childs works closely with neurodivergent students at college/university as a mentor and study skills specialist for those with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. She also tutors in English for business communication at a UK university and provides individual English for academic purposes support sessions for students university-wide. Previously, Julia spent three years as a high school English teacher in an all-autism school. She has a specific interest in study skills and completed her Masters in Education with a focus on how autistic students can be supported to work with increasing independence. She is a qualified dyslexia specialist teacher and is an associate member of PATOSS (Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties).

Market

Neurodivergent children in secondary school all the way to university and the adults supporting them (parents, teachers, teaching assistants, study skills mentors, educational psychologists, SENCOs and university disability advisors).

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REVIEWS

'This delightful book is a tribute to the genius of the human mind for conceptual precision and the beauty of the English language in capturing it' - Steven Pinker, *The Language Instinct*

'A great idea, beautifully realized. I shall never have a latte again without thinking of this book! A joy to read' - David Crystal, *How Language Works*

'One doesn't have to read for long before experiencing a 'Eureka' moment, in which a previously murky subject comes into focus' - *Wall Street Journal*

'An immensely satisfying book' - *Washington Examiner*

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Dictionary of Fine Distinctions

Nuances, Niceties and Subtle Shades of Meaning

ELI BURNSTEIN

KEYNOTE

A charmingly illustrated and witty (flapped) stocking filler for language lovers

SALES POINTS

- **Perfect gift for word nerds:** Susie Dent's WORD PERFECT (51k TCM), Gyles Brandreth PROSE & CONS (8k hb TCM), Profile's own Lynne Truss EATS, SHOOTS AND LEAVES (1.25M TCM)
- **Sleeper hit from the US:** Made waves on distribution in hardback, despite lack of campaign (1.7k HB TCM). Now we're giving it the fanfare it deserves with its own UK, flapped B format paperback publication
- **Building on existing support:** Existing fans include Michael Rosen, Steven Pinker and David Crystal, with Lucy Mangan and Alex Bellos reading
- **Packed with charming illustrations:** Entries brought to life with charming and witty illustrations from Liana Finck

DESCRIPTION

'Delightful' Steven Pinker | 'A joy to read' David Crystal

Swamp or bog? Guilt or shame? Poisonous or venomous?

We pick from a wealth of words to express ourselves each day, giving precious little thought to the specifics or their meaning. But are we using them with any degree of accuracy - or should that be precision?

For hair-splitters and language lovers, *Dictionary of Fine Distinctions* explores the words that too many of us collapse, conflate or confuse. Inspecting the vanishingly small distinctions between them that make all the difference, Eli Burnstein's witty deep dives into everything from food and fashion to ethics and architecture will sharpen your understanding, tickle your mind and bring clarity at last.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Eli Burnstein is a Canadian humour writer, living in London. His work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*, *Slackjaw*, *Weekly Humorist* and *Points in Case*. He runs a spelling bee (Spelling Bae) that has been featured in the *Toronto Star* and the *National Post*, and on CBC Radio.

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REVIEWS

'Herscht 07769 is a work of genius, astonishingly well translated by Otilie Mulzet: I can only imagine the labour and dedication involved in capturing the rhythms of Krasznahorkai's clauses, their strange and captivating music' - 5-star review, *Telegraph*

'Remarkable' - *Times Literary Supplement*

'Propulsive and revelatory ... Krasznahorkai is a universalist cut loose from the shibboleths of humanism' - *The New York Times*

'A humane, compelling, intriguing novel ... comedic, if macabre, and cinematic' - *Scotsman*

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KEYNOTE

A masterpiece of form and fiction as one of our greatest living writers tackles our fears of environmental disaster

DESCRIPTION

The International Booker Award winner's breathtaking new novel about neo-Nazis, particle physics, and graffiti vandalism

'Propulsive and revelatory' *The New York Times*

'A work of genius' 5-star review, *Telegraph*

Gentle giant Florian Herscht is an orphan, adopted by a neo-Nazi who has apprenticed him as a graffiti cleaner. The Boss, a Bach fanatic, is enraged that someone is spraying wolf emblems across the monuments to the famed composer in their east German town. He is determined to punish the culprit and Florian has no choice but to join his gang as they devise a plan to catch him. But Florian has bigger things to worry about: having attended Herr Köhler's adult education classes in physics, he can see that the world might end at any moment.

Written in one cascading sentence with the power of atomic particles colliding, Krasznahorkai's novel is a tour de force, a moving character study, a blistering satire and devastating encapsulation of our helplessness at the moral and environmental dilemmas we face today.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

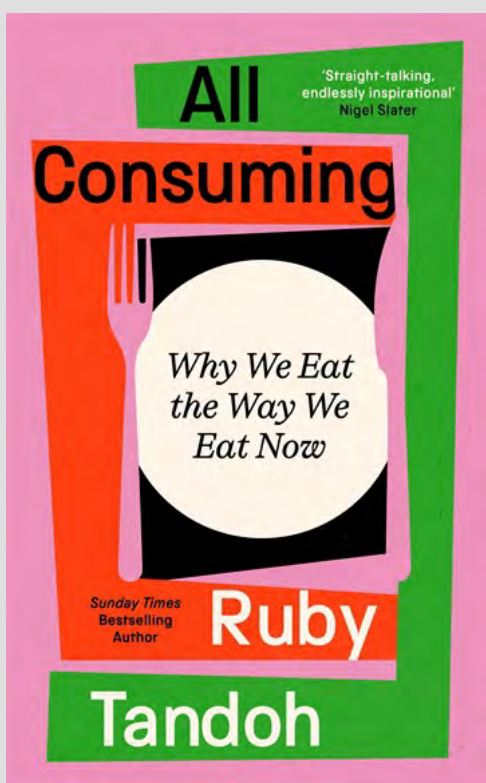
László Krasznahorkai has won the 2019 National Book Award for Translated Literature for *Baron Wenckheim's Homecoming*, the 2015 Man Booker International Prize for lifetime achievement and the 2024 Prix Formentor for lifetime achievement. Several of his most famous novels including *Satantango* and *The Melancholy of Resistance* were turned into films by the director Béla Tarr.

Otilie Mulzet is a literary critic and translator of Hungarian. She received the 2019 National Book Award for Translated Literature in and the 2014 Best Translated Book Award.

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REVIEWS

‘Completely dazzling in its scope, rigour, wit and savage, enlivening intellect. As a tour guide, Tandoh is brutally unsparing but infectiously passionate; forensically obsessive but self-aware’ - Jimi Famurewa, author of SETTLERS and PICKY

‘Praise for *Eat Up*’ - -, -

‘I read it greedily’ - Nigella Lawson

‘A joyous manifesto for flavour and sanity ... I loved it’ - Bee Wilson

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All Consuming

Why We Eat The Way We Eat Now

RUBY TANDOH

KEYNOTE

The star food writer asks, are our appetites are really our own?

SALES POINTS

- **A STAR OF FOOD WRITING**, regularly featured in the *New Yorker*, *Guardian*, *Vittles* and *Vice*
- **HUGELY TIMELY SUBJECT**, exploring our relationship with the curious, frequently absurd and often controversial food landscape and the forces that have shaped it, for readers interested in the pleasures of food pleasures (Stanley Tucci's *Taste*, 300k combined TCM , TOPJAW's 700k followers, obsessive followers of THE INFATUATION) and its politics (*Ultra-Processed People*, combined TCM 200k)
- **PROVEN SALES RECORD**, building on the *Sunday Times* bestselling success of *Eat Up* (15k TCM) - 'I read it greedily' *Nigella Lawson* - and her compassionate cookbook *Cook As You Are* (9k TCM)
- **BELOVED BY INFLUENTIAL FOOD WRITERS** including Nigella Lawson, Bee Wilson and Meera Sodha

DESCRIPTION

Why do we eat the way we eat now?

Our tastes have radically transformed over the past 75 years, painstakingly engineered in the depths of food factories and hacked by craveable Instagram recipes. We used to learn about food from those closest to us - now we're just as likely to be influenced by a TikTok restaurant critic halfway across the world. Food culture is now mass culture, and it's more complex, exciting and absurd by the day.

From the viral appeal of restaurant queues to the light-speed growth of bubble tea, Ruby Tandoh's startlingly original exploration of today's food landscape leads her to question - as we surely will, too - how our tastes have been shaped and how much they are, in fact, our own.

Explore *All Consuming* Bubble Tea | Critics | Recipes | Mob | Supermarkets | Queues | Tiktok | Viennetta | Weekend supplements | Trad Wives | Cookbooks | Influencers | Wellness elixirs | Entertaining | Wimpy with Ruby Tandoh this autumn.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

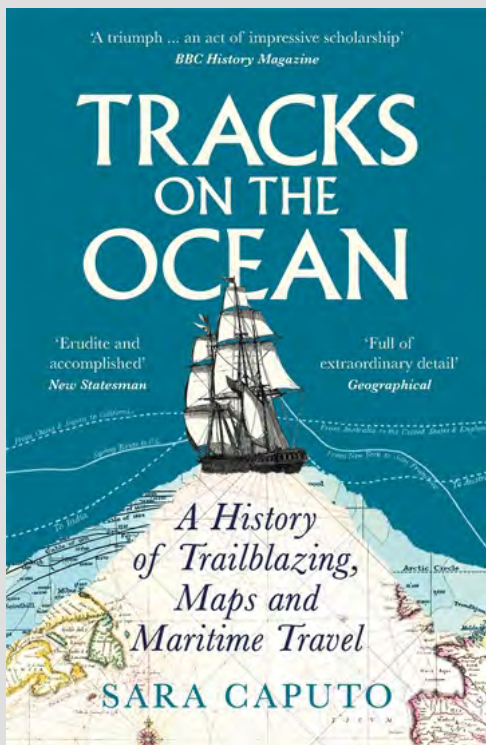
Ruby Tandoh is a food writer who has written for the *New Yorker*, *Guardian*, *Vittles* and *Vice*. A finalist on the Great British Bake Off, she has published *Eat Up*, about the pleasures of eating, as well as three cookery books: *Crumb*, *Flavour* and *Cook As You Are*.

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Tracks on the Ocean

A History of Trailblazing, Maps and Maritime Travel

SARA CAPUTO

KEYNOTE

A trailblazing history of how the marks left on maps tell the story of the world

SALES POINTS

- Riveting maritime and social history, that brings to life centuries of hidden stories and characters, as much for readers of David Grann's *The Wager* as Tim Marshall's *Prisoners of Geography*
- Fresh take on an enduringly popular topic: geography and world history titles lead the bestseller charts each year (*Prisoners of Geography*, 750k+, *The Earth Transformed*, 20k+)
- Hardback edition received widespread acclaim in print media, and as a rising star academic Dr Caputo has appeared on radio and podcasts - more publicity to come

DESCRIPTION

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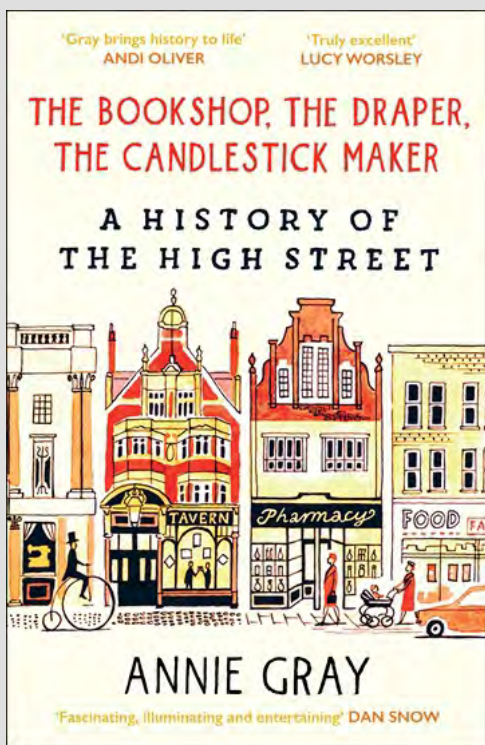
Dr Sara Caputo is a Senior Research Fellow at Magdalene College, Cambridge. A specialist in maritime history, she is the winner of the Prince Consort and Thirwell Prize, as well as the Boydell and Brewer Prize. *Tracks on the Ocean* was awarded the Ideas Prize for non-fiction.

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'Fascinating history of a British institution in crisis. Annie Gray's history **illuminates, entertains and provides vital context for the big decisions we face about the future** of the high street' - Dan Snow, author and host of HISTORY HIT podcast

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A History of the High Street

ANNIE GRAY

KEYNOTE

A people's history of the high street

SALES POINTS

- Annie Gray is a lively media personality - she has appeared on BBC Radio 4's Kitchen Cabinet, presents BBC 2's Victorian Bakers, and is a culinary advisor on Back to Work: Confectioners
- The high street is a key talking point in the current government's plans to 'level up' parts of the UK - huge publicity opportunities and the possibility of tours of local bookshops (on high streets)
- Annie's previous books have sold over 35k copies
- *The Bookshop, The Draper, The Candlestick Maker* is to be heard as Radio 4 Book of the Week later in time for the festive season

DESCRIPTION

'Annie Gray's fascinating history of a British institution in crisis illuminates and entertains' **GREG JENNER**

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Bustling with rich detail, historical vignettes and surprising wares, this is the story of Britain's best-loved but ever-changing public spaces.

What makes a high street? It's certainly not just about the shopping; these thoroughfares are often the beating heart of our towns and cities and, by extension, of the people who use them. As spaces where local life and culture unfolds, our high streets can be playgrounds of personal indulgence and community spirit, or sites of contentious debate and politicking.

Historian Annie Gray takes us down the street and through the ages, from medieval marketplaces to the purpose-built concrete precincts of the twentieth century. Peeping through the windows of tailors, tearooms and grocers, we explore everything from the toyshops of yesteryear - where curiosities were sold for adults, not children - to the birth of brands we shop at today.

Vibrant and enticing, *The Bookshop, The Draper, The Candlestick Maker* is an essential reflection on how we shopped and lived in days gone by - and what the future may bring.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Annie Gray is an historian, cook, broadcaster and writer specialising in the history of food and dining in Britain from around 1600 to the present day. She has presented TV history documentaries including *Victorian Bakers* and *The Sweetmakers*, and appears on BBC Radio 4's The Kitchen Cabinet. She is the author of a number of books, most recently *At Christmas We Feast*, also from Profile. She lives in East Anglia.

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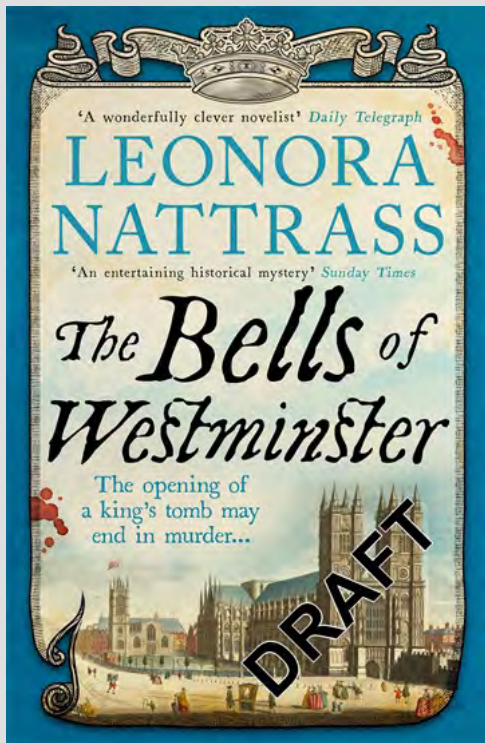
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‘There's plot a plenty in Natrass's standalone historical thriller but it's the vivid characters and wonderful descriptions of Westminster Abbey that make her fourth novel sparkle’ - *Daily Mail*

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The Bells of Westminster

LEONORA NATRASS

KEYNOTE

The new standalone historical thriller by the bestselling author of *Blue Water*, *Black Drop* and *Scarlet Town*

SALES POINTS

- *Blue Water* was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month, a *Times* bestseller, shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger and a *Financial Times* and Waterstones Book of the Year
- *Black Drop* was the *Sunday Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Month, and one of their Books of the Year for 2021
- Strong appeal for readers of Antonia Hodgson, C.J. Sansom, Laura Shepherd-Robinson and Andrew Taylor

DESCRIPTION

* A *TIMES* HISTORICAL FICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR *

* A *SUNDAY TIMES* HISTORICAL FICTION PICK OF THE MONTH *

He looked as if he had just received some very bad news. In that he was certainly right, for he was perfectly and incontrovertibly dead...

London, 1774. Susan Bell spends her days within the confines of Westminster Abbey, one of many who live in the grounds of the ancient building. Her father, the kindly Dean of Westminster, is always busy keeping the many canons and vergers in check, when not being romantically pursued by forceful widows. Life at the abbey is uneventful, even after the unwelcome arrival of Susan's cousin Lindley and his unusual scientific demonstrations. That is until the Society of Antiquaries come armed with a letter from King George III, demanding to open the tomb of Edward I.

As the Society prepares to open the tomb, a ghostly figure is seen walking the abbey cloisters, wearing the crown and shroud of the dead king. Then there is further uproar when one of the Antiquaries is found viciously murdered, and the corpse of Edward I is stolen. With her father's position under threat from the scandal, Susan feels duty-bound to investigate these strange occurrences. Could one of the Society members be harbouring a murderous secret? Or is one of the abbey's own a killer?

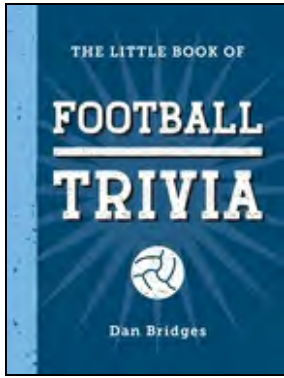
The new historical mystery from the bestselling author of *Black Drop*, *Blue Water* and *Scarlet Town*. Perfect for readers of Andrew Taylor, Laura Shepherd-Robinson and S.J. Parris.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Leonora Natrass studied eighteenth-century literature and politics, and spent ten years lecturing in English and publishing works on William Cobbett. She lives in Cornwall, in a seventeenth-century house with seventeenth-century draughts, and spins the fleeces of her Ryeland sheep into yarn. Her first novel, *Black Drop*, was published in 2021, and was a *Sunday Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Month. Her second, *Blue Water*, was published in 2022 and was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month. Her third novel, *Scarlet Town*, was published in 2023 and shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger award.

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Dan Bridges

Description

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Whether you're curious about how the yellow card came into existence or you want insight into some of football's wildest moments, this book has it all. Uncover surprising facts about the game's greatest players, memorable rivalries, unbelievable stats and unexpected twists in football history. Challenge your fellow soccer lovers or put your own knowledge to the test with tricky trivia questions to boost your knowledge of the beautiful game!

Sales Points

- Perfect for any football fan looking to enrich their love of the sport, this book contains interesting facts, game-changing moments in history, entertaining stories and funny anecdotes all about this beloved game.
- Published to coincide with the eagerly awaited 2026 FIFA World Cup which takes place between June and July across North America.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *It's Coming Home* (ISBN: 9781800076402); *The Football Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781800079212); *52 Things to Do While You Poo: The Football Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781787835542).

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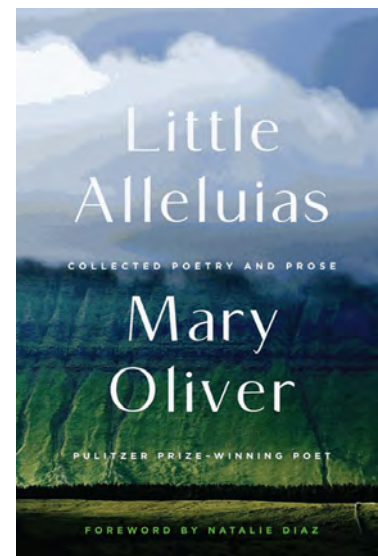


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Little Alleluias

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Title Notes

Sales Handle: A curated compendium of three complete works by the award-winning poet Mary Oliver: the book-length poem *The Leaf and the Cloud*, the collection *What Do We Know*, and essays from *Long Life*—with a foreword by fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Postcolonial Love Poem* Natalie Diaz.

Book Description: For the many admirers of Mary Oliver's breathtaking poetry of touch and transcendence, as well as for those coming to her words for the first time, *Little Alleluias* is a revelation.

These works observe, search, pause, astonish, and give thanks to both love and the natural world. In constant conversation with the sublime, (i.e. "Are you afraid? / Somewhere a thousand swans are flying / through winter's worst storm."), Oliver has the rare skill of rendering life: her poems bring movement to stillness, and people to the Earth, themselves, and each other. Her essays declare her heart and her home, too, alongside thoughts on Wordsworth, Emerson, and Hawthorne—the odes and elegies of Provincetown's resident poet.

Page by page, Mary Oliver invites us to walk through her minutes, her moments, and revere the light and dark and rainbowed clothes of world alongside her. With three distinct books collected in one volume for the first time, *Little Alleluias* asks what passes and what persists, and offers readers the peace that every mind deserves.

"Hers is a purposeful language, one that looks not just with attention but with sensual intention, and though awestruck, seeks to hold, even briefly, the unknowns of the energies that make any life. Little alleluias, she called her writings. Not meant to define but to praise, to rejoice in the maker and what has been made, to dare be heard as a whisper or a shout in this immense world."—Natalie Diaz, in her Foreword

Key Selling Points

- **PERENNIAL, VIRAL POET:** Since her death in 2019, Mary Oliver's place in the literary canon has only grown. The approachability of her poetry has found audiences beyond traditional poetry readers, consistently going viral across social media platforms (#maryoliver, @maryoliverofficial, CI Data TK). Her Instagram is also posthumously active with 180K followers, and Facebook with 395K followers. Her 2017 book *DEVOTIONS* with Penguin has sold 484,000 copies across formats (the posthumous paperback has sold 273K alone, recently chosen as a Dec 2024 Read with Jenna pick), with three PRH reissues/repackages of her work in 2024 and the launch of Mary Oliver Picture Books (illustrated by Melissa Sweet) forthcoming from PRH in 2026. (data as of Jan2024)
- **90TH BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION:** September 10, 2025 is Mary Oliver's 90th birthday, and publication of this fresh collection with fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natalie Diaz the day before positions it perfectly to be linked to topical, inspirational, and/or legacy posts across social media as well as relevant local and national media outlets that have poems-of-the-day or poetry columns (i.e. *Literary Hub*, *Poetry Magazine*, *New York Times*, *the New Yorker*).

Stalking Jack the Ripper Paperback Collection

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Stalking Jack the Ripper

In this spine-chilling gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, a resourceful lord's daughter named Audrey Rose Wadsworth and her brilliant friend Thomas Cresswell find themselves inescapably embroiled in the investigation of a ghastly serial killer known as Jack the Ripper.

Hunting Prince Dracula

In this haunting sequel, Audrey Rose and Thomas uncover bizarre murders deep in the castle of Prince Vlad the Impaler, otherwise known as Dracula. Could it be a copycat killer...or has the depraved prince been brought back to life?

Escaping From Houdini

In their third harrowing adventure, Audrey Rose and Thomas find themselves aboard a luxurious ocean liner that becomes a floating prison of scandal, madness, and horror when passengers are murdered one by one...with nowhere to run from the killer.

Capturing the Devil

In the shocking finale to the bestselling series, Audrey Rose and Thomas are on the hunt for the elusive, sickening killer known as the White City Devil. A deadly game of cat-and-mouse has them fighting to stay one step ahead of the brilliant serial killer---or see their fateful romance cut short by unspeakable tragedy.

Key Selling Points

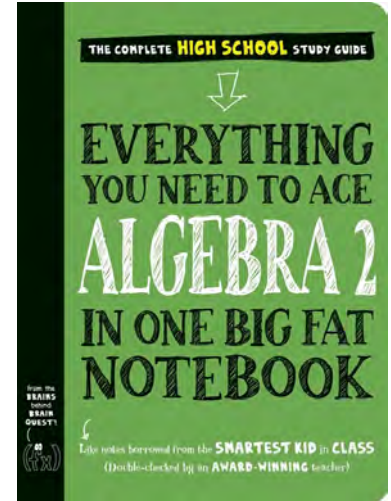
- **A NYT BESTSELLING SERIES:** The series has sold over 275,000 units across all formats to date (Bookscan).
- **BLOCKBUSTER AUTHOR:** Kerri's most recent title, *Kingdom of the Wicked*, spent 10 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list in hardcover, and with strong preorder numbers, *Kingdom of the Cursed* is poised to match that. Kerri's fans are hungry for her books, making this a perfect moment to push her backlist.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA MASTER:** Kerri is a tireless self-promoter with 58,000 followers on Instagram, as well as a frequently-updated blog and Facebook page.

HORROR FANTASY YA: This genre is still going strong, with recent dark YA novels such as *Wilder Girls*, *The Beautiful*, and *House of Salt and Sorrows* making the bestseller list.

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Book Description: Filled with helpful tips, definitions, and side bars, all written in accessible student-friendly language, readers can use this study guide to supplement classroom instruction, for review, homework help, test prep, and to make the most challenging Algebra 2 concepts make sense. Starting with a review of foundational Algebra 1 skills, this book covers everything from solving quadratic equations, to graphing functions, to solving triangles with trigonometry, all in a clear, accessible and easy-to-understand way, with step-by-step example problems. It's like being tutored by the smartest kid in class! (And it's written, vetted, and approved by the experts—high school Algebra 2 teachers.) All core concepts are covered in print, and additional concepts are available in bonus chapters for free online.

Key Selling Points

- **AN ACCESSIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR THE HARDEST HIGH SCHOOL MATH CLASS:** For many students, Algebra 2 is the hardest course they will take, and their textbooks are often too confusing to really offer help. This study guide breaks down all those challenging concepts into accessible, step-by-step skills using language the student can understand.
- **STEP-BY-STEP EXAMPLES OF ALL ALGEBRA 2 CONCEPTS:** Unlike other Algebra 2 study guides, this book includes examples that help readers understand key algebra concepts, guiding them through solving sample problems step-by-step, with annotations describing what to do at each step, empowering them to better understand *why*, not just how.
- **NEW PUBLISHING IN MATH, BFN'S BESTSELLING CATEGORY:** In 2024 the top-selling BFNs were *BFN Math* and *BFN Pre-Algebra & Algebra 1*, with more than 2 million copies shipped to date and *Algebra* sales up over 9% YoY. *BFN Algebra 2* adds a new title to the BFN category in highest demand.

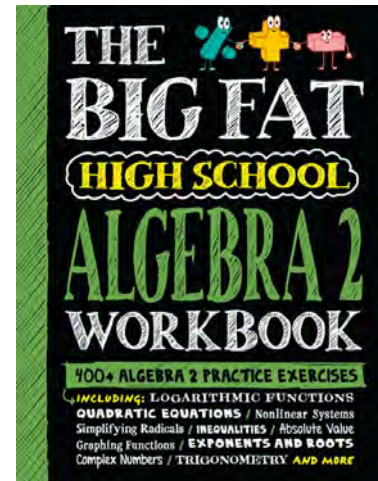
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Key Selling Points

- **A COMPANION TO BFN ALGEBRA 2, THAT ALSO STANDS ALONE:** This workbook can be used to supplement the Algebra 2 Big Fat Notebook, OR as an independent resource. The brief content recap in each chapter provides enough context for a student to complete the in-depth questions without the more in-depth teaching found in the study guide.
- **INCLUDES A STEP-BY-STEP SOLUTIONS SECTION:** No other Algebra 2 Workbook has a solution section like this one. It shows every step of the solving process, for every question. Students are empowered to check their answers AND their work.
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BISAC Category	(Per) Performing Arts / (PER004100) Film / Genres / Crime, (Per) Performing Arts / (PER004030) Film / History & Criticism, (His) History / (HIS066000) LGBTQ+, (Per) Performing Arts / (PER004010) Film / Direction & Production		
Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2315 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
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Title Notes

Sales Handle: From the author of the acclaimed *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho* (adapted into the 2012 film *Hitchcock*) comes the engrossing true story behind *Strangers on a Train*, Hitchcock's bold adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's classic novel.

Book Description: Take a deep dive into the shadows and light of one of the most subversive, corrosively funny, and beloved suspense thriller masterworks as author Stephen Rebello unravels for the very first time the tense and drama-filled story of the making Alfred Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Train*.

As entertaining as it is to watch *Strangers on a Train*, so too is the previously untold backstory that packs all the suspense, drama, and twists of a thriller. After all, what are the hallmarks of a great Hitchcock movie? A larger-than-life, complex cast of characters, each with something to prove, lose, or hide. Check. Tremendous risk, outsized conflict, and emotion as those men and women confront challenges off the set. Check. Feuds, deceptions, unlikely alliances, and double-crosses. Check. Coming off a 5-year-string of flops, Alfred Hitchcock gambled big on adapting Patricia Highsmith's debut novel, which critics called "preposterous" and "unconvincing," in addition to "unsavory," and "sick" (1950s code words for "gay" and "perverted"). Each step of the production was fraught with battles, but Hitchcock masterfully stayed two steps ahead of his opponents as he fought to bring his vision to life. *Strangers on a Train* became not only a creative high-water mark and box-office smash for Hitchcock, but also kicked off his unmatched decade of classics including *Dial M for Murder*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *North by Northwest*, and *Psycho*.

Richly documented, meticulously researched, and stylishly written, *Criss-Cross* is more than an authoritative film book. It is a portrait of an especially politically paranoid, misogynistic, and homophobic era in America, a time of dramatic transition in the entertainment industry, and a day of reckoning for Alfred Hitchcock and a few other talents with whom he made a dark, resonant, and prescient work of art.

Key Selling Points

- **UNRIVALED ACCESS** : Rebello has access to the private correspondence of Alfred Hitchcock, his daughter Patricia, actors Farley Granger and Robert Walker (the two male stars of the picture), and both Paramount Studios and the original production designer's archives, enabling to him present the full story like never before.
- **PROVEN TRACK AS A FILM HISTORIAN:** Rebello is already a noteworthy Hitchcock author with *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho*, which was adapted into the 2012 film *Hitchcock*. He also has multiple existing projects coming up, including a TV series based on his book on the making of *Valley of the Dolls* and a book on the making of *On the Waterfront*.
- **THE FILM'S 75th ANNIVERSARY AND CONTINUED INTEREST IN PATRICIA HIGHSMITH:** The timing is perfect to tell the definitive history of the film on it's milestone anniversary, while the novel's original author continues to draw interest with the recent release of her letters and diaries and the Showtime series based on her *Talented Mr. Ripley* books.

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Wes Anderson All the Films

Subtitle	The Story Behind Every Movie, Episode, and Short		
Series / Series #	All the Films		
By (author)	Narbonne, Christophe		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Paper over Board	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780762488643 / 0762488646	Season	2025 Fall
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Photos / Illustrations	~200 full-color photographs throughout		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Per) Performing Arts / (PER004010) Film / Direction & Production, (Per) Performing Arts / (PER004040) Film / Reference, (Per) Performing Arts / (PER018000) Individual Director (see also BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Entertainment & Performing Arts), (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO005000) Entertainment & Performing Arts		
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Title Notes

Sales Handle: The next title in the *All the Films* series is a deep dive into the world of Wes Anderson that covers ever short film and feature-length movie from the beloved director.

Book Description: This deep dive into the world of Wes Anderson mines the details of the making of every feature-length movie and short film from the beloved director.

The films of Wes Anderson are among the most iconic contemporary works of cinema. From *Rushmore* and *The Royal Tenenbaums* to *The Grand Budapest Hotel* and *The French Dispatch*, his movies are instantly recognizable for their highly stylized visuals, meticulous symmetry, idiosyncratic characters, and offbeat humor.

Organized chronologically and covering every short film and movie that Wes has ever directed, *Wes Anderson All the Films* draws upon years of research to tell the behind-the-scenes stories of how each project was conceived, cast, and produced. The book explores his unique filmmaking style, his use of regular cast members like Owen Wilson and Bill Murray, recurring themes, and the visual and narrative elements that have made him a cult favorite in the world of cinema. Featuring hundreds of vivid photographs that celebrate one of film's most iconic artists, this authoritative guide will delight all Wes Anderson devotees and movie lovers in general.

Key Selling Points

- **UNIQUE ANGLE:** The only book to describe every movie ever made by the Academy Award winning director, from concept to release, including his early short films, all in one massive and gorgeous tome.
- **DEVOTED FAN BASE:** Anderson's unique films have earned him a dedicated following and critical acclaim for their originality and vision.
- **FRONTLIST & BACKLIST OPPORTUNITIES:** *Wes Anderson All the Films* builds on BDL's recent releases, *Alfred Hitchcock All the Films* and *Steven Spielberg All the Films*, and continues in the strong tradition of BDL's All the Songs series, which has collectively more than 400,000 copies in print. This frontlist opportunity offers a chance to highlight our incredibly successful backlist.

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