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Previous Titles

- Kings of Sin
- King of Wrath*
- King of Pride*
- King of Greed*
- King of Sloth*
- King of Envy*
- King of Gluttony***
- King of Lust*

Gods of the Game

- The Striker*
- The Defender*

Twisted series

- Twisted Love*
- Twisted Games*
- Twisted Hate*
- Twisted Lies*

If Love

- If We Ever Meet Again*
- If the Sun Never Sets*
- If Love Had a Price*
- If We Were Perfect*

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King of Gluttony

Ana Huang

Keynote

The sixth Kings of Sin book from *New York Times* bestselling author Ana Huang's delicious new series of standalones, featuring seven steamy billionaires inspired by the seven deadly sins.

Description

The next book in the **KINGS OF SIN** series by No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author Ana Huang

She's his greatest rival . . . and his greatest weakness.

Handsome, talented, and beloved by (almost) everyone, **Sebastian Laurent** is used to being on top. The heir to a culinary empire, his sharp instincts and effortless charm have made him a legend.

What people don't see are the demons lurking beneath his golden-boy façade. There's only one person who's come close to knowing the real him - Maya Singh, his childhood rival and secret obsession.

She's also the only one who's ever successfully challenged him. He can't stand her, but if that's true . . . why can't he stop thinking about her?

Smart, witty, and competitive to a fault, top marketing executive **Maya Singh** is used to winning - unless her opponent is Sebastian. It's something that's infuriated and motivated her her entire life.

So when a series of unfortunate events forces her to work with her sworn enemy, she's determined to one-up him and show the world who's the best once and for all.

What she didn't count on? Not hating their time together. To her horror, she might even . . . *like* it.

There may be a thin line between love and hate, but that's one line she'll never cross. Not with him. Not ever.

Why readers love Ana Huang

'King of my Heart (Ana Huang's Version)' **Lauren Asher**

'WE HAVE NO NOTES JUST LOTS OF HORNY FEELINGS' **Ali Hazelwood**

'Huang's sharp writing and ability to create intense, emotionally charged relationships shine through' **Glamour UK**

'Ana did not come to play . . . it was giving everything I asked for' **@Aymanreads**

'Ana Huang never disappoints. This was my most anticipated read of the month and it was EVERYTHING!!' **Goodreads Review**

Sales Points

- The sixth Kings of Sin book from *NYT* bestselling author Ana Huang's delicious new series of standalones, featuring seven steamy billionaires inspired by the seven deadly sins.
- Ana Huang is the #1 New York Times, #1 USA Today, and #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of over a dozen contemporary romances, which have collectively sold 23 million copies worldwide. Whether writing sports romance, billionaire romance or romantic suspense, all of her books feature her signature blend of steam and swoon.
- A BookTok phenomenon, her breakout Twisted series has over two billion views on the platform and is currently in development for television at Netflix.
- The most recent title in the Kings of sin series, King of Envy, hit the Number One spot in countries around the world including the US, UK, Australia and South Africa.
- Her work has been translated into thirty-four languages, and she has been featured on Good Morning America, the Kelly Clarkson Show, the Drew Barrymore Show, the Washington Post, and more.

Author Biography

Ana Huang is an author of primarily steamy New Adult and contemporary romance. Her stories range from lighthearted to dark, but they all have HEAs with plenty of banter and swoon sprinkled in. Besides reading and writing, Ana loves traveling, is obsessed with hot chocolate, and has multiple relationships with fictional boyfriends.



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Guilt

by the million-copy bestselling author of *The Devotion of Suspect X*

Keigo Higashino

Keynote

The first stand-alone crime novel published in English in almost a decade by Keigo Higashino, the bestselling Japanese novelist.

Description

A tour de force crime novel from one of the international masters of the form, where a simple murder case questions the simple notions of good and evil, guilt and redemption.

A body has been found on a Central Tokyo riverbank, and Homicide Detective Godai of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department is assigned to investigate. The victim is identified as a lawyer, Kensuke Shiraishi, and Godai's investigations lead him to one Tatsuro Kuraki, who ends up confessing to not only the lawyer's murder, but also another one from thirty years ago - for which another man was arrested and died in custody before trial. Kuraki's confession neatly resolves two cases, but there is just one problem: Detective Godai doesn't believe him.

What's more, there are two other people who can't accept Kuraki's confession. One is the son of Kuraki, the professed murderer; the other is the daughter of Shiraishi, the victim.

As they get closer to the truth it becomes clear that the link between the two murders is murkier and more complicated than they could possibly have imagined - and so is the line between innocence and guilt.

Sales Points

- Little, Brown has sold just under half a million copies of Keigo Higashino's books.
- His titles have been translated into 40 languages and sold over 100 million copies globally.
- The first standalone novel in over a decade, ready to take him to a whole new audience

Author Biography

Born in Osaka and currently living in Tokyo, Keigo Higashino is the bestselling, best-known novelist in Japan and around Asia, with numerous television and film adaptations of his work appearing in several languages. He's the author of *The Devotion of Suspect X*, which was the finalist for the Edgar Award for best novel, and *Malice*, among many others.

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REVIEWS

'Anja Shortland is an excellent guide to the hidden paths and secret passages of our economy. A fascinating book about one of the great scourges of the modern world' - Oliver Bullough, bestselling author of *MONEYLAND*

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We Know You Can Pay a Million

Inside the Dark Economy of Hacking and Ransomware

ANJA SHORTLAND

KEYNOTE

A deeply informed, nail-biting expose of the multibillion-dollar hacking and ransomware industry

SALES POINTS

- Deep and exhilarating insights into contemporary fraud and corruption, for readers who loved *Moneyland* (62k TCM), *Going Infinite* (16k HBs) or *The Trading Game* (21k HBs)
- Over 7 million incidents of cyber crime were reported in the UK in 2024, with 50% of all businesses experiencing a cyber security incident, according to government statistics.
- An extremely timely investigation of the cybercrime landscape, taking in cryptocurrency and cyberwarfare, from a world-leading expert in so-called 'dark' markets

DESCRIPTION

Cybercrime is everywhere. A multibillion-pound industry run by wily hackers and fraudsters. Bankrupting business, stalling governments, stealing sensitive data. Your turn could come any day now. Are you ready?

'A fascinating book about one of the great scourges of the modern world' **OLIVER BULLOUGH, bestselling author of *MONEYLAND***

You've heard the stories. Frozen IT systems, error codes everywhere, a pulsating pop-up threat: pay up, or lose everything. With new attacks hitting the headlines every day, ransomware is recognised as a serious threat to global security and the economy, yet it remains a slippery and little understood phenomenon.

From a leading expert in illicit trading, *We Know You Can Pay a Million* spotlights the criminal underworld where organised groups trade stolen information and cryptocurrencies, and reveals the fascinating hidden histories of the superhackers whose activities have potentially catastrophic consequences for us all.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

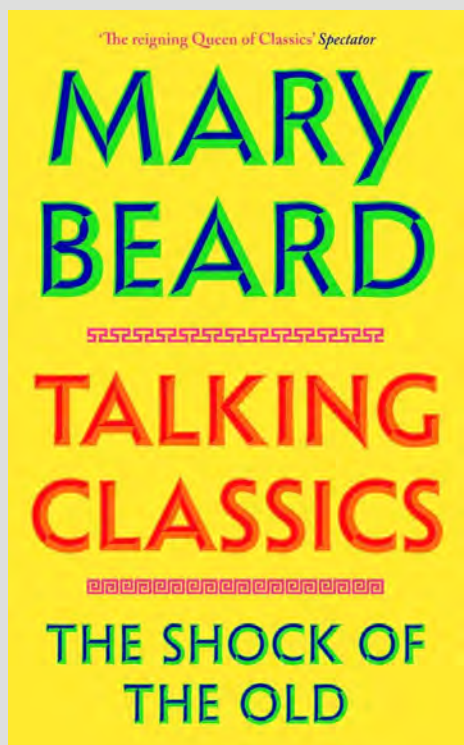
Anja Shortland is Professor of Political Economy at King's College London, and an expert in the economics of crime, particularly art theft, hostage and ransom negotiations. *We Know You Can Pay a Million* is her first trade book. Her books for an academic readership include *Kidnap*. She lives in Wiltshire.

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‘Praise for Mary Beard: ‘Britain’s most famous classicist is at the peak of her powers’ - *The Times*

‘A beautifully written product of a lifetime of deep scholarly learning’ - *Financial Times*

‘What she says is always powerful and interesting’ - *Guardian*

‘Dynamically, wittily and authoritatively brings the ancient world to life’ - Simon Sebag Montefiore

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Talking Classics

The Shock of the Old

MARY BEARD

KEYNOTE

The world's most acclaimed classicist on whether and why the Classics still matter

SALES POINTS

- Mary Beard is a major public figure with sales for Profile of over 1.3 million, including *SPQR* (570K) *Women & Power* (275K) and *Emperor of Rome* (155K)
- Beard is extremely well-connected across media and academic circles, and launched her brand-new podcast INSTANT CLASSICS with Charlotte Higgins in August 2025

DESCRIPTION

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *EMPEROR OF ROME* AND *SPQR*

'The rock star scholar of Ancient Rome' *FINANCIAL TIMES*

'The reigning Queen of Classics' *SPECTATOR*

What's exciting about a piece of bread 4,000 years old? Or some pots of paint abandoned in the eruption at Pompeii? Why should we be bothered with the distant past anyway? What's the point?

The life, art and literature of ancient Greece and Rome have something to offer everyone. They are *not* the property of wealthy white men only. They make us wonder how to make sense of people who lived long ago (from angry landlords to giggling senators) - and to think harder about our own world, to look at it differently.

In *Talking Classics*, Mary Beard points to the surprising connections between antiquity and the present. From revolutionaries to dictators, Bob Dylan to Beyoncé, she joins forces with the varied modern characters who have been transfixed by the ancient world. It's not compulsory, she argues, to be excited by antiquity, but it's a shame not to be.

After half a century teaching and studying classics, she fills the book with lively stories, curious facts and some good gossip. *Talking Classics* explains why the deep past does really affect us all.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Mary Beard is the most acclaimed classicist working today. She is the Professor Emerita of Classics at Cambridge and is the Classics editor of the TLS. She is also the co-host, with Charlotte Higgins, of the podcast Instant Classics. Her previous books include the bestselling, Wolfson Prize-winning *Pompeii* as well as *Confronting the Classics*, *SPQR*, *Women & Power* and *Emperor of Rome*. Her work has been published in over 35 languages.

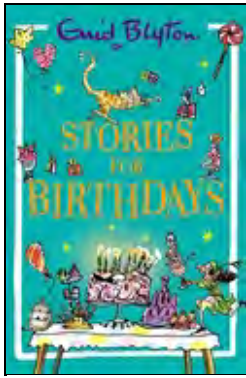
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Previous Titles

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 Wishing-Chair*.

Stories for Birthdays
Enid Blyton

Keynote

An exciting collection filled with magic, adventure and bedtime stories from the world's best-loved storyteller - perfect for celebrating birthdays!

Description

A collection of delightful short stories perfect for celebrating your birthday from the world's best loved storyteller!

Celebrate your special day with these birthday adventures! Meet the fairy who found the perfect gift for the queen, the teddy who thought his birthday had been forgotten and the boy who had his party at the zoo! All these and more in this exciting collection of short stories from Enid Blyton. Perfect for children aged five and up!

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 short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

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Sales Points

- A new shorter offering of stories, ideal for children aged 5 plus!
- Enid Blyton's short story collections have sold over 700,000 copies in the UK and export [Vista sales]
- These short stories are perfect for newly confident readers to read alone or for shared reading

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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Previous Titles	
The Edge of Darkness trilogy (<i>Insatiable, Voracious, Restitution</i>); <i>Psychotic Obsession</i> ; The Web of Silence Duet (<i>Little Stranger, Little Liar</i>)	
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Voracious

Leigh Rivers

Keynote

From *USA Today* bestselling author and TikTok sensation comes the next instalment in the gripping, steamy dark romance series that everyone is talking about!

Description

From *USA Today* bestselling author and TikTok sensation comes the gripping, steamy dark romance series that everyone is talking about!

'Filled with **TENSION, HEARTBREAK** and **ELECTRIC CHEMISTRY**. This one will tear your heart right out of your chest before tossing it back in and sewing you up' **No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Brynne Weaver**

'Leigh Rivers is **THE QUEEN OF DARK ROMANCE**. Her books are deeply emotive and her characters feel so vividly real' **Tierney Page**

He'll never forget her, but he'll never forgive her either . . .

Now back home with the security of Kade's team, Stacey is pulled further into her own living hell, desperate for a chance to escape - until the opportunity finally comes to fight back.

Kade has never been so deep in the pits of hell itself. Seeing Stacey once nearly knocked him off his axis but seeing her twice - ready to make amends and fix the past - is a disaster waiting to happen.

Yet, despite his hatred for her, she's his anchor; the memories of what they used to be the only thing keeping him sane and preventing the darkness from consuming him. But what happens when the truth about their past finally unravels, and he learns what really happened the night that tore them apart?

Voracious is a dark romance and contains explicit sexual content and difficult themes. Please read the content warnings before reading. Recommended 18+.

Readers love the Edge of Darkness trilogy!

'Anger-fueled attraction. Resentment-laced longing. Leigh Rivers is **a powerhouse in the dark romance genre**' **No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Navessa Allen**

'A perfect blend of love, hate, **passion, secrets** and **twists**. I truly couldn't put it down' **Paisley Hope, Sunday Times bestselling author**

'Leigh Rivers is **a master of her craft**, and *Insatiable* is no exception - **dark, intense** and **utterly unputdownable**' **Sadie Kincaid**

'A taut, **intoxicating** descent into desire - **bold, elegantly written**, and impossible to look away from' **Monty Jay**

'A **dark, beautifully twisted** romance that delivers emotional blows with stunning precision. The kind of read that **lingers long after you close the last page**' **Avina St. Graves**

'**Addictively dark** and **seductive**, with a story that **leaves you begging for more**' **K.A. Knight**

'**Sexy, angsty**, and **deliciously dark**. Impossible to put down' **Allie Oleander**

'An absolute **must-read**. The **chemistry** between Kade and Stacey, the **secrets**, and the **mouth-watering spice** are perfect' **Natasha K. Lauren**

Tropes:

- Best friend's brother
- Hate to love
- Second chance romance
- Touch her and d*e
- Mutual obsession
- Forced proximity

Sales Points

- **GENRE ON THE RISE:** Dark romance is a hugely profitable readership that we haven't always been able to tap into due to content issues. However, Leigh's titles are the perfect introduction titles for readers that are new to the genre; hitting the classic tropes this audience loves whilst still incorporating an emotional, sweeping love story.
- **TIKTOK SENSATION:** the Edge of Darkness series and Leigh Rivers herself are hugely popular on TikTok, loved by BookTokers and Bookstagrammers and is widely known as 'the best dark romance series', so there is huge potential for us to grow the series and author even further in our markets.
- **READERSHIP/COMPS:** Perfect for fans of H. D. Carlton, Penelope Douglas and Rina Kent.

Reviews

- "Filled with tension, heartbreak and electric chemistry. This one will tear your heart right out of your chest before tossing it back in and sewing you up" - No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Brynne Weaver
- "Anger-fueled attraction. Resentment-laced longing. In *Insatiable*, love is a liability, and only the very brave are bold enough to risk falling. There's a reason Leigh Rivers is such a powerhouse in the dark romance genre, and it's because she has a masterful understanding of the human condition, capable of depicting us at our very best, and our very worst. It's a nod to her craft that despite all the pain her characters put each other through, I never stop rooting for them. 10/10. The second I set the book down, I went running for the next installment" - No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Navessa Allen
- "*Insatiable* had me hooked from the very first page! It's everything I love in a dark romance. A perfect blend of love, hate, passion, secrets and twists. I truly couldn't put it down" - Paisley Hope, Sunday Times bestselling author
- "Leigh Rivers is a master of her craft, and *Insatiable* is no exception - dark, intense and utterly unputdownable" - Sadie Kincaid, author of the Chicago Ruthless series

Author Biography

USA Today and international bestseller Leigh Rivers is a Scottish Biomedical Scientist who has ventured into the world of writing dark, morally gray characters with rollercoaster storylines to drive her readers wild. When she isn't reading, writing on her laptop, or gaming until ridiculous hours, she dances at the pole studio, goes to the gym, and walks her four dogs with her two sons and husband.

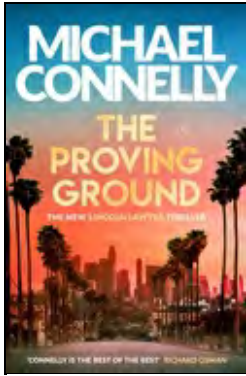
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The Proving Ground

The Brand New Blockbuster Lincoln Lawyer Thriller

Michael Connelly

Keynote

#1 Sunday Times bestselling author Michael Connelly returns with a new thriller

Description

Mickey Haller - The Lincoln Lawyer - leaves criminal court behind for his first civil lawsuit. But to him, this is still a murder trial.

An AI company's chatbot encouraged a sixteen-year-old boy to kill his ex-girlfriend. Can Haller prove the company knew the dangers of its own creation?

To do so, he turns to Jack McEvoy - a journalist who knows how powerful the coming wave will be - and together they soon uncover a whistleblower in hiding.

As the tech titans try to buy or bully their way out, the scale of their courtroom battle before them becomes clear. Because billions are at stake - along with countless lives - in an all or nothing case, which could change everything...

From the author of the books behind the #1 Netflix show *The Lincoln Lawyer*, and #1 Amazon Prime series *Bosch* and *Ballard*.

PRAISE FOR MICHAEL CONNELLY & THE LINCOLN LAYWER THRILLERS:

'An incredible writer' **RICHARD OSMAN**

'The Lincoln Lawyer series keeps getting better' **WASHINGTON POST**

'A superb natural storyteller' **LEE CHILD**

'The pre-eminent detective novelist of his generation' **IAN RANKIN**

'Mickey Haller is a worthy colleague of Atticus Finch' **LOS ANGELES TIMES**

'A master of the genre' **STEPHEN KING**

'A terrific writer' **THE TIMES**

'A powerhouse, an unstoppable force in crime fiction' **MICK HERRON**

'Crime thriller writing of the highest order' **GUARDIAN**

'Nobody writes a better modern thriller' **EVENING STANDARD**

'One of the world's greatest crime writers' **DAILY MAIL**

'The master of modern crime fiction' **EXPRESS**

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL MEGA-BRAND:** Michael Connelly has sold over 89 million books worldwide, and is a Sunday Times #1 bestseller in the UK in both hardback and paperback, as well as a regular #1 bestseller in the USA and Australia.
- **TV HIT-MAKER:** Michael Connelly's books have been the basis of multiple hit TV shows - including the Netflix #1 series *The Lincoln Lawyer* (the series this novel is from) as well as the Amazon Prime #1 *Bosch* and *Bosch: Legacy* - and most recently, the new hit show *Ballard*.
- **TOPICAL & AUTHORITATIVE:** This book centres on a courtroom battle against AI tech titans - inspired by the most cutting-edge legal, technological and criminal cases in this space.

Author Biography

MICHAEL CONNELLY is the author of thirty-nine novels, including the #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Dark Sacred Night*, *Two Kinds of Truth*, and *The Late Show*. His books, which include the Harry Bosch series and the Lincoln Lawyer series, have sold more than eighty million copies worldwide. Connelly is a former newspaper reporter who has won numerous awards for his journalism and his novels. He is the executive producer of *Bosch*, starring Titus Welliver, and the creator and host of the podcast *Murder Book*. He spends his time in California and Florida.

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Sonoko Machida

Keynote

The second charming and quirky volume in the internationally bestselling series by award-winning Japanese author Sonoko Machida

Description

Welcome to Tenderness. Our doors are always open.

Having a bad day? Visit the Tenderness convenience store in Mojiko, Kitakyushu.

A sweet treat to lift your spirits.

A quiet place to talk over a warm meal.

A kind word when you need it most.

The sound of the sea in the distance.

You'll always find more than you imagined possible here...

Returning to the bestselling series that sold over half a million copies, *Meet Me at the Convenience Store by the Sea* follows the customers and employees of a beloved 24/7 convenience store in Japan.

Sales Points

- 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

Before the Coffee Gets Cold, *The Cat Who Saved Books*, *Welcome to Hyunam-dong Bookshop*, *The Kamogawa Food Detectives*, *Day at the Morisaki Bookshop*, *DallerGut Dream Department Store*, *The Second Chance Convenience Store*

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The Secret Seven Adventures: Adventure on the Way Home

Enid Blyton (Illustrated By Daniel Duncan)

Keynote

Introduce the Secret Seven to younger readers with this entertaining short story from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller - perfect for children aged seven and up.

Description

Introduce the Secret Seven to younger readers with this entertaining short story from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller - perfect for children aged seven and up.

When the Seven come across a big fight in a mysterious building, they need to stop it before someone gets hurt! But is the fight all it appears to be?

The Secret Seven are siblings Peter and Janet, and Jack, Barbara, Pam, Colin and George. Together with Scamper the dog, they are ready to solve any mystery any time in this accessible and entertaining original short story by Enid Blyton, brilliantly illustrated in full-colour throughout by Daniel Duncan.

The story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations on every page - perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently.

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Sales Points

- These colour short stories offer an innovative, lively introduction to the Secret Seven series for newly confident readers
- Next to the legendary Famous Five, the Secret Seven are Enid Blyton's best-known and loved set of characters. Their stories have been continuously in print since 1949.
- The text is broken down into short chapters and there are colour pictures on every spread, making these books the perfect stepping stone from picture books to early readers

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

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.

Daniel Duncan (Illustrator)

Dan grew up in leafy Chalfont St. Giles playing football outside when it wasn't raining, and drawing the rest of the time.

In 2013 He graduated from Middlesex University with first class honours degree in illustration, and has worked as a children's illustrator ever since.

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Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Crime and mystery fiction (YFCF) Children's / Teenage fiction: Short stories (YFU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ) 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
Extent	80 pages
Word Count	
Series	Enid Blyton Early Readers
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Author born in	East Dulwich
Author living in	Deceased

Previous Titles

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

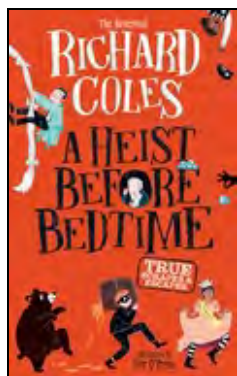
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CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject Type	Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Hardback Demy
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Adult cosy crime: Canon Clement series including Murder Before Evensong
Murder Under the Mistletoe

Memoir:
The Madness of Grief

A Heist Before Bedtime
True scrapes and escapes from the bestselling Reverend Richard Coles

Richard Coles

Keynote

For readers aged 9+, TRUE stories of the most peculiar and dastardly heists and crimes ever. Written by bestselling author, priest, presenter and pop legend Reverend Richard Coles

Description

Dive into the world of dastardly heists, daring escapes and bungled burglaries with this hilarious collection of twelve TRUE crime stories for kids!

Did you know that Albert Einstein's brain was stolen?
Or the true tale of the million-dollar McDonald's heist?
And the story of the maple syrup mystery?

Discover all about these scrapes, escapes and more in this collection of twelve super silly and utterly unbelievable true stories! From *Sunday Times* bestselling author, the Reverend Richard Coles.

These unbelievable true stories will entertain all readers aged 9+.

Sales Points

- TRUE children's cosy crime from an adult best-selling cosy crime author
- Highly on-trend: Agatha Christie for kids MEETS Murdle in this highly commercial kids' non-fiction
- From I'm A Celeb to Strictly Come Dancing and broadcasting, a varied profile known to parents and families and with characteristic wit and writing talent to make this genuinely engaging for middle-grade readers
- Hilarious narrative package with funny mono illustrations for these TRUE stories, accessible and funny for middle-grade readers
- Solid retail track and sells across channels - author willing to promote with retailers

Author Biography

THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES is a writer, broadcaster and an Anglican priest. He co-presented *Saturday Live* on BBC Radio 4 for a number of years and appears, from time to time, on *QI*, *Have I Got News For You* and *Would I Lie To You?* He has won *Christmas MasterChef*, *Celebrity Mastermind* twice, and captained Leeds to victory in *Christmas University Challenge* in 2019. A contestant on *Strictly Come Dancing* (2017) and a third place finalist on *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* (2024) he exhibits huge bravery.

He is also a bestselling author of several books including the Canon Clement series which have all been No.1 Sunday Times bestsellers.

This is his first children's book, written with his characteristic wit and humour.

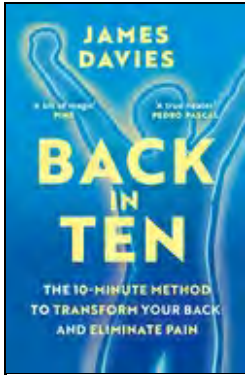
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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	288 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Author living in	Kent

Publishing History

Sunday Times bestselling author for *Back*.

Previous Titles

Body (2022)	
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Back in Ten The 10-Minute Method to Transform Your Back and Eliminate Pain

James Davies

Keynote

From *Sunday Times* bestselling author and doctor to the stars comes a book focused on how we can heal from back pain for lifelong health and wellbeing

Description

"James is the man; he has revolutionised the way I feel about my body"
DAVID BECKHAM

"James is a true healer"
PEDRO PASCAL

FIX YOUR BACK IN 10 MINUTES A DAY!

After decades spent working with pro-athletes and Olympians, top actors and performers, leading osteopath and performance coach James Davies is on a mission to help you fix your back. He knows what works, and what doesn't.

Millions of us are struggling with back pain and looking for answers. Whether it's from hours spent sitting at a desk, lifting heavy objects, or just wear and tear, back pain is tough. But there is a better way. And the good news is that the most effective tools are the simplest ones.

Follow James as he shares the easy steps to heal your back and prevent future pain in just ten minutes a day. Because we all deserve a stronger, pain-free future.

"Knowledge, kindness, information and a bit of magic"
PINK

Sales Points

- **Widely experienced ailment:** Almost everyone either has a bad back, thinks they have a bad back, or is worried about one day having a bad back. And if providentially you don't fall into this category, you certainly know someone with a bad back who won't stop talking about it.
- **A voice you can trust:** James Davies is an internationally acclaimed osteopath, performance coach, wellness expert, and keynote speaker who transcends traditional practices. He has served as a therapist and performance coach for internationally renowned sports teams and some of the most recognisable global celebrities, including David Beckham, Kylie Minogue, Phoebe Waller Bridge, and Eva Mendes.
- **Widespread media campaign:** Mass-market campaign that reaches targeted health pages - think serial in the *Daily Mail*, big health podcasts like Rangan Chatterjee, interviews in health supplements, possible appearances on morning shows like ITV Lorraine.

Author Biography

James Davies is an internationally acclaimed osteopath, performance coach, wellness expert, and keynote speaker who transcends traditional practices. Renowned for successfully rehabilitating complex injuries and coaching athletes to new heights, he has worked with elite sports figures-including Olympic champions, Premiership footballers, NFL players, and Rugby Union stars-as well as prominent personalities in music, film and television. After a personal injury curtailed his own promising athletic career, James developed the ethos of "Heal, Reset, and Restore." This philosophy drives his mission to help individuals understand their bodies, pinpoint the root causes of pain, and achieve optimal health through proven strategies. His expertise in navigating tricky rehabilitation scenarios has made him the go-to specialist for those seeking not just recovery but a return to peak performance.



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Binding	Trade Paperback
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Depth	22mm
Extent	448 pages
Word Count	
Series	The Captive's War
Exclusively for Sale	Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East
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Previous Titles

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Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

The Faith of Beasts Book Two of The Captive's War

James S. A. Corey

Keynote

From the multi-million-copy bestselling author of the Expanse comes the second book in the Captive's War series - a spectacular new space opera that sees humanity fighting for its survival in a war as old as the universe itself.

Description

****The *Sunday Times* bestselling series****

'**TRULY EPIC**' Fonda Lee on *The Mercy of Gods*

'**DAZZLING . . . THIS IS SPACE OPERA AT ITS BEST**' *Publishers Weekly* on *The Mercy of Gods*

From the multi-million-copy bestselling author of the Expanse comes the second book in the Captive's War series - a spectacular new space opera that sees humanity fighting for its survival in a war as old as the universe itself.

The monstrous Carryx empire was built by subjugation and war. Thousands of species are bound to their Sovran's command in an endless, blood-soaked test: be useful in the eternal conflict or be slaughtered.

Dafyd Alkhor, highest among their human captives, is feared and despised by the very people he champions. Ruthless in carving out his niche in the eternal war machine of the empire, he will reshape human nature itself as a tool for their alien masters' use. But Dafyd's loyalty is not what it seems.

The Swarm, an agent of the Carryx's deathless enemy, has been smuggled into the Carryx world-palace along with the human slaves. Its mission: discover a way to bring down the empire's eternal reign. But the longer it lives among and within humanity, the more it forgets that it is a *weapon*.

As the human captives spread through the battlefronts of empire, the awesome power of the Carryx becomes clear. And with it, a desperate plan for their destruction. But empires hide secrets, and even the deathless enemy may not be what it appears . . .

'**Stellar . . . The authors continue to expertly balance character and plot development, setting the stage effectively for the series' denouement. This wows**' *Publishers Weekly*

Praise for the Captive's War series:

'**Simply mind-blowing**' *Kirkus*

'**Terrifying alien overlords and a vast intergalactic war with humankind on the brink of annihilation . . . the start of something truly epic**' Fonda Lee, author of the Green Bone Saga

'**No one builds a universe like James S. A. Corey**' John Scalzi, *New York Times* bestselling author

'**Corey is always one of the most engaging voices in the genre**' Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time*

'**All the things you want in an alien invasion novel: overwhelming aliens, end-of-world terror, and plucky humans who never stop fighting**' Paolo Bacigalupi, *New York Times* bestselling author

'**A powerful, provocative masterpiece that I will be thinking about for a very long time**' Ryka Aoki, author of *Light from Uncommon Stars*

Sales Points

- A thrilling new space opera series from the biggest name in science fiction right now - book 1, *THE MERCY OF GODS*, was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller!
- The author's previous series, the *Expanse*, is the biggest SF series of the last decade and has sold over 10 million copies worldwide
- The *Expanse* is a major TV series on Prime Video - series 1 to 6 now all available
- Will hold major appeal to fans of the *Expanse* and readers of space opera
- An unmissable major global launch campaign from Orbit UK and Orbit US

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Reviews

- **'James S. A. Corey serves up terrifying alien overlords and a vast intergalactic war with humankind on the brink of annihilation - all while never losing focus on its cast of vulnerable, courageous characters. *The Mercy of the Gods* is the start of something truly epic'** - *Fonda Lee, author of the Green Bone Saga on THE MERCY OF GODS*
- **'A fast-paced, intelligent book. Corey is always one of the most engaging voices in the genre'** - *Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of CHILDREN OF TIME on THE MERCY OF GODS*
- **'No one builds a universe like James S. A. Corey. THE MERCY OF GODS is wilder and weirder than you can imagine, and when it ends, all you'll want is . . . more'** - *John Scalzi, NEW YORK TIMES Bestselling Author on THE MERCY OF GODS*
- **'This is space opera at its best'** - *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY on THE MERCY OF GODS*

Author Biography

James S. A. Corey is the pen name of Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck. In addition to writing the novels and short stories of *The Expanse*, they wrote and produced the television series of the same name. Daniel lives with his family in the American southwest. Ty will tell you where he lives when and if he wants you to come over.

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Author living in **Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts**

Previous Titles
Songs of Ursa Major

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Into the Blue
The angsty and heartwrenching will-they-won't-they love story full of yearning

Emma Brodie

Keynote

A heart-wrenching will-they-won't-they love story spanning several years, with a mid-point twist that will absolutely break you. Perfect for fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid and *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

Description

'An achingly romantic, compulsively readable love story - with chemistry that burns up every page. Emma Brodie has rendered an intoxicating portrayal of the power and intensity of human connection'

TAYLOR JENKINS REID, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Atmosphere*

'Smart and romantic, with fine observations about theater and life . . . The final act will stay with me'

GABRIELLE ZEVIN, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

'The truth is there's no such thing as a normal life. There's just the time you get and how you spend it.'

In the summer of 2000, seventeen-year-old AJ Graves dreams of being a writer; instead, she's stuck working in a video rental store, with slim odds of escaping her small town and large family. Then in walks the enigmatic and intense Noah Drew, of the infamous Drew acting dynasty, and her life changes forever. Despite wildly different upbringings, the two forge a deep bond first as friends, then as acting partners, until the day Noah disappears without a word.

Seven years later in New York City, AJ is shocked to find herself cast in the same intergalactic TV production as Noah, by then a well-known Hollywood heartthrob. As their on-screen characters grow closer every day, the lines between reality and acting begin to blur. Unable to stay away from each other, AJ and Noah are forced to confront the truth of what happened years ago - and the devastating secret that will send their lives careening apart, even as fate continues to draw them together.

Blending explosive chemistry, devastating emotion and unforgettable characters, *Into the Blue* is an extraordinary novel that asks: What does it mean to diverge from the script to forge your own story?

MORE PRAISE FOR INTO THE BLUE

'This book was like nothing I've ever read before: both Gothic and geeky, hilarious and heart-wrenching, a masterclass in scorching sexual tension and a poignant meditation on the true meaning of intimacy. *Into the Blue* is my new obsession, and it will be yours, too'

LAYNE FARGO, bestselling author of *The Favourites*

'At once joyful and heartbreaking, INTO THE BLUE is a compelling and powerful portrayal of the magic and devastation of true love. AJ and Noah's story burns with chemistry, and simmers with nostalgia and longing. An epic, special and unforgettable read'

HOLLY MILLER, bestselling author of *The Sight of You*

'Expertly weaving an epic tale of star-crossed lovers for the modern era, Brodie reminds us what it's like to be wildly, desperately in love-and that, often despite our better judgment, there's no escaping the pull of a true soul mate. *Into the Blue* will have you transfixed . . . and reminiscing about that very first person who stole your heart'

MIKKI BRAMMER, bestselling author of *The Collected Regrets of Clover*

'A story that alternately burns with a fiery romance and crackles with whimsical nerdy delights'

NIKKI ERLICK, bestselling author of *The Measure*

Sales Points

- **LEAD TITLE IN THE US:** US rights were sold in a pre-empt to Jenna Bush Hager for her new imprint, Thousand Voices Books, in collaboration with Natalie Hallak at Ballantine (PRH) and it's going to be a lead hardcover release with a first print run of 150k HB copies. There is also some exciting news that can't yet be shared...
- **EXCITING CONFIDENTIAL FILM NEWS:** Jenna Bush Hager's new production company will be working in conjunction with Glen Powell's production company, Barnstorm, with Glen Powell attached.



Author Biography

Emma Brodie has worked in book publishing for almost fifteen years and is currently an Executive Editor at Clarkson Potter. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University's Writing Seminars program and is a longtime contributor to HuffPost and a faculty member at Writing Workshops. SONGS IN URSA MAJOR, Emma's debut novel, was published by HarperCollins in the UK in June 2021. Emma lives on Martha's Vineyard with her husband and their very good dog, Freddie Mercury.

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Market

Gabrielle Zevin, Taylor Jenkins Reid, Claire Daverley, Rosie Walsh, Robinne Lee

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The Optimized Human A beginner's guide to biohacking

Olli Sovijärvi, M.D., Teemu Arina and Jaakko Halmetoja

Keynote

The ultimate, accessible guide to hacking your sleep, nutrition, exercise, work and mental performance.

Description

If you want to improve your life, health and happiness you need to upgrade the fundamentals: sleep, nutrition, exercise, work and the mind. And the best way to do this is through applying science, nutrition and even technology to these areas of our lives - the art known as 'biohacking'.

But targeting all of these areas individually can feel overwhelming - and that's where this book comes in. While there is an almost endless array of research into what may, or may not, help your health, *The Optimized Human* harnesses the most cutting-edge information on science, diet and technology and turns them into a practical, manageable and customizable plan that will revolutionize every area of your wellbeing.

It is the missing manual of the human body, and an essential addition to the library, work desk, kitchen, gym, suitcase or bedroom of anyone who wants to get the best out of their life.

Sales Points

- Interest is rising in categories like nutrigenomics, which leverages genetic testing to inform personalised diet and supplements.
- Consumers increasingly seek health solutions tailored to their unique biology, conditions, and goals.
- Consumers increasingly expect and demand a personalised experiences across all touchpoints: in medicine, but also in fitness, nutrition, mental health, beauty, etc., which this book expertly provides.

Author Biography

Teemu Arina (Author)

Teemu Arina has a professional career of two decades as a technology entrepreneur, author and professional speaker. He is considered as one of the forefront thinkers on the digital transformation of humanity. His work focuses on studying the intersection of man and the machine in order to improve productivity, health and wellbeing.

He received the Leonardo Award (under the patronage of European Parliament and UNESCO) in 2015 with the theme "Humanity in Digitization". He was selected as Top 100 Most Influential People in IT in 2016 by TIVI and Speaker of the Year in 2017 by Speakersforum Finland. He has delivered popular keynote presentations in countries such as US, UK, China, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Russia and Germany, and advised senior top management, consulted government organisations, lectured in universities, built startup businesses and acted as the chairperson for projects funded by the European Union. In his free time he enjoys photography, videography, foraging and culinary arts.

Olli Sovijärvi (Author)

Dr Olli Sovijärvi is one of the pioneers of holistic medicine in Finland. At the beginning of his career Dr Sovijärvi worked as a medical duty officer at the Finnish Red Cross Blood Service. In 2006 he graduated from the University of Helsinki with a Licentiate degree in Medicine and has completed an Integral Theory degree at the John F. Kennedy University, focusing on psychology and philosophy.

His numerous media appearances, social media articles and Finland's first health podcast have expanded the general public's awareness of what health care can be. Dr Sovijärvi has also acted as consultant to various companies and service providers operating in the fields of wellness and health technology.

Jaakko Halmetoja (Author)

Jaakko Halmetoja is a nutrition expert, non-fiction writer and active lecturer. He is passionate about maintaining a state of exceptional health through nutrition and lifestyle in a way that is fun and enjoyable.

Known as a pioneer of the superfood phenomenon, popularizer of the chaga mushroom and other medicinal fungi and "chocolate alchemist", Mr Halmetoja has introduced the general public of Finland to the health benefits and unique uses of various foods and medicinal plants through TV and radio appearances and more than 600 public lectures.

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Thema 1.6	Social forecasting, future studies (JBFZ) Practical advice: Life hacks / handy tips (VSA) Health: Diets and nutrition (VFMD)

Binding	Trade Paperback
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Extent	496 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	b/w images
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Consolations Timeless Wisdom from the Ancient World for Every Day

Irene Vallejo
Translated by Charlotte Whittle

Keynote

Timeless wisdom from the ancient world to dip into every day - from internationally bestselling classicist Irene Vallejo.

Description

UPLIFTING, PRACTICAL AND SURPRISING WISDOM FROM THE MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING CLASSICIST

'Wonderful. Thoughtfully chosen, carefully explained and beautifully expressed' NATALIE HAYNES

'A literary phenomenon' TLS

'She leaves her readers inspired, invigorated and sincerely grateful' TELEGRAPH

Why do some loves endure while others fade? Is happiness something we can learn? Why do some things feel like work and others like leisure?

Every new page of *Consolations* offers a thought-provoking idea about life - from friendship and family arguments to ageing and narcissism. Renowned classicist Irene Vallejo shows us how each of these ideas has its roots in ancient times, drawing on the wisdom of Aristotle and Seneca, as well as lesser known philosophy and history.

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Sales Points

- **GLOBAL STAR AUTHOR WITH STRONG COMMERCIAL TRACK** - Irene's first book PAPHYRUS was a global bestseller - it has sold more than 1 million copies worldwide with rights were sold in 41 territories. Irene has 109k Twitter followers; 153k Facebook followers and 165k Instagram followers. She travels all over the world to promote her work and meet her many fans.
- **PRIZE-WINNING AND CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED** - PAPHYRUS had rave reviews and won the best debut prize in Spain and the Spanish Booksellers' Prize for Non-Fiction and was shortlisted for the British Academy Prize for Cultural Understanding in the UK.
- **WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT WORLD** - an accessible page-per-day book of classical wisdom that will appeal to readers of *THE DAILY STOIC* by Ryan Holiday
- **BEAUTIFUL GIFT PACKAGE** - with appeal to readers of almanacs and gift poetry books like *A POEM FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR* as well as those interested in the classical world.
- **SALES OPPORTUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL APPEAL** - Our edition of PAPHYRUS sold 42k copies across all editions, including 7000 TPBs. Originally published in Spanish, CONSOLATIONS rights have also been sold in Greece, Portugal and France.

Author Biography

Irene Vallejo is a classicist and the global bestselling author of *Papyrus: The Invention of Books in the Ancient World*. She earned her European Doctorate from the Universities of Zaragoza and Florence and is a regular columnist for *El País*, *El Espectador*, and *La Nación*. *Papyrus* has sold more than a million copies worldwide and has been translated into forty languages. It was awarded the National Essay Prize in Spain, the Prix Livre de Poche in France, and the Wenjin Book Award in China, among other prizes. Irene is also the author of two children's books, two novels, and three collections of essays, articles, and short fiction.

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Author living in **Spain**

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Rachel Gillig

Keynote

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'One Dark Window is enthralling from beginning to shocking end' Hannah Whitten, bestselling author of *For the Wolf*

ELSPETH NEEDS A MONSTER. THE MONSTER MIGHT BE HER.

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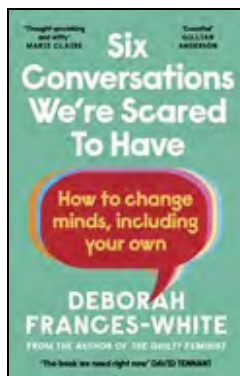
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	75000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale	global
Author born in	Australia
Author living in	Camden, London, UK

Previous Titles	
9780349010144	The Guilty Feminist

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Six Conversations We're Scared to Have How to change minds, including your own - 'The book we need right now' (David Tennant)

Deborah Frances-White

Keynote

The new book by the bestselling author of *The Guilty Feminist*: smart and essential thinking about how to change minds - including your own

Description

From the bestselling author of *The Guilty Feminist*, a book about how to change minds - including your own

'An essential guide for fostering nuanced and intricate conversations in today's polarized society' **GILLIAN ANDERSON**

'Tackles thorny, volatile issues with wit and insight' **INDEPENDENT, BOOKS OF THE MONTH**

'The book we need right now' **DAVID TENNANT**

'Thought-provoking and witty' **MARIE CLAIRE**

'If you have ever felt shut down, this book is a godsend' **EMMA THOMPSON**

'Shows us that progress lies in the imperfect spaces, where our shared humanity gives empathy the freedom to stretch out' **THE TIMES**

'Finally! A book to succinctly express the complexity of our age' **TOM ALLEN**

We are understandably scared to have difficult conversations right now. But comedian and bestselling writer Deborah Frances-White is even more scared of not having them.

Having grown up in a cult which shut down any dissent, Deborah sees the same tactics being used in our rapidly changing society. She knows the value of freedom of speech, critical thinking and the ability to argue well. And as the host of hit podcast *The Guilty Feminist*, she has been having difficult conversations in public for almost a decade.

In her new, urgent page-turner Deborah examines how the world has come to this and what we can actually do about it. Most importantly, she explores how to change minds, including our own. Deborah invites us to boldly meet this moment in history with hope, clarity and courage. She has written, as Desiree Burch says, **'a book to leave you transformed.'**

Are you ready to talk?

Sales Points

- **A BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Deborah's first book, *THE GUILTY FEMINIST*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and we've sold over 100K copies so far
- **TERRIFIC ENDORSEMENTS:** everyone from David Tennant to Gillian Anderson endorsed the hardback and these quotes will be all over the paperback
- **STRONG AUTHOR PROFILE:** the *Guilty Feminist* podcast has had 150 million downloads; on Instagram the *Guilty Feminist* has 339k followers and Deb has 65k followers
- **WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY:** Deb did a tour, plus Hay and Edinburgh for the hardback, and will continue to do events and media to support the paperback
- **STRONG FIRST FORMAT SALES:** over 13k sold so far in first format

Reviews

- 'Delving into everything from censorship to the so-called "trans debate", its message is one of empathy over anger' - *iNews*
- 'Tackles thorny, volatile issues with wit and insight' - *Independent, Books of the Month*
- 'Shows us that progress lies in the imperfect spaces, where our shared humanity gives empathy the freedom to stretch out' - *The Times*
- 'Urgent and compassionate ... Timely and timeless' - *New Zealand Herald, Top Reads*

Author Biography

Deborah Frances-White is a comedian, screenwriter, author and host of the hit podcast *The Guilty Feminist*. Virago published Deborah's book *The Guilty Feminist* in 2018, which hit the *Sunday Times* bestseller charts and confirmed Deborah's reputation as one of the most thought-provoking and accessible writers today. She is an Amnesty International Ambassador.



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Enemies to Lovers

Alisha Rai

Keynote

From the author of *Partners in Crime* comes a brand new forced-proximity, adventure rom-com where sparks fly between a con-woman and a fake FBI agent set on vindicating his brother.

Description

From the author of *Partners in Crime*, comes a sparkling new adventure rom-com where a con woman and a lawman team up on an epic cross-country road trip to save their families...and each other.

Sejal Chaudhary inherited her mama's calculating brain, her daddy's quick fingers, and the boatload of trauma that comes with being the eldest daughter of criminals. Although Sejal has never claimed to be a good girl, she's spent the last couple years laying low and going (mostly) straight. That is, until a con gone wrong sends her into the arms of a handsome stranger who's set on dragging her back into her messy family drama.

Krish Anand never mastered the fine art of being a bad boy...he would take a book over bullets any day. But when his FBI agent brother goes missing, he has no choice but to suit up for the adventure of a lifetime. Certain that someone in Sejal's little crime family is behind the disappearance, a desperate Krish manages to convince the beautiful thief that his brother's badge is actually his.

The deal is simple: help him find his brother, and Krish and the law will leave Sejal be. With an up-to-no-good ex also hot on her trail, Sejal reluctantly agrees. As they wind their way across the country on planes, buses, and automobiles, sparks ignite, and what began as a fragile temporary truce starts to look more and more like a partnership.

Falling for the enemy? So cliché, but so good...if only they can survive long enough to chance a happily ever after.

TROPES

Enemies-to-Lovers
 Forced Proximity
 Forbidden Love
 Adventure Rom-Com

Sales Points

- Fun new adventure romance from Alisha Rai - perfect for fans of *The Lost City*, *Date Night* and *Game Night*.
- Both PARTNERS IN CRIME and ENEMIES TO LOVERS have been optioned by Warner Bros TV with Mindy Kaling producing.
- AUTHOR FANS: Jasmine Guillory recommended Alisha's books on *The Today Show* in the US. Sally Thorne and Christina Lauren are huge fans, too, supporting Alisha on social media.
- FUN AND SEXY: Rai is known for her swoony, scorching hot contemporary and erotic romances that break all the rules. TROPES: Enemies-to-Lovers / Forced Proximity / Forbidden Love / Adventure Rom-Com
- FOR FANS OF Ally Carter, Christina Lauren, Jasmine Guillory, and Sally Thorne. Fans of action and adventure rom-coms. Fans of Alisha Rai and spicy contemporary romance.

Author Biography

Alisha Rai is an author and attorney who pens award-winning adult and young adult romances. Her novels have been named Best Books of the Year by The Washington Post, NPR, Amazon, Entertainment Weekly, Kirkus, and Cosmopolitan magazine. When she's not writing, Alisha loves to spend time with her husband and son.

To find out more about her books or to sign up for her newsletter, visit alisharai.com.



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 Thema 1.6 **Science fiction: near future (FLP) Dystopian and utopian fiction (FDB) Science fiction: apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic (FLQ) Russia (1DTA)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **480 pages**
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Book locale **Dystopian Moscow**
 Author living in **N/A**

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Metro 2035

Dmitry Glukhovsky

Keynote

The third novel in the acclaimed Metro series.

Description

A BRIGHTER PAST. A DARKER FUTURE.

The year is 2035. It's been twenty years since World War Three wiped out humankind. The only survivors were those who made it through the gates of the Metro, the subway system of Moscow city. It's there, hundreds of feet below the ground, that they try to outlive the end of the days. But the Metro's citizens, torn apart by religions and ideologies, are fighting for the now scarce commodities: air, water and space.

Artyom is no stranger to the Metro. Driven by a desire to lead his people out from the depths and into the light, he relentlessly searches for signs of life on the surface. And he will stop at nothing to be the saviour that humanity needs . . .

***Metro 2035* by Dmitry Glukhovsky is the final thrilling book in the Metro trilogy, a series that inspired the bestselling computer games *Metro 2033*, *Metro: Last Light* and *Metro: Exodus*.**

Sales Points

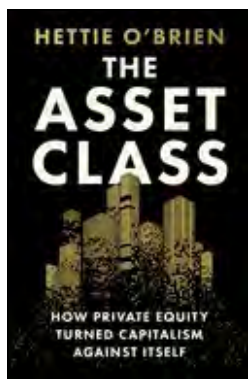
- **GLOBAL BESTSELLING VIDEO GAME:** This is the latest novel in the phenomenal world of the METRO video game series.
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Reviews

- 'A fascinating and claustrophobic exploration of a terrible future and how human nature adapts' - *Fantasy Book Review on Metro 2033*
- 'The world of *Metro 2033* is fascinating' - *Medium on Metro 2033*
- '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, French, German, Hebrew and Spanish.



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The Asset Class

How Private Equity Turned Capitalism Against Itself

Hettie O'Brien

Keynote

A thrilling, eye-opening investigation into private equity, a secretive wing of the finance industry that is so relentlessly destructive, it could have been created to undermine our way of life

Description

You don't know their names, but they own the house you rent. They own your hospitals, nurseries and care homes, the media you consume and the companies you work for. They even own the tools your union uses to fight back. Business is a contest - and they say their people are built to win. But when does competition become a struggle to the death?

For decades, private equity firms have infiltrated every corner of modern life. Wielding debt as a weapon, they push vital services into crisis. Their cover story: that this is merely the 'creative destruction' essential to growth. Old-school capitalists say they're dismantling everything that made our economies work.

In *The Asset Class*, reporter Hettie O'Brien penetrates a hidden empire of billion-dollar deals and covert financial warfare. From Copenhagen to San Francisco, Barcelona to the Yorkshire Dales, she follows the money, the ideological roots and the trail of destruction. What she finds is chilling: private equity isn't just reshaping the economy - it's selling out the foundations of Western society.

The new owners think they can hide in the shadows. But the owned are fighting back.

Sales Points

- **WIDESPREAD RELEVANCE:** Full of explosive revelations about the companies that to a large extent control our lives. It's relevant to anyone who lives in a house, who pays for water, who accesses healthcare or who has a job: that is, to just about everyone. The enraging, eye-opening story it reveals is sure to start conversations
- **READS LIKE A THRILLER:** This is finance journalism at its finest, with a propulsive narrative and compelling style to complement its detailed analysis and thorough research
- **A TIMELY RECKONING:** With sewage-flooded rivers, a creaking railway network and a housing ladder that millions of people are still excluded from, the gulf between the people suffering from and those benefiting from the consequences of private equity has never been wider. This book provides a clear-eyed view on what the system gets wrong and how we might change it
- **PODCAST FANS WILL LOVE:** This book is perfect for podcast listeners at the intersection of finance, economics and white-collar crime/greed: *Gary's Economics*, *Unhedged*, *Swindled*, *Hot Money*

Reviews

- 'A riveting page turner . . . Reads like a thriller' - ROSIE COLLINGTON, author of *The Big Con*
- 'A brilliant and penetrating analysis . . . A rollicking tale' - NICHOLAS SHAXSON, author of *The Finance Curse*
- 'Truly brilliant and deeply disturbing' - KATHARINA PISTOR, author of *The Code of Capital*
- 'Combining muckracking with moral clarity, Hettie O'Brien tells an utterly original story' - QUINN SLOBODIAN, author of *Hayek's Bastards*

Author Biography

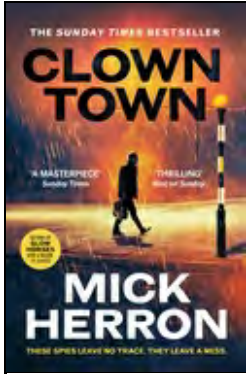
Hettie O'Brien is a journalist at the *Guardian*, where she writes for the Guardian Long Read. She previously worked at the *New Statesman* and as a reporter in Washington covering the Federal Trade Commission. She lives in London.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Series	Slough House Thriller
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
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Book locale	London
Author born in	Newcastle upon Tyne
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:

- Reconstruction
- Nobody Walks
- This is What Happened
- Dolphin Junction
- Standing by the Wall
- The Secret Hours

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Clown Town

The Instant Sunday Times Bestselling Thriller from the Author of 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.

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.

Author Biography

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.



Football Against The Enemy

Simon Kuper

Keynote

30th Anniversary Edition of Simon Kuper's Modern Classic

Description

'**GREAT**' *Independent*
 '**TERRIFIC**' *Guardian*
 '**WONDERFUL**' *Time Out*
 '**QUALITY**' *Mail on Sunday*
 '**DEFINITIVE**' *FourFourTwo*

Winner of the William Hill Sports Book Award
Featured in *FourFourTwo*'s list of 'The 10 Best Football Books Ever'
Featured in *Esquire*'s 'Best Sports Books Ever Written'

Throughout the world, football is a potent force in the lives of billions of people. Whether national, political or cultural identities, football is the medium through which the world's hopes and fears, passions and hatreds are expressed.

Simon Kuper travelled to twenty-two countries from South Africa and Italy to Russia and the USA to examine the way football has shaped them. At the same time, he tried to find out what lies behind each nation's distinctive style of play, from the carefree self-expression of the Brazilians to the anxious calculation of the Italians. During his journeys he met an extraordinary range of players, politicians and - of course - the fans themselves, all of whom revealed in their different ways the unique place football has in the life of the planet.

Sales Points

- **MODERN CLASSIC:** FOOTBALL AGAINST THE ENEMY is viewed as a modern classic of football writing by critics and readers alike, comfortably sits alongside the likes of *INVERTING THE PYRAMID* or *BRILLIANT ORANGE*. It won the William Hills Sports Book of the Year award in 1995 and has sold over 100k copies across all formats.
- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Winner of the British Sports Book Awards Football Book of the Year and Winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year, as well as a multiple Sunday Times bestseller, Simon Kuper has a reputation for unbeaten football analysis and reportage.
- **GREAT SOCIAL PLATFORM:** Simon has over 100,000 followers across social media and is one of the foremost football and political writers in the UK today. He regularly tweets and promotes his books.

Author Biography

Simon Kuper's first book, *FOOTBALL AGAINST THE ENEMY*, won the WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR in 1994, and went on to become an international bestseller. Born in Uganda in 1969, he spent most of his childhood in Holland. He is a sports columnist for the *FINANCIAL TIMES*.

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Extent	272 pages
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Author living in	Paris, France
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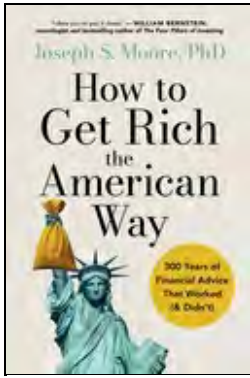
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Format	Royal
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
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How to Get Rich the American Way

Classic financial advice that worked (and didn't) throughout time

Joseph Moore

Keynote

The Psychology of Money meets *The 50 Classics*, this new guide to the timeless wisdom of wealth charts the popular financial narrative over three centuries, distilling long-term lessons from the past that can be applied today.

Description

In *How to Get Rich the American Way*, history scholar and investor Joseph Moore unpacks the fascinating stories, folklore, forgotten bestsellers and confident claims about money in America for everyday people around the world. In the course of searching for an ageless wisdom of wealth, he confronts the many mistaken beliefs, on both the cultural right and left, that persist about money.

Like *The Psychology of Money* meets *Freakonomics*, *How to Get Rich the American Way* harnesses the insights of academic history into a popular narrative of change over time, both in financial strategies and in the lives of Americans whose wealth got better (or worse) by using them.

How to Get Rich the American Way is based on years of in-depth research by a contrarian academic who became rich himself while developing the book's theories, learning the history of real estate investing, stock trading, get-rich-quick schemes, and financial gurus.

From Nigerian prince scams to the investment manuals of housewives, from the destruction of African Americans' savings in the Freedman's Bank to the surprisingly long history of failing to teach children about money, and from the wit of Benjamin Franklin to the fraud of \$0 down real estate infomercials, *How to Get Rich the American Way* brings an eclectic set of stories to bear on the financial destinies of everyday people. Each chapter includes anecdotes from the author's economic journey, including tales of wild investment ideas, get-rich-quick seminars, and his decade long-quest to apply the lessons of history to his own finances. By the end, to his own very great surprise, he is now a multi-millionaire.

Accessibly written with short, punchy chapters, the book is a thoughtful, realistic, and ultimately encouraging read on the prospects of getting by and getting ahead.

Sales Points

- A unique, new approach to the pop finance category.
- Combines aspects of bestsellers such as *The Psychology of Money* and *Freakonomics* with insights from classic literature in the vein of *50 Economics Classics*.
- Contrary academic author who had become a multi-millionaire incidentally from using methods in the book.
- Publicity will include comprehensive podcast tour with high profile, specialist and international podcast interviews.
- Author will be bringing a US PR firm on board up to \$60k which will build momentum in the UK and international markets.

Author Biography

Joseph Moore, Ph.D., is an American historian published by Oxford University Press and The New York Times. The research for *How to Get Rich the American Way* partly resulted in his investment strategies making him free of the need to depend upon his academic salary and benefits. So he retired early from Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina, where he had been Chair of the History Department and Special Assistant to the President for Academic Innovation, as well as a tenured professor.

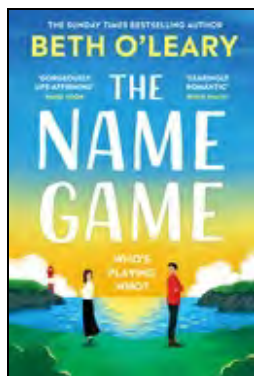
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The Name Game

the brand new love story from the bestselling author of *The Flatshare*

Beth O'Leary

Keynote

The brand new novel from the multi-million-copy bestselling author of *The Flatshare* and *Swept Away*.

Description

A fresh start is waiting for Charlie Jones. But another Charlie Jones wants it too...

The Isle of Ormer: population 500, soon to be 501.

Charlie Jones has landed on the island to embark on her brand new life. As the manager at Ormer's only farm shop, this job will be her perfect next chapter. Good riddance to the mainland, this is it - fresh air, and a clean slate.

Except there is one small issue ...

Charlie Jones has also just arrived on the Isle of Ormer, to embark on *his* brand new life. His job at the farm shop feels like fate, and could not have come at a better moment. On Ormer, Charlie has promised himself he'll escape old friends, bad habits and heartbreak.

This second chance is the best thing that could have happened to Charlie . . . and Charlie.

That is, until they are introduced . . .

***The Name Game* is the brand new love story from the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Flatshare* and *Swept Away*, about second chances becoming new beginnings and about love finding us in the most secluded of places.**

Sales Points

- Beth O'Leary's brand new romance is **another unforgettable love story with a knock-out premise at its heart**. Beth is known for her **epic and high-concept love stories** and *The Name Game* is perhaps her smartest yet.
- Beth O'Leary is **a repeat brand author**. We have every ambition to make this a Top Ten bestseller in HB in the UK and **an international bestseller**.

Reviews

- 'O'Leary at her surprising and heart-stopping best.** This book has it all. A wild meet-cute, a moody and autumnal setting [and] the best twist you'll read all year' - *Gillian McAllister*
- 'Beth O'Leary crafts novels with such wit, heart and truth'** - *Sophie Kinsella*
- 'Beth O'Leary is that rare, one-in-a-million talent who can make you laugh, swoon, cry and ache all in the same book'** - *Emily Henry*
- 'So gorgeously life-affirming and heart-warming.** I loved it so much, just a complete joy' - *Paige Toon*

Author Biography

Beth O'Leary is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author whose novels have been translated into more than thirty languages. Her debut, *The Flatshare*, sold over a million copies and is now a major TV series. Her subsequent novels, *The Switch*, *The Road Trip*, *The No-Show* and *The Wake-Up Call*, were all instant bestsellers. A TV series of *The Road Trip* was first aired in 2024. Beth lives in the Hampshire countryside, and if she's not in her writing shed, you'll probably find her chasing a toddler, with a strong coffee in hand . . .

Publication date	Tuesday, April 07, 2026
Price	£15.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781529437942
Thema 1.6	Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA)

Binding	Trade Paperback
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Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
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In-House Editor	Cassie Browne

Book locale	Isle of Ormer, Channel Islands
Author living in	Stockbridge, UK

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The Flatshare
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The Wake-Up Call
Swept Away

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Small Comfort from the International Booker Prize-shortlisted author Ia Genberg

Ia Genberg, tr. Kira Josefsson
Translated by Kira Josefsson

Keynote

Five dazzlingly experimental short stories about money, from International Booker Prize-shortlisted author Ia Genberg and translator Kira Josefsson.

Description

'You know, love is love, he says. But what about the revolution?'

Intricately built and wickedly humorous, these five interconnected short stories are all about one thing: money.

From an interview with a child star turned thief to the mysterious death of an employee at a drug manufacturer - or the couple feigning married bliss to keep their inheritance, *Small Comfort* carefully unravels the value we place on both money and people.

What does it really mean to be in debt to someone? How does our financial worth permeate the ways we think and feel? And what do we lose when we supposedly win? *Small Comfort* skewers its characters, slyly implicating the reader along the way.

A brilliantly original and thought-provoking collection from the author and translator of *The Details*, shortlisted for the 2024 International Booker Prize.

Praise for *The Details*:

'Miraculous' **Hernan Diaz**, author of *Trust*

'I wish I could write like this' **Fredrik Backman**, author of *A Man Called Ove*

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF LITERARY AND EXPERIMENTAL FICTION:** Rachel Cusk; David Szalay; Vincenzo Latronico; Annie Ernaux; Jenny Offill; Sheila Heti; Tessa Hadley; Rachel Kushner.
- **PRIZE-WINNING FICTION:** *The Details* was longlisted for the 2024 International Booker Prize, won the prestigious August Prize for Best Fiction and the Aftonbladet Literary Prize in its native Sweden and was shortlisted for the Vi Literary Award and the Storytel Awards, among others.
- **INTERNATIONAL HIT:** *The Details* was an instant Swedish bestseller on publication in January 2022, and has since sold in 30 territories.

Reviews

- 'A delightful and exquisitely executed literary mini-study that brings to mind Joan Didion' - *Expressen*
- 'I haven't read anything better this year.' - *Sydsvenskan*
- 'Her humour and delight in language make the stories crackle with life.' - *Svenska Dagbladet*
- 'Genberg captures, with intelligence and insight, the afflictions of our time.' - *Göteborgs-Posten*

Author Biography

Ia Genberg (born 1967) began her writing career as a journalist and published her debut novel *Sweet Friday* in 2012. She went on to write *Belated Farewell* (2013), *Small Comfort* (2018) and *The Details* (2022) - all widely praised by critics and frequently featured on Swedish bestseller lists.

The Details, shortlisted for the 2024 International Booker Prize and winner of the August Prize 2022, has since sold in thirty-nine territories around the world.

The English translation of *Small Comfort* publishes in 2026.

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Main Identifier	9781035433940
Thema 1.6	Fiction in translation (FYT) Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB) Sweden (1DNS)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
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Book locale	Sweden
Author born in	Stockholm, Sweden
Author living in	Sweden (author); Queens, NY (translator)

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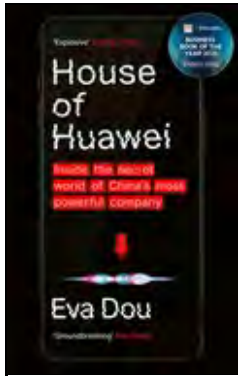
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Thema 1.6 **Biography:
business and
industry (DNBB)
Geopolitics (JPSL)
International
relations (JPS)**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Depth **38mm**
Extent **448 pages**
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House of Huawei Shortlisted for the Financial Times Business Book of the Year 2025

Eva Dou

Keynote

The untold story of the mysterious company that shook the world - and the perils of Chinese state surveillance

Description

The untold story of the mysterious company that shook the world

'Explosive' *Sunday Times*

'Groundbreaking' Dan Wang

'Riveting, robustly researched' *TLS*

'A tale that sits at the heart of the most significant geopolitical relationship today' *Financial Times*

'Essential reading' Chris Miller, author of *Chip War*

On the coast of southern China, an eccentric entrepreneur spent three decades steadily building an obscure telecom company into one of the world's most powerful technological empires with hardly anyone noticing. This all changed in December 2018, when the detention of Meng Wanzhou, Huawei Technologies' female scion, sparked an international hostage standoff, poured fuel on the U.S.-China trade war, and suddenly thrust the mysterious company into the international spotlight.

In *House of Huawei*, Washington Post technology reporter Eva Dou pieces together a remarkable portrait of Huawei's reclusive founder Ren Zhengfei and how he built a sprawling corporate empire - one whose rise Western policymakers have become increasingly obsessed with halting. The book dissects the global web of power, money, influence, surveillance, bloodshed and national glory that Huawei helped to build - and that has also ensnared it.

Sales Points

- Based on a decade of on-the-ground reporting and an astonishing new set of documents uncovered by the author while working as the *Washington Post's* China correspondent
- For fans of Patrick Radden Keefe, Michael Lewis, *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* and TV shows like *Succession*
- The author's frontpage *Washington Post* investigation into Huawei's surveillance technologies (December 2021) generated significant buzz
- A pressing issue in the UK - **the UK government has given major telcos until 2027 to remove all Huawei equipment from 5G networks** - and around the world - **Australia were the first in banning Huawei from the 5G network**, Australia and New Zealand have kept Huawei out of 5G but it is still in older networks and consumer gadgets

Reviews

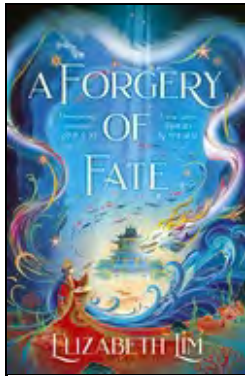
- 'A gripping read charting the ascent of Huawei, China's tech powerhouse. Meticulously reported, Eva Dou's narrative combines geopolitics, spying and technological innovation with the human story of a former People's Liberation Army engineer who became a global business titan' - *Lionel Barber*
- 'Authoritative... a tale that sits at the heart of the most significant geopolitical relationship today' - *Financial Times*
- 'In *House of Huawei*, Eva Dou uncovers how Huawei has become China's most successful tech company-and a lightning rod for geopolitical competition. Based on unique interviews and deep research into the company's history, *House of Huawei* provides the most in-depth account of Huawei's rise and its complex and controversial connections to China's security state. **House of Huawei is essential reading for understanding China's tech sector and the China-US tech competition**' - *Chris Miller, author of Chip War*

Author Biography

Eva Dou is a *Washington Post* journalist. A Detroit native, she previously spent seven years reporting on politics and technology for the *Wall Street Journal* in Beijing and Taipei, Taiwan. She lives in Washington D.C.

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A Forgery of Fate

the **New York Times** bestselling romantic fantasy standalone

Elizabeth Lim

Keynote

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

Description

Fortune finds those who leap . . .

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

Then Elang, a mysterious dragon lord, offers her a deal: in exchange for a fresh start for her family, Tru must enter a marriage contract and join him in his desolate undersea palace. But once there, Tru finds herself drawn to Elang, especially as she begins to unravel the secrets behind his curse.

To keep up her end of the deal, Tru must embark on her most dangerous forgery yet. To infiltrate the tyrannical Dragon King's inner circle and paint a future so treasonous, it could upend both the mortal and immortal realms . . .

Sales Points

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

Reviews

- 'An alluring and captivating story, filled with mythical creatures, lyrical prose and vibrant characters' - *Isabel Ibañez, #1 New York Times bestselling author of What the River Knows*
- '**Devastatingly romantic, with heart-stopping action and twists that kept me turning the pages**' - *Axie Oh, New York Times bestselling author of The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*
- 'Everything I love in a story-danger, complex characters, romance, betrayal and gorgeous writing' - *Mary E. Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of Dance of Thieves*
- '**A tale that grabs your heart and won't let you go. Full of dangerous magic, endearing characters, and imaginative storytelling reminiscent of *Beauty and the Beast***' - *Brigid Kemmerer, NYT bestselling author of Defy the Night*

Author Biography

Elizabeth Lim grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she was raised on a hearty diet of fairy tales, myths, and songs. Before becoming an author, Elizabeth was a professional film and video game composer, and she still tends to come up with her best book ideas while writing near a piano. An alumna of Harvard College and the Juilliard School, she now resides in New York with her husband and two daughters.

Other books by Elizabeth include *Spin the Dawn* and *Unravel the Dusk*, the *New York Times* bestseller *So This is Love*, and *Reflection*.

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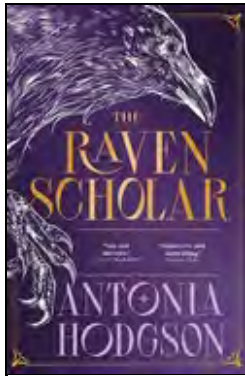
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The Raven Scholar

the masterfully woven and breathtaking epic adult fantasy of cutthroat competition and imperial deceit

Antonia Hodgson

Keynote

The first book in a masterfully woven and playfully inventive epic adult fantasy trilogy from an award-winning author, full of imperial intrigue, cutthroat competition, and one scholar's quest to uncover the truth.

Description

She might win the throne. She might destroy an empire. Either way, it begins with murder.

After twenty-four years on the throne, it is time for Bersun the Brusque, emperor of Orrun, to bring his reign to an end. In the dizzying heat of mid-summer, seven contenders will compete to replace him.

Trained at rival monasteries, each contender is inspired by a sacred animal - Fox, Raven, Tiger, Ox, Bear, Monkey, and Hound. An eighth - the Dragon proxy - will be revealed only once the trials have begun. Eight exceptional warriors, thinkers, strategists - the best of the best.

Then one of them is murdered.

It falls to the brilliant but idiosyncratic Neema Kraa to investigate. But as she hunts for a killer, darker forces are gathering.

If Neema succeeds, she could win the throne - whether she wants it or not. But if she fails, she will sentence herself to death - and set in motion a sequence of events that could doom the empire . . .

Sales Points

- **A MODERN FANTASY EPIC:** This is a masterpiece of modern epic fantasy, with a richly drawn world, imperial deceit, cutthroat competition, one scholar's quest to uncover the truth, and the fate of nations - and the world - at stake, all drawn together by wry, powerful storytelling and an idiosyncratic, underdog heroine you cannot help but root for.
- **AWARD-WINNING BRITISH CRIME WRITER:** Antonia Hodgson is an award-winning writer who is turning her knack for thrilling, tightly plotted fiction to epic fantasy.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF** Hannah Kaner, Samantha Shannon, Robin Hobb, and Scott Lynch.
- **Hitting the *Sunday Times* bestselling charts** on the first week of publication!

Reviews

- **'The Raven Scholar is a labyrinth of a book - vast and intricate, full of fiendish twists and clever traps - with a deeply human heart at its centre. It's thrilling, romantic, often tragic, and always funny; I'm obsessed'** - *Alix E. Harrow, New York Times bestselling author of Starling House*
- **'The Raven Scholar is epic fantasy at its finest: fiendish political intrigue, the ultimate trial for the throne and a shocking crime at the centre. Every character plays friend, suspect and threat - and you'll be turning the pages at midnight to unmask them. I can't wait to devour the sequel. Simply glorious!'** - *Georgia Summers, Sunday Times bestselling author of The City of Stardust*
- **'The Raven Scholar is an immersive and enthralling epic fantasy. Fiendishly charming and clever, this is a book you absolutely must devour'** - *Tasha Suri, World Fantasy Award-winning author of The Jasmine Throne*
- **'Twisty and clever'** - *Claire North, author of Ithaca*

Author Biography

Antonia Hodgson has written four acclaimed historical crime novels. She won the CWA Historical Dagger for *The Devil in the Marshalsea*, and her work has also been shortlisted for numerous awards including the Theakston Crime Novel of the Year.

Antonia's first (unpublished) novel was a gothic fantasy and she always dreamed of writing an epic series, given the chance. *The Raven Scholar* was released to widespread acclaim in 2025 and became an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller. She is now busy finishing its sequel.

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Main Identifier	9781529339871
Thema 1.6	Fantasy (FM) Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB) Contemporary fantasy / Low fantasy (FMW)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	656 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	None
Series	The Eternal Path
Exclusively for Sale	Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK
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Tsundoku

The Japanese Art of Collecting Books

Taiki Raito Pym

Keynote

A book-lover's guide to collecting books... but not necessarily reading them!

Description

An ode to the quiet joy of collecting more books than we could ever possibly read - and loving them all the same...

Drawing on the evocative Japanese term *tsundoku* - first coined in the Meiji era to describe the growing stacks of unread books that accumulate around devoted readers - this insightful and warmly humorous book reframes what some might see as clutter or guilt as a deeply meaningful way of living.

From the tactile pleasure of flipping through pages to the quiet ritual of rearranging overflowing shelves, *Tsundoku* explores the psychology, culture, and poetry behind the irresistible urge to collect and cherish books. It offers meditations on the joy of choosing and buying books, the rebellion against reading lists, creative ways to organise your shelves, foolproof excuses for sneaking in yet another new title, techniques for remembering what you've read, and the guilty - but glorious - pleasure of re-reading.

Above all, this philosophy reminds us that we do not necessarily have to have read all the books we own to love them unconditionally. Feelings of guilt, be gone! Unread books can be even more fascinating because they take us on wonderful journeys, and speak to us regardless, whether we open them or keep them closed. We know that books are a cure for the soul: just touching one, smelling one, or leafing through one makes us feel better immediately.

Sales Points

- **COMP TITLES:** Books on books are perennially popular. *Bookworm* by Lucy Mangan has sold over 20k in the UK and *The Reading list* over 14.5k in paperback.
- **ON-TREND JAPANESE PHILOSOPHY:** Books with Japanese 'ways' also sell well. *Ikigai* (The Japanese secret to a long and happy life) sold over 200k in the UK and *Wabi Sabi* (Japanese wisdom for a perfectly imperfect life) has sold over 40k. Other popular titles include *Shinrin Roku* (forest bathing) and *Kokoro* (living well) have also sold well.
- **THE ULTIMATE GIFT FOR BOOK LOVERS:** A beautifully designed hardback that blends visual appeal with relatable prose - perfect for readers, writers, and book collectors.

Author Biography

Taiki Raito Pym is not a single person, but the pseudonym of a group of passionate readers who have fallen victim to *tsundoku*. Books began to occupy their homes ever since they were children and, by the time they realized it, books had already taken over their living spaces. However, they allowed them to do it. The one thing they all have in common is that they own more books than they can read in a single lifetime: and to tell the truth, they are happy nonetheless. And of course, they all have at least one cat. But that is another story!

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Binding	Hardback
Format	Demy
Extent	208 pages
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Book locale	Italy
Author born in	Japan
Author living in	Italy
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The Bridge Beyond the Stars

Cornelia Funke (Illustrated By Manuel Šumberac)

Keynote

An exquisitely illustrated story for anyone who needs hope and comfort in difficult times. A young angel learns about the Dark Things that humans carry - pain, loneliness and fear - and how to ease that burden.

Description

An exquisitely illustrated story for anyone who needs hope and comfort in difficult times. A young angel learns about the Dark Things that humans carry - pain, loneliness and fear - and how to ease that burden.

Publication date	Thursday, April 16, 2026
Price	£16.99 / ₹1399
Main Identifier	9781804537367
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Death and grief (YXG) Children's / Teenage emotions: Courage, bravery, hope (YXEL) Children's / Teenage emotions: Worry, fear (YXEF) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Emotions, moods, feelings and behaviours (YXE) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)

'What is death?'

'That's what the humans call the bridge. They fear it very much. And that is why we fly to meet them.'

Barnabel is a young angel who longs for a time he might be allowed to go on to the Bridge. But first he must learn about the Dark Things - pain, loneliness, rage and always fear. So much fear. And only when he is ready to carry these things and outweigh the heaviest human heart will he be able to chase away the shadows and fly all the way over the bridge.

Sales Points

- A beautiful and reassuring story for all ages.
- Stunningly illustrated and packed with wisdom - and in that sense will appeal to readers of *The Fox and the Star* and *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*.
- Cornelia Funke is one of today's most cherished children's authors, often referred to as the 'German JK Rowling'. She has been published in 53 languages and her books have sold over 22 million copies worldwide.

Author Biography

Cornelia Funke (Author)

Cornelia Funke is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Inkheart* trilogy and a whole host of popular children's novels and picture books.

Born in the German town of Dorsten, Cornelia initially worked as an illustrator but soon began writing her own stories.

Since then Cornelia has sold millions of copies of her books and she is internationally recognised as one of the best-loved authors writing for children today.

Cornelia lives with her family in Los Angeles.

Manuel Šumberac (Illustrator)

Manuel Šumberac is an illustrator and animator who has won awards for his animated films and music videos. He was born and lives in Croatia.

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Depth	22mm
Extent	416 pages
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The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains

Reena McCarty

Keynote

A former changeling must return to the land of the Fae in this delightful debut packed full of wit, charm, adventure and heart. Combining a fantasy quest with cosy vibes, fairy intrigue, a dash of magical bureaucracy and a sprinkling of romance, it's perfect for fans of T. Kingfisher, Heather Fawcett and T. J. Klune.

Description

'As irresistible as a faerie bargain, this book is riveting, magical and wonderful! I absolutely adored it!' Sarah Beth Durst, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Spellshop*

'I adored this one . . . its like cosy fantasy meets snarky fae diplomacy, and I'm here for it' *Reader review*

Discover a world of enchanted contracts, faerie intrigue and French toast, in this delightful debut packed full of wit, charm, adventure and heart, with a dash of magical bureaucracy and a sprinkling of romance.

When Poppy Hill was a child, she was stolen from her family's Montana homestead and taken 'Otherside' to the land of the Fae, where she spent more than a century as a cook in the Wild King's castle. Now back in the human world, she works for a company that brokers faerie bargains, checking for loopholes in their contracts.

But when a bargain that Poppy is negotiating goes disastrously wrong, she must return to the world she grew up in to try to rectify her mistake, facing danger, intrigue and a pesky ex-boyfriend along the way.

'There is simply not enough time or space for me to say everything I loved about this book. This had Holly Black-level Fae, T. Kingfisher-level plotting, and Naomi Novik-level wit. It was as if Heather Fawcett and Holly Black had a book baby with the perfect blend of contemporary and high fantasy . . . what a breath of fresh air'

□□□□□ *Reader review*

'Unforgettable and utterly addictive'

Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather so Black*

'The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains is as funny and witty as it is enchanting. Poppy Hill is a first-class heroine - full of sharp edges and quiet resolve - and her journeys through modern bureaucracy and fantastical Fae courts alike are utterly enthralling'

Julie Leong, author of *The Teller of Small Fortunes*

'A charming and warm-hearted tale of family and friendship with a plot as twisty as a faerie bargain'

M. Stevenson, author of *Behooved*

'The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains snatches you away into a world of enchanted contracts, faerie intrigue and French toast that you'll never want to come back from'

Molly O'Neill, author of *Greenteeth*

'A brilliant, tongue-in-cheek weaving of folklore and the hell of modern bureaucracy, combined with a twisty adventure and a dash of romance . . . A book that I was reluctant to close at the end. McCarty is a talent!'

Brigitte Knightley, author of *The Irresistible Urge to Fall for Your Enemy*

'Five stars without hesitation. I'm always searching for books that capture the same magic I find in Heather Fawcett's Emily Wilde or Holly Black's Folk of the Air, and The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains absolutely delivered. To sum it up: This modern faerie novel is utterly captivating and stands out from the usual stereotypes with its distinctive storytelling, memorable characters and engaging plot. Brilliant!'

□□□□□ *Reader review*

Sales Points

- Combining a fast-paced fantasy adventure, plenty of heart, a dash of magical bureaucracy and a sprinkling of romance, this captivating and delightfully fun debut will appeal to readers who like a bit more jeopardy in their cosy fantasy. Perfect for fans of *Nettle and Bone*, *House in the Cerulean Sea* and *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*
- The Fae are an incredibly popular fantasy trope and this book does a cosier, contemporary twist on the Fae, but with still with plenty of danger and excitement. It's

the book you might get if Holly Black wrote cosy fantasy.

- This will also appeal to fans of portal fantasy such as the Wayward Children series by Seanan Maguire. The main character spent most of her life in another realm and her journey to accepting that the human world is where she really belongs is moving and compelling.

Reviews

- 'Full of that oh-so-human creativity, *The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains* **snatches you away into a world of enchanted contracts, faerie intrigue and French toast** that you'll never want to come back from' - Molly O'Neill, author of GREENTEETH
- '***The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains* is a brilliant, tongue-in-cheek weaving of folklore and the hell of modern bureaucracy, combined with a twisty adventure and a dash of romance . . . A book that I was reluctant to close at the end. McCarty is a talent!**' - Brigitte Knightly, author of THE IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO FALL FOR YOUR ENEMY
- 'With a clever, determined heroine and a cast of devious, uncanny fairies, *The Tricky Business of Fairy Bargains* is as **irresistible** as fae fruit - **sharp, unforgettable and utterly addictive**' - Lyra Selene, author of A FEATHER SO BLACK
- 'As irresistible as a faerie bargain, this book is **riveting, magical and wonderful! I absolutely adored it!**' - Sarah Beth Durst, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of THE SPELLSHOP

Author Biography

Reena McCarty is a lifelong Montanan who's constantly looking for the perfect balance of hiking, camping and impulse baking cakes. She has a BA in theater, a master's in library science and somehow ended up cooking for a living and also for fun. When not writing, Reena can often be found wandering in the woods with her husband, admiring every dog she sees.

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Career Cheat Codes The Unspoken and Unfiltered Rules of Career Success Courtney Johnson

Keynote

The definitive guide to getting hired and getting ahead in any industry, with simple hacks that will help you get more money and greater recognition

Description

Discover the unspoken rules for career success with this definitive guide to getting hired and getting ahead in any industry.

We've all been sold the corporate lie. 'Put your head down, work hard, and everything will work out for you.' Right? WRONG. Put your head down, work hard and you're destined for a career that's mediocre at best.

As Courtney Johnson knows, it really isn't about working harder or even working smarter - it's about working *louder*. Whether you're focusing on negotiating your first salary or just trying to stay sane between the hours of 9 and 5, *Career Cheat Codes* is the guide you need to play the game, get hired, get paid and get ahead. It's full of easy, smart, research-backed tips and tricks that will get you your dream job and make sure all the right people know your name. You'll discover how to:

- approach the job search so that hiring managers come looking for *you*
- conduct an interview that will have them asking when you can start
- navigate office politics without losing yourself
- represent your work so that your contributions get the recognition they deserve
- make the modern workplace work for you, from WFH setups to CV-ifying online hobbies . . . and much more.

Sales Points

- PLATFORM AUTHOR: Courtney Johnson is a career content creator, entrepreneur and the creator of the viral 'problematic career cheat codes' series on TikTok with nearly 500k followers across platforms
- A GAP IN THE MARKET: There a few books that offer realistic and relatable career advice for Gen Z and millennials. This will be the go-to guide for graduates who want easy and relatable tips on how to get ahead and get paid well, even if you don't come from a wealthy background or community.
- FOR READERS OF Squiggly Careers and You Coach You by Helen Tupper and Sarah Ellis, The Skills by Mishal Husain, Designing Your Life by Bill Burnett and The Joy of Work by Bruce Daisley.

Author Biography

Courtney Johnson has attracted over half a million followers across her platforms by sharing the no-holds-barred secrets to career success that the career nepo-babies want to keep locked behind closed doors. She formerly climbed the corporate ranks to mid-six-figures salaries at multiple companies (and she's only 29), before launching her own brand-building and career-growth consulting business. She frequently ghost-writes LinkedIn posts and internal missives for CEOs, giving her unparalleled access to the minds and mindsets of the person whose attention you'd want to try to snag. And most importantly, she's created a career out of the fundamental understanding that a corporate game is always being played.

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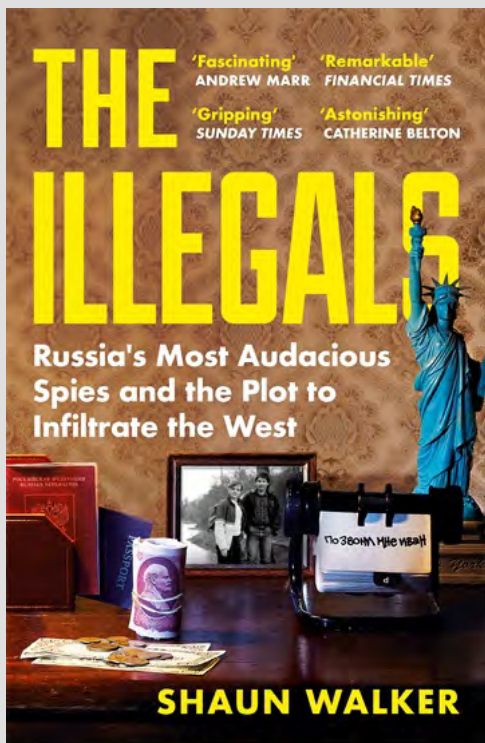
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REVIEWS

- ‘Absolutely fascinating’ - Andrew Marr
‘Walker has unearthed some eye-popping stories to fashion this history of the weirdest and most dedicated Russian agents ... remarkable’ - Misha Glenny, *Financial Times*
‘[A] gripping account of the agents who lived in the West under the deepest of covers ... Walker makes the sparkling most of an outlandish cast of characters’ - *Sunday Times*
‘The strange lives of the illegals make compelling stories ... very readable’ - Adam Sisman, *Observer*

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The Illegals

Russia's Most Audacious Spies and the Plot to Infiltrate the West
SHAUN WALKER

KEYNOTE

A pacy, character-driven history of the KGB's deepest cover spies in the West, a system that took decades to unravel

SALES POINTS

- Gripping, character driven spy history, backed up by the analytical insights of a serious Russia scholar
- Revelatory reporting - Shaun Walker has unique access to a large number of former Russian agents, who have never before told their stories
- Will appeal to readers of Ben Macintyre, Oliver Bullough, Simon Sebag Montefiore and Ronen Bergman

DESCRIPTION

'Sinister, clandestine and deadly - this is essential history, and it is happening now.' Simon Sebag Montefiore

'A riveting spy thriller that doubles up as a secret history of Russia.' Peter Pomerantsev

In 2010, two decades after the Cold War had ended, ten Russian spies were arrested in America, having hidden their true identities from their friends, neighbours and even their children. They were part of a spy programme that had begun nearly a century earlier. These deep-cover missions - some remarkable feats of espionage, others high-profile failures - could last for decades.

Drawing on hundreds of hours of interviews, as well as newly discovered archival material, Shaun Walker brings this history to life in a page-turning *tour de force* that goes to the heart of what became the most ambitious espionage programme in history. *The Illegals* shines new light on the long arc of the Soviet experiment and its messy aftermath - and on how that hidden history shaped Russia and the West.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Shaun Walker is a foreign correspondent for *The Guardian*, currently covering central and eastern Europe. He was the *Guardian's* Moscow Correspondent between 2013 and 2018, prior to which he spent six years as Moscow Correspondent for *The Independent*. He studied Russian and Soviet History at Oxford University.

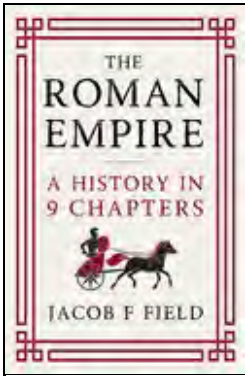
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The Roman Empire A History in 9 Chapters: a new accessible and entertaining history for anyone obsessed with the Roman Empire

Jacob F. Field

Keynote

A mini history of a huge empire - acclaimed historian Jacob F. Field tells the entire story of the Roman Empire in one short, entertaining book.

Description

For over five centuries, the Roman Empire ruled much of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. It produced some of history's greatest orators and statesmen, as well as some of its most debauched and corrupt tyrants. Shaping world affairs, the Roman Empire advanced economics, trade, archaeology and culture, but did so through conquest, bloodshed and enslavement of its enemies.

In *The Roman Empire*, acclaimed historian Jacob F. Field tells the entire story of Imperial Rome. Beginning with Julius Caesar first laying the foundations for the Empire right up to the collapse of Rome's power, follow the journey of the Empire's rise to unprecedented heights and learn what caused it to eventually fall. Discover the greatest triumphs and most catastrophic disasters, the battles that defined the era, and what life was like for Roman citizens. Finally, explore in vivid detail the men who wielded ultimate power and moulded Rome into one of the world's greatest forces: the infamous emperors.

Entertaining and accessible, this is the must-have history of the Roman Empire in just nine chapters.

Sales Points

- **Exciting new series:** In this new series, renowned historians will write concise and entertaining histories of ancient empires (*The Mongol Empire: A History in 9 Chapters*) by Dr Timothy May will follow in April 2027.
- **For fans of:** Old Street Publishing's *The Shortest History of...* series, which has proven very popular (...*Germany*: 128k copies TCM / ...*England*: 87k / ...*Europe*: 22k), as well as *The History of the World in Bite-Sized Chunks* by Emma Marriot (45k copies).
- **International appeal:** There is strong interest for short summaries of big subjects from foreign publishers.
- **Roman Empire continually topical:** recent interest in the Roman Empire in pop culture (e.g. *Gladiator 2*).
- **Expert author:** Jacob is an acclaimed historian.

Author Biography

Jacob F. Field read History at the University of Oxford and then moved to Newcastle University for his postgraduate work, earning a Masters' and PhD in economic and social history. Jacob did his post-doctorate work at the University of Cambridge's Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, joining a research project on the long-term occupational structure of Britain, focusing on women's work and London's economy. Due to his academic work, he was elected as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is the author of many books, including *The History of Europe in Bite-Sized Chunks*.

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Screen People How We Entertained Ourselves into a State of Emergency

Megan Garber

Keynote

A snappy, sharp and urgent look at what happens when we cede our reality to entertainment at any cost -- for fans of Jia Tolentino and Lauren Oyler, as well as the international bestselling HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE

Description

From America's reality-TV-star-cum-ex-president to our expertly curated Instagram feeds, it's never been less clear what's real and what's been simply fabricated for our entertainment.

SCREEN PEOPLE is a deep dive into what happens when we cede our reality to spectacle. Garber explains how the internet-inflected culture of the present moment conditions us, every day, to see each other less as people than as characters in an ongoing show, and how some of our most chronic and harmful social conditions - loneliness, depression, mistrust, misinformation, cynicism - stem from our demand for diversion.

In ten chapters, each themed around an element of stagecraft - from 'The Producers', who edit our reality, to 'The Props', the strangers we turn into objects of our amusement, all the way through to 'the Haters', the worshipful QAnon-types who expect the prophecies of their anonymous leader to play out on live TV - Garber builds toward an argument as urgent as it is ironic: our fun is quickly becoming our emergency. And we can't understand our politics without first understanding our culture.

Part critical investigation, part manifesto, part fan's diary, SCREEN PEOPLE will be an eye-opening journey into the cultural underbelly of our present malaise.

Sales Points

- **TIMELY SUBJECT MATTER IN A SLYLY ENTERTAINING PACKAGE:** This is a wryly funny, accessible and, yes, entertaining look at an issue we will all recognise -- how our need to be constantly entertained and distracted is coming at a huge cost to our selves and our society. Megan's framing device -- each chapter themed around a different element of stagecraft -- makes the content even more brilliantly digestible, adding a pleasingly meta element to the reading.
- **BIG US DEAL:** US rights were sold in a 'significant' auction to Rakesh Satyal at HarperOne, who has great ambitions for this book.
- **STAR AUTHOR:** Megan Garber is a staff writer at the Atlantic, where she has worked for 12 years. Her pieces are regularly the site's most read, and the cover story that this book is based on (*We've Lost the Plot*, published Jan 2023) led to 1000 new subscribers to the Atlantic.

Author Biography

Megan Garber is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*. She is the recipient of a Mirror Award for her writing about the media and a fellowship from the New America Foundation, and she previously worked as a reporter for the Nieman Journalism Lab, as well as a critic for the *Columbia Journalism Review*. At *The Atlantic*, she writes about the intersection of politics and culture (which often, but not always, means that she writes about reality TV). She is the author of *On Misdirection: Magic, Mayhem, American Politics*. She lives in Washington, DC.

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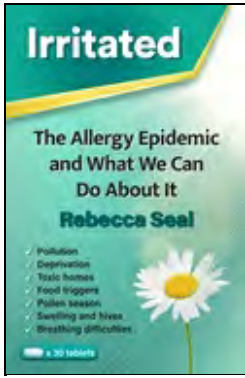
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Irritated

The Allergy Epidemic and What We Can Do About It

Rebecca Seal

Keynote

Allergies have been on the rise for decades, affecting millions of people worldwide. This book explores the reasons behind this epidemic and provides practical strategies for managing allergies and finding relief.

Description

Do you have a constantly runny nose, an itchy throat, sore eyes; maybe you live with eczema or have an annoying skin rash that flares up every so often? Perhaps you carry an epipen because an allergic reaction to something is life-threatening for you. Well, you're most definitely not alone. 1 in 3 UK adults currently experience allergic reactions at some point during their lifetime and the numbers have been rising at an alarming rate...

- * *Peanut or tree nut allergy now runs at 1 in 70 kids, versus 1 in 250 in 1997*
- * *Food allergy anaphylaxis increased by 5.7% between 1998 and 2018*
- * *US hospital admissions for asthma tripled between 1970 and 1990*
- * *Every two hours in the US someone is admitted to hospital with a severe allergic reaction*
- * *There are under 20 trained allergic specialists in the UK - the field is tiny for a growing epidemic*
- * *Allergy UK are campaigning to introduce an allergy nurse and dietitian within all GP practices*

Allergies are a complex and under-funded area of medicine, and there are few books out there to support families and patients. This book provides the answers and information that they need, while making the existing science accessible and easy to understand. Journalist Rebecca Seal has interviewed a wide range of clinical experts about the most recent developments in understanding and treating allergies, as well as parents, young people and children about their experiences of living with allergies.

Irritated gives an overview of allergies, their symptoms and how they affect the body and looks at why they have become so prevalent in recent years. Rebecca writes about the difference between allergies and intolerances, the role of gut health in the development of allergies, the different types of allergy (food, skin, environmental, chemical) and offers up practical strategies for symptom management.

Sales Points

- **BRAND COLLABORATION:** Author has contacts at Allergy UK so we will look to partner with them on publication. Allergy Awareness Week falls in April and Food Allergy Awareness Week in May.
- **MEDIA CONTACTS:** Author was a regular presenter on Channel 4's *Sunday Brunch* for five years and has also appeared on national and local radio shows as well as podcasts. She used to be Assistant Editor of *Observer Food Monthly* and *Observer Woman* and is now a freelance writer for all the UK broadsheets.
- **PERSONAL STORY:** Author writes about her personal experience of serious allergies in her family, alongside her investigative journalism.

Reviews

- "Rather than panicking about how best to support ourselves and our families when it comes to allergies, Rebecca's fact-filled, widely researched book is a mega manifesto with actionable questions and empowered prompts to ask of our specialists and institutions. With a third of the population affected, whether we are directly touched by allergies or not, certainly someone we love is and it's, therefore, vital we should all understand how to take care of each other as a society.' **Melissa Hemsley, author of *Sunday Times* bestseller *Real Healthy: Unprocess your diet with easy everyday recipes***
- "Irritated is one of the most clear-eyed, science-forward accounts I've read of the allergy epidemic. By weaving immunology, microbiome science and social context, Rebecca Seal shows how modern environments shape immune development, and why prevention must begin early in life.' **Professor Jack Gilbert, microbiome scientist, UC San Diego School of Medicine**
- "Written with exceptional care, clarity and compassion, *Irritated* demystifies food allergies through rigorous, science-backed insight combined with the deep empathy that allergic disease deserves. Shaped with the care of someone with lived experience, it weaves insights from multiple perspectives from parents to professionals. It is clear, empowering and meticulously detailed. This book will be a lifeline for anyone living with or touched by allergy, and an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the everyday reality of allergic disease.' - **Lucy Upton, leading UK children's dietitian and author of *The Ultimate Guide to Children's Nutrition***
- "This book is an absolute joy. Easy to read, it takes you on a journey covering all the important angles. It's full of stories and a range of diverse views, rather than being too heavy on science, which is still in there and very clearly explained. I will be recommending it to my patients who want to better understand their allergies.' **Adam**

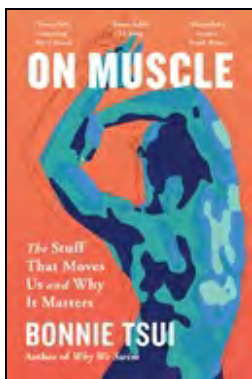


Author Biography

Rebecca Seal is an author, journalist and broadcaster who is a former assistant editor of *Observer Food Monthly* and *Observer Woman*. She has been writing professionally for over 20 years and is a freelance feature writer for all the UK broadsheet newspapers. She has written a number of personal development and cookery books, including *Be Bad, Better* (2023) and *The Ginger Pig Christmas Cook Book* (2023). She has also authored or co-authored cookbooks with the Leon restaurant group (published by Octopus). Rebecca was a regular presenter on Channel 4's *Sunday Brunch* for five years and has also appeared on national and local radio shows as well as podcasts. She also has personal experience of allergies in her family.

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On Muscle The Stuff That Moves Us and Why It Matters

Bonnie Tsui

Keynote

A thought-provoking deep dive into the world of muscle from the five angles of strength, form, action, flexibility and endurance, by the bestselling author of WHY WE SWIM.

Description

'Remarkable . . . A singular book about the true meanings of strength and flexibility, about our ability to define who we are and who we might be' Ed Yong, New York Times bestselling author of An Immense World and I Contain Multitudes

From the bestselling author of *Why We Swim* comes a mind-expanding exploration of muscle that will change the way you think about how we move and why it matters.

Cardiac, smooth, skeletal-these three different types of muscle in our bodies make our hearts beat; push food through our intestines, blood through our vessels, attach to our bones and help us move. Individually, they do different things. Collectively, they drive us through our days.

Join athlete and writer Bonnie Tsui as she jumps headfirst into the intriguing world of muscle from the five angles of strength, form, action, flexibility and endurance. Tsui introduces us to the first female weightlifter to pick up the famed Scottish Dinnie Stones, then takes us on a 50-mile run through the Nevada desert that follows the path of escape from a Native boarding school, giving the concept of endurance new meaning. She travels to Oslo, where cutting-edge research reveals how muscles help us bounce back after injury and illness, an important aspect of longevity. She jumps into the action with a historic Double Dutch club in Washington, D.C., to explain anew what Charles Darwin meant by the brain-body connection.

On Muscle is a powerful reminder that using our muscles promote longevity, joy, and, most important, the feeling that we can do anything.

Sales Points

- **Trending topic:** Strength and weight training are massive trends in health and fitness right now with everywhere from *Women's Health*, *BBC*, *Marie Claire*, *Glamour* and health care providers like BUPA, NHS and AXA promoting the benefits for everyone.
- **International appeal:** As with *Why We Swim* Bonnie's case studies come from across the world, broadening the audience for the book.
- **Engaging writing with practical takeaways:** brilliant narrative non-fiction that has the important 'what's in it for me' hook for readers.
- **Pop science meets personal development:** Great blend of scientific research with case studies and stories from the author's life.

Reviews

- 'Bonnie Tsui has done something **remarkable**. Fusing science writing, memoir, and essay, she has written a singular book about the true meanings of strength and flexibility, about our ability to define who we are and who we might be, and about what muscle means to the kind of people who rarely feature in stereotypical stories of strength and fitness. *On Muscle* is **a truly moving ode to the tissues that move us**' - Ed Yong, New York Times bestselling author of *I Contain Multitudes* and *An Immense World*
- 'Bonnie Tsui writes with uncommon elegance and warmth-about muscle, yes, but more than that, about movement and joy and the gorgeous, often surprising ways they entwine. *On Muscle* is literary and deeply personal, but also **rigorously researched and powerfully inspiring. It made me want to run, jump, grab my bike, any one of which I would have done had I not at the same time been unable to stop reading**' - Mary Roach, New York Times bestselling author of *Stiff*, *Gulp*, and *Fuzz*
- 'Only a seriously skilled storyweaver like Bonnie Tsui can combine science, sociology, and personal experience into **a joyfully careening tale about something we all take for granted but none of us really understands**. The genius of *On Muscle* is showing not only how physical strength animates our bodies, but every other aspect of life as well. **You're about to learn more about yourself and your world than you could ever imagine**' - Christopher McDougall, New York Times bestselling author of *Born to Run*
- 'Bonnie Tsui is a poet of physicality, and this book is an ode-one that explores our literal and metaphoric hearts. It is muscle as memory, muscle as meaning, muscle as magic. I am, in all ways, stronger for reading it' - Peggy Orenstein, New York Times bestselling author of *Girls & Sex* and *Boys & Sex*

Author Biography



Bonnie Tsui is a longtime contributor to *The New York Times* and the bestselling author of *Why We Swim*, a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice and a *Time* magazine and NPR Best Book of the Year; it is currently being translated into ten languages. Bonnie is also the author of *American Chinatown*, which won the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature, and *Sarah and the Big Wave*, a children's book about the first woman to surf Mavericks and a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection. Her work has been recognized and supported by Harvard University, the National Press Foundation, the Mesa Refuge, and the *Best American Essays* series. She lives, swims, and surfs in the Bay Area.

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Japanese Gothic

The all-new haunted house Samurai horror from Sunday Times bestselling author of *Bat Eater!*

Kylie Lee Baker

Keynote

From *Sunday Times* bestselling author Kylie Lee Baker comes a wildly inventive take on the much-loved haunted house horror interwoven with Japanese mythology, where two people living centuries apart discover a door between their worlds.

Description

2025

Lee can't remember exactly where he hid the body, but he can remember the blood. Hiding out at his father's centuries-old home in Japan, Lee knows something is wrong with him, and he knows it has something to do with his mother's disappearance almost a decade ago.

1877

A female samurai, Sen, stalks the borders of her home to protect her family from slaughter after the abolition of the samurai class. She's not sure how they'll ever survive, not without her father, who has returned from war with a different soul behind his eyes.

When Lee and Sen find one another through a door between their worlds, they're both looking for answers. But what they find in the creaking old house they share is beyond what either of them could imagine . . .

Sales Points

- **BAT EATER** received mega quotes from industry heavyweights such as **Grady Hendrix, Paul Tremblay, Eric LaRocca, and Nick Cutter**, among many more. **A hit with booksellers** across the board.
- **EXPORT OPPORTUNITY:** Kylie Lee Baker's *Bat Eater* was a hit with European bookstores and across ANZ
- **TALENTED EAST ASIAN VOICE:** A key must-read name in female-led horror
- **ON TREND:** Horror and Japanese fiction/culture is on trend.

Reviews

- '**Brilliantly inventive**, sending a prickle down your spine as you struggle to distinguish between reality and delusion. **A must read - I couldn't turn the pages fast enough!**' - MONIKA KIM
- '**An eerie and unrelenting tale of two lives, two time periods, and one singular horror horror soaked in blood and sorrow**' - CHUCK WENDIG
- '*Japanese Gothic* is many things: **A haunting. A mystery. A ghost story. A fairy tale. A love story.** Above all, it's a compelling and heartbreaking piece of art about how parental expectations can damage us, and how love can, if not quite heal us, at least set us free' - JOHANNA VAN VEEN

Author Biography

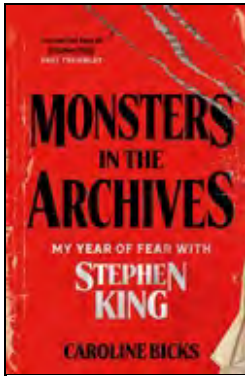
Kylie Lee Baker is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of adult horror novel *Bat Eater* and YA novels *The Keeper of Night* duology and *The Scarlet Alchemist* duology. She grew up in Boston, but lived in Atlanta, Salamanca and Seoul before returning to Massachusetts. Her work is informed by her heritage (Chinese, Japanese and Irish) as well as her experiences living abroad as both a student and teacher. She has a BA in Creative Writing and Spanish from Emory University and an MS in Library and Information Science from Simmons University. In her free time, she plays the cello, watches horror movies and bakes too many cookies.

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Monsters in the Archives My Year of Fear with Stephen King

Caroline Bicks

Keynote

An exploration of Stephen King's writing from the first academic granted full access to King's archives.

Description

A fascinating, first of its kind exploration of Stephen King and his most iconic early books, based on groundbreaking research and interviews with King - all conducted by the first scholar to be given extended access to his private archives.

After Caroline Bicks was named the University of Maine's inaugural Stephen E. King Chair in Literature, she became the first scholar to be granted extended access by King to his private archives, a treasure trove of manuscripts that document the legendary writer's creative process - most of them never before studied or published. The year she spent exploring King's early drafts and hand-written revisions was guided by one question millions of King's enthralled and terrified readers (including her) have asked themselves: What makes Stephen King's writing stick in our heads and haunt us long after we've closed the book?

Bicks focuses on five of his most iconic early works - *The Shining*, *Carrie*, *Pet Sematary*, *'Salem's Lot*, and *Night Shift*--to reveal how he crafted his language, storylines, and characters to cast his enduring literary spells. While tracking King's margin notes and editorial changes, she discovered scenes and alternative endings that never made it to print, but that King is allowing her to publish now. The book also includes interviews Bicks had with King along the way that reveal new insights into his writing process and personal history.

Part literary master class, part biography, part memoir and investigation into our deepest anxieties, *Monsters in the Archives* - authorized by Stephen King himself - is unlike anything ever published about the master of horror. It chronicles what Bicks found when she set out to unearth how King crafted some of his scariest, most iconic moments. But it's also a story about a grown-up English professor facing her childhood fears and getting to know the man whose monsters helped unleash them.

"Illuminating and original, *Monsters in the Archives* takes us deep into Stephen King's private papers to show us how he crafted some of his most iconic, haunting books and took possession of so many of our imaginations."

-Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*

Sales Points

- **PERENNIAL AREA OF FASCINATION** - perfect supplementary reading for the core King fanbase, alongside his own *ON WRITING*.
- **UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS TO ARCHIVES and KING HIMSELF** - the access to King's archives is a key hook for fans.
- **STRONG BACKLIST POTENTIAL** - to sit alongside the full King backlist as a complementary title.

Reviews

- 'Illuminating and original, *Monsters in the Archives* takes us deep into Stephen King's private papers to show us how he crafted some of his most iconic, haunting books and took possession of so many of our imaginations' - *Amy Tan, author of The Joy Luck Club*
- 'Caroline Bicks has penned an affable, compulsively readable mix of memoir, biography, and heady analysis of Stephen King's iconic early works enhanced by access to early drafts and notes. *Monsters in the Archive* is a treat for fans of Stephen King as well as anyone who ever wanted more of a peek behind the curtain at the great and terrible authorial Oz' - *Paul Tremblay, author of A Head Full of Ghosts*
- 'A personable, fascinating look at the creative process, one that soundly showcases King's lifelong attention to craft and Bicks's own belief in the power of facing one's monsters' - *Keith Rosson, author of Fever House and Coffin Moon*
- 'If you ever were afraid to go down into the basement after encountering a Stephen King story, *Monsters in the Archives* is for you: a massively enjoyable, fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of his previously unseen literary archive, with Caroline Hicks as your savvy guide. Indispensable reading for any fan of King's work - and who isn't one of those?' - *Elizabeth Hand, author of A Haunting on the Hill and Wylding Hall*

Author Biography

Caroline Bicks is an internationally recognized Shakespeare scholar with a long list of publications on early modern drama, gender, and the history of science. In 2017, she

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accepted an offer to become the inaugural Stephen E. King Chair in Literature at the University of Maine. Bicks is the co-host of the Everyday Shakespeare podcast which already has thousands of followers.

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For fans of Stephen King.

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How to Age Supercharge Your Health and Feel Better Than Ever

Liz Earle

Keynote

This is not just another wellness book, this is a revolution in pro-ageing.

Description

So much of what we have been told about ageing - especially as women, is wrong. We're not here to spend our later years in silent decline. We have just never been shown the full picture of what is possible - or how we can take control of it. But now Liz Earle's new book *How to Age* is here to blow the cover.

The strategies Liz shares in this book are different from anything you have read before. Liz has tried and tested these protocols, combed the scientific papers and cutting-edge reports on cellular renewal and longevity to synthesise the very best evidence-based biohacks and practical, easy-to-implement, daily plans to improve and boost your energy as you age. She has used these same protocols to turn back her biological age by decades and she now feels stronger, happier and more purposeful in her 60s than in any other decade of her life. And in her new book she shares her findings so now you can, too.

- * Strengthen your body at a cellular level
 - * Understand the primary power of sunlight, water, vibrational energy on your circadian rhythms
 - * Become more resilient to chronic disease and modern viruses
 - * Look and feel more youthful in both appearance and outlook
 - * Use the daily plans in each chapter to achieve your goals
- Women are living longer but often in poorer health, so grab the reins and add abundant health to your years. Be more youthful, more vibrant now - This is *How to Age*.

Sales Points

- *HOW TO AGE* FOLLOWS ON FROM THE NUMBER ONE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER: *A Better Second Half* which sold over 50K copies and was shortlisted for non-fiction book of the year at the Nibbies 2025.
- *HOW TO AGE WILL CHANGE HOW WOMEN VIEW AGEING*: the practical everyday plans in each chapter are actionable and science-backed
- AUDIENCE: Liz Earle's audience demographic 85% female aged 35-64 years, primarily UK based with a 16% following in US. Instagram (combined): 360K; You Tube 41.2K; Facebook 92K; Liz Earle Wellbeing Show (podcast) over 10 million downloads to date.
- READERSHIP: *How to Age* will appeal to the broadest health and wellbeing audience, readers of books such as: Dr Peter Attia's *Outlive* (46k UK TCM), Michael Greger's *How Not to Die* (130k UK TCM), Rangan Chatterjee *The Four Pillar Plan* (137k UK TCM) and Michael Mosley's *Just One Thing* (163k UK TCM); Davinia Taylor *Futureproof* (15k UK TCM); Dr Sinclair's *Lifespan* (21k UK TCM).
- PEER REVIEWED BY A MEDICAL DOCTORS: Dr Ayan Panja has reviewed the complete book and medical specialists in key areas have reviewed specific chapter content.

Author Biography

Liz Earle MBE is a trusted authority on wellbeing and an award-winning author of over 30 books on nutrition, diet, beauty, gut health, hormones and natural beauty. She hosts the popular Liz Earle Wellbeing Show and is a regular commentator on TV and radio. An expert in midlife living and longevity, her well-researched approach and passion for demystifying science has earned a loyal following. She is an ambassador for many healthcare and environmental charities. Her book *A Better Second Half* (2024) was a Number One Sunday Times Bestseller.

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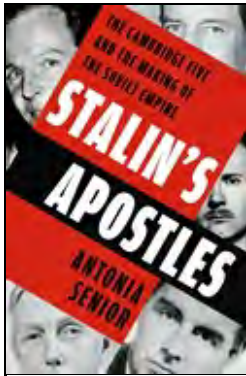
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Stalin's Apostles The Cambridge Five and the Making of the Soviet Empire

Antonia Senior

Keynote

'Beautifully written and utterly compelling, *Stalin's Apostles* is a brilliant reassessment of the Cambridge Five.' **SAUL DAVID**

Description

'Shocking. Gripping. Unputdownable. You thought you knew the Cambridge Five? Think again!
Their level of treachery beggars belief, yet the British establishment's incompetence and cover-up is equally unbelievable.' **DAMIEN LEWIS**, author of *THE MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE*
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Using recently declassified files, *STALIN'S APOSTLES* explores as never before the treachery of five British men who spied for the Soviet Union: Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess, Kim Philby, John Cairncross and Keeper of the Queen's Pictures Anthony Blunt, all radicalised while at Cambridge University in the 1930s. Their supply of British and US intelligence gave Stalin an inside track on US and British strategy at a critical period in history. For more than twenty years there was barely a secret, barely a decision made, that Stalin did not know about, thanks to his Cambridge spies. The Five became tools in Stalin's imperial scheme, responsible directly and indirectly for the death of thousands of men and women fighting against Soviet domination. Shielded for so long by the British Establishment, four of the five were never prosecuted for their crimes. And in time another dictator emerged as ruthless as Stalin, but with an even greater desire to establish a Russian Empire that would threaten Western democracy. The legacy of the Cambridge Five is not only in the graveyards of eastern Europe, but at the heart of Putin's Kremlin.

Sales Points

- Chosen by The Times as **One of the Reads to Look Forward to in 2026**: 'A new take on the story of the Cambridge Five, the double agents who made possible the terrors of Stalin's iron rule.'
- Antonia Senior fronts the *SPYMASTERS* podcast - at Cambridge University she studied the history of the intelligence services and the Soviet Union- so is perfectly qualified to write this book.
- *STALIN'S APOSTLES* will appeal to readers of Ben MacIntyre's *A SPY AMONG FRIENDS*, Giles Milton's *THE STALIN AFFAIR* and John le Carre's novels - it is the first book on all five spies since *Climate of Treason* by Andrew Boyle (1987)
- Key media coverage targets include BBC Radio 4 Start the Week, Radio 4 In Our Time, Times Radio, Chanel 4 News, Sky News
PLUS
History Hit network, The Rest is History, You're Dead to Me, History Rage, Aspects of History and History Extra, The Rest is Classified.

Author Biography

Antonia Senior studied the history of the intelligence services under Professor Christopher Andrew at Cambridge University. She was also taught the history of the Russian Revolution by Professor Orlando Figes. This led to a lifelong fascination with the impact of Marxism, the relationship between the West and Russia, the Cold War and espionage. She spent thirteen years at The Times covering business and finance before she became one of the paper's leader writers. *Stalin's Apostles* is her first work of non-fiction.



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Twisted Pawn

Your new favourite dark and steamy romance series

L.J. Shen

Keynote

Book #2 in the BRAND NEW Society of Villains Series from the bestselling romance author and TikTok sensation - following on from *Bad Bishop*. Also works as a standalone!

Description

From New York Times bestselling author L.J. Shen comes a dark romance about an assassin Mafia heir and the villainess who refuses to become his next victim.

Tierney

There's a bullet with my name on it. And Achilles Ferrante is the man who'll pull the trigger. I'd always known one of us would kill the other. I'd just hoped to do the honor.

Twice I betrayed him. First, I broke his heart. Then, I sold him out to the Feds. Even if I hadn't, I doubt he could spell mercy, much less spare me any.

The Camorra prince promised he'd make a spectacle of my death when he caught me. Let him try. He could chase me until the end of Earth.

I will always run faster.

Achilles

To love is to destroy, and I'd loved Tierney Callaghan far too long, and far too much. She's a fatal weakness, but unlike the Greek mythology warrior - I will remain undefeated.

My little flame can run fast, but my bullet is faster.

Once upon a time, she was the only person who saw my humanity. She's about to meet the monster everyone else knows.

Sales Points

- **Huge appetite for romance books in this space:** This is intense, angsty, dark mafia romance, with lots of tropes readers love. This is a brilliant new answer for all the romance readers desperate for their next dark fix.
- **Previous success for the author through UK TCM already:** *My Dark Romeo* (which the author wrote with Parker S. Huntington) has sold over 50k PBs through TCM.
- **Engaged fanbase and pre-existing platform:** Author already has a brilliantly engaged fanbase who hang on her every word, buy all editions of her books, and leave incredible reviews... she's a social media superstar with over 127k followers on Instagram, and over 270 million views on #LJShen on TikTok.
- **Second book in an exciting new series - and also a standalone:** This is the second book in a brand new dark mafia series from the bestselling author. Seven books currently planned - and a huge, buzzy campaign planned in the US, UK and ANZ.
- **Brilliant reader reviews:** Her pre-existing books already have thousands of five-star reviews: 'I'm honestly speechless'; 'A love story that will live in my heart for years!'; 'spellbound is the only word I can describe this masterpiece with'; 'The way this book had me in a chokehold'

Author Biography

L.J. Shen is a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, and #1 Amazon bestselling author of contemporary and NA romance. Her books have been translated in over twenty different countries. She hopes to visit all of them. She lives in a picturesque beach town with her family, pets and inner demons, and enjoys reading, traveling, cooking and spending time with her grumpy cat



Sports Stories: Verstappen

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

This fully illustrated picture book tells the story of Max Verstappen's rise to glory with fun illustrations and simple text - it's perfect for young Formula 1 fans.

Description

Meet Max Verstappen, the fearless Formula 1 superstar! From racing go-karts as a kid to breaking records on the world stage, this action-packed book for young readers tells the thrilling story of how Max raced his way to the top. Simple, easy-to-read text and fun, immersive illustrations make this perfect for young fans who dream big and love speed!

Sales Points

- Based on the text and illustrations from the fantastic Sports Superstars: Verstappen Rules non-fiction chapter book, by superstar creators Simon Mugford and Dan Green.
- Simple text and full-colour pictures filled with recognisable Formula 1 stars make this a must for any young Verstappen fan.
- Gives young and reluctant readers a great way to explore Verstappen's story.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)

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

Dan Green (Illustrator)

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

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CBMC **B5M79**
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The Take

The gripping page-turner of 2026 that everyone will be talking about

Kelly Yang

Keynote

Addictive, timely, and hugely entertaining, *The Take* is a novel about how far you'd go to have it all - and who you might sacrifice to get it. Perfect for fans of *Yellowface* and *The Other Black Girl*.

Description

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO GET AHEAD IN THIS WORLD - YOU EITHER MAKE SOMETHING OR TAKE SOMETHING.

Maggie Wang, a broke young Asian American writer, needs a lifeline. Ingrid Parker, a veteran white Hollywood producer with her career on the edge, offers an irresistible deal: \$3 million for ten experimental medical sessions to reverse aging, using Maggie as a transfusion partner.

For Ingrid, it's a chance to recapture her youth and save her fading career. For Maggie, it's freedom - money to support her parents and the connections to finally get her novel published.

What starts as a professional transaction quickly becomes a complex psychological dance. As Maggie gains unprecedented access to Ingrid's hard-earned wisdom, Ingrid sees in Maggie a weapon against an industry that's been trying to sideline her.

As their relationship intensifies, the rules around aging begin to shift. So does the balance of power between the two women, leaving both questioning who holds the upper hand and what they're willing to sacrifice to succeed.

Sales Points

- **THE BOOK:** This is bold, zeitgeisty commercial fiction with a unique high-concept: a medical treatment that can reverse aging. It is a thought-provoking, gripping and darkly funny read that taps into topical conversations about society's obsession with anti-aging, and that explores themes of race, privilege, and the precarious nature of power and ambition as a woman. It's a novel that will have book clubs discussing long into the night.
- **THE COMPS:** This is perfect for readers of *Yellowface* by Rebecca F Kuang, *The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris and *The List* by Yomi Adegoke. It will also appeal to fans of TV shows like *Hacks* and *The Morning Show*, which explore being a female in a cut-throat industry.
- **PREVIOUS SUCCESS:** Kelly Yang is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Front Desk children's series. The series has sold over 2 million copies sold worldwide and won numerous international awards, with the books praised for their powerful account of the immigrant Asian American experience.
- **THE CAMPAIGN:** *The Take* will be Constable Fiction focus title in 2026, supported by a creative, long-lead marketing and publicity campaign. The novel was acquired in the US for a seven-figure deal at auction by Berkley, PRH, and it will be a major lead title for Berkley.
- **AUTHOR'S PERSONAL STORY:** Kelly Yang overcame poverty to go to college at age 13 and law school at age 17. Going to UC Berkeley and Harvard Law School at such a young age provided Kelly a unique perspective on aging. Time and time again, she's been told she's 'too young' or 'too old', an experience that allows her to relate to both her protagonists in *The Take*. Kelly is also a screenwriter and her experiences of the film/TV industry are channelled into this novel.

Reviews

- 'I am blown away . . . the most intense, breathtaking book. With a wholly original, fresh concept, Yang takes on tough topics like race and socioeconomic discrepancies. Thought-provoking and brilliant!' - Jesse Q. Sutanto, author of *DIAL A FOR AUNTIES*
- 'I'm so excited about *The Take* and to see Kelly's characters' vulnerability on display as they navigate the choppy landscape of career and identity' - Chanel Miller, *New York Times* bestselling author of *KNOW MY NAME*
- 'An exhilarating read . . . fast-paced, fun and fantastically unhinged!' - Eve J. Chung, author of *DAUGHTERS OF SHANDONG*

Author Biography

Kelly Yang is the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Front Desk children's series. *Front Desk* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2022 and the series has sold over 2 million copies worldwide. Kelly has won numerous awards, with her books praised for their powerful account of the immigrant Asian American experience.

Kelly immigrated from China to America when she was six years old and overcame

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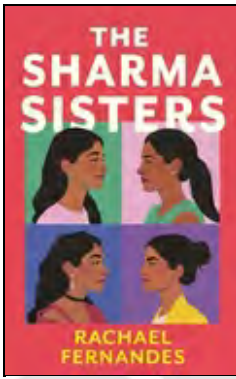


poverty to go to college at age thirteen, and Harvard Law School at seventeen. After law school, she pursued her passion for writing and teaching children writing, becoming the founder of The Kelly Yang Project, a leading writing and debating program for kids in Hong Kong. Kelly has written for *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, and been a contributor on BBC News, commenting on politics and Asia. In addition to being a novelist, she is also a screenwriter and has written screenplays and television pilots for Netflix, CBS and the CW.

Kelly lives in Los Angeles with her three children, her husband and two dogs. *The Take* is her debut adult novel.

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The Sharma Sisters

Rachael Fernandes

Keynote

A contemporary British Indian reimagining of *Little Women* with themes of friendship, love and coming-of-age - perfect for fans of *Queenie* and *My Name is Maame*.

Description

'I know who I am, I'm a Sharma sister. A necessary one. One that is loved.'

Kav has always known that she's destined for more. She wants to tell the stories that matter but, instead, she's stuck working on a reality TV show - until she meets Luca, the man who slots so effortlessly into her life and pushes her to chase her dreams.

Meanwhile, **Mally** - the ambitious one - is quickly climbing the corporate ladder. She's set on her success, but what does that mean if she has no one to share it with?

Married to her childhood sweetheart, **Ori** has everything you could ever dream of; though she's hiding a secret that could unravel everything she's built forever.

Then there's **Trina**, the quiet dreamer struck by wanderlust, knitting the family together. Until she finds herself facing a terrifying diagnosis that leaves everyone reeling.

Back in the hospital where their father died, each of the sisters are left struggling to find their place in the world; navigating grief, heartbreak and loneliness, and learning to fall in love with life again.

Heartbreaking, funny and achingly relatable, *The Sharma Sisters* is an irresistibly fresh coming-of-age story brimming with authenticity, love and sisterhood.

Sales Points

- This is a **captivating, funny and devastatingly tender** British Indian reimagining of *Little Women*, set in London. It is a fresh take on a well-loved classic, brimming with **authenticity, representation, heart and sisterhood**. Rachael Fernandes' writing is full of **whip-smart observations on grief, heartbreak, loneliness and self-identity**.
- This novel is perfect for fans of **QUEENIE** by **Candice Carty-Williams**, **MY NAME IS MAAME** by **Jessica George** and **YINKA, WHERE IS YOUR HUSBAND** by **Lizzie Damilola Blackburn**.

Author Biography

Rachael Fernandes is a British Indian author of adult and young adult fiction, living in San Francisco, California. She spent most of her life living in London, but can now be found exploring the US and telling everyone how much it rains back home.

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How Korean Corn Dogs Changed My Life Finding love, fame and myself in Seoul

Alice Amelia

Keynote

An addictive, tell-all memoir which is also a love letter to Korea: the story of a young British K-drama fan who moved to Seoul and unexpectedly became part of the booming Korean entertainment industry she had idolised from afar.

Description

An addictive, tell-all memoir about what happens when you try to make your dreams come true - as well as a love letter to Korea

Aged twenty-one, fuelled by a love of K-dramas and a need to find herself, Alice Amelia moves to Seoul. She knows no-one in her adopted country, doesn't speak the language, and hasn't tried kimchi, let alone grilled cow intestines or Korean corn dogs. But she soon realises that real-life Seoul isn't the romanticised city she'd watched on television - and it doesn't have subtitles.

Determined to follow her dream, Alice becomes everything she wasn't in England: adding spicy gochujang sauce to every meal, dancing in K-pop videos, dating HOT Korean models, and even injecting salmon sperm into her eye bags. But as she breaks into the Korean entertainment industry which she idolised from afar, her life spiralled in ways she never could have imagined. Wanting to stay true to herself, she wonders, will she ever belong in Korea? And what price will it cost her to stay?

Sales Points

- **SOCIAL PLATFORM:** Alice has over 100,000 followers on her channels and we've got a detailed plan to make the most of her and Virago's channels for publication
- **KOREA IS ON TREND:** Taps into the love for all things Korean at the moment - this is a tell-all look into the Korean entertainment industry from a fan who became an insider
- **PROVEN MARKET:** For fans of millennial memoir (CRYING IN H MART, DOLLY ALDERTON, MY BODY), funny travel writing (ABROAD IN JAPAN) as well as anyone obsessed with Korean culture (I WANT TO DIE BUT I WANT TO EAT TTEOKBOKKI)

Author Biography

Alice Amelia fell in love with K-dramas as a teenager in Henley and moved to Seoul in her early 20s, where she then lived for 5 years and became part of the booming Korean entertainment industry.

In Korea, Alice worked for many major companies including The Black Label, HYBE, Starship Entertainment and Netflix. She also featured in adverts for Samsung, Hyundai Department Stores and the Korean gaming giant PUBG Studios, accumulating a social media presence of 100,000 combined followers. Alice has acted as an ambassador for the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and worked with the Seoul Tourism Organisation.

She recently earned a Master's in Film and Television production from MetFilm School and she is also an award-winning playwright.

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Searoad

Ursula K. Le Guin

Keynote

A brand new edition of Ursula Le Guin's most realistic novel - *Searoad* offers thirteen beguiling, interconnected stories about the lives of women and artists in a small coastal town in Oregon

Description

'A vision of multiplicity and endless change and continuity' *Los Angeles Times*

'Rich, warm, and as easy on the soul as an afternoon on the beach' *Kirkus*

Searoad is a sandy track that runs between the town of Klatsand and the rugged Oregon coast.

Across this stretch, locals with roots in the town overlap with visitors staying in its run-down motels: a man questions his wife's desire to be a poet; a summering librarian indulges in an affair; a waitress recalls the shooting of her teenage daughter by her own husband. And always, women walk on the long, long beach.

And as the narrative shifts from the horizontal present to the vertical past, a four-generation chain of mothers and daughters reaches back to Klatsand's beginnings - and forward to its future.

In *Searoad*, trailblazing feminist author Ursula K. Le Guin paints a vivid and powerfully evocative portrait of a small community built over the course of a century.

Sales Points

- **ICONIC, TRAILBLAZING AUTHOR:** Ursula Le Guin was a highly influential writer, a pioneer in feminist science fiction who influenced literary greats across genres and generations - including Margaret Atwood, Zadie Smith and David Mitchell
- **STUNNING NEW EDITION:** if you are new to Ursula Le Guin, start with W&N's hand-picked series of her most beloved works. These irresistible reissues offer a cornerstone of literary imagination essential for every shelf
- **A RARE, EARTHLY NOVEL:** one of her only non-sci-fi novels, Le Guin surprised both her publisher and her readers with *Searoad*. A gorgeous and unusual Le Guin novel, it is set not on an alien planet of her creation - but on the rugged Oregon coast
- **PRIZEWINNING CLASSIC:** *Searoad* was the winner of the 1992 H.L. Davis Fiction Award and the 1991 Pushcart Prize

Reviews

- 'I'd love to sit at my desk one day and discover that I could think and write like Ursula Le Guin' - Roddy Doyle
- 'One of the greats. . . . Not just a science fiction writer; a literary icon' - Stephen King
- 'Le Guin was able to reimagine many concepts we take to be natural, shared, and unalterable - gender, utopia, creation, war, family, the city, the country - and reveal the all-too-human constructions at their center. . . . Literature will miss her. There's no one like her' - Zadie Smith

Author Biography

Ursula K. Le Guin (1929-2018) was a celebrated author whose body of work includes 23 novels, 12 volumes of short stories, 11 volumes of poetry, 13 children's books, five essay collections, and four works of translation. The breadth and imagination of her work earned her six Nebula Awards, seven Hugo Awards, and SFWA's Grand Master, along with the PEN/Malamud and many other awards. In 2014 she was awarded the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, and in 2016 joined the short list of authors to be published in their lifetimes by the Library of America.

Market

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The Dispossessed

Ursula K. Le Guin

Keynote

A brand new edition of Ursula Le Guin's of must-read science fiction classic - *The Dispossessed* is the spellbinding story of a scientist who single-handedly attempts to reunite two planets cut off from each other by centuries of distrust

Description

'One of the literary greats of the twentieth century' Margaret Atwood

'A work of extraordinary imagination and compassion' *Atlantic*

'The book I wish I had written' Roddy Doyle

Shevek, a brilliant physicist, was raised on Anarres, a barren moon with no government, army, laws, or police that has long been isolated from other worlds because of its rigid dedication to radical equality.

Shevek's work promises a breakthrough that could alter the course of human civilisation, but to realise it, he must journey to Urras: a planet dazzling in its beauty and advancement yet fractured by hierarchy.

Though initially welcomed by this unfamiliar civilisation, Shevek soon finds himself caught between competing visions of freedom, a bridge - and a threat - to both. In the conflict that ensues, he must reexamine his beliefs, even as he ignites the fires of change.

From the inimitable Ursula K. Le Guin, *The Dispossessed* is a true classic of the twentieth century, a moving story about what it means to return home and a must-read science fiction masterpiece.

WITH AN INTRODUCTION FROM RODDY DOYLE

Sales Points

- **ICONIC, TRAILBLAZING AUTHOR:** Ursula Le Guin was a highly influential writer, a pioneer in feminist science fiction who influenced literary greats across genres and generations - including Margaret Atwood, Zadie Smith and David Mitchell
- **STUNNING NEW EDITION:** if you are new to Ursula Le Guin, start with W&N's hand-picked series of her most beloved works. These irresistible reissues offer a cornerstone of literary imagination essential for every shelf
- **TIMELY THEMES:** though written in 1974, *The Dispossessed*, with its feminist, anarchist, capitalist and individualist themes, is more relevant today than ever
- **PRIZEWINNING CLASSIC:** *The Dispossessed* won the Hugo, Locus, Jupiter and Nebula Awards and was named as one of the *Atlantic's* Great American Novels

Reviews

- 'One of the greats. Not just a science fiction writer; a literary icon' - Stephen King
- 'One of the great American political novels' - *Los Angeles Review of Books*
- 'I think that everyone on earth, and everyone who cares about being alive, should read *The Dispossessed*' - adriennee maree brown, *The Cut*

Author Biography

Ursula K. Le Guin (1929-2018) was a trailblazing feminist science fiction author whose body of work includes novels, short stories, poetry, children's, five essay collections and works of translation. The breadth and imagination of her work, including the iconic fantasy series *The Earthsea Cycle*, which began in 1968, earned her countless literary awards. In 2014 she was awarded the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, and in 2016 joined the short list of authors to be published in their lifetimes by the Library of America.

Market

For fans of: books by Margaret Atwood, Angela Carter or Kazuo Ishiguro; fans of literary fiction with a speculative edge; *I Who Have Never Known Men* by Jacqueline Harpman

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Dance of Stars and Ashes

An enemies to lovers fantasy romance

Nisha J. Tuli

Keynote

A complete romantasy series from the bestselling author of *Trial of the Sun Queen*. The Nightfire Quartet is perfect for fans of *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, *Fourth Wing* and *The Serpent and the Wings of Night*. Enter a glittering new world inspired by Indian mythology and prepare to discover your new obsession.

Description

A love that burns brighter than starlight. A gift that could leave her world in ashes.

It's time for Zarya to release the fire within.

In the jewelled city of Dharati, Zarya found passion and adventure for the first time.

A warrior prince named Rabin helped to free the power within her. Rabin is as deadly as he is beautiful, but he's also insufferable-arrogant, secretive and ruthless.

Zarya wants nothing to do with him. An army of demons is gathering beyond the city's walls, and her mind is fixed on saving her friends and her home.

But every discovery and every dream pulls her back to Rabin. **Will opening her heart give Zarya the power to turn back the demons, or will it allow the darkness devour her?**

***Dance of Stars and Ashes* is the second book in an addictive series that builds from a slow burn to irresistible steamy romance. Packed with tension, action, and heart-stopping twists, it will keep fans of Sarah J. Maas, Jennifer L. Armentrout, and Rebecca Yarros reading late into the night.**

See why readers love *Dance of Stars and Ashes*:

"**DELIGHTFUL AND STEAMY PERFECTION!!!!**... The worldbuilding was rich and vivid, and I felt like I was there the entire time! And the plot **OMG!!!! I devoured this book in one sitting**, and I was squealing and gasping!... *Dance of Stars and Ashes* has the best combination of fantasy, romance, and character arc that I have ever seen. **An absolutely phenomenal romantasy that will capture and ensnare you body and soul.** 5 stars aren't enough... **Highly addictive and very, very, very hot!**" Freya's Musings

"Spicy, lush and vibrant... Now amongst my top 5 series... **The spice was DELICIOUS.** The action of the battles was perfectly written. **Good gawd I love this series...**" Goodreads reviewer

"I don't even know where to start. **I LOVED this book.** I laughed, I cried, I screamed... So much angst, so much tension, **so much HEAT.**" @bookmarkedbykelsey

"This is one of the best books I've read in a long while. **It was so immersive and engaging!** I was wonderfully invested in these characters... It's honestly not like anything I've ever read. I will not stop singing the praises of this book. It's **quite literally magical.**" Goodreads reviewer

"**AHHHH** this book took me on **an emotional rollercoaster... My heart has been ripped apart...** This book had everything I could have hoped for ... The romance scenes were swoon-worthy, with heart stopping one liners... **I loved this read and really flew through it.**" Goodreads reviewer

"**I loved every page** of *Dance of Stars and Ashes*... What I did not expect was the amount of spice we received in this book - amazing!... The ending was **heartbreaking**, but I still believe everything will be fixed - IT HAS TO! To sum this review up, all I have to say is - **READ DANCE OF STARS AND ASHES!** You won't regret any minute with this book." @klaudia__booktok

"**I *loved loved loved* this book and couldn't put it down!** It was full of adventure, friendship, and more of the 'will they, won't they' romance that the first book had as well... **An emotional roller coaster...**" Goodreads reviewer

Sales Points

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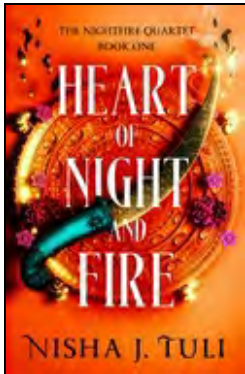
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"OMG I AM PRACTICALLY CRYING... AMAZING found family... So many secrets and twists and turns throughout-I straight up gasped and yelled out loud towards the end. I just couldn't put this book down." Goodreads reviewer
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Forbidden magic. A plague of demons. And a dangerous passion...

Zarya has always known she is dangerous. Raised in secret, she was trained to fight but ordered never to reveal her strange, shadowy magic.

Stealing a horse and fleeing the only life she's ever known, Zarya arrives in a dazzling marble city where demons prowl the streets.

When she joins the fight against the monsters, desire sparks with a powerful commander. But he's dangerous too - a blood-drinking immortal with a terrible secret.

And if he knew Zarya's true self, he would kill her in an instant.

As Zarya draws closer to uncovering the origin of her magic, the demons seem to grow bolder... Almost as if they're drawn to her.

Soon, she faces an impossible choice: **can she unleash her abilities and save her new home, or will she be consumed by an ancient darkness...**

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See why readers love Nisha J. Tuli's irresistible fantasy romance:

"Yes, yes, yes! An infinite amount of yeses!... **I have no words** to express how **addictive** this story is... **The ending had me literally gasping.**" Goodreads reviewer
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"I need the next part now!! The **slow burn and secrets** made this book **so good!!!** I highly recommend!" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"Y'all!!!!!! I am obsessed with this book... I read this so fast, and **I didn't want to put it down...** The tension is fantastic, and the friendships made me feel warm and cozy..." Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"This story had me from the first sentence... No spoilers, but **you'll need a fan for the heat!**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"Umm wow. I am literally left speechless!... The plot, character development, and world building were **absolutely stunning! I couldn't get enough.**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"Rich imagery, persistent tension, blossoming friendships, and beautiful found family. It **had my heart working overtime... I cannot stop thinking about what happens next.**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"What **an exciting rollercoaster ride** this was!... The world was fantastic, luscious, sultry, restless... **I need the next book!!**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"OMG OMG OMG OMG... I didn't know what to expect because I loved Artefacts of Ouranos so so so much and thought "she can't top this" but I have never been happier to be wrong... **10/10.**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

"I honestly didn't think I could love a book by Nisha as much as I love the Artefacts of

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Ouranos series...but I was wrong... **An explosion of color from start to finish**, and several times **I found myself gaping at the pages...**" Goodreads reviewer □□□□

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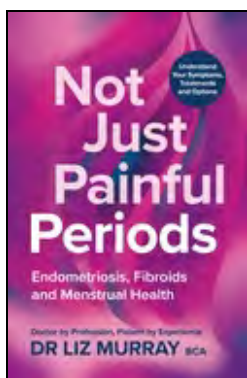
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Not Just Painful Periods Endometriosis, Fibroids and Menstrual Health

Dr Liz Murray

Keynote

Not Just Painful Periods is a lifeline for anyone who's ever been told their painful or heavy periods were just another period.

Description

For generations, women's health concerns have been dismissed, minimised, or misunderstood. But heavy, painful periods are *not* normal, and suffering in silence should not be an option. In this groundbreaking and compassionate guide, Dr Liz Murray blends medical expertise with her own experience of living with endometriosis and chronic illness, to give readers the clarity, language, and confidence to finally be heard.

Drawing on the latest research into endometriosis, fibroids, adenomyosis and PCOS, Dr Murray explains what's really happening inside your body and how these conditions can affect women in very different ways. She offers practical tools for self-advocacy, demystifies diagnosis, and lays out treatment paths that empower rather than overwhelm.

Inside, you'll learn how to:

- Spot the early signs your body wants you to notice
- Recognise the crucial role of hormones and your immune system play in your health
- Navigate the path to diagnosis
- Understand your options for treatments
- Deal with issues affecting your fertility, menopause, and relationships

All women deserve to feel supported and empowered in their own bodies. *Not Just Painful Periods* is more than book - it's a revolution in women's health, delivered with warmth, wisdom, and unshakeable hope.

Sales Points

- This is the first book written by a doctor who also has endometriosis. Dr Liz is a qualified doctor and lives with the effects of endometriosis and other chronic conditions, making her a unique and powerful voice that readers can trust.
- The book covers the whole spectrum of the endometriosis experience, from when symptoms start, through to diagnosis and treatment options, through to contraception, sex and relationships, fertility and menopause. It takes a holistic view of the condition.
- Endometriosis affects around 1 in 10 women, which equates to around 176 million women worldwide. The prevalence of endometriosis in women with infertility can be as high as 30-50%. There is no specific cure for the condition, but there are treatment options to manage symptoms - this book aims to debunk the conflicting information out there and give women the tools they need to advocate for themselves.

Author Biography

Dr Liz Murray is a doctor, activist and artist. After working on the frontline during the Covid-19 pandemic, her 15-year battle with chronic health forced her to step back from her clinical role as a doctor, but she utilised her experience as both a patient and doctor to become the founder of the charity Mortal + Strong to provide education and support for people affected by life-changing and incurable health conditions. Dr Liz is a fierce and passionate health advocate and has recently been awarded a British Citizen's Award (People's Honours) for services to health (BCAh) and is also an ambassador for the Patient Information Forum (PIF).

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Hunger

'An instant cult classic. You have to read it' HARPER'S BAZAAR

Choi Jin-young
Translated by **Soje**

Keynote

If *Parasite* were a record-breaking book sensation and 'instant cult classic' (**HARPER'S BAZAAR**) translated into 9 languages with 400,000 copies sold

Description

<h5>IF PARASITE WERE A RECORD-BREAKING BOOK SENSATION TRANSLATED INTO 9 LANGUAGES</h5>

<h4>When hunger consumes you, what can be left of morality?</h4>

<h5>HALF A MILLION COPIES SOLD</h5>

'An instant cult classic. You have to read it' **HARPER'S BAZAAR**

'A feast for the literary senses' **ANTON HUR**, translator of *Cursed Bunny*

'As slender as it is profound' **LING LING HUANG**, author of *Natural Beauty*

On a normal afternoon, a woman finds her boyfriend dead in the street. Time stops-

Until she cradles his body to her chest and carries it home, where she disinfects every inch before beginning. As the man witnesses his own funeral, their two voices - living and dead - tell of a country where the rich feast and the poor starve.

But this woman is no longer willing to bow before law, money - or God. In a final act of rebellion, she entombs the corpse the only place where her soulmate will live again.

A decade after it was first published, the psychologically and philosophically thrilling underground phenomenon about love, capitalism, and the things they do to us will take root in your soul and stay there forever.

Sales Points

- **FOR READERS OF BUTTER, HUNGER is an "instant cult classic" (HARPER'S BAZAAR) that sold 400,000 copies and charted for a record-smashing 30+ weeks!**
- **9 FOREIGN EDITIONS IN 2026:** Including US (Europa), France (Fayard), Spain (Hoja de Lata), Netherlands (Borgerhoff & Lambergts), Italy (E/O), Romania (Polirom), Turkey (Ithaki) and Indonesia!
- **EXCLUSIVE EXTRA:** Choi Jin-young has penned a special essay for this edition reflecting on this phenomenon a decade after it was first published. The cult classic has become a literary manifesto for disenfranchised youths across South Korea.
- **PRIZEWINNING PROSE:** A judge at the International Booker Prize crowned *Hunger* "a feast for the literary senses." Choi Jin-young is one of South Korea's most-decorated authors, having won a number of prestigious prizes.
- **WTS FAVE:** The booksellers called it "one of the biggest novels in 2025" and requested 1000 signed stock. *Hunger* debuted at #3 on their hardback fiction chart (right behind *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid).
- **ASIAN TRANSLATION BOOM:** The market continues to leap from strength to strength, with fellow lit-horror author Han Kang having recently won the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Author Biography

CHOI JIN-YOUNG is began writing over twenty years ago out of defiance. She went on to become one of the country's most-decorated novelists, having amassed a number of prestigious prizes including the Yi Sang Literary Award.

Her record-breaking cult classic, *Hunger*, has sold 400,000 copies across 9 translations.

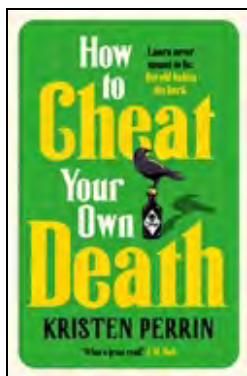
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How to Cheat Your Own Death

Kristen Perrin

Keynote

The much-anticipated sequel to *How to Seal Your Own Fate!* A cosy crime novel with a killer hook.

Description

<h4>*Preorder Now*</h4>

'A slice of pure murder mystery joy' **Kelly Mullen, author of *This Is Not A Game***

'A mystery with razor-sharp stakes. I was enthralled . . . A total pageturner!' **Emily Freud, author of *The Cliffhanger***

The latest instalment in the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling *Castle Knoll Murder Mystery* series, in which Annie Adams and her Great Aunt Frances team up across decades to solve two interlocking murders

LAURA NEVER MEANT TO LIE. BUT OLD HABITS DIE HARD.

When Annie Adams heads to London to visit her mother, Laura, the last thing she expects to find is a dead body. Least of all for it to be Fliss, the budding artist Laura had just taken under her wing.

Annie is no stranger to murder - after all, she's solved a few cases already. And something about the way Fliss died feels familiar. She's seen a case like this before. Or read about it, rather, in the journals of her dead Great Aunt Frances, whose close friend was killed in the 1960s in the exact same way: with her heart surgically removed from her chest.

As threats pile up on Laura's doorstep, it soon becomes clear that she's next, and that she's hiding something . . . With her mother's life on the line, can Annie find the killer before it's too late?

From the gritty streets of 1960s Soho to the lofty galleries of present-day West London, follow Annie and Frances as they race to bring a killer to justice.

<h4>Praise for the Castle Knoll Files</h4>

'VERY funny' Jennie Godfrey

'Plenty of twists and red herrings' *Guardian*

'Smart, twisty, and original' *Heat*

'Thrilling' G. T. Karber

'Superb' *Glamour*

'Wildly original' Elly Griffiths

Sales Points

- This is big buzzy fiction with a killer hook. It will appeal to readers of quirky cosy crime.
- Kristen's first book, *How to Solve Your Own Murder*, was Waterstones thriller of the month and has sold over 50,000 through TCM in its first six months of sale.
- *How To Solve Your Own Murder*, was acquired in a seven figure pre-empt by Dutton, PRH. The translation rights sold into 13 territories.

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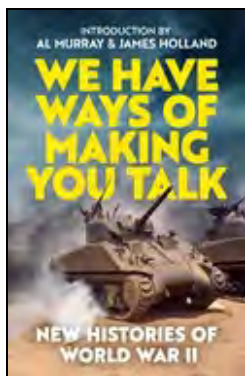
Kristen Perrin is originally from Seattle, Washington, where she spent several years working as a bookseller before moving to the UK to do a master's and a PhD. She lives with her family in Surrey, where she can be found poking around vintage bookstores,



stomping in the mud with her two kids, and collecting too many plants. *How To Solve Your Own Murder* is her debut adult novel.

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We Have Ways of Making You Talk New Histories of World War Two

Goalhanger Productions with an introduction by Al Murray & James Holland

Keynote

Covering the most fascinating characters, bloody battles and key moments in WWII, **WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TALK** brings the success of bestselling author James Holland and award-winning comedian Al Murray's podcast to readers.

Description

From **Dunkirk** to **Barbarossa**, the war on **China** to **Stalingrad**, bestselling author James Holland and award-winning comedian Al Murray will capture readers with **the most up to date and pioneering academic research on a host of WWII-related topics.**

Their hugely successful podcast of the same name delves into **forgotten, hidden and little explained aspects of the war.** The podcast has blown the subject wide open and introduced far more complex and detailed ways of looking at this truly global conflict.

WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TALK is the first book to tie-in with the podcast and will follow a number of the podcast's most successful series.

Sales Points

- WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TALK is a hugely popular podcast which attracts 70,000+ downloads per episode. It has surpassed the ten million download mark and has a super loyal fanbase. James is the expert and Al fills the role of the 'everyman' asking the questions we all want answered, and injecting a lot of humour.
- The eighteen chapters will follow a number of the series featured on the podcast. Promotions will run across the entire Goalhanger network, including *The Rest is History* podcast. 2025 will be the sixth anniversary of the podcast and will also see their thousandth episode.
- The book's publication will coincide with the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Goalhanger want to look into launching the book at the National Army Museum.
- Peter Caddick-Adams would be the ghost-writer of the book using Al and James's notes and research and drawing on the episodes on which the chapters are based. Peter is an acclaimed historian and the author of a number of histories of the Second World War. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, taught at the UK's Joint Services Combined Staff College, was a reserve officer in the British Army, and gained his PhD at Cranfield University. He regularly appears as a defence analyst on Sky News, the BBC and elsewhere and writes regularly for *The Critic*.

Author Biography

James Holland is an internationally acclaimed and award-winning historian, writer, and broadcaster. The author of a number of best-selling histories including most recently *The Savage Storm* and *Cassino '44*, he is also the author of ten works of fiction and a dozen Ladybird Experts. He is the co-founder of the annual Chalke Valley History Festival which is now in its twelfth year, and he has presented - and written - many television programmes and series for the BBC, Channel 4, National Geographic and the History and Discovery channels.

Al Murray's alter ego, The Pub Landlord, is one of the most recognizable and successful comic creations of the past twenty years, and Murray, who has won numerous awards and accolades, continues to fill arenas and theatres around the world. He is also the author of many successful books including *Watching War Films with My Dad* and *Command*, a sharply entertaining analysis of the key allied military leaders in the Second World War.

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The Magician of Tiger Castle the highly anticipated debut adult novel from the international bestselling author

Louis Sachar

Keynote

The highly anticipated debut adult novel from the internationally bestselling and much-loved author of children's fiction and the iconic novel, *Holes*. In 1523 in a far-away kingdom, the magician Anatole is charged with saving the wedding of the century. The only problem is, none of his potions seem to be working...

Description

Discover a charming and clever modern fairytale for adult readers, from the multi-million-copy international bestselling author of *Holes*...

'A medieval fable for the modern age . . . I loved it' **Alix E. Harrow**
'Clever, wistful and lovely in equal measure' **Sarah Beth Durst**

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Is true love the greatest form of magic?

Long ago, in a kingdom far away, the magician of tiger castle is on thin ice. Once the greatest in the land, Anatole's spells have dried up. He can't even turn sand into gold anymore. The only one who still believes in him is kind Princess Tullia, and he hopes - for the sake of their friendship - that he can soon redeem himself and stay within the king's court.

When the opportunity arises, Anatole is faced with an impossible decision. Princess Tullia is betrothed to the prince of a rich neighbouring kingdom, an alliance which will save bankrupt Esquaveta and all its citizens. But, Tullia has secretly fallen in love with a lowly apprentice scribe and refuses to wed the prince.

The King tasks Anatole with the most difficult magic of all: an anti-love potion. Anatole can save everything and everyone if he can shatter the young lovers' romance. But, with the fate of the kingdom hanging in the balance, can he achieve it? Can he even bring himself to try? After all, is true love not the purest form of magic?

Told with the same wit and warmth that has made Louis Sachar's books classics of children's literature, *The Magician of Tiger Castle* is a colourful and enigmatic tale of adventure, love, loss and triumph.

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FALL UNDER THE MAGICIAN OF TIGER CASTLE'S SPELL

'A medieval fable for the modern age: wise and whimsical, tragic and comic, familiar and strange. I loved it' **Alix E. Harrow, author of *Starling House***

'Magicians, potions, princesses, court intrigue. . . This has so many expected ingredients of a classic fairytale, but it's the unexpected wit and wisdom that make it such a compulsively readable novel!' **Reader review**

'Clever, wistful and lovely in equal measure . . . the kind of book that lodges itself in your heart!' **Sarah Beth Durst, author of *The Spellshop***

'Delightfully quirky... a nostalgic, yet innovative escape' **Reader review**

'I adored this book . . . perfect for fans of *Holes* - or for any reader who wants to go on a grand, magical adventure for the sake of true love' **Susan Dennard, author of *The Luminaries***

'With the world in disarray, *The Magician of Tiger Castle* is the escape I needed... this magical adventure is a present-day fairytale of forbidden love' **Reader review**

'While keeping the heart and humanity of *Holes*, Louis Sachar blazes into the adult space with *The Magician of Tiger Castle*' **Rebecca Thorne, author of *You Can't Spell Treason without Tea***

'You will fall in love with the magician and his life story... I can't wait to share this book with friends and family' **Reader review**

'[A] melancholy, heartfelt, and utterly immersive Renaissance-esque fantasy . . . Readers who grew up with Sachar will be especially thrilled, but even those new to his work won't be able to put this down' **Publishers Weekly**

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Price	£10.99 / ₹699
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Thema 1.6	Fantasy (FM) Historical fiction (FV) Fairy and Folk tales / Fairy tale retellings (FNF) Science fiction (FL)

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Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
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Book locale	Italy (fantasy version of)
Author living in	Austin, Texas, USA

Previous Titles

Holes
Small Steps

Fuzzy Mud
The Cardturner
Dogs Don't Tell Jokes
The Boy Who Lost His Face
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
Sixth Grade Secrets
Someday Angeline

WAYSIDE SCHOOL
Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Wayside School Is Falling Down
Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger
Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School
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MARVIN REDPOST
Kidnapped at Birth?
Why Pick on Me?
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Alone in His Teacher's House
Class President
A Flying Birthday Cake?
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'Immensely enjoyable... so cozy and delightful' □□□□ **Reader review**

Sales Points

- **THE DEBUT ADULT NOVEL FROM ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC LIVING AUTHORS OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE:** Whole generations of adults grew up reading Louis Sachar's classic novels, including *Holes* and the *Wayside School* books and there is a huge audience ready and waiting for this novel, now as an adult audience. *Holes* is still taught in schools so Louis' recognition remains strong across younger readers and their parents too.
- **A HUGE GLOBAL PUBLICATION - SOLD IN A MAJOR SEVEN-FIGURE DEAL IN THE US:** Sold to Penguin Random House in the US for a huge seven-figure deal, this will be an unmissable global launch, reaching Louis' fans all around the world. Backed with a global comprehensive marketing and publicity campaign, this will launch with a bang worldwide.
- **THE PERFECTLY PITCHED FIRST ADULT NOVEL:** Louis has tapped into the growing SFF trends with a warm and cosy fantasy novel that both reaches his original readers - now adults - and also appeals to the older end of his YA readership. The story follows the magician Anatole, who plays a role reminiscent of the apothecary in *Romeo & Juliet* - a new perspective of a classic tale.
- **THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Louis Sachar has sold over 1 million books in the UK alone, and over 200,000 copies in ANZ. He is the winner of the Newbery Award and the National Book Award and is featured in *TIME* Magazine's 100 Best YA Books of All Time.

Reviews

- 'A medieval fable for the modern age: wise and whimsical, tragic and comic, familiar and strange. I loved it' - Alix E. Harrow
- 'Clever, wistful and lovely in equal measure, this is the kind of book that lodges itself in your heart!' - Sarah Beth Durst
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Author Biography

Louis Sachar has written more than 25 books for young people, including *Holes*, the *Wayside School* series, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* and *Fuzzy Mud*. His books have won numerous awards, including the Newbery Medal and National Book Award, and have been translated into more than 40 languages. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Market

TJ Klune's *The House in the Cerulean Sea* ; Sarah Beth Durst's *The Spell Shop* ; Emilie Nikola's *The House Witch and the Enchanting of the Hearth* ; Travid Baldree's *Legends & Lattes*

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Two Kinds of Stranger
The new Eddie Flynn thriller from the Top Five Sunday Times bestseller

Steve Cavanagh

Keynote

SHE HELPED A PERFECT STRANGER. SHE DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THE PERFECT KILLER...

The award-winning, Sunday Times Top Five bestseller returns with a brand new thriller featuring the unforgettable Eddie Flynn.

Description

SHE HELPED A PERFECT A STRANGER. SHE DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THE PERFECT KILLER...

'Steve Cavanagh's twists hit you between the eyes. You never see them coming' ANTHONY HOROWITZ

'This guy is the real deal. Trust me' LEE CHILD

'An absolute page turner' SHARI LAPENA

'A fantastic thriller writer' MARK BILLINGHAM

Elly Parker had everything. Perfect husband. Perfect apartment. Perfect friends and the perfect job. As an internet celebrity - famed for her random acts of kindness - everyone knew it. So when a betrayal causes her to lose it all, millions of people are watching.

But even at her lowest, Elly will always help someone in need. Which makes her the perfect target for a sadistic game. Because as she soon learns, you can never trust a stranger - and a seemingly random encounter plunges her into a nightmare worse than she ever imagined.

The only person she can turn to is conman turned trial lawyer Eddie Flynn, who must take on a case where nothing is what it seems. With the most cruelly ingenious mind manipulating events from the shadows, everyone is in danger - including Eddie and his family.

'Twists and turns galore. Not to be missed.' DAILY MAIL

'Steve Cavanagh is known for his twisty, baroque plotting, but seems to have surpassed himself here...ingenious' SUNDAY TIMES, BEST THRILLERS OF 2025

'This crime thriller is fast and relentless and the plot throws some real shockers. Fill your lungs before you start - you're in for a breathless ride' THE SUN

'Cavanagh writes some of the best legal thrillers in the business with killers plots....sleep-stealingly brilliant' DAILY MIRROR

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'The ultimate treat for crime fiction fans' JANICE HALLETT

'Books this ingenious don't come along very often' MICHAEL CONNELLY

'An absolute humdinger of a thriller - fiendishly clever and totally compelling' TM LOGAN

'Gripping' THE SUN

'If you read the first eight pages you'll be hooked' THE TIMES

'The real magic is in Steve Cavanagh's hypnotic storytelling power' SUNDAY EXPRESS

'Cavanagh is a genius... page-turning stuff' EVENING STANDARD

'A masterclass in misdirection' THE GUARDIAN

Sales Points

- **ONE OF THE BIGGEST THRILLER BRAND NAMES IN THE UK AND IRELAND:** Steve Cavanagh is a Top Five Bestseller in the UK and Number One Bestseller Ireland. He is one of the UK's most popular thriller writers, having sold over one million books in the UK alone - his last hardback, WITNESS 8, went straight into # 2 in the Sunday Times Fiction hardback chart.
- **A SUNDAY TIMES #4 HARDBACK BESTSELLER AND IRELAND #1 BESTSELLER :** Building on the massive success of his previous bestselling series and standalones, this masterful thriller has been a huge hit in its first format.
- **AN ACCLAIMED AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** With irresistible plots and a

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- **A MAJOR AUTHOR AND MASSIVE LAUNCH FOR HEADLINE:** This is a lead title with a unmissable marketing and publicity campaign.

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Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR TOP FIVE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER STEVE CAVANAGH:'** - .
- **'The very definition of a page-turner!'** - IAN RANKIN
- **'Steve Cavanagh's twists hit you between the eyes. You never see them coming'** - ANTHONY HOROWITZ
- **'This guy is the real deal. Trust me '** - LEE CHILD

Author Biography

Steve Cavanagh has sold over a million copies of his novels in the UK alone. His eight books have all been nominated for major awards and many are international bestsellers. His third novel, *The Liar*, won the CWA Gold Dagger for Crime Novel of the Year 2018. *Thirteen* won the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2019. *Fifty-Fifty* was a Richard and Judy Book club choice and was also selected for the BBC 'Between the Covers' book club. *Twisted*, *Fifty-Fifty*, *The Devil's Advocate* and *The Accomplice* were all *Sunday Times* Top 10 bestsellers.

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The Little Guide to Ferrari

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Keynote

The Little Guide to Ferrari - The Prancing Powerhouse!

Description

From a modest workshop in Maranello to the very pinnacle of motorsport and luxury design, Ferrari has evolved into far more than just a car manufacturer - it is a global cultural icon. *The Little Guide to Ferrari* is a stylish tribute to this legendary marque, featuring powerful quotes from the visionaries, designers and drivers who helped shape its enduring legacy.

From Enzo Ferrari's uncompromising vision to tales of triumph and adversity both on and off the track, this little book captures the energy, passion and precision engineering behind the iconic prancing horse. Alongside inspirational quotes, readers will find captivating facts that trace Ferrari's journey - from its groundbreaking first car in 1947 to its rise as the most successful team in Formula 1 history and the world's most powerful brand.

Perfect for car lovers and motorsport fans alike, this sleek volume celebrates a name that symbolizes excellence on and off the track.

Sample Content:

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Sales Points

- **Recognized by Brand Finance in 2020 as the most powerful brand in the world**, Ferrari continues to lead as the most valuable pure luxury car brand.
- **Ferrari is the most successful name in motorsport**, with 16 Formula 1 Constructors' Championship titles to its name.
- **With more than 40 million social media followers**, Ferrari is both a motorsport legend and a global cultural force - this little guide brings that energy to life through powerful quotes and compelling insights.

Author Biography

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

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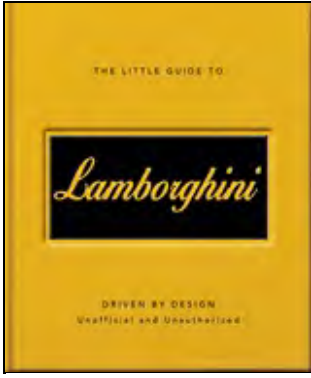
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The Little Guide to Lamborghini

OH

Keynote

The Little Guide to Lamborghini - Design Without Limits!

Description

From its bold beginnings in Sant'Agata Bolognese to its status as a symbol of cutting-edge design and unrestrained performance, Lamborghini has never followed the rules - it has rewritten them. *The Little Guide to Lamborghini* is a sleek celebration of this fearless brand, featuring powerful quotes from the innovators, engineers and drivers who helped define its rebel spirit.

From Ferruccio Lamborghini's daring rivalry with Ferrari to the jaw-dropping lines of the Miura, Countach and Revuelto, this book captures the drama, ambition and raw power behind the raging bull. Alongside inspirational quotes, readers will discover fascinating facts charting Lamborghini's rise - from a maker of tractors to one of the most revered names in supercar history.

Perfect for motorsport enthusiasts and design lovers alike, this little guide celebrates the boldest name in high-performance engineering.

Sample Content:

To follow.

Sales Points

- **From the Miura - the world's first supercar** - to today's hybrid hypercars, Lamborghini continues to push boundaries.
- **With its flamboyant design, V12 power and fearless attitude**, Lamborghini has become a global icon - featured in everything from blockbuster films to fashion and music culture.

Author Biography

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Author living in	US and Vienna

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Food Intelligence

A comprehensive book on food, diet, metabolism and healthy eating

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

*'Not just one of the best science books I have read, but one of the best books full stop' - Chris van Tulleken, author of **ULTRA-PROCESSED PEOPLE***

*'Junk-food giants hijack your biology. Wellness hucksters sell you false hope. In a food environment rigged against you, this is your guide to fighting back.' Henry Dimbleby, author of **RAVENOUS**, and architect of the UK's National Food Strategy.*

*'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***

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 in a comprehensive book on food and diet, revealing the latest science and research on:

- How protein, fat, carbs and vitamins impact our bodies
- The wonders of metabolism
- Blood sugar trackers and precision nutrition
- How the food environment around us shapes our eating habits
- Ultra-processed and hyper palatable foods

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

- **ZEITGEISTY TOPIC:** Dispelling the myths about fad diets - *Food Intelligence* gives us a real understanding of how the food environment around us affects our eating habits, how our metabolism works and the real science behind ultra-processed foods and precision nutrition trackers.
- **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.

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**
- 'If there were ever two people to turn to understand the complexities of our diet, metabolism, and nutrition - and their role in promoting our health - it would be the

noted science journalist Julia Belluz and leading nutritional scientist Kevin Hall. Their landmark book **Food Intelligence will make us all smarter about what we eat.** - Eric Topol, MD, author of New York Times bestseller SUPER AGERS

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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, 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. 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, D.C., 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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Once Upon a Stranger The Science of How 'Small' Talk Can Add Up to a Big Life

Dr Gillian Sandstrom

Keynote

Create tiny moments of joy through everyday interactions with strangers and see how a simple 'hello' can lead to life-changing events.

Description

'If you've ever wondered about, worried about, and avoided talking to strangers, this book might change your mind about giving strangers their space. '

Angela Duckworth, author of *Grit: Why Passion and Resilience are the Secrets to Success*

In an age when we live head down in our phones, working remotely and wary of strangers, interacting with our fellow human beings feels increasingly uncomfortable. And the result - an epidemic of loneliness and isolation in a polarised society. Over 80% of people say they have experienced loneliness with the old and young suffering the most.

In *Say Hello to Strangers*, Professor in the Psychology of Kindness and a self-confessed introvert Gillian Sandstrom, draws on her own experiences as well as the latest scientific research to show the life-transforming potential of a tiny everyday exchange with a stranger. For Gillian, such moments led to an entirely new career, a move to a new country and meeting her life partner.

Not every exchange that you have, whether it's with the person who makes your coffee or the one you stand next to in a lift, will lead to such momentous events but they will give you a tiny moment of joy, a spark of connection, the recognition of a fellow human. Just start small...look up, and say hello - you never know where the conversation will lead.

Sales Points

- BIG IDEA SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY harnessing the power of science and stories.
- SIMPLE ACTIONABLE PROMISE Make tiny changes and they can lead to big results. In the tradition of international bestsellers like *Atomic Habits* and *Nudge*.
- COMPS Susan Cain's *Quiet* (290k copies) and *How to Talk to Anyone* by Leil Lowndes, (135k copies). People who want to improve their social skills to reap the accompanying benefits in work, love, and life.
- TAPPING INTO A UNIVERSAL HUMAN EXPERIENCE which can be captured in that tension we all feel when we're standing next to a stranger in a lift...'Should I say something?'
- MAJOR ACQUISITION for Harper One in the US, by an expert Canadian author now based in the UK at the University of Sussex where she is Professor of the Psychology of Kindness.

Reviews

- 'Gillian Sandstrom's voice is at once wise and warm. While her insights are grounded in rigorous research, they never feel overly academic. The result is immediately relatable and deeply necessary' - *Vanessa Bohns, author of You Have More Influence Than You Think*
- 'A fascinating, fun, and inspiring look at all the good things that happen when we set aside our hang-ups, re-enter the world, and talk to strangers' - *Joe Keohane, author of The Power of Strangers*

Author Biography

Gillian Sandstrom is a Professor in the Psychology of Kindness at the University of Sussex. Her research has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic*, as well as other outlets around the world. She has been interviewed for major podcasts and radio shows, including *Hidden Brain*, NPR's *Life Kit*, and Claudia Hammond's *All in the Mind*.

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Show Me Where It Hurts

The searingly beautiful debut novel about loss and learning how to live again

Claire Gleeson

Keynote

For reading groups and lovers of emotionally arresting fiction: the story of a woman forced to rebuild her life after in one explosive moment her husband destroys everything they've built together.

Description

WINNER OF THE IRISH BOOK AWARDS NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR 2025

THE INSTANT IRISH BESTSELLER

'Exceptional'

Florence Knapp, author of *The Names*

'A searingly beautiful novel'

Jennie Godfrey, author of *The List of Suspicious Things*

'Brilliantly written'

Claire Fuller, author of *The Memory of Animals*

'A completely immersive, beautiful read'

Abigail Dean, author of *Girl A*

How do you survive the unsurvivable?

Rachel lives with her husband Tom and their two children: it's the ordinary family life she always thought she'd have. All of that changes in an instant - when Tom runs the family car off the road, seeking to end his own life, and take his wife and children with him.

Suddenly Rachel is left poring over the wreckage to try and understand what happened - to find a way to go on living afterwards.

Sales Points

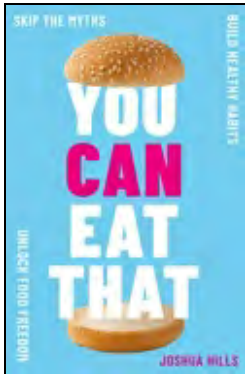
- **A NOVEL FOR READING GROUPS:** this is a story that sparks debate - could you forgive something seemingly unforgiveable?
- **FOR FANS OF:** Claire Fuller, Louise Kennedy, Ann Napolitano's DEAR EDWARD.
- **GREAT COVERAGE IN FIRST FORMAT:** reviews, and also feature piece on how Claire's work as a GP influenced her writing the novel.
- **AN ULTIMATELY HOPEFUL BOOK:** despite unimaginable loss, Rachel does begin to build a different life.

Reviews

- 'An **unforgettable** tale about love, loss and mental illness. 5 stars' - *The Sun*
- 'I was gripped by this **emotionally intelligent, thought-provoking** exploration of the worst thing possible and what led to it. There are no easy answers, however, and the deeper into it we get, the more complicated it becomes. **Devastating and important.**' - Sara Lawrence, *Daily Mail*
- 'Wow what a debut! **This book is outstanding and has lingered in my head for a very long time.** Rachel and Tom are married and have two children when the unthinkable happens. The story is a deep dive into how trauma and suffering affect us. . . **an entrancing searing read and actually one of hope.**' - *Prima*

Author Biography

Claire Gleeson is from Dublin, where she lives with her young family and works as a GP. Her short stories have been short- and long-listed for numerous prizes. In 2021 she was awarded a Words Ireland literary mentorship while she worked on the first draft of *Show Me Where It Hurts*, which went on to be a runner-up at the Irish Writers' Centre Novel Fair 2023.



You Can Eat That Skip the Myths. Build Healthy Habits. Unlock Food Freedom.

Joshua Hills

Keynote

A myth-busting, no-nonsense guide to healthy food habits and food freedom by nutritionist and sports therapist, Joshua Hills.

Description

Ditch the diets, overcome fear, and dismantle misinformation once and for all as you unlock your path to food freedom.

Now more than ever we are relentlessly bombarded with conflicting nutrition advice from unregulated sources who sell us quick fixes for everything to do with our bodies - from dropping dress sizes to preventing ageing and everything in between. It's no surprise that so many of us feel confused about what and how we should actually eat.

In *You Can Eat That*, registered nutritionist and sports therapist Joshua Hills cuts through the noise and exposes the biggest nutrition myths, replacing them with real, science-backed advice to heal your relationship with food for good.

From protein and insulin to calories, ultra-processed foods and hormones, Joshua breaks it all down with clarity, compassion and zero judgement. Grounded in his tried-and-tested methodology which has helped thousands of clients, Joshua provides advice and practical strategies to help you build sustainable, healthy eating habits that take you from guilt and restriction to confidence and freedom.

Sales Points

- **GROWING SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM:** Josh has an impressive - and growing - community of **560k** followers across socials with excellent engagement. Joshua's Academy (which operates on a limited-slot basis) has 1.7k active members which is a testament to his ability to convert his followers into buyers.
- **ENGAGED AND COMMITTED AUTHOR:** Josh is **hugely** passionate about nutrition and helping others - he speaks on the topic with brilliant authority and lots of heart and will be a real asset for the campaign.
- **TIMELY INSIGHTS + ADVICE ON THE VERY LATEST TRENDS ACROSS NUTRITION:** Josh's book will delve into all of the key trending topics across the nutrition and diet space - from GLP-1s and ultra-processed foods to protein and strength training. This book will be a one-stop resource for anyone looking for information and that demystify these topics - as well as tips to help them build healthy habits.
- **STRONG PR HOOK:** Joshua has a deeply moving personal story which he has **never** shared online/with his community: his mother has battled with anorexia for over 20 years - and much of his life - which has been a real catalyst for his drive to educate people of the facts about nutrition. More recently him and his mother have been campaigning for more support for those struggling with eating disorders and were invited to The HoP. The book will also touch on the latest buzzy discourse within diet/nutrition inc GLP-1s, hormones, protein and more.

Author Biography

Joshua Hills is a registered nutritionist and personal trainer with over 10 years' experience. Having worked with thousands of clients in his work with the NHS, Public Health England, Elite Sport and, more recently, through his one-to-one coaching and The Joshua Hills Academy. Joshua is passionate about helping people become healthier and happier, while enjoying their food without fear, guilt or overwhelm.

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Psychological thriller (FHX)
Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF)**

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Extent **336 pages**
Word Count
Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**
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Let the Bad Times Roll

The dark and deadly new novel from the author of Death of a Bookseller

Alice Slater

Keynote

The darkly brilliant new thriller from the author of *Sunday Times* bestseller *Death of a Bookseller*.

Description

Five guests. Five courses. And secrets spilling like cocktails ...

Welcome to the worst dinner party ever.

It was supposed to be a celebration: champagne cocktails, a five-course feast, and plenty of good times. But dinner is cancelled.

Selina, Caroline, Sage, Richard, Max. Each guest believes they alone are Daniel's confidante, they alone know Daniel's darkest secrets.

But no one knows where Daniel is. Or so they say...

Readers are loving *Let The Bad Times Roll!*

'This was, quite simply, deliciously and perfectly evil'

'So good I read it twice'

'It's sharp, lush, and perfect for a summer binge'

'Another incredibly gripping novel that I devoured in under 24 hours'

And your favourite authors love it too:

'A heady, potent cocktail of a novel. I downed it in one!' **Erin Kelly**

'Has the vibes of *The Secret History* and *Daisy Jones and the Six ...* A wickedly fun read'

Kiare Ladner

'[A] blackly comic mystery, bringing both warmth and nastiness to a story of envy, deception and very, very good food'

Julia Armfield

'Alice Slater is the queen of the dark and delectable thriller' **Heather Parry**

'Intoxicating, sharp-edged and burning with obsession' **Kirsty Logan**

Sales Points

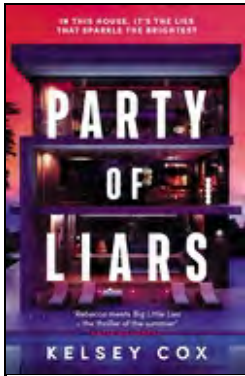
- **BELOVED BY BOOKSELLERS:** *Death of a Bookseller* was driven by bookseller passion and this second novel will be eagerly awaited.
- **STRONG SALES PLATFORM TO BUILD ON:** *Death of a Bookseller* has sold over 50,000 copies across all formats to date and was a *Sunday Times* Top Ten bestseller in hardback.
- **STRONG PR OPPORTUNITIES:** Alice is happy to promote and is well connected in the crime community.
- **AWARD NOMINATIONS:** *Death of a Bookseller* was longlisted for the Authors' Club First Novel Award, and shortlisted for both the Crime Fest First Novel Award and the Capital Crime Debut Award.

Author Biography

Alice Slater is a writer and ex-bookseller from London. She studied creative writing at MMU and UEA, and her debut novel, *Death of a Bookseller*, was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller. It was awarded Debut Crime Book of the Year at Capital Crime's Fingerprint Awards 2024, shortlisted for CrimeFest's Specsavers Best Debut Crime Novel 2023 and longlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award 2024. She co-hosts literary podcast *What Page Are You On?* and lives with her husband, their dog Peachy, and a lot of books.

Market

For fans of Bella Mackie and Katy Brent.



Party of Liars

a gripping new debut psychological thriller with a gothic edge, an instant USA TODAY BESTSELLER

Kelsey Cox

Keynote

THIS PARTY WILL BE THE DEATH OF THEM...

'Exquisite, dripping with dread - I absolutely adored it' **ASHLEY TAIT**, author of *Twenty-Seven Minutes*

Description

An exclusive black-tie birthday party.

A sprawling mansion with a dark past.

A body falling from a cliffside balcony onto the starlit outdoor dance floor.

One of the guests is dead, and another is a killer - but who is the hunter and who is the prey?

When social status is everything, and there is no price too high for adoration, there is no shortage of suspects:

Was it Dani, the tenacious new mother with a history of postpartum psychosis, or Kim, the ex-wife with an alcohol problem? Orlaith, the elderly Irish nanny who talks to spirits? Mikayla, the lonely teenager, or the clique of toxic mean girls who pretend to embrace her? Or was it the pair of psychotherapists who watch and judge them all?

And whose body is hurtling towards the sea?

Sales Points

- **A COMPELLING HOOK** - Top-tier commercial fiction, featuring a unique cast of characters, a 16th birthday party, twisted marital relationships, a gothic yet glamorous setting, multiple points of view - this is catnip for TV and commercial thriller lovers
- **TOPICAL THEMES** - Deals with female rage, postpartum depression, gaslighting, abuse towards women - themes that the author can speak about in detail and that resonate with a global audience
- **POPULAR AREA OF MARKET** - Authors such as Lucy Foley and Sarah Pearse have had breakthroughs in this area, with novels that feature a strong cast, glossy appeal and TV potential
- **STRONG INTEREST** - This is Kelsey Cox's debut and stirred up huge amounts of interest during the acquisitions process. This is clearly a book that grips people and a hugely exciting start to Kelsey's career

Reviews

- 'PARTY OF LIARS with its **stunning prose and simmering tension** is a mesmerizing story that's part gothic horror, part psychological thriller, part contemporary glitz - the narrative is masterfully woven with plenty of twists, and deftly handles heavier subjects like postpartum depression' - Ashley Tate
- 'Breathtakingly good, it kept me enthralled to the very last page. **A stunningly good debut and beautifully written twisty tale**' - Valerie Keogh
- '**Dizzying and dazzling**, Cox's debut slices through the saccharin sweetness of poisonous secrets to reveal the spongy heart of blood-soaked truths... **A party to die for**' - Lindy Ryan

Author Biography

Kelsey Cox received her MFA in fiction from Purdue University and works from home in the Texas Hill Country. You can often find her writing at Mammen Family Public Library, chasing around her two young daughters, or watching British mysteries with her mom and aunts. On nights when bedtime goes as planned, she enjoys curling up on the sofa, glass of wine in hand, and a book with complicated characters and a killer twist in her lap.

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CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
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Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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Extent	592 pages
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Series	Nevermoor
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Previous Titles

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow
Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow
Hollowpox: The Hunt for Morrigan Crow

Silverborn The Mystery of Morrigan Crow Book 4 Jessica Townsend

Keynote

Enter the fantastically Wondrous world of Nevermoor - perfect for all adventurous young readers. Morrigan Crow has a dangerous choice to make in the fourth of this bestselling, award-winning series ...

Description

Enter the fantastically Wondrous world of Nevermoor - perfect for all adventurous young readers. Morrigan Crow has a dangerous choice to make in the fourth of this bestselling, award-winning series ...

Praise for *Nevermoor*: 'Exciting, mysterious, marvellous and magical ... quite simply one of the best children's books I've read in years' Robin Stevens, author of *Murder Most Unladylike*.

In the magical city of Nevermoor, long-buried secrets are coming to light, and Morrigan Crow's life is about to turn upside down.

When Morrigan is invited into Nevermoor's wealthy Silver District, she discovers a world of extravagance and a family mystery she's eager to unravel. She could never imagine where it will lead: a white wedding, a golden dragon and a red pool of blood.

Embroided in suspicion and danger, Morrigan leaps head first into a murder investigation, while also grappling with her ever-growing Wundersmith powers. And although her friends are there to help, she fears that could change if they learn she's keeping a terrible secret of her own.

As shadowy forces awaken in Nevermoor, can Morrigan find a killer and solve the mystery in her own past ... before the clock strikes midnight?

Jessica Townsend weaves a spellbinding tale of magic and mystery in this thrilling new installment of the Nevermoor series, winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and with film rights sold to Fox.

Praise for *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow*: 'A full-speed joy of a book; funny, quick-footed, and wildly, magically inventive' Katherine Rundell, author of *Impossible Creatures*

Sales Points

- Return to the magical world of Nevermoor, where Morrigan Crow's adventures continue in the international bestselling series. A stunningly designed paperback - with a new cover - this is a perfect gift for all readers, young and old
- Over 1.5 million copies sold globally of the Nevermoor series
- Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow was the UK's bestselling children's fiction debut in the year it published, and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for younger fiction
- Now published in 40 languages across the world
- Movie script in development at 20th Century Fox

Author Biography

JESSICA TOWNSEND lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia with her dogs, Vivien and Rik. Her pet fascinations include public transport, ancient cities, hotels, opera singers, Halloween, secret societies and gigantic cats - all of which have weaselled their way into Nevermoor, her first series and a city that feels like it belongs entirely to her. (Except now it belongs to you, too.)

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Which Way To The Future

The out-of-this-world new series from the author of **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON**

Cressida Cowell

Keynote

Come with me if you dare, and take the **Which Way to Anywhere...** Hold on tight for book 3 in an out-of-this-world new series from former Waterstones Children's Laureate and No.1 bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Description

From the bestselling author of **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON** comes book 3 in an out-of-this-world new series packed with epic adventure, thrilling space travel and forbidden Magic.

Planet Earth, in case you do not know it, is a small, green little world, out on the end of a remote and rarely visited Milky Way.

All Magic was *supposed* to have disappeared from this particular planet many centuries earlier.

But in an ordinary, slightly damp part of the planet there are five human children with extraordinary Magical Gifts that the universe has never seen before. Only two of them don't know it yet.

What will Mabel and Izzabird's Gifts be? And how will they navigate Bounty Hunters, a witch and three perilous tasks to reach the end of their story? After all, there's nothing like an adventure to find out whether you are a Hero or not . . .

WARNING: Contains Dangerous Space Travel and Very Illegal Magic

Sales Points

- Launching at the end of a blockbuster year for Cressida, following the release of the HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON live-action film and a new Universal theme park
- Cressida Cowell's books have sold 16 million copies worldwide in 46 languages

Author Biography

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

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

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

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

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Once the Deed Is Done
'A crime novel in the sense that TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD is a crime novel' (Financial Times)

Rachel Seiffert

Keynote

1945. Dead of night and dead of winter; war brings a stranger to the door; a family is tricked into a act of compassion and danger.

Description

FROM THE BOOKER PRIZE-SHORTLISTED AUTHOR OF *THE DARK ROOM* AND *A BOY IN WINTER*

'This fine novel investigates the fate of displaced people in the hazardous, dirty backwash of the second world war' *GUARDIAN*

'Marvellous . . . a wide-ranging novel that beautifully balances the tumultuous reach of history with the everyday concerns of ordinary people' *DAILY MAIL*

'Powerful . . . Seiffert's writing beautifully captures this devastating moment of history' *SPECTATOR*

'The patron saint of this gripping novel is Bertolt Brecht. This is a fascinating novel by one of our very best writers' *JEWISH CHRONICLE*

To be truly alive means having to make choices. To be truly alive is also, quite simply, to love.

Northern Germany, 1945. Dead of night and dead of winter, a boy hears soldiers and sees strangers - forced labourers - fleeing across the heathland by his small town: shawls and skirts in the snowfall. The end days are close, war brings risk and chance, and Benno is witness to something he barely understands.

Peace brings more soldiers - but English this time - and Red Cross staff officers. Ruth, on her first posting from London, is given charge of a refugee camp on the heathland, crowded with former forced labourers. As ever more keep arriving, she hears whispers, rumours of dark secrets about that snowy night.

The townspeople close ranks, shutting their mouths and minds to the winter's events, but the town children are curious about the refugees on their doorstep, and Benno can't carry his secret alone.

'A complex, intelligent, deeply compassionate novel about the unglamorous aftermath of war . . . A brilliant piece of story-telling' ANDREW MILLER, author of *THE LAND IN WINTER*

'This entire novel reverberates in ways that only haunt the reader more and more deeply, long after its last page' PAUL HARDING, author of *THIS OTHER EDEN*

'She has brought to life a complex interaction between survivors on both sides with humanity and compassion' LINDA GRANT, author of *THE STORY OF THE FOREST*

Sales Points

- The latest novel from an award-winning literary novelist.
- Seiffert's works have been translated into ten languages.
- Seiffert's debut *Dark Room* shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the *Guardian* First Book Award in 2001, winner of the *LA Times* Prize for First Fiction and a Betty Trask Award in 2002.

Author Biography

Rachel Seiffert is one of Virago's most critically acclaimed contemporary novelists. Her first book, *The Dark Room*, (2001) was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, and made into the feature film *Lore*. In 2003, she was named one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists, and in 2011 she received the EM Forster Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. *Field Study*, her collection of short stories published in 2004, received an award from PEN International. Her second novel, *Afterwards* (2007) third novel *The Walk Home* (2014), and fourth novel *A Boy in Winter* (2017), were all longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction. Her books have been published in eighteen languages.

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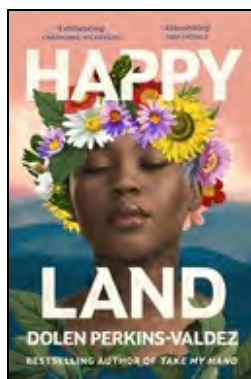


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Happy Land

The spellbinding new novel from the bestselling author of *Take My Hand*

Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Keynote

A woman learns the astonishing truth of her family's ties to a real-life American Kingdom in this riveting novel from the New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of *Take My Hand*

Description

'ASTONISHING' JODI PICOULT
'TRIUMPHANT' ELLE
'EXACTLY THE NOVEL WE NEED RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW' TAYARI JONES

Nikki Berry hasn't seen her estranged grandmother Rita in years - until an unexpected phone call summons her to the hills of North Carolina. There, Nikki learns the astonishing truth of her family's past: her formerly enslaved ancestor Luella was the queen of a now vanished American Kingdom.

The Kingdom of the Happy Land sounds like a fairytale. But beneath its legend, family secrets lie buried deep in the hills . . .

Now, Nikki must protect her family's legacy before - like so much else - it is stolen away.

Sales Points

- The moving and inspiring new novel from the award-winning and internationally bestselling author of *Take My Hand*
- *Take My Hand* was a breakout hit, selected for BBC2's Between the Covers book club and nominated for multiple international awards
- Inspired by true events and an incredible forgotten chapter of Black history
- Champions of Dolen Perkins-Valdez's writing include Celeste Ng, Bonnie Garmus, AJ Pearce, Tayari Jones and Sigrid Nunez

Reviews

- **'An exhilarating tale of perseverance, identity, and love that echoes across generations. This story of formerly enslaved families in the Blue Ridge Mountains who built a community against all odds will stay with me for a long time'** - Charmaine Wilkerson, bestselling author of *Black Cake*
- **'Picture a time when a kingdom existed inside the confines of the Carolinas - a time when freedpeople were royalty. What if that was your history, instead of the trauma of enslavement and generational poverty? . . . Astonishing'** - Jodi Picoult, #1 bestselling author of *By Any Other Name*
- **'Exactly the novel we need right here, right now . . . Perkins-Valdez sings a song to remind us that freedom is worth fighting for'** - Tayari Jones, bestselling author of *An American Marriage*

Author Biography

Dolen Perkins-Valdez is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wench* (2010), *Balm* (2015), and most recently *Take My Hand* (2022). She is an Associate Professor at American University and lives in Washington, DC with her family.

Market

For fans of *HOMEGOING* and *TRANSCENDENT KINGDOM* by Yaa Gyasi, *THE VANISHING HALF* by Brit Bennett and *AMERICANAH* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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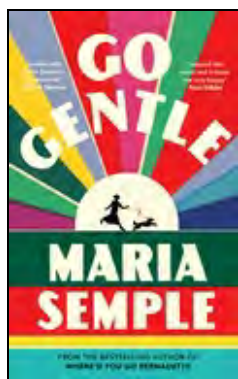
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Go Gentle

Maria Semple

Keynote

The author of the runaway bestseller *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* returns with an uproarious, irresistible heart-tugging story about Adora Hazzard: a divorcee who thinks she has it all figured until a mysterious stranger walks into her life . . .

Description

'I ADORED THIS NOVEL' NINA STIBBE
'LOADED WITH MARIA SEMPLE'S SIGNATURE WIT' BONNIE GARMUS

Adora Hazzard has it all figured out.

A Stoic philosopher and contented divorcee, she relishes her teenage daughter, her job as a moral tutor for an old-money family, and the bliss of finally being solo.

She's also quietly assembling a 'coven' of like-minded single women on the sixth floor of the legendary Ansonia building on New York's Upper West Side. Together, they share groceries, dog walkers - and one dirty little secret: despite their age, they're only just getting started.

Adora's life philosophy is simple: want only what you already have. It's her secret to happiness until a chance encounter with a charming stranger stirs long-buried passions.

Soon, her carefully curated life unravels: black-market art, secret rendezvous, international intrigue and a past she's worked hard to forget crash into her present. Suddenly, Adora finds herself wanting more and she's willing to risk everything to get it.

Go Gentle is a thrilling story of one woman's mid-life transformation, a romance with wit, a page-turner of ideas, a globe-trotting mother-daughter story, all wrapped in a mystery with a socko twist.

Sales Points

- **BELOVED BEST-SELLING AUTHOR:** of the runaway success that was *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*. The novel spent over a year on the *NY Times* bestseller list, was shortlisted for the Women's Prize, and adapted into a film by Richard Linklater and starring Cate Blanchett.
- **MAJOR, HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** Semple's fans include Lauren Groff, Gillian Flynn, Jonathan Franzen, Kate Atkinson and many others.
- **OLDER HEROINE:** Adora Hazzard - our heroine - is a single mother, a divorcee in her fifties. This novel will have a wide readership and appeal to women of all ages.
- **UPROARIOUS COMEDY:** Semple's books are pure delight. They offer what I think we all want right now.

Reviews

- 'Smart, funny and devastating in a great way. Read this book' - Jennette McCurdy
- 'Highly original and loaded with Maria Semple's signature wit' - Bonnie Garmus
- 'I adored this novel and it made me very happy' - Nina Stibbe

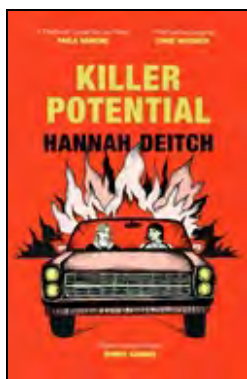
Author Biography

Maria Semple is the bestselling author of *Today Will Be Different*, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, and *This One Is Mine*. Her novels have been translated into forty languages. Before writing fiction, Maria wrote for TV. She lives in New York.

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Killer Potential

The hot, twisty, stay-up-all-night novel for fans of **THE GUEST** and **MY SISTER THE SERIAL KILLER**

Hannah Deitch

Keynote

A *Thelma and Louise* for the 21st century and a twisted, irresistible mash up of *Carol* and *Parasite* - this is an unputdownable edge-of-your-seat ride following two young women wanted for a crime they did not commit.

Description

A scholarship kid with straight As and massive potential, Evie Gordon always thought she was special, that she'd be someone.

But after graduating from an elite university, she finds herself drowning in debt and working as a private tutor to the children of Los Angeles's super-rich.

Everything changes when Evie arrives at the Victor family's lavish mansion for her weekly lesson to discover pure carnage: the bloody remains of Mr and Mrs Victor sully their beautiful back garden, and a woman crying for help from inside the house.

Within moments, Evie and the woman go from bystanders to suspects to fugitives. Finding herself the target of a nation-wide manhunt, Evie sets out on a road-trip like no other, accompanied by the mysterious woman, who has quickly become the most important person in Evie's mixed-up life. Meanwhile the press run wild with her story: a gifted kid turned killer, a new Charles Manson looking to start a class war.

Evie is - finally and disastrously - someone.

***Killer Potential* is an edge-of-your-seat break-neck ride, a queer love story, and a darkly funny critique of how the stories we're sold about our potential can shape the course of our lives.**

Sales Points

- **PAGE TURNER:** This is a wild ride of a novel, moving at breakneck pace, about two potential killers on the run from the police.
- **FORTHCOMING TV AND FILM:** After a fierce auction, the TV rights were optioned by Universal TV with Fierce Baby Productions (Nahnatchka Khan).
- **TIMELY SOCIAL COMMENTARY:** One of the themes this book brilliantly explores is the idea that however much potential you have, it is almost impossible to transcend your background and class, and how our capitalist society often profiteers off this popular myth.
- **STUNNING, COMPLEX STORYTELLING:** Part thriller, part dark comedy, part queer romance, and written with astonishing insight and lyricism throughout, this exciting debut novel announces the arrival of a truly game-changing voice.
- **STRONG FEMALE LEADS:** The novel's protagonist and her partner-in-crime are both dynamically complex characters with incredible depth and nuance.
- **RED-HOT AUCTION AND FOREIGN BUZZ:** We acquired this novel in a hotly fought 10-way auction. In the US there was a 16-way auction and rights have sold to 17 territories.

Reviews

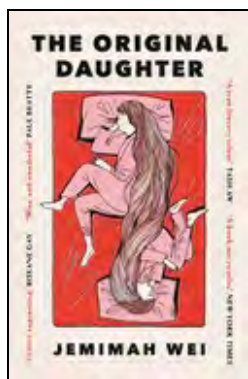
- **'Compelling, creepy and cool, Hannah Deitch has written a *Thelma & Louise* for our times'** - PAULA HAWKINS, author of *Girl on the Train*
- **'Razor-sharp writing, frenzied pace, twists and turns - prepare for impact!'** - BONNIE GARMUS, author of *Lessons in Chemistry*
- **'By turns moving, thrilling, raucous and funny. A deeply accomplished debut'** - CHRIS WHITAKER, author of *All the Colours of the Dark*

Author Biography

Hannah Deitch is a former SAT tutor and current PhD candidate in English at UC Irvine, where she studies Marxist theory and contemporary pop culture. A former arts magazine editor with a Master's in journalism from USC, Hannah has been published by the *LA Times*, *LA Weekly*, and the *LA Review of Books*. She lives in Los Angeles, where she also works as an editor at a romance novel-based mobile game studio.

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The Original Daughter

'A book not to miss' New York Times

Jemimah Wei

Keynote

A captivating debut novel set in working-class Singapore about an intoxicating relationship between two sisters over two decades

Description

'Gripping' FINANCIAL TIMES

'The Original Daughter is so much the real deal' KAVEH AKBAR

'I laughed, I wept, I called my mom. Seismic' JONATHAN ESCOFFERY

Singapore, 1996. Before Arin, Genevieve Yang was an only child. Living with her parents and grandmother in a single-room flat in Bedok, she is saddled with an unexpected sibling when Arin appears. At once collaborators and sisters, Gen and Arin grow up inseparable in working-class Singapore - where urgent insistence on achievement demands nothing less than self-immolation. But as the winner-takes-all world threatens to leave one behind while the other's star rises exponentially, the sisters must weigh their allegiances, the costs of success, and reckon with who they've become.

'Wei's characters are distinct, colourful, wonderfully flawed' OYINKAN BRAITHWAITE

'A heartfelt and meticulously written paean to sisterhood' SHARLENE TEO

'I read in a fever' EMILY ITAMI

Sales Points

- **MY BRILLIANT FRIEND SET IN SINGAPORE:** THE ORIGINAL DAUGHTER is set in working-class Singapore from 90s to present and offers a visceral portrait of a place and its community as well as a detailed insight into an intoxicating relationship between two sisters - think Naples in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Quartet.
- **US BUZZ & BOOK CLUB:** THE ORIGINAL DAUGHTER is a major lead title for Doubleday in the US, where it was bought in a heated auction. It has already secured a major national book club pick on publication.
- **AUTHOR PROFILE:** Jemimah Wei has 68.9k followers on Instagram and will be an invaluable ally in promoting the book

Reviews

- 'I loved this almost claustrophobic novel about the ways unrealized ambition can turn everything someone holds dear to rot' - ROXANE GAY
- 'Fiery, funny, and incisive . . . This novel adroitly, yet playfully, turns the ways we see cultural appropriation, nepotism, and identity upside down. What a wise and wonderful read' - PAUL BEATTY
- 'Chronicles the eviscerating experience of living under the fracture of modern society with devastating care. Seismic' - JONATHAN ESCOFFERY

Author Biography

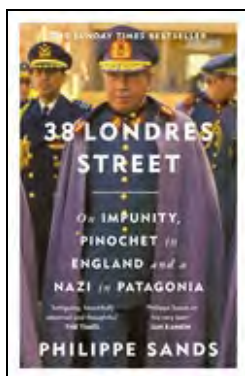
Jemimah Wei is the author of *The Original Daughter*. Born and raised in Singapore, she is now based between Singapore and the United States. She was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University and Felipe P. De Alba Fellow at Columbia University, where she earned her MFA. A recipient of awards and fellowships from Singapore's National Arts Council, Sewanee Writers' Conference, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and Writers in Paradise, she was named one of *Narrative's* '30 below 30' writers, a National Book Award's '5 under 35', and is a Francine Ringold Award for New Writers honouree. Her fiction has won the William Van Dyke Short Story Prize and appears in *Guernica*, *Narrative* and *Nimrod* amongst others. For close to a decade, Jemimah was a host for various broadcast and digital channels, and has written and produced short films and travel guides for Laneige, Airbnb, and Nikon. This is her first novel.

Market

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38 Londres Street On Impunity, Pinochet in England and a Nazi in Patagonia

Philippe Sands

Keynote

The new *Sunday Times* bestseller from the Baillie Gifford-winning author of *East West Street* and *The Ratline*

Description

'An indelible and enthralling work of moral witness' PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE
'These questions of memory and impunity are forever timely' FINANCIAL TIMES
'An extraordinary achievement . . . I read with open mouth and thumping heart' STEPHEN FRY

The house at 38 Londres Street in Santiago, Chile, is home to the legacies of two men whose personal stories span continents, nationalities and decades of atrocity: Augusto Pinochet, President of Chile, and Walther Rauff, a Nazi SS officer responsible for the use of gas vans. In *38 Londres Street*, Philippe Sands blends personal memoir, historical detective work and gripping courtroom drama to probe a secret double story of mass murder, one that reveals a shocking link between the horrors of the 1940s with those of our own times. In so doing, he reveals an untold and astonishing tale of the legacy of unchecked criminality and the road to impunity.

'Combines the tone of the thriller with an astute and dramatic account of a most complex and fascinating legal case. A brilliant and important book' COLM TOIBIN

Sales Points

- **RAPTUROUS RESPONSE:** An instant *Sunday Times* bestseller, the hardback was published to glowing reviews across the board
- **EXPERT WITNESS:** Acting as a barrister for Human Rights Watch, Philippe had a front row seat in the proceedings against Pinochet and knows this story better than anyone
- **WRITER AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME:** Philippe Sands is the author of multiple bestselling books including *East West Street* - winner of the Baillie Gifford Prize - *The Ratline* and *The Last Colony*. This is his most ambitious and original book to date

Reviews

- 'Phenomenal. The research alone leaves one dazed with admiration' - ANTONY BEEVOR
- 'An extraordinary achievement . . . I read with open mouth and thumping heart' - STEPHEN FRY
- 'Meticulously researched, delicately told . . . This kind of scholarship has the power to change the world. Devastating and brilliant' - EMILY MAITLIS
- 'Weaving together a globe-trotting legal thriller, a personal history and a twin portrait of a pair of mass murderers, Sands has created an indelible and enthralling work of moral witness' - PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE

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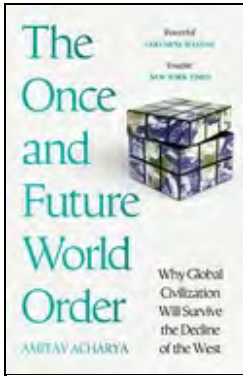
Philippe Sands is Professor of Public Understanding of Law at UCL, visiting professor at Harvard Law School and a practising barrister at 11 KBW. He has been involved in many significant international cases in recent years, including Pinochet, Congo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Iraq, Guantanamo, Chagos and the Rohingya. He has served as President of English PEN and as a member of the board of the Hay Festival.

Market

For fans of Philippe's previous books, legal thrillers and Nazi history

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The Once and Future World Order Why Global Civilization Will Survive the Decline of the West

Amitav Acharya

Keynote

The epic story of the past, present, and future of world order, revealing how the decline of the West may be a good thing for the world.

Description

The epic history of world order, revealing how the decline of the West may be a good thing for its future.

Since the dawn of the twenty-first century, the West has been in crisis. Social unrest, political polarization, and the rise of other great powers - especially China - threaten to unravel today's Western-led world order. Many fear this would lead to global chaos. But this is a Western illusion.

Surveying five thousand years of global history, political scientist Amitav Acharya reveals that world order existed long before the rise of the West. Moving from ancient Sumer, India, Greece, and Mesoamerica, through medieval caliphates and Eurasian empires into the present, Acharya shows that humanitarian values, economic interdependence, and rules of inter-state conduct emerged across the globe over millennia. History suggests order will endure even as the West retreats. Instead of fearing the future, the West should learn from history and cooperate with the Rest to forge a more equitable order.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** The definitive account of how world order evolved, stretching across five thousand years of global history, combines with a fresh and controversial perspective: would the world benefit from a new multi-polar order, and could the decline of the West actually be good for the world?
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Amitav is an award-winning author and distinguished professor of international affairs at American University. He was the first non-Western scholar to be elected as President of International Studies Association, the largest and most influential global network in international studies.
- **INTERNATIONAL:** Will appeal to an international audience, as the content is global. It could be a key text for students of international studies, especially given his reputation and connections as the President of the International Studies Association.

Reviews

- 'A powerful reminder that not all world orders in history have been Western. This timely book argues that a dominant West is not a necessary condition for a rules-based international framework' - Odd Arne Westad, coauthor of *THE GREAT TRANSFORMATION*
- 'This book should serve as a model for many other academic disciplines that were founded on similarly colonialist assumptions' - Amitav Ghosh, author of *SMOKE AND ASHES*
- 'A refreshingly original take on a potential post-West world order' - Shashi Tharoor, author of *INGLORIOUS EMPIRE*
- 'To get a glimpse of the real future that humanity is heading towards, read this book carefully. It will dazzle and excite you and give you great hope for the future' - Kishore Mahbubani, author of *LIVING THE ASIAN CENTURY*

Author Biography

Amitav Acharya is an award-winning author and distinguished professor of international affairs at American University. He has written for the *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, and *Foreign Affairs*, among many other media outlets, and he has appeared on CNN, NPR, the BBC, and Al Jazeera. He was born in India and has lived and worked in Singapore, Canada, UK, China and the United States.

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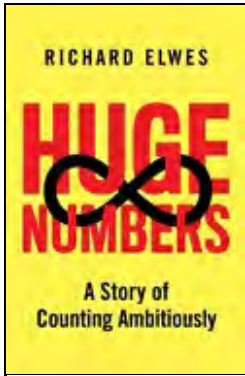
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Huge Numbers A Story of Counting Ambitiously

Richard Elwes

Keynote

How humanity's long pursuit of ever-larger numbers broke the boundaries of mathematics and propelled us into the Information Age.

Description

Imagine if the biggest number you had a symbol for was 1,000,000. In ancient Egypt, anything bigger broke maths.

Still today, writing down some numbers is beyond us: try it with all the zeroes in a googolplex, or an outrageous alien number like TREE(3). Even harnessing every particle in the universe, you wouldn't come close. But that hasn't stopped us from hunting down these mind-bendingly big numbers and studying them.

In *Huge Numbers*, mathematician Richard Elwes shows how counting larger and larger numbers has shaped human thought. Whether they are recorded with notches carved on a tally stick, beads on an abacus, or electrical signals carrying binary code, numbers are endlessly expressive and versatile. This rich vocabulary allows us to test the limits of mathematics over and over, breaking it down and putting it back together again.

Taking us on a tour that spans continents and millennia, from the Mayan calendar to today's chatbots, Richard Elwes reveals that huge numbers are everywhere, if you know where to look. Discover how they have expanded our horizons and powered our modern world.

Sales Points

- **NEVER-TOLD STORY:** Big numbers get the brush off from most book-writing mathematicians, who focus more on abstract concepts such as group theory and the insights enabled by concepts such as infinity. But grappling with bigger and bigger numbers has in fact always been a major driving force in mathematics, from the ancient Egyptians to modern computing.
- **WHERE MATHS MEETS LIFE:** Because it focuses on the world we experience, his book will be perfect for readers of *Around the World in 80 Games* (21k TCM) and *The Maths That Made Us* (6k TCM).
- **GROWING PLATFORM:** Elwes is a senior lecturer at the University of Leeds. He recently joined the crew at Numberphile (4.6M subscribers), where his first video was viewed 200k times in its first 3 weeks (<http://bit.ly/3PMhVz>). Numberphile was integral to the success of books such as Matthew Parker's *Humble Pi*. Elwes also writes regularly for *New Scientist* on mathematics.

Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR RICHARD ELWES' - -
- 'Elwes takes the key concepts, **perfectly illustrates** them with practical examples and easy-to-follow explanations, and applies the principles to everyday situations. The effect is **strangely liberating**, and you might soon find yourself acquiring a love of logarithms and a respect for reflex quadrilaterals' - *Good Book Guide*
- 'Fascinating! A **brilliantly conceived** book on the history, working and going-ons of mathematics . . . get a copy and become the maths boffin your teacher always wished you were' - *Vision Magazine*

Author Biography

Richard Elwes is a senior lecturer at the University of Leeds and a Holgate Session Leader for the London Mathematical Society. He writes for *New Scientist* and recently joined the crew at Numberphile, presenting episodes about the very largest numbers in modern mathematics.

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Thema 1.6	History of mathematics (PBX) Mathematical foundations (PBC) Philosophy of mathematics (PBB)
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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Demy
Depth	14mm
Extent	144 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	TBC
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Author living in	Kings Park, New York
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Gut Goals A Practical Plan for Managing IBS

Beth Rosen

Keynote

Written by a weight-inclusive Registered Dietician, *Gut Goals* will give you the science-based tools to finally find digestive peace.

Description

The trials and tribulations of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) can be confusing, embarrassing, and impact your mental and physical well-being. As the indispensable and definitive guide to understanding and managing IBS, *Gut Goals* will empower you with knowledge, restore your dignity, and help you finally control your gut health journey.

With a revolutionary approach, *Gut Goals* not only dismantles the barriers of misinformation surrounding IBS but also addresses the science-backed solutions that will help you quickly and easily find relief. It delves into the intricacies of IBS and offers a comprehensive understanding of its subtypes, triggers, and often overlooked symptoms. You'll learn about your treatment options and the pros and cons of each and how to advocate for yourself in medical settings. Written by a weight-inclusive Registered Dietician, regain control over your gut health and say goodbye to shame, uncertainty and unanswered questions with *Gut Goals*.

Sales Points

- Author has written for and been quoted in major online and print media publications, such as Practical Gastroenterology, The New York Times, The Food Network, and Huffington Post.
- Addresses IBS and gut health from a Health at Every Size approach.
- Includes self-advocacy strategies for patients who are not always believed in the doctor's office.
- Helps you find digestive peace with evidence-based management strategies and treatments.
- Written by a Registered Dietician with post-infectious IBS who has been there.

Author Biography

Beth Rosen, MS, RD, CDN is a weight-inclusive Registered Dietitian specializing in GI nutrition and disordered eating who has been working in the field of nutrition for almost 30 years. In her private practice, Beth helps clients find relief from digestive disorders such as irritable bowel disease (IBS), small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO), gastroparesis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, and celiac disease. Beth herself suffered from gut issues for years before she fought for a diagnosis of post-infectious IBS by advocating for herself and educating herself on GI issues. She lives on Long Island with her husband who has microscopic colitis, her daughter who has lactose intolerance, and two dogs with food allergies. Miraculously, her son manages to tolerate all foods to this day.

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Man, Muse, Monster

Haunting and irresistible dark academia horrormance

Naomi Gibson

Keynote

A speculative horrormance dark academia novel following a struggling artist Harry who partners with a muse in the form of a handsome young man to further his career, only to learn the true cost of inspiration and his muse's dark and bloody origin.

Description

'With prose as vivid as oil paints, Gibson creates a study in obsession, competition, and the cost of ambition. Darkly romantic and deliciously moody, *Man, Muse, Monster* will haunt you' - Allison Saft, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Dark and Drowning Tide*

Make me your world, Harry Alexander.

For over a century, the Great Alexanders have been celebrated for their musical, literary and artistic talents. Harry Alexander, the last and youngest of the family, will do anything to be counted amongst them.

But Harry is a struggling art student and on the brink of losing his family inheritance and the Alexanders' ancestral home, Ashburn Hall. Greatness never felt further out of reach.

Then, he stumbles upon the source of his family's success: a muse. This supernatural being trapped in paint and canvas steps into Harry's life in the form of a handsome young man . . . as dangerous as he is beautiful, as capricious as he is inspiring.

As the artist and the muse grow ever closer, Harry's artistic reputation soars. But muses are made, not born, and Harry's has a dark and bloody origin. And when enemies begin to emerge from the shadows, hungry for fame of their own, Harry will finally have to confront the true cost of greatness . . .

Every masterpiece demands sacrifice in this devastatingly alluring dark academia horrormance about the torments of creative ambition and family legacies. Perfect for fans of Ava Reid, M.L. Rio and Leigh Bardugo.

Sales Points

- **Beloved genre:** Dark academia and the Gothic continue to be some of the most popular genres and with its haunting settings of a desecrated Gothic mansion and a prestigious, shadowy art school, *Man, Muse, Monster* will captivate book influencers and booksellers. It is perfect for fans of *A Study in Drowning*, *If We Were Villains* and *An Education in Malice*.
- **Author profile:** Naomi is based in Scotland and is active on the ground to engage with booksellers, indies and the local book community. She is also an art history graduate, which feeds into the immersive art world of this novel. Having written YA before, *Man, Muse, Monster* is her bold pivot into the adult gothic horror space.
- **Trending subgenre:** Horrormance is on the rise, especially with BookTokkers, and Naomi's adult debut sits perfectly in this emerging genre that combines tinges of horror, morally ambivalent characters, and a devastating romance.
- **Vital themes:** The novel interrogates sharp and thought-provoking themes of family legacies, the cost of creative ambition and individual and institutional abuses of power. Crucially, it asks the readers: what price are we willing to pay to be seen as great?

Reviews

- 'With prose as vivid as oil paints, Gibson creates a study in obsession, competition, and the cost of ambition. Darkly romantic and deliciously moody, *Man, Muse, Monster* will haunt you' - Allison Saft, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Dark and Drowning Tide*

Author Biography

Naomi Gibson is an Art History graduate who somehow ended up working as a Quantity Surveyor and writing on the side. Her young adult novels have been translated into eleven languages as well as been optioned for film and TV. *MAN, MUSE, MONSTER* is her debut adult novel, and confirmation she makes a better writer than she does an artist. Follow her on Instagram @naomigwrites.

Publication date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Price	£16.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781408750636
Thema 1.6	Speculative fiction (FD) Gothic (6GA) Narrative theme: identity / belonging (FXN) Horror, ghost stories and supernatural fiction (FK) Romance: unintentional or forced proximity (FRLH)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
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Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
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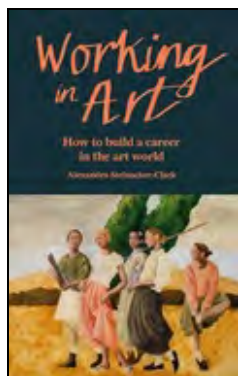
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Working in Art

How to build a career in the art world

Alexandra Steinacker-Clark

Keynote

How to get a job and make a living in the art industry, from rising art world star Alexandra Steinacker-Clark, creator of the *All About Art* podcast.

Description

The essential guide for anyone looking to find a job in the professional art sector, or make a career change into the industry.

Ever been told that your plan to work in art is a pipe dream? Or that the art world is far too opaque and nepotistic to break into? This book breaks down the barriers that stop people approaching a career in art, and gives practical advice for a wide range of career paths.

Through in-depth interviews with curators, gallerists, conservators, content creators, journalists, auction house employees, and many more, Alexandra Steinacker-Clark provides a fascinating insight into what it means to work in art.

Includes interviews with:

- Sally Tallant, President and Executive Director of the Queens Museum, New York
- Maria Rita Cerilli, Communications Manager at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice
- Elsy Lahner, Curator for Contemporary Art at the Albertina Museum, Vienna
- Mikei Hall, Senior Art Handling Technician at Tate Britain, London
- Thaddaeus Ropac, Gallerist
- Bianca Bosker, Journalist and author of *Get the Picture*
- Lisa Dennison, Chairman of Sotheby's, Americas
- Alayo Akinkugbe, Author and creator of the Instagram account *A Black History of Art*

Sales Points

- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR WITH GROWING BRAND:** Alexandra is building a name for herself across the art world as one of the key people talking about demystifying the art industry for newcomers. Her podcast, *All About Art*, is within the top 10% most shared and followed on Spotify.
- **GAP IN THE MARKET:** There are very few contemporary books giving practical career advice and insight into the art industry - this book fills that gap with up-to-date guidance and accessible advice.
- **INSIGHTFUL INTERVIEW WITH RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL NAMES:** Alexandra has interviewed a range of both well-known and lesser-known industry names for the book, across the UK, the US, France, Austria and beyond.

Author Biography

Alexandra Steinacker-Clark is an American-Austrian art historian, curator, writer and podcaster living and working in London. Alexandra is the founder and host of the *All About Art* Podcast which, according to Spotify Wrapped 2022, was within the top 10% of most followed and most shared podcasts worldwide and it remains within the top 10% today. She is also the co-director of NXT GEN: AWITA x All About Art, a program designed to support early career arts professionals, a TEDx speaker, and serves on the Board of SALOON Network.

Alexandra has a BA in History of Art from University College London and an MA in Arts Administration and Cultural Policy from Goldsmiths University. She has previously worked as Gallery and Exhibitions Manager at Galerie Max Hetzler in London along with past positions at Skarstedt Gallery, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Shezad Dawood Studio, Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, and Sotheby's Auction House.

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Thema 1.6	Advice on careers and achieving success (VSC) Careers guidance (JNR) The arts: general topics (AB) Job hunting / changing careers (VSCB)
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Main Identifier	9781840918632
Thema 1.6	Horror, ghost stories and supernatural fiction (FK) Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) South Korea (1FPKS) Psychological thriller (FHX)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Demy
Extent	288 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
Book locale	Seoul
Author born in	Los Angeles
Author living in	Koreatown, Los Angeles

Previous Titles
THE EYES ARE THE BEST PART

1st Serial	Octopus Publishing Group Ltd
2nd Serial	Octopus Publishing Group Ltd
Audio	Octopus Publishing Group Ltd
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Molka

A hotly anticipated new novel from the bestselling author of *THE EYES ARE THE BEST PART*

Monika Kim

Keynote

MOLKA* is a psychological horror about the rise in surveillance camera crimes that will appeal to fans of *You* and *Yellowface

Description

'Brutal and unflinching...You won't be able to look away as this book cuts you to pieces.' Kylie Lee Baker, author of *Bat Eater*

'Combining feminist fury with creeping horror... Fans of *Bunny* will love this.' Eve Kellman, author of *How to Kill a Guy in Ten Ways*

THE NEW NOVEL BY THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE EYES ARE THE BEST PART*

Junyoung and Dahye are colleagues; he has a taste for voyeurism and she a hunger for revenge.

Molka (n): the Korean term for spy cameras secretly and illegally installed, often to capture voyeuristic images and videos.

Dahye has met the man of her dreams - Hyukjoon, who happens to be the heir to a multi-billion fortune. Till one day, a video of them having sex goes viral. She is all over the internet and he is nowhere to be found.

Junyoung is a nobody; a nothing office worker who harbours a dark secret: in every women's cubicle, shower and bathroom in his workplace, are cameras - his secret cameras. Junyoung spends his days watching and preying on his unsuspecting female victims.

Soon his perverse obsession turns to Dahye - but, this time, he has chosen the wrong woman to wrong. When Dahye's pain turns to blind rage - she decides that she will not rest until he has paid in blood...

Praise for *THE EYES ARE THE BEST PART*:

'I was enticed from the first line' OYINKAN BRAITHWAITE, author of *MY SISTER, THE SERIAL KILLER*

'An outstanding debut' *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

'Darkly funny' FERN BRADY, author of *STRONG FEMALE CHARACTER*

'Smartly written . . . A writer to watch' *BIG ISSUE*

Sales Points

- **HIGHLY ANTICIPATED NEW FEMGORE FROM SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR MONIKA KIM:** Grounded horror and femgore novels centring female rage and revenge are huge right now, and Monika is the **leading writer** in this space. Her previous novel *The Eyes are the Best Part* was **Shortlisted for the Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Horror Book**, and it featured on the **New York Times' Best Horror Fiction of 2024 list**, it was a **Sunday Times bestselling novel** (peaking at #6), a **TIME Top 100 Book of the Year** and many other accolades. It has sold a total of **26K** copies across all editions to date.
- **NEWSWORTHY INSPIRATION AND DARK, TWISTY PLOT:** The epidemic of hidden cameras in Korea's public spaces and the backlash against the feminist movement has made international headlines. *Molka* is told from a dual POV and creates psychological suspense by using body horror, with a layered take on sex, dating, misogyny and abusive relationships that will resonate with female readers everywhere.
- **POP CULTURE'S INTEREST IN KOREA:** With the rise of K-drama, K-pop, the growing prominence of Korean thrillers and horror (*Squid Game* and *Parasite*), Nobel Prize winning writer Han Kang, and bestselling Korean-American writers (Alexander Chee and Min Jin Lee) readers have a growing familiarity and appreciation for Korean culture and voices.
- **THE EYES ARE THE BEST PART FILM DEAL:** **Soon to be a major film directed by Greta Lee (female lead in *Past Lives*) and distributed by Searchlight Pictures.**
- **FEMALE ANGER IS ALL THE RAGE:** Female rage is on the rise in commercial and genre fiction. A rising popular horror subgenre, "good for her" femgore focuses on a woman getting revenge on those who wronged her, such as recent bestseller *Bunny* by Mona Awad. *Molka* would also appeal to fans of twisty psychological thrillers like *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite and literary horror like *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang.



Author Biography

MONIKA KIM is a second-generation Korean American living in Los Angeles' Koreatown. She learned about eating fish eyes and other Korean superstitions from her mother, who immigrated to Los Angeles from Seoul in 1985.

The Eyes Are the Best Part is her debut novel and was selected as a Book of the Year by the *New York Times*, *TIME*, Spotify and others.

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The Book Witch

A Magical Love Letter To Books, Book Boyfriends And Storytelling

Meg Shaffer

Keynote

The Eyre Affair meets *Alice In Wonderland* in this gorgeous, romantic love-letter to books!

Description

Rainy March is a proud third-generation book witch, sworn to defend works of fiction from all foes real and imaginary. With her magical umbrella and feline familiar, she jumps into and out of novels to fix malicious alterations and wrangle characters that go off-script.

Book witches live by a strict code: *Real people belong in the real world; fictional characters belong in works of fiction.... Do not eat, drink, or sleep inside a fictional world, lest you become part of the story.* Falling in love with a fictional character? Don't even think about it.

Except Rainy has fallen hard for the Duke of Chicago, the dashing British detective who stars in her favorite noir series. After their illicit romance is exposed, Rainy is forbidden from ever seeing her fictional lover again, lest she be expelled from her book coven-and forced to give up the magical gifts that are as much a part of her as her own name.

When a priceless book is stolen from her home, there's only one person she trusts to help her get it back: the Duke. Thus their shared quest begins through the worlds of *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Great Gatsby*, and other classics that will reveal hidden enemies and long-buried family secrets.

Sales Points

- **A bestselling author:** Meg Shaffer's novel *THE WISHING GAME* is a New York Times bestseller and a word-of-mouth cult hit!
- **A love-letter to books:** *THE BOOK WITCH* will appeal to booksellers and readers with its love of books and reading!
- **A book-boyfriend you'll never forget:** The Duke of Chicago will steal hearts around the world (he's a *literal* book boyfriend!)
- **Perfect for readers who love upmarket cosy magical fantasy!** *THE BOOK WITCH* is a romantic combination of *The Eyre Affair* and *Alice In Wonderland*, as heroine Rainy jumps from classic book to classic book during her adventure!

Reviews

- 'Meg Shaffer continues to surprise and delight me with each book she writes. *The Book Witch* mixes romance and mystery and a deep appreciation of the power of stories to create **the perfect love letter to readers (and writers) everywhere**. This was such a fun read that had me laughing in one scene and tearing up in the next. It's **the perfect book for anyone who has ever fallen in love with a fictional character (me!)** or who has dreamed of walking through their favorite story. I loved it!' - *Laurie Gilmore, author of THE PUMPKIN SPICE CAFE*
- 'Warning: reading this book may cause hours to vanish, your imagination to run wild, and the impossible desire to leap into the pages of your favorite stories. **A clever and heart-felt adventure**, this novel captures the giddy, perilous magic of losing yourself in a good story, just like Rainy herself does. **A luminous, wildly imaginative delight** that every book-lover will cherish' - *Hayley Gelfuso, author of THE BOOK OF LOST HOURS*
- '*The Book Witch* feels like falling through an incredibly fun and twisty rabbit hole **while wrapped in a warm blanket and sipping your favorite cup of tea**. Meg Shaffer brought my childhood dreams to life in a gem of a book that is **inventive, cozy, and important** all at the same time' - *Samantha Sotto Yambao, author of WATER MOON*
- 'Clever, dark, and hopeful . . . a love letter to reading and the power childhood stories have over us long after we've grown up' - *V. E. Schwab on THE WISHING GAME*

Author Biography

Meg Shaffer is the author of the bestselling novel *The Wishing Game*. She lives in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband, author Andrew Shaffer, and their two cats. The cats are not writers.

Publication date **Thursday, April 09, 2026**

Price **£16.99 / ₹799**

Main Identifier **9781529443875**

Thema 1.6 **Contemporary fantasy / Low fantasy (FMW) Magical realism (FMM) Speculative fiction (FD) Narrative theme: coming of age (FXB) Narrative theme: love / relationships (FXD) Narrative theme: death, grief, loss (FXL) Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives (FFS) Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives (FFD) Crime and mystery: cosy mystery (FFJ)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**

Format **Royal**

Extent **320 pages**

Word Count

Illustrations **N/A**

Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire**

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

In-House Editor **Anne Perry**

Book locale **secondary world fantasy**

Author born in **USA**

Author living in **Louisville, Kentucky, USA**

Previous Titles

THE WISHING GAME
THE LOST STORY

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Audio **Refer to Publisher**

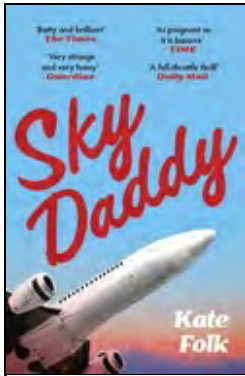
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Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**

Large print **Refer to Publisher**

Podcast **Refer to Publisher**



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Main Identifier	9781529372700
Thema 1.6	Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Narrative theme: love / relationships (FXD) Narrative theme: interior life / psychological fiction (FXM) Narrative theme: identity / belonging (FXN) San Francisco and The Peninsula areas (1KBB-US-WPCF) Early 21st century c 2000 to c 2050 (3MRB)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	None
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale	San Francisco, CA
Author born in	Iowa City, IA
Author living in	San Francisco, CA

Previous Titles

Out There (2022)

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US	Refer to Publisher

Sky Daddy

'Truly original, deeply weird' - Daily Telegraph

Kate Folk

Keynote

The word-of-mouth hit about one woman's quest to unite forever with a plane in a crash.

Description

'Very strange and very funny' *Guardian*

'Batty and brilliant' *The Times*

'A full-throttle thrill' *Daily Mail*

A CLASSIC STORY OF GIRL MEETS PLANE

Linda tries her best to lead a normal life. But once a month she escapes to the airport to secretly indulge in her true passion: Linda is sexually attracted to planes, and believes it is her destiny to someday marry one by dying in a fiery crash.

When the opportunity arises to hasten her romantic fate, Linda must choose between the trappings of an ordinary life and succumbing to her deepest desires.

'Truly original . . . the kind of novel that startles you into remembering fiction's potential to be simultaneously deeply weird, deeply funny and deeply felt'

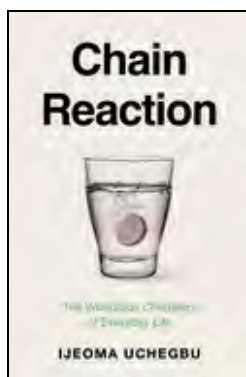
Daily Telegraph

Sales Points

- **FOR READERS OF** voice-driven, darkly humorous novels with offbeat narrators - think *The Pisces* by Melissa Broder, *Convenience Store Woman* by Sayaka Murata and *The Idiot* by Elif Batuman - and sharply written observations on the tech industry and the twentieth-century workplace like *We Had to Remove this Post* by Hanna Bervoets and *Severance* by Ling Ma .
- **UNIQUE DEBUT FROM ACCLAIMED AUTHOR.** Kate Folk's short story collection *Out There* was a finalist for the California Book Awards and was praised by reviewers in outlets including the *New York Times* and by authors such as Karen Joy Fowler, Change-Rae Lee and Kelly Link.
- **A WORD-OF-MOUTH CULT HIT.** *Sky Daddy* has become a runaway hit online, and was picked as a book of the year by *Time*, *Oprah Daily*, *Vulture*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Electric Lit*, *Debutiful*, *Book Riot*, and the *Skinny*.

Author Biography

Kate Folk is the author of the short story collection *Out There*. She has written for publications including *The New Yorker*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Granta*, *McSweeney's*, and *Zyzzyyva*. She's received support from the Headlands Center for the Arts, MacDowell, the Vermont Studio Center, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Recently, she was a Wallace Stegner Fellow in fiction at Stanford University. She lives in San Francisco.



Chain Reaction The Wondrous Chemistry of Everyday Life

Ijeoma Uchebgu

Keynote

A personal and eye-opening exploration of the chemistry that binds us all together.

Description

All around us are ever-evolving strings of chain reactions, of bonds forged and broken, of connections made and unmade in less than the blink of an eye.

In *Chain Reaction*, Professor Ijeoma Uchebgu dives into the chemistry that underpins our everyday existence. With warmth and personal anecdotes about the chemistry that has shaped her life, Uchebgu takes us on a journey exploring how our bodies are held together by weak chemical bonds, how our constituent molecules start to break up once our heart stops beating, how our food is stitched together by a careful exploitation of chemical bonds at the interface between water and oil, and exactly what the fibres in our clothes are made of. To be human is to be a walking chemical reaction, as our individual cells are all powered by careful co-ordination of chemistry.

From hairdressing disasters and laundry mishaps to life-saving medicines and kitchen experiments, this eye-opening book reveals that chemical processes are all around us, defining our interactions with the world we live in. This is a story that's both universal and personal, grand and intimate, and it will change the way you see *everything*.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR WITH REMARKABLE STORY:** Ijeoma is a professor at UCL, a Dame and an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. She's a top expert in this field, with a brilliant personal story of growing up between Nigeria and East London and falling in love with chemistry.
- **POP SCIENCE MARKET:** For readers of all ages this is an accessible and lively introduction to chemistry, an area of the science market that remains underexploited.
- **COMPS:** Comparable to evergreen titles like *Periodic Tales* by Hugh Aldersey-Williams (HB 9k, PB 78k), *The Disappearing Spoon* by Sam Kean (PB 30k) and *Storm in a Teacup* by Helen Czerski (HB 8k, PB 23k).
- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** A universal topic with global appeal, by a writer with an international outlook.
- **WOMEN IN STEM:** In 2025 Ijeoma was made Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for her work on inclusion and diversity in her field. In her book she addresses the challengers of being a Black woman in STEM.

Author Biography

Ijeoma Uchebgu is Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience at University College London, President of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, an inventor, and an educator. She is a fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a governor for Wellcome Trust and Chief Scientific Officer of Nanometrics Ltd, a company that she co-founded. She has held a variety of leadership positions in science including serving as Chairperson of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences and has appeared on BBC Radio 4 *Woman's Hour*, *Desert Island Discs*, *BBC Outlook* and been featured in the *Guardian* and *Daily Telegraph*. In 2025 she was made Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours.

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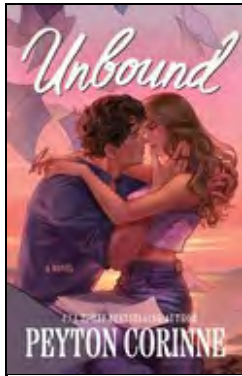
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Unbound

A totally unforgettable, must-read sports romance

Peyton Corinne

Keynote

The perfect combination of angst, romance and spice, and full of intensity and emotion: a second-chance ice hockey romance, featuring two characters who can't seem to let go of their first love....

Description

Paloma Blake is, at best, antagonistic. But beneath the hairspray, attitude, and promiscuity is a scared girl whose trauma runs deep. Still, the walls she's built are strong, ensuring everyone only sees Paloma's sexy façade. Everyone except for Bennett.

Bennett Reiner, the carefully controlled, neurodivergent goalie, has his routines and sticks to them, which helps him keep a hold on his OCD compulsions and the crippling anxiety that comes with them. The quiet and meticulous Bennett sees everything, especially the girl beneath Paloma's ever-present masks. And he always has.

Unbeknownst to their friends, Bennett and Paloma were each other's first real love, which ended in crippling heartbreak. Bennett still doesn't know what happened, and Paloma is determined to stay away from the comfort she used to find only in his arms. For years, Bennett has remained her protective shadow, coming to Paloma's rescue whenever she asked, keeping her as close and safe as she'll let him. But, like a tumultuous sea to a constant shore, Bennett and Paloma find each other once more.

Alternating between scenes from their past and present, *Unbound* contrasts the tentative tension and passionate beginnings of first love with the devastating loneliness and deep yearning of having that love ripped away from you without truly knowing why. As Bennett discovers the truth about Paloma's past, the threads to his careful control start to come unbound, and both begin to realize that letting go of everything else might be worth it, if it means they both get the real love they once shared again.

Sales Points

- **Engaged fanbase and pre-existing platform:** Author already has a brilliantly engaged fanbase and is fantastic on socials. We know she has the power to push her own books up the charts - when she first self-published her first book, *Unsteady*, she went straight into the top 100 on Kindle.
- **Brilliant reader reviews:** Peyton's pre-existing books already have thousands of five-star reviews: 'Five beautiful stars for this masterpiece!'; 'The perfect combination of angst, swoon, pain, & love!'; 'I'm sorry. Excuse me. WHAT? How is this Peyton's debut novel?! This book had NO BUSINESS being this good. IMMEDIATELY it is in the top 5 books I've read this year!'; 'I NEED there to be more of this series to come!!'; 'I cannot wait for quite literally anything and everything Peyton writes!'
- **Huge appetite for books in this space:** As we know, the Kindle Top 100 is made of books just like this, but so are the paperback TCM charts - and there's no sign of it slowing down any time soon. In particular, this is ice-hockey romance, which remains hugely popular, and is a brilliant series hook: it follows 4 hockey players on the same college hockey team.
- **Huge US campaign:** There is a huge US campaign behind this author, including a gorgeous rebrand for these next two books - which will really help this author fly.

Author Biography

Peyton Corinne is a *USA Today* bestselling author of romantic fiction with high emotional vulnerability, angst, and heart. She has been telling stories since before she could read, and has never stopped pursuing a life in writing and authorship. If she's not currently dreaming up new worlds and characters, Peyton is at home making another cup of coffee, listening to new music, or reading every type of romance she can get her hands on.

Visit PeytonCorinne.com and follow @PeytonCorinneAuthor on Instagram and TikTok for more.

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No Time to Spare

Ursula K. Le Guin

Keynote

From acclaimed author Ursula Le Guin, a collection of thoughts - always adroit, often acerbic - on ageing, belief, the state of literature and the state of the nation

Description

Ursula Le Guin took readers to imaginary worlds for decades. In her last great frontier of life, old age, she explored a new literary territory: the blog, a forum where she shone.

The collected best of Le Guin's blog, *No Time to Spare*, presents perfectly crystallised dispatches on what mattered to her late in life, her concerns with the world and her wonder at it.

She brings her signature wit and wisdom to topics as diverse as ageing, imaginative literature, capitalism, her beloved rescue cat, classism, cultural perceptions of fantasy and the courage and resolution involved in eating an egg from the shell.

This is essential reading for Le Guin's myriad admirers, revealing new sides to a trailblazing and beloved author who influenced literary greats across genres and generations.

Sales Points

- **ICONIC, TRAILBLAZING AUTHOR:** Ursula Le Guin was a highly influential writer, a pioneer in feminist science fiction who influenced literary greats across genres and generations - including Margaret Atwood, Zadie Smith and David Mitchell
- **STUNNING NEW EDITION:** this edition is part of W&N's collected non-fiction series, a handpicked list of journals, diaries, essays and letters by the literary greats - including Helen Garner, Patricia Highsmith, Ntozake Shange, Renata Adler, Sybille Bedford and Dylan Thomas
- **PUBLISHING ALONGSIDE FICTION REISSUES:** W&N is publishing *No Time to Spare* alongside beautiful new editions of three of Le Guin's literary masterworks: *The Left Hand of Darkness*, *The Dispossessed* and *Searoad*
- **PRIZEWINNING:** *No Time to Spare* was the winner of the Hugo Award for Best Related Book and the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay

Reviews

- 'The pages sparkle with lines that make a reader glance up, searching for an available ear with which to share them' - *New York Times Book Review*
- 'One of the greats . . . Not just a science fiction writer; a literary icon' - Stephen King
- 'Le Guin was able to reimagine many concepts we take to be natural, shared, and unalterable - gender, utopia, creation, war, family, the city, the country - and reveal the all-too-human constructions at their center . . . There's no one like her' - Zadie Smith
- 'At the end of *No Time to Spare*, all I could think was: I want Le Guin to keep going, on and on. I want to read more' - *Los Angeles Times*

Author Biography

Ursula K. Le Guin (1929-2018) was a celebrated author whose body of work includes 23 novels, 12 volumes of short stories, 11 volumes of poetry, 13 children's books, five essay collections, and four works of translation. The breadth and imagination of her work earned her six Nebula Awards, seven Hugo Awards, and SFWA's Grand Master, along with the PEN/Malamud and many other awards. In 2014 she was awarded the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, and in 2016 joined the short list of authors to be published in their lifetimes by the Library of America.

Market

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The Holiday Home

A completely unputdownable and addictive psychological thriller

Daniel Hurst

Keynote

A nail-biting, gripping psychological thriller from the Kindle number one bestselling author, perfect for fans of T.M. Logan, Freida McFadden and C.L. Taylor.

Description

The perfect holiday or the perfect nightmare...

I sip champagne in the warm water as I admire the breathtaking view of gorgeous blue skies and mountains. I can't believe I'm at this stunning holiday home. *It's to die for...*

My best friend and her husband have invited me and my family to their lakeside property for the weekend. I'm not envious of their wealth, although I know my husband **Ryan** is. All I want is to get my marriage back on track.

Then I overhear Ryan having a whispered conversation. He says something that turns my whole world upside down. And now I have no idea who to trust.

This was meant to be the perfect holiday, but someone isn't going to survive it...

A twist-filled psychological thriller from number one bestselling author Daniel Hurst that will keep your heart pounding until the very last page. If you love *Behind Closed Doors*, *Gone Girl* and *The Housemaid*, you'll be gripped by *The Holiday Home*.

What readers are saying about *The Holiday Home*:

'Wow, honestly just wow!... Left breathless... I was literally on the edge of my bed... There was no sleep happening and I just had to keep going until the fantastic ending... Loved every single word. 5 huge stars from me!' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

'UNPUTDOWNABLE, HEART-RACING... Wow!!!... had me hook, line and sinker from beginning to end... My heart was pounding throughout... I absolutely loved this... And omg the twist!!! I DID NOT see the twists coming at all and there were more than one!!! Just when I think everything had been worked out... BOOM there was another bombshell!!!... I read this in one sitting as I could not put it down!!' Bookworm86, □□□□□

'Wow!... Amazing book... I was on pins and needles til the very end! What a plot twist!... You will not want to put this down. This is a must read!!' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

'Wow what can I say this book was amazing, it was a fast paced and kept me guessing throughout... perfect book for psychological thrillers fans! The ending wow I did not see it coming! This book was so good I read it in day!' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'Amazing, nail-biting... I could not stop reading it. Every time I thought I had it figured out there was a twist and it kept me hooked til the end.' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'Gripping from the very first chapter - I could not put this book down and never could have predicted the ending!... Excellent... Nail-biting and heart-pounding!' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

'Excellent I read it in less than 24 hours I didn't want to put it down! It was filled with twists and tension from the very beginning to the last page! You don't want to miss this one!... fantastic page-turner!' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

Sales Points

- Daniel Hurst is a Number One Bestselling author in the Kindle ebook chart and audiobook charts across multiple titles.
- The eBook for *The Holiday Home* was top 20 in the UK and top 100 in US.
- Daniel Hurst was a self-published sensation prior to acquisition, and his sales are in growth since joining Bookouture.
- Across Daniel Hurst's Bookouture titles, we have seen almost 200 million KU pages

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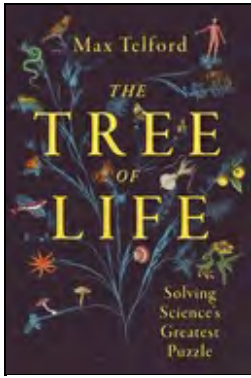


Author Biography

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

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The Tree of Life Solving Science's Greatest Puzzle

Max Telford

Keynote

A fascinating new approach to evolution from the world's leading evolutionary biologist. Come time-travelling through the family tree of every species that has ever lived with Professor Max Telford.

Description

'A DELIGHT' HENRY GEE
'BEAUTIFUL' THOMAS HALLIDAY

Where do we come from and how did we get here?

Come time-travelling through the history of every species that has ever lived with Professor Max Telford.

A four-billion-year journey through the evolution of our planet, *The Tree of Life* tells the fascinating story of the gigantic family tree that records the relationships between every living thing - from humans, fish and butterflies to oak trees, mushrooms and even bacteria.

Understanding how the amazing diversity of life on earth came to be is one of the greatest puzzles in biology. And this book, full of vivid and fascinating stories, takes you right inside: learn why grey wolves are more closely related to whales than to Tasmanian wolves; how geological change and environmental catastrophe left their marks on the genome; why we don't have tails but we are the only species with chins; and follow individual scientists down winding evolutionary byways and occasional dead ends in their attempts to solve this greatest of all puzzles. Along the way, we'll see how, far from being a dry representation of the dead, the tree of life is a living thing which constantly alters our perspective on the past, present and future of life on earth.

From Darwin's early sketches to the vast computer generated diagrams scientists are building today, *The Tree of Life* explains how we can know our family tree at all and tells the epic history of the various ways it's possible to be a living thing. This is our own very personal story that began with the tiny ancestor of all life billions of years ago and ends with you and me.

Sales Points

- The fascinating unauthorised biography of four billion years of life in 336 pages. Discover how you are related to wolves, birds -- or even mushrooms.
- Science's greatest puzzle is where did we come from and how did we get here: We know we are descended from apes, Max Telford shows us how we are related to every living thing.
- A new look at evolution from John Murray, Darwin's original publisher
- The debut of a brilliant new science writer: quotes coming from ADAM RUTHERFORD, ED YONG and MERLIN SHELDRAKE

Reviews

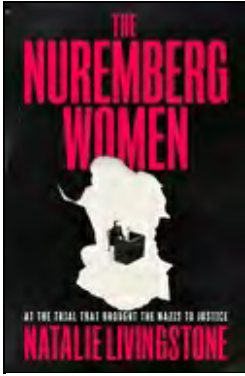
- 'Combining cutting-edge genetics, history and terrifically bizarre creatures, **this endlessly entertaining and exciting account is essential reading.**' - Matthew Cobb
- 'Telford is one of our generation's most brilliant biologists and *The Tree of Life* is a **wonderful and vivid guide to evolution's marvels.**' - David George Haskell
- '**The greatest story ever told:** if you've ever wondered how all of life is related, how we came to be, and how we know, then this **brilliant** book is for you.' - Tim Blackburn

Author Biography

Max Telford is an evolutionary biologist and the Jodrell Chair of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy at University College London where he founded the Centre for Life's Origins and Evolution and the Telford Lab. Max has won several awards for his research (including a visiting Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford) and has spent the last three decades researching the shape of the tree of life, his broader aim to discover the earliest events in the evolution of the animal kingdom. He lives in London. This is his first book.

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The Nuremberg Women

At the Trial that Brought the Nazis to Justice

Natalie Livingstone
Keynote

From the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Mistresses of Cliveden* and *The Women of Rothschild*, the overlooked history of the crucial role played by women during Nuremberg, the most famous trial of the twentieth century.

Description

'Natalie Livingstone's deeply researched, unfailingly fascinating book gives the many extraordinary women at or near the centre of the Nuremberg trials their proper, important, and often ignored place in history' **Salman Rushdie**

NUREMBERG, 1945. The eyes of a world desperate for truth, hope and justice turn to a courtroom where the leaders of the defeated Nazi regime sit in the dock. In this revelatory history, Natalie Livingstone sheds new light on the trial of the century, through the stories of extraordinary women whose importance has long been ignored.

Anti-fascist journalist Erika Mann - daughter of Germany's most famous writer - came to Nuremberg seeking a reckoning with a Germany she had fled more than a decade before, while Hungarian countess Ingeborg Kálnoky found herself presiding over a guest house in which perpetrators and survivors of the Nazi's worst crimes lived side by side. Russian interpreter Tatiana Stupnikova would be forced to confront terrifying revelations about her country's recent history, and German writer Ursula von Kardorff, reporting on the trials for domestic audiences, found herself torn between the evidence of the courtroom and a selective memory of her work for the Third Reich. Although she was barred from speaking in court on account of her gender, American lawyer Harriet Zetterberg assembled some of the most important prosecution cases, while British painter Laura Knight produced the most famous image of the courtroom. Rebecca West, the celebrated writer, arrived feeling lost and depleted and hoped the proceedings at Nuremberg might somehow shock her back to life. And Auschwitz survivor and French Resistance fighter Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier's defiant, devastating testimony laid the foundations for the world's awareness of the Holocaust.

Seen through the eyes of these astonishing women, the story of Nuremberg is a monumental human drama full of hope and romance, terror and conflict. It is the story of a search for truth among misinformation, love among ruins and light in overwhelming darkness. Eighty years after the trials, *The Nuremberg Women* offers a gripping new account of one of the defining events of the twentieth century.

Sales Points

- **A FRESH ANGLE ON A PERENNIAL SUBJECT:** 80 years on, Nuremberg remains globally resonant. While legal histories of the trials abound (notably Philippe Sands's *East West Street*), *The Women of Nuremberg* shifts the lens to the untold story of *journalistic* Nuremberg and the women who recorded history in real time.
- **A TRUSTED, BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH PERSONAL STAKES:** Natalie Livingstone - *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Mistresses of Cliveden* and *The Women of Rothschild* - brings both intellectual authority and emotional depth. The granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, she blends personal history with acclaimed storytelling, scholarship, and insight. This is her most urgent and resonant book yet.
- **MAJOR ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION:** Publishing in 2026 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Nuremberg verdict, this book arrives at a moment of global reflection. As historians, journalists, and jurists look back on the trial's legacy, *The Nuremberg Women* brings a new and vital dimension to the conversation.
- **HIDDEN WOMEN'S HISTORY, POWERFULLY RETOLD:** *The Women of Nuremberg* re-examines the trial through the eyes of those long relegated to the margins. By recovering their voices, Natalie Livingstone offers a vivid, human portrait of a courtroom too often seen only through legal abstraction.

Author Biography

Natalie Livingstone was born and raised in London. She graduated with a first class degree in history from Christ's College, Cambridge in 1998. She began her career as a feature writer at the *Daily Express* and now contributes to *Tatler*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *US Vogue*, *Elle*, *The Times* and *The Mail on Sunday*.

Natalie lives in London with her husband and three children.

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Ocean

Earth's Last Wilderness - THE LANDMARK NEW BOOK BY DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Sir David Attenborough and Colin Butfield

Keynote

A landmark publication by the greatest natural history broadcaster of our times on how to save the ocean - and consequently our planet

Description

**** THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER ****

'Gripping... the wildlife is so fantastical that the images on the page feel like works of the imagination.' *Evening Standard*

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From the icy seas of our poles to remote coral islands, David Attenborough has filmed in every ocean habitat on planet earth. Now, with long-term collaborator Colin Butfield, he shares the story of our last great wilderness - the one which shapes the land we live on, regulates our climate and creates the air we breathe.

Dive into eight unique saltwater habitats, swim through kelp forests, mangroves and coral reefs and down almost 11,000 feet to the deepest corners of the most unexplored ecosystem on our planet.

Experience a journey of wonder and discovery, populated by green turtles and blue whales; clownfish and bioluminescent jellyfish; the vampire squid and the 'head-less chicken monster' - a strange form of sea cucumber that lives at the very bottom of the ocean.

With the warmth, intelligence and awe that characterises all of David Attenborough's landmark series, *Ocean* shows us a world which is both desperately fragile yet astonishingly resilient, with an extraordinary capacity to repair itself. It's not too late to restore our most vital habitat. If we treat it with respect, our marine world will be even richer and more spectacular than we can imagine.

A book almost a century in the making, but one that has never been more urgently needed.

Sales Points

- David Attenborough is the most popular TV presenter in the UK, and in the 5 most popular UK people overall - and the ocean is his most popular subject. *Blue Planet II* is the most popular TV show of all time in the UK
- Subject and authors with huge international appeal - ANZ had bestsellers with *Adventures* and *Journeys*, and David Attenborough has polled as Australia's most admired man. He's also very popular in the US where his shows air on BBC World and Netflix.
- David Attenborough's books are increasing in popularity - searches for him in the UK peaked around publication of *A Life on Our Planet* (HB: 157,009 PB: 46,950. Attenborough searches that month: 765k), and it was his most successful HB publication to date. We have sold over 500,000 copies of *Adventures* and *Journeys* combined.
- Colin Butfield is a brilliant writer and making some of the most important documentaries of our times (co-wrote *Earthshot* and co-founded *Studio Silverback*). He is an important natural history writer for the future, and has the Attenborough seal of approval.
- This is the book David Attenborough has always wanted to write - publishing on his 99th birthday, if it's the last book he writes, he wants it to be this one.

Reviews

- **'Gripping... the wildlife is so fantastical that the images on the page feel like works of the imagination.'** - *Evening Standard*
- **'The great naturalist's latest book explores Earth's last wilderness, from octopus gardens to booming fur seal numbers. [It] is determinedly positive. There seem to be real grounds for hope. Given a chance, the authors insist, sea life is astonishingly resilient.'** - *The Times*

Author Biography

David Attenborough (Author)

Sir David Attenborough is a broadcaster and naturalist whose television career is now in its seventh decade. Over that time he has established himself as the world's leading

natural history programme maker with multiple landmark television series to his name. His recent book, *A Life on Our Planet*, co-authored with Jonnie Hughes, was an international bestseller.

Colin Butfield (Author)

Colin Butfield is the co-founder and Director of Open Planet Studios. He has worked on numerous documentaries and short films including the BBC series *Earthshot*, Netflix features *A Life on Our Planet* and *Breaking Boundaries*, and the National Geographic feature documentary *Ocean*, also with David Attenborough. He is the co-author of *Earthshot: How to Save Our Planet*.



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The Girl with Ice in her Veins the latest installment in the internationally bestselling MILLENNIUM series

Karin Smirhoff

Keynote

The latest instalment in Stieg Larsson's monumental Millennium Series, Sweden's greatest literary success ever, with more than 100 million copies sold worldwide

Description

'Fresh, fearless, faithful and original. One of the great crime series of our time could not be in safer, more capable hands' Chris Whitaker

Discover Lisbeth Salander - one of the most memorable female characters in crime fiction.

Spring returns to Sweden's far north, but darkness lies at the heart of the small town of Gasskas. Natural resources in the region are being shamelessly exploited by shadowy multinationals, opposed only by Lisbeth Salander's niece Svala and a group of environmental activists. What begins as a protest spins out of control when a young journalist is found murdered.

Journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who has taken a new job at the Gasskas newspaper, starts the investigation and unravels a story that has the makings of an explosive scandal.

At the same time, Lisbeth Salander is desperate to track down her old hacker friend, Plague, who has disappeared. When it becomes clear that both she and Svala are on a secret underworld hit list, Lisbeth decides to go to war with old and new enemies alike . . .

With *The Girl with Ice in her Veins*, Karin Smirhoff has created a stunning sequel that breathes new life into this all-time thriller classic.

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Sales Points

- Stieg Larsson's first three books were a runaway global success, selling a combined 6.2 million copies for £34.6m through Nielsen BookScan in the UK, and were later followed by another three from David Lagercrantz, which sold around 600,000 units for £4.5m.
- Smirhoff's "Jana Kippo" trilogy of literary thrillers has sold more than 700,000 copies in Sweden
- *The Girl in the Eagle's Talons* has sold over £121k copies across all formats in the UK. Lee Child said of Karin Smirhoff's first instalment in the series: 'Lisbeth Salander is back - and maybe better than ever'.

Reviews

- 'Fresh, fearless, faithful and original. One of the great crime series of our time could not be in safer, more capable hands.' - Chris Whitaker

Author Biography

Karin Smirhoff worked as a journalist before quitting her job to buy a wood factory. Her debut novel, *My Brother*, was nominated for the prestigious August Prize and has been optioned for TV by the producers behind *The Bridge*. In 2020 she completed her noir trilogy featuring Jana Kippo, which has now sold more than 500,000 copies in Sweden alone. In 2021 she was announced as the new writer for Stieg Larsson's Millennium series.

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Price	£10.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781529427127
Thema 1.6	Thriller / suspense fiction (FH) Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF) Fiction in translation (FYT) Sweden (1DNS)

Binding	Paperback
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Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
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Author born in	Northern Sweden
Author living in	Northern Sweden
UNITED STATES Publisher	Alfred A Knopf Inc Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group Publisher
CANADA Publisher	Penguin Group (Canada) Publisher

Previous Titles

9781529427042 *The Girl in the Eagle's Talons*

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

Marie NDiaye

Keynote

***The Witch* brings the mysteries of womanhood and motherhood into sharp relief and leaves us teetering on the edge, unbalanced by questions as seemingly unbreakable relationships break down left and right.**

Description

Translated by Jordan Stump. In a small, sleepy town, a mediocre witch, in a mediocre marriage, tries to pass on her gifts to her twin daughters, who, it becomes immediately apparent, have skills far beyond her own.

'NDiaye at her most dazzling' Katie Kitamura

'This is NDiaye at her disquieting best' *New York Magazine*

Lucie comes from a long line of witches, powers passed down from mother to daughter. Her own mom was formidable in her powers, but ashamed of her magic. Perhaps as a result, Lucie's own gift is weak: she can see into the future, sometimes-but more often, she can only see the present of some other location. Not very useful. And the worst part? All she can ever see are insignificant details - a scrap of outfit, the colour of the sky. Lucie's own children are initiated into their family's peculiar womanhood when they reach twelve years of age, and in a few short months, Maud and Lise are crying the curious tears of blood that denote their magical powers. Having learned, they take off quickly and fly the nest. Literally.

Witty, dreamlike, vaguely unsettling, and utterly enchanting (pun intended), *The Witch* brings the mysteries of womanhood and motherhood into sharp relief and leaves us teetering on the edge, unbalanced by questions as seemingly unbreakable relationships break down left and right.

Who is to blame for family failures? And how can you - can you? - build a nest that no one wants to fly?

Sales Points

- **GROWING TRACTION:** Marie NDiaye's last book was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction and a Best Book of the Year at the *New Yorker*, the *Guardian*, and more. For this exciting first English publication of *The Witch*, we already have interest from *The Paris Review*, which will run both an excerpt and Writers at Work interview.
- **BOOKSELLER FANS:** A growing cadre of booksellers are fans of Marie NDiaye.
- **A CULT BOOK, AVAILABLE AT LAST:** *The Witch* is one of NDiaye's best loved and most read books in France but it has never before appeared in English. We will publish it straight out in this new paperback original format to reach a wider readership.
- **NEW ACTION, NEW VOICE:** NDiaye's last book was filled with stomach-knotting suspense and a dark storyline. *The Witch* has a much more accessible tone, funny, ironic, and relatable, and thus a much wider potential readership. Still, it doesn't compromise on any of the trademark open-ended eeriness that NDiaye fans have come to love. There is a reason it is one of her most successful books in her native France.
- **TARGET CONSUMER:** Readers of psychologically rich, magically read literary fiction about family life like the works of Maylis de Kerangal and Karen Russell. Fans of witty, thought-provoking fiction about mothering, like Rachel Yoder.

Reviews

- '*The Witch* is Marie **NDiaye at her most dazzling**. In this simple, startlingly powerful novel, NDiaye lays out her central themes: familial secrets, power, shame and liberation. NDiaye is one of the greats - **her novels are mesmerizing, wholly singular, completely unforgettable**' - Katie Kitamura, author of *Audition*

Author Biography

Marie NDiaye was born in France in 1967. She published her first novel at seventeen, and has won the Prix Femina (*Rosie Carpe* in 2001) and the Prix Goncourt (*Three Strong Women*, 2009). Her play "Papa Doit Manger" has been taken into the repertoire of the Comédie Française. Her novel *Ladivine* (translated by Jordan Stump) was longlisted for the Booker International Prize in 2016, and in 2020 she was awarded the Prix Marguerite Yourcenar for her entire body of work. She lives in Paris.

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Thema 1.6 **Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB)
Fiction in translation (FYT)
Narrative theme: interior life / psychological fiction (FXM)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**

Format **Demy**

Extent **144 pages**

Word Count

Illustrations **N/A**

In-House Editor **Jasmine Palmer**

Book locale **France**

Author born in **France**

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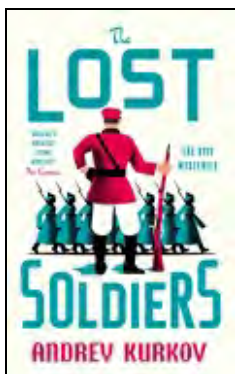


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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Series	The Kyiv Mysteries
Exclusively for Sale	Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
In-House Editor	Paul Engles

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Author born in	Leningrad
Author living in	Ukraine
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Publisher	Publisher

Previous Titles

The Stolen Heart
The Silver Bone
Jimi Hendrix Live in Lviv
Grey Bees
The Bickford Fuse

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The Lost Soldiers

Andrey Kurkov
Translated by **Boris Dralyuk**

Keynote

The third novel in the Kyiv Mysteries series - a historical crime series set in 1919 that began with the International Booker-longlisted *The Silver Bone*

Description

Fresh from a case that has shattered his belief in the regime he works for, Samson Kolehko is confronted with a mystery that borders on the impossible. A troop of Red Army soldiers has disappeared without a trace while visiting the Halytska bathhouse, their abandoned boots and uniforms the only proof that they ever existed.

Faced with such a fantastical conundrum, Samson must resort to a fantastical investigation method: stitching his operative severed ear into a bathhouse worker's jacket, he is able to eavesdrop on his every move. But he discovers far more than he bargained for, and matters are further complicated by the human remains found in the stoves and the presence of a sinister religious cult in the city.

With his quick-witted new wife Nadezhda at his side, Samson must not only solve the case but navigate the political turmoil that still grips Kyiv as civil war looms and trust between neighbours and comrades is eroded day by day. In the third of his Kyiv Mysteries, Andrey Kurkov, Ukraine's greatest living novelist, vividly depicts a city filled with political turbulence and eccentric characters - and draws ominous parallels with the present day.

Translated from the Russian by Boris Dralyuk

Sales Points

- 24,000 copies of Kurkov's Kyiv Mysteries sold in the UK
- The two previous books in the series received widespread positive review coverage in the UK press

Author Biography

Born near Leningrad in 1961, Andrey Kurkov was a journalist, prison warder, cameraman and screenplay-writer before he became well known as a novelist. He received "hundreds of rejections" and was a pioneer of self-publishing, selling more than 75,000 copies of his books in a single year. His novel *Death and the Penguin* became an international bestseller, translated into more than thirty languages. As well as writing fiction for adults and children, he has become known as a commentator and journalist on Ukraine for the international media. His work of reportage, *Ukraine Diaries: Dispatches from Kiev* was followed by the novels *The Bickford Fuse*, *Grey Bees*, and *Jimi Hendrix Live in Lviv* (longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2023), as well as his non-fiction work *Diary of an Invasion* (2022).



Flex Your Feelings

Train Your Brain to Develop the 7 Traits of Emotional Fitness

Dr Emily Anhalt

Keynote

This is *Atomic Habits* for your mental health—a data-driven, step-by-step plan for developing the 7 essential traits of emotional strength necessary to face all of life's challenges and become the best leader, entrepreneur, and human you can be.

Description

A ground-breaking 7-step plan to flex your way to better emotional fitness

The ability to turn off your emotions and focus only on the work might get you to a certain level of success...but it won't sustain you, and it often leads to dire outcomes on a personal and even professional level. Bottom line: if you want to be your best in all aspects of your life, you need to cultivate not just physical strength but emotional intelligence. Is that even possible?

Here's the good news: emotional intelligence can be LEARNED, even if you didn't grow up with good role models, and even if you're not sure how to do it. Dr. Emily Anhalt—psychologist to the Silicon Valley tech elite and founder of Coa, the first "gym" for mental fitness—offers a concrete, 7-step plan to develop the emotional strength and flexibility to cope with all of life's demands and be your best self. You don't have to be a tech billionaire to benefit from a strong, resilient emotional state! But if you want to succeed as an employee, as an entrepreneur, and as a human being, these are skills you can't afford not to cultivate.

Sales Points

- **Leading voice in proactive mental health care:** Emily's writing and ideas have been featured in the *New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *Entrepreneur*, *TechCrunch, Inc.*, *Wired*, *the Washington Post*, *Harvard Business Review*, *the FT*, *Fast Company*, among other outlets, and the term "emotional fitness" has been taken up by leaders and organizations worldwide.
- **Marketing support:** COA, the company she co-founded, and for which serves as Chief Clinical Officer, will promote the book to its 50K+ newsletter subscribers and on its social channels.
- **Professional network:** Emily does regular speaking engagements for companies including Google, Skillshare and Spotify and she is creating a LinkedIn Learning course on the subject of Emotional Fitness, which is likely to reach an audience in the hundreds of thousands.
- **For fans of:** *Burnout* (10k), *How To Do The Work* (38k), *The Mountain is You* (41k) and *Emotional Agility* (18k).
- **US publisher: Putnam**

Reviews

- 'A practical guide to emotional fitness, from a psychologist who works with high-functioning entrepreneurs.' - Scott Galloway, NYU Stern professor of marketing and New York Times bestselling author of *The Algebra of Happiness*
- 'If you've ever found yourself struggling in your professional or personal life, you need to read *Flex Your Feelings*. Dr. Emily Anhalt's data-based plan for building emotional fitness will give you **concrete guidance and exercises for how to make better decisions, navigate challenging situations, and show up as your best self.**' - Liz Fosslien and Mollie West Duffy, co-authors of Wall Street Journal bestseller *No Hard Feelings: The Secret Power of Embracing Emotions at Work*
- 'To advance further in your career—and in your life—you need to cultivate soft skills like empathy, curiosity, and resilience. The good news is these traits can be learned. *Flex Your Feelings* shows you how to build emotional intelligence just like you'd strengthen a muscle at the gym—through exercises, ongoing practice, and intention. It's **a revolutionary and much needed way to think about mental health and burnout—which is good for people and great for business.**' - Erica Keswin, Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *Bring Your Human to Work*
- '*Flex Your Feelings* is **a must-read for any high achiever** who has mastered their professional game but never learned to build emotional strength. Dr. Emily Anhalt's wise and refreshing approach will help you build true resilience without sacrificing your ambition. This science-based, practical guide finally bridges the gap between peak performance and mental wellbeing.' - Melody Wilding, LMSW, author of *Trust Yourself: Stop Overthinking and Channel Your Emotions for Success at Work*

Author Biography

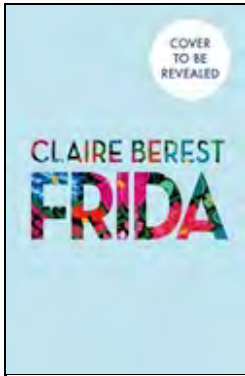
Dr. Emily Anhalt is a clinical psychologist, Emotional Fitness expert, international speaker, author, and the Co-Founder and Chief Clinical Officer of Coa: Your Gym for Mental Health.

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Frida

The award-winning novel about the colourful and captivating life of Frida Kahlo

Claire Berest
Translated by **Stephanie Smee**

Keynote

Translated into English for the first time, Claire Berest's award-winning novel is a striking fictional imagining of the vibrant life of one of the world's most enigmatic and beloved artists: Frida Kahlo.

Description

'The portrait of a fascinating, eccentric, and indomitable woman . . . an incandescent novel' *Elle*
'No author has yet captured Frida's tragic life in words as sensually and passionately as this' *Grazia*
'Claire Berest writes as captivatingly and vividly as Frida Kahlo painted' *Paris Match*

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This is the story of Diego and Frida, who couldn't live without each other.

They meet at a party. She knows everything about him, about his mythology, and he knows nothing of her, she is nobody.

He is Mexico's greatest artist. She drinks like a sailor, wears flowers in her hair, talks openly about sex, loves attending protests and parties to wake the dead. She is from Coyoacán, twenty years his junior and with a broken spine to boot.

Even when her body is wracked with pain, she paints.

There were two great accidents in her life. The first was when that streetcar hit her . . . but by far the worst was meeting him.

Translated into English for the first time, Claire Berest's award-winning novel is a striking fictional imagining of the vibrant life and tumultuous marriage of one of the world's most enigmatic artists: Frida Kahlo.

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING TRANSLATED FICTION:** The 2021 winner of *Elle* magazine's Grand Prix de Lectrices - a prestigious literary prize, voted on by readers. The novel has since been translated into German and Italian, with MLP's edition bringing this bold novel into English for the first time.
- **THE YEAR OF FRIDA KAHLO IN THE UK:** The Tate Modern have just announced a major new Kahlo exhibition, due to run from 25 June 2026 - 4 Jan 2027, bringing 130 of her works to the UK, many for the first time.
- **ICON AND INFLUENCE:** Widely considered the most famous female artist of all time, Frida Kahlo's cultural impact extends far beyond art enthusiasts, as an icon of Mexican cultural heritage and LGBTQ+ history, disability activism and feminism, with her image and inspiration permeating fashion and merchandising.
- **BEHIND A CULT FIGURE:** Written from Frida's perspective, Berest's celebrated novel gives the reader an intimate glimpse into Frida's personal life, pulling back the curtain on her tumultuous relationship with fellow artist Diego Rivera, and introducing a intriguing, bohemian cast of secondary characters.
- **ENGAGED AUSTRALIAN TRANSLATOR:** Stephanie Smee is a highly-celebrated Australian translator, three times shortlisted for the New South Wales Premier's Translation Prize, and winner of the Australian Academy for Humanities Medal for Excellence in Translation, the CWA Crime Fiction in Translation Dagger and the JQ-Wingate Prize. She is available for any ANZ PR/marketing.

Reviews

- 'The portrait of a fascinating, eccentric, and indomitable woman . . . an incandescent novel' - *Elle*
- 'No author has yet captured Frida's tragic life in words as sensually and passionately as this' - *Grazia*
- 'Claire Berest writes as captivatingly and vividly as Frida Kahlo painted' - *Paris Match*
- '[Berest] recounts the passion, art and torment of this long-suffering painter, a magician of colours and priestess of liberated femininity' - *Les Inrocks*

Author Biography



Claire Berest is the author of the novels *Mikado* (2009), *The Empty Orchestra*, *Bellevue* (2016), *Rien n'est noir*, winner of the *ELLE* Readers Grand Prize, and two works of nonfiction, *Class Struggle: Why I Resigned from National Education*, and *Lost Children: An Investigation in the Minors Brigade*. Her most recent novel is *Artifices*.

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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	eight-page black-and-white picture section
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex UK)
Not for Sale	UK
Author born in	UK
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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The Writer and the Traitor

Graham Greene, Kim Philby and the Great Betrayal

Robert Verkaik

Keynote

Robert Verkaik, bestselling author of *The Traitor of Colditz*, explores the enigmatic relationship between the internationally lauded novelist Graham Greene and Kim Philby, Britain's most hated traitor.

Description

The friendship between Graham Greene and Kim Philby is one of the most enigmatic of the twentieth century. Greene, the internationally lauded novelist who wrestled with the themes of faith and betrayal in his work. Philby, the British intelligence-officer-turned-spy for the Soviets, and one of the most reviled men of his era.

The two men met as young MI6 officers, inseparable in war-torn London working together to defeat the Nazis.

But after Greene suddenly resigned just three weeks before D-Day, questions started to arise. He turned back to literature, using his experience in the intelligence services as a backdrop for his novels *Our Man in Havana* and *The Third Man*. Lurking within the pages lay suspicions of his friend, with characters and plots echoing Philby's life. Was Philby the real 'third man'? Did Greene's work contain coded messages and warnings of betrayal to M16?

In this revelatory book, bestselling author Robert Verkaik chronicles their relationship, spanning the defeat of Nazism and the end of the Cold War, right up until Philby's death in 1988. This is more than just a riveting tale of espionage; it is the story of an unusual friendship that survived against all odds. Ultimately, *Greene and Philby* explores the perplexing question that no-one yet has answered: why did Graham Greene remain loyal to Britain's most hated traitor?

Sales Points

- Bestselling history author of *Traitor of Colditz*.
- Ben Macintyre's *A Spy Among Friends* popularised the already well known story of Kim Philby and was turned into an ITV/Amazon Prime series starring Damian Lewis and Guy Pearce.
- Graham Greene is the author of *The Quiet American*, *Brighton Rock* and *The Third Man*, one of the most well known spy novelists (and, indeed, authors) of the twentieth century.
- No one has yet told of the cross-over of these two major figures, despite their story being an astounding look at the intersection of art and life.

Author Biography

Robert Verkaik is an author and award-winning journalist. He was the Home Affairs Editor of the *Independent* and the Security Editor of the *Mail on Sunday*. He is the author of *Defiant: The Untold Story of the Battle of Britain*, *Posh Boys* and *Jihadi John: Making of a Terrorist*, as well as the Sunday Times Bestseller *The Traitor of Colditz*. He is a non-practising barrister and lives in Surrey.

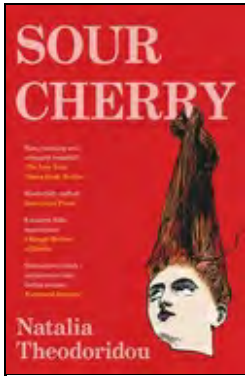
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Sour Cherry

A fiercely haunting gothic horror novel examining gender and power, reimagining the fairytale Bluebeard

Natalia Theodoridou

Keynote

A poignant and polyphonic debut novel examining gender and power through the lens of the French folktale of Bluebeard - perfect for fans of Angela Carter, Carmen Maria Machado and Julia Armfield.

Description

'An extraordinary, hallucinatory accomplishment' **KAREN JOY FOWLER**
 '[A] reminder about what it means to be alive . . . with razor-sharp prose and diction so precise' **MORGAN TALTY**
 'Read it and be changed' **B. PLADEK**

Something terrible has happened.

In a mysterious apartment filled with ghosts, our unnamed narrator attempts to explain this to her child - how do I talk about this? she wonders.

The truth must become something beautiful. We must begin with a fairy tale.

And so she begins to construct a beautiful fairy tale for her child - one that begins with a strange baby boy whose nails grow too fast and whose skin smells of soil. As he grows from a boy into a man, a plague seems to follow him everywhere. Tragedy strikes in cycles - and wife after wife, death after death, plague after plague, every woman he touches becomes a ghost. These ghosts call out desperately to our narrator as she tries to explain, in the very real world, exactly what has happened to her.

And they all agree on one thing, an inescapable truth about this man, this powerful lord who has loved them and led them each to ruin:

If you leave, you die. But if you die, you stay.

A debut novel as emotionally poignant as it is fiercely smart, Sour Cherry is an arresting debut examining toxic masculinity through its chorus of women - deconstructing the idea of what makes someone a monster.

Sales Points

- **CROSSOVER DEBUT:** This novel breaks out Natalia as a debut to watch, deftly navigating across genres making this story accessible to readers of crossover literary fiction. Perfect for fans of books and films that focus on violence against women (IN THE DREAM HOUSE by Carmen Maria Machado; PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN dir. Emerald Fennell) or use familiar fairytales to explore societal issues (GINGERBREAD by Helen Oyeyemi; THE BLOODY CHAMBER by Angela Carter).
- **LITERARY RETELLING:** The French tale of Bluebeard goes as far back as 1696 and is about a wealthy man who murders a successive series of wives and the attempts of the latest one to avoid the fate of her predecessors. The story has long been regarded as fable about female curiosity and obedience.
- **INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN:** Wildfire will be publishing simultaneously with Tin House in the US, working closely to make this an unmissable campaign. The book's bold, in-your-face handling of topical issues will appeal to younger audiences as well as female-focused readers across the globe.
- **POWERFUL THEMES:** This novel explores the insidious means by which gender distinctions and power imbalances allow abuse become normalised in relationships, the excuses we make for bad people in our lives, and the reasons we stay with them even after they hurt us.

Reviews

- 'Natalia Theodoridou's novel *Sour Cherry* delivers its story - the gentle truth or reminder about what it means to be alive, what it means to feel - with razor-sharp prose and diction so precise it is impossible to misunderstand. **Reading *Sour Cherry* did not remind me of great writers. No. It was like I discovered a new one.** 'Masterwork' is used so often when discussing a book, and so I'm not going to say it's a masterwork: ***Sour Cherry* is diamond work, a treasure chest filled with objects from another world but made familiar to any reader.** Only a standout, talented writer can pull this off. ***Sour Cherry* is a remarkable novel, and one I will never forget.** ' - Morgan Talty, author of NIGHT OF THE LIVING REZ
- 'A murder ballad sung in a dark room - it's **slow, haunting and strangely beautiful** . . . Theodoridou's **lyrical prose** takes otherwise disposable lines and turns them into poetry . . . this hallucinatory novel is **a sad, violent, horrible delight.**' - *New York*

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- 'If you love Kelly Link, Angela Carter, and Carmen Maria Machado, then Natalia Theodoridou is your new favorite author. **Sour Cherry is a hell of an impressive debut. Subversive, haunting, fantastical but all too real and relevant.**' - Benjamin Percy, author of THE NINTH METAL
- '**Masterfully crafted** . . . Like a magic eye picture, *Sour Cherry* is a horror or thriller when viewed at one angle but, tilted ever so slightly, it's a myth, legend or bedtime story. It's a tale of buried pain personified as a curse, a beast, a pestilence that follows the family, the bloodline. The fairy tale style only serves to make the truths within it truer. **Beautiful and harrowing** . . . With a **writing style that had me mesmerised from the first page**, Theodoridou has an **amazing talent for storytelling** that's so effective that the ending - while predictable and maybe even unavoidable - still **stunned me and moved me to tears.**' - *Associated Press*
- '**This gorgeous book will enthrall you like a spell that you cannot nor will you wish to escape. An extraordinary, hallucinatory accomplishment.**' - Karen Joy Fowler, author of BOOTH
- '**A folktale, a whisper, and a dream all at once, Theodoridou's debut is beautifully told in rhythmic, singing prose. Sour Cherry is unforgettable - one of my absolute favorites of the year.**' - Rory Power, author of WILDER GIRLS
- 'A Bluebeard retelling of profound beauty and wisdom, *Sour Cherry* shows us how abuse traps people in stories that help them excuse it - but also survive. Theodoridou is a novelist with a poet's ear and a playwright's nose for irony. **His prose is lyric, yet exquisitely controlled: every word feels necessary and inevitable.** Like Angela Carter, he uses fairy tale to trace the dark undercurrents of human desire. But *Sour Cherry* transcends the form of the fairy tale retelling. **It moves like a dance, resonates like a chorus; you wake from it as from a dream. Read it and be changed.**' - B. Pladek, author of DRY LAND
- '**Haunting** . . . **simmers with dark enchantment and Gothic menace** . . . The language is **atmospheric** and **surprising** . . . the characters are **inventive** in chronicle nested fairy tales and unsettling metamorphoses.' - *Foreword Reviews, 'Starred Review'*
- '**Unputdownable and haunting** . . . In his thrilling debut, Natalia Theodoridou asks: Why and how do bad men wield power over their victims, over bystanders, over the stories we tell ourselves? How is violence justified? **I didn't want to put this book down, and now that I've turned the last page, I'll be haunted by it forever.**' - Eman Quotah, author of THE NIGHT IS NOT FOR YOU
- '**Gorgeously written and stunningly good.**' - Allison Epstein, author of LET THE DEAD BURY THE DEAD
- '*Sour Cherry* is a song you think you've heard before, but never in this voice. This story knows how dreadful longing is, and how cruel hope, how loving and being loved makes monsters. With **bitter irony and utter, intoxicating sincerity** in every sentence, Theodoridou opens the body of an old story with a knife, and makes of it a house for you to be haunted in. **A magnificent novel and, unbelievably, a debut - you must read this as soon as you can.**' - Vajra Chandrasekera, author of THE SAINT OF BRIGHT DOORS
- '**A scorching ghost story** . . . **This dark allegory will linger in readers' minds.**' - *Publishers Weekly*
- '**Captivating from the first page to the last**, *Sour Cherry* is a haunting novel that weighs in with *Wuthering Heights*, *Jane Eyre*, *The Turn of the Screw* and the very best of Angela Carter - but Theodoridou writes with a magnetic strangeness that is all his own. **Not many can pull off what he has**, bringing new blood to folktale archetypes, blending mystery with a burgeoning, inevitable dread. **Heartbreaking and tender, Sour Cherry is a dark delight. It's so damn good I'm already looking forward to reading it again.**' - Natasha Calder, author of WHETHER VIOLENT OR NATURAL
- '**A modern fable masterpiece.**' - *Chicago Review of Books, 'Our Most Anticipated 2025 Books'*
- '**Atmospheric** . . . a Bluebeard's Wife-esque fairy tale horror that questions monstrosity, masculinity, romance, and power . . . **deeply affecting and unsettling.**' - *Reactor, '30 SFF Titles to Look Forward to in 2025'*
- '**A vicious, beautiful piece of work that will cling to you like a ghost.**' - *Den of Geeks*

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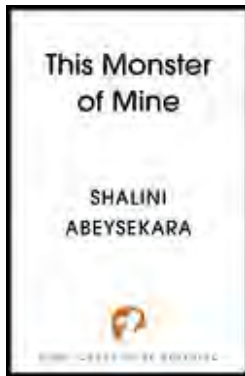


Author Biography

Natalia Theodoridou is a queer and transmasculine writer whose stories have appeared in venues such as Kenyon Review, The Cincinnati Review, Ninth Letter, and Strange Horizons, and have been translated into Italian, French, Greek, Estonian, Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic. He won the 2018 World Fantasy Award for Short Fiction and the 2022 Emerging Writer Award by Moniack Mhor & The Bridge Awards, and has been a finalist for the Nebula award multiple times. He holds a PhD in Media and Cultural Studies from SOAS, University of London. Born in Greece, with roots in Georgia, Russia, and Turkey, he currently lives in the UK.

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This Monster of Mine

The searingly seductive and addictive enemies-to-lovers romantasy

Shalini Abeysekara

Keynote

The first book in an Ancient Rome-inspired, dark romantasy duology, in which a young woman seeks vengeance for an attempted murder ... her own

Description

She knows the taste of death. He'll stoke her hunger for it.

Eighteen-year-old Sarai doesn't know why someone tried to kill her four years ago, but she does know that her case was closed without justice. Hellbent on vengeance, she returns to the scene of the crime as a Petitor, a prosecutor who can magically detect lies, and is assigned to work with Tetrarch Kadra. Ice-cold and perennially sadistic, Kadra is the most vicious of the four judges who rule the land - and the prime suspect in a string of deaths identical to Sarai's attempted murder.

Certain of his guilt, Sarai begins a double life: solving cases with Kadra by day and plotting his ruin by night. But Kadra is charming and there's something alluring about the wrath he wields against the city's corruption. So when the evidence she finds embroils her in a deadly political battle, Sarai must also fight against her attraction to Kadra - because despite his growing hold on her heart, his voice matches the only memory she has of her assailant...

A dazzling Ancient Rome-inspired romantasy debut, *This Monster of Mine* is a bloodbath of manipulation, deception, and forbidden love.

Sales Points

- A lushly decadent and thrilling romantasy from a brilliant, very promotable new voice in the genre
- Tropes: enemies-to-lovers, slow burn romance; forced proximity, stabby heroines, villains who get the girl, vengeance plots, morally grey characters
- Perfect for fans of Carissa Broadbent, Sarah A. Parker, Jennifer Armentrout, Rebecca Yarros

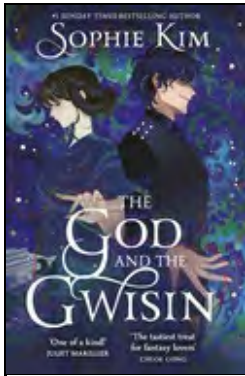
Reviews

- 'Abeysekara's debut fuses romance, fantasy, history, and legal thriller into a uniquely strong combination. The difference between legality and truth, anger as fuel for both violence and justice, the willingness to ignore or embrace the faults in a partner, and the corrupting force of money in politics play just as key a role as the slow-burn romance and the thoughtful magic system. Sarai's permanent scarring from the attack is both plot-important and handled naturalistically. **A relentless and beautifully balanced romantasy/legal thriller, offering blood and hope in equal measures.** Recommended for fans of any of the genres it borrows from' - Library Journal (starred review)

Author Biography

Shalini Abeysekara is a neurodivergent woman of color and a former lawyer based in Hamilton, Canada. She enjoys using fantasy as a mirror to interrogate both government policies and the bizarre workings of the business world. She is passionate about depicting other neurodivergent women of color reckoning with themselves and their place in a world that tells them they're too much or not enough. When not glued to the screen for some escapist purpose or the other, you'll find her attempting to re-create famous desserts, doomscrolling, or both. She still can't believe she's an adult and hopes you don't either.

This Monster of Mine is her debut novel.



The God and the Gwisin

The much anticipated, page-turning sequel to *The God and the Gwisin*

Sophie Kim

Keynote

In the sequel to *The God and the Gumiho*, a trickster god must work with his reincarnated lost love to solve the mystery of his brother's murder on board a luxury underworld cruise ship in this charming and clever contemporary fantasy romance.

Description

Can reincarnated love ever be the same?

Seokga the No-Longer-Fallen is looking for his love. Since he lost Hani nothing has felt right - and he's been desperately searching for her reincarnated form ever since.

When the red thread of fate finally leads Seokga to a cruise down the river of the dead, the woman he finds isn't Hani . . . her name is Yoo Kisa, and she has no memory of Seokga - and no interest in regaining it either.

But then the Heavenly Emperor is murdered aboard the ship, and it falls to Seokga and Kisa to solve the crime before the cruise ends. As the mystery draws them closer, they will have to decide what they truly mean to each other.

The fate of their world might just depend on it. . .

'The tastiest treat for fantasy lovers' **CHLOE GONG**

Sales Points

- **ADULT CONTEMPORARY FANTASY SEQUEL:** A follow up set in the same world as *The God and the Gumiho*, with a brand new set of characters and the return of some familiar faces: witty, effortlessly charming, and unendingly romantic.
- **FANTASY MURDER MYSTERY ON A CRUISE SHIP:** HOTEL DEL LUNA meets DEATH ON THE NILE. It takes place on a cruise ship that journeys along the underworld's river... There's a new murder mystery, shenanigans galore, and a very cute infant god.

Reviews

- 'The tastiest treat for fantasy lovers . . . Following the perfect drama between two sneaky immortals, *The God and the Gumiho* glows with its supernatural antics and sumptuous world' - *Chloe Gong, #1 New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights*
- 'Korean folklore, murder mystery, and a quirky love/hate story combine in this highly entertaining novel. *The God and the Gumiho* is one of a kind!' - *Juliet Marillier, author of the Sevenwaters series and the Blackthorn & Grim series*

Author Biography

Sophie Kim has a penchant for writing stories that feature mythology, monsters, mystery, and magic. Her work includes young adult novels such as the *Talons Series* and books on the adult spectrum such as *The God and the Gumiho*.

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The Impossible Garden of Clara Thorne the ethereal new fantasy romance set in a magical garden

Summer N. England

Keynote

A delightful cosy romantasy in which a stubborn garden witch and her broody bodyguard must embark on a perilous quest which will unearth many secrets, including their own . . .

Description

'A stunningly magical and sexy debut' - Rebecca Thorne, bestselling author of *You Can't Spell Treason Without Tea*

Love grows in the most unimaginable of places . . .

After a lonely childhood, Clara Thorne is finally living "happily ever after" as the magically-gifted gardener for the town of Moss. Sure, her closest companion is a surly hedgehog, and she's forever stuck on the first line of her novel, but she has a *home*. That is, until The Goddess chooses Clara for an important quest-travel to the cursed town of Dwindle and grow them a garden. In less than a month.

Only Clara's hiding a terrible secret: her magic doesn't work outside Moss. Worse, The Goddess has assigned the absurdly sexy, annoyingly cheerful Hesper Altanfall to keep her safe. Clara would rather eat thorns than accept help-especially since Hesper insists that Clara's magic is bound to her heart, not her home.

Nevertheless, the two can't help growing closer as they traverse enchanted woods and share tavern beds. But with an ancient evil threatening from the shadows, saving Dwindle will require more than enchanted crops. Clara will need to unearth a magic she's always believed impossible.

Enchantment is in the air in this sweet, spicy queer fantasy romance for fans of *The Spellshop* and *The Princess Bride*.

Sales Points

- Author is hugely popular BookTokker/internet personality (200k+ followers on Instagram; 335k+ following on Tiktok) whose brand is Hobbit-y and cottagecore - audience is perfectly aligned with this title
- A spicy queer romance set in a cosy, lush, escapist secondary world - combines the best parts of cosy fantasy and romantasy. This is a book for anyone who's ever thought - what if the Shire had more spice??
- Perfect for readers of THE SPELLSHOP, LEGENDS AND LATTES, CAN'T SPELL TREASON WITHOUT TEA, and THE HONEY WITCH

Reviews

- 'A stunningly magical and sexy debut. Clara and Hesper are the couple I've been waiting for-powerfully magical enemies to lovers, with a slow burn that ignited the entire book. Couple that with a beautifully whimsical world full of mermaids and orcs and fae, animal companions I was dying to snuggle (but carefully, because hedgehog), and an edge of looming darkness, and I was *hooked*.' - *Rebecca Thorne, bestselling author of You Can't Spell Treason Without Tea*
- 'Warm and wonderful! *The Impossible Garden of Clara Thorne* is the kind of book that blossoms in your heart!' - *Sarah Beth Durst, New York Times bestselling author of The Spellshop*

Author Biography

Summer England is indeed her real name. When she's not blabbering on stage and writing off stage, you can find her doing quite literally 17,000 different ADHD-motivated projects around the house, watercolouring, playing the decidedly evil pirate to her kid's morally gray pirate, reading whilst walking, and *not* sitting still while watching *When Harry Met Sally* for the 6th time in one day.

The Impossible Garden of Clara Thorne is her debut novel.

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The Wicked Sea

the utterly addictive enemies-to-lovers mermaid romantasy sensation

Jordan Stephanie Gray

Keynote

From the author of *Bitten* comes an adult romantasy in which a magically bound mermaid and warlock must journey to the ocean's darkest depths to claim the fabled heart of the God of Death - if they can survive the wrath of their enemies . . . and each other.

Description

In this dark and sultry, enemies-to-lovers romantasy, a mermaid battles hatred and lust for the wretched warlock who saved her life.

On the run from a dangerous captor and years of abuse, Mermaid Zephyra of the Syl has shed her tail, grown legs, and hidden herself on land in the merrow-loathing kingdom of Mortia, left to steal and barter on the dirty streets. But her freedom is short-lived when she's caught and sentenced to death by the brutal warlock, Arion Stone.

Arion is as beautiful as he is cold and deadly, only interested in punishing the merrow he views as evil. He has grown as strong as any warlock might, but at great personal cost...which can only be remedied by the heart of the God of Death, lost to a fabled kingdom beneath the ocean's treacherous depths.

So Arion offers Zephyra a deal she can't refuse; help him find the mystical heart, and he'll spare her life. With no other options, Zephyra agrees, entangling their souls and forbidden desires in a magical bargain until death do they part.

But their enemies are circling, and if Zephyra and Arion can't learn to fight together-and trust each other-there are worse things awaiting them than just death.

Sales Points

- **MERMAID ROMANTASY:** gorgeous, magical romantasy set under the sea, with a desperate mermaid who becomes inextricably bonded to a dangerous warlock, as they fight for their futures.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF BITTEN, ADALYN GRACE AND ALEXANDRA CHRISTO**

Author Biography

Jordan Stephanie Gray is the debut author of *Bitten* and a long time daydreamer of the fantastical and the romantic. Prior to writing professionally, she spent most of her young adult life consuming any book she could get her hands on - especially if said book had lots of kissing. Local to Florida, though sadly the part of the state without any hot supernatural men, she spends her time either camped outside on her laptop or in front of the television with her four dogs, partner, and child.

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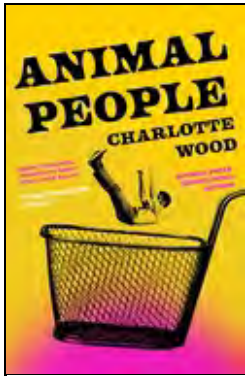
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Stone Yard Devotional (2023)
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Animal People

the critically acclaimed early novel by the Booker Prize-shortlisted author of *Stone Yard Devotional*

Charlotte Wood

Keynote

A sharply observed 24-hour urban love story, from the Booker Prize-shortlisted author of *Stone Yard Devotional* and *The Weekend*.

Description

Charlotte Wood's critically-acclaimed early novel, now published outside of Australia for the first time.

Stephen is having the worst day of his life.

On a stiflingly hot summer morning, he has decided it's time to break up with his girlfriend Fiona. He's 39, aimless and unfulfilled, but without a clue how to make his life better. All he has are his instincts - and they may be his downfall.

Making his way through the pitiless city and the hours of a single day, Stephen must endure another shift of his dead-end job at Sydney zoo, fend off the relentless demands of his family, and face up to Fiona's aggressive ex-husband.

As an ordinary day unravels into an existential crisis, Stephen begins to understand - perhaps too late - that love is not a trap, and only he can free himself.

Sales Points

- **A LITERARY STAR** Charlotte Wood is the Booker-shortlisted author of *Stone Yard Devotional*, the Stella Prize-winning author of *The Natural Way of Things* and the internationally bestselling author of *The Weekend*. She is one of Australia's most celebrated and successful contemporary writers, now beloved by international readers, too.
- **A NEW GEM, NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED IN THE UK** *Animal People* has been published in Australia to great acclaim and success, but this is the first time it is finding a proper UK audience. An opportunity for more readers to discover the depths of Charlotte's talent.
- **A SCORCHING SUMMER READ** Set over the course of one hot day, *Animal People* is an intelligent, sharply hilarious and compulsive summer read, exploring real relationships and contemporary city life.

Reviews

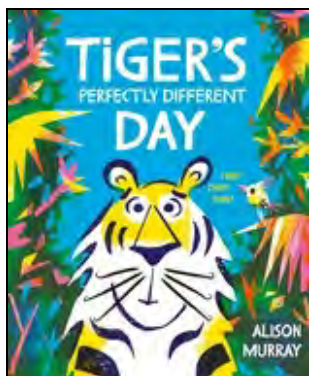
- 'Charlotte Wood is one of our finest and most chameleonic writers . . . This is a beautiful, resounding tale of an ordinary man flailing. It's superb storytelling' - *The Australian*
- 'This is a compelling and ultimately moving novel that cements Wood's place as one of the most intelligent and compassionate novelists in Australia' - *The Age*
- 'When I finished, I wanted to start it all over again' - *Sydney Morning Herald*
- 'Wood is a consummate observer of the human condition' - *Australian Book Review*
- 'It made me laugh and cry. What more could you ask for?' - *Readings Monthly*

Author Biography

Charlotte Wood is the author of seven novels and three books of non-fiction. Her novel *Stone Yard Devotional* was shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize and was selected by the *New York Times* as one of their 10 best books of 2025. Earlier novels include *The Natural Way of Things*, which won the 2016 Stella Prize and was joint winner of the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction, and *The Weekend*, which was an international bestseller. Her features and essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Guardian*, *Literary Hub* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, among others. Charlotte lives in Sydney with her husband.

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Tiger's Perfectly Different Day

Alison Murray

Keynote

A vibrant, fun-filled story about one grumpy tiger and a fabulously fluffy chick!

Description

A delightful story about one grumpy tiger who is stuck in his routine, and the fabulously fluffy chick who shakes up his day!

Tiger loves his forest life. Each day is perfect, because each day is exactly the same as the one before. But when a warm summer breeze blows a teeny-weeny, fluffy-wuffy chick into his tree, Tiger's routine is thrown into chaos, and he is NOT happy.

Can the adventurous Little Foofaraw help Tiger to overcome his fear of the unknown and discover all of the wonders that the forest has to offer?

This fun-filled story of friendship and bravery is perfect for anyone who has ever been afraid of change.

Sales Points

- Bold, vibrant artwork featuring two loveable characters in an eye-catching rainforest setting.
- This warm and reassuring story is perfect for children who are anxious about new experiences, and shows that even tigers have a wobble from time to time!
- Alison's books have been shortlisted for multiple awards in the UK, including the Scottish Children's Book Award twice.

Author Biography

Alison Murray grew up in Lanarkshire near Glasgow and studied Textile Design at Glasgow School of Art. After graduating, she moved to London and did a variety of jobs, including working as a bookseller and rug designer, before completing a MA in Design for Interactive Media at Middlesex University.

Having co-founded a successful Interactive media company, Alison moved back to Scotland where she now works as a full-time illustrator. She has a string of successful picture books to her name, including *Hare and Tortoise* and *Apple Pie ABC*, both shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards. Alison lives in Glasgow with her husband and their dog.

Publication date	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408369784
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage emotions: Courage, bravery, hope (YXEL) Children's picture books (YBC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) 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	295x240
Extent	32 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
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Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Publication date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781804539880
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Association football (Soccer) (YNWD1)
CBMC	B5M79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; Cent & S Am

Football Stories: Ødegaard

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

Discover Martin Ødegaard's story, from a football-mad kid to Arsenal's captain! This fully-illustrated book is great for young football fans.

Description

Say hi to Martin Ødegaard! This fully illustrated independent and unofficial picture book tells his story for young readers. Find out how he grew up, how he became Norway's youngest international player, and how he went on to glory as captain of Arsenal. With simple, engaging text and lots of fun full-colour illustrations based on *Football Superstars: Ødegaard*, this is perfect for young readers.

Sales Points

- Based on the text and illustrations from the best-selling *Football Superstars: Ødegaard* Rules non-fiction chapter book, by superstar creators Simon Mugford and Dan Green.
- Simple text and full-colour pictures filled with recognisable football stars make this a must for any young Ødegaard fan.
- Gives young and reluctant readers a great way to explore Ødegaard's story.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)

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

Dan Green (Illustrator)

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

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Ninja Bunnies vs the Big Bad Fox Book 1: A hilarious and colourful adventure story

Jake Hopkins (Illustrated By Alex Patrick)

Keynote

Super cute ... and super deadly! This hilarious, action-packed series - full of high kicks and hijinks - is perfect for newly independent readers.

Description

Super cute ... and super deadly! This hilarious, action-packed series - full of high kicks and hijinks - is perfect for newly independent readers.

HAI-YAHH! The Ninja Bunnies are kicking and flipping into action to protect Dandelion Wood from a new nemesis: Big Bad Fox.

Ninjas-in-training Clover and Sage will need to master their ninja kicks and carrot nunchucks quickly, because the Big Bad Fox is feeling very, very hungry . . .

With dynamic and eye-catching orange and black illustrations by Alex Patrick, this action-packed adventure story will be enjoyed by all the family.

Sales Points

- Hilarious orange and black illustrations throughout, with dynamic graphic-novel style text design.
- Exciting, action-packed adventures that are perfect for reading alone or reading aloud.
- Themes of teamwork and growth mindset, as Clover and Sage work hard to improve their ninja skills.
- Cute but tough bunnies have unisex appeal.
- High-interest theme with low word count make this series perfect for newly independent readers.

Author Biography

Jake Hopkins (Author)

Jake Hopkins lives in Australia with his family, but sadly no pet bunnies.. He has always wanted to be a ninja.

Alex Patrick (Illustrator)

Alex Patrick was born in Dartford, Kent, in the South-East of England and has been drawing for as long as he can remember. His lifelong love for cartoons, picture books and comics has shaped him into the passionate children's illustrator he is today.

Publication date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408375419
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP) Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ) Children's / Teenage general interest: Rodents and rabbits (YNNJ31) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject Type	Fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 181x129
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Series	Ninja Bunnies
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	Australia

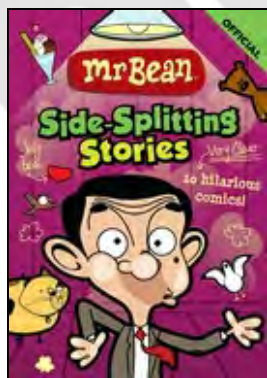
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Mr Bean's Side-Splitting Stories 10 hilarious comics

Official Mr Bean

Keynote

Bring Mr Bean's world of mischief, mayhem and giggles home today. It's comic mayhem you won't want to put down!

Description

A laugh-out-loud comic collection for kids aged 7-10!

Get ready for uncontrollable giggles with *Mr Bean's Side-Splitting Stories* - a riotous collection of 10 original comic strip adventures featuring the world's most loveable oddball!

From a Halloween mud fight, to stink bomb survival and a stolen monkey . . . it's loaded with mischief, mayhem and giggles.

Packed with full-colour illustrations, visual gags and classic Mr Bean chaos, this book is perfect for young readers, reluctant readers, or anyone who loves a bit of silly fun.

Featuring:

10 hilarious comic stories, starring Mr Bean and based on episodes from the hit animated series.

Bright, full-colour pages with easy-to-follow panels

Perfect for fans of *Mr Bean* - from TV to cartoons to comics!

Encourages reading through humour and visual storytelling

Great for travel, bedtime or screen-free fun

Perfect for . . .

Kids aged 7-10

Reluctant readers and visual learners

Mr Bean fans (young and old!)

Parents looking for funny, safe and engaging content

Birthday, holiday or stocking-filler gifts.

Sales Points

- **Official publishing for the globally recognised Mr Bean brand** - *Mr Bean: The Animated series* has been sold into more than 240 territories, worldwide, and enjoys unrivalled global brand awareness (85+%).
- **Eye-catching, accessible format** - 10 comic adventures, based on episodes of the hit animated series, refreshed jacket design and strong visual humour, to appeal to readers of Beano, Bunny vs Monkey and other visually-led, comedic brands.
- Mr Bean brand benefits from an enormous digital reach:
 - **Over 100+ million** YouTube subscribers (total, across all channels globally)
 - **148 + million** Facebook followers
 - **10 + million** Instagram followers
- Strong intergenerational appeal makes for great gifting potential - brand appeals to families, children and nostalgic adults, giving unrivalled broad age-demo reach.
- Brand has remained in continual global distribution for more than 35 years, with licensing showing strong growth into all sectors.

Author Biography

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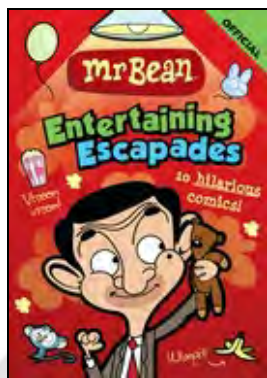
Launched in 2002, *Mr Bean: The Animated Series* has introduced the character to a new generation of fans, combining classic physical comedy with fresh storytelling.

Publication date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹399
Main Identifier	9781408376140
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Stories Inspired by or adapted from other media (YFZV) Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)
CBMC	C3N69
Age	7-9 years
Subject Type	Fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 210x148
Extent	40 pages
Word Count	
Series	Mr Bean
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Mr Bean's Terrific Tales
Mr Bean's Entertaining Escapades
Mr Bean's Absurd Adventures
Mr Bean's Joke Book

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
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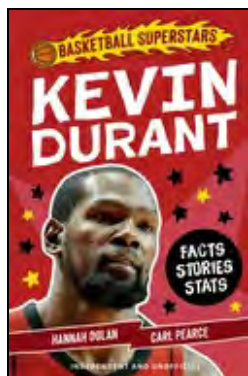
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Price	£6.99 / ₹399
Main Identifier	9781408376133
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ) Children's / Teenage fiction: Stories Inspired by or adapted from other media (YFZV) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)
CBMC	C3N69
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	210x148
Extent	40 pages
Word Count	
Series	Mr Bean
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Mr Bean's Terrific Tales
Mr Bean's Absurd Adventures
Mr Bean's Joke Book
Mr Bean's Side-Splitting Stories

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



Basketball Superstars: Kevin Durant

Hannah Dolan

Keynote

Discover Kevin Durant's amazing story in this fully illustrated non-fiction chapter book for all of Kevin's fans.

Description

Discover Kevin Durant's amazing story in this fully illustrated non-fiction chapter book for all of Kevin's fans.

Kevin Durant is a scoring machine who can shoot from anywhere on the court and dominate with his size, skill, and versatility. Follow his journey from a standout high school player to an NBA superstar, and track all of his key stats along the way! This fun chapter book is packed with original illustrations showing every step of his rise to greatness.

Inside, you'll find real-life quotes, stories about his teammates and rivals, and tons of amazing stats. It's the perfect book for anyone who wants to learn more about this incredible player.

Sales Points

- Kevin Durant has won two NBA championships, four Olympic gold medals, an NBA Most Valuable Player Award, two Finals MVP Awards, been named to 11 All-NBA teams (including six First Teams), and has selected 15 times as an NBA All-Star.
- This title includes fantastic original illustrations on almost every page.
- Simple, clear text and tons of bite-size facts and stats make this book ideal for early and reluctant readers - but it's in-depth enough for any young fan to enjoy.

Author Biography

Hannah Dolan is a writer and editor with more than 15 years' experience creating all kinds of children's publishing, including *New York Times* bestsellers and a children's history of the Olympics.

Publication date	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Price	£8.95 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781804539361
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Basketball (YNWD4) Children's / Teenage general interest: Biography and autobiography (YNB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ)

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	128 pages
Word Count	
Series	Basketball Superstars
Exclusively for Sale	Can; Carib; Mex; S Am; USA
Not for Sale	RoW

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The Magic Pet Shop Stories: Pugicorn Saves the Show

Book four in a new chapter book series

Matilda Rose (Illustrated By Tim Budgen)

Keynote

Princess Ava and Pugicorn are stepping into the spotlight for this magical adventure! The fourth book in a new series for young readers featuring the stars from the *Pugicorn* picture books.

Description

At the *Magic Pet Shop*, adorable magical animals need help! Luckily, Princess Ava and Pugicorn are always ready to lend a hand.

Twinkleton-Under-Beanstalk is having a talent show, and Princess Ava and Pugicorn have been working hard on their act! But their practice is put on pause when a shy Koalacorn comes in and needs help with her confidence.

Even worse, the first place trophy goes missing! Can Princess Ava and Pugicorn find it before the curtain goes up? And will Koalacorn be brave enough to join in?

PUGICORN SAVES THE SHOW is the next book in the enchanting new series of chapter books from the creators of *The Magic Pet Shop* picture books. With accessible text and adorable illustrations throughout, this is perfect for newly independent and developing readers.

Discover more books in *The Magic Pet Shop Stories* series:

Pugicorn to the Rescue
Pugicorn's Sleepover Surprise
Pugicorn's Snowy Friend
Pugicorn Saves the Show
Pugicorn's Mermaid Mystery
Pugicorn's Christmas Dragon

Sales Points

- A new series for readers 5+ from the creators of *The Magic Pet Shop* series, which has sold over 400k copies worldwide
- A heartwarming story about helping others and being yourself - delivered with fun and charm
- Short chapters are perfect for newly independent readers, or for sharing aloud
- Features adorable black and white illustrations

Author Biography

Matilda Rose (Author)

Matilda Rose is the author of *The Magic Pet Shop* series - *Pugicorn*, *La-La-Llama*, *Kitticorn* and more fun-filled adventures set in a fairy tale world and featuring different magical pets. With important messages about sharing, kindness, trying your best and being yourself, *The Magic Pet Shop* books combine sparkle, fun and heart!

Tim Budgen (Illustrator)

Tim Budgen is a freelance illustrator and Art teacher. He's illustrated *Pugicorn* and the *Magic Pet Shop* series, the *Lizzie* and *Lucky* series by Megan Rix, *20 Dinosaurs at Bedtime* by Mark Sperring and many more amazing children's books. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island, England, with his wife Julia.

Publication date	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408374191
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Action and adventure stories (YFC) Children's / Teenage fiction: Fantasy (YFH) Children's / Teenage fiction: Magical realism / Magical fantasy (YFHD) Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP) Children's / Teenage general interest: Pets and pet care: Dogs (YNNH1) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)

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

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	The Magic Pet Shop Stories
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Previous books in *The Magic Pet Shop Stories* series include:
Pugicorn to the Rescue
Pugicorn's Sleepover Surprise
Pugicorn's Snowy Friend

The best-selling picture book series includes:

Pugicorn
Pugicorn and the Christmas Wish
Pugicorn and Hugicorn
Pugicorn and the Lovebug



Football Spy: Red Card Book 1 (by the bestselling author of Unbelievable Football)

Matt Oldfield

Keynote

Ethan Fox is living a double life. He isn't just a talented academy player - he's also a spy! A thrilling adventure set in the world of elite football by the multimillion bestseller and author of 2026 World Book Day title *Unbelievable Football*. For fans of *Alex Rider* and Tom Palmer's *Football Academy*, and players of EA SPORTS FC Career Mode!

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"Do you have what it takes when the time comes, agent? If you miss, there are no second chances."

When Ethan Fox gets scouted by an elite football academy, it's his last hope to make it as a pro. But all is not what it seems.

Recruited by the mysterious Department Eleven, he's drawn deeper into the deadly world of spying - uncovering a scandal that could rock the sport he loves.

And the truth might cost Ethan more than just his football career . . . This game is life or death.

An action-packed fiction series perfect for fans of football and books about spies, aged 9-13+ boys and girls!

*****Unbelievable Football is a 2026 WORLD BOOK DAY title!*****

*****Matt Oldfield has sold over 3 million books!*****

Sales Points

- Two massive hooks - football and spying. High interest themes perfect for reluctant readers.
- A unique combination of aspirational spy adventure and relatable football action.
- First in a new fiction series by the bestselling author of *Unbelievable Football*.
- Unisex appeal thanks to strong female characters.
- Series launch to coincide with the 2026 World Cup.

Author Biography

Matt Oldfield is the author of the *Unbelievable Football* series (winner of the 2020 Children's Sports Book of the Year) and the *Johnny Ball: Football Genius* series, as well as the co-author of the bestselling *Ultimate Football Heroes* and *Football GOAT* series. He has also worked with Lioness Beth Mead on her children's book, *Roar*, which won the 2024 Children's Sports Book of the Year award. To date, his books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

Publication date	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781444981605
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Sporting stories (YFR) Children's / Teenage fiction: Action and adventure stories (YFC) Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Association football (Soccer) (YNWD1) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)

CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	288 pages
Word Count	
Series	Football Spy
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

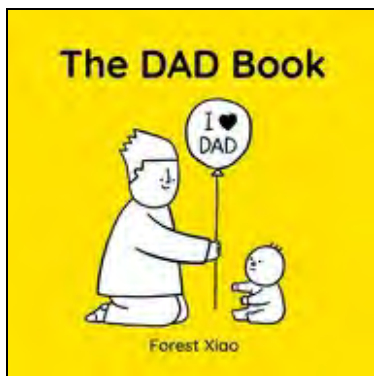
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Publication date **Thursday, April 23, 2026**
 Price **£9.99 / ₹699**
 Main Identifier **9781408374115**
 Thema 1.6 **Children's picture books (YBC) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**

CBMC **A3M79**
 Age **0-5 years**
 Subject **Fiction**
 Type **Picture Book**
 Character **Non-character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**
 Format **180x180**
 Depth **10mm**
 Extent **32 pages**
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The Dad Book

Forest Xiao

Keynote

A sweet and heartwarming book that captures the joy, wonder and tiredness of being a new parent - the perfect gift for Father's Day!

Description

*You made me brave.
 You made me awake.
 You made me whole.*

You made me your DAD.

Becoming a dad is a journey like no other. Celebrate the magic of fatherhood with this delightfully relatable, funny and heartfelt book. Packed full of love, The Dad Book perfectly captures the wonder of being a parent.

From Forest Xiao, author of How to Catch an Idea and 2023 graduate of the Cambridge MA in Children's Illustration - shortlisted for the Macmillan Prize, the Sebastian Walker Prize and the Batsford Prize.

Sales Points

- An instantly relatable look at the magic of fatherhood from image maker and storyteller, Forest Xiao
- Funny, warm and beautifully observed, this heartfelt book captures the complex joy of becoming a new parent
- The first title in Forest Xiao's gift book publishing strand, with a second to follow in 2027
- The perfect gift for all dads everywhere!

Author Biography

Forest Xiao is an image maker, storyteller, treasure finder, and new mother. She has lived in China, Germany, USA, UK, and Malaysia, which nourished her open heart and free spirit. She loves connecting with people and hearing stories. Forest aspires to create books that are life-giving, convey a sense of wonder and spark humour.

Forest obtained a BA in Graphic Design at Camberwell College of Art which led her to children's publishing. Then she found a sweet community on the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Graduating in 2023, Forest was a runner-up for the Sebastian Walker Prize 2023, highly commended by the 2022 Macmillan Prize for Children's Picture Book Illustration, and shortlisted for the Batsford Prize 2023. Forest was also one of the 2023 Bologna Illustrators Exhibition Winners.

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How to Raise a Gentle Man

A guide for parents and carers who want to raise kind, emotionally intelligent and respectful boys

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

Keynote

A book for anybody raising a boy, of any age, who would like to grow a kind, respectful and gentle man.

Description

From birth we treat boys differently to girls: we hold them less, talk to them less and discipline them more harshly. Society is full of stereotyped masculinity and families often pass down inherited beliefs of what 'manliness' should look like.

How to Raise a Gentle Man is a book for any parent or carer who wants to break that cycle and for those who are fed up with boys being blamed for everything. Toxic masculinity doesn't just hurt women and girls, it hurts boys too.

Sarah Ockwell-Smith, bestselling childcare expert and mother to three young men, argues that the answer to raising kind, respectful and gentle boys is not to ban social media or access to the internet, lay the blame solely at the feet of the incel movement or misogynistic influencers or to introduce reactionary Governmental education policies as a response to Netflix dramas.

The only truly effective way to help our boys is through the way we raise them.

How to Raise a Gentle Man gives step by step instructions for concerned parents and carers who want to get to the root of the problem and help boys to thrive in the manosphere. Whether you're a parent to a newborn, a teacher to an eight year old, or raising a teenager, you'll find plenty of advice here for you.

Sales Points

- **An important and timely publication:** the Netflix drama *Adolescence* shone a spotlight on how our society is failing boys and in December 2025 the UK government announced that teachers will be given training to spot and tackle misogyny in the classroom, while high-risk pupils could be sent on behavioural courses as part of the government's long-awaited strategy to halve violence against women and girls (VAWG) in the next decade.
- As parents and carers, we have the power to intervene and change the trajectory of boys' emotional development, for their own good as well as that of society. This book gives parents and carers the tools they need to raise emotionally aware, compassionate and empathetic boys and protect them from some of the toxic influences that lead to radicalisation.
- *How to Raise a Gentle Man* is Sarah Ockwell-Smith's sixteenth book for Piatkus and we have sold more than 620,000 copies of her titles across all formats and editions.

Author Biography

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

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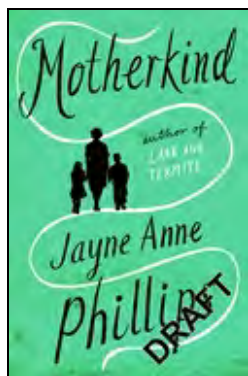
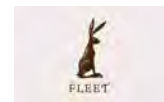
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MotherKind

Jayne Anne Phillips

Keynote

A reissue of *MotherKind*, by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Night Watch*

Description

A deeply moving novel about hopeful beginnings and profound endings - from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Night Watch*

'A brilliant writer, utterly original and with an astonishing range' IAN McEWAN
 'Phillips combines extraordinary perception with extraordinary versatility and power' MARGARET ATWOOD

'Shimmering prose, fierce realism and probing meditateness' SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

'The beauty and originality of *MotherKind* are undeniable' TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

One summer's day, 30-year-old Kate flies to her Appalachian hometown to tell her mother she is pregnant. But when she arrives, her mother reveals that she doesn't have long to live.

Kate is suddenly thrust into roles of enormous responsibility, caring for both her child and her terminally ill mother. In the same year that she watches her newborn grow, Kate witnesses the gradual disappearance of a woman who has been her best friend and mentor her entire life, and is forced to reckon with devastating loss alongside a joyful new beginning.

Sales Points

- *Night Watch* won the **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2024** and we have **sold 22k copies across all formats** - this is an opportunity to build on Jayne Anne's profile since the Pulitzer win
- Originally published in 2000, *MotherKind* won the **Massachusetts Book Award** and was praised as one of the best novels about mother-daughter relationships
- Now issued to introduce Jayne Anne Phillips' backlist to readers who loved *Night Watch*

Reviews

- 'A brilliant writer, utterly original and with an astonishing range' - *Ian McEwan*
- 'Jayne Anne Phillips combines extraordinary perception with extraordinary versatility and power' - *Margaret Atwood*
- 'No number of books read or films seen can deaden one to the intimate act of art by which this wonderful young writer has penetrated the definitive experience of her generation' - *Nadine Gordimer*
- 'Delicate compassion and hard-edged honesty... *MotherKind* is further proof of an extraordinary ability to reflect the texture of real life' - *Washington Post Book World*

Author Biography

Jayne Anne Phillips was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia. She is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of six novels, including *Night Watch*, *Quiet Dell*, *Lark And Termite*, *MotherKind*, *Shelter*, and *Machine Dreams*, and two story collections, *Fast Lanes*, and *Black Tickets*, a debut that influenced a generation of writers. Twice nominated for the National Book Award, and twice a finalist for the National Book Critics' Circle Award, she is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. Awarded the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction, Phillips is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Letters. Her work has been translated into twelve languages and has appeared in *Granta*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times* and *The Norton Anthology of Contemporary Fiction*. See information and text source photographs at her website, www.jayneannephillips.com.

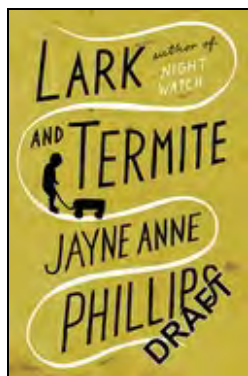
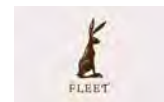
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Lark and Termite

Jayne Anne Phillips

Keynote

A reissue of *Lark and Termite*, by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Night Watch*

Description

A powerful tale of grief and survival - from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Night Watch*

'This novel is cut like a diamond, with such sharp authenticity and bursts of light' ALICE MUNRO

'Extraordinary and luminous... the best novel I've read this year' JUNOT DIAZ

'Incandescent and utterly original' NEW YORK TIMES

'A glowing, powerful and immensely readable paean to the power of family' INDEPENDENT

In 1950s West Virginia, seventeen-year-old Lark and her younger half-brother Termite, who is unable to walk or talk, are being raised by their Aunt Nonie. Their mother Lola is absent, Termite's father is still caught up in the chaos of the Korean War, and Lark doesn't even know who her father is.

One night, a flood roars through town. Amid the debris and destruction, the truths of Lark's personal history begin to surface. And as the mysteries of the past come to light, the lives of Lark and Termite will be changed forever.

Sales Points

- *Night Watch* won the **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2024** and we have **sold 22k copies across all formats** - this is an opportunity to build on Jayne Anne's profile since the Pulitzer win
- Originally published in 2009, *Lark and Termite* was a **national bestseller** in the US and a **finalist for the National Book Award**
- Now reissued to introduce Jayne Anne Phillips' backlist to readers who loved *Night Watch*

Reviews

- **'This novel is cut like a diamond, with such sharp authenticity and bursts of light'** - Alice Munro
- **'Lark and Termite is extraordinary and it is luminous.** This is not simply classic Jayne Anne Phillips. This is something far more extraordinary. It is an astounding feat of the imagination. It is **the best novel I've read this year'** - Junot Díaz
- **'Reverberates with echoes of Faulkner, Woolf, Kerouac, McCullers** and Michael Herr's war reporting, and yet it fuses all these wildly disparate influences into something **incandescent and utterly original**... Phillips' characters are so indelible, so intimately drawn, that they threaten to move in and take up permanent residence in the reader's mind' - *New York Times*
- 'Consistently inventive, evocative and uncompromising. Haunting is a word much overused, but *Lark and Termite* is exactly that: a novel whose elegant lingering images are hard to shake from the memory. **This is a glowing, powerful and immensely readable paean to the power of family'** - *Independent*

Author Biography

Jayne Anne Phillips was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia. She is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of six novels, including *Night Watch*, *Quiet Dell*, *Lark and Termite*, *MotherKind*, *Shelter*, and *Machine Dreams*, and two story collections, *Fast Lanes*, and *Black Tickets*, a debut that influenced a generation of writers. Twice nominated for the National Book Award, and twice a finalist for the National Book Critics' Circle Award, she is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. Awarded the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction, Phillips is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Letters. Her work has been translated into twelve languages and has appeared in *Granta*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times* and *The Norton Anthology of Contemporary Fiction*. See information and text source photographs at her website, www.jayneannephillips.com.

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The Conditions of Will

The new novel from the author of **MAGNOLIA PARKS**, available now!

Jessa Hastings

Keynote

Grief, toxic families, love triangles: another messed-up masterclass from the internationally bestselling author of the BookTok sensation Magnolia Parks.

Description

THE BRAND NEW NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF TIKTOK SENSATION MAGNOLIA PARKS

London-based Georgia Carter has long been estranged from her wealthy, conservative South Carolina family. Until she gets the text: dad's dead.

As Georgia returns for the funeral, she is reunited with her favourite brother, Oliver - and meets his AA sponsor, Sam. Georgia and Sam are instantly drawn together, but Georgia can't help noticing how her brother looks at Sam, and the last thing she wants is to hurt her only real family.

Tensions rise when their father's will reveals an inheritance to a mysterious stranger. To find out who - and more importantly, why - Georgia, Oliver and Sam set off on a road trip to uncover the truth about their father's life.

As secrets - both old and new - threaten to push the Carters beyond breaking point, there are only so many cracks a damaged family can take before it shatters.

Sales Points

- **BRAND NEW STANDALONE FROM THE AUTHOR OF VIRAL BOOKTOK SERIES:** The MAGNOLIA PARKS series has caused a frenzy online with millions of views on TikTok and Instagram, as well as dedicated fan accounts. This is the brand new standalone from author Jessa Hastings and promises all the relationship dramas that fans love from MAGNOLIA PARKS.
- **INTERNATIONAL HIT:** Jessa Hastings's Magnolia Parks series received its first 5-figure translation offer within three hours of submission and has since **sold in 15 languages** and counting.
- **A STAR ON THE RISE:** Jessa's work will also be coming to screen in a very exciting film/tv deal - details soon to be announced!
- **BRAND AUTHOR STATUS:** Jessa Hastings is Orion's fourth biggest fiction author, with an impressive growth trajectory. She achieved sales of £1.6m in 2024, a £600k increase on 2023.

Author Biography

JESSA HASTINGS is an Australian native who now lives in Tennessee with her husband, two children, her beautiful, clingy dog, and three cats, which is one more than the last time she wrote one of these. She spends a lot of her time in London, which is still her favourite city in the world. Other current favourites are: Bluey, Jenni Kayne cardigans, Galaxy Minstrels and Gracie Abrams' 'The Secret of Us' album. *Magnolia Parks* was her debut novel and is the series that changed her life and made way for all this. She is very grateful.

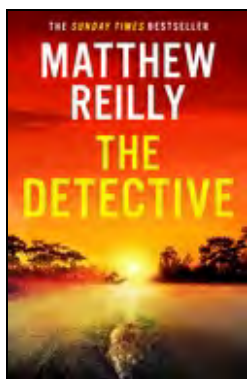
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The Detective

Matthew Reilly

Keynote

The brand new heart-pounding historical adventure from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the Jack West Thrillers and creator of #1 Netflix action sensation INTERCEPTOR

Description

For 150 years, women have been going missing. And all of the investigators who went in search of them have disappeared, too.

Now Sam Speedman, a most unique private detective, is on the case. Brilliant, direct and disarming, Sam is ... not your average detective. But then again, this isn't your average case. For not even Sam is prepared for the long-buried secrets he will find.

Set in the most isolated corners of the American South, tapping into the dark currents that simmer beneath the surface of the modern United States, Matthew Reilly brings you a detective thriller like no other.

PRAISE FOR #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER MATTHEW REILLY

'Thrilling, action-packed adventure from cover to cover' **Guardian**

'Nobody writes action like Matthew Reilly' **Vince Flynn**

'Get ready for a wild ride' **Daily Telegraph**

'Exciting and entertaining' **Chicago Sun-Times**

'An action hero worthy of Lee Child' **Sydney Morning Herald**

'Undeniably addictive' **Financial Times**

Sales Points

- **#1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** Matt is Australia's biggest author and a repeat #1 bestseller there.
- **A SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER:** THE ONE IMPOSSIBLE LABYRINTH was a #6 bestseller in Jan 2022.
- **PARTNERING WITH NETFLIX:** Matt's film INTERCEPTOR (which we wrote and directed, and is produced by Chris Hemsworth) shot to #1 on Netflix in dozens of countries around the world and generated lots of press in 2022. He's currently agreeing a deal with Netflix for a second film.
- **AMAZING FAN BASE:** He has tens of thousands of social media followers, incredible levels of engagement, as well as passionate highly-active fan groups on Facebook and Reddit each with thousands of global members.

Author Biography

Matthew Reilly is an internationally bestselling author. His novels include *The Five Greatest Warriors*, *Scarecrow* and *the Army of Thieves* and the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The One Impossible Labyrinth*.

Matthew's books are published in over twenty languages and have sold more than eight million copies worldwide. In 2022 his feature film debut *Interceptor*, which he co-wrote and directed, shot to No. 1 on Netflix around the world.

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Happily Ever After 'Twisty, riveting storytelling' Clare Leslie Hall, author of **BROKEN COUNTRY**

Mary Horlock
Keynote

An electrifying novel of suspense, love and lies from the critically acclaimed author of *The Stranger's Companion*.

Description

'Twisty, riveting storytelling with a plot that surprises until the very end. *Happily Ever After* is a beautifully written thriller' Clare Leslie Hall, author of *Broken Country*

Nobody told her that marriage would be murder . . .

Ned Wheeler was devoted to his family. He was also convicted and jailed for murder.

After spending three decades in prison, Ned's up for parole. But this is not his story. It's about Joan, the wife who was fooled by his good looks and charm; Cass, the daughter who wants nothing more to do with him; and Florence, the woman who wants the world to know she's saved him.

Moving seamlessly between contemporary London, the hedonistic hippy summer of 1970 and the small world of 1980s Isle of Wight, Mary Horlock has delivered an utterly gripping and moving thriller about love, loss and the lies we tell ourselves in order to survive.

'I read it in hungry gulps, unable to tear myself away . . . Twisty, clever and nuanced, highly recommended!' Zoë Somerville, author of *The Marsh House*

'Such an addictive read! Horlock's writing is richly textured and cinematic' Jessie Elland, author of *The Ladie Upstairs*

Sales Points

- This is a stunning literary thriller from an incredibly stylish writer. Perfect for fans of THE GIRLS by Emma Cline or LITTLE DEATHS by Emma Flint.
- *The Stranger's Companion* (Baskerville, 2024) received fantastic reviews for its 'inventive narrative techniques' (*Sunday Times*) and 'distinctive characters' (Zoë Somerville).
- Mary Horlock's first novel *The Book of Lies* (Canongate, 2011) was published to critical acclaim. It was longlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award and sold in 13 territories around the world.

Reviews

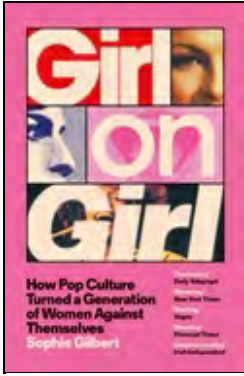
- **'Twisty, riveting storytelling with a plot that surprises until the very end. *Happily Ever After* is a beautifully written thriller'** - Clare Leslie Hall, author of **BROKEN COUNTRY**
- 'This contemporary crime novel is such a compelling read: **I read it in hungry gulps, unable to tear myself away** from this story about the long-term consequences of murder on the idyllic Isle of Wight. **Twisty, clever and nuanced, highly recommended!**
- - Zoë Somerville, author of THE MARSH HOUSE
- **'Such an addictive read!** Horlock coils her plot like a spring, tighter and tighter until it explodes with **brilliantly shocking twists**. Those twists! **Horlock's writing is richly textured and cinematic** and I think this book is going to be **perfect for fans of *My Dark Vanessa* and *Pet* by Catherine Chidgey'** - Jessie Elland, author of THE LADIE UPSTAIRS

Author Biography

Mary Horlock was born in Australia but brought up in Guernsey in the Channel Islands. She was previously a curator in contemporary art at Tate Liverpool and Tate Britain. Her first novel, *The Book of Lies*, was longlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award and *The Stranger's Companion* was chosen as a Top 10 Historical Fiction Book of the Year by *The Times*. She lives with her family in London.

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Girl on Girl

How Pop Culture Turned a Generation of Women Against Themselves

Sophie Gilbert

Keynote

From a Pulitzer Prize-finalist for journalism, *Girl on Girl* is the ultimate book to understanding the toxic legacy of popular culture on women today - and what we can do to fight back.

Description

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2025
A TIME MUST-READ BOOK OF 2025

'Essential reading' *Irish Independent*

'Fascinating and powerfully argued' *Daily Telegraph*

'A vast, engaging and brilliant historical deep dive into the relationship between pop culture, misogyny and feminism' *Stylist*

Cosmetic surgeries are at an all-time high, Ozempic is bringing back 'heroin chic' and the manosphere on the rise - after four waves of feminism, what went wrong?

Despite decades of progress, modern womanhood feels more challenging than ever. *Atlantic* critic and Pulitzer Prize finalist Sophie Gilbert reveals how today's misogyny emerged from another turbulent era: the late 90s and early 2000s.

Spanning the past thirty years of pop culture - from Madonna to Taylor Swift, #GirlBoss to OnlyFans, *Real Housewives* to trad-wives - *Girl on Girl* shows how every form of media, heavily influenced by the rise of porn, has warped women's relationships with themselves and others.

We cannot move forward without fully reckoning with the ways pop culture has defined us - this book shows us how.

'A captivating must-read for anyone who wants to understand how and why misogyny is as powerful a force as ever' KATE MANNE, author of *Down Girl*

'I folded down every single page' PANDORA SYKES, author of *How Do We Know We're Doing It Right?*

'A book that will make you think, and want to discuss' *Glamour*

'Blistering' *New York Times*

'Riveting' *Vogue*

'Add this book to the list of titles that urgently provide context and answers to the hell storm that is [vaguely waves around] everything going on right now' *Harper's Bazaar*

'Gilbert is a serious and attentive chronicler of a fraught era' *Financial Times*

Sales Points

- **THE 'IT-GIRL' NON-FIC BOOK OF THE YEAR:** Since publication, *Girl on Girl* has been shared online by DOECHII, MONICA LEWINSKY, PANDORA SYKES, CAMILLE CHARRIERE, LOU BECKETT, TINX and more.
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** *Girl on Girl* received widespread critical acclaim and press on publication, being called '**Essential reading**' (*Irish Independent*), '**Stunning**' (*Financial Times*), '**Fascinating and powerfully argued**' (*Daily Telegraph*), '**Astonishing**' *Daily Mirror* and more. It was named a **NYT Notable Book** and a **Time Must-Read Book of 2025**.
- **TURNS 90s NOSTALGIA ON ITS HEAD:** Sophie Gilbert holds no punches as she catalogues two decades of misogyny and warped feminism we've been fed by the media. The 90s/00s focus distinguishes it from the crowd and while some stories and figures will be familiar (The Kardashians, for example), others may not be - brought together it is a damning insight not only into the misogyny of popular culture, but also its power and impact on women's lives and bodies.

BRILLIANT YOUNG BRITISH WRITER: Sophie Gilbert is a Pulitzer Prize in Criticism finalist for her columns which brought 'clarity and insight to questions concerning gender norms, feminism and popular culture'. She is currently a writer at *The Atlantic*; three of her recent articles on Madonna, sex on TV and porn have been nominated for the prestigious National Magazine Awards.

- **This is a book for Gen-Z and millennial women who grew up on a buffet of the MTV music channel, Perez Hilton's gossip blog and *America's Next Top Model* - and who are wondering if feminism today has really come a long way from the 90s. For readers of Jia Tolentino, Laura Bates and Florence Given.**

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Reviews

- **'With panache, wit, and brilliance, Sophie Gilbert's GIRL ON GIRL offers compelling analyses of how mass culture has diluted and tainted feminism, even managing to turn women against each other and ourselves. A captivating must-read for anyone who wants to understand how and why misogyny is as powerful a force as ever.'** - KATE MANNE, author of *Down Girl*
- **'A riveting, incisive, rousing exploration of millennial culture that reveals the cyclical pattern of political movements, the insidious nature of backlash, and the importance of understanding how we got here, so that we can move forward. Sophie Gilbert is one of our most important cultural critics and I'll read everything she ever writes'** - MELISSA FEBOS, author of *Body Work and Girlhood*
- **'A carefully buttressed and sharply written analysis that takes into account a dizzying number of cultural products and characters . . . Truly, Gilbert deserves a medal - not only for her observations and conclusions, but for navigating the sludge she had to wade through to get there. Essential cultural criticism.'** - Starred review, *Kirkus*
- **'Triumphant . . . a tour de force of cultural criticism'** - *Publishers Weekly*

Author Biography

Sophie Gilbert is a staff writer at the *Atlantic*, where she writes about television, books, and popular culture. She was a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Criticism and has previously written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, the *New Republic*, and the *Brooklyn Rail*. She lives in London.

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Design Your Own Manga & Anime Characters

Shashwati Vahadane

Keynote

Get a crash course in designing and drawing your own unique manga characters from expert artist and character designer **Sasha Vahadane** (@colorbysasha, 180k+ Instagram followers).

Description

In *Design Your Own Manga & Animé Characters*, acclaimed artist **Sasha Vahadane** will provide you with a complete roadmap for creating your own original characters from scratch. Filled with step-by-step demonstrations, expert guidance and advice and tips and tricks, this book will teach you everything you need to bring your unique characters to life.

This is the ultimate manual for beginner artists, and includes chapters on:

- Getting started and understanding your tools, both traditional & digital
- Learning the basics of anatomy
- Drawing faces and facial expressions
- Adding hair, clothes, accessories
- Creating dynamic poses and exploring body movement
- Composition tips and tricks
- Other characters: chibi, animals and kemonomimi
- Finding your own style
- Drawing your own manga stories

Sales Points

- **TREND-LED TOPIC:** Beginner guides to drawing manga continue to be hugely popular, as manga and graphic novels continue their stratospheric rise in popularity in anglophone markets.
- **STRONG FOLLOWING:** Sasha Vahadane's Instagram @colorbysasha has more than 180k enthusiastic followers.
- **ACCESSIBLE FORMAT:** The step-by-step design of this book makes it approachable for complete beginners.

Author Biography

Sasha Vahadane is a self-taught artist, originally from India and now living and working in the UK. She has grown an enthusiastic following online for her character illustration over the past 3 years (Insta 200K+). Sasha creates step-by-step art tutorials for her Patreon account, and is also in the process of launching a Manga Masterclass series online. In recent years, she has exhibited her work at MCM Comic-Con London.

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Thema 1.6	Drawing and drawings in pen or brush and ink (AFFK) Graphic novel and Manga artwork (AKLC1) Manga and East Asian style / tradition: Reference, guides and reviews (XRM)

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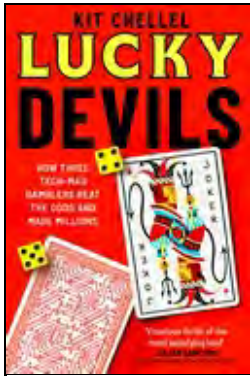
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Binding	Trade Paperback
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Extent	320 pages
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Lucky Devils

How Three Tech Mad Gamblers Beat The Odds and Made Millions

Kit Chellel

Keynote

The secret history of a trio of gamblers who used homemade technology and their own ingenuity to outplay the house, raking in hundreds of millions of dollars and transforming the way games are played.

Description

'There's simply no one better at chronicling the shady, hackable, and wildly anarchic world of gambling' Brad Stone, New York Times bestselling author of *The Everything Store* and *Amazon Unbound*

'The best book about gambling I've ever read' Liam Vaughan, author of *Flash Crash*

'A fascinating insight... *Lucky Devils* brilliantly reveals what it takes to challenge the seemingly impossible and come out on top' Adam Kucharski, author of *The Perfect Bet*

In the late 1970s, three men declared war on the casino. They arrived in Las Vegas just as the personal computer was beginning its boom. If the power of computers could be applied to gambling, they reasoned, a player could make a mint.

There was only one problem: How do you smuggle a computer, typically, the size of a suitcase, onto a casino floor without getting noticed?

Using cutting-edge strategies and gloriously DIY tech that was decades ahead of its time, they solved this and many other problems. They became pioneers of what's known as advantage playing, applying their intellects and creativity to everything from poker and blackjack to horseracing and roulette. For more than thirty years they faced down angry pit bosses, violent mafiosos, bankruptcies, nights in foreign jails, lawsuits, and personal betrayals. They learned that the only thing harder than reaching the pinnacle of gambling achievement was staying there.

Drawing from exclusive interviews with all three players and their associates, award-winning Bloomberg journalist Kit Chellel delivers a cinematic and often uproarious account of fortunes gained, lost, and gained again. Scrupulously reported and irresistibly told, *Lucky Devils* reveals how these players did more than simply amass wealth; they revolutionized the game itself.

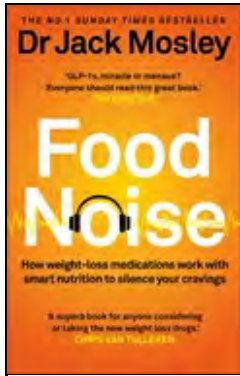
They gave the lie to the old adage. The house doesn't *always* win.

Sales Points

- **READERS LOVE BOOKS ABOUT BEATING THE SYSTEM:** *Bringing Down The House* by Ben Mezrich (**100k** TPB and **11k** MMPB) and *Money Ball* (**44k** MMPB) by Michael Lewis.
- **EXCLUSIVE FIRST-HAND INTERVIEWS:** The book includes interviews with the three men at the centre of the story and their associates. Kit has unique access to this circle of extremely secretive men, and he is the only journalist in the game capable of telling their story.
- **TIMELESS, FILMIC WRITING WITH A UNIQUE TWIST:** *Lucky Devils* has a terrific page turning cinematic quality, think films like *Ocean 11* and *Casino*. Its exploration of early technology used by the gamblers is a unique twist to the genre and makes *Lucky Devils* really stand out.
- **SERIALIZATION WITH INTERNATIONAL REACH:** *Bloomberg* will run serialization to its massive global readership. Kit's previous gambling-related articles have been highly successful with two stories for *Businessweek* getting over a million reads, some of the most read of the magazine.
- **ANZ APPEAL:** More than half of Aussies bet online regularly. *Bringing The House Down* Sold 13K copies in AUS. One of the book's main characters, Australian Blackjack card counter and Sport better, Alan Woods became one of the richest people in the country. Infamous New Zealand gambler Bob Moore also features in the book too.

Author Biography

Kit Chellel is an investigative reporter at Bloomberg *Businessweek* and co-author of *Dead in the Water: A True Story of Hijacking, Murder, and a Global Maritime Conspiracy* alongside Matthew Campbell, published in the UK by Atlantic in 2022. The book was the winner of the True Crime Awards Book of the Year 2023 and shortlisted for the FT Business Book of the Year Award. It was also a Waterstones Best Books of 2022 pick and selected as a Book of the Year by *The Financial Times*, *The Times* and *The Economist*. *Dead in the Water* is in development as a limited series on a major streaming platform.



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Food Noise

How weight loss medications work with smart nutrition to silence your cravings

Dr Jack Mosley

Keynote

Everything you need to know about living well with the new generation of diet drugs, from understanding side effects and giving your body the nutrients it needs, to sustaining weight loss.

Description

****Updated with the latest science****

The Sunday Times No.1 Bestseller, May 2025

'GLP-1s, miracle or menace? Everyone should read this great book' **Tim Spector**

'This is a superb book for anyone who is considering taking (or talking about) the new weight loss drugs - in other words all of us' **Chris Van Tulleken**

Is your Food Noise too loud?

Are you deafened by persistent chatter that sends you back to the kitchen or the coffee shop for a snack you probably don't need?

Food Noise can be relentless, it can worsen with chronic stress, or lack of sleep, and is dialled up by seductive advertising and the easy meals and treats we are surrounded by.

This book weighs up the pros and cons of the new GLP1's, the so-called '**miracle weight loss drugs**' which promise to silence the food noise and deliver rapid weight loss. They also have a role to play in reversing Type 2 diabetes and can have other health benefits, but are they a game changer, or a health hazard?

Food Noise is an easy-to-read mix of the latest science, real-life stories, practical advice, delicious and healthy recipes, and a 7-day meal plan to help you eat well when you're eating less, on or off the drugs.

This book will help you to

- **Understand the science**
- **Transform your diet and your health**
- **Sustain that change**

Sales Points

- **UPDATED EDITION:** Fully updated with the latest scientific research.
 - Updates on where the drug manufacturers are in terms of launching a pill version of the weight loss drugs
 - Info on a muscle retaining medication called Bimagrumab - studies show that you need to continue exercising to ensure you retain or gain strength while on it
 - Info on why chronic stress can make you feel hungry - a small update but very interesting nonetheless
 - Additional information on hair loss while on the drugs and how they may affect our relationships and social life
 - Information about some new studies that are looking into whether the weight loss drugs can help prevent dementia
 - More info on the danger of counterfeit drugs as well as the lack of support offered to many people buying the drugs online
 - Mentions of the high price of the drugs causing people to stop taking them
 - A warning that microdosing is becoming popular but that it hasn't been thoroughly tested
 - More info on the drugs, exercising and bone strength
- This is the **ULTIMATE GUIDE** for anyone using, or considering trying, the new generation of miracle weight-loss drugs, GLP-1s (also known as Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro and Zepbound), and delves into what makes a good diet and what a healthy

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lifestyle really consists of.

- Interest in diet drugs has exploded in the last year and many are turning to online pharmacies to get hold of them. People are not always being offered lifestyle or dietary support alongside the drugs and it's vital that they get all the nutrients they need when eating such small amounts. They also need help in maintaining this weight loss when coming off the drugs.
- People are desperate for information about GLP-1s from a trusted and reliable voice. After researching GLP-1s with his father, Michael Mosley, before his passing in 2024, Dr Jack Mosley is an expert in diet drugs, having specialised in diabetes care as part of his medical training.
- The book follows the format of the much-loved titles by Michael Mosley such as *The Fast 800 Diet* and *The Fast 800 Keto* and includes 50 nutritious recipes alongside meal plans suitable for anyone using GLP-1 diet drugs.

Author Biography

Dr Jack Mosley is the son of Michael Mosley, pioneer of the hugely popular 5:2 diet and the Fast 800 books and program www.thefast800.com. Jack studied medicine at Newcastle University and received a Distinction in his Masters of Research in diabetes with Professor Roy Taylor, whose remarkable work proved the transformative effect of weight loss and diet on type 2 diabetes, leading many hundreds of thousand putting their diabetes into remission. Jack worked as a doctor in emergency medicine in the UK and Australia and now works as a GP registrar.

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Bulletproof: The Little Guide to BTS

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Keynote

Discover the global infatuation with the K-Pop superstars in *The Little Guide to BTS*.

Description

Few artists have seen global success close to that of K-pop boyband, BTS. Standing for Bangtan Sonyeondan, or "Bulletproof Boy Scouts", the band has rocketed into superstardom as the world has fallen in love with its seven charismatic members and extensive discography.

The "BTS-effect" can hardly be understated - and its roots are many. Their catchy songs with meaningful messages and high-energy choreography are only a small part of the picture. The band's loyal fans - ARMY - worship the BTS boys for their charming and quirky personalities, genuine authenticity, and perhaps most importantly, their chemistry and relationship with each other.

Packed with their best quotes, most surprising facts and hilarious moments, get to know the boys behind the band in this little book. ARMY say that you find BTS when you need them most - and now is your chance to get to know Jin, SUGA, j-Hope, RM, Jimin, V and Jungkook.

Sample Content

SAMPLE QUOTE:

"No matter who you are, where you're from, your skin colour, gender identity: speak yourself." - RM (Kim Namjoon)

SAMPLE FACT:

In 2019, BTS became the first group since The Beatles to earn three No.1 albums on the "Billboard 200 Chart" in less than a year, a record held by The Beatles for 22 years.

Sales Points

- To date, the band has brought approximately \$4.9 billion to the South Korean economy.
- BTS hold 26 Guinness World Records, and have won 483 awards out of 692 nominations.
- BTS has achieved six number one singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in the United States, and two number one albums on the UK's Official Charts.
- Having finished their mandatory military service in South Korea, the band are preparing to return with a new album for 2026.

Author Biography

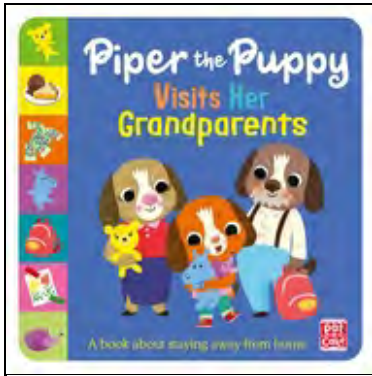
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First Experiences: Piper the Puppy Visits her Grandparents

Pat-a-Cake (Illustrated By Beth Hughes)

Keynote

A reassuring first experience story that's perfect for sharing with young children - with a fun game at the end!

Description

Join Piper and Finn for a new adventure, where they stay with their grandparents for the very first time!

Piper is SO excited to see Granny and Pops. She packs an overnight bag with her favourite dinosaur pyjamas - and Hippety, Hoggle and Bear (her cuddly toys) of course! - and they all ride the train to their house. But all of a sudden, Piper starts to worry about being away from Mummy and Daddy. Can Granny and Pops plan a day of fun and help Piper and Finn enjoy their very first night away from home?

A fun first experience story that will help to reassure little ones who are worried about staying away from home.

Also available:

Piper the Puppy: First Day At School
Piper the Puppy: Visits The Doctor
Piper the Puppy: Goes Swimming
Piper the Puppy: Goes on Holiday
Piper the Puppy: And the New Baby

Sales Points

- Engaging character-led first experience series, with over 60,000 copies sold worldwide
- With a picture glossary to introduce new vocabulary
- With a fun recap game at the end to encourage children to come back to the story time and again
- With brightly coloured and engaging artwork that's perfect for young children.

Author Biography

Pat-a-Cake (Author)

Pat-a-Cake takes you and your child on a magical journey. From sharing the very first baby book to watching your little one read all by themselves. The adventure begins here . . .

Beth Hughes (Illustrator)

Beth Hughes is an illustrator and concept artist who loves bright colours and silly animals. Based in the Midwest (Ohio, USA), they spend their days working on many fun projects, from picture books to animated television shows (when their dog and cat aren't demanding love and attention!)

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Previous Titles

Piper the Puppy: First Day At School
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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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Binding	Paperback
Format	260x260
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
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Saving Species

Jess French (Illustrated By James Gilleard)

Keynote

Tigers, orangutans, pangolins, polar bears, fin whales, bees ... there are so many incredible animals that need saving!

Description

Tigers, orangutans, pangolins, polar bears, fin whales, bees ... there are so many incredible animals that need saving!

Join vet, conservationist and children's TV presenter **Dr Jess French** and take a trip around the world to meet 38 of the most extraordinary creatures on the planet. From the endangered animals we all know and love, like tigers, polar bears, orangutans and rhinos, to the less familiar pangolin, kakapo and vaquita, see these amazing creatures up close in their natural habitats. Visit jungles, mountains, rivers and coral reefs and learn about the threats to these species' survival, as well as the remarkable conservation efforts that are being undertaken to save them.

Illustrated in a stunning graphic artwork style, this beautiful gift book is sure to inspire future conservationists and animal lovers of all ages.

Sales Points

- Introduces children to both the survival threats as well as the conservation efforts being undertaken for 38 incredible animals from each corner of the globe
- Illustrated in bold bright colours, in a graphic style to get children engaged with and excited by animals and conservation efforts
- Includes information on polar bears, orangutans, tigers, gorillas, leopards, turtles, sharks, eagles and many more incredible creatures

Author Biography

Jess French (Author)

Jess French is a passionate vet, zoologist and naturalist who has been named one of Britain's top 50 conservationists by *BBC Wildlife* magazine. She presented her own TV series on CBeebies called *Minibeast Adventure with Jess* and worked on *Live 'n' Deadly* (CBBC), *Deadly Mission Madagascar* (CBBC), *Springwatch* (BBC) and *Micro Monsters 3D* (Sky). Jess has written several books for children for many publishers.

James Gilleard (Illustrator)

James Gilleard is an illustrator and animator whose influences include 1950s, 60s and 70s animation, architecture and photography, vintage film posters and pulp comics. His beautifully textured digital illustrations have been used for posters, magazines, animations and books.



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CBMC **C5N79**
 Age **7-9 years**
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Lost Species

Jess French (Illustrated By Daniel Long)

Keynote

Journey back in time and meet some of the world's most extraordinary lost creatures - from the awe-inspiring woolly mammoth and the ferocious Spinosaurus to the shy Chinese river dolphin and incredibly rare Pinta Island tortoise 'Lonesome George'.

Description

Step into an incredible lost world and marvel at the strange and magnificent creatures that once roamed our Earth.

From the awe-inspiring woolly mammoth and the ferocious Spinosaurus to the shy Chinese river dolphin and incredibly rare Pinta Island tortoise 'Lonesome George', meet 35 extinct species and discover how these creatures came under threat. Featuring additional information on 'Lazarus species' (animals declared extinct but which, amazingly, have been rediscovered in the wild), and mass extinction events, including the part we are playing in endangering our wildlife, the book shows young readers that extinction is not simply a part of ancient history - it is happening right now across the planet - but that if we all make some small changes to our lifestyles, our wonderful species *can* be saved.

With beautiful and vibrant illustrations throughout, this stunning large format compendium is a reminder of the remarkable animals we have lost, as well as a celebration of those that have returned from the brink of extinction.

Sales Points

- Written by vet, zoologist and children's TV presenter Dr Jess French, who brings her passion for animals and their protection to this beautiful compendium
- Includes additional non fiction spreads at the back on 'Lazarus Species' - animals declared extinct that were later rediscovered - and mass extinction events, including information about the part humans have played, and are still playing, in bringing about extinctions
- Features dinosaurs, giant sharks, woolly mammoths, atlas bears, clouded leopards, passenger pigeons and many more remarkable lost creatures
- Features an illustrated world map and a beautiful extinction timeline to help children understand when these incredible species existed

Summary of Contents

Lost But Not Forgotten / World Map of Extinct Species / Velociraptor and Protoceratops / Woolly mammoth / Chinese river dolphin / Formosan clouded leopard / Kunbarrasaurus / Giant moa / Thylacine and gastric brooding frog / Spinosaurus / Malagasy dwarf hippopotamus, koala lemur and giant aye-aye / Dodo / Atlas bear / Megalodon / Cameroceras and Giant sea scorpion / Steller's sea cow / Patagotitan / Glyptodon and Megatherium / Pinta Island tortoise / Quetzalcoatlus / Dire wolf and sabre-toothed cat / Passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet / Jamaica giant galliwasp and Jamaican racer / Meganeura / Cave hyena / Great auk / Pyrenean ibex and aurochs / Lazarus species / Mass extinction events / Extinction timeline

Author Biography

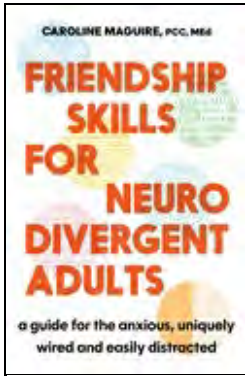
Jess French (Author)

Jess French is a passionate vet, zoologist and naturalist who has been named one of Britain's top 50 conservationists by *BBC Wildlife* magazine. She presented her own TV series on CBeebies called *Minibeast Adventure with Jess* and worked on *Live 'n' Deadly* (CBBC), *Deadly Mission Madagascar* (CBBC), *Springwatch* (BBC) and *Micro Monsters 3D* (Sky). Jess has written several books for children for many publishers.

Daniel Long (Illustrator)

Daniel Long is a Norfolk-based illustrator and graduate of Norwich University of the Arts. Daniel's striking artwork is all created digitally. He enjoys adding lots of textures and shading to give depth and intensity to an image. This is his first book for Wren & Rook.





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Friendship Skills for Neurodivergent Adults A Guide for the Anxious, Uniquely Wired and Easily Distracted

Caroline Maguire

Keynote

A comprehensive self-help resource tailored specifically for neurodivergent adults who face unique challenges in forming and maintaining friendships.

Description

A revolutionary way to approach the challenges of making and maintaining meaningful friendships.

There is an assumption that good, worthwhile friendships should come easily. However, for neurodivergent adults, friendship can be hard. From differences in the parts of the brain that are vital to managing the logistics of a fulfilling social life to difficulty with self-regulation, the way neurodiverse individuals experience social bonding and connection can feel unintuitive.

Written by a social emotional learning expert, *Friendship Skills for Neurodivergent Adults* is a guide to navigate these differences, broken into three parts:

- How friendship works
- How to find your people
- How connecting will get you in motion

Each part offers simple, science-based, practical advice including scripts, tips and strategies to combat loneliness and help you find the belonging and support of lifelong friendships. By the end of this book, you will feel less alone, and have the tools to understand the unique way you can approach friendship.

Sales Points

- We have been looking at ways to expand our coverage for neurodiversity, and thinking about books that address particular areas where neurodiversity impacts life - i.e. money management, mental health, and here friendships. This neatly fills a need by an author mixing professional expertise and lived experience.
- Author has planned a preorder campaign with her influencer network including social media outreach, outreach to schools, webinar promotions with proof of purchase, newsletters, presale incentives and outreach to a network of interested neurodivergent parents. She will utilise influential contacts/collaborators such as Ned Hallowell and Jessica McCabe and their followings, and target specific organisations and influencers.

Author Biography

Caroline Maguire, ACCG, PCC, MEd, is an in-demand expert in social emotional learning and sought-after speaker for organisations and schools. As a neurodivergent person with ADHD, dyslexia and learning disabilities, she is proud to be a featured TEDx speaker and keynote presenter at the International Conference on ADHD. She lives in Massachusetts.



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Surreal The Extraordinary Life of Gala Dalí

Michèle Gerber Klein

Keynote

The long-awaited, definitive biography of Gala Dalí, which unmask this famous yet little-known queen of the twentieth-century art world.

Description

'In Michèle Gerber Klein's new biography, Surreal, Gala Dalí gets her due . . . one thing is certain: Whatever else, she was a woman who knew her own worth' *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*

'Michèle Gerber Klein's biography of Gala Dalí is proof she was far more than just a muse . . . the book is peppered with vivid vignettes and arresting images' *TELEGRAPH*

'A revealing biography of the incredibly influential but often overlooked Gala Dalí' *TOWN & COUNTRY*

Surreal tells the riveting story of Gala Dalí (1894-1982) who broke away from the her cultured but penurious background in pre-Revolutionary Russia to live in Paris with both France's most famous poet, Paul Éluard, and artist Max Ernst. By the time she met the budding artist Salvador Dalí in 1929, Gala was known as the Mother of Surrealism. She rapidly became his mentor and protector, marrying him in 1934 and subsequently engineering their vast fortune. At a time when artists were celebrities, Gala acted as the ambassador of the Surrealist movement, spreading its popularity across the globe.

Gala was a heroine whose originality captivated people wherever she went, and her life story has everything : glamour; drama; passion; ambition; money; art; defiance and daring. In this vivid, detailed rendering, Michèle Gerber Klein has brought Gala out of the shadows to reveal a charismatic figure who played a pivotal role in the art world, yet has never received the full recognition she deserves.

'Michèle Gerber Klein - at long last - gives Gala Dalí the close-up she deserves . . . Pour a stiff Pernod or Absinthe, kick back, and enjoy this delightfully sparking read' BRAD GOOCH, author of *Radiant: The Life and Line of Keith Haring*

'Gerber Klein's exquisitely portrayed and wickedly amusing account is a romp through the annals and escapades of an avant-garde movement that profoundly informs artistic discourse today' ADAM D WEINBERG, Director Emeritus, Whitney Museum of American Art

'Brilliant . . . Original, engaging, and fiercely intelligent, Gala Dalí has at last inspired a biography that shares her own best qualities' CAROLINE WEBER, author of *Proust's Duchess and Queen of Fashion: What Marie Antoinette Wore to the Revolution*

'Echoing her subject's vim, at a fast clip that never lags and often surprises, Michèle Gerber Klein shows how Gala Dalí put the 'extra' in her extraordinary, century-defining life' PRUDENCE PEIFFER, author of *The Slip* and Director of Content at MoMA, New York

Sales Points

- **NEW INFORMATION:** Gerber Klein has accessed new, previously unseen documents about Gala's life, and conducted interviews with people who have never spoken to biographers before, including family members and close family friends.
- **BELOVED ART MOVEMENT:** Surrealism is a movement beloved by many, and Salvador Dalí's reach and appeal are second to none, giving us a key buying population to target.
- **NEW TAKES ON FAMOUS FIGURES:** Through the lens of Gala, Gerber Klein shows us new sides of famous surrealist figures like Slavador Dalí, Paul Éluard and Max Ernst
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED WRITER:** The author's first book, *Charles James: Portrait of an Unreasonable Man*, was named a Best Book of the Year by the *Financial Times*, despite the book not having a UK publishing partner

Author Biography

Michèle Gerber Klein is an author and journalist, who writes frequently about art and fashion. Her first book, *Charles James: Portrait of an Unreasonable Man*, was named a *Financial Times* Best Book of 2018. A columnist for Mann Publications, she has contributed to numerous publications, including *The Brooklyn Rail*, *Cottages and Gardens*, and *Quest*, where her subjects have included Elsa Schiaparelli, Christian Lacroix, Tina Barney, Maurizio Cattelan, and Diane Arbus. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, she serves as the vice president of the Bertha and Isaac Liberman Foundation and is involved with many



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Matriarch

Beyoncé's mother tells her story for the first time ever

Tina Knowles

Keynote

In her first-ever memoir, Knowles presents a celebration of feminism, identity and pursuing your dreams.

Description

The #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER and OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK

'A must-read memoir that you'll want to share with all the women in your life' **MICHELLE OBAMA**

'A work of art' **OPRAH**

To understand the icons Beyoncé, Solange and Kelly, you have to understand where they came from... A deeply personal and revelatory memoir by Ms Tina Knowles - as you've never seen her before.

Tina Knowles, the mother of icons Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, Solange Knowles and bonus daughter Kelly Rowland, is known the world over as a Matriarch with a capital M: the woman who raised and inspired some of the great artists of our time. But this story is about so much more than that.

For the first time ever, Tina Knowles shares her remarkable story in *Matriarch*. A life of grief and tragedy, love and heartbreak, the nurturing of her superstar daughters - and the perseverance and audacity it takes for a girl from Galveston, Texas to change the world.

This intimate and revealing memoir is a multigenerational family saga and a celebration of the wisdom that women, mothers and daughters pass on to each other across generations.

A glorious chronicle of a life like none other and a testament to the world-changing power of Black motherhood.

Sales Points

- **A Rare Look Inside the Life of an Iconic Mother:** *Matriarch* offers an intimate and deeply personal look into the life of Tina Knowles, the woman who raised and shaped global superstars Beyoncé and Solange.
- **An Inspirational Story of Empowerment:** Filled with intimate details and powerful revelations, *Matriarch* takes us on a beautiful three-part journey into Knowles' past and present. Ms Tina shares her journey from a hair salon in Houston to international recognition, detailing her triumphs, heartbreaks and moments of reinvention.
- **A Celebration of Black Motherhood and Legacy:** A love letter to Black motherhood, Southern culture and multigenerational wisdom.
- **Perfect for Fans of Memoir, Pop Culture, and Empowerment:** Ideal for readers of Michelle Obama's *Becoming* and Viola Davis's *Finding Me*. A must-have for the Beyoncé Hive.

Reviews

- 'A must-read memoir that you'll want to share with all the women in your life' - Michelle Obama
- 'A work of art' - Oprah Winfrey
- 'In *Matriarch*, her touching, surprisingly beautiful memoir, Knowles weaves together a rich tapestry of a life defined by providing love... *Matriarch* encapsulates the hypocrisies of the American Dream while eventually turning into an ode to its possibilities' - *Telegraph*
- 'Knowles has a keen eye for both the overall shape of a tale and the tiny sensory details that will connect readers to it . . . As a mother, I closed this book in awe of Knowles' hard grafting, hard loving, open minded and humbly accountable parenting ethos. No wonder her girls grew up to feel they could run the world' - *Independent*

Author Biography

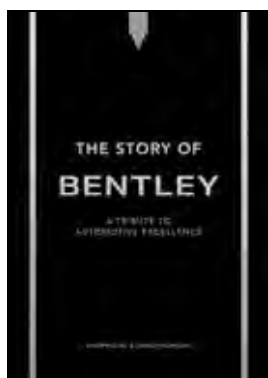
TINA KNOWLES is an American businesswoman, fashion designer, art collector and activist. She helped guide Destiny's Child-the music group comprised of Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams-to global commercial success. With her daughter Beyoncé she cofounded and ran the House of Deréon, a clothing line named for her mother, later adding the Miss Tina line, which revolutionized size inclusivity. In 2024, she helped to create Cécred, Beyoncé's haircare line. Her philanthropic portfolio includes the nonprofit performing arts organization WACO Theater Center; The Knowles-Rowland Center for Youth in Houston; and Tina's Angels, her thriving mentoring program for at-risk youth in South Central Los Angeles. She serves as chairwoman of BeyGOOD, a nonprofit



dedicated to establishing economic equity through a wide array of initiatives. Tina Knowles is a grandmother of six and a matriarch to many.

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The Story of Bentley A tribute to automotive excellence

Stuart Codling

Keynote

The Story of Bentley is a gift-sized and beautifully designed celebration of the legendary British manufacturer.

Description

Discover more than a century of automotive excellence in this photographic celebration of Bentley.

Since 1919, Bentley has been one of the most famous names in stylish, luxury motoring with the famous "Flying B" and "Winged B" logos proudly displayed on some of the most sumptuous cars ever made. In this elegantly designed book in the bestselling *Story of Cars* series, *The Story of Bentley* provides a fascinating look into the people, the innovations and the cars that have helped define this quintessentially British brand.

Each of Bentley's most iconic cars are showcased, from the Blower Bentley of the 1920s and the R Type Continental coupé of the 1950s, to the Flying Spur of the 2000s and the State Limousine used by the Royal Family. Bentley's long history in motorsport is also covered, featuring all the Le Mans-winning racers from the early years to the present era.

Packed with stunning photography and fascinating text, *The Story of Bentley* charts the history of this exceptional marque in perfect gift package.

Sales Points

- A new entry in our Story of Cars series, which has sold more than 190,000 copies in English and has been published in five languages.
- Bentley is one of the most recognisable luxury car brands in the world and with over 100 years of history, is also one of the oldest.
- Bentley is one of the richest luxury car companies in the world with revenues of £2.5 billion in 2023.
- Bentley is one of the most-followed luxury car brands in the world with more than 11 million fans on its official social media channels.

Author Biography

Stuart Codling is a respected motorsport journalist and broadcaster. He has appeared as an F1 expert on TV and radio, hosted for Renault F1, and contributes to *F1 Racing*, *Autosport*, *Autocar*, and the *Red Bulletin*. Stuart is the author of several books, including *Real Racers: Formula 1 Racing in the 1950s and 1960s*, *Art of the Formula 1 Race Car*, *Art of the Classic Sports Car*, and *The Life Monaco*. He has also written several books in the *Story of Cars* series for Welbeck. Stuart lives in Surrey, England.

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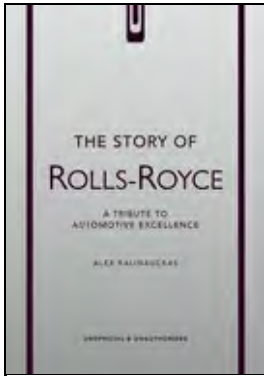
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The Story of Rolls-Royce

Alex Kalinauckas

Keynote

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Description

Discover more than a century of automotive excellence in this photographic celebration of Rolls-Royce.

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Synonymous with luxury and a true icon of British style, each of Rolls-Royce's fabulous cars are showcased here, from the Silver Ghost of the 1900s and Silver Wraith of the 1940s to the Corniche of the 1970s and the Cullinan of 2010s. Rolls-Royce's long history of supplying cars to the Royal Family and famous celebrities is also covered.

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- Rolls-Royce is one of the most-followed luxury car companies on social media with 11 million fans.

Author Biography

Alex Kalinauckas is the author of *The Story of McLaren* for Welbeck. He is an F1 editor at *The Athletic* and is a former Autosport Grand Prix Editor, covering every Formula 1 race since the start of 2020. He worked for a range of motorsport and technology publications while covering national racing as an Autosport freelancer, before joining full-time in April 2017 as the magazine's Assistant Editor covering Formula 2 and GP3. He was made Formula E correspondent and Autosport.com's Plus Editor in March 2018. He lives in London.

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The Unofficial Fan Guide to BTS

Hannah Cather

Keynote

BTS are back! This all-new guide is filled with the hottest pics, facts and stories about the world's greatest Kpop band.

Description

This unofficial fanbook has everything you could want to know about BTS! Get to know BTS up close with profiles of each member of the band, the stories behind their biggest hits, and reviews of their best MVs. Find out all about their solo projects, discover cool trivia, and learn to speak Kpop slang. It's a must for every true fan!

Sales Points

- BTS are one of the most streamed artists in the world, with songs played billions of times across platforms like Spotify and YouTube, and a fanbase known as ARMY spanning every continent.
- BTS became the first Korean act to reach No.1 on the UK Albums Chart, with albums like *Map of the Soul: Persona* and *BE* topping the charts.
- This book has been created since BTS reformed after their military service, ensuring that it's the most up-to-date title on the market.

Author Biography

Hannah Cather is an editor and author with a passion for getting a book out of the imagination and onto paper. Having predominantly worked in children's publishing, on everything from beautifully illustrated picture books to activity titles, Hannah has also worked with adult fiction and non-fiction, coffee-table books, wellbeing guides and more.

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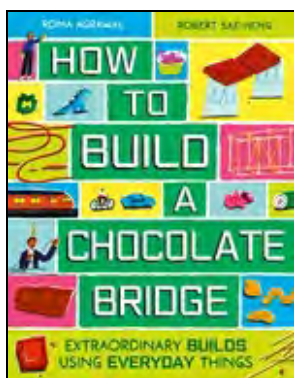
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How to Build a Chocolate Bridge

Extraordinary Builds Using Everyday Things

Roma Agrawal (Illustrated By Robert Sae-Heng)

Keynote

An interactive, hands-on exploration of science and the world around us, in a fantastically fun book for children aged 7+.

Description

An interactive, hands-on exploration of science and the world around us, in a fantastically fun book for children aged 7+.

Can you make a **skyscraper** out of pasta? How about a **rocket** from meringue? As an engineer and a BIG fan of chocolate, Roma herself has often wondered whether a **bridge** could be made out of chocolate. This *might* sound impossible (and delicious), but you don't know until you try...

With seven **interactive building projects**, kids will find out what is possible, while learning about the science behind awe-inspiring inventions. They will also get to meet some of the world's most innovative scientists, who dare to experiment with wacky materials to create something great.

Written by bestselling author and award-winning engineer **Roma Agrawal**, this book encourages kids to put some unexpected materials to the test. It's the perfect way to get kids excited about science - whilst having a WHOLE load of fun!

Sales Points

- A fact-packed, hands-on introduction to a key STEM topic that will encourage children to build, experiment and be curious about how things work
- Features seven intriguing building projects, such as constructing a bridge out of chocolate and making a trumpet out of clay
- Includes colourful and humorous illustrations by Robert Sae-Heng, with clear step-by-step visual instructions for every build
- Written by Roma Agrawal MBE, bestselling author, award-winning engineer and broadcaster, who is a tireless promoter of engineering careers for women and young people

Author Biography

Roma Agrawal (Author)

Roma Agrawal (MBE) is an award-winning engineer, author and broadcaster. She spent six years working on the Shard, designing its foundations and spire.

She has featured on BBC World News, BBC Daily Politics, *The Evening Standard*, *The Sunday Times*, *Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *Independent*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Stylist* Magazine. She has even featured as a judge of Lego Masters and is winner of a Royal Academy of Engineering Award, ACE Engineering Excellent Awards, Institute of Structural Engineers Lewis Kent Medal and Young Structural Engineer of the Year, Management Today and Women in Construction awards.

She is a tireless promoter of engineering and technical careers for young people, particularly under-represented groups such as women. She has advised policymakers and governments on science education and has given talks to thousands around the world at universities, schools and organisations, including two for TEDx.

Robert Sae-Heng (Illustrator)

Robert Sae-Heng is an illustrator and artist living in London, UK with his fantastically large cheese plant, Elvis. He has Mexican and Thai origins, and began his childhood on a tiny farm in Mexico before moving to London as a teenager. Robert uses colour, texture and playfulness to portray emotion and narrative. This began in childhood as he spent his early years unable to hear. His favourite things to draw are quaint chairs and silly seals. He has a BA degree in Illustration and more than 10 years experience across branding, packaging, publishing and advertising industries.

Robert loves to travel and explore, all while documenting what he experiences with pencil and paper. By doing this he absorbs cultures, which helps him to better understand his place in the world.

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Marilyn's Style The dresses of William Travilla designed for a Hollywood goddess

Andrew Hansford

Keynote

Original sketches, patterns and test shots, plus interviews with Hollywood designer William Travilla on Marilyn Monroe's most famous looks.

Description

Marilyn Monroe wore some of the most iconic dresses in cinema history, and many of them were designed by one man - William Travilla.

Marilyn's Style focuses on the striking dresses that Travilla created for the silver screen legend, from the hot pink dress in which she brought down the house with 'Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend' in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* to the iconic white pleated dress from *The Seven Year Itch* that made fashion history.

Featuring Travilla's original sketches, rare costume test shots, dress patterns, stills and photographs of Marilyn wearing the dresses, plus exclusive and never-before-seen extracts from interviews with Travilla, this swoonworthy book offers a fresh insight into the golden age of Hollywood and one of the most famous actresses of all time.

Marking Marilyn's centenary, this breathtaking book features over 200 images of the Hollywood goddess and the clothes she wore.

Sales Points

- June 2026 marks the centenary of Marilyn Monroe's birth.
- A brand-new edition of our backlist gem *Dressing Marilyn*, this is a unique archive collection that offers a window into the life and style of a legend.
- The second most famous actress of all time (YouGov), Marilyn still has legions of fans to this day.
- Features all of the most iconic designs by Travilla: the gold dress, the purple dress, the white dress, the red dress, the pink dress and more.

Author Biography

Andrew Hansford manages William Travilla's archive and was responsible for a 2008 retrospective of his pieces for Marilyn Monroe. He has lectured to fashion students on Travilla and his work.

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Like a Cat Loves a Bird The Nine Lives of Muriel Spark

James Bailey

Keynote

A spiky and delicious new literary biography of the great twentieth-century writer Muriel Spark

Description

"This is a deeply stylish, astute and illuminating biography of a fascinating writer"

FRANCESCA WADE, author of *Square Haunting*

"Utterly charming. A book as elegant, sharp-witted and mischievous as its subject"

CLARE POLLARD, author of *Delphi*

"She was, if you believe what you read in the papers: a genius, a survivor, a bad mother, a fickle friend, a closeted lesbian, a tyrant, a loner, an eccentric, a recluse, a gossip, and an arch-manipulator. She would politely encourage you not to believe what you read in the papers."

Muriel Spark was one of literature's great shapeshifters. That mercurial quality is found in her strange, brilliant, cruel novels - with their plots featuring pensioners receiving telephone calls from Death, the devil going clubbing in Peckham and a fascist schoolmistress leading her coterie of girls astray - but it is also true of her as a person.

As sly, nimble and elegant as Spark's own work, *Like a Cat Loves a Bird* is a thrilling new perspective on a remarkable life and career that spanned much of the twentieth century. From her childhood in Edinburgh to her final years in Tuscany - via South Africa, London, New York and Rome - it traces a light-footed journey around the world and through her strange and magnificent bibliography. It tells an irresistible story of transformation, wit and fierce determination and makes a passionate case for this vital modern artist.

"You don't have to be a Muriel Spark fan to enjoy the sharp wit of *Like a Cat Loves a Bird*, a fascinating and nuanced exploration of the sacrifices some make to focus on their art"

LUKE TURNER, author of *Out of the Woods*

"Vital, fun and immediate . . . full of engaging and astute literary analysis of Spark's work as well as scintillating, vivid biography"

FRANCESCA REECE, author of *Glass Houses*

"A readable and fascinating book, about an under-appreciated literary giant"

LUCINDA HAWKSLEY, author of *The Mystery of Princess Louise*

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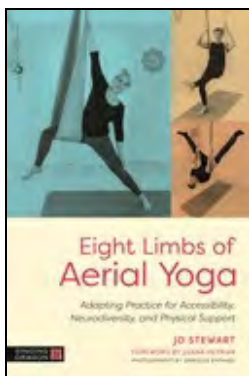
- **An amazing subject for a biography:** Long-lived big character! Strange and glamorous! Of definite interest but not over-saturated. An author and bookseller favourite (see Ali Smith, Ian Rankin, Deborah Levy, Richard Osman...).
- **An anniversary hook:** April 2026 will mark the 20th anniversary of Spark's death and this is a great moment to reassess her work and her important literary legacy.
- **Super stylish literary writing:** James is an expert on Spark and his deep knowledge is woven through the book but it is almost novelistic in its glittering writing. The expertise will appeal to Spark buffs but the writing and package reaches further, to fans of *Super-Infinite* and *Ma'am Darling*. This is a full-life biography that reads like a dream!
- **An exciting debut writer:** James is a knowledgeable, funny and well connected, and a natural narrative writer. This will be a break-out book for him and the launch of a long term career.

Author Biography

James Bailey is a writer and researcher from Manchester. He is a Doctor of Literature, and the author of *Muriel Spark's Early Fiction* (2021) and the co-editor of *British Women Short Story Writers* (2015). His day job involves working to support the development of other writers, as well as publishers, bookshops and literature festivals.

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Eight Limbs of Aerial Yoga Adapting Practice for Accessibility, Neurodiversity, and Physical Support

Jo Stewart. Foreword by Jivana Heyman

Keynote

Learn to share an inclusive and accessible yoga practice using an aerial hammock.

Description

This book repositions the aerial hammock as a supportive, sensory tool to allow more people with diverse needs to experience the physical benefits of yoga and focus the mind. Finding safety in our bodies is a central theme in yoga practice but a traditional class environment does not always meet the needs of people with mobility or mental health challenges.

This inclusive and innovative guide addresses this challenge and explains the accessibility of aerial yoga, whilst honouring yoga's history and South Asian roots. With trauma-informed and mental health aware language used throughout, this book is informed by the latest research on the therapeutic applications of this practice. It also includes lived experience testimonials which highlight the variety of people it can benefit, including those experiencing anxiety, depression, and neurodivergence.

Professionals will benefit from over 250 photographs of yoga postures shared in a systematic structure designed to help them adapt the resource to their own needs and mixed groups. It explains how postures can be adapted for larger bodies, older adults, pregnancy and conditions such as EDS, and is supplemented with additional guidance on hammock installation and how to sequence postures together.

Sales Points

- **Author platform:** Author has a considerable social media following and is one of the most experienced aerial yoga teachers in Australia.
- **Inclusive language:** The language in this book is trauma-informed, mental health aware, and gender neutral.
- **Accessibility in mind:** Competing titles don't offer guidance on accessibility, but this book offers guidance on how to make aerial yoga a tool for working with neurodiversity, adapting movements for larger bodies, pregnancy, or health conditions like EDS.
- **Additional content:** Includes over 250 photographs.

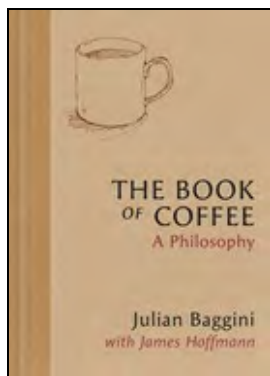
Author Biography

Jo Stewart's creative approach adapts to each practitioners individual needs, with a focus on body positivity, self compassion and inclusivity. She is excited to share the whole spectrum of yogic experience - from supportive and playful movement in the aerial hammock, to calm meditation in the quiet of a yin style practice.

Jo has been teaching since 2005 and is the founder of Garden of Yoga, where she teaches Aerial Yoga, Pilates and Yin Yoga classes. She also co-hosts The Flow Artists Podcast with Rane Bowen. She is passionate about making movement accessible to everyone especially marginalised communities, and has taught free community classes with the Get Active in Darebin program since 2016. She is also one of Australia's most experienced Aerial Yoga teachers in Australia, completing the first teacher training here with Antigravity creator Christopher Harrison in 2011 as well as advanced aerial yoga and Aerial Yoga Therapeutics certification with Renae Stevens in 2022. She lives in Melbourne.

Market

Yoga teachers and trainees (including teachers training in aerial yoga). Secondary market of health and movement professions, especially rehabilitation focused professionals, including Pilates instructors, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists.



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The Book of Coffee A philosophy

Julian Baggini and James Hoffmann

Keynote

A collaboration between philosopher Julian Baggini and internationally celebrated coffee expert James Hoffmann, this is the perfect gift book for the curious coffee lover.

Description

'What is so appealing about the ideas in this book is that we could pivot coffee from being the driving force behind excessive hours and a poor work-life balance into being a drink that lets us contemplate meaning and purpose in a different way.' James Hoffmann, author of the Sunday Times bestseller, *How to Make the Best Coffee at Home*.

Philosopher Julian Baggini and coffee expert James Hoffmann team up In this beguiling deep dive into what the world's favourite hot drink can teach us about the art of living.

Julian Baggini has long been fascinated by the philosophical underpinnings of how we eat and drink, and the chance discovery in Tokyo of a copy of *The Book of Tea* by Kakuza Okakura (published in 1906) led him on a journey to explore our relationship with coffee. Coffee is the ritual that begins and gets us through the day, it not only fuels us but has shaped the very fabric of modern life. Our cup of coffee allows for a moment of deeper connection, both with oneself and others, through attentive preparation and consumption. A moment to embrace life's absurdity with joy and alertness.

This little book on coffee is something ultimately enriching and life affirming, an elevation of the everyday and a pleasure to read - a treatise on how we can infuse the seemingly mundane with moments of mindful attention and meaning. It will appeal not only to coffee lovers but to anyone intrigued by the intersections of culture, philosophy, and everyday life. In tracing the deep roots of coffee in our imagination, *The Book of Coffee* reveals why this humble drink remains a profound and lasting symbol of life itself.

Sales Points

- **POPULAR TOPIC:** Coffee is the most popular drink worldwide, with around 2 billion cups consumed every day. In the UK, coffee has now overtaken tea as the nation's favourite beverage.
- **HUGE SOCIAL MEDIA REACH:** Internationally renowned coffee expert James Hoffmann hosts a YouTube channel with more than 2.3 million subscribers, while his Instagram has 740k followers and his TikTok more than 460k followers.
- **BESTSELLING AUTHORS:** Julian Baggini's books have sold over 200k copies via TCM, while there are more than 250,000 copies of *Sunday Times*-bestselling *How to Make the Best Coffee at Home* in print, and more than 400,000 copies of the first two editions of *The World Atlas of Coffee* across all languages.
- Featuring specially commissioned illustrations by Japanese-born coffee lover, Mariya Suzuki.

Author Biography

James Hoffmann (Author)

James Hoffmann is the co-founder of Square Mile Coffee Roasters, a multi-award-winning coffee roasting company based in East London. He is also the World Barista Champion 2007, having won the UK Barista competition in both 2006 and 2007. He has a YouTube channel with more than 2.3 million subscribers, where he makes videos about anything and everything to do with coffee and an Instagram following of more than 760k. He is the author of *The World Atlas of Coffee* (first edition 2014, second edition 2018, third edition 2025) and the *Sunday Times* bestseller *How to Make the Best Coffee at Home* (2022).

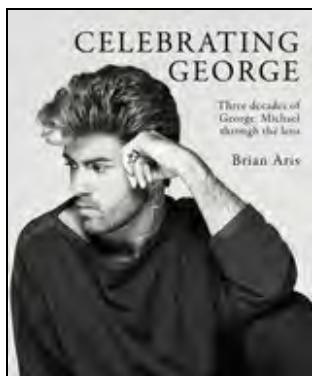
Julian Baggini (Author)

Dr Julian Baggini is a philosopher, writer and journalist who has written over 20 books on a wide variety of topics, which have sold over half a million copies in the UK alone. He has served as Academic Director of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and was also the co-founder and editor of *The Philosophers' Magazine*. Julian's books have seen great international success; his titles have sold in 24 territories (excluding the UK and North America) and have been translated into 23 languages. His bestselling titles include *How The World Thinks* and *The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten*, the latter of which was recently released with a new edition by Granta. His most recent work, *How The World Eats*, was published in 2024.

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Celebrating George Three decades of George Michael through the lens

Brian Aris

Keynote

A stunning book of pictures from George Michael's life by renowned music photographer Brian Aris. It includes many unseen images of George at different stages of his career.

Description

George Michael hated having his photo taken, which makes this stunning collection of images spanning over 20 years such an unusual and beautiful tribute to one of the most consummate performers the music world has ever seen.

Brian Aris first met George when he shot him and his Wham! colleague Andrew Ridgeley in 1984. He gained George's trust and subsequently took some of the most iconic shots of the star that provide an illuminating document of a complex character.

With text documenting George's life and Brian's memories of his sessions and meetings with the star, together with iconic images, contact sheets and previously unseen images, this is a beautiful tribute to pop's most likeable and talented singer.

Sales Points

- Special editions of this book sell for £295-£495.
- Andrew Ridgeley's Wham! George and me sold over 137,000 copies on TCM.
- George: A Memory of George Michael by Sean Smith sold over 30,000 copies on TCM.
- George won three Brit awards, four MTV Video Music Awards, six Ivor Novello awards, three American Music awards, and two Grammys. According to Radio Academy he was the most frequently played artist on British radio between 1984-2004. He has sold 125 million records worldwide. The Faith album alone sold 30 million copies.

Author Biography

Brian Aris (Author)

Brian Aris began his photographic career as a photojournalist, working for a London agency. After nine years of travelling, including a stint in Vietnam at the end of the war, he opened a studio in London. During the next two decades he covered every aspect of the music scene from punk rock, glam' rock and straight rock 'n' roll with the Rolling Stones right through to the emergence of the boy bands and then the girl power that arrived with The Spice Girls. Commissioned by Bob Geldof to photograph his wedding to Paula Yates, Brian was then brought in to take the exclusive official pictures of the all-superstar Band Aid line-up. He was given exclusive backstage access of the Live Aid and Live8 concerts. Other glamorous weddings followed - Sting to Trudy Styler, David Bowie to Iman, Liza Minelli to David Gest, Joan Collins to Percy Gibson and David Beckham to Victoria.

He is considered the foremost music photographer.

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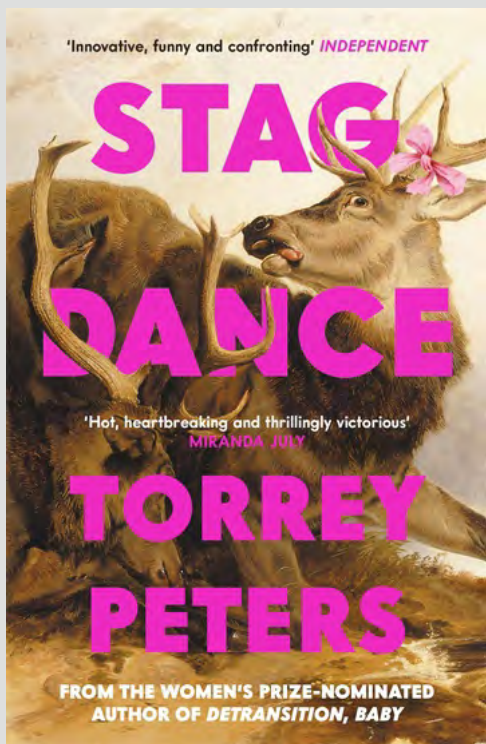


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Stag Dance

From the bestselling author of *Detransition, Baby*
TORREY PETERS

KEYNOTE

Trans life past, present and future is explored in this kaleidoscopic follow-up to the Women's Prize-nominated bestseller *Detransition, Baby*

SALES POINTS

- A thrilling glimpse of Peters's ability to master and transcend genres based on earlier work that went viral - now in paperback
- Torrey Peters has had a sold-out circuit of appearances in 2025, including at Southbank Centre, Edinburgh Fringe Festival and bookshop events around the country
- *Detransition, Baby* was a *Times* Top Ten bestseller and longlisted for the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction

DESCRIPTION

'Adventurous, mind-expanding and provocative' BERNARDINE EVARISTO

'Unlike anything I'd ever read' YAEL VAN DER WOUDE, Women's Prize-winning author of *The Safekeep*

'Innovative, insightful, funny and confronting' *INDEPENDENT*, Best Books to Look Out for in 2025

'A shining talent' *STYLIST* Best Books of 2025

Deep in the forest, a band of lumberjacks on an illegal logging operation plan a winter dance that some will volunteer to attend as women. In other times and places, the gender apocalypse is brought about by an unstable ex-girlfriend; a boarding-school romance surfaces intrigue and cruelty; and a Las Vegas weekender turns dark, as a young crossdresser is forced to choose between sexual frisson or unglamorous sisterhood. Acidly funny, provocative and inspired, this quartet of tales displays Torrey Peters' keen eye for the rough edges of desire.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Torrey Peters' first novel, *Detransition, Baby* won the PEN/ Hemingway Award 2022 and was shortlisted for the 2022 National Book Critics' Circle John Leonard Prize for best first book. A *Times* Top Ten bestseller, it was longlisted for the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction.

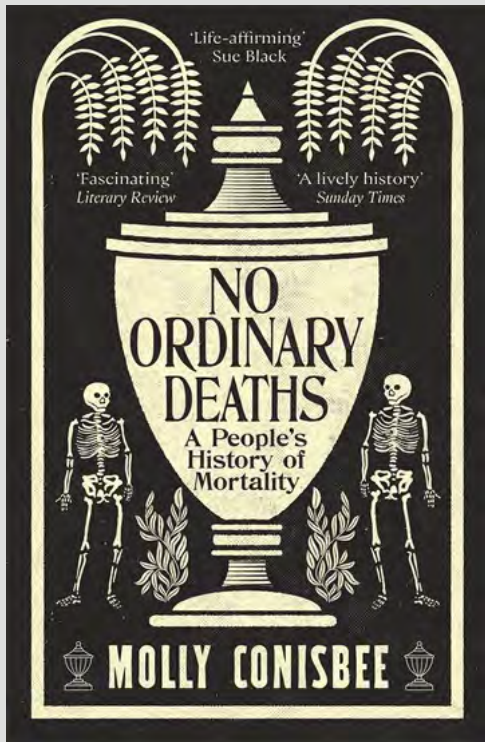
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REVIEWS

‘A surprisingly lively history of funerary rituals and mourning... These engaging essays offer valuable insights into the lives and deaths of ordinary men and women’ - *Sunday Times*

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No Ordinary Deaths

A People's History of Mortality

MOLLY CONISBEE

KEYNOTE

A vibrant, compelling social history of death, dying, and how our ends shape our lives and societies

SALES POINTS

- A timely bottom-down social history of Britain: for readers of Katherine Mannix, Sue Black and Alice Roberts
- *No Ordinary Deaths* received high praise in media, and Conisbee continues to appear on podcasts, at literary events and host 'death' walks
- An expert's perspective on death: Conisbee is a leading social historian and researcher, and a professional bereavement counsellor

DESCRIPTION

'A beautifully written and thought provoking journey' Professor Sue Black, author of *All That Remains*

History is dominated by A-list deaths: queens beheaded; archdukes assassinated. But what about everyone else? How did ordinary people depart this life and grieve for loved ones - and which of the old ways might help us prepare for the end?

Our ancestors, living closer to death than we do, had a more intimate and integrated relationship with death as a familiar presence in daily life. From the death-watchers of the Middle Ages to the pomp of Victorian funeral wear, by way of plague pits, grave-robbings and wakes, historian and bereavement counsellor Molly Conisbee explores how cycles of dying, death and disposal have shaped - and been shaped by - society.

A groundbreaking new work of social history, *No Ordinary Deaths* paints a rich picture of the lives of our forebears, skilfully bringing the lost art of death to life today.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Molly Conisbee is a social historian and visiting research fellow at the Centre for Death and Society at the University of Bath. She has a PhD from the University of Bristol and has spent the last ten years researching the social history of death and mourning. Conisbee is also a bereavement counsellor, has curated walks on the history of death around the country and has written for the *Guardian* and *Ecologist*.

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‘Annie Ernaux, just edgier. Her prose is gorgeously spare and practical’ - *Irish Independent*

Offenses

CONSTANCE DEBRÉ

KEYNOTE

A sharp insight into violence and punishment based on true events from critically acclaimed lawyer-turned-author Constance Debré

SALES POINTS

- A compulsive novella on crime and punishment from one of France's most incendiary authors
- Fans of Constance Debré include Olivia Laing, Lauren Elkin, Maggie Nelson, Rachel Kushner and more
- For readers of Virginie Despentes, Edouard Louis and Eileen Myles

DESCRIPTION

'Debré's voice is Camusian, comic, stark, relentless and totally hypnotic' Rachel Kushner

Is a criminal born or made? What turns them towards violence?

A young man stabs an elderly woman ten times for the sake of a €450 debt. But why would he commit such a brutal murder over a petty sum, when he has a girlfriend and a child at home? How much could he lose when there is already so little to start with? Centring on a perpetrator and a victim who remain nameless - who are nobodies but could be anybody - *Offenses* unfolds as a contemporary parable exploring the biases and barriers built into the legal system.

Blending expertise in criminal law with her signature knife-edge prose, Constance Debré probes the intricacies of crime, punishment and accountability in this propulsive tale.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Constance Debré is the author of *Love Me Tender*, which won the Prix Littéraire des Inrockuptibles in 2020, *Playboy*, which won the Prix de la Coupole in 2018, and *Name*.

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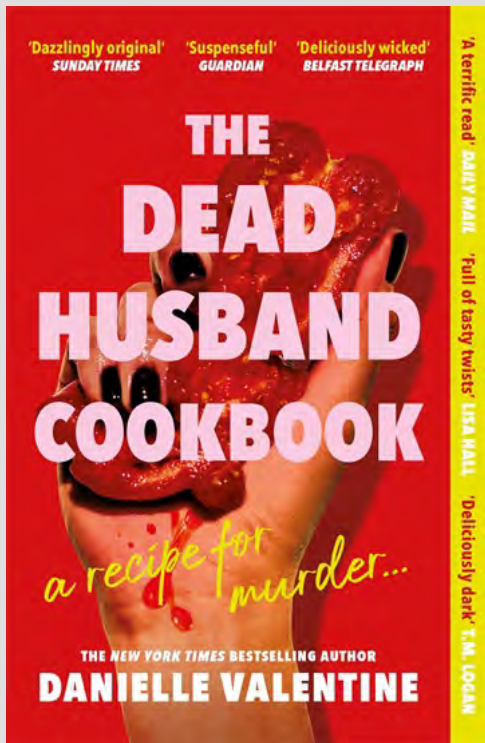
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The Dead Husband Cookbook

DANIELLE VALENTINE

KEYNOTE

The new gripping thriller from Danielle Valentine, author of *Delicate Condition*, the inspiration for *American Horror Story: Delicate*

SALES POINTS

- A delicious blend of Laura Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me* and Orlando Murrin's *Knife Skills for Beginners*
- A twisty and rich thriller with bubbling depths, and makes the reader wonder 'does Delia Smith have a deep dark secret?'

DESCRIPTION

**** A SUNDAY TIMES CRIME FICTION PICK OF THE MONTH ****

'A terrific read' - *DAILY MAIL*

'Dazzlingly original' - *SUNDAY TIMES*

'Atmospheric and suspenseful' - *GUARDIAN*

She has the recipe for the perfect murder..

Maria Capello is a celebrity chef like no other. A household name with dozens of cookbooks and a weekly television show, not to mention her line of bestselling supermarket sauces. Once just the timid wife of famous chef Damien Capello, she stepped into the spotlight after his mysterious disappearance, an event she's never spoken about publicly... until now.

Why is Maria willing to break her silence? When editor Thea Woods is invited to Maria's remote farmhouse to work on the manuscript of her tell-all memoir, Thea spots an opportunity. She could be the one to finally learn whether the rumours are true. Did Maria kill Damien for his recipes and the legendary 'secret ingredient'? Or is the truth even darker?

A deliciously rich thriller, perfect for readers of Bella Mackie's *How To Kill Your Family* and Alexia Casale's *The Best Way to Bury Your Husband*.

'A sizzling read sauced with scares galore' - **ORLANDO MURRIN**

'A deliciously dark tale with a mouth-watering mystery at its heart' - **T.M. LOGAN**

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Danielle Valentine writes bestselling YA horror under the name Danielle Vega. Her work, which includes *The Merciless* series, *Survive the Night*, *The Haunted* and *The Unleashed*, has been optioned for film and television by Lionsgate and Warner Bros, and has been translated into dozens of languages worldwide. Her first adult novel, *Delicate Condition*, was published in 2023, and was the inspiration for the hit television show *American Horror Story: Delicate*. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and daughter.

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'Transports the reader to a lawless wilderness. Escapism is provided in spades as Lewis expertly spins a historical tale of adventure and intrigue' - *Daily Express*

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The Rush

A BBC Radio 2 Book Club Pick

BETH LEWIS

KEYNOTE

A BBC Radio 2 Book Club Pick, this gripping historical novel follows three women whose lives intertwine during the Yukon Gold Rush

SALES POINTS

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

DESCRIPTION

* A BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB PICK *

'A rip-roaring adventure that's rich with drama' - *DAILY MAIL*

'A riveting read. Pure gold' - *SUNDAY POST*

'Transports the reader to a lawless wilderness' - *DAILY EXPRESS*

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

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

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

When a woman is murdered, Kate, Martha and Ellen find their lives, fates and fortunes intertwined. But to unmask her killer they must navigate a desperate land run by dangerous men who will do anything for a glimpse of gold...

Rich in its setting and characters, *The Rush* is a gripping historical crime novel perfect for readers of Stef Penney by way of Kristin Hannah and C Pam Zhang.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Beth Lewis was raised in the wilds of Cornwall and split her childhood between books and the beach. She has travelled extensively throughout the world and has had close encounters with black bears, killer whales, and Great White sharks. She has been, at turns, a bank cashier, fire performer, juggler, and is currently the Publishing Manager at Rebellion. *The Rush* is her fifth novel. She lives in Oxford with her wife and daughter.

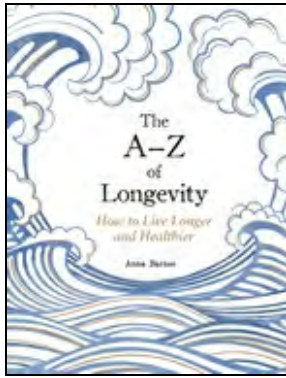
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The A-Z of Longevity How to Live Longer and Healthier

Anna Barnes

Description

Dive into this beautiful ABC of tips to discover the ability to live a long and healthy life

In a world filled with daily stressors, living a healthy life and managing a work-life balance can be difficult to achieve. Let's go on a journey with this book, packed with practical tips and mindful exercises to help you along the way.

The A-Z of Longevity aims to help you embrace a wholesome lifestyle and learn the art of ageing gracefully. With a helpful tip or activity for every letter of the alphabet, this book provides:

- Calming affirmations and wise words to inspire you
- Activity ideas on diet, exercise, mindset and lifestyle
- A comprehensive guide full of insightful words
- Inspiration to live a healthy life

Whether you're seeking ways to boost your energy, build your physical health for a longer life, or simply enhance your overall well-being, this little book is the perfect companion.

Sales Points

- This book follows the successful title *The A-Z of Mindfulness* (ISBN: 9781787832732), which has sold over 19,500 copies.
- A perfect gift for anyone looking to embrace the art of ageing gracefully and living well.
- Other Summersdale titles in this series: *The A-Z of Calm* (ISBN: 9781837990085); *The A-Z of Wellbeing* (ISBN: 9781800077058); *The A-Z of Positivity* (ISBN: 9781800077041).

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Tom Chesshyre

Description

Experience the world by train alongside best-selling travel writer Tom Chesshyre, as he takes a whistle-stop tour around the globe in 49 unique journeys

Why do people love trains so much?

Tom Chesshyre is on a mission to find the answer by experiencing the world through train travel - on both epic and everyday rail routes, aboard every type of ride, from steam locomotives to bullet trains, meeting a cast of memorable characters who share a passion for train travel.

Join him on the rails and off the beaten track as he embarks on an exhilarating whistle-stop tour around the globe, on journeys on celebrated trains and railways including:

- India's famed toy train
- Sri Lanka's Reunification Express
- The Indian Pacific across the Australian outback
- The Shanghai maglev
- And the picturesque rail journeys of the Scottish Highlands

Plus trains through Kosovo, North Macedonia, Turkey, Iran, Finland, Russia, America and France, with short interludes in North Korea, Italy, Poland, Peru, Switzerland, England and Lithuania. All aboard!

Sales Points

- This 10th anniversary edition of *Ticket to Ride* features a special foiled cover and updated afterword by author Tom Chesshyre.
- 2025 marks the Railway 200 - the two-hundredth anniversary of the modern railway - which has led to increased interest in and discussion around the joys and benefits of train travel.
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Author Biography

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

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