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Killing Mind

An addictive and nail-biting crime thriller

Angela Marsons

Keynote

An unbelievably gripping crime thriller from multi-million-copy and number one bestseller Angela Marsons, which takes readers deep into the sinister world of cults and will keep them hooked to every page.

Description

It had seemed so simple. But now they were getting inside her mind...

When **Detective Kim Stone** is called to Samantha Brown's home, she finds the young woman lying with her throat cut and a knife in her hand, and rules her death a tragic suicide.

But after visiting her parents, Kim realises she's made a huge mistake. Samantha was murdered...

Then a young man's body is found in a lake. Both victims spent time at Unity Farm, a retreat for people seeking an alternative way of life. But beneath its cosy façade lies a sinister community preying on the vulnerable.

Sending one of her own into Unity Farm is Kim's only hope if she is to catch a killer. But with an undercover officer in way over her head, Kim's neck is on the line. **Can she protect those closest to her before another life is taken?**

An unbelievably gripping crime thriller from multi-million-copy bestseller Angela Marsons that will have you hooked on the Detective Kim Stone series.

Read what everyone is saying about *Killing Mind*:

'Well this was just bloody brilliant, no other way to put it.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'The most fabulous crime series ever written.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'Woohoo Angela Marsons is back with yet another cracking read!... If you consider yourself a crime thriller lover then this book, hell, **the whole series is unmissable.**' *The Book Review Café*, □□□□

'I could read about Kim Stone and her team every week and never get bored... **simply brilliant.**' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'Hooks you in on the first page and doesn't let you go until the very end... full of twists and turns, dead ends and false clues, constantly making you think you've worked it out, for it to then all change on the turn of a page!... **the best crime series I have read, and long may Kim Stone continue! Fab-u-lous!!**' *Stardust Book Reviews*, □□□□

'I have been an avid reader of detective novels for years and in my opinion **nobody does it better than Angela Marsons.**' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'I've enjoyed every single book Angela Marsons has written... **will draw you in from page one.** It's gritty, compelling, intriguing and **one of the best books I've read this year.**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□

'**Hooked as soon as I've read the first page...** My reviews will never do this series justice as for me, **it is just beyond words as to how brilliant this series is** and how it just goes from strength to strength.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

Sales Points

- KILLING MIND is twelfth in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 185,000 copies.
- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection Bancarella in Italy.
- TV rights have been optioned by BBC Studios.
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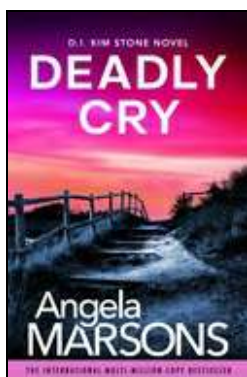
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Deadly Cry

An absolutely gripping crime thriller packed with suspense

Angela Marsons

Keynote

A brilliantly twisty, addictive and page-turning crime thriller from number one, multi-million-copy bestseller Angela Marsons.

Description

The killer claims they want to be stopped...

In a busy shopping centre, a little girl clutches a teddy bear, crying for her mother, Katrina. Hours later, Katrina's body is discovered in an abandoned building. But why would someone kill a young woman out shopping with her child?

Days later, a second woman is found in a local park, her six-year-old son missing. And a handwritten letter from the killer lands on **Detective Kim Stone's** desk, pleading for help.

Kim knows time is running out to bring the little boy home alive, but first she must get inside the mind of a murderer. Why are they sending her messages? What do they want?

Because if Kim can't work out what they're trying to say, another innocent soul will die...

The multi-million-copy bestselling Detective Kim Stone series is every bit as addictive, original and exciting as readers say. You'll be hooked from the very first page.

Read what everyone is saying about *Deadly Cry*:

'Utterly fabulous! I loved this so much... fantastic... Read this in one sitting as I was literally glued to it. Highly recommend, if I could give it more than 5 stars I would.' Linda Strong Book Reviews, □□□□

'Angela Marsons writes the type of books that I will literally drop everything just so I can read it.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'I honestly don't know how Angela Marsons gets better and better with each book... My jaw dropped over and over again and I'm just sitting here so shocked at the end!' With A Book In Our Hand, □□□□

'I could read Kim Stone books every day and never get bored, I read this in a day as I couldn't put it down.' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□

'Angela Marsons is the Queen of Crime, and every police team needs a Kim Stone!... this book will bring tears to your eyes, then have you covering those same eyes for fear of what may happen on the next page!' Stardust Book Reviews, □□□□

'Reading this series is like catching up with old friends... Yet another brilliant work by the amazing Angela Marsons!' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'Oh how much have I missed Kim Stone... you are guaranteed a story that will grab a hold of you from the start and keep you invested in the outcome right to the very last page.' Jen Med's Book Reviews, □□□□

'Quite simply, Angela Marsons is THE QUEEN of Crime Fiction... Every book of Angie's is a masterpiece... incredibly enjoyable.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'A series that I will never get tired of. The author has a real talent of keeping each book fresh and exciting... Long live Kim Stone!' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

Sales Points

- DEADLY CRY is thirteenth in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 175,000 copies.
- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection Bancarella in Italy.
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Child's Play

A totally unputdownable serial killer thriller

Angela Marsons

Keynote

This addictive crime thriller from multi-million-copy, number one bestseller Angela Marsons explores the dark side of child prodigies. Perfect for fans of Karin Slaughter, Val McDermid and J.D. Kirk, it will have readers absolutely hooked.

Description

Finally we're playing a game. A game that I have chosen...

Late one summer evening, **Detective Kim Stone** arrives at the scene of a horrific crime: a woman in her sixties tied to a swing with barbed wire.

The dead woman was a retired professor of child psychology, and when two more bodies are found bearing the same markings, Kim knows she is on the hunt for a serial killer. The only thing linking the victims are tournaments for gifted children...

Kim and her team are up against one of the most ruthless killers they've ever encountered. The clues lie in investigating every child who attended the tournaments, dating back decades.

Faced with hundreds of potential leads, **can Kim get inside the mind of a killer and stop another murder before it's too late?**

The addictive crime thriller from multi-million-copy, number one bestseller Angela Marsons explores the dark side of child prodigies and will have you absolutely hooked.

Read what everyone is saying about *Child's Play*:

'Wow, Wow, Wow, Wow Wow!!! How did I not see any of that coming!... I could barely put the book down.' *Rachel's Random Reads* □□□□

'Loved loved this book, Angela has done it again, just brilliant... pulls you in from the first page and never lets go... Get it, read it, you won't be disappointed.' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

'I have nothing but praise for this amazing series, 11 books and counting and the series keeps getting better with each instalment. I highly recommend this series.' *Bookish* □□□□

'Angela Marsons pushes the limits again to bring us the best of crime fiction! To me, reaching a point where you trust an author this much with your precious time, is invaluable... This is why finding your happy place, your go-to people, your - rather deadly - dreamland is the best feeling in the world... I must thank Angela Marsons for never letting me down.' *Chocolate'n'Waffles* □□□□

'The release of a Kim Stone novel is an event to look forward to. Full of engaging characters and humour, this series is fast becoming one of my favourites. I wish I could give it more than 5 stars because it certainly deserves it. Excellent and I happily recommend it and the series to anyone.' Goodreads reviewer □□□□

'Superb!... one of the best openings to a book I have read... DI Kim Stone is one of my favourite all time characters... one of the best books in the series and as this is already book 11 in the series that says a lot... very, very highly recommended!!' *Donnasbookblog* □□□□

'Marsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. **Bloody FABULOUS.'** *Postcard Reviews*

Sales Points

- CHILD'S PLAY is eleventh in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 200,000 copies.
- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection Bancarella in Italy.
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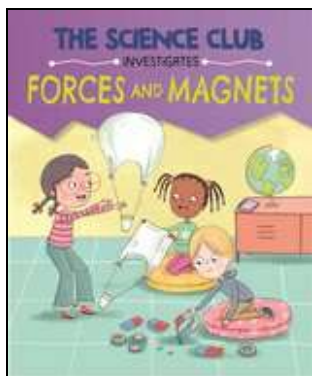
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Previous Titles

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The Science Club Investigates: Forces and Magnets

Mary Auld (Illustrated By Sernur Isik)

Keynote

Join the kids of the Science Club and discover forces through a combination of adventure, activity and experiment in this fun, story-based series

Description

Join the kids of the Science Club and discover forces through a combination of adventure, activity and experiment in this fun, story-based series.

Oh no! Paola has knocked over Mrs Khan's bag and everything has fallen on the floor. Mrs Khan says this is an excellent way to start off their latest topic - forces and magnets. The Science Club find out all about forces and how they work by playing a game of football and by testing the strength of pushes and pulls using a force meter. They also learn about a very special force - magnetism - and investigate some magnetic objects, including Earth itself

The Science Club follows a group of science-mad kids who meet at a club where they learn about science through their own experiences and discoveries. For example, at one club someone brings in a fossil, leading to an investigation into the rock cycle, dinosaurs and fossil formation. At another, a storm inspires the children to learn about lightning and other forms of electricity. Each story features sweet, humorous illustrations and includes simple experiments for readers to try for themselves.

Titles in the series:

Light
 Electricity
 Rocks & Fossils
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 Forces & Magnets
 Plants
 The Human Body
 Habitats
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Sales Points

- Narrative, story-based approach makes learning science accessible and fun
- Contains simple science activities and experiments for readers to try
- The text and artwork have been checked by a science specialist with extensive teaching experience

Author Biography

Mary Auld (Author)

Mary Auld is a writer of children's information books, working over a broad range of subjects. She has been actively involved in music from an early age, both singing and playing the flute, on an amateur basis. She loves making music in a group, be that in an orchestra or a choir. Whether making music or writing children's books, her aim is to share her enthusiasm and inspire readers. Mary Auld is a pen name for Rachel Cooke, who is an honorary fellow of the English Association, in recognition of her editorial work in children's non-fiction.

Sernur Isik (Illustrator)

Istanbul based illustrator and designer, Senur Isik specialises in children's books and all things lovely. She studied Graphic Design at Ataturk University Faculty of Fine Arts, then worked as an illustrator for a company in Istanbul specialising in content for children's TV. Later, she worked as the Visual Art Director and Character Designer for a Theme Park in Istanbul. In 2014 she was chosen for the Pictoplasma Academy in Berlin, where she studied character design. Since 2002, she has been working with publishers around the world, illustrating children's books. She also creates little sculptures of her characters using clay and ceramics and is currently exhibiting, mainly in USA. She travels with a passion around the world, creating new characters and stories about places she's been to.



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The Science Club Investigates: Weather**Mary Auld (Illustrated By Sernur Isik)****Keynote**

Join the kids of the Science Club and discover the wonders of weather through a combination of adventure, activity and experiment in this fun, story-based series

Description

Join the kids of the Science Club and discover the wonders of weather through a combination of adventure, activity and experiment in this fun, story-based series.

It's the start of a new term at school and the weather is changing. It's a good time for the Science Club to investigate different types of weather and record how it changes through the year with their home-made weather station. The children also learn how and why Earth's climate is changing, and what they can all do to help to slow climate change, from turning down the heating to recycling their rubbish.

The Science Club follows a group of science-mad kids who meet at a club where they learn about science through their own experiences and discoveries. For example, at one club someone brings in a fossil, leading to an investigation into the rock cycle, dinosaurs and fossil formation. At another, a storm inspires the children to learn about lightning and other forms of electricity. Each story features sweet, humorous illustrations and includes simple experiments for readers to try for themselves.

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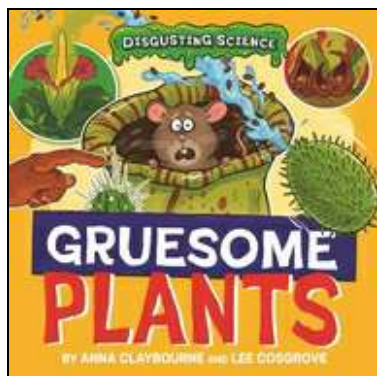
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Revolting Life Cycles 9781526327673

Disgusting Science: Gruesome Plants

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Lee Cosgrove)

Keynote

Uncover the most disgusting, revolting and shocking aspects of plant adaptations with hilarious cartoons

Description

A colourful guide to the horrible, shocking and disgusting aspects of the science of plant adaptations and a fantastic way to inspire children in science learning.

The book investigates plants from around the world that have some strange and disgusting adaptations in order to survive, from stinging and poisonous species to parasitic and carnivorous plants. 'See for yourself' panels help children relate the science to their everyday world.

It is part of the *Disgusting Science* series, which explores the weird, revolting and shocking aspects of science for children aged 7 plus. It features child-friendly text, experiments to try and fun cartoon illustrations. From plants and life cycles to the human body and animal adaptations, the books offer fun examples to provide ways in to understanding solid scientific principles. Titles in the series: *Human Body Horrors*, *Beastly Animals*, *Gruesome Plants*, *Revolting Life Cycles*.

Sales Points

- Child-friendly text and cartoons offer ways in to solid scientific principles
- Features fun experiments to try
- Written by award-winning science writers and fact-checked by a former head of science educator

Author Biography

Anna Claybourne (Author)

Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator)

Lee Cosgrove is a children's illustrator from a small town on the banks of the River Mersey. A lifelong doodler, his love of drawing is inspired by a childhood of Saturday morning cartoons, den-building adventures and an endless supply of crayons. Working as a full time illustrator for the last 10 years, Lee has enjoyed working on a wide range of projects from illustrating picture books, to board games to billboards. He loves to bring humour and lots of character to his illustrations.

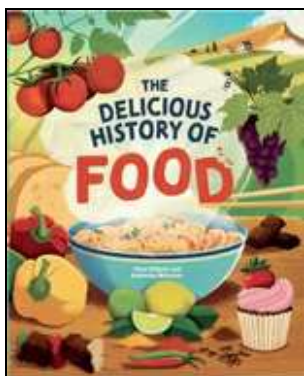
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The Delicious History of Food

Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Andressa Meissner)

Keynote

A tasty exploration of foods around the world, from famous dishes in the past to modern cuisine

Description

Baked, dipped or fried, spicy, salty or sweet, delicious food is something everyone enjoys. Many tasty dishes are the result of thousands of years of development, scientific breakthroughs or moments of genius or sheer chance. This fascinating book takes you through the delicious and sometimes surprising history of what people eat.

Suitable for children aged 9+, the book covers topics such as food in space, the story of chocolate, healthy eating, genetic modification, farming, celebrations and inventions.

Clive Gifford is an award-winning author of more than 200 books for children and young adults. The text has also been reviewed by a consultant, who is a food historian, writer, tv presenter and podcaster.

Contents: *Vital For Life; Hunting and Gathering; Settling Down; Food Takes a Trip; What's In Your Meal?; Taming Nature; Rice is Nice; Spicing It Up; A Sweet Story; The Columbian Exchange; Chocolate; Where Do They Come From?; Food Celebrations; Accidental Inventions; Frozen In A Flash; Food Visionaries; Processed Foods; Food In Space; Going Meat Free; Feeding More People; Future Food*

Sales Points

- Supports the UK's science curriculum and food technology curriculum for key stage two and three
- The consultant is a food historian, writer, tv presenter and podcaster
- Clive Gifford is an award-winning author of more than 200 books for children and young adults

Author Biography

Clive Gifford (Author)

Clive Gifford is the author of more than 150 children's books including *Eye Benders*, winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, Royal Society-nominated *Out of This World* and *Cool Technology* which won the School Library Association Information Book Award. His book, *The Colours of History*, won the Blue Peter Book Awards' Best Book With Facts. He has travelled through 70 countries, run a computer games company and taken part in all manner of sports from parachuting and gliding to Ultimate Frisbee. Clive's official website can be found at www.clivegifford.co.uk

Andressa Meissner (Illustrator)

Andressa Meissner is a Brazilian illustrator with a bold, colourful and attention-grabbing style, which also feels light and natural with hints of tropical flavour.

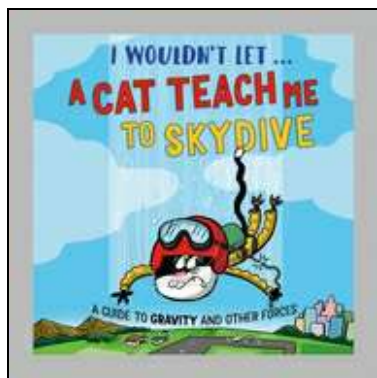
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	Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG)
	For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)
CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	I Wouldn't Let...
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Previous Titles

I Wouldn't Let ... A Panda Launch a Spacecraft
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I Wouldn't Let a Cat Teach me to Skydive A guide to gravity and other forces

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Pipi Sposito)

Keynote

A funny take on core science topics with a little help from animals ...

Description

A funny take on core science topics with a little help from animals ...

Written by humour and science expert Paul Mason and hilariously illustrated throughout by Pipi Sposito this series combines mischievous animal antics with essential science learning.

In this book, find out what happens when a cat joins a skydiving school! Learn all about the incredible force of gravity, how parachutes (should) work, how planes take off, and why cats don't like swimming! Plus a few more fun cat facts on the way.

The friendly semi comic strip design makes the text highly accessible, perfect for readers age 7+ and those studying science at Key Stage 2.

Sales Points

- Links to the following science KS2 topics: Forces; Earth and space; Living things and their habitats; Humans and other animals; Electricity; Light
- Humorous text combines with some cartoon strip style panels and further explanation spreads to engage all levels of reader
- Fun animal facts included as well as core science learning

Author Biography

Paul Mason (Author)

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Pipi Sposito (Illustrator)

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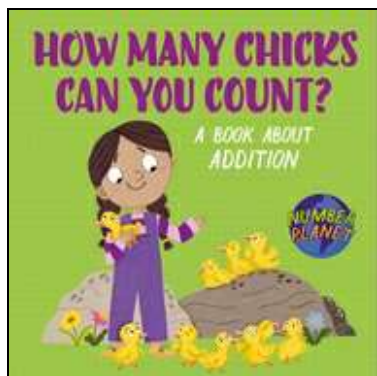
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Price	£12.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781526330840
BIC 2.1	Early learning: numbers & counting (YBLC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD) Picture books, activity books & early learning material (YB)
CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Number Planet
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Feb 2026
How Big is a Polar Bear (Measurement)
9781526330826
How Many Chicks Can You Count?
(Addition) 9781526330840

Apr 2026
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(Shapes) 9781526330888
How Many Cakes are Left?
(Subtraction) 9181526330871

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Number Planet: How Many Chicks Can You Count? A book about addition

Louise Spilsbury (Illustrated By Emily Cooksey)

Keynote

A fun picture book that helps young children get to grips with counting and addition

Description

This fun picture book helps young children get to grips with counting and addition through bold pictures, activities and things to spot on the page.

Leon and Luna are having a magical adventure counting animals all around the world. Through the story, children aged 4 plus will learn about maths concepts including: adding one and two-digit numbers, doubling, number bonds to 10 and counting in 10s.

Number Planet are picture books that help children explore first maths concepts. Titles in the series cover the topics of Addition, Subtraction, Measurements and Shapes.

Sales Points

- Fun approach to learning KS1 maths topics
- Picture-book style illustrations engage the reader
- Includes highlighted key terms, questions for interactivity and things to spot

Author Biography

Louise Spilsbury (Author)

Award-winning author Louise Spilsbury, who also writes under the name Louise Kay Stewart, has written over 250 books for young people on a wide range of exciting subjects. She loves writing children's books as it gives her the chance to keep learning about new stuff. She lives and works near the coast in South Devon and loves to walk on the beach and swim in the sea after work. Louise won The English Association Margaret Mallett Award for Children's Non-Fiction 2019 for *Rebel Voices: the rise of votes for women*.

Emily Cooksey (Illustrator)

Emily studied at the Wolverhampton School of Art, achieving a first-class BA Hons degree and a distinction Master's degree in Illustration. Her work is created digitally and reflects a hand drawn style, inspired by memories of reading picture books as a child.

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CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Number Planet
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Number Planet: How Big is a Polar Bear? A book about measurements

Louise Spilsbury (Illustrated By Emily Cooksey)

Keynote

A fun picture book that helps young children get to grips with size and measurement

Description

This fun picture books helps young children get to grips with size and measurement through bold pictures, activities and things to spot on the page.

Leon and Luna are having a magical adventure around the world comparing and measuring animals, seeing how big redwood trees are and finding out about heavy and light things. Through the story, children aged 4 plus will learn about maths concepts including: how we compare sizes and measure things, and how to measure weight and capacity.

Number Planet are picture books that help children explore first maths concepts. Titles in the series cover the topics of Addition, Subtraction, Measurements and Shapes.

Sales Points

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Main Identifier	9781445195582
BIC 2.1	Picture books (YBC) Personal & social issues: body & health (Children's / Teenage) (YXA) 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	245x245
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Sweet Dreams

What Can I Think About to Help Me Get to Sleep?

Susie Williams (Illustrated By Judi Abbot)

Keynote

Gives children some lovely things to think about so that they can drift swiftly and calmly off to sleep

Description

The perfect book to help your child have a great night's sleep!

How can you help children to settle down and get to sleep? Written in consultation with the CEO from The Sleep Charity, this book will give children lots of lovely things to think about to help them gently drift off to sleep. From farmyards and jungles to castles and rainbows, their head will be so full of nice thoughts that they will quickly and easily fall asleep.

With advice from The Sleep Charity, the words used have been carefully chosen to ensure that they have a calming effect. The muted colours of the gorgeous artwork by Judi Abbot aren't over-stimulating and give a feel of a dream-like state.

At the back of the book are extensive notes that give support and advice for helping children get to sleep. There are also ideas for questions that the parents or carers can ask the children to think about so they can get to sleep on their own. Within the illustrations and linked to the notes at the back of the book are ideas for quiet activities that children can do before bed.

Many children struggle to get to sleep with worries and anxieties filling their head - last thing at night is not the right time to be trying to deal with these. Worries are always better dealt with in the morning. Help your child to have a full and restful night with this clever book suitable for children aged 3+.

Sales Points

- Gives children ideas to think about while they are trying to get to sleep
- The consultant is the CEO and founder of the award-winning The Sleep Charity
- Includes expert advice for parents and carers as well as additional ideas to help children have a good night's sleep
- The illustrator is an internationally successful children book's illustrator working with major publishers as Simon and Schuster, Random House and Little Tiger Press and her books have circled the globe with co-editions in China, Thailand, Australia, France, Belgium.
- Supports the EYFS curriculum's Personal, Social and Emotional Development of managing emotions and managing their personal health needs

Author Biography

Susie Williams (Author)

Susie Williams is a non-fiction editor and author. She wants to inspire children to be interested in and curious about the world around them.

Judi Abbot (Illustrator)

Judi Abbot is a *Internationally successful children's book illustrator* working with major publishers such as Simon and Schuster, Hachette, Random House and Little Tiger Press. and her books have circled the globe. The simple forms, especially of her animals, and vibrant colours have made her style recognisable in the world of publishing. She works with acrylics, pastels, and digitally.

For more than 15 years, she has been living in London, balancing her family, her books, and the art and illustration workshops she organises in schools and clubs.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject Type	Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 229x151
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Can; Carib; Mex; S Am; USA
Not for Sale	RoW

Head to Head: Gaming Heroes Who's the best gaming character?

Welbeck Children's Books

Keynote

Who's the biggest hero in videogames? You choose!

Description

Who's the biggest hero in videogames? You choose!

Dive into an exciting world of video game heroes and their trusty sidekicks with this action-packed, highly illustrated independent and unofficial book for young gamers. Including reviews of the best games and profiles of all your favorite heroes, from Mario to Sonic to Kirby and Astro Bot, this book introduces kids to their favorite characters and the stories behind them.

So... who's the best? You get to choose! Bursting with colorful artwork and fun facts, it's perfect for inspiring the imaginations of the youngest gamers.

Sales Points

- Made for gamers aged 4+, this unofficial title is full of amazing images of their favorite heroes
- Head-to-head formula pits profiles of characters from different games against each other, so the reader can choose their favorite
- Independent and unofficial, so all reviews and profiles are 100% original and bias-free
- All content has specially chosen for the youngest gamers, ensuring all games and characters are age-appropriate
- 86,000 copies already sold to Scholastic Book Fairs

Author Biography

Welbeck Children's Books is a trend-led imprint that taps into popular culture, gaming and licensing brands that resonate with children of today.

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	Interest age: from c 6 years (SAG)
	For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)
CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	I Wouldn't Let...
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

I Wouldn't Let ... A Panda Launch a Spacecraft
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I Wouldn't Let a Panda Launch a Spacecraft A guide to how things work in Space

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Pipi Sposito)

Keynote

A funny take on core science topics with a little help from animals ...

Description

A funny take on core science topics with a little help from animals ...

Written by expert author Paul Mason and hilariously illustrated throughout by Pipi Sposito, this series combines mischievous animal antics with essential science learning.

In this book, find out all about life in space by seeing what happens when a panda tries to become an astronaut! Learn about trying to eat in zero gravity, running space science experiments, exercising in space, living on board a space station, attempting a spacewalk and launching a spaceship. There are also fun panda facts included throughout, too.

The friendly semi comic strip design makes the text highly accessible, perfect for readers age 7+ and those studying science at Key Stage 2.

Sales Points

- Links to the following science KS2 topics: Forces; Earth and space; Living things and their habitats; Humans and other animals; Electricity; Light
- Humorous text combines with some cartoon strip style panels and further explanation spreads to engage all levels of reader
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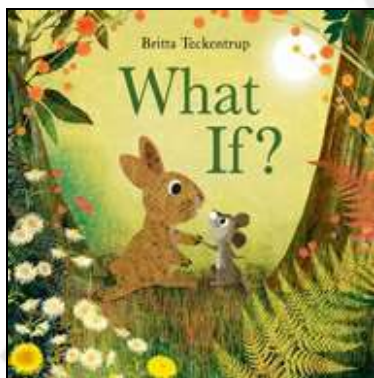
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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

What If?

Britta Teckentrup

Keynote

A calm and reassuring story about overcoming worries and focusing on the here and now.

Description

Little Rabbit wishes she could enjoy the wonders of the forest, but she can't help worrying about the bad things that might happen.

When strolling through the woods with Mouse, she fears that the trees might come crashing down. And when Squirrel wants to play hide-and-seek, Little Rabbit asks "But what if nobody finds me?" One day, Little Rabbit feels so overwhelmed by her noisy thoughts that she decides to hide away in her burrow.

Can Little Rabbit's friends help her to quiet her anxious mind and enjoy the here and now?

This calm and reassuring story is perfect for reminding nervous readers to take things one small step at a time.

Sales Points

- A calm and reassuring story about overcoming worries and living in the moment
- Britta has won multiple awards, including the Global Illustration Excellence Award
- Britta's books have been translated into over 20 languages

Author Biography

Britta Teckentrup is an illustrator, fine artist and writer. She was born in Hamburg, Germany, and went on to study at St. Martin's College and the Royal College of Art in London. Britta has created over 40 books, translated in 20 languages worldwide, and her artwork has been shown at exhibitions all over the world. She lives and works in Berlin with her artist husband and their son.

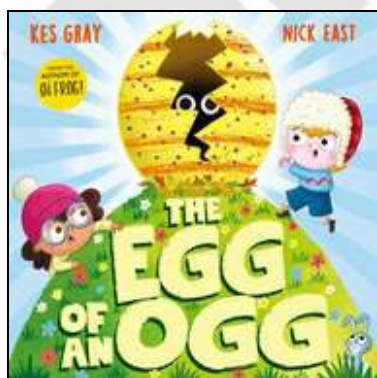
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Price	£12.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781444971903
BIC 2.1	Picture books (YBC) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Hardback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Brrr!: A brrrilliantly funny story about dinosaurs, knitting and space

Author:

Oi Frog and Friends
How Many Legs?
Quick Quack Quentin
The Night Before the Night Before Christmas
The Night After Christmas
One Night Before Christmas
Pooems
The Diddle that Dummed
Zebracadabra!
You're Called WHAT?!
Mum and Dad Glue
Worries Go Away!
Leave Me Alone

Illustrator:

Christopher Pumpkin
The Big Time Boogie-Woogie Animal Band
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Toto the Ninja Cat
Daisy series

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Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher

The Egg of an Ogg

Kes Gray (Illustrated By Nick East)

Keynote

A hilarious fable from the bestselling author of Oi Frog and Friends, which has sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

Description

A hilarious fable from the bestselling author of Oi Frog and Friends, which has sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

One day, Ivan and his sister discover a very strange egg in the forest. "It is the egg of an ogg," the old man of the forest tells them. "Now leave it be." But the children and their neighbours are curious. What IS an ogg?

*Will it walk? Will it fly? Will it like cherry pie?
Will it sing? Will it dance? Will it hop? Will it prance?*

But when the egg of an ogg finally hatches, it is stranger and BIGGER than any of them could have imagined. Can the children stop the ogg growing before it flattens the town? And will they ever learn to leave strange things be?

Sales Points

- Kes Gray is the bestselling author of the Oi Frog and Friends series, which has sold over 3 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 14 languages.
- Nick East is the award-winning illustrator behind *Christopher Pumpkin* and *Goodnight Digger*.
- A brilliantly funny new cautionary tale from the creative duo behind *Brrr!*

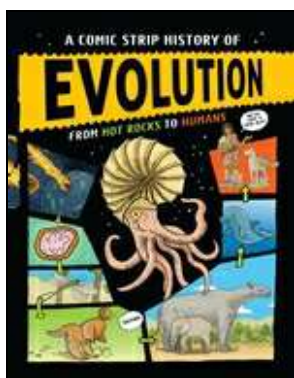
Author Biography

Kes Gray (Author)

Kes Gray is the bestselling author of the OI FROG AND FRIENDS series of books that has sold over 3 million copies and has been adapted into a theatre show. He is a multi-award-winning author with over 70 books published. He eats Ideafakes for breakfast, spreads silliness on his toast and loves to write books that will make children laugh out loud. He has won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and the Laugh Out Loud Book Award and has been shortlisted for the British Book Awards. Kes is based in Essex.

Nick East (Illustrator)

Nick East is the illustrator of the bestselling TOTO THE NINJA CAT series, written by Dermot O'Leary. He is also the illustrator of Michelle Robinson's popular GOODNIGHT . . . series. He worked for many years as a museum designer but has always been a storyteller whether, as a child, filling sketchbooks with quirky characters or, as a designer, displaying a collection of ancient artefacts. Nick is based in York.



Publication date	Thursday, February 12, 2026
Price	£14.99 / ₹1250
Main Identifier	9781445192529
BIC 2.1	Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	284x216
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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A Comic Strip History of Evolution From Hot Rocks to Humans

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Emmanuel Cerisier)

Keynote

A funny, fresh comic-strip look at the incredible history of life on Earth

Description

A funny, fresh comic-strip look at the incredible history of life on Earth

Take a whirlwind comic strip trip through 4.5 billion fascinating years of evolution, discovering how life on Earth began and how it diversified, the weird and wonderful first animals, the age of the dinosaurs, the first humans and much, much more.

A Comic Strip History of Evolution works as a timeline, combining information spreads with comic strip stories, and is supported throughout by high-interest facts and plenty of humour. Perfect for kids aged 9 and up.

Contents:

How it started / In the soup / It's all about the genes / Single cells rule! / Lots more species... / Animals arrive / Life explosion! / Evolving ecosystems / Oh no - species disaster! / Land takeover / Green planet / Into the air! / Four-legged fish / Age of the dinosaurs / Fossil focus / Reptile world / Mini-mammals / Is it a bird? / Watch out dinosaurs! / Gone forever! / Massive mammals / Looks familiar! / The human family / Types of evolution / Smart humans / Changing wild species / Understanding evolution / It's still going on! / Evolution timeline / Glossary / Index

Sales Points

- Dynamic comic-strip approach makes the books engaging, accessible and funny
- Timeline structure gives each book a clear historical span and makes the reading experience feel like a journey
- Written by award-winning science author Anna Claybourne and expertly illustrated by graphic artist Emmanuel Cerisier

Summary of Contents

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Author Biography

Anna Claybourne (Author)

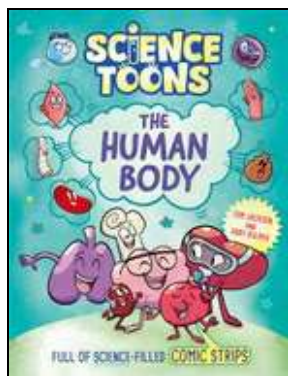
Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

Emmanuel Cerisier (Illustrator)

I was born in 1970 and I live with my family in the west of France. Graduated from the Higher School of Graphic Arts in Paris in 1995 (ESAG Penninghen). I do digital and gouache illustrations for non fiction books, novels, children's press and comics. The themes are very varied. Thanks to my illustrations, we can travel to all eras all over the world.

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Science Toons: The Human Body

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Abby Bulmer)

Keynote

Funny comic strips combine with facts to help children engage with the science of the human body

Description

Funny comic strips combine with facts to help children engage with the science of the human body.

Packed with comic strips, fun facts, and easy-to-understand diagrams, this book makes learning about bones, muscles, digestion and more, both educational and entertaining. Meet funny characters who explain how the heart pumps, how senses work and what happens to food in the body.

Perfect for children aged 7 plus, the *Science Toons* series turns science into an adventure with colourful comic illustrations and laugh-out-loud moments. Titles in the series: The Human Body / Animals and Plants / Changing States / Materials / Planet Earth / Space / Sound and Light / Forces and Motion.

Sales Points

- Author Tom Jackson is a well-known science communicator for children
- Covers topics in the KS2 science curriculum and extends the learning for budding scientists
- The comic strip approach is perfect for more reluctant scientists - it is learning by stealth!

Author Biography

Tom Jackson (Author)

Tom Jackson has written more than 80 books and contributed to hundreds more. His specialties are natural history, technology and all things scientific. Tom spends his days finding fun ways of communicating facts, new and old, to all age groups and reading abilities. Tom lives in Bristol, England, with his wife and three children. He studied zoology at Bristol University and has had spells working at zoos. Tom has also worked as a conservationist, which saw him planting trees in Somerset, surveying Vietnamese jungle and rescuing wildlife from drought-ridden Zimbabwe. Writing has also taken him to the Galápagos Islands, Amazon rainforest, coral reefs of Indonesia and Sahara Desert. Nowadays, he can be found mainly in the attic.

Abby Bulmer (Illustrator)

Abby Bulmer is a freelance cartoonist based in Manchester who has worked in comics, book illustration and animation. Her early work in UK comics included colouring work for 2000AD on Judge Dredd and Kingdom, and illustration work for characters like the Powerpuff Girls, Moshi Monsters, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Angry Birds. Abby is now a regular artist for *The Phoenix* and has also works as a television storyboard artist.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	284x216
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Science Toons
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Previous Titles

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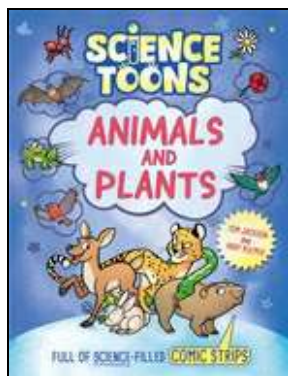
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Science Toons: Animals and Plants

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Abby Bulmer)

Keynote

Funny comic strips combine with facts to help children engage with the science of animals and plants

Description

Funny comic strips combine with facts to help children engage with the science of animals and plants.

Packed with comic strips, fun facts, and easy-to-understand diagrams, this book makes learning about the science of living things, both educational and entertaining. Meet funny characters who explain how animals and plants get their food, how animals are classified, what food chains are and more.

Perfect for children aged 7 plus, the *Science Toons* series turns science into an adventure with colourful comic illustrations and laugh-out-loud moments. Titles in the series: The Human Body / Animals and Plants / Changing States / Materials / Planet Earth / Space / Sound and Light / Forces and Motion.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
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Binding	Hardback
Format	284x216
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
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Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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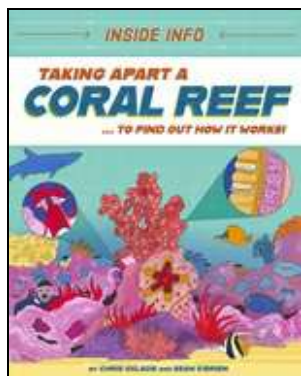
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Inside Info: Taking Apart a Coral Reef ... to find out how it works!

Chris Oxlade (Illustrated By Sean O'Brien)

Keynote

Peel back, take apart, reassemble and enjoy the awesome science of a coral reef!

Description

Peel back, take apart, reassemble and enjoy the awesome science of a coral reef!

***Inside Info: Taking Apart a Coral Reef* is full of all the most colourful, microscopic and surprising features of a coral reef.** Picking apart the built-up layers of this beautiful biome - the tough coral skeleton and the delicate polyp structures - and uncovering the reef's many inhabitants, we get to know the pieces and partnerships that make a coral reef so vital to our oceans. Finally, see how it all goes back together as a symbiotic whole, and learn the science of saving reefs around the world.

Contents include: Welcome to the coral reef / Under the surface / Coral polyps / Stingers and algae / Reef growers / Life on the reef / Fish around the reef / Nooks and crannies / Camouflage / Colours and patterns / Predators / Building up a reef / Reefs in danger (bleaching, invasive species, climate change)

Inside Info is a stylish and engrossing series of books diving into the layers of things kids are curious about - giving them the chance to pull it all apart and put it back together again, while learning STEM fundamentals! Full of cross-sections, cutaways, exploded diagrams, labels, jokes and Easter-egg details for the curious reader aged 7+ to discover.

The series presents the *Inside Info* of: *Supercars*, *A Rocket*, *A Rollercoaster*, *A T. rex*, *The Human Body* and *A Coral Reef*

Sales Points

- Written by experienced tech writer, Chris Oxlade
- Covers key parts of the key stage 2 curriculum through high-interest topic hooks and presented through stylish art by illustrator Sean O'Brien
- Full of cross-sections, cutaways, exploded diagrams, labels, jokes and Easter-egg details for the curious reader 7+ to discover

Author Biography

Chris Oxlade (Author)

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
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Word Count	
Series	Inside Info
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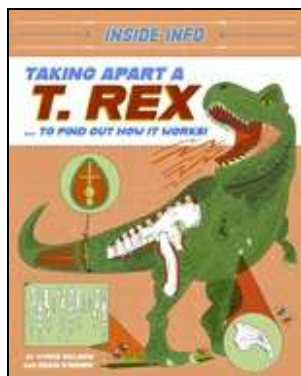
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Inside Info: Taking Apart a T. rex ... to find out how it works!

Chris Oxlade (Illustrated By Sean O'Brien)

Keynote

Peel back, take apart and get inside the awesome science of a *T. rex*, then put it back together again!

Description

Peel back, take apart and get inside the awesome science of a *T. rex*, then put it back together again!

***Inside Info: Taking Apart a T. rex* is full of the razor-sharp, super-sturdy and essential structures that made up this fierce predator.** From the innermost to the outermost body bits - including the interior of its tough bones, its surprisingly small brain and its layers of protective skin - we get to know the parts and processes that kept a *T. rex* running. Finally, see how we know so much about the *T. rex*'s insides through the amazing science of palaeontology putting the pieces together.

Contents include: The world of *T. rex* / Inside a *T. rex* / Skeleton / Leg bones / Slicing into a Bone / Muscles / Inside its head / *T. rex* mouth (teeth, tongue and jaw) / *T. rex* brain / *T. rex* sense organs / *T. rex*'s Torso / Inside an egg / Putting a *T. rex* together

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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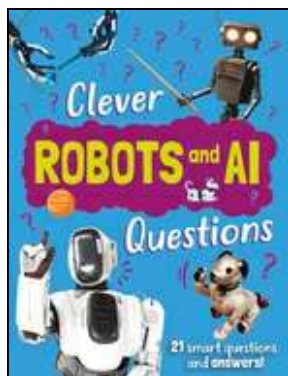
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CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	284x216
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Series	Clever
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Clever: Robot & AI Questions

Julia Adams

Keynote

Find out all about robots and AI by asking some clever questions!

Description

Find out all about robots and AI by asking some clever questions!

Do robots have feelings? Can they have babies? And what REALLY is AI? Discover the answers to these questions and much more in **Clever Robot and AI Questions!**

Discover the world with these fun, child-friendly question and answer books on high-interest topics for readers aged 6 and up. Along the way, readers will discover fascinating facts to remember and share, as well as learn key science and geography information.

Books in the series:

Animals / Dinosaurs / Human Body / Planet Earth / Rainforest / Robots & AI / Space / Technology

Sales Points

- Covers topics in the KS1 and 2 science and geography curricula
- Child-friendly question and answer approach will engage and entertain
- Bright and bold design is complimented by light amounts of text

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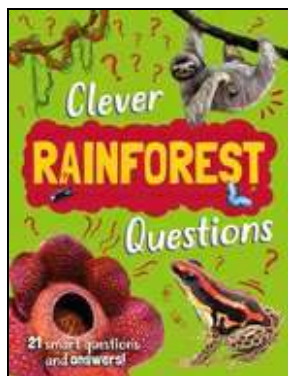
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CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	284x216
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
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Clever: Rainforest Questions

Annabelle Lynch

Keynote

Find out all about rainforests by asking some clever questions!

Description

Find out all about rainforests by asking some clever questions!

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Discover the world with these fun, child-friendly question and answer books on high-interest topics for readers aged 6 and up. Along the way, readers will discover fascinating facts to remember and share, as well as learn key science and geography information.

Books in the series:

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Summary of Contents

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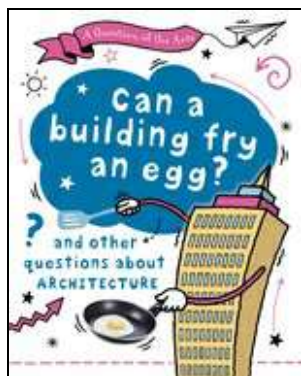
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CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	265x210
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	A Question of the Arts
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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A Question of the Arts: Can a Building Fry an Egg? (and other questions about architecture)

Mary Auld

Keynote

Uncover the mysteries of architecture in this fun question-based book for kids

Description

Uncover the mysteries of architecture in this fun question-based book for kids

Why don't buildings fall down? Can you make a home out of poo? And just HOW can an onion be a roof? Find out the answers to these questions and much more in this book!

With an engaging question and answer format, this series draws young readers into the fascinating world of art. Each spread opens with a simple, quirky question, opening up an exploration of arts topics and busting some popular myths along the way!

The lively lay-out is supported by annotated photos and cartoons, making the arts fun and accessible for every young reader.

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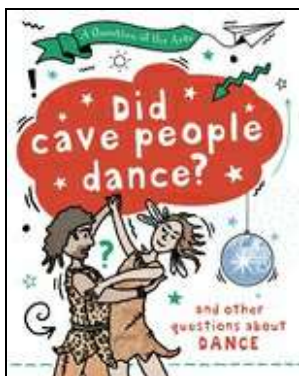
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- Written by award-winning children's non-fiction author Mary Auld

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Author Biography

Mary Auld is a writer of children's information books, working over a broad range of subjects. She has been actively involved in music from an early age, both singing and playing the flute, on an amateur basis. She loves making music in a group, be that in an orchestra or a choir. Whether making music or writing children's books, her aim is to share her enthusiasm and inspire readers. Mary Auld is a pen name for Rachel Cooke, who is an honorary fellow of the English Association, in recognition of her editorial work in children's non-fiction.



Publication date	Thursday, February 12, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781526329776
BIC 2.1	Dance, ballet (Children's / Teenage) (YNDB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	265x210
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	A Question of the Arts
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

February 2026

A Question of the Arts: Architecture
A Question of the Arts: Dance

April 2026

A Question of the Arts: Fine Art
A Question of the Arts: Theatre

June 2026

A Question of the Arts: Craft
A Question of the Arts: Film

August 2026

A Question of the Arts: Literature
A Question of the Arts: Music

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

A Question of the Arts: Did Cave People Dance? (and other questions about dance)

Mary Auld

Keynote

Uncover the mysteries of dance in this fun question-based book for kids

Description

Uncover the mysteries of dance in this fun question-based book for kids

What puts the fizz in K-pop? How does a fox trot? And can you really have two left feet? Find out the answers to these questions and much more in this book!

With an engaging question and answer format, this series draws young readers into the fascinating world of the arts. Each spread opens with a simple, quirky question, opening up an exploration of arts topics and busting some popular myths along the way!

The lively lay-out is supported by annotated photos and cartoons, making the arts fun and accessible for every young reader.

Titles in the series:

A Question of the Arts: Architecture / Craft / Dance / Film / Fine Art / Literature / Music / Theatre

Sales Points

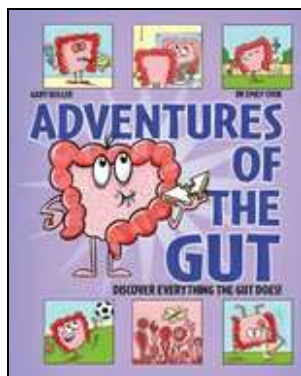
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Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781526328625 Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Cartoons & comic strips (Children's / Teenage) (YNUC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ)
CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Hardback 265x210
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Adventures of the Human Body
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

9781526328571 Adventures of the Heart
 9781526323330 Adventures of the Brain
 9781526328595 Adventures of the Lungs
 9781526328649 Adventures of the Skeleton

Adventures of the Gut**Dr Emily Cook (Illustrated By Gary Boller)****Keynote**

Entertaining insight into the complex topic of the digestive system through a series of gut character comic strips

Description

In *Adventures of the Gut* discover what happens when you eat - from the moment food touches your tongue to its epic journey through your body. Find out what organs make up the digestive system, the importance of eating healthily and the garden in your gut.

Each book in this series focuses on a certain part of the human body, using the body part as an approachable cartoon character in a series of relatable everyday situations. This blending of simple scientific explanation with cartoon artwork makes the KS2 science highly accessible. Comic strips by former *Beano* cartoonist are interspersed with explanation spreads to consolidate the learning, too. Perfect for readers age 8+ or anyone wanting their first book about the lungs!

Books in the series:

Adventures of the Lungs
Adventures of the Heart
Adventures of the Gut
Adventures of the Skeleton

Don't miss the incredible *Adventures of the Brain* series, and discover how the brain thinks, feels and works with the rest of the body.

Sales Points

- Full of inventive ways to make difficult concepts easy to understand, plenty of visual guides and humour!
- Comic illustrations from former *Beano* cartoonist Gary Boller
- Clear links to the KS2 Science Curriculum (Understanding Humans and other Animals)

Author Biography**Emily Cook (Author)**

Dr Emily Cook is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, UK. She lives in Hampshire with her husband and three young children.

Gary Boller (Illustrator)

Gary lives in Hampshire, UK, with his wife and two children, one chihuahua and four cats. He trained as a graphic designer gaining an HND but also did a few years in advertising in London. He always doodled as a kid, even on his parents walls and loved the comics of the day, The *Beano* and *Dandy*. He has since go on to work on many books and comics, including the famous ones mentioned above.

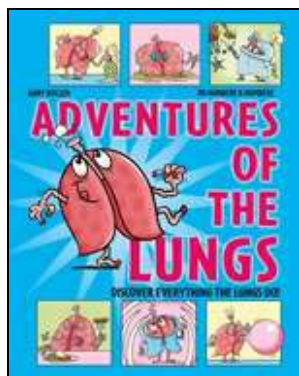
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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	265x210
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Adventures of the Human Body
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Adventures of the Brain: Brain's World; Brain's Behaviour; Brain's Thoughts; Brain's Feelings

Adventures of the Lungs

Dr Numbere K. Numbere (Illustrated By Gary Boller)

Keynote

Entertaining insight into the complex topic of the lungs and respiratory system through a series of lung character comic strips

Description

In *Adventures of the Lungs* discover what the lungs do, their role in talking, eating, singing and what the respiratory system is anyway.

Each book in this series focuses on a certain part of the human body, using the body part as an approachable cartoon character in a series of relatable everyday situations. This blending of simple scientific explanation with cartoon artwork makes the KS2 science highly accessible. Comic strips by former *Beano* cartoonist are interspersed with explanation spreads to consolidate the learning, too. Perfect for readers age 8+ or anyone wanting their first book about the lungs!

Books in the series:

Adventures of the Lungs
Adventures of the Heart
Adventures of the Gut
Adventures of the Skeleton

Don't miss the incredible *Adventures of the Brain* series, and discover how the brain thinks, feels and works with the rest of the body.

Sales Points

- Full of inventive ways to make difficult concepts easy to understand, plenty of visual guides and humour!
- Written by a respected consultant in respiratory medicine in a highly approachable way
- Comic illustrations from former *Beano* cartoonist Gary Boller
- Clear links to the KS2 Science Curriculum (Understanding Humans and other Animals)

Author Biography

Dr. Numbere K. Numbere (Author)

Dr Numbere K. Numbere MBBS MSc BSc FRCP is a respected consultant in respiratory medicine, with a wealth of experience in the field stretching nearly two decades, and a fondness for DC comics, Christopher Nolan films and jollof rice.

Gary Boller (Illustrator)

Gary lives in Hampshire, UK, with his wife and two children, one chihuahua and four cats. He trained as a graphic designer gaining an HND but also did a few years in advertising in London. He always doodled as a kid, even on his parents walls and loved the comics of the day, *The Beano* and *Dandy*. He has since go on to work on many books and comics, including the famous ones mentioned above.

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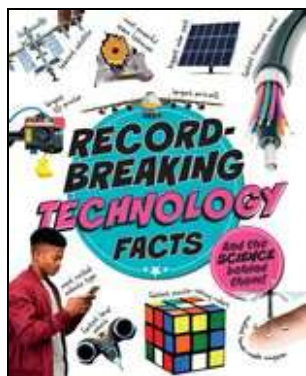


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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	265x210
Depth	12mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Record-Breaking
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Feb 2026
Dinosaur Facts 9781526329691
Technology Facts 9781526329714

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Record-Breaking: Technology Facts And the science behind them!

Izzi Howell

Keynote

Find out the facts behind the fastest, strongest and largest technology record-breakers and explore the science behind them

Description

Find out the facts behind the fastest, strongest and largest technology record-breakers and explore the science behind them.

Learn how the fastest vehicles travel at top speed, discover ground-breaking robot technology and find out the secret technology behind powerful computers and telescopes. Children can learn facts such as: How does the International Space Station (ISS) stay in orbit? Who created over 11,000 inventions? Which material is 200 times stronger than steel?

Packed full of bold images and surprising information, the *Record-Breaking Facts* series for children aged 7 plus, dives into a range of fascinating facts and reveals the secret science behind them.

Sales Points

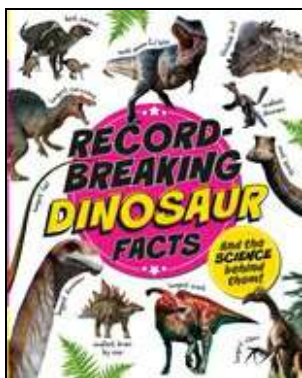
- High-interest topics but with a solid science learning behind them
- Features big, bold, labelled photographs, perfect for visual learners
- Appeals to children who enjoy finding out about life's extremes

Summary of Contents

Too big to fly? / Champion clicks / Deep, deep down / Solid and sturdy / Prize processors / Let it shine / (Nearly!) supersonic speed / Seeing in space / Fabulous fliers / King of the printers / Whizzy WiFi / Super satellite / More incredible technology records / Glossary / Further information / Index

Author Biography

Izzi Howell is an award-winning author and editor of over fifty children's books. She lives in East Sussex and enjoys learning languages, cooking and travelling around Europe. Her book *Cats React to Science Facts* was the winner of the Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8 year-olds award at The Lollies and winner of The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize in 2020.



Record-Breaking: Dinosaur Facts And the science behind them!

Izzi Howell

Keynote

Find out the facts behind the biggest, longest and most powerful dinosaur record-breakers and explore the science behind them

Description

Find out the facts behind the biggest, longest and most powerful dinosaur record-breakers and explore the science behind them.

Discover how the best prehistoric parents cared for their young, meet the largest and smallest dinosaurs and find out about incredible dinosaur crests, skulls and claws. Children can learn facts such as: Who named the first dinosaur? Which dinosaur had over 500 teeth? How did Diplodocus use its tail as a weapon?

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	265x210
Depth	10mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Record-Breaking
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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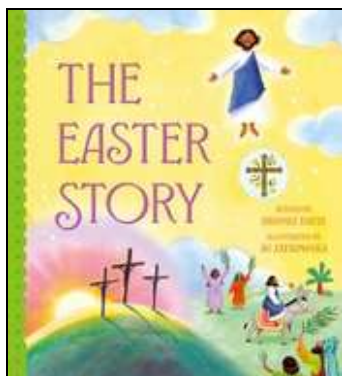
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Main Identifier	9781444983760
BIC 2.1	Bibles & bible stories (Children's / Teenage) (YNRB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)
CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	240x218
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
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

The Easter Story

Brooke Davis (Illustrated By Agnieszka Jatkowska)

Keynote

A classic Bible story of hope, love and new beginnings, perfect for children aged 3-5

Description

A classic Bible story of hope, love and new beginnings, perfect for children aged 3-5

Introduce your child to the true meaning of Easter with this beautiful retelling of one of the New Testament's key stories. Filled with bright, heartwarming illustrations and a gentle, age-appropriate narrative, *The Story of Easter* takes children aged 3-5 on a journey through the events of Easter in a way that is enjoyable and easy to understand.

Sales Points

- Engaging & Educational: Helps children grasp the significance of Easter while keeping them entertained over this important Christian holiday
- Perfect for Easter baskets, bedtime stories or anytime your child is ready to be introduced to stories from the Christian faith

Author Biography

Brooke Davis (Author)

Brooke Davis worked in children's publishing for many years, writing more than 150 novelty, non-fiction and picture books along the way.

Ag Jatkowska (Illustrator)

Ag grew up loving picture books and dreamed that one day she would become an illustrator. She graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Gdansk with a MA in Graphic Design and Illustration. With a passion for creating whimsical scenes full of cute animals, soft colours and textures, Ag has illustrated a broad range of children's books and greeting cards.

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Main Identifier	9781803380483
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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	290x225
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
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Chickens and Other Dinosaurs

The unbelievable story of bird evolution

Ben Lerwill (Illustrated By Sarah Edmonds)

Keynote

A fascinating illustrated guide to birds ... and their surprising prehistoric ancestors!

Description

A fascinating illustrated guide to birds ... and their surprising prehistoric ancestors!

Can you imagine a world without birds? It's like trying to picture a sky without stars, or a sea without fish. Birds are all around us - and they've been here a lot longer than we have...

But did you know that every single bird - every **pigeon**, every **penguin**, every **hummingbird** and **hawk** - is actually a real-life **DINOSAUR**? All around you there are dinosaurs in the sky, dinosaurs on the rooftops - maybe a whole flock of dinosaurs in the trees! Discover how theropod dinosaurs evolved flight feathers, wishbones, wings and beaks to become the spectacularly varied range of birds we know today, from the prehistoric-looking secretary bird that brandishes enormous claws to the silent stalking grey heron with its long dragon-like neck.

One of the most amazing stories of the natural world, written by children's author Ben Lerwill and with colourful art by Sarah Edmonds, illustrator of *Funny Bums*, *Freaky Beaks*.

Sales Points

- The perfect book for nature lovers and dinosaur-obsessed kids
- Includes stunning feature spreads on some of the most fearsome bird ancestors, including Archaeopteryx, terror birds and Pelagornis
- Contains all the essential facts on birds, including features on wings, feathers, flight, beaks and tongues

Author Biography

Ben Lerwill (Author)

Ben Lerwill lives in Oxfordshire and has two young children, whose vivid imaginations sparked his interest in writing children's books. He is also an award-winning freelance travel writer, an enthusiastic chef and a very bad guitarist.

Ben's non-fiction for children is often inspired by his love of the natural world. Recent and include: *Wild Family* (Puffin), *Let's Play Football* (Welbeck) and *Stone Age Beasts* (Walker). His book *Around the World in 80 Trees* (Welbeck) was shortlisted for the 2022 Wainwright Prize for Children's Writing on Nature and Conservation.

Sarah Edmonds (Illustrator)

Sarah Edmonds is a freelance illustrator on projects with publishers, museums, national parks and charities. Alongside this, her collection of playful illustrated gifts has grown and is sold online and in gift shops.

Sarah is inspired by vintage print production, instructional children's illustration and mid-century colour palettes. Those influences show - she has a particular eye for colour and a unique, memorable palette. Her previous non-fiction titles include: *Save Our Species* by Dominic Couzens (HarperCollins), *All Things Change* by Anna Claybourne (Welbeck) and *Funny Bums*, *Freaky Beaks* by Sean Taylor and ecologist Alex Morss (Welbeck).

Sarah lives by the sea in Worthing, with her partner and their two young children.



Publication date	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781804539552
BIC 2.1	Mysteries, the supernatural, monsters & mythological beings (Children's/ Teenage) (YNX) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	225x225
Depth	6mm
Extent	72 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; Cent & S Am

Fortune Telling

Welbeck Children's Books

Keynote

Explore the magical world of fortune telling, and find out all about astrology, palmistry, moon phases, and much more.

Description

Can you really see your future in the stars, in your palm, or even in tea leaves? This book is a fun and fascinating overview of the many ways people through the ages have tried to manifest the future - and how some people claim to be able to do it today.

The companion title to Star Signs, Crystal Magic, and Dreams, this book is broken down into easily accessible sections for clear and easy reading, with colorful, vibrant illustrations to pore over. Discover key facts about fortune telling, and how best to discover what your future holds.

Sales Points

- The fourth book in Welbeck's series which includes Star Signs, Crystal Magic, and Dreams.
- Features a mix of illustrations and photography to bring every fortune telling method to life.
- A cool visual guide with simple, clear text, focussing on exciting images and simple facts rather than in-depth analysis.

Author Biography

Welbeck Children's Books is a trend-led imprint that taps into popular culture, gaming and licensing brands that resonate with children of today.

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Reading Champion: Magic Faraway Tree: Wake Up, Mr Watzisname!

Pink Band 1

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Amy Zhing)

Keynote

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

Description

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

In this story, Mr Watzisname just cannot stay awake for long enough to have his breakfast. Everyone tries to help him!

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

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

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Main Identifier	9781445196602
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	210x148
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
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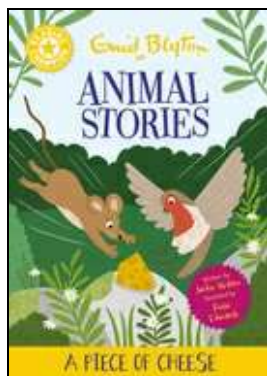
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	210x148
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

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

Reading Champion: Enid Blyton animal stories: A Piece of Cheese Yellow Band 3

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Rosie Edwards)

Keynote

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

Description

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

In this story, the animals spot a piece of cheese on the ground, and they all want it. And they are so busy talking about who should eat the cheese that they do not notice someone else come along ...

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

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

Rosie Edwards (Illustrator)

Rosie Edwards is an illustrator based in Northern Ireland. She has a degree in Textiles from Cardiff Metropolitan University and experience in designing homeware, stationery and greetings cards, focusing on children's products.

Rosie's inspired by the world building and character design of Disney and Pixar. She is also appreciative of the craftsmanship of stop-motion animation, such as Aardman Animations.

Fascinated with ancient civilisations and global cultural history, Rosie loves to travel. If she wasn't an artist she'd like to be cabin crew for a long-haul airline. Luckily, being a freelance illustrator gives her the same freedom, just sadly without the fabulous uniform.

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

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Liliana Perez)

Keynote

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

Description

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

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

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

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

Publication date	Thursday, February 12, 2026
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BIC 2.1	Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2AB)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	210x148
Depth	4mm
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Land of Sweets, 9781445196671
The Land of Dreams, 9781445196640
The Land of Wishes, 9781445196701
The Land of Surprises,
9781445196732
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	210x148
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Timmy to the Rescue!,
9781445197173
The Five's New Den, 9781445197234
Anne's Secret, 9781445197265
The Mysterious Visitor,
9781445197203
The Five on a Bike Ride,
9781445197326

Reading Champion: The Famous Five: George's Missing Boat Green Band 5

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Beatriz Castro)

Keynote

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

Description

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

In this story, The Famous Five are home for the holidays. They want to take George's boat out on the water, but there is bad news at the boat yard. Her boat is missing after a storm, and that's not the only thing to have gone missing ...

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

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's The Famous Five
- Vibrant new artwork for a young audience
- Carefully levelled to book band green 5, perfect for children learning to read independently

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

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

Beatriz Castro (Illustrator)

Beatriz Castro was born in La Rioja, Spain in 1985. When she was a little girl, she was always drawing and writing stories. She studied illustration at the school of arts in her home town, Logroño. After graduating, she embarked on a career as a professional illustrator and has since been published by many international publishing houses. She especially enjoys creating funny characters. Beatriz likes animals, classic stories and fairy tales and listens to rock and punk music.

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

Previous Titles

The Forgotten Password,
9781445197005
The Stolen Badge, 9781445197029
The Missing Hamster, 9781445197050
The Lost Car, 9781445197081
The Noisy Neighbours,
9781445197142

Reading Champion: The Secret Seven: The Town Fair Blue Band 4

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Holly Bushnell)

Keynote

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

Description

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

In this story, George and Pam are helping at the town fair, selling old toys to raise money for the school. Then George accidentally sells something important by mistake!

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

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

Holly Bushnell (Illustrator)

Holly is an illustrator and mural artist living near the sea in Liverpool, UK. She has always loved children's books and thinks they can be enjoyed by everyone, not just children. Holly has a masters degree in Illustration but has also worked as a bookshop assistant and barista (a fancy name for someone who makes coffee). Holly is vegetarian and loves animals - her favourite animals include cats, dogs and hedgehogs.

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

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **208 pages**
 Word Count
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 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author living in **Leeds**

Previous Titles

Pets Tell (History) Tales: Ancient Egypt

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Pets Tell Tales: Ancient Rome

A graphic novel guide to ancient history

Rik Worth (Illustrated By Jordan Collver)

Keynote

What REALLY happened in ancient Rome? Brought to life in this graphic novel, the animals of the past are here to tell you the REAL deal. . .

Description

Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dog Man* - in this totally TRUE graphic novel, the animals of the past are here to tell you what REALLY happened in ancient Rome.

So you think you know about ancient Rome - the colosseum, gladiators and toga-wearers? Well, we're the animals of ancient Rome and we think it's time we told you the REAL history.

We're going to talk about the really good stuff AND introduce you to the COOLEST Romans, including elephant soldiers, lion gladiators, celebrity horses and even superstitious chickens.

Did you know that you could also find bears, and tigers, in the ancient city of Rome? Or that at the height of the Roman Empire, their power (and pets) spread from Scotland all the way through Europe, to North Africa and the Middle East? Well, you're about to find out. . .

This true graphic novel will keep every reader glued to the page as they discover what life was like in ancient Rome.

Sales Points

- Second title in a new non-fiction graphic novel series for middle-grade, this is funny and a super accessible way to teach kids a curriculum history topic
- Non-fiction graphic novel in the popular format of *Bunny Vs. Monkey* and *Dog Man* - perfect stealth education for graphic novel fans and reluctant readers
- Rik and Jordan have previously collaborated on the comic series *Hocus Pocus: Magic, Mystery & The Mind*, which was nominated for the Eisner and the Tripwire awards (prestigious comic book awards)
- An exciting debut author/illustrator duo with buildable profile and an existing comic book following. Both RIK and Jordan are parents and this is perfectly pitched for middle-grade
- Accessible and entertaining content plus curriculum links make this perfect for festivals and schools events - all titles in the series are curriculum topics

Author Biography

Jordan Collver (Author)

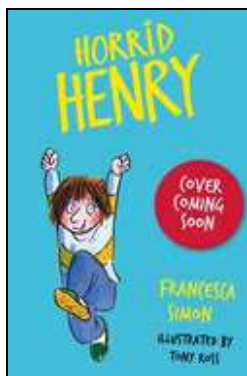
Jordan Collver is a Canadian illustrator living in Bristol, UK. He specializes in using the power and possibilities of comics to tell non-fiction stories. He has a masters in science communication from The University of The West of England, where he now delivers occasional lectures. He co-created the Eisner Award-nominated comic series *Hocus Pocus* and works with scientists, historians, educators and magicians to visualize complex ideas for everyone to enjoy.

Rik Worth (Author)

Rik Worth is a writer from the north of England who has always loved comics. He is best known for the Eisner-nominated *Hocus Pocus*, which explores the history of science, the paranormal and illusion. He is also the author of *The Creators of Batman: Bob, Bill and the Dark Knight*, a biography of the people behind Batman and their place in comic book history. As a journalist, he covered a wide range of subjects for the likes of *The Independent*, *Prospect*, *Byline Times* and *The Fortean Times*. He is fascinated with why people believe in unusual things and the odder side of history. He currently works at the University of Leeds, where he can be found deep in the library, pondering many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore...

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	School stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFS)
	Short stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFU)
	For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF)
	Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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Format	B Format
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Series	Horrid Henry
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Visit www.horridhenry.co.uk for a complete list of Horrid Henry titles.

Recent story collections include FIENDISH FOES, SUMMER OF DOOM and CHRISTMAS CHAOS.

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Horrid Henry: Rules the School

Francesca Simon (Illustrated By Tony Ross)

Keynote

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Perfect for half term holiday reading, HORRID HENRY RULES THE SCHOOL contains six of the best stories about Horrid Henry and his classmates, plus a bonus activity section packed with games and puzzles to keep readers busy.

Description

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Horrid Henry loves to hate school, and he and his classmates are always getting up to mischief. Discover six of the best and funniest stories about Henry's school days, including a run-in with a new teacher, some very creative writing and of course the dreaded case of nits . . .

An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure, with six illustrated stories plus a joke and activity section - the perfect gift for Horrid Henry fans everywhere, and ideal entertainment for school holidays and journeys.

This collection contains the following stories:

- Horrid Henry's New Teacher
- Horrid Henry: Nits Nits Nits!
- Horrid Henry: Underpants Panic
- Horrid Henry's Newspaper
- Horrid Henry: Waking the Dead
- Horrid Henry's Autobiography

Sales Points

- These bumper themed story collections make a great introduction to the series and are an ideal gift for existing Horrid Henry fans. HORRID HENRY RULES THE SCHOOL is published in time for February half term
- Total UK sales across the Horrid Henry range are in excess of 30 million copies
- Rights sold in over 30 languages
- Francesca Simon is one of the UK's top-selling children's authors and is also among the Top 10 most borrowed children's authors in UK libraries
- As well as six hilarious stories there's a bonus joke and activity section to keep Horrid Henry fans of all ages entertained for hours - perfect for the school holidays

Author Biography

Francesca Simon (Author)

Francesca Simon MBE spent her childhood on the beach in California and started writing stories at the age of eight. She wrote her first Horrid Henry book in 1994. Horrid Henry has gone on to conquer the globe; his adventures are published in 27 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Francesca has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and been a judge for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2009, in one of the proudest moments of her career, Francesca was awarded a Gold Blue Peter badge. She was appointed MBE in the 2023 New Year Honours.

Francesca is also a passionate ambassador for children's literacy and is a trustee of the World Book Day charity. She lives in North London with her family.

Visit Francesca's website at www.francescasimon.com and keep up-to-date with Horrid Henry at www.horridhenry.co.uk. You can also follow her on Twitter @simon_francesca

Tony Ross (Illustrator)

Tony Ross was born in London and studied at the Liverpool School of Art and Design. He has worked as a cartoonist, a graphic designer, as the Art Director of an advertising agency, and as Senior Lecturer in Art at Manchester Polytechnic.

Tony is one of the most popular and successful children's illustrators of all time, best known for illustrating Horrid Henry and the works of David Walliams. Tony's books have been translated into 40 languages in over 100 countries. He lives in Macclesfield.

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Extent	336 pages
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Previous Titles

Finding Her Edge
Break the Fall

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Game, Set, Match

A Match Point novel (book 1) steamy New Adult sports romance at an elite tennis academy, for fans of Challengers

Jennifer Iacopelli

Keynote

Love means nothing in tennis. A steamy New Adult sports romance set at an elite tennis academy, perfect for fans of *Challengers*.

Description

Love means nothing in tennis. A steamy New Adult sports romance set at an elite tennis academy, perfect for fans of *Challengers*.

Penny Harrison is a tennis icon in-the-making, and, with the upcoming Grand Slam in Paris, there's no room for mistakes.

But when she returns to train at the prestigious Outer Banks Tennis Club, she comes face to face with the biggest mistake she ever made: Alex Russell.

To keep her head in the game, Penny leans on two other rising stars, Jasmine and Indiana, who are balancing tennis with their own off-the-court romances.

As the days tick down to Paris, Penny knows she needs to focus to win . . . so why can't she stay away from the one guy who could ruin everything?

Sales Points

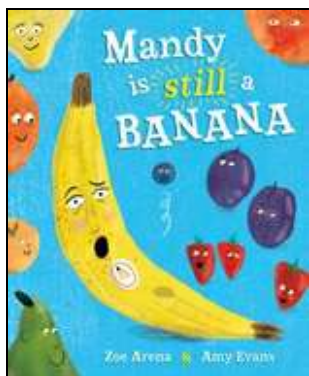
- Contemporary aspirational real-life sports romance: all the tension, rivalry and drama of elite sports, life in the spotlight and steamy romance
- The sports romance genre is booming in the contemporary New Adult market with college-set hits like Elle Kennedy's series, Hannah Grace's *Icebreaker* and Ali Hazelwood's *Deep End*
- Netflix adaptation of Jennifer Iacopelli's YA sports romance *Finding Her Edge* is coming in February 2026

Author Biography

Jennifer Iacopelli writes about ambitious girls with big dreams and the boys who love them for it. Her young adult novels include *Break the Fall* and *Finding Her Edge*. Throughout her career her books have been published in over a dozen languages, named a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard book, a Kids' Indie Next pick, a finalist for the South Carolina Book Awards and featured by the New York Public Library, Bank Street College, YALSA, the Texas Library Association and the Missouri State Teachers Association as a best book of the year. She lives in New York with no plans to ever leave where she also publishes adult romance under the pen name Jennifer Hennessy.

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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
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Binding	Paperback
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Mandy is still a Banana

Zoe Arena (Illustrated By Amy Louise Evans)

Keynote

A quirky, life-affirming celebration of being true to yourself and learning to love the skin you're in, starring Mandy the banana and her fruit-bowl friends.

Description

Mandy is a banana. A yellow, bendy, half-moon-shaped banana.

The problem is, Mandy doesn't *want* to be a banana. She would rather be a prickly pineapple like Pedro, a round watermelon like Wilhelmina, or - frankly - ANYTHING other than a banana.

It takes a plucky little blueberry called Blip to help Mandy focus on her 'haves' rather than her 'have-nots' and to celebrate what makes her so unique, so bendy, so brilliant and so absolutely, utterly . . . BANANA!

A quirky celebration of learning to love the skin you're in, featuring an all-star cast of fruit-bowl friends. Heartwarming and funny in equal measure, *Mandy is Still a Banana* is guaranteed to be a hit with little ones and adults alike.

Sales Points

- A quirky, life-affirming celebration of embracing individuality and being true to yourself, featuring an all-star cast of fruit-bowl friends
- With a hilariously witty text and fun illustrations from a dynamite debut duo, author Zoe Arena and illustrator Amy Evans

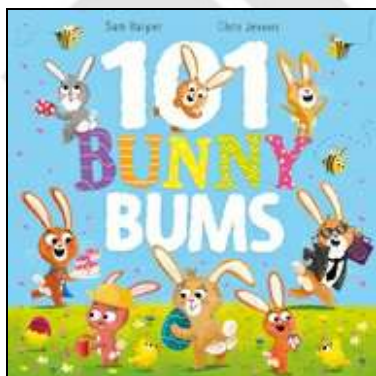
Author Biography

As the daughter of a soldier, **Zoe Arena** spent a great deal of her childhood travelling where she heard all sorts of stories and noticed the power of words in bringing people together. She now writes wonderful stories of her own. She has a degree in Media Writing and lives in Kent.

Amy Evans is an illustrator who loves working with traditional media and print to 'make a mess' before using digital processes to give energy, movement and character to the every day. She is also a lecturer at Wolverhampton School of Art. When she is not illustrating or lecturing, Amy enjoys listening to podcasts, running and relaxing with her pet greyhound. She lives in Wolverhampton.

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For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)
Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC **A3M79**
Age **0-5 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Picture Book**
Character **Non-character**
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **250x250**
Extent **32 pages**
Word Count
Series **101 Bums**
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101 Bunny Bums

Sam Harper (Illustrated By Chris Jevons, Edited By Katie Sassienie)

Keynote

An egg-cellently silly rhyming picture book, featuring 101 hopping, bopping bunny bums! From the creators of 101 Bums - winner of the Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book at the Lollies 2022.

Description

Waking bums
Baking bums, making hot cross buns
matching bums
hatching bums - welcome little ones!

Find bunting bums and egg-hunting bums, floral bums and choral bums and many MANY more bushy-tailed bums in this lively, laugh-out-loud springtime celebration - with a bum-tastic Bunny Bottom Brunch finale!

The bouncy read-aloud text and hilarious illustrations will have every child (and grown-up) springing with laughter!

With 101 bunny bums to count - from bushy-tailed bunnies to characters dressed up as bunnies -this is the perfect Easter gift for little bunnies everywhere!

Sales Points

- Featuring a range of bunny and springtime bums, this is sure to get children giggling
- *101 Bums* was voted as the Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book at The Lollies 2022
- Inspired by his background in animation, Chris Jevons's illustrations bring character, humour and energy
- A bouncy rhyming text, with a hilarious and BUM-tastic Bunny brunch finale with 101 bums to spot!

Author Biography

Sam Harper (Author)

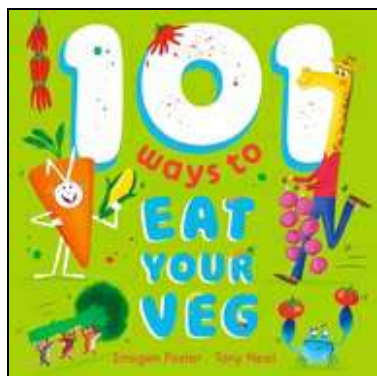
Sam Harper is the award-winning author of *101 Bums* series and *Superpoop*. Sam has a great sense of humour and loves to make children laugh with his writing, and seeing how incredible illustrators can bring his silliness to life on the page. *101 Bums* won the Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Books in the 2022 Lollies Awards.

Chris Jevons (Illustrator)

Chris Jevons is an award-winning children's book illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. He began his career studying art and design at college and 3d animation at university. Chris now scribbles picture books and fiction titles for a living and has illustrated books for fantastic authors such as Peter Bently, Maz Evans, Lucy Rowland and Kes Gray. Chris's books include the bestselling *Superpoop*, *Onesie Party*, *The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife* and *101 Bums* - winner of The Laugh Out Loud Book Award 2023.

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CBMC	A5M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	250x250
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

101 Ways to Brush Teeth

101 Ways to Eat Your Veg

Imogen Foster (Illustrated By Tony Neal)

Keynote

A bold and funny picture book that helps make sure eating veg will never be boring again!

Description

Hard veg, soft veg, green veg, sour veg, crunchy and chewy veg. Vegetables come in all shapes and sizes, and it's important to eat them so you can grow happy and strong.

You can fry veg, roast it, pickle it and steam it. You can eat it stacked in a sandwich or topping a pizza. You can eat it with a spoon, fork, your hands or even NO hands.

There are 101 ways to eat your veg packed into the pages of this funny and totally ridiculous but REALLY helpful book. With tips on why eating veg is so important and fun facts about animals' real foodie habits throughout, this book will help little readers learn to love veg.

Sales Points

- A humorous approach to an important daily task that will make little ones laugh and want to eat their vegetables
- Contains additional facts about animals' diets to keep children's interest, and a non-fiction spread explaining why vegetables are important, and tips to eat more, at the back of the book
- The second in a new series of picture books about daily routines

Author Biography

Imogen Foster (Author)

Imogen Foster is a children's author living in London. When she's not writing, you can find her out running or playing with her beloved pet cat.

Tony Neal (Illustrator)

Tony Neal is a graphic artist and illustrator from South Leicestershire, England. Tony is inspired by everyday life and the quirky details that surround us. He loves to create charming characters in whimsical scenes and telling stories with his pictures.

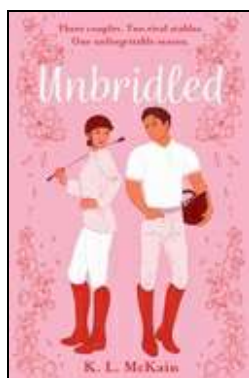
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CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Unbridled

A scandalous YA romance perfect for fans of RIVALS

K. L. McKain

Keynote

Made in Chelsea meets *Rivals* in this steamy romance set in a wealthy village, where everyone knows everyone else *and* their horse.

Description

Three couples. Two rival stables. One unforgettable summer. A steamy romance full of entanglements and rivalries, perfect for fans of *Rivals*.

Issues of class, sex, money - and occasionally love - play out on the polo fields and paddocks of a wealthy village where rich kids Bex, Hugo, Freddie and Luella have grown up.

Everything changes when Carrie, a feisty truth-teller who loves horses, moves to the area. Carrie quickly attracts Freddie's notice when she starts working at his family's stables. But disaster strikes when Freddie's favourite horse is poisoned, causing her rider to fall during a polo match and seriously injure himself. Evidence points to Kit, a groom from a rival stable, being the culprit. But Carrie has reason to believe that somebody has framed her new friend Kit. Fearless and fiercely loyal, she'll stop at nothing to find the true culprit - even if it gets in the way of the romance that's blooming between her and Freddie . . .

In a village where everyone knows everyone, how can you tell who's out to get you?

Sales Points

- This is perfect for YA fans of *Rivals* - season 2 has been greenlit and has entered pre-production
- Pacy, commercial writing with heaps of mass market appeal
- Story is packed with TikTok hooks - enemies-to-lovers, class dynamics, love triangle and morally grey love interest and aspirational posh countryside setting and scandal
- We have world rights in all languages
- We also have all sub-rights including Film & TV

Author Biography

K.L. McKain is the UK-based author of over fifty children's/YA books and has been published in more than twenty languages. Among her fiction series are the best-selling Totally Lucy books, the Pony Camp Diaries, Rainbow Beauty, Animal SOS, Mermaid Rock and Half a Sister. Her new middle grade series about a mindfulness club, The Feeling Good Club, is out now. You can visit K.L.'s website at www.kellymckain.co.uk. She lives in the beautiful Surrey Hills in the UK with her awesome teenagers, and loves natural horsemanship, dance, yoga and magic.

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CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author born in	Illinois, USA
Author living in	Brooklyn, NY, USA

The Spiral Key

An addictive, deadly game-filled thriller

Kelsey Day

Keynote

What if your enemy could make your existence hell - both in real and virtual life? *Pretty Little Liars* meets Holly Jackson with a dash of *Squid Game* in this addictive thriller.

Description

What if your enemy could make your existence hell - both in real and virtual life?

'An edge-of-your-seat thriller about friendship and ex-friendship, love, loss, and longing, and the need to belong that is as honest and relatable as it is spine-tingling. Don't miss this one.' - Jennifer Niven, #1 *NY Times* bestselling author of *All the Bright Places*

At the start of each school year, the spiral key invitations go out for Madison Pembroke's birthday party. For one night, a few lucky students get to enter Ametrine, a virtual paradise designed to be the party of the year - an unforgettable celebration that will secure their social status in the real world. As Madison's hated ex-BFF, Bree Benson *never* receives a key.

Until now.

Despite warnings from her boyfriend, Bree sees the invite as an olive branch, the perfect opportunity to rekindle her once-amazing friendship with Madison. But as the party games begin to turn violent, Bree finds that Ametrine might not be the virtual paradise she was promised. And that Madison may have let Bree enter Ametrine, but she has no intention of ever letting her leave . . .

Can Bree turn the tables in time to survive and fight back?

***Pretty Little Liars* meets Holly Jackson with a dash of *Squid Game* in this addictive thriller.**

Sales Points

- Mass market appeal for YA thriller/horror fans
- Horror as a genre is on the rise in popularity, especially on TikTok
- Childhood games turned dark is a very popular trope, e.g. *Squid Game*

Author Biography

Kelsey Day is a young adult author and queer Appalachian poet. Their writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Orion Magazine*, *Freeman's* and more, and garnered nominations for two Pushcart Prizes, the Penrose Poetry Prize, and Best of the Net. They are a recipient of the University of Chicago's Young Memory Fellowship and the International Women's Writing Guild Fellowship, as well as a grant recipient of the Boston Art Opportunity Fund. This is their first novel for young readers. They live in New York City.

You can find them online at KelseyDays.com or on Instagram @KelseyDays.

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Alan, King of the Universe 2 Book 2

Tom McLaughlin

Keynote

Join power-hungry cat Alan and his loveable dog sidekick Fido as they take over the universe. Or at least *try* to . . . as long as they're home in time for tea! This laugh-out-loud, two-colour graphic novel will appeal to readers of all ages.

Description

ALAN IS KING OF THE UNIVERSE. Well, not yet. But he WILL be.

Join Alan and Fido on more hilarious adventures as they try to take over the universe - as long as they're home in time for tea, of course.

This two-colour graphic novel series for 7+ readers will have kids and their grown-ups rolling around the floor with laughter. Suitable for newly independent readers.

Sales Points

- Commercial, clean illustration style with huge appeal with an accessible, humorous writing voice perfect for the age group
- Hilarious main characters in the form of a power-hungry cat and a hapless but loveable dog
- Tom has over 10 years' experience and does school events that include storytelling, live drawing, illustration workshops as well as talking about experience as a dyslexic author and illustrator
- Each book includes four core stories AND a bonus mini Fido story!

Author Biography

Tom McLaughlin is an author-illustrator from Devon. After graduating from Falmouth College of Art, he worked for 10 years as a political cartoonist. Since going freelance he has been an animation designer for a number of TV shows, as well as an occasional columnist for *The Guardian* online. He started in the world of children's publishing by illustrating other people's books before turning his hand to writing. His books have been nominated for countless awards and have been translated into over 10 different languages. He lives in Exeter with his wife and children and can often be found staring out of a window with a cup of tea.

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CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Hardback B Format
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	Alan, King of the Universe
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	Exeter, Devon

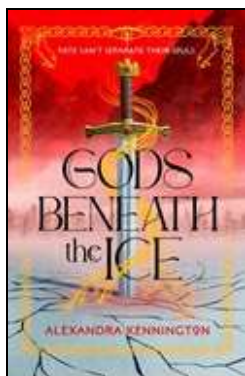
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BIC 2.1 **Fantasy romance (FMR)**
Fantasy (FM)
Romance (FR)

CBMC **E3N79**
Age **12+ years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**

Character Tie In **Non-character Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **384 pages**

Word Count
Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author living in **Utah, USA**

Gods Beneath the Ice

Alexandra Kennington

Keynote

Heartbroken and grappling with unwanted powers, Revna must work with the person she swore to forget if she's to lead her people and unravel the secrets behind her new magic in this page-turning conclusion to the Blood & Souls duology.

Description

Heartbroken and grappling with unwanted powers, Revna must work with the person she swore to forget if she's to lead her people and unravel the secrets behind her new magic in this page-turning conclusion to the Blood & Souls duology.

Revna knew ruling would be difficult, but she never anticipated ruling with a newfound Lurae. The godtouched fear her, the godforsaken don't trust her, and her best friend doesn't know the truth she's been hiding. When the war-ending treaty is signed, Revna will reveal her secrets and finally put the Hellbringer behind her.

Except the Kryllian Queen refuses to sign the treaty when she discovers how volatile Revna's bloodsinging is. Desperate for any alliance, Revna begrudgingly agrees to the Queen's proposal: if Revna can learn to control her magic in three weeks, negotiations will resume. But there's a catch - the queen's general will be the one training her.

Revna will work with the Hellbringer once more, but she won't make it easy. But when the general reveals that the dead are unable to pass on, they realize there's more at stake than their tangled relationship. Ancient, powerful secrets tie the realm - and Revna and the Hellbringer - together, and their only hope of lasting peace is to unweave them.

Sales Points

- A New Adult romantasy with court intrigue and forbidden romance
- Thrilling, tense, and full of crackling romantic tension, this is the perfect duology for the current crossover market
- Penguin US have acquired more titles by Alexandra Kennington and will be building her in a big way in the fantasy space, providing an opportunity to build of cross-territory buzz

Author Biography

Alexandra Kennington has been writing fantasy stories since she was young. When she's not knee-deep in a world of her own creation, you'll find her reading a book with the enemies-to-lovers trope or obsessing over Star Wars. She lives in Utah, USA, with her spouse and child.

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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	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	The Cheat Book
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Not for Sale	Can; USA

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The Cheat Book (vol.3)

RAMZEE

Keynote

The third book in the hilarious **CHEAT BOOK** series, from brilliant author-illustrator **RAMZEE**! With black-and-white illustrations throughout, perfect for 8+ readers.

Description

NOT FOR GROWN-UPS!

*Wish your school was a **SMART SCHOOL**?*

*With shiny, **TALKING SCOOTERS** to take you to your classes?*

*And vending machines full of delicious **SNACKS**?*

When a new Smart School opens up, Kamal and his friends are part of the lucky first test group. With **robot teachers**, vending machines full of **free snacks**, and **talking scooters** that take you to your classes, what could possibly go wrong?

The answer: everything.

With the trusty **Cheat Book** and its lifehacks by his side, can Kamal find a way to fight back? □

Join Kamal on his hilarious new adventure, from brilliant author-illustrator RAMZEE. Perfect for 8+ readers of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Loki*. With black-and-white illustrations throughout!

PRAISE FOR THE CHEAT BOOK (vol.1):

'**Laugh-out-loud funny. Kids are going to love The Cheat Book!**' Cressida Cowell, bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon*

'**Comedy gold!**' Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide series*

'**Clever and hilarious ... A funny and much needed fresh voice in the middle grade arena**' Dapo Adeola, award-winning illustrator

'**An authentic heart-warming story, jam-packed with fun, friendship and just the right amount of peril - it's the coolest book in town!**' Rachael Davis, author of *I am NOT a Prince!*

'**Move over, Tom Gates, there's a new kid on the block! *The Cheat Book* is an absolutely hilarious, riot of a read**' Swapna Haddow, author of the *Dave Pigeon* series

'**A HILARIOUS quest for coolness. It's fresh, it's joyous... Children are going to love it!**' Rashmi Sirdeshpande, award-winning children's author

Sales Points

- Perfect for 8+ readers of *Loki*, *Tom Gates* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- RAMZEE is an incredibly talented author-illustrator with an accessible voice and fantastic art-style. He is enthusiastic about interacting with kids to promote creativity and he runs his own workshops
- A boy-led project in the younger space full of humour and heart and hilarious illustrations

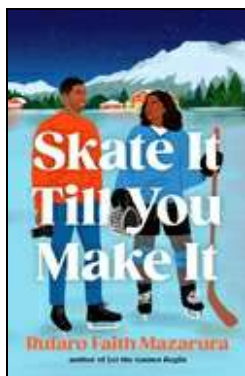
Author Biography

RAMZEE (Ramsey Hassan) is an author-illustrator based in London. He has written comic books for 2000ad and Marvel and designs and runs his own comics and illustration workshops. He was nominated for a British Comics Award in 2016, won the Second Prize in the Faber Children's FAB Prize in 2017, was selected to take part in the Vaults Festival New Writers Programme in 2019 and recently was chosen for the BBC's London Voices Writer's Room Programme.

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Skate It Till You Make It

Red flags, fake dates and gold medals collide in this feel good wintery romcom!

Rufaro Faith Mazarura

Keynote

An all new fake-dating, opposites attract ice-hockey romance for fans of WICKED SERVE, ICEBREAKER and REVOLVE!

Description

The weather might be icy, but the tension is red-hot!

When Ari Shumba and Drew Dlamini meet on New Year's Eve, neither one is looking to fall in love.

Ari's the reluctant new captain of Team GB's women's ice hockey team, anxiously preparing for the Winter Olympics. And after dropping out of college to handle a family crisis, Drew's desperately trying to salvage his photography career.

The chemistry is instant, but with both of their lives spinning out of control, they know a relationship would end in disaster. So, as the clock counts down to midnight, they spill their messiest secrets and most alarming red flags, thinking that they'll never see each other again...

Until they accidentally cross paths at the Winter Games.

As toxic exes and fraught family dynamics threaten to sabotage the most important competition of their lives, they hatch an emergency plan to fake date and photograph their way through the Games. After all, there's no risk of falling in love if it is doomed from the start... right?

Sales Points

- Winter sports romance
- In time for the winter olympics 2026!
- Rufaro is the author of 2025 Olympic romance LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
- Currently has 10k followers on Tiktok!

Reviews

- "Skate It Till You Make It balances fake dating, family drama, and above all, the sizzling tension between Ari and Drew, with effortless charm. A fun, fantastic read." - Grace Reilly, *USA Today bestselling author of Wicked Serve*
- "Skate It Till You Make It hit me straight in the heart. Reading about a woman fighting to carve her place in a male-dominated sport-especially in the high-stakes backdrop of the Winter Olympics-was as inspiring as it was exhilarating. Mazarura has crafted a captivating story that's fierce, romantic, and full of hope. It's the perfect read to kick off the Winter Games." - Kanitha P., *author of All You Need is Gloves and the Full Throttle series*
- "Skate It Till You Make It is a tender, grounded story that will warm your heart, even with its wintery setting. Ari and Drew's chemistry jumps off the page, as does the world that Mazarura has built. Prepare to follow the leads through their own journeys of self-discovery, packed with plenty of hijinks and an equally enticing supporting cast. Mazarura has expertly crafted a world full of beautifully complex characters that you can't help but root for, all the way through the Winter Games." - Jasmine Burke, *author of Quarter-Love Crisis*
- "I savored every delicious page of Skate It Till You Make It. Rufaro Faith Mazarura pulls off a hat-trick in her expert balancing of Ari and Drew's bewitching love story, the lush tension-filled backdrop of the Winter Games, and the question of what it really means to follow your dreams. This is a second gold medal-worthy book from Mazarura." *author of Here For A Good Time* - Pyae Moe Thet War, *author of I DID SOMETHING BAD and HERE FOR A GOOD TIME*

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	Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
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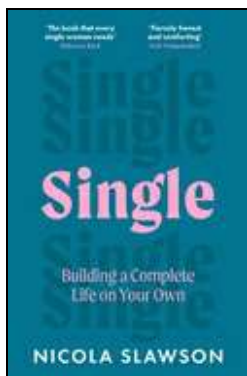
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BIC 2.1	Prose: non-fiction (DN) Dating, relationships, living together & marriage (VFVG) Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	n/a
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	n/a
Author living in	Shrewsbury, UK
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
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Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Single

Building a Complete Life on Your Own

Nicola Slawson

Keynote

A guide to not just surviving but thriving as a single person in a society where couples are still the norm

Description

'A joyous read' *Stylist*

'Fiercely honest and comforting' *Irish Independent*

'The book every single woman needs' Rebecca Reid

Around 40 per cent of UK adults are single at any one time. Far from being a transitional state between relationships, singledom has a lot to offer in terms of freedom, self-discovery and self-determination. At the same time, there are challenges, from the social to the economic. How do you handle being ill if you are alone? Who do you call if you're stranded out late at night? If you don't find the right person to have a baby with, should you become a parent alone?

In *Single*, Nicola explores being un-partnered in a world designed for couples, and how to find the joy in the life that you are already living. If you are newly single, long-term single, avowedly single, reluctantly so, considering leaving your current relationship or just wondering what to say to your aunt next time she asks if you'll ever get married - this book is for you.

'I wish *Single* existed when I was single' Natasha Lunn, author of *Conversations on Love*

'A warm, joyful book full of solidarity and lots of new ways of looking at single life' Radhika Sanghani, author of *30 Things I Love About Myself*

Sales Points

- Author is a well-connected journalist with dedicated online following (tens of thousands of newsletter subscribers, 11k twitter, 5k insta, 2k and growing Facebook community). She is increasingly the 'go-to' person for single person issues; she has featured on BBC Radio 2 and her articles appear in the Guardian.
- The Office for National Statistics shows numbers of women not living in a couple, who have never married, is rising in every age range under 70. In the decade-and-a-half between 2002 and 2018, the figure for those aged 40 to 70 rose by half a million. The percentage of never-married singletons in their 40s doubled.
- A practical, intelligent and illuminating guide to being single in the 21st century

Reviews

- 'A joyous read' - *Stylist*
- 'Fiercely honest and comforting' - *Irish Independent*

Author Biography

Nicola Slawson is a freelance journalist, writer and public speaker who has written opinion pieces and features focusing on single life for the *Independent*, *the i paper*, *Refinery29*, *HuffPost* and *Positive News*. Her award-winning newsletter has been featured in the *Guardian*, *HuffPost*, *the Evening Standard*, *Women's Health*, *Stylist*, *Mashable*, the *Irish Business Post* and the French edition of *Slate*. In 2020, she was chosen by *the i paper*, alongside the likes of Poorna Bell, Tracy Brabin, Africa Brooke and Louise Minchin, as one of 14 women who have changed the conversation about issues that affect women.

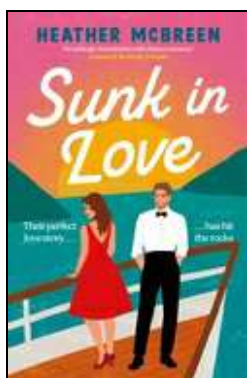
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	432 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
1st Serial	Headline Publishing Group
2nd Serial	Headline Publishing Group
Audio	Headline Publishing Group
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Sunk in Love

Sail away with this heart-warming second-chance romance, perfect for fans of HAPPY PLACE

Heather McBreen

Keynote

A charming and escapist second-chance rom-com by Heather McBreen, perfect for fans of Emily Henry's HAPPY PLACE and Cara Bastone.

Description

A second chance at love sets sail . . .

- ☐ **Fake relationship**
- ☐ **Second-chance romance**
- ☐ **And there was only one bed**
- ☐ **Dual-time flashbacks to the past**
- ☐ **Escapism on a Hawaiian cruise**

Roslyn and Liam are the perfect couple. Through every up and down, every milestone - from Liam's residency to the publication of Roslyn's debut romance - they've been each other's rock. Until now.

Nine years in, and blindsided by the untimely death of Roslyn's mom, they're now navigating the final wave in their marriage: divorce.

Heartbroken and unsure how to tell her family, Roslyn keeps the impending split to herself. But when her grandparents ask if Liam can officiate their vow renewal ceremony aboard a Hawaiian cruise during their annual family holiday, Roslyn needs to tell the truth or figure out a way to keep her secret.

A week trapped at sea with her ex isn't ideal, but neither Roslyn nor Liam want to rock the boat, so they concoct a plan - they'll fake it. After five years of marriage, it can't be *that* hard to pretend, right?

But with reality and make believe starting to blur, and old feelings beginning to resurface that can't be ignored, Roslyn and Liam must decide whether it's sink or swim for their marriage.

☐ ☐ **This escapist and heartwarming second-chance romance, by the author of *Wedding Dashers*, is for fans of Cara Bastone, Emily Henry, BK Borison and Abby Jimenez.** ☐ ☐

Sales Points

- **A CHARMING AND ESCAPIST ROMANCE:** This second-chance romance is for fans of Cara Bastone, Emily Henry, BK Borison and Abby Jimenez. It features beloved tropes such as a fake relationships, second-chance romance and only one-bed - whilst also delivering on the escapist elements. With charming and heatwarming flashbacks to the past, this dual-time romance will melt readers hearts.
- **HEADLINE ETERNAL:** At Eternal, Headline's boutique romance imprint, our mission is to ensure that any romance fan will find their heart's desire within the books on our list. Whether that be heartwarming, laugh-out-loud rom-coms, intoxicating romantasies, page-turning romantic thrillers, or sweeping historicals, Eternal is the home of exceptional romance for every mood.

Author Biography

Heather McBreen currently lives in Seattle, Washington, but spent the best year of her life living in London, where she completed an MA degree in arts and cultural management. When she's not writing or reading books about kissing, she can be found surfing the web for travel deals and plotting her next adventure.



Publication date	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Price	£10.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781035420179
BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery (FF) Thriller / suspense (FH)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can

Publishing History

Author has written eight titles as Sam Carrington for Avon: *Bad Sister*, *Saving Sophie*, *One Little Lie*, *I Dare You*, *The Girl in the Photo*, *The Couple on Maple Drive*, *The Missing Wife* and *The Open House*. As Alice Hunter, she has written *The Serial Killer's Wife*, *The Serial Killer's Daughter* and *The Serial Killer's Sister*.

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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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The Other Child

A completely addictive psychological thriller with a heart-pounding twist

Amy Carver

Keynote

A twisty, high-concept psychological thriller about a woman who becomes convinced her child was swapped with another woman's child at birth.

Description

'Pulse-pounding . . . jaw-dropping twists! Keeps readers hooked from the first page to the shocking conclusion' Reader Review ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

You'd know your son anywhere . . . wouldn't you?

Louise has never felt the deep bond with her son, Alfie, that other mothers talk about. Now three, Alfie is volatile, difficult - and Louise can't help but blame herself.

Then he makes a new friend, Jacob, and everything changes. Alfie becomes calmer. Happier. Louise should be thrilled - until she meets Jacob's mother and starts noticing strange coincidences: the same hospital, same birth date. . . and Jacob looks eerily like Louise's husband.

As doubt spirals into obsession, Louise's suspicions deepen. With Jacob, she feels a bond she's never had with Alfie - an unsettling, impossible connection. And soon, she's forced to confront the unthinkable:

What if her child isn't really hers?

A gripping, emotionally-charged page-turner for fans of Lisa Jewell, Claire Douglas and Andrea Mara - this is a mother's worst nightmare, brought chillingly to life.

Sales Points

- The author has a strong profile: she has written eight books for Avon as Sam Carrington, and THE SERIAL KILLER'S WIFE series as Alice Hunter, now adapted for TV by Paramount. She was selected as an Amazon Rising Star in 2016, and has strong links to the crime writing community.
- An IP project, this is a highly commercial, female-led suspense novel with strong rights and digital sales potential.

Author Biography

Amy Carver worked for the NHS for fifteen years, spending the first ten as a healthcare assistant in a maternity unit, where she supported women through antenatal care, childbirth, and the postnatal period. She later qualified as a nurse and earned a psychology degree, which led her down an alternative path. Now a novelist, Amy draws inspiration from her experiences to create compelling and impactful stories. A mother of three grown-up children and a nanna of four, she enjoys spending time with her expanding family.

Market

This will appeal to fans of Claire Douglas, Katherine Faulkner, C L Taylor, Andrea Mara, JP Delaney and Claire McGowan, as well as digital bestselling authors like Ruby Speechley, Shalini Boland and Anita Waller.

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	Fashion & style guides (WJF)
Binding	Hardback
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Extent	224 pages
Word Count	17055 words
Illustrations	100 colour and black and white images
Series	Icons of Style
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
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Icons of Style: Billie Eilish

The story of a fashion legend

Welbeck

Keynote

The ultimate guide to a modern icon, featuring all of Billie Eilish's key looks and signature pieces

Description

Neon hair. Head-to-toe Burberry. Androgynous tailoring. Chunky accessories. Billie Eilish's iconic signature style can be summed up in one word - experimental.

From making songs in her bedroom to global superstardom, Billie has always done things her own way - and that applies to her style too. Embracing oversized streetwear, dramatic nail extensions and goth imagery, she has also owned high octane glamour for the cover of Vogue and Gucci pyjamas on the red carpet.

With this fully illustrated guide to Billie's style trajectory featuring over 100 photographs of her key looks and signature pieces, dive into the world of a style icon.

Sales Points

- With 120m Insta followers / 68.5m TikTok, Billie has a dedicated fanbase. She is touring for her new album into 2025, across the UK, US, Europe and ANZ
- Over 5 million albums and 45.5 million digital singles sold, and 9 Grammys to date
- Unique and ever-evolving look feted by the fashion world and was on November 2024's cover of *Vogue*
- The *Icons of Style* series has sold over 149,000 copies and 6 languages so far.

Author Biography

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Little Book of California Style

The fashion story of the iconic state

Deirdre Clemente

Keynote

The ultimate guide to the style DNA of the golden state

Description

From the boardwalk to the red carpet, and from the desert to the mountains, California is a state of staggering variety - and that applies to its fashion, too.

The fashion story of the golden state features everything from Levi's, skateboarding and West Coast hip-hop to Barbie, old Hollywood and Chicano style. With over 100 images exploring California's most iconic inhabitants, designers and signature styles, and with chapters on shopping and what to wear, this gorgeous book captures this starry state's style DNA.

Sales Points

- Exploring looks, designers, icons, must-haves, and street style from the Beach, desert, mountains and highway - taking in all the different styles from these diverse areas, from old Hollywood to beachy, road-trip style.
- California tourism hit a record high in 2024
- The Fashion Destinations series has sold over 275K units worldwide with rights sold in 5 territories.
- Full of the incredible history of the region and trends that originated there and still resonate today - from denim and swimwear to sandals and cowboy boots
- Full of rare photographs from US archives, as well as contemporary photography of style icons and key cultural moments

Author Biography

Deirdre Clemente is a historian and curator of twentieth century American material culture, specializing in fashion. Her work has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Harper's Bazaar*. Clemente is the director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas public history programme. Her books include *East Coast/West Coast: A History of the American Fashion Industry* and *Dress Casual: How College Kids Redefined American Style*.

Publication date	Thursday, February 05, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781035433056
BIC 2.1	Fashion & textiles: design (AKT) California (1KBBWF) Fashion & style guides (WJF) Fashion & society (JFCK)
Binding	Hardback
Format	180x125
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	17628 words
Illustrations	100 colour/black and white images
Series	Fashion Destinations
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
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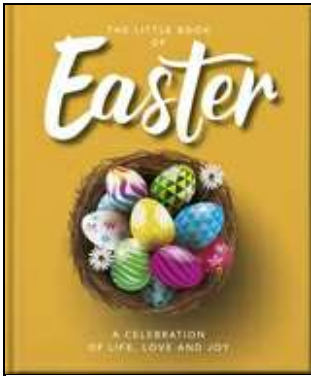
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Main Identifier	9781035436507
BIC 2.1	Gift books (WZG)
Binding	Hardback
Format	137x113
Depth	22mm
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
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The Little Book of Easter

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Keynote

A pocket-sized guide to celebrating Easter with all its traditions - from chocolate and bunnies to spoon-rolling races and egg-hunts!

Description

Easter is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time of reflection and renewal, but it's also a much-loved tradition for millions who simply enjoy the fun, festivity and joy that the season brings.

Hop into the spirit of spring with *A Little Book of Easter* - a charming collection bursting with quirky customs, fascinating trivia and uplifting quotes that celebrate everything we love about this delightful time of year. Discover the surprising origins of the Easter Bunny, the meaning behind painted eggs and the many unique ways people across the globe mark the holiday.

Full of warmth, wonder and springtime magic, this little book is a lovely treat for your Easter basket - or someone else's!

Sample Content:

"For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all newborn."
Alice Freeman Palmer, American educator (1855-1902)

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."
William Shakespeare, playwright and poet (1554-1616)

The egg has long been a symbol of new life, making it a perfect fit for spring and Easter celebrations. In many cultures, eggs are dyed, painted or decorated - like the intricate pysanky eggs of Ukraine. In the UK and US, chocolate eggs are popular gifts, while in Germany, eggs are hung on trees. In Greece, red eggs symbolize the blood of life and are used in a traditional game called *tsougrisma* - where players try to crack each other's eggs.

"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep spring from coming."
Pablo Neruda, Chilean poet and diplomat (1904-73)

Sales Points

- While rooted in Christian tradition, Easter is also enjoyed by millions around the world who take part in egg hunts, family get-togethers and traditional meals.
- Every year, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies are sold worldwide - a testament to just how widely Easter is celebrated.
- Springtime is a time of renewal, and this little book captures that energy with fabulous facts and uplifting quotes.
- An ideal impulse buy or a thoughtful springtime gift.

Author Biography

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



Publication date	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781035416608
BIC 2.1	Ethical & social aspects of IT (UBJ) Social discrimination & inequality (JFFJ) Digital lifestyle (UD) Media studies (JFD) Feminism & feminist theory (JFFK) Gender studies: women (JFSJ1)
Binding	Paperback
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Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex Can); EU; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	Global
Author born in	Wales
Author living in	Cardiff, Wales
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No One Wants to See Your D*ck A Handbook for Survival in the Digital World

Jess Davies

Keynote

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

Description

'One of the most important books you'll read this year ' THE NEW FEMINIST

'A bold, unapologetic exploration of modern relationships, self-image, and the complexities of navigating social media and intimacy in today's world' MARIE CLAIRE

The rising popularity of misogynistic content and toxic masculinity influencers combined with a lack of social media regulation has created a perfect storm. Our increasingly online world has opened up women and girls to a new level of violence that follows them into their homes, schools and workplaces.

In *No One Wants to See Your D*ck*, women's rights campaigner Jess Davies reveals the shocking realities of this epidemic and what we can do to stop it. Covering everything from cyberflashing and deepfakes to the manosphere and catfishing, Jess offers practical advice to help if you navigate this digital minefield and explains why drastic change is needed now. Urgent and eye-opening, this is a vital toolkit for understanding and putting an end to violence against women.

Sales Points

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

Reviews

- 'A bold, unapologetic exploration of modern relationships, self-image, and the complexities of navigating social media and intimacy in today's world.' - *Marie Claire*
- 'Jess Davies, the woman you are [...] *No One Wants to See Your D*ck*, is a testament to her fearless advocacy for all survivors of male violence' - *Glamour*
- '*No One Wants to See Your D*ck* is **one of the most important books you'll read this year** . . . This is an essential read, not just for feminists but for anyone who cares about the safety and dignity of women and girls. Davies writes with such clarity and purpose, offering space not only for anger but also for understanding.' - Ellie Macieira-Fielding, *The New Feminist*
- 'fierce but empathetic . . . This is **an urgent update on toxic, misogynistic behaviour online**, and Davies' personal perspective is a necessary one' - *Irish Independent*

Author Biography

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



Publication date	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781802795097
BIC 2.1	Classic fiction (pre c 1945) (FC)
	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	336 pages
Word Count	
Series	Three Sisters
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Previous Titles

Ruby Murray series:

The Locksmith
The Game

Three Sisters series:

Faith

Non-fiction:

The Black Widow
Life Inside

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Hope a completely gripping and gritty gangland family saga for 2025

Linda Calvey

Keynote

The second in a gripping and gritty new gangland family saga series by Linda Calvey, 'the most gripping and authentic new voice in crime fiction' (Martina Cole).

Description

<h2>EXPERIENCE THE REAL DEAL WITH LINDA CALVEY</h2>

Hope Wills is a force to be reckoned with. She's one of the top mistresses at Chantal's brothel, she has a good head on her shoulders for business, and nothing happens in London's East End without her family's say-so.

But when she is accused of a crime she didn't commit, even her well-connected relatives can't stop her being charged - as an accomplice to murder. The Wills family have had their fair deal of run-ins with the law, but suddenly the stakes are higher than they've ever been before. As Hope tries to escape being sent to Holloway prison, her sisters Faith and Charity rally to help.

And while the Wills women are focused on saving their own, they haven't yet noticed that an old enemy is getting closer with every moment...

For fans of Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole, *Hope* is a gritty, gripping and twisty new gangland thriller from the most authentic voice in crime fiction.

Real readers are gripped:

'Wow!!!' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐
'Kept me gripped for hours' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐
'Right up there with Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐
'What makes this book even better is that the author is speaking from the voice of experience' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐
'I loved reading about these strong women' ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐
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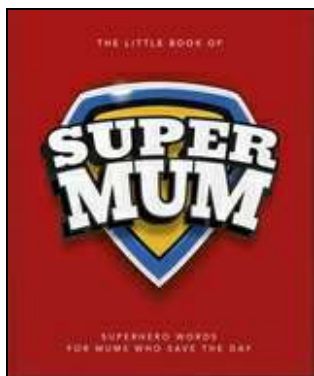
Sales Points

- 'THE MOST AUTHENTIC VOICE IN CRIME FICTION' says Queen of Crime Martina Cole. Having spent 18 years in prison for murder and most of her life running with gangsters including the Kray twins, no one has better insight into the criminal world than Linda Calvey.
- BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Since her release, Linda has become a bestselling author of fiction and non-fiction and her books have sold collectively over 50,000 copies TCM.
- HIGHLY ANTICIPATED NEW BOOK: *Hope* is the second book in Linda's new gangland series for fans of Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole, which follows three sisters as they navigate the struggles and triumphs of gritty East End London gangland life. Hope is a fierce new female lead and her experience working with her mother and sisters in a local brothel makes her an edgy and memorable new character.
- INCREDIBLE REVIEWS: Linda's books receive rave reviews from her fans, who are always eager for the next story. She has over 10,000 real reader reviews with over 90% 4 and 5 star ratings.
- ENGAGED AND AUTHENTIC AUTHOR: Linda has a fascinating life story and is incredibly personable. She's been featured multiple times on TV and radio and she regularly champions for local causes. She was known as the 'black widow' because all of her lovers famously died or were murdered (Linda's innocence has since been proven).

Author Biography

Linda Calvey has served eighteen years behind bars, making her one of Britain's longest-serving female prisoners. She moved to fourteen different prisons, doing time with Rose West and Myra Hindley.

Since her release, Linda has become a full-time author.



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The Little Book of SuperMum

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Keynote

A heartwarming tribute to Mums who always save the day! No matter where you live or what language you speak, motherly wisdom is universal.

Description

The Little Book of SuperMum is a heartwarming, joyful celebration of mums and all their incredible superpowers. Packed with uplifting quotes, fabulous facts and mum-themed trivia, this charming book shines a light on everything that makes mums truly amazing - from their multitasking magic to the endless hugs, wisdom and wit.

Discover how mums are celebrated around the world, learn quirky motherhood facts and smile at relatable truths only a mum could understand. Whether it's her ability to find lost socks, soothe tears in seconds or juggle a million things at once, being a mum is nothing short of heroic.

Perfect for Mother's Day, birthdays or just because, this little book is a delightful gift for the superhero in your life - your mum.

Sample Content:

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them."
Victor Hugo, French author and poet (1802-85)

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power."
Maya Angelou, American poet and civil rights activist (1928-2014)

"At the end of the day, my most important job is still mom-in-chief."
Michelle Obama, attorney and former First Lady of the United States (b. 1964)

Did you know the average mum performs the equivalent of two and a half full-time jobs? Studies show mums spend up to 98 hours a week juggling work, home, kids - and everything in between! From chef to nurse, coach to counsellor, mums wear countless hats (and capes) with grace and grit.

Sales Points

- Mother's Day is celebrated in more than 50 countries, reflecting the universal love and admiration that is shared for mums everywhere.
- From timeless wisdom to modern wit, this book is packed with memorable words.
- Discover how mums are honoured across cultures - with love, humour and heart.
- This fun and totally relatable book gets what being a SuperMum really means.

Author Biography

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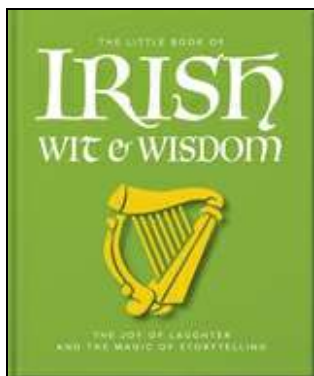
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Depth	22mm
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

The Little Book of Irish Wit & Wisdom

OH

Keynote

A lively celebration of Irish wordplay - featuring sharp quotes, classic jokes and timeless charm from a culture famous for its storytelling, humour and poetic soul.

Description

Whether raising a glass or spinning a yarn, the Irish have long had a way with words - and this delightful volume celebrates that rich tradition.

Packed with clever quips, classic one-liners, lyrical blessings and colourful anecdotes, this collection showcases the Irish genius for turning a phrase - whether used to charm, console or deliver a well-timed jab. Whether you're Irish by birth, heritage or simply at heart, this is the book for you. It's a spirited blend of humour and heart, capturing the many shades of Irish life -the closeness of kin, the magic of storytelling and the joy of laughter.

Perfect for anyone who loves a funny line or a heartfelt toast, *The Little Book of Irish Wit & Wisdom* is a grand dip into the craic, culture and character of the Emerald Isle.

Sample Content:

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars." - *Oscar Wilde*

"The terrible thing about dying over in Ireland is you miss your own wake. It's the best day of your life. You've paid for everything and you can't join in."
- *Dave Allen, comedian, satirist and actor (1936-2005)*

"When anyone asks me about the Irish character, I say look at the trees. Maimed, stark and misshapen, but ferociously tenacious."
- *Edna O'Brien, Irish novelist, playwright, poet and short story writer (1930-2024)*

"May the good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon." - *Irish blessing*

Dublin-born **Samuel Beckett** was a master of bleak brilliance. With dry wit and razor-sharp insight, he explored the absurdity of life, famously writing *Waiting for Godot* - a play of which it was famously said "nothing happens - twice." Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1969, Beckett remains a towering figure in modern literature.

Sales Points

- From Paris to New York, the Irish spirit travels far and wide - every year, more than 80 million people around the world celebrate St Patrick's Day.
- Features timeless quotes from iconic Irish voices, including Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, Edna O'Brien and Brendan Behan.
- Showcases a lively mix of humour and heart, with classic jokes, blessings and proverbs.
- An ideal gift for St Patrick's Day, birthdays or for anyone who enjoys a smart line and a good laugh.

Author Biography

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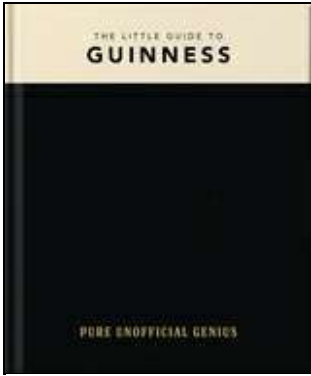
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The Little Guide to Guinness

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Keynote

More than just a beer, discover why Guinness's distinct velvety richness is the world's most iconic pint and a symbol of craftsmanship, heritage and tradition.

Description

Brimming with evocative quotes, intriguing facts and delightful trivia, this pocket-sized gem raises a glass to Ireland's legendary brew. *The Little Guide to Guinness* takes you on a fascinating journey through time - from the remarkable story of Arthur Guinness and his famous 9,000-year lease to the science behind the perfect pour and the ways in which this frothy stout has left its mark on everything from medicine to marketing. Along the way, you'll uncover quirky customs, global celebrations and the enduring appeal of the beloved "black stuff".

Whether you're a Guinness aficionado or a curious newcomer, this book captures the spirit and pride poured into every glass. A satisfying sip of knowledge for anyone who loves pubs, pints and good company - and the perfect gift for St Patrick's Day, birthdays or your next pub round!

Sample Content:

"I was blue mouldy for the want of that pint. Declare to God, I could hear it hit the pit of my stomach with a click."

James Joyce, describing a first taste of the black stuff in Barney Kiernan's pub, *Ulysses*, 1922

"At one with the One, it didn't mean a thing besides a glass of Guinness on a sunny day."
Graham Greene, writer and journalist

"My Goodness, My Guinness."
Iconic advertising slogan, 1935

In the early 20th century, Guinness was marketed as a health tonic. Doctors recommended it to blood donors and even to pregnant women, thanks to its iron content. The famous slogan "Guinness is Good for You" was born from this era. While it's true that Guinness contains a small amount of iron (about 0.3 mg per pint), you'd need to drink dozens of pints a day to hit your recommended daily intake!

Sales Points

- Enjoyed in more than 150 countries, Guinness is truly a global phenomenon.
- Packed with quotes, trivia and quirky facts - from brewing secrets to surprising cultural moments.
- Features anecdotes from writers and drinkers alike - adding character to every page.
- Small in size but big on flavour - the perfect gift for beer lovers, pub-goers and trivia fans.

Author Biography

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Fireflies in Winter

A Breathtaking Novel of Survival and the Enduring Power of Love from the author of River Sing Me Home

Eleanor Shearer

Keynote

A gripping, moving story of the fierceness of love and the fight for survival. From the author of the *Good Morning America* Book Club pick *River Sing Me Home*.

Description

A breathtaking novel of two young women fighting for love and survival on the edge of the icy wilderness. From the author of the *Good Morning America* Book Club pick *River Sing Me Home*.

'Simply luminous' *New York Times* bestselling author Kate Quinn

'Eleanor Shearer has a compelling way of taking a chamber in history we think we know already, then leading us through hidden doors' *Sunday Times* bestselling author Patrick Gale

Nova Scotia 1796. Cora, an orphan newly arrived from Jamaica, has never felt cold like this. In the depths of winter, everyone in her community huddles together in their homes to keep warm. So when she sees a shadow slipping through the trees, Cora thinks her eyes are deceiving her. Until she creeps out into the moonlight and finds the tracks in the snow.

Agnes is in hiding. On the run from her former life, she has learned what it takes to survive alone in the wilderness. But she can afford no mistakes. When she first spies the young woman in the woods, she is afraid. Yet Cora is fearless, and their paths are destined to cross.

Deep among the cedars, Cora and Agnes find a fragile place of safety. But when Agnes's past closes in, they are confronted with the dangerous price of freedom - and of love...

With evocative prose and immersive storytelling, *Fireflies in Winter* is a powerful novel about love - love for the wilderness in all its unforgiving beauty, and love between two women who risk everything to be together.

Five-star reader reviews for FIREFLIES IN WINTER:

'Beautifully written, based on a real event in history. A story of friendship, survival, love, freedom and hope. I will read anything Shearer writes'

'Fascinating, moving and beautifully told'

'I loved the characters so much - each had their own story to tell & it was so powerful. The atmosphere was absolutely stunning'

'The hardships the characters endured were heart-wrenching. Recommend'

'This quiet novel has a mighty roar... one of the most passionate books of 2026'

Acclaim for RIVER SING ME HOME:

'A fine testament to the women who inspired this debut' *The Times*

'An extraordinary portrait of motherly love and hope . . . a thoroughly compelling read' *Daily Mail*

'A moving and dynamic novel' *Guardian*

'A strong and beautiful novel that stares into the face of brutality and the heart of love' Jeanette Winterson

Sales Points

- **INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS** - when freed slaves from Jamaica were sent to Nova Scotia, and then many journeyed on to found Freetown in Sierra Leone. Eleanor also wanted to write about female queerness through history, which has been subject to erasure.
- **MAJOR LAUNCH FOR BERKLEY** - FIREFLIES IN WINTER will launch in late Jan 2026, leading into Black History Month in the US in February.

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- **GLOBAL RIGHTS PHENOMENON** - Rights sold in RIVER SING ME HOME in 20 territories.
- **TV NEWS** - AL Films (SMALL ISLAND) and BBC Film have optioned RIVER SING ME HOME, with the author writing the screenplay.
- **ACCOLADES** - RIVER SING ME HOME was named one of *Time* magazine 100 Must-Read Books of 2023. Finalist for the 2024 Dayton Literary Peace Prize Fiction Award. Shortlisted for the Grand Prix des Lectrices ELLE 2025 in France. Shortlisted for the Prix Fragonard 2025 in France.

Reviews

- **'Praise for Eleanor Shearer -'**
- **'A fine testament** to the women who inspired this debut' - *The Times*
- **'An extraordinary** portrait of motherly love and hope . . . a thoroughly compelling read' - *Daily Mail*
- **'A moving and dynamic** novel' - *Guardian*

Author Biography

Eleanor Shearer is a mixed-race writer and the granddaughter of Windrush generation immigrants. She splits her time between London and Ramsgate. Her debut novel *River Sing Me Home* sold in 20 territories. It was named as one of *Time* magazine's 100 Must-Read Books of 2023, was a finalist for the 2024 Dayton Literary Peace Prize Fiction Award, shortlisted for the Grand Prix des Lectrices ELLE 2025 in France and also shortlisted for the Prix Fragonard 2025 in France. It was a *Good Morning America* Book Club pick, and has been optioned for TV by AL Films and BBC Films.

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Book locale	Edinburgh
Author born in	Edinburgh
Author living in	London

Previous Titles

A Lesson in Cruelty
It Ends at Midnight
The Lies You Told
Blood Orange

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

Witch Trial

Don't miss the extraordinary brand new thriller from the Sunday Times, million-copy bestselling author, available to pre-order now!

Harriet Tyce

Keynote

The page-turning extraordinary new novel from Harriet Tyce, the bestselling author of *Blood Orange*

Description

<h3>THE EXTRAORDINARY NEW THRILLER FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *BLOOD ORANGE*, AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER NOW**</h3>**

'Audacious, mind-bending, and brilliant. I couldn't read it fast enough!' **LISA JEWELL**
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'Daring, different, clever and compulsive' **ANDREA MARA**
'Grips like a vice . . . An utter masterpiece' **SOPHIE HANNAH**

**Two teenage girls. One murdered classmate.
And a modern-day witch trial that will divide the nation.**

When 18-year-old Christian Shaw is found dead in an Edinburgh park, the city reels - and the shock only deepens when police charge her best friends, Eliza Lawson and Isobel Smyth, with her murder.

As social media explodes and headlines scream for justice, rumours of bullying spiral into something darker: whispers of rituals, obsession, and a teenage pact gone wrong.

Matthew Phillips, a respected heart surgeon, is reluctantly called for jury duty on the case. But as the trial unfolds - and the girls reveal a chilling defence no one saw coming - he begins to question everything: the motives, the evidence, even his own judgement.

Who's telling the truth? Who can be trusted?
And what really happened to Christian Shaw?

Let the Witch Trial begin . . .

PRAISE FOR *WITCH TRIAL*:

'Dark, wry and slippery underfoot, I adored it!' **SARAH PINBOROUGH**
'The best thing I've read this year. An absolute triumph of a book.' **ABIR MUKHERJEE**
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'Deliciously chilling and like nothing I've ever read. I ate this up.' **CHRIS BRIDGES**
'Spellbinding and sinister. A masterclass in plotting and pace.' **KATE GRAY**
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RACHEL WOLF
'Clever, propulsive, with a wickedly satisfying twist. My favourite Tyce book yet.' **C.E. HULSE**
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'Tense, creepy and very, very clever with a genuine jaw drop of an ending.' **SUSI HOLLIDAY**

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'In the very top tier of psychological thrillers' **M. W. CRAVEN**
'Perfect plotting, utterly brilliant' **B. A. PARIS**

Sales Points

- **OVER A MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE:** Harriet Tyce's books have sold over a million copies worldwide in over 25 languages.

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- **THE LATEST UNMISSABLE THRILLER FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Harriet Tyce's fifth book follows the incredible success of her previous three novels, *Blood Orange*, *The Lies You Told*, *It Ends at Midnight*, and *A Lesson in Cruelty*, all of which have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers.
- **INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS:** Rights for *Blood Orange* have been sold in 25 territories to date, including Spanish (PRH Spain), Czech (Euromedia), Croatian (24sata); Danish (Gyldendal), Estonian (Varrak), French (Robert Laffont), German (Heyne/Diana), Hungarian (Publish & More), Italian (Mondadori), Norwegian (Gyldendal Norsk), Polish (Swiat Ksiazki), Slovak (Ikar) and US (Grand Central).
- **MAJOR MARKETING & PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN:** the launch of *Witch Trial* will be launched by a bespoke marketing and publicity campaign spanning both hardback and mass-market paperback format launches, including events, festivals, in-store and digital marketing.
- **BOLD NEW DIRECTION FOR HARRIET TYCE:** *WITCH TRIAL* is Harriet's most ambitious and dark book to date, following the topical issue of radicalisation of teenagers - in this case teenage girls.

Reviews

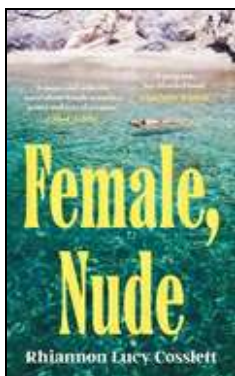
- **'Absolutely superb - grips like a vice throughout . An utter masterpiece.'** - *Sophie Hannah*
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- **'Dark, wry, and slippery underfoot, I adored it!'** - *Sarah Pinborough*
- **'Deliciously chilling and like nothing I've ever read. Cancel all plans because this book is going to grab you by the throat and not let go.'** - *Chris Bridges*

Author Biography

Harriet Tyce is the million-copy, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of four novels. She grew up in Edinburgh and studied English at Oxford University before doing a law conversion course at City University. After practising as a criminal barrister in London for nearly a decade, she subsequently completed an MA in Creative Writing - Crime Fiction at the University of East Anglia. Her first novel, *Blood Orange*, published in 2019 to huge critical acclaim and she has since written multiple *Sunday Times* bestsellers. *Witch Trial* is her fifth novel. Harriet lives in North London.

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Author living in	London N7

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THE YEAR OF THE CAT (Tinder Press, Jan 2023); **THE REPUBLIC OF PARENTHOOD** (September Publishing, August 2025); **THE TYRANNY OF LOST THINGS** (Saraband, June 2018)

Previous Titles

THE YEAR OF THE CAT (memoir, Tinder Press) **THE REPUBLIC OF PARENTHOOD** (journalism), **THE TYRANNY OF LOST THINGS** (fiction)

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US	RCW

Female, Nude

The smouldering and propulsive new literary read for 2026

Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett

Keynote

A group of friends travels to Greece for a holiday from which none will emerge unchanged

Description

Perfect for readers of HOT MILK or THE GUEST, FEMALE, NUDE is propulsive, sexy, thought-provoking fiction, a beach read with a brain, tender, provocative and relatable.

'What a gorgeous, hot-blooded novel about art, the senses, and the multitudes of the female body' Charlotte Runcie

'A smart and seductive novel about female sexuality, power and acts of creation' Chloe Ashby

'Sensual and erotic... should be on everyone's anticipated books for 2026

*******' Reader Review**

'Beautifully human... Romantic and heady and violent and sexy' Kirsty Capes

Sophie, a painter, is holidaying with friends in a stunning villa in Greece - her best friend Helena is shortly to be married, and this is the last time she and her friends will be together as single women. But life has treated them so differently since their university days, that Sophie is questioning everything about their friendship. Meanwhile her partner, Greg, is desperate for them to try for a baby, but she wants to devote herself to her art - and there are other, deeper forces, pulling the two of them in opposite directions.

In the course of the holiday, Sophie paints a nude portrait of her friend Alessia, and becomes involved in an intense affair with Ky, who lives and works on the island. Both the painting, and the affair, will challenge everything Sophie thinks she knows, about art, about motherhood, about sex - and about how and with whom she wants to spend the rest of her life.

Sales Points

- FEMALE, NUDE is every bit as sultry and seductive as its Greek island setting, and also deliciously provocative and uneasy. It's a novel readers will love losing themselves in and adore discussing: perfect for fans of HOT MILK, THE HYPOCRITE or THE GUEST.
- At the heart of the novel is Sophie, a young artist who finds that her response to the prospect of parenthood is less than straightforward. Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett - best known for her candid, sometimes outspoken *Guardian* column, 'Republic of Parenthood' - brings her distinctive voice and intelligence to bear on her generation's expectations of love, marriage, sexuality and friendship.
- At the centre of the novel is a set of 'postcards' Sophie, a painter, writes to the women artists who have inspired her. This is a novel that taps into the recent fascination with women artists, and which explores the unique challenges, for women, of carving out an identity in a career that has traditionally favoured men.
- Pre-empted in Germany by Rowohlt Verlag.

Reviews

- 'A beautifully human story, romantic and heady and violent and sexy' - Kirsty Capes
- 'A literary novel with all the propulsion of a thriller, and sex that is actually sexy' - Georgina Moore, author of *The Garnett Girls*
- 'Positively thrums with tension. Erotic, sensuous and eviscerating' - Lori Inglis Hall, author of *The Shock of the Light*

Author Biography

Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett is the author of the memoir *The Year of the Cat*, a previous novel *The Tyranny of Lost Things*, and a collection of her *Guardian* columns, *The Republic of Parenthood*. She also reviews fiction for the *Guardian* and her journalism has appeared in *Vogue*, the *Observer Magazine*, *i* newspaper, *TIME*, the *New Statesman*, *Stylist*, *Elle*, and many more. Raised in Wales, she lives in north London with her husband, son, and cat, Mackerel.



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Previous Titles

Sagas: BELLE OF THE BACK STREETS; THE TUPPENNY CHILD; PEARL OF PIT LANE; THE GIRL WITH THE SCARLET RIBBON; THE PAPER MILL GIRL; THE MINER'S LASS; A MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS WISH; THE SIXPENNY ORPHAN

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Celebrations at the Toffee Factory War is over and three friends hope for better days in the dramatic finale to this heartwarming trilogy

Glenda Young

Keynote

The dramatic conclusion to Glenda Young's irresistible *Toffee Factory* saga trilogy, full of romance, tragedy, secrets and celebrations. Perfect for lovers of Dilly Court and Rosie Goodwin!

Description

<h3>Discover the gripping conclusion to Glenda Young's Toffee Factory trilogy, set in a WWI toffee factory in the North-East!</h3>

The Great War has ended, but Jack's toffee factory struggles after years of sugar rations and its troubles are far from over.

Fun, feisty Elsie longs for freedom and excitement. Hoping to meet the man of her dreams, she spurns the attention of dependable Stan. Will she realise that what she wants and what she needs are different things?

Efficient Anne takes control at the factory to change its fortunes after the war. She creates a new line of toffee. However, an unwelcome blast from Mr Jack's past tries to jeopardise the factory's success.

And Hetty is torn when her sweetheart Dirk prepares to leave for his hometown in Belgium. At the same time, her old boyfriend Bob returns from the Front, determined to marry her. Who will Hetty choose?

As the toffee factory girls celebrate the end of the war, they are more determined than ever to face the future with courage and hope.

Praise for Glenda Young:

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

'Glenda Young brings a new freshness to the genre' ***My Weekly***

'Saga fiction at its best . . . I enjoyed it immensely' ***Vicki Beeby***

'A lovely read, full of highs, lows, friendship and foes' ***Johanna Bell***

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

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

'All the ingredients for a perfect saga' ***Emma Hornby***

Readers are hooked by Glenda's Toffee Factory trilogy!

'As always Glenda Young's books hold your interest from the first to the last page. If I have one grumble it's that the books seem all too short as I never want them to end!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A delightful book filled with laughter, sadness, and numerous ups and downs'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I loved this and didn't want it to end. The story was compelling and there were moments of happiness, sadness and joy too' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I couldn't put the book down and have done nothing else but read all day - thank you Glenda' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'You can't not fall in love with the characters in this book! I absolutely loved it!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

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

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

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The Lydgate Widow

A heartrending saga of tragedy, family and love

Alexandra Connor

Keynote

***The Lydgate Widow* is a moving saga of family ties, class struggles and true love, from much-loved author Alexandra Connor.**

Description

<h3>Life has been hard for Adele. Will she ever find the happiness she deserves?</h3>

A moving saga of a young woman facing unbearable heartache, and her ultimate triumph over adversity - perfect for fans of Josephine Cox, Rita Bradshaw and Catherine Cookson.

Adele Ford's clearest childhood memory is of her father telling her about the enigmatic Lydgate Widow, whose abandoned house dominates the village. But the stories end abruptly on the day Adele and her sister are orphaned, and they grow up with only each other to rely on.

Intrigued by the antiques business, Adele finds work in a local shop. But when a wrongful accusation robs her of her reputation, the future looks bleak. So it's not hard for Col Vincent, a successful businessman, to persuade Adele to become his wife. Adele grows to love him - until she realises that her husband is a violent man.

In the 1930s, a woman who leaves her husband faces penury. Adele is faced with an impossible situation. Then some shocking news brings back the haunting memory of the Lydgate Widow - and the man who has loved Adele for decades . . .

<h3>What readers say about *The Lydgate Widow*:</h3>

'What a beautiful story . . . full of love and hate and a lot of ghosts from the past. Well worth a read' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A good wholesome read with twists and turns that urge you to read just one more chapter' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Really enjoyed this gripping story. The characters stand out well and it is well written' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I enjoyed every page of this very well written book, full of mystery, tragedy, suspense, and romance to the end' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Fantastic storyline, brilliant gripping saga. The characters all come to life as you read it . . . I couldn't put it down!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- Alexandra Connor effortlessly evokes not only the drama and hardship of the 1930s and 1940s but also the gossip, warmth and camaraderie of the Salford backstreets of the time
- Alexandra is a brilliant and persuasive self-publicist and will work very willingly with customers to help promote her novels
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The Tailor's Wife

A compelling saga of scandal, love and family feuds

Alexandra Connor

Keynote

In *The Tailor's Wife*, Alexandra Connor writes an engrossing saga of a woman's search for happiness, and the complications and prejudices that threaten to stop her.

Description

<h3>The path to happiness is rarely easy . . .</h3>

A young woman struggles against family loyalty and class prejudices in this engrossing saga - perfect for fans of Josephine Cox, Rita Bradshaw and Catherine Cookson.

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In the notorious back streets of 1930s Salford, Suzannah Clark is left to raise her two siblings after their mother walks out. Her father Jacob is a tailor, but his sight is failing and so - despite local outrage at her controversial career choice - Suzanna learns his trade to support the household.

Suzannah has caught the eye of the most eligible of bachelors, Edward Lyle. But Edward's father Noel, a wealthy businessman, is appalled that Edward has fallen for a girl from the slums. Noel is determined to end the relationship.

When Suzannah's brother is seduced by the rapacious Rina Taylor, scandal and tragedy follow. Now Noel has the ammunition he needs to prise his son away from Suzannah - or so he thinks. But Suzannah and Edward are less malleable than he imagines . . .

<h3>What readers say about *The Tailor's Wife*:</h3>

'I thoroughly enjoyed this story from beginning to end. Full of suspense, good and evil' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'The characters in this book were so true to life. Exceptionally good storyline - I just couldn't put it down' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Truly lovely and exciting storyline about the tailor and his expanding family. This is the first book I have read by this author but it will certainly not be my last' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I always enjoy Alexandra Connor's books and this book was no exception. She captures human nature to a tee' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A great intriguing story. With deceit, love and murder, it keeps you wanting to speed read because it keeps you so involved. Highly recommend' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

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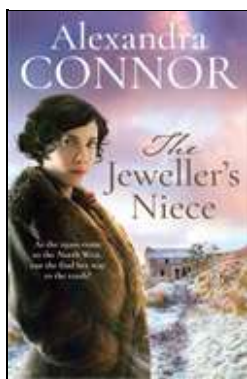
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The Jeweller's Niece

An engrossing saga of family, love and intrigue

Alexandra Connor

Keynote

In *The Jeweller's Niece*, Alexandra Connor writes a gripping saga of the search for truth, justice and retribution.

Description

<h3>To save her father, one young woman takes justice into her own hands . . .</h3>

A thrilling saga that follows a young woman as she uncovers shocking truths to clear her father's name - perfect for fans of Josephine Cox, Rita Bradshaw and Catherine Cookson.

Emma Coles' life is shattered when her widowed father is imprisoned for theft. She is adamant that he is innocent - but her intimidating uncle thinks otherwise. Reluctantly giving Emma a home over his jewellery shop, he forbids all contact with her father.

But Emma secretly visits her father in prison, confiding only in her friend Bessie. As time progresses, Emma's relationship with Bessie's brother, Ricky, deepens, and for a while it seems that the future might not be as difficult as she feared.

Then tragedy strikes. Caught in a welter of family politics and feuds, Emma remains determined to prove her father's innocence. Yet when the identity of the real culprit is uncovered, the revelations are shattering.

Only by facing the truth about the past can Emma find happiness - and see justice finally done.

<h3>What readers say about *The Jeweller's Niece*:</h3>

'A story of love, heartbreak and strength - an absolute page turner'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A very good book and an ending which was not expected at all. I felt the characters were really true to life' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Enthralling . . . this is the first book I have read by this author and I have now purchased more' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Loads of twists to keep you guessing - a great read'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Story was totally engrossing! Loved it! Can't wait to start next one!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- For fans of Catherine Cookson, this saga set in the north west has all the key elements of successful fiction in the genre - masses of local colour, nostalgia for days gone by, and a feisty heroine faced with challenges that would break a lesser woman.
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The Soldier's Woman

A dramatic saga of love, betrayal and revenge

Alexandra Connor

Keynote

A young woman faces fresh difficulties at the close of the First World War in *The Soldier's Woman*, a thrilling saga from Alexandra Connor.

Description

<h3>The end of the war will bring more than just her husband home . . .</h3> A heart-rending saga of family strife, dreams abandoned and love triumphant - perfect for fans of Josephine Cox, Rita Bradshaw and Catherine Cookson.

After the death of their parents, Faith and her brother are raised by an aunt in Oldham. Growing up protective and strong, Faith becomes the linchpin of the family. And, despite losing her trust in men because of a sordid encounter, she finds love with the charismatic wanderer Samuel Granger.

But when Samuel returns from the Great War, he is a changed man. His recovery from his injuries is slow, and the post-war Depression hits their finances hard. Faith decides they must take in a lodger.

A French widow, Leonie, and her baby move in, and she and Faith become close friends. But Leonie is holding on to a secret that threatens to destroy everything Faith loves . . .

<h3>What readers say about *The Soldier's Woman*:</h3>

'I couldn't put it down, what a brilliant read . . . anyone who likes post-war stories should make this book a must' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Great book. I particularly liked the way the author brought the characters to life. I'd read it again and still enjoy it' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Alexandra Connor is an author I will come back to. A very good book to read, you will not want to put it down. A storyline on the move that keeps you wanting to read more' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A page turner all the way through, great characters and storyline' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'If you haven't read any of Alexandra's books I can assure you you won't stop at one. So get reading!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

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The Watchman's Daughter

A powerful saga of tragedy, war and undying love

Alexandra Connor

Keynote

Alexandra Connor's *The Watchman's Daughter* is a moving saga of tragedy and sacrifice in the troubling days of war.

Description

How much would you be willing to sacrifice for those you love?
A moving saga of true love, set against the backdrop of the Second World War - perfect for fans of Josephine Cox, Rita Bradshaw and Catherine Cookson.

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Growing up in Preston's poorest area, Kat Shaw knows just how harsh life can be. But her family is a loving one, and she's particularly close to her younger brother. The arrival of a new baby in 1930 should be a joyous occasion - but instead the birth heralds a downturn in the family's fortunes.

With her father unfit to do his night watchman rounds, Kat does all she can to help her family survive. But when Andrew Pitt comes into her life, everything changes. Kat's soon happily in love, and she and Andrew make plans to marry.

Then tragedy strikes and Kat takes the only course she can to protect those who depend on her. Soon the nickname 'The Watchman's Daughter' becomes infamous in the north-west. But Kat is determined to find a way out. A way to escape - and to get back to the man she loves.

What readers say about *The Watchman's Daughter*:

'Loved every page of this book. Alexandra Connor knows how to make her characters come to life'

'Kat was a heroine, a great character who has been through the mill. One of the best books I've read. Try it, you won't be disappointed'

'A great story and it felt so realistic like it was happening around you. Every emotion is written in this book'

'A cannot-put-down book . . . It shows what someone will do to protect and provide for the family'

'Alexandra has done it again. Fantastic read, spellbound from beginning to end'

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Step Up

Step-parenting and the art of creating a healthy, happy, blended family

Katherine Walker

Keynote

The positive, solutions-focused guide to forming a blended family

Description

'I truly could not recommend this book highly enough, not only to blended and step-families themselves, but all those involved in their support' - Professor Andrew Reeves, BACP fellow and Professor in Counselling Professions and Mental Health

'Clear, accessible and understanding . . . A book many step-parents will have been waiting for' - Monica Hanaway, psychotherapist, coach, mediator, trainer, and author of books on coaching, leadership, and conflict resolution

'Reading this book is like experiencing a personal coaching session with Katherine. Her wisdom is personal, practical and profound; grounded in the theory but delivered in a straightforward way' - Damian Hughes, Sunday Times bestselling author and co-host of The High Performance Podcast

In this new book for couples forming blended family units, practising psychotherapist and coach Katherine Walker explores all the issues that couples face when combining their families. From how to maintain the couple's own loving relationship, to handling teenage tantrums, this is an easy-to-follow guide that answers every key question, and offers practical solutions.

Forming a blended family is a complex process. Each person in the unit arrives with their own expectations and understanding of the situation, and encompassing everyone's needs is not easy. Katherine offers advice on setting goals and values for the new family unit, techniques for handling conflict, and optimistic, experienced advice at every turn. Covering the main milestones from introductions to moving in together and beyond, and providing helpful tips and exercises at every stage, this book is a vital, inclusive guide to forming a blended family as consciously and cohesively as possible.

Sales Points

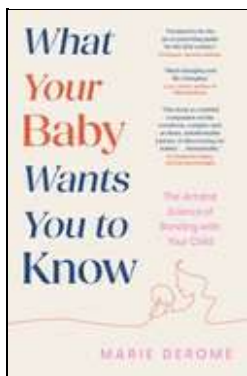
- Up to 10-15% of the population are in families that involve some element of step-parenting - 2-3 million people in the UK alone.
- A refreshing, balanced, modern viewpoint on a widespread topic, written by a specialist psychotherapist
- Focuses on each individual's role in the formation of a blended family, and illuminates their perspective

Author Biography

Katherine Walker is a psychotherapist, couples' therapist and blended family coach in her professional life, and both a step-child and step-parent in her personal life. With extensive experience of blended families, she is uniquely qualified to write this ground-breaking book.

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What Your Baby Wants You to Know The Art and Science of Bonding with Your Child

Marie Derome

Keynote

Let your baby take the lead and learn how to communicate with them from birth to toddlerhood in this practical parenting book by child psychotherapist Marie Derome.

Description

'A very insightful book, with tips and ideas useful for all parents' - Manon Lagreve

Long before they can speak, our babies are brilliant communicators. They tell us - with their eyes and mouths, their little arms and legs, and all their funny noises - just how they feel and what they need. All we have to do as parents is listen.

For child psychotherapist and mother of four Marie Derome, parenting is not about imposing 'rules' on our babies. Rather, it is about being attentive, curious and ready to discover who our babies are so we can truly get to know them.

Drawing on her clinical practice, alongside the latest neuroscientific findings, Marie teaches us how to strengthen the bond we have with our babies in a new and empowering way. She also offers helpful insights to get us back on track when we feel exhausted and overwhelmed, and when loving our babies is not so easy.

In *What Your Baby Wants You to Know*, Marie shows us how to nurture a loving connection with our babies so that they can grow happy and resilient and we can become the confident, responsive parents we always hoped to be. Long before they can speak, our babies are brilliant communicators. They tell us - with their eyes and mouths, their little arms and legs, and all their funny noises - just how they feel and what they need. All we have to do as parents is *listen*.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Child psychotherapy is Marie's area of expertise, research and experience. She draws on all of this to help us to understand the importance of parental-child bonding and how the child, alongside the parent, can lead the communication.

Reviews

- 'Marie translates into words everything my second baby and I are currently feeling. This is a very insightful book which helps me navigate my baby's journey and it is also a very practical one with tips and ideas useful to all parents!' - Manon Lagreve
- "This is just the book new parents need. Beautifully and sensitively written, it also tells it like it is, outlining the joys but also the challenges of parenthood in an easy to read yet psychologically sophisticated way. It uses the latest research about the brain and attachment, as well as the author's long standing experience as a therapist, but it is all wrapped up in easy to read language which also has many practical tips. This will be an excellent companion for any new parent." - Graham Music
- 'Parents everywhere, read this book! From its clever title onwards, Derome's distinct voice engages the reader with its warm, knowledgeable, reassuring tone, managing to be both user-friendly and scientifically-informed. Thus, what parent would not be relieved to hear that ambivalence towards one's baby is entirely normal, and even helpful. Chapter by chapter, the reader comes away as if from a good therapy session - validated, challenged, and helped. Spock and Leach eat your hearts out, Derome is deservedly destined to be the go-to parenting guide for the 21st Century. - Professor Jeremy Holmes MD FRCPsych, University of Exeter'
- 'Marie's ability to take us through the wonderful, complex, overwhelming and, at times, unfathomable journey of discovering our babies, and ourselves, is remarkable. She has delivered a faithful companion on the toughest journey most of us will ever make.' - Dr Elizabeth Kilbey, clinical psychologist and author of *Unplugged Parenting*

Author Biography

Marie Derome is a Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist and a Lecturer in Infant Observation & Child Development at Exeter University. She trained at the Tavistock Clinic in London and worked in CAMHS in Bristol. She now supports parents who are struggling to bond with their babies in her independent clinic in East Devon.

Before her career change, Marie worked as a foreign correspondent for the BBC World Service and wrote for the French newspaper *Liberation*.

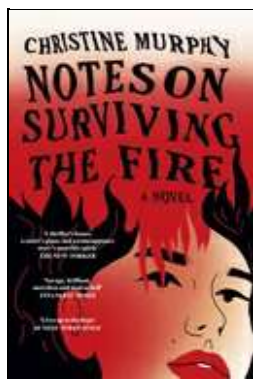
Marie, who is originally from France, lives with her husband on a small farm in Devon where they have raised their four children.

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Format	Royal
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	288 pages
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Author born in	New Hampshire, USA
Author living in	Maine, USA

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Notes on Surviving the Fire

A razor-sharp, darkly funny literary novel about male violence, a woman's vengeance, and whether killing can ever be justified

Christine Murphy

Keynote

A confronting, blackly funny debut novel about male violence, a woman's vengeance, and the question of whether killing can ever be justified

Description

'Savage, brilliant, merciless and mad as hell' *FINANCIAL TIMES*

'Lives up to the hype' *SUNDAY TIMES STYLE*

'A thriller's bones, a satire's glare, and a comeuppance story's anarchic spirit' *NEW YORKER*

Nathan says he loves me because I let him see me, and he knows how hard that is. He appreciates that I let him in. I say I love him because he is not a dick, in a world full of dicks.

Sarah Common is a survivor. She survived the brutal Maine winters where she learned to hunt; she survived the petty politics of the university where she teaches; she survived the fact that her attacker escaped justice and still walks free around campus. Or at least that's what she tells herself.

Nathan was the only person who believed what happened to Sarah.

And now Nathan is dead.

And for Sarah to survive once again, she must find out what happened to Nathan - and decide whether, this time, she should seek justice . . . or revenge.

More reviews for *NOTES ON SURVIVING THE FIRE*:

'Bitterly dark, full of vengeance and bite. A seething, fearless story wound so tight I held my breath from page one. Brilliant!' - NATALI SIMMONDS, author of *GOOD GIRLS DIE LAST*

'Murphy writes with the nimbleness of a hunter: muscularly and with precision, while also propelled by undercurrents of cold, simmering fury and hot, big-hearted empathy.' AUBE REY LESCURE, Women's Prize-shortlisted author of *RIVER EAST RIVER WEST*

'... a furious, fast-paced, emotionally resonant and memorable novel. I'll be thinking about this one for a while yet.' - ILANA MASAD, Los Angeles Times

Sales Points

- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** rave reviews on publication, including the *New Yorker*, *Financial Times* and *Sunday Times Style*.
- **GROWING AUTHOR PROFILE** - Christine is rapidly making a name for herself as a political and social commentator, with a swiftly growing Instagram following that is currently at over 60k followers
- **THOUGHTFUL AND ZEITGEISTY:** drawing on aspects of Murphy's own experience, the novel provides an authentic and powerful perspective on female revenge and explorations of sexual violence. Think think *PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN*, dir. by Emerald Fennell, *I MAY DESTROY YOU* dir. by Michaela Cole, as well as *KNOW MY NAME* by Chanel Miller and *IN THE DREAM HOUSE* by Carmen Maria Machado. *NOTSF* is a brilliant addition to these discussions, with the ever-green appeal of a campus setting.

Reviews

- **'A biting, savage, unflinching story** of how the culture of sexual assault is systemically tolerated and tucked out of sight into the dark corners of ivory towers. Part campus satire, part murder mystery, and most importantly a tale of formidable survival, *Notes on Surviving the Fire* asks: who among us is a perpetrator, and how do we keep on living once we know? **Christine Murphy writes with the nimbleness of a hunter: muscularly and with precision, while also propelled by undercurrents of cold, simmering fury and hot, big-hearted empathy.**' - Aube Rey Lescure, author of *RIVER EAST, RIVER WEST*
- **'Lives up to the hype.'** - *Sunday Times Style*
- **'Savage, brilliant, merciless and mad as hell.'** - Suzi Feay, *Financial Times*
- **'Bitterly dark, full of vengeance and bite.** A seething, fearless story wound so tight **I held my breath from page one. Brilliant!**' - Natali Simmonds, author of *GOOD GIRLS DIE LAST*

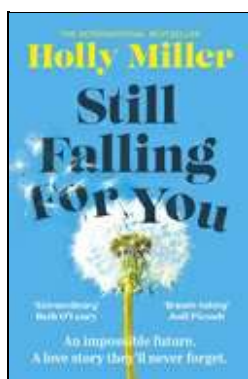


Author Biography

Christine Murphy has lived, worked, and travelled in over 100 countries, including eleven months in a tent across the African continent and a year as a resident in a Buddhist nunnery in the Himalayas. She completed the world's longest for-charity horse ride across Northern Mongolia, during which she broke her back (for the second time). A trained Buddhaologist, Christine has a PhD in Religious Studies.

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Still Falling For You

A stunning high-concept love story from the bestselling author of *The Sight of You*

Holly Miller

Keynote

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Sight of You* comes a devastating love story unlike anything you've read before.

Description

They say true love lasts forever. But what if it really could?

Josh is 18. Rachel is 18.

From the first night they meet as freshers, Rachel and Josh know they are meant to be. An electric connection quickly blossoms into plans to spend the rest of their lives together.

Josh is 29. Rachel is 29.

Inexplicably, none of the men in Josh's family has lived past the age of thirty. As the fateful birthday approaches, Josh is wracked with fears: of his own death, and of leaving Rachel alone in this world. So when a genius scientist offers him a radical new treatment - which might just save Josh's future with Rachel - how can he possibly say no?

Josh is 29. Rachel is 31.

Rachel wanted nothing more than to grow old with her soulmate, surrounded by the family they longed for. Now, faced with the impossibility of that dream, she has a heartbreaking choice to make. Does the pursuit of happiness mean more to her than true love?

Sales Points

- **AN ORIGINAL HIGH-CONCEPT LOVE STORY:** Clever, romantic and uplifting - Holly is the queen of heart-breaking and life-affirming stories that will make you think about love in a different way. *Still Falling For You* is her most stunning to date.
- **AN INTERNATIONAL SENSATION:** Rights to *The Sight of You* sold in **twenty-six** territories and was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick
- **UNIQUE AND POWERFUL:** A poignant and idiosyncratic examination of the ageing process, and the enduring power of true love across generations, this is a book for readers of all ages and demographics
- **ADAPTATION:** film rights have been optioned for Holly's debut novel *The Sight of You* by a major Hollywood studio, with a script in the works

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR HOLLY MILLER'** - -
- 'I've adored all of Holly Miller's previous books and simply couldn't wait to get my hands on this one. I knew I was in for something special, and *Still Falling For You* was that, and much more. Immersive, transportive and achingly moving, it made me laugh, cry, and turn the pages long into the night. I loved it' - Jenny Ashcroft
- 'Unique and breathtaking and painful and broken and perfect . . . just like love' - Jodi Picoult, #1 international bestselling author
- 'Clever, poignant and very special. This life-affirming novel twists and turns its way, acknowledging the bravery it takes to love' - *Woman & Home*

Author Biography

Holly Miller was born and grew up in Bedfordshire. Since university she has worked as a marketer, editor and copywriter. Her debut love story *The Sight Of You* was published in 2020 in the UK - where it was a pick for the Richard & Judy Spring Book Club - and in 26 other territories around the world. The novel has also been optioned for film by a major Hollywood studio, Holly currently lives in Norfolk with her partner and their dog.

Market

For readers of Jodi Picoult, Cecelia Ahern, Jojo Moyes and Dani Atkins



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We'll Always Have Paris

The uplifting debut rom-com of the year set against the stunning backdrop of the City of Love

Kate Penney

Keynote

A meet-cute, slow burn, long distance romantic comedy set between London and Paris, the perfect escapist read for Valentine's Day

Description

ONE CHANCE MEETING. TWO HEARTS DESTINED TO COLLIDE.

Emma is pretty sure that love at first sight doesn't exist. She's had enough disappointing dates to have stopped believing in the one.

Kieran is recently single and still heartbroken. He has sworn off dating for the foreseeable future and focusing on his career as a chef.

When they collide under the clock tower at Gare du Nord, sparks fly, and they begin a whirlwind romance spanning the Channel.

As Emma's life falls apart, Kieran invites her to live with him. But as the day they've both been waiting for for so long approaches, what if fate has other plans?

Sales Points

- **A CLASSIC ROM-COM WITH A HOOK AND A HEART:** With meet-cutes, fateful evenings and holiday romances galore, this ticks all of the boxes for rom-com readers. The wonderful hook and deeply felt main characters from across the divide makes this book a true pleasure to experience.
- **BEAUTIFUL STORYTELLING ALL YEAR ROUND:** Set across all four seasons, taking in the full range of colours and sights of Paris, this is a must-read novel for every seasonal moment.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Holly Martin, Katie Fforde, Debbie Johnson and Milly Johnson
- **KEY TITLE FOR RIGHTS:** The list of exciting rom-coms currently in TV production shows that there is a huge appetite for strong concepts and meet-cutes on the small screen. With WAL available, there is huge scope to push this title to the moon and back!

Reviews

- **'An utterly charming love story! I couldn't stop reading'** - Sue Moorcroft
- **'An absolute joy. A feel-good read full of warmth and love'** - Holly Martin
- **'A fabulously fun and flirty story sprinkled with humour. Cleverly written and engaging enough to make it a hard-to-put-down read. Lots of moments where I found myself sitting there smiling . . . highly recommended!'** - Lucy Coleman

Author Biography

Kate Penney is the co-author of seven novels for young adults, including the *House of Shadows* and *Throne of Swans* duologies, which she wrote with her sister as Katharine Corr. Before becoming a writer, Kate read history at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and then trained and worked in London as a chartered accountant. She loves Jane Austen, cosy crime and all things mythological and mysterious. Kate lives in Surrey with her husband, daughters and cats.



The Singapore Secret

An absolutely gripping and heart-breaking WWII historical novel of love in the face of war

Clare Willis

Keynote

An unforgettable World War II story of love, sacrifice and the power of one small act of bravery. Fans of Fiona Valpy, Heather Morris and Dinah Jefferies will be hooked from the very first page.

Description

A secret letter. A wartime promise. A courageous act of love...

Singapore, 1942: The war is drawing ever closer, and **Dorothy** faces a heart-rending choice to flee the country she has come to call home. With warplanes advancing across the ocean, she is boarding a boat full of evacuees when something is urgently pressed into her arms.

As enemy fire cuts off all escape routes, Dorothy makes a promise that will echo through the years...

England, 2019: When her beloved grandmother, **Dotty**, passes away aged one hundred, **Annabel** discovers letters and photographs hidden in her desk that document a secret life as a young woman in Singapore. But Dotty has never travelled further than her small village in Cornwall... What could have made her conceal this past life? And who is the bridegroom standing proudly next to Dotty in a faded wedding photo, who is clearly not Annabel's grandfather?

Determined to uncover the truth, is Annabel prepared for what she will find?

Sales Points

- **UNIQUE SETTING FOR A WWII STORY:** Transporting the reader to pre-war and occupied Singapore this novel shines a light on a region often overlooked by WWII fiction.
- **POIGNANT AND RELATABLE STORYTELLING:** As more and more eye-witnesses to the conflict pass away stories that preserve these stories and tap into readers' own experiencing of uncovering their own family's wartime experiences become even more important.
- **AN EVERGREEN HISTORICAL FICTION TREND:** WWII fiction still resonates with the historical fiction readership and is cemented as a key sub genre with a dedicated readership rather than a passing trend. With a global campaign we will bring this novel to readers with a striking commercial package to tap into this ongoing appetite from readers and bring them a brand-new story to uncover.

Author Biography

Clare Willis is a primary school teacher who has taught in England, Scotland, Australia and now Singapore. Away from the classroom, she loves to travel and spends the school holidays exploring new places or relaxing back home in Cornwall. Clare loves to write uplifting, feel-good fiction, filled with all her favourite ingredients: a touch of history, a dash of mystery, a bit of family drama, and a generous dose of romance. Her stories celebrate strong women, and centre on the relationships and challenges that define them. Clare lives in Singapore with her husband Chris and their labradoodle, Ruby.

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Cage of Starlight

the stunning, heart-wrenching enemies-to-lovers fantasy

Jules Arbeaux

Keynote

A conscripted soldier must work with his captor when a mission strands them in enemy territory in this action-packed, queer romantic fantasy by the author of *Lord of the Empty Isles*.

Description

Don't make waves. Don't get attached. Don't let anyone see the tattoos.

Those rules have kept Tory Arknott alive, alone, and on the run for years in a country eager to put his healing hands to work on the front lines of a brutal war. When a desperate display of magic outs him to the authorities, Tory flees - right into the hands of cold and competent Sena Vantaros. Caged in a cruel training facility and implanted with a magical tracker, Tory needs to get out before he gets dead.

There's just one thing he has to do: make Sena pay.

But Sena is already paying more than Tory knows, and when a mission strands them in enemy territory, they must cooperate to survive. As they learn the truth about each other and the myth behind the magic that connects them, Tory and Sena find belonging together.

Their trackers will kill them in three days if they don't return. Soon, Tory and Sena face a desperate decision: their freedom, or their lives?

Sales Points

- **ACTION-PACKED ROMANTIC FANTASY WITH A STRONG MAGIC SYSTEM:** the pace never lets up in this adult fantasy, with a gorgeous queer M/M romance, perfect for fans of *Crier's War* and *Captive Prince*.
- **BRILLIANTLY WRITTEN STANDALONE:** exploring themes of freedom and responsibility, this is a brilliantly written fantasy from a breakout new voice.
- **ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS:** a tender, fierce and heart-aching romance between a conscripted soldier and the man who is forced to keep him chained.

Reviews

- 'As tender as it is fierce, CAGE OF STARLIGHT is a gripping story of love and family found amidst war - but also a profound exploration of what it means to be free. Tory and Sena's story unfurls with beautiful vulnerability, and will leave you feeling just a little more whole' - *Julie Leong, author of The Teller of Small Fortunes*
- 'Jules Arbeaux weaves an emotional tale of persevering hope against all odds in *Cage of Starlight*. Sena and Tory are instantly iconic characters who I would die for' - *Frances White, Sunday Times bestselling author of Voyage of the Damned*
- 'A gorgeously poignant story that glows with lush prose, characters you can't help but fall in love with, and a stellar found family, *Cage of Starlight* will break your heart and tenderly put it back together. I adored this book and can't wait to see what Jules Arbeaux writes next!' - *M. Stevenson, author of Behooved*
- 'Atmospheric, beautifully written, and achingly romantic, *Cage of Starlight* ignites bone-deep yearning and searing hope against a bleak dystopian fantasy backdrop. Punctuated with biting wit, and showcasing deep love in all its forms, this is a must for fans of queer love stories' - *Claire Winn, author of City of Shattered Light*

Author Biography

Jules Arbeaux was born in Sacramento but raised reckless and barefoot deep in the Midwestern woods. When not writing, Jules paints, folds increasingly tiny paper animals, and artfully neglects a throng of thriving succulents.

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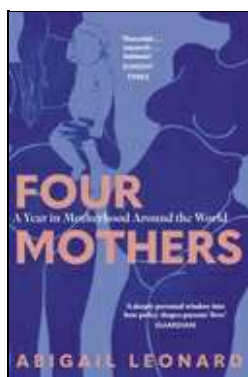
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Four Mothers

A Year in Motherhood Around the World

Abigail Leonard

Keynote

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

Description

'Public interest journalism at its best - powerful human stories peppered with well-chosen facts ... A compelling case for a fairer society'
SUNDAY TIMES

'An absorbing, moving, and beautifully composed exploration of motherhood and mothering across the world ... a gripping, vital, and utterly compelling book'
Elinor Cleghorn, author of *Unwell Women*

AS THE YEAR TURNS, FOUR WOMEN GIVE BIRTH.

In Japan, Tsukasa spends a week in her government-funded hospital room, before resting at her mother's house. In Kenya, Chelsea returns to her urban flat the day after giving birth, greeted by friends. In Finland, Anna delivers her baby in a midwife-led birth centre. And in America, despite her insurance, Sarah pays \$3,000 for an uncomplicated birth.

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Sales Points

- **WONDERFULLY ENGAGING STORYTELLING.** *Four Mothers* is deeply reported and informative but it is also very readable - narrative storytelling as the package for serious data.
- **AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE.** Looking beyond a single nation, *Four Mothers* considers different social and political models of early motherhood, showing us other possibilities. The UK currently sits between Finland and America, on Leonard's spectrum, but continuing cuts to health and social care nudge us towards the latter, at our great cost.
- **FOR FANS OF *THREE WOMEN* BY LISA TADDEO.** Macro feminist stories told in closely reported miniature. Books about gender and motherhood. Journalistic storytelling.
- **A TALENTED AUTHOR ON AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.** Abigail Leonard is an award-winning international reporter. Her stories have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Al Jazeera*, *Time* magazine and NPR. Parenting remains at the forefront of fights for gender equality.

Author Biography

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

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The Children of Eve

Gripping, terrifying and utterly absorbing, the new Sunday Times bestselling Charlie Parker thriller (May 2025)

John Connolly

Keynote

The ghosts of Charlie Parker's past watch over him as danger moves ever closer, in this spellbinding new novel in the number one bestselling series.

Description

BE AFRAID. MOTHER IS COMING.

Wyatt Riggins, the boyfriend of rising Maine artist Zetta Nadeau, has gone missing, leaving behind a cell phone containing a single-word message: RUN.

Private investigator Charlie Parker is hired to find out why Riggins has fled, and from whom.

Parker discovers that Riggins, an ex-soldier, has been involved in the abduction of four children from Mexico: three girls and a boy, all belonging to the cartel boss Blas Urrea - except Urrea's family is safe and well in Mexico, which means the abductees cannot be his children. Yet whoever they are, Urrea wants them back, and has dispatched his agents to secure them, even if it means butchering everyone who stands in their way.

One of those agents is Eugene Seeley, a clever, ruthless solver of other men's problems. The other is an unknown woman.

Every child has a mother. Now Charlie Parker will face one unlike any other, and learn the terrifying truth about the Children of Eve.

Sales Points

- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER IN HARDBACK:** reaching number three in the chart
- **NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER IN IRELAND:** with excellent sell-on in subsequent weeks to give one of the strongest performances of recent years.
- **TV RIGHTS OPTIONED:** TV right to the Charlie Parker series have been optioned by Colin Farrell.
- **RESURGENCE IN HORROR:** this novel will appeal to readers of crime, supernatural and horror genres.
- **ALWAYS-ON BACKLIST CAMPAIGN:** book one, EVERY DEAD THING, will be promoted regularly to encourage new readers to join the series.

Reviews

- 'One of the best thriller writers we have' - *Harlan Coben*
- 'Connolly grips like a vice and he's an extraordinary storyteller' - *Crime Time*
- 'To my mind, Connolly is Ireland's Stephen King' - *Matt Nixson, The Express*
- 'Dark and dangerous ... but where there is also kindness, loyalty, love' - *Irish Examiner*

Author Biography

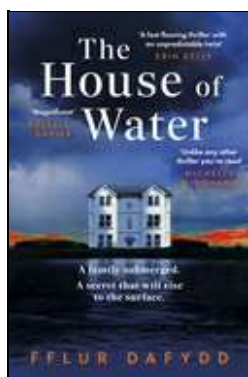
John Connolly is author of the Charlie Parker mysteries, *The Book of Lost Things* and *The Land of Lost Things*, the Samuel Johnson novels for young adults and, with his partner, Jennifer Ridyard, co-author of the *Chronicles of the Invaders*. John Connolly's debut - EVERY DEAD THING - introduced the character of Private Investigator Charlie Parker, and swiftly launched him right into the front rank of thriller writers. All his subsequent novels have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers. In 2007 he was awarded the Irish Post Award for Literature. He was the first non-American writer to win the US Shamus award and the first Irish writer to win an Edgar award. BOOKS TO DIE FOR, which he edited with Declan Burke, was the winner of the 2013 Anthony, Agatha and Macavity awards for Best Non-Fiction work.

Market

for readers who enjoy Stephen King and Karin Slaughter

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

Fflur Dafydd

Keynote

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

Description

PLACING THAT KEY IN THE LOCK WAS THE LAST ORDINARY MOMENT OF HER LIFE.

Iona Griffri returns home one evening to find her family murdered and her father, Eurov, missing. Her family home is entirely submerged in water, and a strange, unnamed girl lies dead in her bed.

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

With the help of the morgue attendant looking after her family's bodies, Iona goes on a journey to uncover the truth behind those final weeks of her family's life. Hidden in the fragments of her father's final manuscript, recovered from the flood, an unimaginable secret slowly rises to the surface. A terrible sin finally revealed...

A haunting, boundary-pushing thriller told through the lens of a lyrical family drama, from a captivating literary talent. *The House of Water* will rush over you like a torrent from the opening page to the very last.

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Fflur Dafydd is an award winning novelist and screenwriter, and a former Hay Festival International Fellow. BAFTA Cymru nominated, her TV credits include 'PARCH', '35 awr' and '35 Dirnwood'. She is currently writing a 'Yr Amgueddfa', a new six part thriller for S4C.
- **BRILLIANT CONCEPT:** A hooky thriller as well as a novel of lyrical, literary genius, the truth behind a family homicide hidden in the pages of a Welsh encyclopaedia. Fiercely unique and richly compelling.
- **TARGETED MARKETING CAMPAIGN:** the novel is set against a Welsh backdrop and we are planning a strategic and targeted campaign to hit author's already established and loyal readership and beyond. The hardback launched at Hay Festival to a brilliant reception

Reviews

- 'A story that vaults powerfully through huge, bold, epic swings . . . magnificent writing' - Russell T Davies
- 'A fast-flowing thriller with an unpredictable twist, *The House of Water* is also a profound look at family, landscape, language and identity' - Erin Kelly
- 'Words and water collide in this exceptional mystery, where drowned family secrets slowly surface with devastating consequences' - Suzy Aspley
- 'Intriguing and moving, *The House of Water* swept me along its story of drownings, loss and long-buried secrets. I doubt I'll read a better book this year' - Sarah Ward

Author Biography

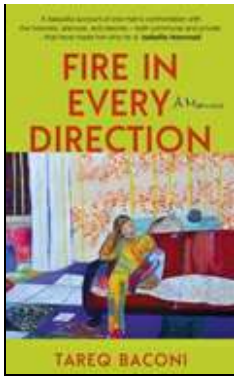
Fflur Dafydd is an award-winning novelist, musician and screenwriter who works in Welsh and English. She is a graduate of UEA's Creative Writing MA, a former Hay Festival International Fellow and an alumna of Iowa University's prestigious International Writing Program. She has also been nominated for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

Market

For readers of Claire Douglas, Clare Mackintosh, Ruth Ware and Louise Candlish

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Fire in Every Direction A Memoir

Tareq Baconi

Keynote

From the renowned Palestinian scholar, a memoir of political and queer awakening, of impossible love amidst generations of displacement, and what it means to return home.

Description

'Moving and generous'

Isabella Hammad, author of *Enter Ghost*

'Luminous, moving, and achingly beautiful'

Maaza Mengiste, author of *The Shadow King*

'I am forever changed after reading this book'

Javier Zamora, author of *Solito*

'A deeply inspiring and absorbing read'

Mark Gevisser, author of *The Pink Line*

'Spending time with the real people in *Fire in Every Direction* is a delight'

Rabih Alameddine, author of *An Unnecessary Woman*

Both a love story and a coming-of-age tale that spans countries and continents, *Fire in Every Direction* balances humour and loss, nostalgia and hope, as it takes us from the Middle East to London, and from 1948 to the present. Tareq Baconi crafts a deeply intimate, unforgettable portrait of how a political consciousness - desire and resistance - is passed down through generations.

In 1948, Tareq's grandmother would flee Haifa as Zionist militias seized the city. In the late 1970s, she would flee Beirut with her daughter, as the country was in the throes of a civil war. In Amman, the family would eventually obtain the comfort of middle-class life - still, a young Tareq would feel trapped: by cultures of silence, by a sense of not belonging, by his own growing awareness that he is in love with his childhood best friend, Ramzi.

After relocating to London, Tareq hopes to put aside his past. Yet as the Iraq War radicalizes young people around the world towards anti-war protest, history comes back to him.

Living between the region and London, Tareq fits in neither and feels alienated from both. Queerness is policed back in Amman, just as his Palestinian-ness is abroad. These gradual estrangements escalate, forcing him to grapple with what it means to live in liminal spaces, and rethink the meaning of home.

Sales Points

- **A STORY ABOUT FIRST LOVE:** Tareq confronts what it means to be a young gay man in the Middle East, when his love for his best friend Ramzi is discovered. The loss that follows echoes throughout his life.
- **A PERSONAL INSIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE EAST FROM AN ARAB POV:** Tareq's family were displaced from Jerusalem, from Haifa & from Beirut. The nakba, the Lebanese Civil War, the 2014 war in Gaza & the '03 bombing of Iraq feature.
- **AUTHOR WITH UK CONNECTIONS:** Tareq studied, lived & worked in London - splitting his time between here and New York.

Author Biography

Tareq Baconi is a Palestinian writer, scholar, and activist. He is the grandson of refugees from Jerusalem and Haifa and grew up between Amman and Beirut. His work has appeared in, among others, *The New York Times* and *The Baffler*, and he contributes essays to *The New York Review of Books* and the *London Review of Books*. He has also written for film; his award-winning BFI short *One Like Him*, a queer love story set in Jordan, screened in over thirty festivals. He is the author of *Hamas Contained: A History of Palestinian Resistance*, which was shortlisted for the Palestine Book Award, and *Fire in Every Direction*.

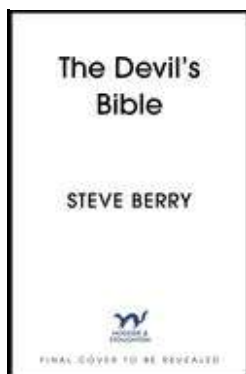
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The Devil's Bible

Steve Berry

Keynote

The next action-packed and thrilling book in the Cotton Malone series from internationally bestselling author Steve Berry.

Description

From celebrated *New York Times* bestselling author Steve Berry, don't miss the next action-packed Cotton Malone novel!

Former Justice Department operative, Cotton Malone, is called to Sweden when the younger sister of King Wilhelm is kidnapped. The ransom demand? Hand over an 800-year-old book, the Codex Gigas, the largest illuminated medieval manuscript in the world. Claimed as war loot from Bohemia in 1648, it's been kept in Stockholm for nearly 400 years. Along the way it also acquired another more mysterious moniker: **The Devil's Bible**.

Now the Czech Republic wants the codex back, and Sweden has agreed to return it, but forces are at work to stop that deal from happening. The likely instigator? Russia. Who is also top of the list for possible kidnappers. It's up to Cotton and Cassiopeia Vitt to locate the king's sister, secure the codex, and thwart the Russians. Yet nothing is as it seems. Trusted allies become hostile enemies. Long-standing enemies suddenly shift into partners. Making matters worse an array of conflicting personalities re-emerge from Cotton's past, transforming an already chaotic international situation into something far more personal and deadly.

From the cobbled streets of Stockholm with its placid waterways and picturesque islands, to the hostile skies over the Baltic Sea, and finally onto a fabled 16th century Swedish warship, Cotton and Cassiopeia come face-to-face with the unthinkable - changing both of their lives forever.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Steve Berry has been a regular *New York Times* bestseller for decades and has more than 25 million books in print across the globe.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Dan Brown, Sam Bourne and Scott Mariani, Steve Berry marries real historical research with fast-paced, action-filled plots.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** This is the 20th action adventure novel in the Cotton Malone series, and readers just can't get enough, as Steve consistently receives strong reader reviews.

Reviews

- "Steve Berry is at the top of his game, blending history and fiction into a propulsive thriller. Highly recommend!" - *Reader review*
- "Steve Berry has produced a masterpiece" - *Reader review*
- "I love Steve Berry's mix of intrigue, adventure, and historical context. I zipped through this novel and I am anxiously awaiting the next one" - *Reader review*
- "Impressed as always, and again sad that I finished the book so fast and can't wait for his next book" - *Reader review*

Author Biography

Steve Berry is the *New York Times* and #1 internationally bestselling author of nineteen Cotton Malone novels, five standalone thrillers, two Luke Daniels adventures, and several works of short fiction. He has more than twenty- six million books in print, translated into forty- one languages. With his wife, Elizabeth, he is the founder of History Matters, an organization dedicated to historical preservation. He serves as an emeritus member of the Smithsonian Libraries Advisory Board and was a founding member of International Thriller Writers, formerly serving as its copresident.

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Empire XV: Field of Blood

Anthony Riches

Keynote

The masterful fifteenth instalment in the gripping *EMPIRE* series by *Sunday Times* bestseller Anthony Riches.

Description

Once more the Roman Empire has been torn apart by a war of imperial succession.

Following the Year of the Five Emperors, three are left in the field. A final bloody confrontation between two of them is inevitable as the ruthless **Septimius Severus** advances through Cappadocia and Cilicia on the heels of the retreating legions of the Emperor in the East, **Percennius Niger**.

Co-opted into Severus's legions are two veterans who had, after long service, longed for peace. **Gaius Rutilius Scaurus**, restored to legion commander, and his client, the Tribune **Marcus Laticlavus Aquila**. Unknown to all but a few, Marcus is an Emperor killer. Perhaps this fate beckons him again.

As Niger retreats towards the impregnable fortress of Antioch, thus threatening to extend the conflict for years, it falls to these two men to plan a series of daring raids to delay the enemy.

But it is not long before they are cornered on a climactic field of blood where one or other of the Imperial pretenders must be annihilated.

Sales Points

- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLERS:** Several books in the EMPIRE series have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers, and the series has made multi millions in revenue
- **LOYAL READERSHIP:** Anthony has a strong and loyal fanbase, evidenced by his fast approaching 1 million sales across all his novels with Hodder & Stoughton
- **NO LONGER ANCIENT HISTORY!** The appetite for ancient historical epics is welcoming a surge in readers, bolstered by blockbuster movies such as *Gladiator* and *The Odyssey* (2026)
- **INVESTMENT AUTHOR:** Anthony has recently signed with Hodder for a new series set in Ancient Troy. We will be building towards that release in July 2026 with significant promotion for his other historical series

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR ANTHONY RICHES'**
- **'Fast-paced and gripping "read-through-the-night" fiction with marvellous characters** and occasional moments of dark humour. Some authors are better historians than they are storytellers. **Anthony Riches is brilliant at both'** - *Conn Iggulden*
- **'A damn fine read . . . fast-paced, action-packed'** - *Ben Kane*
- **'A masterclass** in military historical fiction' - *Sunday Express*

Author Biography

Anthony Riches holds a degree in Military Studies from Manchester University. He began writing the story that would become the first novel in the *Empire* series, *Wounds of Honour*, after visiting Housesteads Roman fort in 1996. Married with three grown up children, he now lives in Suffolk. He is also the writer of the 'Protector' thriller series.

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Market

For readers of Conn Iggulden, Simon Scarrow, Ben Kane and Dan Jones

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Back in the Day
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Another World

Melvyn Bragg

Keynote

In this new memoir, Melvyn Bragg takes the reader on a journey of discovery, as he leaves his childhood in Wigton for Oxford in the late 1950s

Description

Having won a scholarship to Oxford University, eighteen-year-old Melvyn Bragg leaves his hometown of Wigton to travel south and immerse himself in a new and golden world.

There, he must find his place amongst the raucous public school boys and the students fresh from National Service, making new friends from varied backgrounds but never forgetting those at home. Over three formative years - as his tutors, his studies and the people around him all expand his horizons and his sense of what is possible - he takes his next steps into adulthood, surrounded by the old, imposing buildings and libraries (and protests and parties) of the 'city of dreaming spires'.

In this moment of change, for a young man and for the nation, Bragg looks to the past and the future, and as he studies History in his tutorials, so he remembers the histories of family, friends and lovers that shaped his own story.

Alive with insight and tenderness, *Another World* beautifully captures a decisive step in a remarkable life.

PRAISE FOR BACK IN THE DAY:

'A memoir bursting with affection . . . fascinating' *Sunday Times*

'Masterly . . . I loved it' *Observer*

'Utterly captivating' *Daily Mail*

Sales Points

- **The new book from one of our most important cultural figures:** Any new book from Melvyn Bragg is an event and *Another World* follows the beautiful trajectory of *Back in the Day* to show us how he grew from Wigton school boy to esteemed national treasure.
- **A rich and heartfelt portrait of personal and cultural change:** Set in the final years of the 1950s and early years of the 1960s, *Another World* shows universities and Britain on the brink of change. This febrile social environment mirrors Melvyn's own experience of coming of age.

Author Biography

Melvyn Bragg was born in Wigton, Cumbria, in 1939. He went to the local Grammar School and then to Wadham College, Oxford. He joined the BBC in 1961, and published his first novel, *For Want of a Nail*, in 1965.

He left the BBC and continued to write novels which include *The Soldier's Return* (WH Smith Literary Award), *Without a City Wall* (*Mail on Sunday* John Llewellyn Rhys Prize) and *Now Is the Time* (Parliamentary Book Award 2016). *A Place in England*, *Son of War* and *Crossing the Lines* were all nominated for the Booker Prize. His non-fiction includes *The Adventure of English* and *The Book of Books*, and his first memoir, *Back in the Day*, was published in 2022 to critical acclaim.

He edited and presented *The South Bank Show* from 1977 and hosted the BBC Radio 4 programme *In Our Time* from 1998. He has now retired from both. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society and of The British Academy. He was given a Peerage in 1998 and a Companion of Honour in 2017.



Feeling Fabulous

How to feel like your best self, no matter what life throws at you

Ruth Langsford

Keynote

How to feel fabulous, no matter what life throws at you: let Ruth show you how.

Description

Whether you feel like you're over the hill or simply muddling through the middle bits of life, let Ruth Langsford show you how to feel your best, no matter what life throws at you.

Ruth knows about the ups and downs of life: in her job she meets people who have been through the most astonishing highs and lows. Now, in her first ever book, she's opening up about her own life, sharing the experiences that have shaped her and the lessons that she's learned along the way.

As Ruth reflects on the moments that lifted her up and the challenges that taught her just how resilient she could be, she shares the simple changes that helped her feel more like herself again and carry on with confidence. With her trademark humour and honesty, she invites you to reflect on your own journey and ask yourself what does feeling fabulous mean to you?

Sales Points

- Ruth is one of Britain's most beloved TV personalities. Her audience are loyal and invest in her products: her QVC line of clothing has been the channel's top seller 3 years running
- Publishing as the perfect Mother's Day gift and backed by major PR campaign, to include events and signings
- Squarely aimed at a major book buying demographic: for readers of Liz Earle, Trinny Woodall and Kate Garraway

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Love by the Book the brilliant new book club novel about friendship from the New York Times bestselling author of Maame

Jessica George

Keynote

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER IS BACK WITH A HEARTWARMING BOOK CLUB READ ABOUT THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP, WRITING, AND FINDING YOUR OWN STORY.

Description

Two women. A chance meeting.

Friendship is the love story you can count on.

Remy is lucky. Her three best friends have always been there for her - until the day that they're not. One of them is moving to New York. One of them is pregnant. And one is busy with her (awful) boyfriend. Suddenly, their foursome is splitting - and it feels like a break-up.

Simone doesn't need friends. The only people she needs are her family - but when they cut her off, she realises how alone she is.

When Simone and Remy meet in a bookshop, they don't immediately click. But as life keeps throwing them together, they realise that they might just have bumped into exactly what they need...if they can only be brave enough to let each other in.

This isn't a romance. But it is about love.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLER STATUS:** Jessica's first book, *MAAME*, was a New York Times bestseller and received rave reviews across the press and from readers. Her books tackle themes of friendship, creativity, loss and life, making them perfect for book club discussions the world over.
- **AUTHENTIC VOICE:** Jessica was born to Ghanaian parents and she writes about this culture wonderfully in *LOVE BY THE BOOK*, via her character Simone.
- Jessica's first book *MAAME* received a range of praise, and was a Read with Jenna Today Book Club Pick in the USA. It was also chosen as an Apple Book of the Month in the UK and a 2023 Debut of the Year as chosen by: *SUNDAY TIMES*, *STYLIST*, *VOGUE*, *RED MAGAZINE*, *INDEPENDENT*, *BELFAST TELEGRAPH*, *HUFFINGTON POST UK*, *POP SUGAR*, *HARPERS BAZAAR*, *MY WEEKLY*, *EVENING STANDARD*, *COSMOPOLITAN*, *BUSTLE*.

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR MAAME:'**
- 'One of the must-reads of the year' - *Sunday Times*
- 'Tender and compelling from the word go, *Maame* is one of the year's most anticipated books . . . Very funny and utterly readable, this is one for your reading lists' - *Stylist*
- 'Jessica George's *Maame* has a warmer, frothier take on family matters. The book follows 20-something British Ghanaian Maddie, who has spent years as a carer for her father and the breadwinner for her family, as she breaks free of doing what's expected of her' - *Vogue*

Author Biography

Jessica George was born and raised in London to Ghanaian parents and studied English Literature at the University of Sheffield. After working at a literary agency and a theatre, she landed a job in the editorial department of a publishing house. She now lives in North London with an incontrovertible sweet tooth and the knowledge that she can consume half a cake by herself if left to her own devices.

Market

Perfect for fans of Candice Carty-Williams, Dolly Alderton, Holly Bourne and Nikki May.

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The Wandering Queen

Claire Heywood

Keynote

Bestselling author Claire Heywood returns with a beautifully rendered tale of the fierce Queen Dido of Carthage, her rule and her doomed love affair with Trojan prince Aeneas.

Description

'A beautifully woven tale with brilliant, confident writing, [Heywood] has illuminated the stories of ladies too often relegated to the role of villain or damsel' CLAIRE M ANDREWS

The King of Tyre is dead, his final words anointing his clever and strong-willed daughter, Elissa, as the new queen until his young son, Pygmalion, comes of age. But betrayal and danger soon haunt Elissa, and she is forced to flee the kingdom - exiled with a band of loyal followers and a broken heart.

After an arduous search for a new home, Elissa and her people settle in North Africa, and she is crowned Queen Dido: the ferocious and devoted ruler of her newly established city of Carthage. Soon a powerful trading hub, Carthage thrives under Dido's governance.

But when a band of Trojan survivors, led by the valiant Aeneas, washes up on a nearby shore, Queen Dido is reminded of a promise she made long ago, never to trust or to love another again. Can Dido overcome her past and open herself - and her city - up to Aeneas, or is their love doomed to burn everything to the ground?

Sales Points

- Claire's debut *Daughters of Sparta* was a foreign rights sensation, selling in eight territories, including the US in a six-figure deal.
- *Daughters of Sparta* has started to pick up traction on TikTok, after BookTokker AbbysBooks (428.1K followers) said of it: "I never thought a book could beat *The Song of Achilles*. I was wrong."
- The author has a 1st Class BA in Classical Civilisation and an MA with Distinction in Ancient Visual and Material Culture, both from the University of Warwick, and worked for two years as an official guide at the Roman Baths in Bath.

Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR CLAIRE HEYWOOD'
- 'A beautifully woven tale . . . with brilliant, confident writing, *The Shadow of Perseus* has illuminated the stories of ladies too often relegated to the role of villain or damsel' - Claire M. Andrews
- 'Heywood tells her story vividly, setting it convincingly in the period' - *Sunday Times*
- 'An immersive, intimate take on a well-known tale. By focussing on the diverging fates of two sisters, Heywood reveals the private lives of these women to be just as compelling as the epic events unfolding around them.' - Amanda Block

Author Biography

Claire Heywood is a scholar of the ancient world, having gained a 1st Class BA in Classical Civilisation and an MA with Distinction in Ancient Visual and Material Culture, along with two academic prizes, from the University of Warwick. Her writing is inspired by her love of mythology, her knowledge of ancient cultures, and her fascination with women's forgotten voices. Originally from Coventry, she now lives and writes in Bristol, UK.

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Dead To Me the explosive new thriller from Queen of the Underworld Jessie Keane

Jessie Keane

Keynote

Sisters. Enemies. Killers? DEAD TO ME is the explosive new gangland thriller from top ten bestseller Jessie Keane, perfect for fans of Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole.

Description

THE CARTER FAMILY IS BACK...

Annie Carter is burying her sister Ruthie, from who she has long been estranged. There was bad blood between them - Annie stole away **Max Carter** on the night before his wedding to Ruthie and that destroyed any closeness between the sisters, which Annie now bitterly regrets. But at least she is giving Ruthie a decent send-off. Except, a mystery surrounds Ruthie's death: was it suicide - or murder?

Ruthie left England in the sixties, last seen boarding a train at Waterloo Station. Where was she heading? What, over the intervening years until her death, had she been doing?

Because, since the funeral, it seems that someone or something is playing tricks, trying to make Annie Carter lose her mind. Is she being haunted? Or hounded by an enemy from her past?

Sales Points

- **TOP TEN BESTSELLER:** Jessie has a dedicated hardback readership and regularly hits the top ten.
- **MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER:** We have sold over a million copies of Jessie's books to date.
- **FOCUSED PR and CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY:** we have created a dedicated author newsletter and built Jessie's social media following to target fans with information about new books to drive pre-orders.
- **INTERNATIONAL BUZZ:** digital sales are growing in the US and UK as a result of a focused campaign across frontlist and backlist.

Reviews

- 'Brilliant' - *Bella*
- 'This thrilling and twisty crime novel is **perfect for fans of Martina Cole**' - *My Weekly*
- 'A rollercoaster of crime, revenge and murder' - *The Sun*

Author Biography

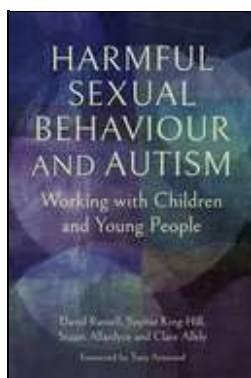
Dubbed 'Queen of the Underworld', Jessie Keane is of Romany gypsy stock. She was born rich, in the back of her gran's barrel top wagon, and her family thrived until their firm crashed into bankruptcy and became poor. Her father died when she was a teenager and she fled to London to escape grim reality, finding there a lifelong fascination with the criminal underworld and the teeming life of the city.

Twice divorced and living in a freezing council flat, she decided to pursue her childhood aim to become a writer. She sold her wedding dress to buy a typewriter and penned her first Annie Carter book, *Dirty Game*.

This was followed by five more Annie Carter books, all *Sunday Times* bestsellers, then Ruby Darke arrived in *Nameless*, *Lawless* and *The Edge*. Jessie's stand-alone novels include *Jail Bird*, *The Make*, *Dangerous*, *Fearless*, *The Knock* and *The Manor*.

Market

For readers of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Rachel Abbott



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Harmful Sexual Behaviour and Autism Working with Children and Young People

David Russell, Dr Sophie King-Hill, Stuart Allardyce and Professor Clare Allely

Keynote

Evidence based practical guide to supporting healthy sexual development in autistic young people and addressing sexual behaviour that is abusive or exploitative.

Description

Autistic children and young people can face particular challenges in their sexual development. For many professionals in health, education, social care and justice, questions around harmful sexual behaviour remain especially complex. Research shows that autistic young people are not more likely than their peers to display such behaviour, yet they are consistently over-represented in referrals, creating uncertainty about how best to respond.

This book brings together research, case studies and professional insight to provide an evidence based framework for practice. It explores the factors that shape sexual development and the circumstances that can lead to harmful behaviour, while emphasising the importance of recognising and supporting positive and healthy sexuality.

Introducing an autism specific socio-ecological model, it guides practitioners through assessment and intervention, the role of psychosexual assessment and the need for tailored, child-centred sex education. The result is a rigorous and practical resource designed to build confidence, clarity and compassion in professional practice.

Sales Points

- **Unique focus:** First professional text dedicated to harmful sexual behaviour in autistic children and young people.
- **Evidence-based:** Draws on current research, case studies, and professional expertise to guide practice.
- **Practical framework:** Introduces an autism-specific socio-ecological model for assessment and intervention.
- **Cross-sector relevance:** Essential for CAMHS, health, social work, education, legal and justice professionals.
- **Expert authorship:** Written by leading specialists in forensic psychology, child protection, sexual health, and social care.

Author Biography

David Russell (Author)

David Russell has extensive experience specialising in work with children and young people with harmful sexual behaviour and / or who have experienced sexual abuse or exploitation. He currently sits on the NOTA (National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse) Scotland Executive Committee, supporting professionals responding to sexual harm.

Dr Sophie King-Hill (Author)

Dr Sophie King-Hill is an Associate Professor at the University of Birmingham's Health Services Management Centre. She is also Head of Equity, Diversity and Belonging for the School of Social Policy and Society. She specialises in sexual behaviours and assessment in children and young people, sibling sexual behaviour and abuse, masculinities and relationships and sex education. Her cross sector work emphasises youth voice, co-design approaches and the translation of research into practice and policy. She is based in Birmingham, England.

Stuart Allardyce (Author)

Stuart Allardyce is Director of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, leading Stop It Now services in Scotland. He has worked in the child sexual abuse field as a social worker for over 20 years and is chair of NOTA UK and Ireland. He is also co-author of *Working with Children and Young People Who Have Displayed Harmful Sexual Behaviour* (2018). He is based in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Professor Clare Allely (Author)

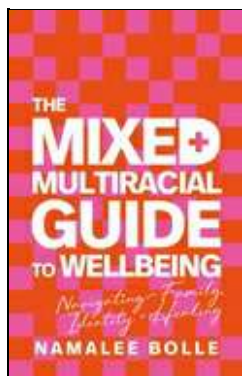
Clare Allely is a Professor of Forensic Psychology at the University of Salford and affiliate member of the Gillberg Neuropsychiatry Centre, Sweden. She is widely published on autism and criminal justice, acts as an expert witness in criminal courts predominantly in the United Kingdom, and consults for the Irish Prison Service on autism-related cases.

Market

UK-based CAMHS practitioners, health professionals, social workers, legal professionals, academics and policy makers.

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The Mixed + Multiracial Guide To Wellbeing

Navigating Family, Identity + Healing

Namalee Bolle

Keynote

How to embrace your multiracial identity and challenge the expectations of a monoracial society.

Description

"What aaaaaarrrrrrrrrrreeeeeeee you?!"

If you just had that familiar sinking feeling, this book is for you. Do you point out how alienating and othering that question is? Stand your ground and explain that you don't have to justify your existence with a pie chart and a family tree? Or keep the peace, bite your tongue and smile politely at yet another person treating you like a science project?

While each mixed person's experience is different, there are common threads from living in a monoracial world that weave their way into your life. This book explores ways for mixed and multiracial people to recognise how their identity has shaped their life, handle common challenges, and resist othering and erasure.

Informed by experience and expertise from both sides of the therapist's couch, the Mixed + Multiracial Guide to Wellbeing shows you how to handle microaggressions, confront systemic issues, and control your own story.

Sales Points

- **UK Suicide rates in mixed heritage females are the highest of all racial categories** (Office for National Statistics, based on 3-year rolling period census data 2012-14 to 2017-19), but there is little research on this front.
- **Lived experience and professional expertise** - Namalee has Dutch and Sri Lankan heritage, and has experienced therapy as a client and a therapist.
- **Accessible tone**, so readers can take ownership of their own healing.
- **About 3% of England, Scotland and Wales identified as 'Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups' (1.7 million people)** in the 2021 census.
- In a 2014 study, **20% of people with mixed and 'other' ethnic identities had experienced a common mental health problem within the last week** (Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey: Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, England, 2014 - NHS Digital).

Author Biography

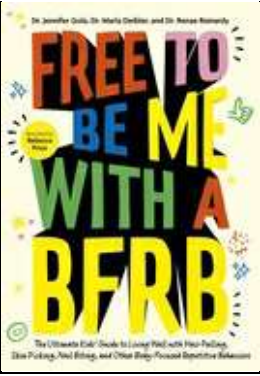
Namalee Bolle is a London-based multidisciplinary artist, transpersonal transcultural integrative psychotherapist and award winning writer. She is British born of Sri-Lankan and Dutch-Jewish heritage and her work explores themes of multicultural identity, intergenerational trauma and post-traumatic thriving. With a background as a fashion editor and magazine co-founder Namalee was featured in *Pioneers: A Renaissance in South Asian Creativity at the British Maritime Museum*. Her work has been published in *The Guardian*, *I-D*, *Dazed*, *The London Evening Standard*, *Voque* and *ShowSTUDIO*.

Market

General readers: adults who are mixed race, but potentially also parents of children/teens. Professionals looking for insights into experiences of being mixed race and heritage (counsellors, therapists)

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Marla Deibler and Renae Reinardy, The BFRB Recovery Workbook: Effective Recovery from Hair Pulling, Skin Picking, Nail Biting and Other Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviours, October 2023 (9781839976551), 2, 498 copies sold.	
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Free to Be Me with a BFRB

The Ultimate Kids' Guide to Living Well with Hair Pulling, Skin Picking, Nail Biting, and Other Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors

Dr. Jennifer Gola, Dr. Marla Deibler and Dr. Renae Reinardy (Illustrated By Rebecca Price)

Keynote

A workbook to help kids aged 7-12 understand and overcome Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviours (BFRB).

Description

Having a BFRB doesn't mean you can't have fun, enjoy life, or be yourself. You are so much more than your BFRB!

Dealing with BFRBs or Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors like skin picking, nail biting or hair pulling can feel really hard. But don't worry, you're not alone.

In this workbook you'll learn lots of amazing things about yourself and your BFRB. You'll read 'Just Like Me' stories to meet other people who've had similar experiences. You will even learn a bunch of tools and skills to help you feel in control of your behaviors, so you can spend more time doing the things that really matter to you.

Full of interactive and creative activities, this book gives kids aged 7-12 expert advice presented in a fun way, which can be done on their own or with a grown up. Using proven methods like DBT, ACT and CBT, it will help kids to say "I'm free to be me with a BFRB!".

- Sales Points
- Widespread need:** 1 in 20 people have Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviours and symptoms often first appear in late childhood or early adolescence which is the 7-12 year old age group this book is targeting.(The Most Common Types of BFRBs)
 - Successful sales track record:** The authors' previous book The BFRB Recovery Workbook (9781839976551) has sold 2,500 units in its first 18 months.
 - Expert authors, trusted content:** Authors are internationally known experts in the field who train therapists, have founded and serve a variety of boards, foundations and institutes.
 - Platformed authors:** Authors have also frequently appeared in the media including Good Morning America, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Wired Magazine, The Dr. Oz Show and Oprah Magazine.
 - Innovative:** Access to treatment for BFRB is limited, existing self-help books for BFRBs don't look beyond behavior modification and reward systems. This book is based on evidence based and popular interventions of ACT, CBT and DBT.

Author Biography

Dr Jennifer Gola is a Clinical Psychologist and serves as a Staff Psychologist and Supervising Psychologist at The Center for Emotional Health. Dr. Gola provides psychological treatment of children, adolescents, and adults and specializes in treating OCD, anxiety disorders and BFRBs. She has been certified by the TLC Foundation for Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors in the treatment of trichotillomania and other BFRBs. She is based in Pennsylvania.

Dr Marla W. Deibler is a Clinical Psychologist, Board-Certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology, and is Founder and CEO of The Center for Emotional Health. She serves as Faculty of the International OCD Foundation Behavior Therapy Training Institute and in various professional capacities with OCDNJ, NJCTS, ADAA, ACBS, and ABCT. She has served as a member of the Executive and Scientific Advisory Boards of The TLC Foundation for BFRBs, Dr. Deibler has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and on *The Dr. Oz Show* and *Today with Megyn Kelly*. She writes for *Psychology Today* - 'From Surviving to Thriving'. Dr. Deibler is an author of *The BFRB Recovery Workbook*, and she is based in New Jersey.

Dr. Renae M. Reinardy is a Clinical Psychologist, Director of The Lakeside Center for Behavioral Change, and Developer of CourageCritters.com. Dr. Reinardy serves as Faculty of the International OCD Foundation Behavior Therapy Training Institute and delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She has served on the Executive Board of The TLC Foundation for BFRBs, Dr. Reinardy has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *A&E's Hoarders* and in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wired Magazine*, and *Oprah Magazine*. She is an author of *The BFRB Recovery Workbook* and she is based in North Dakota.

Market

Children ages 7 - 12 who have a body-focused repetitive behavior, such as hair pulling,



skin picking, nail biting, and cheek biting. Will be bought by parents/caregivers and mental health professionals.

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Rosie Cappuccino, *Talking About BPD*, October 2021 (9781787758254) 6,171 copies

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The Talking About BPD Workbook Reflections and Creative Prompts for Exploring Your Life with a Diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder

Rosie Cappuccino (Illustrated By Alyse Ruriani)

Keynote

A workbook from the author of *Talking about BPD*, helping you celebrate your strengths and build a positive sense of identity with a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD).

Description

Living with a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder can be tough. Facing stigma from professionals and people you meet, as well as your own intense emotions and urges, it can be hard to feel good about yourself. Award-winning blogger and author Rosie Cappuccino knows the struggle all too well, and can offer validation and realistic advice for living a fulfilling life with a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder.

This stigma-free workbook includes creative activities designed to encourage self-expression and deepen your self-understanding, while exercises based on DBT and ACT offer ways to handle distressing emotions and intense urges. Mood trackers and other practical tools help with the day-to-day challenges associated with a diagnosis of BPD.

Built from personal experience and a deep understanding of how life with BPD can really feel, this book will help you look after yourself even when everything feels impossible.

Sales Points

- **Stigma-free resources about BPD are hard to find in both trade and professional spheres.** Rosie provides supportive, stigma-free guidance based on her lived experience.
- **Bestselling author** - *Talking about BPD* has sold over 6,000 copies since 2021
- **Strong author platform** - Rosie has a combined social media following of over 32,000 followers
- **Mental health support is hard to access on the NHS, and a stigmatised condition makes that even worse.** Self-help books are essential to fill this gap.
- **Includes exercises based on ACT and DBT** for psychologically effective support
- **BPD affects around 2% of the UK adult population, which is nearly a million people with a BPD diagnosis**

Author Biography

Rosie Cappuccino (Author)

Rosie Cappuccino writes the award-winning blog *Talking About BPD*, sharing her experiences of life with a diagnosis of BPD since being diagnosed in her early 20s. She writes for Happiful, has previously written for Healthy Place, and has appeared on podcasts such as Mentally Yours and The Stronger Minds Podcast. Rosie works as a teacher in the UK, has a Master's Degree in Medical Humanities and is also on the Editorial Board for the BMJ Medical Humanities. She is the author of *Talking About BPD*. www.talkingaboutbpd.co.uk

Market

Adults and young adults with BPD, or who suspect they have BPD but are yet to receive a diagnosis, as well as mental health professionals, families and friends looking to support those living with BPD.

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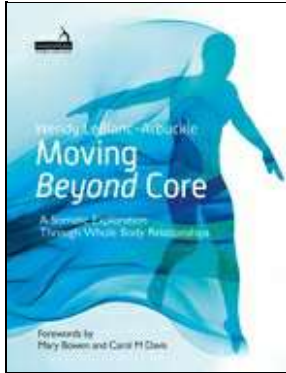
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Moving Beyond Core A Somatic Exploration Through Whole Body Relationships

**Wendy LeBlanc-Arbuckle. Forewords by Mary Bowen and
Carol M Davis**

Keynote

Transform your understanding of the body and discover its innate healing ability within this book.

Description

This paradigm shifting book is the result of LeBlanc-Arbuckle's 40 years of teaching and practicing with pioneering educators in the fields of transpersonal growth and wellness, yoga, Pilates, and more. The book invites readers to see the human body as a living process that knows innately how to self-heal, self-organize, and adapt within social and natural environments.

Introducing concepts such as "partnering" with gravity and "ground reaction force", we are invited into a dynamic, omnidirectional relationship with our body's fascial matrix.

LeBlanc-Arbuckle presents alternatives to "right/wrong" movement by sensing the tension integrity of our original biological blueprint. Through this, we discover our sense of body as a living instrument which is tuned by our unique shape-shifting biointelligence. As deeply held tension patterns begin unwinding, the embodied approach outlined in this book will help readers feel more grounded, mentally centered, and emotionally calm.

This exploration shows us the possibilities for a deeper, fluid, more interpersonally connected way of being.

Sales Points

- **Expert author** - Wendy LeBlanc-Arbuckle has 40 years of experience in holistic health, and she is an international leader in embodied movement
- **Self-empowerment for practitioners and clients** - This book offers inspiration and encouragement to approach self-care in an empowering way.
- **Self-care** - This book discusses self-care. With rising awareness of mental health issues and holistic health, people are always seeking ways to incorporate self-care into their lives and their practices.

Reviews

- 'Wendy has gifted you and me with her lifetime search and practice of awakening to and embracing life from multiple embodied approaches and perspectives. This is a wonderfully engaging book if you also seek to navigate life with clarity of presence, ease of movement, and meaningful expression and communication with others. If that is you, you are in for a treat!' - Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen, Founder of The School for Body-Mind Centering®
- 'As a clinical anatomist and fascia specialist, I value Wendy's visionary work offering a profoundly wise, embodied invitation to move beyond mechanistic training models toward a living, relational understanding of human movement. This book invites readers into a relationship with the body's fascia matrix, where movement emerges through presence rather than performance. This book represents a vital contribution to somatic practice, fasciategrity, and whole-body awareness.' - John Sharkey, MSC, Clinical Anatomist (BACA) & Exercise Physiologist (BASES)
- 'This book is the result of decades of dealing with, living with, and guiding people in the deep wisdom the embryo can teach us, namely, how to be human beings as we are meant to be: intelligent organisms that know how to orient, adapt, self-regulate, self-heal, and, above all, love. Thank you, Wendy, for helping people experience the spirit within themselves and realize their potential.' - Jaap van der Wal, MD, PhD, Embryologist and Phenomenologist

Author Biography

Wendy LeBlanc-Arbuckle is director of the Pilates Center of Austin and mentors and teaches nationally and internationally. She is a leader in the field of embodied movement with over four decades of experience in holistic health. Wendy is a founding member of the Pilates Method Alliance (PMA), the Fascia Research Society, and the International Association of Structural Integrators (IASI). She lives in Asheville, North Carolina.

Market

Students and practitioners within bodywork and movement fields, including Pilates instructors, yoga teachers and yoga therapists, Alexander Technique instructors, dance teachers, and somatic practitioners.

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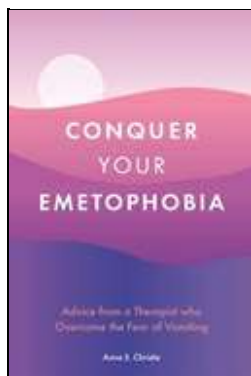
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Conquer Your Emetophobia Advice from a Therapist who Overcame the Fear of Vomiting

Anna S. Christie

Keynote

A guide to overcoming emetophobia from psychotherapist Anna Christie, informed by her own lived experience.

Description

Emetophobia is not simply a fear of vomiting. In severe cases, it can invade every aspect of a person's life, making them avoid having children, rigorously restrict their diets or stop eating almost entirely, and limit their social activities due to fear.

In this empathetic guide, clinical counsellor and emetophobia expert Anna Christie shares how emetophobia controlled her life for years, and how she finally overcame it for good. The book gradually walks you through the steps to recovery, starting with being able to read "that word" without discomfort. Each step is designed to be taken at your own pace, with no pressure to race ahead to a fixed finish line, but rather to mindfully extend your comfort zone at a sustainable rate.

You may have lived with emetophobia for years. You may even have tried to overcome it before, without success. This guide will help you to take the next step in your recovery journey and make real progress towards overcoming emetophobia.

Sales Points

- **The author has lived experience of extreme emetophobia, and many years of professional experience treating people with emetophobia**
- **Community contacts** - Anna is an active part of 6 emetophobia-focused Facebook groups with a combined total of approx. 14k followers, and is a moderator of emetophobia.org (36k members)
- **Based on CBT, ERP** (exposure and response prevention), **and ACT. CBT with ERP is the only evidence-based method for treating emetophobia**
- **Under-published area** - most other emetophobia books are self-published and don't come from a dual professional and lived-experience perspective
- **Emetophobia is under-reported** - an estimated 0.2% of people with emetophobia seek professional help, so a psychologically-supported self-help guide is essential for the majority of emetophobic people

Reviews

- "Overcoming emetophobia can be helped, but it takes a lot of courage. Anna speaks with the authority of someone who has had lived experience of emetophobia and is a qualified therapist. She shares her expertise in this book and guidance on your journey." - *David Veale, Consultant Psychiatrist, South London and Maudsley NHS Trust*
- 'Anna Christie's an inspiration to people with emetophobia all over the world. I didn't think I could be "cured" of emetophobia, but Anna's story has inspired me to keep trying and this book has given me the tools I need.' - *Emma Innes, author of The Emetophobia Survival Guide*

Author Biography

Anna S. Christie is a Registered Clinical Counsellor, speaker, and educator in Vancouver, Canada who has worked with over 400 emetophobic clients. She is the creator of the *Emetophobia Help with Anna Christie* podcast and emetophobiahelp.org. Anna has a history of severe emetophobia from which she has completely recovered. She is the co-author of *Emetophobia: Understanding and Treating Fear of Vomiting in Children and Adults* with Dr. David Russ.

Market

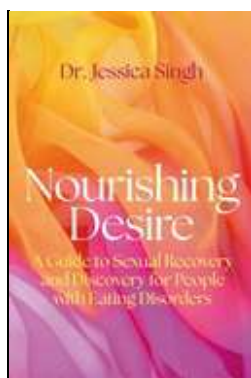
Adults with emetophobia. Secondary market of family, friends and professionals supporting people with emetophobia.

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Nourishing Desire A Guide to Sexual Recovery and Discovery for People with Eating Disorders

Jessica Singh

Keynote

A workbook to empower people with eating disorders to navigate intimacy and sexual relationships in recovery.

Description

Eating disorders affect more than a person's physical health. Nutrient deficiencies, hormone imbalances, struggles with body image and emotional difficulties can create a disconnect with your body and make intimacy complicated.

This compassionate workbook will help you to understand how eating disorders, body image and sexuality interconnect, and how to navigate the way this affects your intimate relationships. Practical exercises, reflections and advice from an expert sex therapist with lived experience of eating disorder recovery will support you in exploring your relationship with your body, and empower you to reclaim your sexuality.

Whether you're in the early stages of eating disorder recovery or have been working on healing for years, this workbook is a tool to help you reconnect with your body and reclaim your sense of desire.

Sales Points

- **Books on eating disorders often focus on the impact on family relationships, not romantic or sexual relationships**
- **Low body weight, hormone imbalances, body image issues and psychological difficulties are common in eating disorders, and can all affect libido and cause sexual dysfunction**
- **9% of the US population (approx. 3 million Americans) will have an eating disorder in their lifetime**
- **Author has both professional expertise as a sex therapist and lived experience of anorexia**

Reviews

- 'For years, both as a sexuality educator and a sex therapist, I have lamented how the field of eating disorder treatment was so loath to broach sexuality and intimacy -- especially with the frustration of knowing how they are so deeply connected! Finally, Dr. Singh has provided the perfect tool to make that critical connection, and in a format that is both accessible and deeply transformational. Sexologists and eating disorder specialists should rejoice at its arrival!' - *Richard Siegel, PhD, Co-Founding Director of Modern Sex Therapy Institutes*
- '"A compassionate, skilful guide that bridges embodiment and desire with tenderness and clarity. Dr. Singh writes with the sensitivity of a clinician and the honesty of someone who's walked this path. A gift for anyone reclaiming intimacy after disconnection."' - *Michael R. Duryea, LMFT, Seattle, Washington*

Author Biography

Dr. Jessica Singh is a board-certified Clinical Sexologist, Certified Sex Therapist, and licensed Clinical Social Worker. Jessica is one of the leading experts in treating sexual dysfunction in eating disorder recovery. She also has lived experience of anorexia. Jessica is an active member of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists and the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals. She is based in Florida.

Market

Adults who have an eating disorder or who are in recovery. Secondary market of their partners, sex therapists, sex researchers, and therapists/counsellors specialising in work with people with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction.

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The Place That Has Never Been Wounded A Mindful Journey Back To Yourself

Niall Breslin

Keynote

This book will show you, in times of uncertainty and overwhelm, how to access a place of stillness and strength within your self which is your anchor and sanctuary - the place that remains steady when the world shakes.

Description

In a world often marked by chaos and uncertainty, it's easy to feel unmoored, as if the ground beneath you is always shifting. This book is here to serve as your compass: a steady reminder that even when the way forward seems unclear, a path always exists.

Drawing on the principles of mindfulness and written with deep empathy and honesty, this book offers practical ways to reconnect with your inner stillness and meet life's challenges with patience and clarity. Accompanied by deeply beautiful meditations, this book will anchor you in turbulent times, guide you back when you drift, and help you make sense of life's heaviest moments.

But it is not a book of rigid rules or quick fixes. Instead, it invites you to slow down, release what no longer serves you, and trust the quiet wisdom that's always been within. It reminds you that everything you need to endure, heal, and move forward is already inside you. By embracing these principles, you'll reconnect with your unshaken self - the part that has never been wounded - and find your way home.

Sales Points

- **AMAZING AUTHOR:** Niall Breslin is a fascinating prospect - a former- athlete and TV personality who is currently doing a PhD at Trinity in sociology and psychology, he is a mindfulness campaigner, musician and podcaster. His show, *Where's My Mind?* has won multiple awards and been downloaded 15 million times, and his natural, wise and funny style speaks to those who are often alienated from the conversation around mental health, including young men. He has a fast growing platform and a lovely style of writing and speaking.
- **INCREDIBLY WELL CONNECTED:** Niall is friends with all the right people - Deepak Chopra, Jameela Jamil and Sharon Salzberg are all close and he shares a Talent Agent with Steven Bartlett.
- **INNOVATIVE AUDIO:** A great musician (and an expert on the Irish TV show *The Voice*), Niall's breakthrough method of mindful training has at its core a set of guided meditations which blend music and words. These meditations, which will be produced by Adam Clayton of U2 and delivered complete to us, are bespoke pieces of music written and orchestrated to guide the listener with their meditation. They can be listened to alongside the text or individually.
- **GREAT PLATFORM:** 171k followers on Instagram and 68k on Tiktok- 8% of Niall's audience is in the UK and 75% in Ireland (3% Australia, 4% USA)
- **A BREAKTHROUGH BOOK.** The book (and audiobook) will be an intimate and revelatory exploration of Niall's practice that can be used alongside or separately to the meditations. It will use Niall's personal experience and developed skills to explain his theory of the *Polaris Principles*, which are at the very foundation of mindfulness practice. Each chapter will draw on Niall's life of outward success and inner turmoil to reveal the transformative learnings at the heart of his practice. These personal stories will be followed by practical advice and insight to provide a pathway to resolution for the reader.

Author Biography

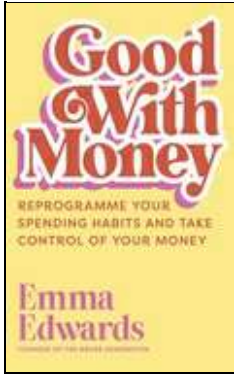
Niall Breslin is a retired professional athlete, musician-producer, author, TV personality, campaigner, and multi-award-winning social entrepreneur and podcaster, currently completing a PhD in Sociology and Psychology at Trinity College Dublin; his acclaimed mental health podcast *Where's My Mind?* has featured global wellness leaders and led to further work with Spotify (*Wake Up / Wind Down*), the BBC (*Ten Minute Meditations*, *Classical Wind Down*), and Audible (the investigative podcast *The Madman's Hotel*), all reflecting his deep commitment to improving mental health in the modern world.

Market

Self help and personal development audience, MBS readers, lifestyle and health audiences and anyone interested in destressing through Mindful Meditation. Niall also brings a huge Irish audience to the table who love him for his big personality, as demonstrated by his popularity through TV, Sport and Music.

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Good with Money Reprogramme Your Spending Habits and Take Control of Your Money

Emma Edwards

Keynote

An accessible, shame-free and deeply practical guide to reprogramming your spending habits and taking control of your money - from financial behaviour expert Emma Edwards, aka The Broke Generation.

Description

Have you ever avoided looking at your banking app after a big night out? Placed an online order during a late-night doomscroll? Felt helpless when your new budget simply failed to stick, despite your best intentions?

If that sounds familiar, this is the book for you.

In the age of smartphones and social media, we're surrounded by an endless stream of stuff we could buy, not to mention social conditioning around what makes us happy, as well as fast fashion, algorithmic advertising and 'where did you get that?' culture.

Financial behaviour expert Emma Edwards will help you unpack the reasons you're so emotionally tangled with your money (spoiler: it's absolutely not your fault) and look at what might be keeping you stuck. She'll teach you to reclaim your decision-making, deep-dive into your beliefs, identity and habits, and come out the other side feeling 'good with money'.

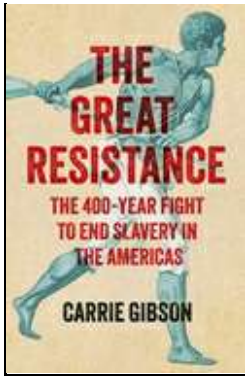
With a step-by-step guide to creating a money management system that actually works, *Good With Money* will change the way you think about budgeting, consumption and yourself, and put you back in the driver's seat of your own financial future.

Sales Points

- **MAKE 2025 THE YEAR YOU BECOME 'GOOD WITH MONEY':** perfect for readers who want a deep-dive into their spending habits, as well as practical, actionable advice to kick-start their New Year New You finances.
- **AN AUTHOR WITH UNIQUE EXPERTISE:** Financial Psychology and Behavioural Finance - Emma's area of expertise - is an emerging field that examines the emotional, social and behavioural sides of money. This book is practical, but it isn't just about understanding *how* you spend your money - it's about understanding the complex reasons *why* you spend your money.
- **AUTHOR WITH AN ENGAGED PLATFORM:** Emma Edwards is a savvy and hard-working social media user with an engaged (female, millennial) audience of 84K - around a third of which are based in the UK.

Author Biography

Emma Edwards is the founder of The Broke Generation (<https://thebrokegeneration.com>) and a copywriter, content creator, podcaster and **Certified Financial Behaviour Specialist®**. While working as a copywriter in her twenties, Emma turned her own finances around and began creating content to help others do the same. Passionate about the emotional, psychological and behavioural sides of money, she undertook graduate study in the emerging field of Financial Psychology and Behavioural Finance to continue exploring the complex relationship we have with money, with the aim of helping more people change their money habits from the inside. Emma grew up in the UK and worked in London after graduating Bournemouth University, before settling in Australia about a decade ago.



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The Great Resistance The 400-Year Fight to End Slavery in the Americas

Carrie Gibson

Keynote

***The Great Resistance* is the story of the struggle for abolition in the Americas, starting from the earliest runaway slaves in the 1500s to the end of slavery in Brazil in 1888, with a focus on the enslaved people who fought for their own freedom.**

Description

The history of the most diverse insurrection the world has ever known.

For more than four centuries, enslaved people across the western hemisphere, from the United States and the Caribbean to Mexico and Brazil, fought any way they could to gain their freedom: from the first African revolt in 1521 on the island of Hispaniola to the eighteenth-century Maroon Wars on Jamaica, and the revolution that gave Haiti its independence. In *The Great Resistance*, acclaimed historian Carrie Gibson recovers their dramatic stories in one sweeping narrative. Focusing on the thousands of acts of defiance that kept the flame of freedom alive, Gibson vividly chronicles the resistance that eventually ended the slave trade and, with Brazil's abolition in 1888, the institution of slavery itself.

Intertwined with this quest for emancipation were the political revolutions that gave rise to the modern nation-state. At a time when all post-slavery societies face serious questions about social and racial inequality, Gibson provides a radical new interpretation of abolition set amid a sweeping global landscape.

With its deep scholarship and rich narrative, *The Great Resistance* is a tribute to the persistence of the human spirit to overcome even the darkest of circumstances.

Sales Points

- **ORIGINAL PITCH:** A sweeping 400-year history of the struggle to end slavery across the Americas. Existing works focus heavily on elites, politicians, legislation, and white intellectual production, and white actors, such as Quaker abolitionists, Enlightenment thinkers, and so forth. There is scope for a more people-focussed story about the end of slavery, which *The Great Resistance* provides.
- **International scope:** The author gives a sense of place, both at the time or in the present. The question of history being silenced or forgotten is enormous in this area. Most histories of abolition focus on the US whereas this includes a range of examples across different locations including: Britain, Spain, Portugal, France, Kongo (Angola), Jamaica, Barbados, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, the United States, and Haiti.

Reviews

- **'Magisterial . . .** Gibson constructs a sweeping vision of resistance to slavery as a defining element of Western history that made "abstract concepts of freedom concrete." **Expansive and elegant, this is a marvel!** - Publishers Weekly
- **'Marvellous.** Gibson completely rethinks the history of resistance to Atlantic slavery as equivalent in its scale and intensity to slavery itself. Rather than a patchwork of intermittent rebellions, she narrates an unrelenting four-hundred-year campaign for freedom, with all the heroism and the compromises that entailed' - Alan Lester, Professor of Historical Geography, University of Sussex
- 'Gibson insists on the primacy of the enslaved themselves as agents of their own liberation, "the true instigators of liberty." **A solid contribution to the literature of the New World slave trade'** - Kirkus Reviews

Author Biography

Carrie Gibson is a British-American historian and journalist. She received her PhD from Cambridge in 2011, and her thesis focused on the Hispanic Caribbean in the era of the Haitian Revolution. She is the author of the 2014 book *Empire's Crossroads: A History of the Caribbean from Columbus to the Present Day*. Her second book, *El Norte: The Epic and Forgotten Story of Hispanic North America*, was published in 2019 and shortlisted for the Mark Lynton History Prize in 2020. Before embarking on a career as a historian, Carrie was a journalist for the *Guardian* and *Observer*, and continues to contribute to media outlets. She is currently living in Seoul, South Korea.



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Good Faith

Angela Tilby

Keynote

Angela Tilby makes the case for how the Christian faith can still be passed on to the English people through the Church of England.

Description

Bede was the first historian to speak of the 'English' and to see their conversion as within the providence of God. English language, English culture, values and institutions have all been shaped by Christianity. And Christianity is not only about our past but our present. Since early modern times, following the Reformation, Christianity has continued to be a key part of national identity, being passed on largely, though not exclusively, through the worship, teaching and pastoral ministry of the Church of England.

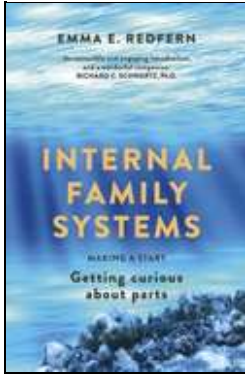
This book seeks to reclaim what is unique about the Church of England - a church which claims to be 'part of' the one, holy Catholic Church - and its role in our national life, and how a deeper understanding of Christian faith can still be passed on through it to the English people.

Author Biography

ANGELA TILBY is a tutor at Westcott House, Cambridge. She formerly worked for the BBC as a documentary film-maker, and continues to broadcast frequently on Radio 4's Thought for the Day. Her books include Science and the Soul, for which she won a Templeton Prize. In the course of her BBC career she made over 30 television documentaries, including The Hidden Tradition, which won a silver medal at the New York Festival. An episode of her four part series Lives of Jesus, presented by Mark Tully, won the Sandford St Martin Premier Award for 1996-7. She trained for ordination at Cranmer Hall in Durham and was ordained to the priesthood in 1998. She has been a member of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission from 1997.

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Previous Titles

Internal Family Systems Therapy: Supervision and Consultation (ed.), (Routledge, 2022); *Transitioning to Internal Family Systems Therapy: A Companion for Therapists and Practitioners* (Routledge, 2023); *Freeing Self: IFS Beyond the Therapy Room* (B.A. Allan, 2023)

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Internal Family Systems Making A Start (and Getting Curious about Parts)

Emma E. Redfern

Keynote

Whether you're struggling with specific issues, haven't yet found a therapy that 'works' for you, or just want to improve your resilience, Internal Family Systems may well help you locate the answers you are seeking.

Description

Do you feel stuck?

Is your life - and are your relationships - lacking in spark, intimacy and vulnerability?

Do you find that therapy just doesn't quite work for you, though you've tried it several times?

It's time to try a different way of thinking, feeling and being.

Internal Family Systems therapy (IFS) is the fastest growing psychotherapy in the world - perhaps because it can be used in everyday life, at any different level, by anyone willing to embrace the paradigm shift of parts and Self-leadership.

In *Internal Family Systems: Making A Start*, leading IFS therapist Emma Redfern will introduce the revolutionary concept of multiplicity, or parts, in a book which will challenge everything that you ever thought about therapy.

With curiosity, a superpower quality, at its core, this book features all the key IFS concepts, practices and methods of use, along with an explanation of its benefits and a troubleshooting section (in addition to informative appendices). It is likely you will never think about yourself in the same way again, or underestimate the power of curiosity, as you begin your journey in understanding your own internal family of parts and Self.

Using line drawings, bullet points, candid self-disclosure, case studies and journal prompts, this is an approachable and authoritative book that is ideal for newcomers to IFS (and those more versed in it) and which will transform the way you think about therapy. To improve your mental flexibility, emotional regulation and interpersonal tolerance, and to find greater balance in all areas of your life, start here.

Sales Points

- The new hot topic in psychotherapy
- The first UK-authored book on the subject
- Highly credentialled author
- Seeking endorsements from Richard Schwartz/Martha Sweeney - the acclaimed experts who first developed IFS
- Covers trauma/adverse childhood experiences, which are becoming evergreen topics

Reviews

- 'I'm grateful to Emma Redfern for creating an accessible and engaging introduction to my Internal Family Systems (IFS). With practical exercises, clear explanations, and an upbeat writing style, she offers readers a valuable first step toward understanding and transforming their inner worlds. Whether you're new to IFS or looking to revisit the basics, *Making A Start (and Getting Curious)* is a wonderful companion.' - *Richard C. Schwartz, Ph.D., Founder of the Internal Family Systems Model*

Author Biography

Emma Redfern is a psychotherapist and supervisor accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). She has immersed herself in the Internal Family Systems model for over 10 years and is a certified IFS therapist and an approved clinical consultant, and has authored or edited three books and numerous articles on the subject. For links to IFS related articles and workshops visit her website:

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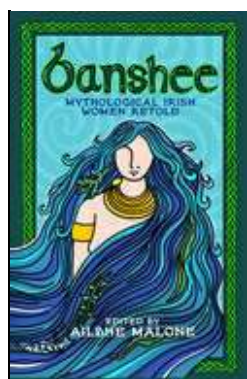
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Banshee

Mythological Irish Women Retold

Ailbhe Malone (Edited By Ailbhe Malone)

Keynote

Banshee is a vital and bold anthology, breathing new life into traditional Irish myths and legends through the voices of some of the best Irish contemporary women authors.

Description

'A mystical, magical, empowering modern re-imagining of the Irish goddesses, I LOVED these superb stories' PATRICIA SCANLAN

In this spellbinding anthology, Ireland's most electrifying female writers breathe new life into ancient Irish myths, reclaiming the stories of women who have too long stood in the shadows of warriors and kings.

Editor and journalist Ailbhe Malone was raised on these legends - but the women, always cast as mothers, warriors or witches, were never given the lead. And so, *Banshee* was born: not just a retelling but a radical reclamation.

Banshee transports you to treacherous landscapes and salt-crashing seas, generational curses and mystical islands. Here you'll find unruly mothers, rule-breaking queens, and women outrunning their destiny - stories pulsing with desire, danger and defiance.

With contributions from every corner of Irish literature, *Banshee* features luminous re-tellings by Naoise Dolan, Megan Nolan, Jess Kidd, Wendy Erskine, Nikita Gill, Sarah Maria Griffin, Jane Casey, Anne Griffin, Sheila O'Flanagan, and Salma El-Wardany. This is a celebration of womanhood - and an homage to the ancient stories that still shape us.

Sales Points

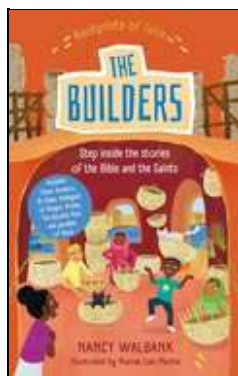
- **First-of-its-kind anthology:** *Banshee* is an exciting chance to publish a bold, brilliant and fresh anthology collection. It is the only book to bring to life Irish myths and legends for an adult audience through a collection of both historical and modern mythological retellings. It is an expansive and seminal celebration of Irish heritage and of the remarkable women who shaped it.
- **Best Irish women authors:** *Banshee* brings together a group of incredible Irish authors - bestselling, prize-winning contemporary female authors who will bring their own readers to this anthology. The contributors include Naoise Dolan, Megan Nolan, Jane Casey, Jess Kidd, Wendy Erskine, Sheila O'Flanagan, Anne Griffin, Nikita Gill, Sarah Maria Griffin and Salma El-Wardany.
- **Feminist twist:** Irish mythology never centred women - this anthology sets about to fix that, revitalising the traditional roles of women in Irish mythology: mother, warrior, witch.
- **Irish focus title:** We are aiming to reach a bestseller status in Ireland, working on a dedicated and ambitious launch with Hachette Ireland. *Banshee* has a huge gifting potential and we will actively capitalising on the high-profile names in the anthology. It is perfect for fans of *Storyland* by Amy Jeffs, *Woman's Lore* by Sarah Clegg and the *Furies* anthology.

Author Biography

Ailbhe Malone is Senior Editor at the *Strategist* (New York Magazine). She has also worked for the *Guardian*, *Irish Times*, *Wired* and *Nylon* (US). Educated at Trinity College Dublin, Ailbhe spent summers in the west of Ireland, surrounded by the foundations of legends featured in this collection. From learning about the salmon of knowledge from a seanchaí to reading Sinéad de Valera's *Irish Fairy Tales* under the covers at night, she gobbled up every variant of folktale she could find. Yet the women of these legends are rarely the protagonists, even in the stories named after them. *Banshee* asks: why not let the women lead?

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Footprints of Faith: The Builders

Nancy Walbank

Keynote

Step inside the stories that really matter.
Discover the stories of the Bible and lives of the Saints in a new way.

Description

Imagine if you could follow in the footprints of the saints when they were alive?
Or walk around the places of the Bible stories?
Imagine if you could hear from people who were there at the time?
Look out for the golden footprints and maybe you can!

In *Footprints of Faith: The Builders* - you'll encounter people whose work created things that impact us even today and who made a difference all around the world.

Join our adventurers and step into the stories:

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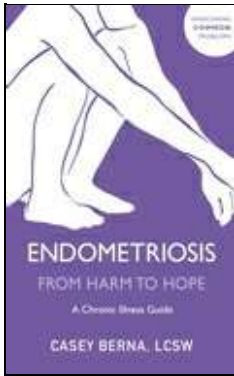
Building a basket Exodus 2: 1-10
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Sales Points

- Designed by experts to complement the new primary school curriculum
- Can be used for read aloud or independent reading resource, classroom or home school
- Illustrated throughout
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Author Biography

Nancy Walbank is the senior education adviser for the Catholic Education Service and she was part of the team that developed the Religious Education Directory. Before this, she worked for the Diocese of Lancaster helping schools develop their Religious Education. Nancy has experience in the education sector across early years, primary and tertiary settings.



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Endometriosis From Harm to Hope A Chronic Illness Guide

Casey Berna, LCSW

Keynote

Written by a mental health expert and endometriosis patient who knows the struggles first-hand, this guide discusses the connections between the physical, emotional, sexual, and social issues that impact your overall wellbeing and empowers you with tools and resources for how to navigate them and take control of your health.

Description

Endometriosis is so much more than "a bad period" or a reproductive disease.

Endometriosis ravages us, decimating our organs, fertility, and quality of life. It can affect multiple systems in our bodies, including our digestive system, urinary system, endocrine system, nervous system, and immune system.

Endometriosis from Harm to Hope explains what endometriosis is, how to manage it, and while there is no cure, what your current treatment options are. Written by a mental health provider who dealt with her own endometriosis for decades, this guide does not gloss over the difficult mental toll of a chronic disease like endometriosis. Instead, it weaves in stories of patients who've been where you are and gives you the tools you need to advocate for yourself in the doctor's office, look after your mental health, and educate yourself, no matter where you are in your endometriosis journey.

Endometriosis has taken many things, but despite all it has robbed us of, we still have value. We still have strengths. We are worthy of love, dignity, and joy because we exist, despite our limited capacities. We may not have complete control over our bodies, but through support, self-love, and self-care we can make sure it doesn't ravage every bit of us.

Sales Points

- Discusses in-depth the mental health effects of the disease, such as anxiety, depression, medical trauma, and loneliness.
- Written by a clinical social worker who has endometriosis herself and has supported thousands of patients through their endo journeys.
- Covers endometriosis origins, diagnosis, management, and treatment in addition to its main themes of mental health and advocacy.
- Advises how to find the right providers, fire the wrong providers, and set boundaries when it comes to your physical and mental health.
- Only book on endometriosis written by a mental health expert; others in this field are written by surgeons or patients.

Author Biography

Casey Berna has a Master's of Social Work from Fordham University and is a licensed clinical social worker. She currently maintains her own private practice where she specializes in supporting patients dealing with stress, anxiety, grief, and medical trauma in the endometriosis, infertility, pregnancy loss and chronic illness communities.

As a long-standing patient advocate, Casey has collaborated with Project Endo, The Endometriosis Research Center, The Endometriosis Summit, The Endometriosis Coalition, The Sister-Girl Foundation, and the Latina Endometriosis League of America to improve access to care while calling attention to the mental health impact of endometriosis and infertility. She has also had the pleasure of working with other nonprofits in the community, such as Gynoqueer, Extrapelvic Not Rare, and received EndoBlack, Inc.'s, Outstanding Ally award at their inaugural gala. Her documentary, "Endotruths: Impact of Endometriosis and Infertility on Mental Health," was featured in the Unmentionables Film Festival in Harlem, New York.

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Frogs for Watchdogs

Sean Farrell

Keynote

A wild child with a ferocious imagination will stop at nothing to protect his family

Description

After years of moving from place to place, a young family finds shelter in an isolated house in the Irish countryside. Their father is missing, Mum is a healer and B a formidable big sister. In his strange new territory, a wild little boy gives voice to his experience.

Jerry Drain, a local famer, is stealing hay from the barn, someone is making nasty phone calls to the house at night and darkness is gathering at the edges of their lives. With his ferocious imagination the boy will do everything in his power to protect his family. But Jerry will not go away and Mum seems to be falling under his spell. It will be a year of major wins and baffling defeats for the boy, as Jerry's true nature insists on revealing itself.

Dark, funny, tender and raw, *Frogs for Watchdogs* thrums with the intensity of childhood. Above all, it is an ode to the blended family: the bewildering joy, wary safety and profound new bonds of love.

Sales Points

- **RAVE REVIEWS:** *Frogs* has received a whole host of rave reviews since publication in February: 'a masterpiece' *Irish Independent*; 'a dark, funny, tender, raw read' *Sunday World*; 'a gorgeous depiction of a troubled childhood' *Irish Examiner*; 'a tremendous debut' *Irish Times*
- **PEER SUPPORT:** on top of a host of reviews, it has received widespread support from the great and the good of the Irish literary scene: 'a very special novel' Louise Kennedy; 'a stunning novel that will live long in my imagination' Donal Ryan; 'this book felled me' Una Mannion; 'an enthralling novel and a remarkable imaginative feat' John Banville
- **PRIZE POTENTIAL:** *Frogs* has the potential to appear on prize long and shortlistings

Reviews

- **'Every so often a novel comes along that will take the reader's breath away . . . This novel teeters between profound sadness, near-paralysing anxiety and riotous comedy. It is, in my opinion, a masterpiece'** - Anne Cunningham, *Irish Independent*
- **'A tremendous debut'** - Alex Clarke, *Irish Times*
- **'Seán Farrell's impressive debut is a very special novel'** - Alannah Hopkin
- **'I can't remember the last time I was so caught up in a book . . . a very special novel'** - Louise Kennedy

Author Biography

Seán Farrell was born and brought up in the Irish midlands. After graduating from Cambridge University, he spent fifteen years in France working as a labourer. As well as writing, he works as a freelance literary editor. He lives in Sligo with his wife and their four children. *Frogs for Watchdogs* is his first novel.

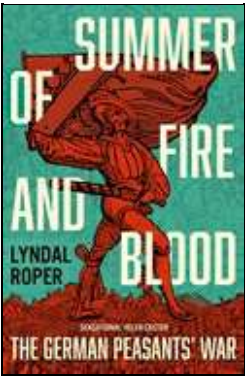
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Summer of Fire and Blood

The German Peasants' War

Lyndal Roper

Keynote

A definitive history of the German Peasants' War, the greatest popular uprising in Western Europe before the French Revolution, by award-winning historian Lyndal Roper.

Description

The definitive history of the sixteenth-century uprising that revolutionized Europe.

The German Peasants' War was the greatest popular uprising in Western Europe before the French Revolution. In 1524 and 1525, it swept across Germany with astonishing speed as thousands of people massed in armed bands to demand a new and more egalitarian order. The peasants took control of vast areas of southern and middle Germany, torching and plundering the monasteries, convents, and castles that stood in their way. But they would prove no match for the forces of the lords, who put down the revolt by slaying somewhere between seventy and a hundred thousand peasants in just over two months.

In *Summer of Fire and Blood*, the first history of the German Peasants' War in a generation, leading historian Lyndal Roper uncovers the far-reaching ramifications of this doomed rebellion. Though the victors portrayed the uprising as naive and chaotic, Roper's deeply researched account reveals instead a coherent mass movement inspired by the radical principles of the Protestant Reformation. Told through the voices of and beliefs of the people themselves, this is the thrilling, tragic story of the peasants' fight to change the world.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** The first history of the German Peasants' War for over thirty years, this book tells the story of a massive uprising that developed a theology of freedom, and that saw creation as God's gift to all men, not just the few. Their fight for freedom and for the shared use of the earth's resources has much to teach us - and to inspire us - today.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Roper is a multi-award winning historian, and the first woman to hold the Regius Chair in History at the University of Oxford. She is a valuable addition to the Basic Books history list.
- **PUBLICITY:** Roper is a well-connected academic, and the Gerda Henkel Foundation, Leverhulme Trust and British Academy sponsored research on this book.

Reviews

- 'I knew very little about the history told here. Extremely well told. It's great for history fans.' - David Hockney
- 'An extraordinary and brilliant book. In Lyndal Roper's evocatively beautiful, crystal-clear prose, the complex landscapes of early sixteenth-century Germany - physical, psychological, spiritual, social and political - unfold before our eyes. She shows us the dreams and deeds that shaped the Peasants' War, the greatest popular revolt in western Europe before the French Revolution, and the ways in which that war shaped the future that followed. This is a profound account of an attempt to change the world, a sensational narrative that is both human and humane, illuminating, resonant and unsettling' - Helen Castor, author of SHE-WOLVES
- 'A riveting account of a seismic event in German history which conveys a real sense of why so many ordinary people thought they could change the world. Lyndal Roper writes beautifully and displays a compassionate understanding for the protagonists on both sides of this complex and bloody struggle' - Peter Wilson, author of THE THIRTY YEARS WAR
- 'Beautifully and sensitively written, *Summer of Fire and Blood* tells the forgotten trauma of the 16th century - when thousands of ordinary people risked all they had in the hope of ushering in a new world. It takes the stories of our unlettered, peasant ancestors from the sidelines of history and, recentring them, restores their full humanity. And it warns us that the questions they posed are the very urgent questions that confront us again now' - Suzannah Lipscomb, author of WHAT IS HISTORY, NOW?

Author Biography

Lyndal Roper is Regius Professor of History at the University of Oxford. Her previous books include *Martin Luther* and *Witch Craze*. She is a fellow of the British Academy, a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, and a fellow of the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften. She lives in Oxford, South Wales, and Berlin.



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Keeper of Lost Children

Sadeqa Johnson

Keynote

Beautiful Children is a triangular story about three people from opposite worlds, and the heart-wrenching secret that was left behind. The novel explores themes of identity, desegregation, alcoholism, the blush of young, forbidden love, and the power of forgiveness and familial reunion.

Description

My grandfather's brother, Uncle Edgar, served in the military during the Double V campaign. At ninety-one years old, he does not discuss his time in service very much, but I've always wondered what it was like for him and other Black men to join the recently desegregated armed forces. I wondered about the soldiers, believing themselves to be liberated from the crushing blow of American racism, arriving in Germany to find so many German women ready to love them. That's when I discovered Germany's shameful treatment of the so-called Mischlingskinder, the children sired by German white women and their Black American lovers. And I learned about the heroic efforts of Mabel Grammer to find these children homes with Black American families. I could not stop thinking about those children, and what happened to them once they arrived in America. Did they live happily ever after? Or did they feel displaced in their new environment?

Beautiful Children is a triangular story about three people from opposite worlds, and the heart-wrenching secret that was left behind. The novel explores themes of identity, desegregation, alcoholism, the blush of young, forbidden love, and the power of forgiveness and familial reunion.

Author Biography

Sadeqa Johnson, a former public relations manager, spent several years working with well-known authors such as J.K. Rowling, Bebe Moore Campbell, Amy Tan and Bishop T.D. Jakes before becoming an author herself. She is the international best-selling author of five novels and the recipient of the National Book Club Award, the Phillis Wheatley Award and the USA Best Book Award for best fiction.

Her most recent novel, Yellow Wife, was named by Oprah Magazine as "27 of 2021 Most Anticipated Winter Historical Fiction books." Yellow Wife was also a 2021 Goodreads Choice Award finalist for historical fiction, a 2022 Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy finalist, a BCALA Literary Honoree, the Library of Virginia's Literary People's Choice Award winner, and a Barnes & Noble book club pick in paperback. Sadeqa's novels have received starred reviews from Kirkus and Library Journal and have been featured in top reads lists by NBC News.com, Good Housekeeping, Christian Science Monitor, Reader's Digest, Off The Shelf, W Magazine, Country Living, Hollywood Life, Parade, She Reads, and many others. She is a passionate public speaker, writing coach and Kimbilo Fellow. She teaches for the MFA program at Drexel University and is a writing mentor for Story Summit.

Originally from Philadelphia, Sadeqa currently lives near Richmond, Virginia, with her husband and three children.

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Thank You For Calling the Lesbian Line A Hidden History of Queer Women

Elizabeth Lovatt

Keynote

A brilliantly original exploration of queer history based on call logs from a 90s lesbian phone helpline

Description

'Compelling, funny, intelligent . . . *Thank You for Calling the Lesbian Line* is a remarkable piece of work.' Kerry Hudson, *Observer*

'Utterly essential queer reading.' Lucy Rose, author of *THE LAMB*

'Deliciously informative and rigorously researched . . . I loved it.' Julia Bell, author of *DIRTY WORK*

With warmth and humour, Elizabeth Lovatt reimagines the women who both called and volunteered for the Lesbian Line in the 1990s while also tracing her own journey from accidentally coming out to disastrous dates to finding her chosen family.

With callers and agents alike dealing with first crushes and breakups, sex and marriage, loneliness and illness (or simply the need to know the name of a gay bar on a night out), this is a celebration of the ordinary lives of queer women.

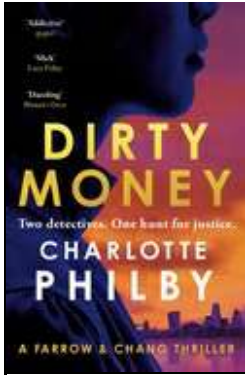
***Thank You for Calling the Lesbian Line* is a timely and vital exploration of how lesbian identity continues to remake and redefine itself in the 21st century and where it might lead us in the future.**

Sales Points

- **UNIQUE APPROACH:** A humanising and relatable approach to queer history, exploring the lives of everyday people and investigating how the queer community today may draw upon these thus-far untold stories
- **ACCESSIBLE AND EDUCATIONAL:** The book is written in a very accessible, approachable style, that works successfully as an entry point into an understudied history
- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Lovatt is very well-known in the writing community - she has lots of high profile connections and supporters, and has written for *Popshot Magazine*, *Spread the Word*, 404 Ink, Cipher Press and Penguin Features, and her MA dissertation (the inspiration for the book) was awarded the Lynne Segal BiGS Prize in Gender and Sexuality
- **ENGAGED AUDIENCE:** For fans of the hit TV show *It's a Sin*, the award-winning podcast *The Log Books*, Travis Ablanza's *None of the Above*, and Shon Faye's *The Transgender Issue*
- **UNDERREPRESENTED PERSPECTIVE:** There are hardly any books exploring lesbian history in the UK, and so this book is desperately needed to fill that gap

Author Biography

Elizabeth Lovatt is a writer of fiction and creative non-fiction currently living in London. In 2019, she was writer-in-residence for Islington Pride and the ruckus! archive. In 2020, she was part of Penguin Books' #WriteNow mentorship scheme. She has an MA in Creative and Critical Writing from Birkbeck and her dissertation was awarded the Lynne Segal BiGS Prize in Gender and Sexuality.



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Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Author born in	London
Author living in	Bristol

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Part of the Family
A Double Life
The Second Woman
Edith and Kim
The End of Summer

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Dirty Money

'Instantly gripping and great fun from beginning to end' Bella Mackie

Charlotte Philby

Keynote

The first in a brand new crime series, DIRTY MONEY is a gripping thrill-ride set in contemporary London, starring an unforgettable new detective duo.

Description

'Instantly gripping. Smart, timely and great fun from beginning to end' Bella Mackie, author of *How to Kill Your Family*

'Oozes with style, pace, and a cunningly imagined plot' Lucy Clarke, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Hike*

'Razor-sharp writing, great characters and a brilliantly topical story' T.M. Logan, author of *The Dream Home*

RAMONA CHANG

An investigative journalist turned private detective, Ramona's final scoop left her with a target on her back. Now in hiding, she is living in a run-down flat in east London. But when her latest case looking into an upmarket escort agency takes a dark turn, she needs information only accessible to those in power . . .

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MADELEINE FARROW

A high-flying operative at a government agency, it's the day of her fiftieth birthday when Madeleine finds out that she has been given the lead on an investigation into corruption on a global scale. But when she finds her case mysteriously blocked from the inside, she needs someone on the outside, capable of moving undetected . . .

As Ramona's and Madeleine's cases collide, can the unlikely allies find justice for multiple victims within the capital's hotbed of lies and deception?

A gripping thrill-ride set against the gloss and grit of contemporary London, DIRTY MONEY introduces an unforgettable new detective duo created by critically acclaimed writer Charlotte Philby.

'Brilliant! Effortlessly cool and clever. Cracking plot too' Jane Casey, author of *The Killing Kind*

'Slick, stylish, glimmering with menace and introducing two unforgettable new leads' Lucy Foley, author of *The Guest List*

Sales Points

- An ambitious new series launch from Baskerville - publisher of *Sunday Times* #1 bestseller Mick Herron - DIRTY MONEY is a twisty and gripping blockbuster. Perfect for readers who love the thrills and detective duos of Michael Connelly's Ballard & Bosch series and the Cormoran Strike novels, and watch TV shows like THE DIPLOMAT and THE BODYGUARD.
- Charlotte Philby is a critically acclaimed and well-connected thriller writer and former journalist, whose books have appeared on many best of the year newspaper selections including *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *New Statesman* and *Literary Review*.
- A hotly topical crime novel, which was inspired by a real case Charlotte Philby investigated as a journalist.
- Showcases contemporary London with complete authenticity - thanks to the author's upbringing in the city - and includes a visit to Bristol, the author's adopted city and current home.

Reviews

- **'Instantly gripping. Smart, timely and great fun from beginning to end. The kind of thriller to leave you wanting more'** - Bella Mackie, author of *HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY*
- **'Razor-sharp writing, great characters and a brilliantly topical story make for a compelling journey through the dark heart of London'** - T.M. Logan, author of *THE DREAM HOME* and *THE HOLIDAY*
- **'Cool, cunning, contemporary, *Dirty Money* ruthlessly excavates London's layers from the powerful heights to the blood-soaked streets. I can't wait for the next Farrow & Chang adventure'** - Erin Kelly, bestselling author of *THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS*
- **'Slick, stylish, glimmering with menace and introducing two unforgettable new leads - I loved it!'** - Lucy Foley, bestselling author of *THE GUEST LIST* and *THE*

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Author Biography

Charlotte Philby is a critically acclaimed author, journalist and screenwriter. She started her career as a newspaper reporter, editor and columnist at the *Independent*, where she was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Prize for investigative reporting, and worked as a contributing editor and features writer at *Marie Claire*. Charlotte has written for publications including the *FT*, *ELLE* and *Inside Time*, and is currently adapting one of her novels for film with the support of the BFI. *Lost Girls* is her seventh novel and the second book in the Farrow & Chang series. She was born in London and lives with her family in Bristol.

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The Inkwell Chronicles The Ink of Elspet

J. D. Peabody

Keynote

Immerse yourself in this fast-paced middle-grade fantasy about magic ink, a secret society, and a boy who yearns to make his mark.

Description

Eleven-year-old Everett wishes he were as brave as the characters in the comic books his dad draws. But when his father goes missing after a mysterious train crash in London, Everett and his little sister Bea are left with nothing but questions and a briefcase with a curious old pen. They soon discover that the pen is far from ordinary - in the right hands, its magical Ink can be used to create anything imaginable. But the Ink has dangerous enemies called Blotters, and soon Everett and Bea are running for their lives.

Aided by Inklings, secret protectors of the Ink, Everett and Bea embark on a perilous quest across England and Scotland to track down a lost Inkwell that may be tied to their father's disappearance. The magic of the Ink helps create escape routes and clever disguises, but the Blotters won't stop until they've destroyed not just the Ink, but Everett to save the day, but he can't seem to make the Ink work like everyone else can. Will Everett find a way to draw upon the most magical power of all - his courage - before it's too late?

Sales Points

- In-Demand Genre: Compelling storyline and rich worldbuilding will spark readers' imaginations
- Will please a broad audience: Will appeal to fans of C.S. Lewis & J. R. R. Tolkien. The general appeal combined with subtle underpinnings of classic Christian literature makes this a perfect entry point into middle grade fiction for our imprint.
- Promotional Opportunities: Author is a preaching pastor and successful songwriter with a strong marketing background.
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White Liver Gal (2016)
Gone to Drift (2018)
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A House for Miss Pauline

'One of the Caribbean's finest writers' Monique Roffey

Diana McCaulay

Keynote

Lyrical, funny, eerie and profound, *A House for Miss Pauline* tells a timely and nuanced tale, infused with the patois and natural beauty of Jamaica, which questions who owns the land on which our identities are forged.

Description

Winner of the 2025 CARICON FICTION PRIZE / Shortlisted for the 2025 ADVENTURE WRITING PRIZE

'The past is uprooted, the present holds on by thread, and in the midst of it all is Miss Pauline, strong, conflicted, driven and remarkable.' Marlon James, Booker Prize-winning author of *Moon Witch*, *Spider King*

'Delightful and big-hearted . . . It kept me turning pages deep into the night, and left me full of admiration at the end.' *Guardian*

'One of the Caribbean's finest writers.' Monique Roffey, author of *The Mermaid of Black Conch*

When the stones of her home begin to rattle and call out to her in the quiet of the night, Pauline Sinclair knows she will not live to see her 100th birthday.

From educating herself through stolen books to becoming one of the most successful ganja farmers in the area and raising a family, Pauline has lived a life on her own terms in Mason Hall, a rural Jamaican village.

Yet these whispering walls promise to topple the foundations of her security and exhume Pauline's many buried secrets, including the mysterious disappearance of the man who came to claim the very land on which she built her home, stone by stone, from the ruins of a plantation.

Compelled to make peace before she dies, Pauline decides to leave the only home she has ever known on a final, desperate mission to uncover truths she could never have imagined . . .

'History's crimes unfurl in this magical story . . . McCaulay's immaculate, breathtaking writing carries it with poise and conviction.' Lisa Allen-Agostini, author of *The Bread the Devil Knead*

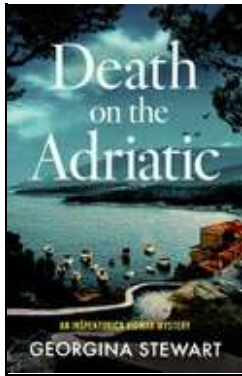
'A vivid story of inheritance and belonging, informed by the author's own fascinating family history.' *Daily Mail*

Sales Points

- Written in a **lyrical, accessible and emotional** style, *A HOUSE FOR MISS PAULINE* tells **a powerful story that asks important questions about who owns the land on which our identities are forged.**
- Explores **contemporary themes with heart and nuance** - she tackles the deeply important and underexplored **issues of race, inheritance and identity.**
- Diana has **many famous fans in people like Ingrid Persaud and Kei Miller**, and she has been reviewed enthusiastically by the TLS, Los Angeles Review of Books, and across Jamaican media.

Author Biography

Diana McCaulay is a Jamaican environmental activist and the award-winning author of five novels. Winner of the Gold Musgrave Medal, Jamaica's highest award for lifetime achievement across the arts and sciences, and twice Winner of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize for the Caribbean region (in 2022 and in 2012), she has also been shortlisted for the IMPAC Dublin Award, among other nominations, and is the winner of the Watson, Little 50 Prize for unrepresented writers aged 50+.



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Format	B Format
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Extent	384 pages
Word Count	93000 words
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Death on the Adriatic

An utterly gripping, sun-drenched destination thriller

Georgina Stewart

Keynote

An astonishing debut crime novel from a fresh new voice! This classic murder mystery is set on the sparkling Slovenian coast, where a young female detective gets embroiled in a dangerous game of blackmail, corruption... and murder.

Description

'An excellent debut... creates a beautiful picture in the mind's eye, making one want to go and discover this lovely location... and best of all. I didn't see the ending coming' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□

To whom it may concern,

I write regarding the death of Inšpektor Ivan Furlan of Koper Police. The man we have arrested is not guilty...

High-flyer Petra Vidmar, the youngest serving female detective in Slovenia, has her sights set on an international career. But when an anonymous plea to rectify a gross miscarriage of justice lands on her desk, she knows she can't leave local crime behind her just yet. The victim is a fellow police officer, and it seems the letter writer is too...

In the picturesque coastal resort of Koper, the sun shines, the sea glitters and the delicacies are delicious. But Petra quickly discovers that beneath even the most scenic of settings, there lurk blackmail, corruption, family feuds... and murder.

Asking difficult questions in her bid to uncover the truth behind Inšpektor Furlan's death, Petra feels a community, and her colleagues, turning against her. She's determined to see justice done, but will this close-to-home case launch her promising career... or break it?

An astonishing debut from an exciting new voice in the world of crime fiction, *Death in the Adriatic* is a clever, twisty tale perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Philip Gwynne Jones and the Inspector Montalbano mysteries.

Sales Points

- An astonishing crime fiction debut from a fresh new voice.
- Perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Philip Gwynne Jones and the Inspector Montalbano mysteries.
- A twisty destination thriller set on the sparkling, escapist Adriatic coastline.
- First in a new series! This police procedural debut will be followed by the second stunning instalment in March 2026.

Author Biography

Georgina Stewart studied History at the University of Cambridge, specialising in medieval Europe. After resigning from her job, she spent a year living on the Slovenian coast, where she wrote the first draft of what would become *Death on the Adriatic*. She likes ruined castles, baking, and walking in the mountains with her fiancé.



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Depth	22mm
Extent	560 pages
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The Stardust Thief

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The Ashfire King

Chelsea Abdullah

Keynote

The magical sequel to *The Stardust Thief*, Chelsea Abdullah's unmissable debut that weaves a tale of myth and magic in a world steeped in Middle Eastern folklore, perfect for fans of *The City of Brass* and *The Bone Shard Daughter*

Description

***The Ashfire King* continues the tale of myth and magic that began with *The Stardust Thief*, Chelsea Abdullah's unmissable debut.**

'A masterpiece of a book! I couldn't stop reading . . . This book was literally perfection!!'

Reader review ☐☐☐☐☐

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE, BUT LONG AGO . . .

After fleeing a patricidal prince, legendary merchant Loulie al-Nazari and banished prince Mazen bin Malik find themselves in the realm of jinn. But instead of sanctuary, they find a world on the cusp of collapse.

The jinn cities, long sheltered beneath the Sandsea by the magic of its kings, are sinking. Amid the turmoil, political alliances are forming, and rebellion is on the rise. When Loulie assists a dissenter she puts herself in the centre of a centuries-old war.

Trapped in a world that isn't her own and wielding magic that belongs to a fallen king, Loulie must decide: Will she carry on someone else's legacy or carve out her own?

'Triumphant . . . Fans old and new will be excited to pick up this incredible sequel'

Kamilah Cole, bestselling author of *So Let Them Burn*

Praise for *The Stardust Thief*:

'*The Stardust Thief* will transport you, enchant you, and revive your belief in the magic of storytelling' Shelley Parker-Chan, author of *She Who Became the Sun*

'A thrilling adventure about found families, ancient magic and stories that linger' S. A. Chakraborty, author of *The City of Brass*

'A marvellous plunge into a beautifully crafted adventure' *Kirkus*

'Abdullah is a gifted storyteller. . . [bringing] to life a rich world, rife with magic, where anything that can be dreamed up can happen' *Booklist*

Readers are loving this incredible sequel:

'This was one of my most anticipated reads of the year, and it did not disappoint!'
☐☐☐☐☐

'Oh. My. God. Abdullah, I could truly just give you the most love-filled forehead kiss the world has ever seen . . . I don't think I'll ever get over how much I enjoyed reading this'
☐☐☐☐☐

'I am trying to find the right words to tell you how amazing this sequel was . . . a truly satisfying, heart warming, heart pounding adventure'
☐☐☐☐☐

'I'm absolutely obsessed! I already loved the first book in the series, but the second one It completely blew me away'
☐☐☐☐☐

'Pure magic!'
☐☐☐☐☐

'It reminded me of why I fell in love with reading as a kid. I'm dying for book 3 already'
☐☐☐☐☐

'From the very first page, Abdullah weaves an intricate tapestry of magic, creating an environment so immersive that it feels like stepping into a dream'
☐☐☐☐☐

'An absolute masterpiece of fantasy that immerses readers in a breathtaking world rich with depth and detail'

□□□□□

'Oh, we're SO back . . . I don't know what the third book is called or when it will be released, but I do know that I would die for it'

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Sales Points

- *The Stardust Thief* was one of the biggest fantasy debuts of 2022, garnering early quotes from authors like S. A. Charkaborty and Shelley Parker-Chan, as well as positive reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly* and more. There were also special editions for Waterstones and Fairylot.
- This is a beautifully written, character-driven epic fantasy that weaves a tale of magic and myth in a middle-eastern inspired world. It centres around a quest and balances intimate relationships with a thrilling pace and a deeper central mystery.
- With its evocative storytelling, vibrant non-western setting and diverse cast of characters, the series appeals to fans of *The City of Brass* and *The Bone Shard Daughter*
- The author, Chelsea Abdullah, is a Kuwaiti-American writer who is active on social media and has strong connections in the online publishing and writing community

Reviews

- '*The Ashfire King* cements the series as **a must-read for fantasy lovers**. . . its second instalment will go down as **one of 2025's biggest hits**' - SCREENRANT
- '**Once again Abdullah deftly conjures magic**. The middle book in Abdullah's adventure is no less thrilling or expansively conceived than the first' - LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review)
- 'This **triumphant return to the world of jinn, relics, mystery and danger** takes everything you love from *The Stardust Thief* and dials it up to a thousand. Chelsea Abdullah is as powerful a storyteller as Mazen, as bold an adventurer as Aisha, as intelligent a schemer as Loulie, and as loyal to her characters as Qadir. **Fans old and new will be excited to pick up this incredible sequel**' - Kamilah Cole, bestselling author of *SO LET THEM BURN*
- 'Abdullah continues to cleverly integrate tales from *One Thousand and One Nights* into her intricate worldbuilding while delivering **a heady mix of adventure and romance**' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

Author Biography

Chelsea Abdullah is the award-winning author of The Sandsea Trilogy, an epic fantasy series that begins with *The Stardust Thief*. An American-Kuwaiti writer born and raised in Kuwait, she grew up listening to stories about mysterious desert creatures and wily (only sometimes likable) heroes. Consumed by wanderlust, she has put down roots in various states. After earning her MA in English at Duquesne University, she moved to the East Coast, where she currently lives. When not immersed in her own fictional worlds, she spends her free time playing video games, doodling characters and hoarding books she doesn't have the shelf space for.

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A Song of Legends Lost

The Sunday Times bestselling epic fantasy

M. H. Ayinde

Keynote

A relentlessly gripping tale of revenge and rebellion in a richly drawn world, *A Song of Legends Lost* is an unmissable debut from a major new voice in epic fantasy

Description

'A relentlessly gripping, glorious epic fantasy - the exhilarating must-read fantasy debut of 2025'

Tasha Suri, author of *The Jasmine Throne*

A SONG OF REBELLION. A SONG OF WAR. A SONG OF LEGENDS LOST.

In the Nine Lands, only those of noble blood can summon the spirits of their ancestors to fight in battle. But when Temi, a commoner from the slums, accidentally invokes a powerful spirit, she sets in motion a chain of events that will change her world forever.

For not everything that can be invoked is an ancestor. And some of the spirits that can be drawn from the ancestral realm are more dangerous than anyone can imagine.

A relentlessly gripping tale of revenge and rebellion set in a richly imagined world of warring clans and ancestor magic, *A Song of Legends Lost* is an unmissable debut from a major new voice in epic fantasy, perfect for fans of John Gwynne, Anthony Ryan and Evan Winter.

'A truly excellent debut, with a genuinely fascinating magic system, engaging characters and deep worldbuilding. A fantastic read'

James Islington, author of *The Will of the Many*

'An epic tale of conflict, betrayal, and intrigue . . . M. H. Ayinde weaves a rich and engrossing story through a unique and fascinating world'

Anthony Ryan, author of *Blood Song*

'Stunning and vividly told . . . Ayinde is a master storyteller'

Andrea Stewart, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Bone Shard Daughter*

Reader reviews:

'To me, it was perfect. It is what I have been searching for and it felt like home. One of the easiest 5* I have ever given'

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'This book was INCREDIBLE. It was an amazing start to a trilogy, a blazing debut, and overall, just so, so good'

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'A breathtaking debut that delivers a compelling mix of action, intrigue and emotional depth . . . an absolute must-read'

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'Oh my GOD. Temi, my GIRL! Jinao, badass. Runt, JEEEEESUS . . . thank you M. H. Ayinde for a fantastic book'

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'A breath of fresh air . . . I cannot recommend this enough and am waiting so impatiently for book 2'

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'This book has filled the gaping holes that the Throne of Glass and Game of Thrones series have left in my heart . . . Watch out Sanderson and Martin, Ayinde is incoming!'

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'So impeccably done. In awe of the skill on display here, from the prose to the worldbuilding to the character work to the sheer breadth of it all'

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'I absolutely loved this book! . . . till thinking about it days after I finished'

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'Exhilarating . . . delivers an unrelenting ride of action, intrigue and emotional depth . . . a must-read for fans of high-stakes fantasy, featuring a truly unique

and thrilling world that promises much more to come'

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Sales Points

- Vividly written and epic in scope, this is fantasy on a grand scale. It expertly balances a large cast of wonderfully vibrant characters with rich, original worldbuilding and a gripping, propulsive narrative that is threaded through with mysteries that draw you inexorably on
- M. H. Ayinde was the 2021 winner of the Future Worlds Prize, which was created to discover new writers of science fiction and fantasy from ethnically diverse backgrounds. She looks set to be an exciting new voice in the genre
- With its vibrant non-western setting inspired by multiple pre-colonial cultures, queernorm world and diverse cast of characters *A Song of Legends Lost* will have huge appeal to epic fantasy fans looking for more diverse stories, such as *The Rage of Dragons*, *The Unbroken* and *The Bone Shard Daughter*

Reviews

- 'A *Song of Legends Lost* is a relentlessly gripping, glorious epic fantasy - **the exhilarating must-read fantasy debut of 2025**' - Tasha Suri, author of *THE JASMINE THRONE*
- 'A hugely ambitious science-fantasy epic, **a whirlwind debut of ferocious talent and compulsive storytelling** that lifts you up from the first page and never lets go. It's **joyous from end to end - and highly recommended!**' - Lavie Tidhar, World Fantasy Award-winning author
- '**Intricate and imaginative, *The Song of Legend's Lost* is a masterpiece of storytelling**, where every secret begets a deeper, more pressing mystery. Ayinde's world is both ancient and new, satisfying but moreish, poisonous yet oh so delicious - a book fulfilling wishes you never knew you'd made' - Devin Madson, author of *WE RIDE THE STORM*

Author Biography

M. H. Ayinde was born in London's East End. Her short fiction has been published in *FIYAH Literary Magazine*, *Omenana*, *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* and elsewhere, and she was the 2021 winner of the Future Worlds Prize. She is a runner, a lapsed martial artist and a screen time enthusiast. Modupe lives in London with three generations of her family and their Studio Ghibli obsession.

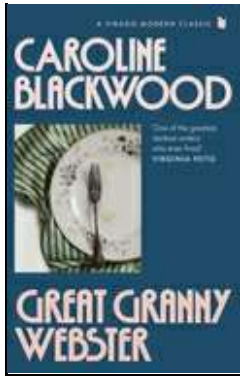
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Great Granny Webster

Caroline Blackwood

Keynote

Caroline Blackwood's masterpiece - a macabre, blackly funny, partly autobiographical novel about a decaying and dysfunctional aristocratic family.

Description

Caroline Blackwood's masterpiece, shortlisted for the 1977 Booker Prize - a gothic family drama in miniature

In her gloomy mausoleum of a home, the terrifying matriarch Great Granny Webster spends her days sitting bolt upright in a Victorian chair, entirely alone except for her one-eyed maid - and her orphaned great-granddaughter, sent to stay for the sea air. She presides over three generations of ill-fated women, and a twisted family history which spoils back through hedonistic 20s London to a crumbling aristocratic pile where two children are kept silently hidden in a distant wing.

This macabre, viciously funny, partly autobiographical novel cuts to the bone of a dysfunctional dynasty, and captures Blackwood at her pitch-black best.

'One of the greatest, darkest writers who ever lived' **Virginia Feito**

'Caroline Blackwood sits firmly alongside the greats like Shirley Jackson and Patricia Highsmith' **Araminta Hall**

'Idiosyncratic, dark and extremely funny' **Lucy Scholes**

'Shocking, brilliant, and wickedly funny, Great Granny Webster is Caroline Blackwood's best book. In the monstrous old dowager of Hove, and the ruling class she represents, Blackwood found a subject grandly commensurate with her own extraordinary style of aghast relish' **Jonathan Raban**

'A unique literary experience' **Philip Larkin**

'Great Granny Webster feels more like a memoir than a novel...but it is as gripping as a whodunit' **TLS**

'Full of genuine black humour' **London Review of Books**

Sales Points

- **CAROLINE BLACKWOOD'S MASTERPIECE:** Shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1977, this slim, vicious, blackly funny novel is inspired by Blackwood's own childhood, and dissects a dysfunctional aristocratic family through four of its female members.
- **A NEW FAVOURITE ON THE VMC LIST:** Our striking package and stand-out campaign for *The Fate of Mary Rose*, which garnered over 14 reviews across the press, has established Caroline Blackwood as a major rediscovery in the modern classics market. Readers who loved *Mary Rose* and *The Stepdaughter* will adore the pitch-black humour of *Great Granny Webster*.
- **FASCINATING BIOGRAPHY:** Caroline Blackwood herself is a fascinating figure, with a life story made for PR features - she was heiress to the Guinness fortune and had turbulent marriages to Lucian Freud, Israel Citkowitz and Robert Lowell. *Great Granny Webster* is semi-autobiographical and sheds a fascinating light on her bizarre upbringing.
- **STRONG PART OF THE CLASSICS MARKET, FRONTLIST APPEAL:** Rediscovered thrillers and dark cult classics are cutting through the market. Caroline Blackwood's fiction already has fans from Virginia Feito to Camilla Grudova, and is perfect for fans of recently republished classics from Celia Dale, Celia Fremlin, *Lord Jim at Home*, as well as lovers of Patricia Highsmith, Shirley Jackson, Ottessa Moshfegh's *Eileen*, Virginia Feito's *Mrs March*.

Reviews

- 'Matriarchal relations are haunted by a phantom man - in this case a father - but the narrator is all eye and ear, the better to capture the indelible characters of Granny Webster and Aunt Lavinia. The book is full of genuine black humour' - Ange Mlinko, *London Review of Books*
- 'Blackwood's works delve deeply into complicated, ugly relationships between women, something that is especially fascinating when the author herself was defined throughout her lifetime by her marriages to high-profile men. Persistently, Caroline Blackwood is hailed through the ages as the ultimate muse-which is a disgrace. She should be hailed as one of the greatest, darkest writers who ever lived' - Virginia Feito, author of *MRS MARCH*
- 'Shocking, brilliant, and wickedly funny, *Great Granny Webster* is Caroline Blackwood's best book' - Jonathan Raban

Author Biography

Caroline Blackwood (1931-1996) was born into a rich Anglo-Irish aristocratic family. She rebelled against her background at an early age and led a hectic and bohemian life, which included marriages to the painter Lucian Freud, the pianist and composer Israel Citkowitz, and the poet Robert Lowell, who described her as 'a mermaid who dines upon the bones of her winded lovers'. In the 1970s Blackwood began to write. Her novel *Great Granny Webster* was shortlisted for the 1977 Booker Prize.



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The Trident and the Pearl

Sarah K L Wilson

Keynote

In this romantic epic for fans of Danielle Jensen, Hannah Whitten, and Rachel Gillig, a desperate queen makes a deal with the gods-she must marry a poor, washashore fisherman and relinquish her crown-in order to save her people. But not all gods keep their promises, and the man may not be all he seems.

Description

A desperate queen makes a deal with the gods to save her land in this spellbinding romantasy debut from Sarah K. L. Wilson.

Queen Coralys rules the Kingdom of the Five Isles, but when disaster strikes, killing her husband and destroying half her nation, she pleads with the gods for salvation. And they do save her, turning back the terrible winds and tide, and snatching her islands from the brink of destruction.

But the gods have a wicked sense of justice and they demand an exchange for their help: Coralys must marry the first man to set foot on her pier. Coralys expects the fleet of a neighboring country to come to rescue her people, led by its prince, a loyal ally. What she gets instead is a fisherman so sunburnt and stinking that her court can barely keep their breakfast down.

Coralys, undaunted, marries the fisherman just as she promised the gods, and sets out with him in his unkempt dinghy, with nothing but hopes of revenge against the gods to keep her from despair. But what this fearless queen does not know is that the fisherman is actually the god of the sea and he stepped on her dock on purpose.

His own kingdom besieged, his body terribly wounded, and his place as a god threatened, the god of the sea has plans to turn the tides set against him and finally offer a place of refuge for his people. But to work the magic he needs will require the willing help of the one woman bent on his destruction.

Tropes to watch for: THE ULTIMATE ENEMIES TO LOVERS, rage against destiny, slow burn romance, sea god vibes, dark fairy-tale, hurt/comfort aka comforting wounded hearts.

Sales Points

- Romantasy with 'might leave home and romance the god of the sea' vibes.
- A traditionally published debut from a successful self-published romance author with over 800,000 readers for her previous work.
- For fans of Danielle Jensen, Hannah Whitten, and Rachel Gillig
- A simultaneous publication with Orbit US, for maximum impact and joined up marketing and publicity in all English language markets

Reviews

- 'Intricately wrought and deeply imaginative, this is the kind of delicious slow-burn fantasy that made me love reading' - Hannah Whitten
- 'Breathtaking prose and a world that feels both timeless and new - The Trident and the Pearl is perfect for readers who love slow-burn romance steeped in lush fantasy!' - Danielle L. Jensen

Author Biography

Sarah K. L. Wilson is a successfully self-published author with over a half million in sales. HER FISHER KING is her first foray into traditional publishing. A USA Today bestseller, she writes fantasy stories featuring practical heroines in the most impractical circumstances. Sarah can be found in the outdoors of Northern Ontario with her young boys and beloved husband, reading a book, or fending off her husband's pet turkeys with a straw broom.



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Nightshade and Oak

Molly O'Neill

Keynote

An Iron Age goddess must grapple with becoming human in this delightful historical fantasy of myth and magic from the author of *Greenteeth*

Description

An Iron Age goddess must grapple with becoming human in this delightful historical fantasy of myth and magic from the author of *Greenteeth*.

When Malt, the goddess of death, is accidentally turned human by a wayward spell, she finds she's ill-equipped to deal with the trials of a mortal life. After all, why would a goddess need to know how to gather food or light a fire?

Unable to fend for herself, she teams up with Bellis, warrior daughter of Boudicca, on a perilous journey to the afterlife to try to restore her powers. Frustrated by her frail human body and its inability to run a hundred miles in a single day, Malt might not make the best travelling companion. But as animosity slowly turns to attraction, these two very different women must learn to work together if they are to have any hope of surviving their quest.

'O'Neill has delivered yet another excellent story rooted in the folklore of the British isles, this one charged with a slow-burn queer love story'

Booklist (starred review)

Praise for *Greenteeth*:

'A charmingly monstrous debut' T. Kingfisher, author of *Nettle and Bone*

'I loved every second of this wonderful, delicious book!' Sarah Beth Durst, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Spellshop*

'A masterclass in the art of storytelling' Tom Holt

'Full of magic, but even more heart' *Kirkus*

Sales Points

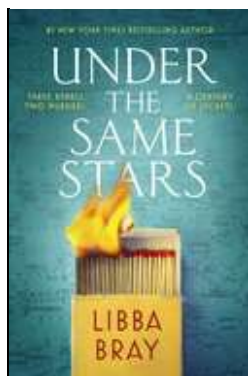
- A delightful historical fantasy full of magic and heart with a unique perspective and a compelling narrative voice that makes it stand out from the crowd
- The sweet, slow-burn Sapphic romance will appeal to readers looking for queer narratives
- Set in an alternate Iron Age Britain and incorporating figures from British myth and folklore, *Nightshade and Oak* will have huge appeal to fans of lighter historical fantasy such *Half a Soul* by Olivia Atwater

Reviews

- 'I loved every second of this wonderful, delicious book!' - Sarah Beth Durst on GREENTEETH
- 'A masterclass in the art of storytelling' - Tom Holt on GREENTEETH
- 'O'Neill has delivered yet **another excellent story rooted in the folklore of the British isles**, this one charged with a slow-burn queer love story' - BOOKLIST (starred review)
- 'A joyful, warm-hearted adventure, riddled with unique characters and poignant friendships, rooted deep in old magic and myth.' - H. G. Parry on GREENTEETH

Author Biography

Molly O'Neill was born in the UK and moved to Australia in 2019. She works as a geologist, building roads and rail tracks, and she also runs Book Fair Australia, a literature festival in Sydney.



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Under the Same Stars

Libba Bray

Keynote

From *New York Times*-bestselling author Libba Bray comes an evocative and groundbreaking young adult historical mystery that examines truth, rebellion, reconciliation, and what must be sacrificed for a better world.

Description

'Under the Same Stars will leave you shattered and wildly hopeful' E. Lockhart, author of *We Were Liars* and *Genuine Fraud*

'Stirring and absolutely unforgettable' Samira Ahmed, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Internment* and *Hollow Fires*

'Full of banter, romance, humor and a little bit of magic' Gayle Forman, author of *Not Nothing* and *After Life*

From *New York Times*-bestselling author Libba Bray comes a propulsive historical mystery that examines truth, rebellion, reconciliation, and what must be sacrificed for a better world.

It was said that if you write to the Bridegroom's Oak, the love of your life will answer back. Now, the tree is giving up its secrets at last.

In 1940s Germany, Sophie is excited to discover a message waiting for her in the Bridegroom's Oak from a mysterious suitor. Meanwhile, her best friend, Hanna, is sending messages too-but not to find love. As World War II unfolds in their small town of Kleinwald, the oak may hold the key to resistance against the Nazis.

In 1980s West Germany, American teen transplant Jenny feels suffocated by her strict parents and is struggling to fit in. Until she finds herself falling for Lena, a punk-rock girl hell-bent on tearing down the wall separating West Germany from East Germany, and meeting Frau Hermann, a kind old lady with secrets of her own.

In Spring 2020, New York City, best friends Miles and Chloe are in the first weeks of COVID lockdown and hating Zoom school, when an unexpected package from Chloe's grandmother leads them to investigate a cold case about two unidentified teenagers who went missing under the Bridegroom's Oak eighty years ago.

Sales Points

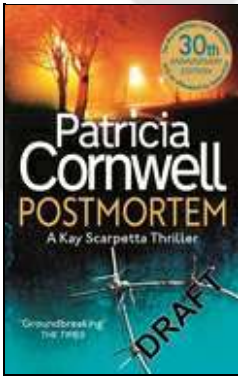
- Libba Bray is a number one *New York Times* bestselling author. Her last series, *The Diviners*, was supported by Fairyloot with a special edition of the series.
- Under the Same Stars* is a A Good Morning America Book Club Pick and was an instant *New York Times* bestseller!

Reviews

- "The legendary Libba Bray writes punk rock journeys across wide swaths of dark history and deep into the wonder of the human soul. **She is one of our most original minds and Under the Same Stars will leave you shattered and wildly hopeful**" - E. Lockhart, author of *WE WERE LIARS* and *GENUINE FRAUD*
- "**Libba Bray is magic.** There is simply no other conclusion to be drawn after reading the stunningly ambitious and brilliantly crafted, *Under the Same Stars*. Weaving together three different timelines, Bray's gorgeous prose and propulsive plotting draw the reader into the lives of young people who are fighting for their communities and themselves and you'll want to fight right alongside them. Bray's talent for writing magnificently detailed personal stories against the backdrop of political and social upheaval is a gift to readers and makes plain for all that leading with love is punk as hell, that building community is resistance and that living your truth is successful rebellion. **Under the Same Stars is stirring and absolutely unforgettable**" - Samira Ahmed, *New York Times* bestselling author of *INTERNMENT* and *HOLLOW FIRES*
- "**[An] inspiring historical mystery**... Bray's intimate third-person narrative kaleidoscopes back and forth in time, interweaving the three story lines and highlighting their internal resonance" - *Publishers Weekly*
- "*Under the Same Stars* is both a sweeping epic tale of young people in three very different eras grappling with what it means to fight injustice, and a stark reminder that past is prologue. **It's also a Libba Bray book, meaning it's full of banter, romance, humour and a little bit of magic**" - Gayle Forman, author of *Not Nothing* and *After Life*

Author Biography

Libba Bray's writing has been described as 'compulsively readable,' often receiving starred reviews and Best-Book-of-the-Year accolades. Her novels have topped the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Indie*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestseller lists. Her work includes the Gemma Doyle trilogy (*A Great and Terrible Beauty*, *Rebel Angels*, and *The Sweet Far Thing*); the Michael L. Printz Award-winning *Going Bovine*; *Beauty Queens*, an *L.A. Times* Book Prize finalist; and the *Diviners* series. She is originally from Texas but makes her



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Postmortem

The first in the ground-breaking, globally bestselling Kay Scarpetta series

Patricia Cornwell

Keynote

The first Scarpetta mystery, now with a striking TV tie-in jacket. TV adaptation *Scarpetta* is coming to Prime in 2026

Description

The first book in the Kay Scarpetta series, from No. 1 bestselling author Patricia Cornwell - coming soon to Prime Video.

A serial killer is on the loose in Richmond, Virginia. Three women have died, brutalised and strangled in their own bedroom. There is no pattern: the killer appears to strike at random - but always early on Saturday mornings.

So when Dr Kay Scarpetta, chief medical officer, is awakened at 2.33 am, she knows the news is bad: there is a fourth victim. And she fears now for those that will follow unless she can dig up new forensic evidence to aid the police.

But not everyone is pleased to see a woman in this powerful job. Someone may even want to ruin her career and reputation . . .

Enter the world of Dr Kay Scarpetta before Nicole Kidman and Jamie Lee Curtis bring it to life on screen.

'Devilishly clever' **SUNDAY TIMES**

'The top gun in this field' **DAILY TELEGRAPH**

'Forget the pretenders. Cornwell reigns' **MIRROR**

'The Agatha Christie of the DNA age' **EXPRESS**

Sales Points

- **A LIVING LEGEND:** Cornwell has sold over **9 million copies TCM**, and over **120 million copies worldwide.**
- **A TRULY GLOBAL BRAND:** Cornwell's books have been translated into 36 languages in more than 120 countries
- **AN AWARD-WINNER:** Cornwell has won many **prestigious awards** including the Edgar, the Creasey, the Anthony, the Macavity and the Prix du Roman d'Aventure
- **NEW TV TIE-IN EDITION:** *Scarpetta*, an all-new original series, is coming soon to Prime video in early 2026, starring Nicole Kidman and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Reviews

- 'One of the best crime writers writing today' - Guardian
- 'An excellent thriller with pace and tension' - Sunday Telegraph
- 'Devilishly clever' - Sunday Times
- 'America's most chilling writer of crime fiction' - The Times

Author Biography

In 1990, **Patricia Cornwell** sold her first novel, *Postmortem*, while working at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond, Virginia. An auspicious debut, it went on to win the Edgar, Creasey, Anthony, and Macavity Awards, as well as the French Prix du Roman d'Aventures - the first book ever to claim all these distinctions in a single year. Growing into an international phenomenon, the Scarpetta series won Cornwell the Sherlock Award for best detective created by an American author, the Gold Dagger Award, the RBA Thriller Award, and the Medal of Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters for her contributions to literary and artistic development.

Today, Cornwell's novels and iconic characters are known around the world. Beyond the Scarpetta series, Cornwell has written the definitive nonfiction account of Jack the Ripper's identity, cookbooks, a children's book, a biography of Ruth Graham, and three other fictional series based on the characters Win Garano, Andy Brazil, and Captain Calli Chase. Cornwell continues exploring the latest space-age technologies and threats relevant to contemporary life. Her interests range from the morgue to artificial intelligence and include visits to Interpol, the Pentagon, the U.S. Secret Service and NASA.

Cornwell was born in Miami. She grew up in Montreat, North Carolina, and now lives and works in Boston.



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Payback the gritty new gangland novel for 2025 from the bestselling queen of crime

Roberta Kray

Keynote

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

Description

<h3>'Roberta Kray really is the queen of crime writing!' **5-star Reader Review**</h3>

Some secrets are worth killing for.

Julia left London years ago, but now she's back - and so are the ghosts of her past. Angel Glover was her childhood best friend until the day everything changed.

Now Angel is dead, and Julia is certain it wasn't just some tragic accident.

Determined to uncover the truth, she starts asking questions. But the Mansfield estate hasn't changed. The same faces are there - Tom, Lindsey, Pauline, Frankie - the ones she and Angel used to roll with. And they know more than they're letting on.

The deeper Julia digs, the more the warnings come. Even Inspector Vyse tells her to tread carefully. But Julia's not going anywhere. She owes Angel that much.

And on these streets, loyalty is a dangerous thing - because some secrets are worth killing for...

Readers agree, no one does crime like Kray!

'Brilliant read as always. Loved the characters. Can't wait until the next book' **5-star Reader Review**

'So many complex characters in this one! Such a heart warming ending though. I highly recommend this book' **5-star Reader Review**

'This book was excellent from start to finish, Once you start to read it you will be turning your pages to find out what happens next especially as it full of great twists and turns that will have you gripped' **5-star Reader Review**

'Roberta Kray delivers another captivating story with this gangland novel. True to her usual high standards, the book presents an intriguing mystery featuring a mix of compelling characters' **5-star Reader Review**

'The writing style is tense, with the different storylines seamlessly intertwined and plenty of twists and turns. I couldn't put the book down. What a treat. This will keep you up until late at night but in a good way' **5-star Reader Review**

Sales Points

- **A BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH IMPRESSIVE SALES:** Over a million copies of Roberta Kray's novels have been sold across all editions. Her latest novel, *Cheated*, has sold 29.4k copies to date, including 15k paperbacks through TCM in its first twelve weeks on sale.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF HARD-HITTING GANGLAND THRILLERS:** Roberta Kray has sold over 500k TCM across her HBs and PBs. Her books are ideal for readers of Martina Cole (10 million across HB and PB TCM), Kimberley Chambers (784k across HB and PB TCM), Jessie Keane (821k across HB and PB TCM) and Jacqui Rose (across 172k HB and PB TCM).
- **UNMATCHED AUTHENTICITY AND GRIT:** Roberta Kray brings unparalleled authenticity to her gripping, fast-paced gangland crime novels, drawing from her marriage to Reggie Kray and her connection to the notorious Kray family. Her books are packed with East-End grit, strong female characters, and unputdownable tension.
- **A POWERHOUSE BRAND IN THE GENRE:** A consistent and high-performing author for Sphere, Roberta Kray benefits from strong support across sales (four supermarkets secured for her latest book *Traitor*), marketing, and publicity. Her last two titles have seen a sales increase of over 60%, cementing her status as a key name in gangland fiction.

Reviews

- 'Well into Martina Cole territory!' - Independent
- 'A cracking good read' - Jessie Keane, *bestselling author of Dead Heat*
- 'I absolutely love a Roberta Kray book . . . gangland at its finest' - Reader Review
- 'Roberta Kray really knows her stuff. Gritty gangland is her forte!' - Reader Review

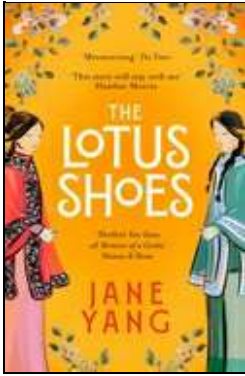
Author Biography

Through her marriage to Reggie Kray, **Roberta Kray** has a unique and authentic insight into London's East End. Roberta met Reggie in early 1996 and they married the following year; they were together until Reggie's death in 2000. Roberta is the author of many

previous bestsellers including *No Mercy*, *Dangerous Promises*, *Exposed* and *Survivor*.

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Author born in	Vietnam (Chinese enclave of Saigon)
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The Lotus Shoes

The captivating historical debut for fans of GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING and MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA

Jane Yang

Keynote

An astonishing book club novel set in 1800s China. Little Flower is sold into slavery, and Linjing into marriage . . .

Description

'Brilliantly written, masterful storytelling, and hard to put down. This story will stay with me for a very, very long time' HEATHER MORRIS, author of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

'Mesmerising. Jane Yang masterfully creates this 19th century lost world' *THE TIMES*

'This story of love, loss and betrayal will leave a deep imprint on your soul. Perfect for fans of *Memoirs of a Geisha*' *WOMAN & HOME*

Love and loss. Sisterhood and betrayal. Little Flower and Linjing's fates are bound together.

China, 1800s. Little Flower is sold as a *muizai* to Linjing's family when they are both only children. Jealous of her new handmaiden's ladylike bound feet and talent for embroidery, Linjing ensures Little Flower can never leave her to ascend in society.

Despite their different places in the household, over the years the two must put aside their bitter rivalry to secure both their futures through Linjing's marriage . . . Until scandal strikes the family, and Linjing and Little Flower's lives are thrown into chaos.

Linjing's fall from grace could be an opportunity for Little Flower - but will their intertwined fates lead to triumph, or tragedy for them both?

'Jane Yang is an exciting new talent' **SANTA MONTEFIORE**

'More than a book, this novel is an act of empowerment for women' **NGUYEN PHAN QUE MAI**

'Enchants from the first page to the last' **PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW**

'This fascinating, evocative story would make a great book club pick' **RED**

'Captivating and exquisitely rendered' **MELISSA FU**

'If you liked *Memoirs of a Geisha*, then you will love *The Lotus Shoes*' **SORAYA LANE**

'I devoured this stunning debut' **ALKA JOSHI**

'This big, juicy saga has scandal, hardship, love and sisterhood' **GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

'A hugely talented writer whose storytelling prowess fully immerses the reader' **NATASHA LESTER**

'I enjoyed every single page of *The Lotus Shoes*' **ELIZABETH CHADWICK**

'Captivating, utterly compelling' **SUNDAY POST**

'You'll love it' **MANDY ROBOTHAM**

'Stunning, transporting, unforgettable' **AMANDA GEARD**

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR BOOK CLUBS.** Combining a personal, gripping tale with themes of foot binding, arranged marriage and Eastern versus Western values, *The Lotus Shoes* sits alongside stunning epics about women and history like *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee (107k PB TCM) and *The Women* by Kristin Hannah (102k PB TCM)
- **A GLOBAL LAUNCH.** Sphere acquired in a significant pre-empt before US rights sold in a high six-figure deal and *The Lotus Shoes* became a *USA Today* bestseller. Rights have sold in a further 9 territories, many at auction
- **EARLY BUZZ.** *The Lotus Shoes* had rave reviews from press, peer authors and readers - in first formats it has been a Hive Rising Writers Pick, a Top 25 Kindle bestseller and sold 11,000 across formats in the first 3 months on sale
- **INSPIRED BY A PERSONAL STORY.** The novel draws on the story of Jane's great-great-aunt, whose embroidery skill allowed her to change the fate of the women in her family despite her lack of bound feet

Reviews

- **'Mesmerising. Jane Yang masterfully creates this 19th century lost world'** - *THE TIMES*
- **'A powerful story, beautifully told. Jane Yang is an exciting new talent'** - SANTA MONTEFIORE
- **'More than a book, this novel is an act of liberation and empowerment for women everywhere'** - NGUYEN PHAN QUE MAI
- **'This story of love, loss and betrayal will leave a deep imprint on your soul. Perfect for fans of *Memoirs of a Geisha*'** - *WOMAN & HOME*

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- 'A captivating and exquisitely rendered novel. I was invested from the first page until the very last words' - MELISSA FILL
- 'It held me spellbound. I can't wait to recommend this novel to everyone I know' - ALKA JOSHI

Author Biography

Jane Yang was born in the Chinese enclave of Saigon and raised in Australia where she grew up on a diet of superstition and family stories from Old China. Despite establishing a scientific career, she is still sometimes torn between modern, rational thinking and the pull of old beliefs in tales passed down the family. She lives in Australia.

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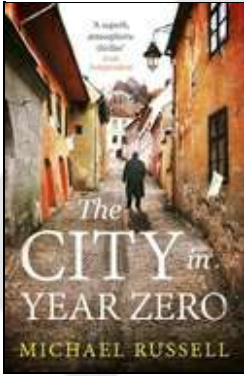
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Author born in	Ireland
Author living in	Ireland

Previous Titles

The Stefan Gillespie Mysteries series:
The City of Shadows 2012
The City of Strangers 2013
The City in Darkness 2016
The City of Lies 2017
The City in Flames 2019
The City Under Siege 2020
The City Underground 2022
The City of God 2023The Dead City 2024

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The City in Year Zero

The gripping WW2 historical thriller

Michael Russell

Keynote

The City in Year Zero is the tenth and last of Michael Russell's Stefan Gillespie stories of historical crime fiction, taking a sideways look at the Second World War through Irish eyes, and exploring some unexpected corners of the conflict, such as Danzig, New York, the Vatican City and in this final novel, Berlin.

Description

Nothing thrived here, but something grew...

Germany, 1945. Year Zero. The war is at an end. When Ireland's ambassador to the Third Reich finally leaves the war-torn country, Garda detective Stefan Gillespie makes his way home under the watchful eye of British Intelligence, who are searching for some of the Irish citizens Ireland doesn't want back. The usual dirty business. But suddenly Stefan is drawn into a murder inquiry.

Unexpectedly arriving in a town he knew in his youth, on visits to his German relatives, Stefan feels compelled to help his cousin Annaliese and her hostile daughter Krista. Maybe it's nostalgia for first love, or for a time of peace, or maybe he just wants to do something that feels clean. But the past is a dangerous place to return to...

A darkness still hangs over Germany, and Stefan Gillespie is walking right into it.

Praise for Michael Russell:

'Complex but compelling . . . utterly vivid and convincing' - *Independent on Sunday*

'A superb, atmospheric thriller' - *Irish Independent*

'A thriller to keep you guessing and gasping' - *Daily Mail*

'Atmospheric' - *Sunday Times*

Sales Points

- Author has been a Sunday Times bestseller
- *The City of Strangers* has now sold over 40,000 copies
- Author's debut novel, *The City of Shadows*, was shortlisted for the CWA John Creasy New Blood Dagger, while three of his subsequent Stefan Gillespie thrillers have been shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger

Author Biography

Michael lives with his family in West Wicklow, in Ireland, not a million miles from Stefan Gillespie's home.



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BIC 2.1	Thriller / suspense (FH)
Binding	Paperback
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Extent	400 pages
Word Count	100000 words
Series	Washington Poe
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Previous Titles

Washington Poe series:

The Mercy Chair (2024)
The Botanist (2022)
Dead Ground (2021)
The Curator (2020)
Black Summer (2019)
The Puppet Show (2018)

Ben Koenig series:

Nobody's Hero (2024)
Fearless (2023)

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The Final Vow

M. W. Craven (Edited By Krystyna Green)

Keynote

The next darkly funny, twisted thrill-ride of a book in the bestselling Washington Poe series.

Description

The next unmissable novel* in the *Sunday Times* bestselling, multi-award-winning Washington Poe series. Poe and Tilly fans: be prepared for the most twisted thrill-ride so far . . .

'Another standout entry in a series that keeps setting the bar higher', Heat

'*The Final Vow* is everything a thriller should be: clever, compelling, and packed with unforgettable characters. Gripping, darkly funny, and utterly addictive - MW Craven has done it again', Rachel Abbott

'...ingenious, absorbing, cynical and funny', Literary Review

An invisible killer with a 100% success rate. No one is safe. Not even those closest to Washington Poe . . .

A shooting at Gretna Green. A bride is murdered on her wedding day, seconds after she slips on her new ring. It's brutal and bloody but she isn't the first victim and she won't be the last. With the body count now at 17, people are terrified, not knowing where the sniper will strike next.

With the nation in a state of panic, the police are at a loss and turn to Washington Poe and Tilly Bradshaw - the only team who just might be able to track down a serial killer following no discernible pattern and with the whole country as his personal hunting ground. Can Poe and Tilly stop an unstoppable assassin, who never misses his mark and never makes a mistake? Or will he find them before they find him...

Previously listed as *The Third Light

EVERYONE LOVES M.W. CRAVEN:

'Washington Poe is a brilliant creation from one of the finest and most inventive crime writers of today' **Peter James**

'Mesmerising, macabre and magnificent. Poe and Tilly are unstoppable' **Chris Whitaker**

'If you haven't read any M.W. Craven yet, fix that immediately' **S. A. Cosby**

'I've been following M.W. Craven's Poe/Tilly series from the very beginning, and it just gets better and better ' **Peter Robinson**

'Poe and Tilly books are a joy' **Steve Cavanagh**

'In Tilly and Poe, M.W. Craven has created a stand-out duo who are two of the most compelling characters in crime fiction in recent years' **Fiona Cummins**

Sales Points

- The brand new book in M.W. Craven's Sunday Times bestselling Washington Poe series. M.W. Craven's sales have grown with each book, hitting the Sunday Times for his last four novels. He is a multi-award-winning author strongly on the rise. The Third Light is his best novel yet, with an absolute bombshell of a first scene. Poe and Tilly fans: be prepared.
- M.W. Craven is increasingly being recognised as one of the most exciting voices in crime fiction in the UK. The Puppet Show, the first book in this series, was the winner of the 2019 CWA Gold Dagger Award. His follow-ups, Black Summer and The Curator, were also longlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger. Most recently The Botanist, book five in the series, won Theakston's Old Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year, beating out Elly Griffiths and Ruth Ware, amongst many strong contenders.
- M.W. Craven's trademarks are dark humour, warmth, grisly murders, and hugely satisfying twists and turns. His characters leap out from the page - once a reader has met Poe, Tilly or Ben Koenig (the fearless hero of his other bestselling series) they are hooked for life. Recently TV and film have recognised his potential, and a TV series of his books is now in the works.

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- Endorsements and buzz: M.W. Craven has received endorsements from Peter James, Martina Cole, Mick Herron, Peter Robinson and William Shaw, amongst other big names. M.W. Craven was originally a blogger and reviewer, and has fantastic support from bloggers and key influencers in the crime community.

Author Biography

Multi-award-winning author **M.W. Craven** was born in Carlisle but grew up in Newcastle. He joined the army at sixteen, leaving ten years later to complete a social work degree. Seventeen years after taking up a probation officer role in Cumbria, at the rank of assistant chief officer, he became a full-time author. He is an instant Sunday Times bestseller and, for his Cumbria-set Washington Poe series, a recipient of the 2019 Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger, the 2022 Ian Fleming Steel Dagger and the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2023. The series has now been translated into twenty-seven languages

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EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL; THE ART OF BELONGING

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See the Stars

Eleanor Ray

Keynote

A new heart-warming novel, perfect for bookclubs, from Eleanor Ray, the bestselling author of *Everything Is Beautiful*.

Description

Do you ever feel that life isn't going to plan?

When Alice Thorington collapses in the street after a particularly hellish day at work, she must finally admit to herself that her outwardly happy life - steady relationship, well-paid job, beautiful flat in the city - isn't everything she'd hoped it would be. Burnt out by long hours and living a life that doesn't fulfil her dreams, Alice returns home to Yorkshire.

Her childhood home brings complicated family dynamics, a rediscovery of her passion for stargazing and two new friends: Berti, a boy who finds it easier to count the stars than interact with people, and Matt, her brother's best friend and Alice's teenage crush. With each of them facing their own struggles, can the stars that meant so much to Alice in her past help them to find their way in the present?

Filled with heart and warmth, this uplifting novel reminds us all that we need the darkness if we want to see the stars.

PRAISE FOR ELEANOR RAY'S DEBUT NOVEL, *Everything Is Beautiful*:

'This book took hold of me and wouldn't let me go until I turned the final page' BETH O'LEARY

'Funny, tender and uplifting' BBC RADIO 4

'Beautifully written and thought-provoking' KATIE FFORDE

'This is one of those books you just want to gulp down in one' GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

'Like the objects Amy collects, this novel is a treasure all of its own' Woman

'A joy to read, and very beautiful indeed' Lisa Dickenson

'A total treat of a read - warm, enchanting and intriguing, with an unforgettable protagonist at its heart' Holly Miller

Sales Points

- The perfect next book for Eleanor's fans, *See the Stars* is for readers of *Lessons in Chemistry* and *The Midnight Library* and anyone feeling stuck in a life which isn't turning out quite how they'd hoped
- We've sold almost 100,000 copies of *Everything Is Beautiful*, a gorgeously uplifting, heart-warming story of a lonely woman finally being given a chance to move forward from her past.

Author Biography

Eleanor Ray lives in London with her husband and three young children. She is currently working on her next novel.



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Stop Sh*tting Yourself 15 Life Lessons That Might Help You Calm The F*ck Down

Sam Delaney

Keynote

Sam explains why high-performance thinking is mostly bollocks and makes the case for a happier, less wanky way of living.

Description

In this rallying cry for a phlegmatic and fun brand of masculinity, Sam Delaney makes the case for a happier way of living. He proves you don't have to be a wanker to be a winner; and you don't need to be a hippy to be at peace.

Understand why consistency is just another word for 'boring'; how process is the enemy of beauty; that rest is a fundamental human right; why male friendships in particular should be rooted in fun, not competitiveness; and that self-acceptance always trumps self-improvement.

Sales Points

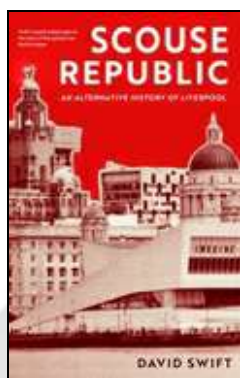
- Sam's last book, Sort Your Head Out, sold 3.6K HBs net, 1.7K ebooks and over 2.5K audiobooks.
- He has a solid social platform of 30K Twitter followers, is an ambassador of The Calm Zone, and his various podcasts - such as the popular show, The Reset, about men's mental health - has acquired over 20 million downloads worldwide.

Author Biography

am Delaney is a journalist and broadcaster whose podcasts have been downloaded over 20 million times worldwide.

He is the author of four previous books, the most recent of which - Sort Your Head Out - was an Amazon Top 50 bestseller and widely acclaimed by the likes of Irvine Welsh ('This book will save lives'), John Niven ('A brave, vital and necessary book,') Seth Meyers ('Vividly written and very funny') and Shaun Ryder ('Every bloke should read this book').

He writes for the Telegraph, Guardian, Big Issue and numerous others. He has also hosted hundreds of hours of live radio for talkSPORT and the BBC. His mental health podcast, The Reset, has featured over 100 men talking intimately about their mental health, including Chuck D, Alastair Campbell, Adrian Chiles and Martin O'Neil.



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Scouse Republic An Alternative History of Liverpool

David Swift

Keynote

A (personal) history of Liverpool.

Description

Liverpool is a unique city within the United Kingdom - in terms of its dialect, hedonism, friendliness, rejection of 'Englishness', and most pertinently, its politics. It is bastion of working-class left-wing politics like no other - as evidenced by the suspension of a Liverpool FC match after the death of the Queen, for fear the Liverpool fans would boo the minute's silence. Yet it was not always so, and Liverpool's transformation from a stronghold of working-class Toryism to its current identity is a remarkable remaking. It shows how a unique history, of triumph and tragedy, in particular the legacy of Hillsborough and subsequent boycott of the Sun - has led to its distinctive status today.

Liverpool's idiosyncrasies mean we need to explore its history to understand how it has become what it is now - for the story of Liverpool is key to understanding modern Britain: trade, racism, Empire, deindustrialisation, immigration, and popular culture have all left an important imprint. It is of the UK but its modern identity is defined in part in opposition to 'Britishness'.

This book will discuss the origins of Scouse separateness, the importance of football within the city, the unusual history of the Scouse accent, Liverpool's politics, culture, and rivalry with Manchester, the Liverpoolian diaspora, and the UK's love-hate relationship with the city. It will intersperse the story of the city with Swift's own story: relating what he learned about the city during the first 18 years of his life; what he subsequently learned about outsiders' views of Liverpool and its citizens in the 18 years since he left; and his impressions of how the city has changed whenever he returns.

Sales Points

- A huge fascination and fondness for Liverpool is evident in the success of Anthony Quinn's Klopp - this book will take a broader look at the history of the city while also remaining personal and warmly told.
- Author experienced writer and historian, having been published in a range of media including: The Times, Independent, LabourList, Fabian Review, Progress Online, Spectator, Standpoint, Jewish Chronicle, UnHerd, and Critic.

Author Biography

David Swift is a historian and writer based in London who specialises on the history and contemporary politics of the British Left, in particular in relation to race, class, gender and popular culture. He has researched and taught at several universities in the UK and abroad. His first book, A Left for Itself, was released by the radical publisher Zero Books in 2019. Swift has written on the state of the Left for a variety of traditional and digital media including The Times, Independent, LabourList, Fabian Review, Progress Online, Spectator, Standpoint, Jewish Chronicle, UnHerd, and Critic.

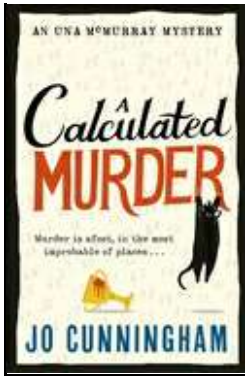
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A Calculated Murder

A charming cosy murder mystery (Una McMurray Mysteries Book 2)

Jo Cunningham

Keynote

Una McMurray is back! Fresh from her crime-solving success in Jo Cunningham's hilarious debut *Death By Numbers*, the actuary-turned-detective finds herself embroiled in the surprisingly perilous world of international cat shows. This clever, comic mystery is perfect for cat lovers and cosy crime fans!

Description

Una McMurray is puzzled. Surely, statistically, the international cat show scene shouldn't be this... lethal?

Keen to make her mark in her new job in pet insurance, Una's first task is to calculate whether cat ownership extends human lifespan. Tragically, that's not the case for prizewinning cat owner Jeff Bridgely - a most improbable accident has ended his dreams of triumphing at the upcoming International Cat Show.

When a second competitor dies in mysterious circumstances, the maths just doesn't add up. Una vows to resolve this suspicious data discrepancy and impress her new project team, especially condescending Tim and ambitious trainee Patti.

After borrowing Pedro the cat and brushing up on her feline facts, Una dives deep undercover in the cutthroat world of cat shows. Competition is fierce, but what Pedro lacks in pedigree, he makes up for in character. Although as Pedro's odds of winning shorten, so do Una's chances of survival...

Armed with razor-sharp logic, analytical expertise and a scruffy moggy sidekick, can actuary Una catch the cat show killer before she becomes the latest fatal statistic?

Readers love the *Una McMurray Mysteries* series!

'Clever and very funny' - Ian Moore, author of *Death and Croissants*

'Eleanor Oliphant meets *The Thursday Murder Club*' - Jessica Irena Smith

'Deliciously fun mystery that gets serious about the body count, with clues that really do add up! Loved following Una seeing the risks at every turn - and having to overcome them if she's to save those she loves. #TeamPedro' - Sarah Yarwood-Lovett, author of the *Dr Nell Ward Mysteries* series

'Witty and fun' - *Woman's Own*

'Terrifically funny and endearing' - *Belfast Telegraph*

'Impressive... full of unusual ideas and amusing relationships' - *Morning Star*

Sales Points

- The second hilarious cosy mystery featuring quirky amateur detective Una McMurray
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Author Biography

Jo Cunningham grew up in Birkenhead and at age eight, as part of a school team, she became Wirral Road Safety Quiz champion after an exciting buzzer round about box junctions. Having peaked, she left the North and has worked for many years in various IT jobs to pay the bills while she got to grips with writing comedy novels. She is now back up North where she always looks left and right before crossing roads.



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Exit Wounds

A breathtakingly unputdownable crime thriller

Neil Broadfoot

Keynote

From Dundee International Book Prize and Bloody Scotland book of the year nominee Neil Broadfoot comes the next instalment in the white-knuckle Connor Fraser series.

Description

'Blistering, whip-smart... *Exit Wounds* has pace, heart, conviction and some of the finest action writing this side of the Reacher novels... a masterclass in thriller writing' - Liam McIlvanney

Dead men sometimes do tell tales...

When the death of an old friend means a trip back to Northern Ireland, Connor Fraser welcomes the distraction from his troubles at home in Stirling. His estrangement from his partner, Jen, is growing ever-more painful, and he can only watch helplessly as his beloved grandmother's health deteriorates.

When he spots three familiar faces at the funeral, faces with ties to Northern Ireland's bloody past, Connor suspects his friend's death was more than a tragic accident. But before he can investigate, he's lured into a trap and attacked.

Pursued by ruthless professionals who don't care if they bring Connor to their bosses alive or dead, he must go off-grid. As he tries to untangle the web of deceit that has ensnared him, he's faced with choices, and losses, that threaten to break him.

A mystery of the past could destroy the peace of the future. With his back to the wall, can Connor unravel it all, before it's too late?

Praise for Neil Broadfoot:

'A true rising star of crime fiction' - Ian Rankin

'I've followed the Connor Fraser series from the start and it just gets better. If you like Reacher, you'll LOVE this. An action thriller but with more emotion, more heart, more nuance, more...everything. Broadfoot is a master craftsman.'
- Helen Fields

'Wonderfully grisly and grim, and a cracking pace' - James Oswald

'A frantic, pacy read with a compelling hero' - Steve Cavanagh

Sales Points

- Neil's debut thriller, *Falling Fast* was shortlisted for the William McIlvanney Scottish Crime Book Award in 2014, as was his first in the Connor Fraser thriller series set in Stirling, *No Man's Land*.
- Based in Stirling, the thrillers are steeped in the history of the city and the surrounding countryside.

Author Biography

Neil Broadfoot worked as a journalist for 15 years at both national and local newspapers, including *The Scotsman*, *Scotland on Sunday* and the *Evening News*, covering some of the biggest stories of the day.

His Stirling-set crime series, which begins with *No Man's Land* and features close protection expert Connor Fraser, has been hailed as "tense, fast moving and bloody" and "atmospheric, twisty and explosive" with a "complex cast of characters and a compelling hero". *No Man's Land* was longlisted for the 2019 McIlvanney Award.

Neil is also one of the Four Blokes In Search of a Plot, a quartet of crime writers who live write a story based on suggestions from the audience. The Four Blokes have appeared in England, Spain and Scotland, including at the Glasgow International Comedy Festival.



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The Englishman's Daughter

A captivating, heartbreaking WW2 novel

Kay Brellend

Keynote

A captivating WW2 novel from Kay Brellend, beloved author of *A Workhouse Christmas*

Description

□□ ***Torn between two nations, she will risk everything*** □□

Seventeen-year-old Elise Bouchard has always called Northern France home. But when her English father, Sidney Cooper, is captured by the Nazis, her world is shattered. Fearing for her safety, Elise is forced to abandon the only life she has ever known - her beloved grandmother, her brother fighting in the Resistance, and the comfort of her maternal homeland. With the help of Nathan Hawkes, a British soldier, she escapes from Dunkirk on a small boat, seeking sanctuary across the Channel where unknown family ties are her only hope.

Yet East London's Silvertown is far from a refuge, and amid the chaos of war, Elise is plunged into a dangerous new reality when she is recruited as a spy by the Special Operations Executive. With her heart divided between two nations, Elise must summon all her courage to survive.

Suspenseful, atmospheric, and deeply moving, *The Englishman's Daughter* is a gripping tale of love and resilience in the face of unimaginable odds.

Praise for Kay Brellend:

'Vividly rendered' *Historical Novel Society*

'A fantastic cast of characters' *Goodreads*

'Thoroughly absorbing' *Goodreads*

Sales Points

- Kay Brellend is a long-running saga author who delivers a perfect saga read every time. Fans of Rosie Hendry and Nadine Dorries will adore her new trilogy.
- We have World rights in Kay's books and we've seen particularly good US audiobook sales so will be aiming to achieve the same for this new trilogy.

Author Biography

Kay Brellend was born in north London and her first saga, based in the early twentieth century slums of Islington, was published in 2011. The opening novel in the *Bittersweet Legacy* trilogy came out in 2017. Published by Piatkus, this series was set in a London sweet factory and on the Somme battlefields.

Kay's *Workhouse to War* trilogy was also set during the Great War, beginning in the Whitechapel Union Workhouse and moving to the bustling markets of East London, between 1914 and 1918. Now she's beginning a new trilogy with *A Daughter's Heartbreak*, inspired by true wartime events in the Silvertown area of East London. Kay writes with all the heart, grit and personal connection that distinguishes her as one of the most exciting voices in the saga genre.

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Captain de Havilland's Moth Tales of High Adventure from the Golden Age of Aviation

Alexander Norman

Keynote

A nostalgic celebration of the golden age of aviation

Description

A nostalgic celebration of the golden age of aviation - and the iconic DH60 Moth in its centenary year

'A wonderfully affecting, highly entertaining, at times elegiac account of a legendary aircraft' JOHN NICHOL

'A joy... Alexander Norman brings to life a golden era in aviation history in such a vivid and entertaining way' ROWLAND WHITE

'Norman's thoroughly compelling history... delivers scrapes and soarings in equal, diverting measure' *New Statesman*

The most iconic of all light aircraft, the DH60 Moth was the brain-child of Geoffrey de Havilland, visionary son of an angry and disappointed Victorian clergyman. A successful designer of military aircraft, Geoffrey dreamed of doing for aircraft what Ford had done for cars.

The emergence of his Moth in February 1925 marked the beginning of an important but neglected episode in British social history - the craze for flying which gripped a war-weary world for more than a decade. The most successful aircraft of its era, the Moth was the one in which people had the greatest adventures. And it was the Moth which showed that flying was safe, practical and, potentially, open to all.

True, many early Mothists were uber-privileged. The Prince of Wales had one, as did his brother, the Duke of Gloucester. Beryl Markham, who had affairs with both, learned to fly in a Moth. But Laura Ingalls, who did 980 successive loops in hers, Aspy Engineer, the Indian schoolboy who won the Aga Khan Trophy in his and Amy Johnson, the typist from Hull who flew hers to Australia showed that, to be a pilot, you didn't need to be a superhero or super wealthy. Just a little mad, perhaps.

Captain de Havilland's Moth brings to life a golden age in aviation and an astonishing cast of characters whose courage, determination and epic eccentricity is shown in the light of what it is actually like to fly these remarkable aeroplanes.

Sales Points

- Incorporates a wealth of rarely seen photographs and brings the story of the Gipsy Moth vividly to life with its accounts of the exploits of some of those who made it, for a time, the most famous aeroplane in the world
- Will appeal to the tens of thousands of people who attend UK airshows, as well as readers of John Nicholl and James Hamilton-Paterson
- A celebration of this iconic British aircraft in its centenary year

Author Biography

Alexander Norman was a professional soldier, before taking a degree at Oxford University. He has written and co-written a number of top ten bestsellers, including *Gurkha*, with Colour-Sergeant Kailash Limbu. He also collaborated with the Dalai Lama on his autobiography, *Freedom in Exile*. An experienced Moth pilot himself, Alexander Norman's family was at the centre of the Moth craze between the wars. His grandfather, a great-aunt, two great-uncles and, subsequently, his father and two uncles were all Moth owners.



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Get Over It, April Evans

Ashley Herring Blake

Keynote

A new queer romcom from the brilliant author of *Dream On, Ramona Riley* and *Delilah Green Doesn't Care*. Perfect for fans of Alexandria Bellefleur, Casey McQuiston and Rosie Danan.

Description

A summer job at a lake-town resort brings together two women with an unlikely connection in this new contemporary romance by *USA Today* bestselling author Ashley Herring Blake - perfect for fans of Alexandria Bellefleur, Meryl Wilsner and Rosie Danan.

April Evans' life is in shambles. She's had to close her tattoo shop in Clover Lake and she's subletting her house just to make rent. And her love life? Non-existent ever since Elena, her ex-fiancée, left her for a younger woman three years ago. When she's asked to teach a summer art class at the town's new resort, April jumps at the opportunity. She's sure that this is the silver lining she needs . . . until she meets her cabinmate: Daphne Love, the woman who stole her ex-fiancée. And even worse, it's clear Daphne has no idea who April is.

Daphne Love is cursed in, well, *love*. She thought she'd found the unconditional love she craved in her girlfriend, Elena, but now she's single again and utterly broken-hearted. When her friend hooks her up with a summer gig as an art instructor at a swanky resort in New Hampshire, Daphne feels optimistic for once. If only she had a roommate who didn't seem to hate her on sight.

Their already-tense relationship gets even shakier when April and Daphne find themselves competing for a rare opportunity to showcase their art in a London museum. But slowly, barriers begin to fall, and an inexplicable allure keeps drawing them closer, leaving them to wonder if the perfect picture they're looking for can only be painted with each other.

Why readers love Ashley Herring Blake . . .

'A hot, frothy romcom with a relatable heart beating at its centre' Talia Hibbert

'A truly exquisite romance . . . I'm wildly in love with this book' Rachel Lynn Solomon

'A swoon-worthy, laugh-out-loud romp of a romance' Kosoko Jackson

'Snappy banter and seriously scorching chemistry' Lana Harper

'Charming and entertaining . . . will have readers swooning' Karelia Stetz-Waters

'Snarky, steamy, and swoony in equal measure, I never wanted this book to end' Meryl Wilsner

Sales Points

- The next romance novel in the Clover Lake series (following *Dream On, Ramona Riley*) from the bestselling author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* - perfect for readers of Meryl Wilsner, Alexander Bellefleur and Rosie Danan
- Ashley Herring Blake is a fantastic author of sapphic romance and this new novel will appeal to both existing fans and new readers

Author Biography

Ashley Herring Blake is a teacher and writer and lives in Nashville, TN. She is a voracious reader and likes organizing her books by colour. When she's not writing or reading, she's wrangling her two young sons, falling into Pinterest holes, drinking coffee, taking walks, or trying to figure out which Orphan Black clone she likes best.

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no coming up for air - plan accordingly. Sexy, angsty, and deliciously dark, *Insatiable* is impossible to put down. Do yourself a favor and schedule time to devour it in one sitting" - Allie Oleander, author of *Willing Prey*

- "Leigh nailed this trilogy, it's my favourite dark romance series. It has complex, edgy characters and an engrossing story that you won't forget!" - Tierney Page, author of *The Other Brother*
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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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Unravelling

An academic rivals-to-lovers romance for 2025 with sizzling tension and forced proximity, perfect for fans of Hannah Grace and Elle Kennedy.

Janisha Boswell

Keynote

A heart-racing academic rivals-to-lovers college romance, full of sizzling tension and forced proximity. Perfect for fans of Hannah Grace and Elle Kennedy.

Description

Welcome to North University!

Scarlett Voss has always been in control, but now her world is unravelling. Her family is in crisis and their fashion empire is on the brink of collapse. The last thing she needs is being paired with Evan Branson - the infuriatingly handsome blond she loves to hate - for a class project.

Evan Branson has enough on his plate, with old wounds resurfacing and a family member he never wanted to see again back in his life.

Teaming up with Scarlett was supposed to be a distraction, but the more time he spends with her, the harder it is to ignore the woman beneath the polished exterior. And when she unexpectedly asks for his help, he jumps at the chance to prove he can be the support she's never had.

But as their banter turns into something deeper, the two must decide: protect their hearts or risk everything for a chance at something real?

Tropes:

-She dislikes him, he's obsessed with her
-Academic rivals to lovers
-Family drama
-Forced proximity

Readers are giving *Unravelling* 5-stars!

'There were **so many things to love about this book!! The banter!** ☐ Everyone must read this!' 5-star Reader Review

'If you're looking for something cute **to get you out of a reading slump, read this** - I sped through it so fast!' 5-star Reader Review

'**So so good that you'll read it in one sitting.** ☐☐☐☐☐ Nothing better than an **enemies to lovers** story to start your mornings' 5-star Reader Review

'**Academic rivalry, family war, a school project, friendships and more - everything is just perfect**' 5-star Reader Review

'I adored this story. **Black cat and standard poodle vibes...**I can't wait for everyone to get their hands on this story!!' 5-star Reader Review

'The snarky back and forth and tension was just incredible. **I'm obsessed with these characters!**' 5-star Reader Review

Sales Points

- **THE NEXT BOOK IN THE ADDICTIVE NORTH UNIVERSITY SERIES:** Following *Falling*, this is the second instalment in the series (with crossover characters) but it can also be read as a standalone.
- **A SIZZLING RIVALS-TO-LOVERS ROMANCE:** *Unravelling* is a dual POV, academic rivals-to-lovers college romance packed with tension, longing, and undeniable chemistry.
- **PERFECT FOR TROPE LOVERS:** Featuring fan-favourite tropes including black cat x golden retriever, academic rivals to lovers, family drama, and forced proximity, this book delivers everything readers crave in a college romance. Ideal for fans of Hannah Grace (PB TCM 700k), Elle Kennedy (PB TCM 230k) Stephanie Archer (PB TCM 108k) and Bal Khabra (PB TCM 83K).
- **AUTHENTIC, EMOTIONAL, AND INCLUSIVE:** Janisha's books explore love, career aspirations, and personal growth. Filled with warmth, diverse characters, and emotional depth, her books deeply resonate with readers seeking romantic and inclusive stories.
- **A RISING ROMANCE STAR:** At just twenty years old, Janisha has already written four books and built an impressive 13.4k followers on TikTok with over a million views and 32k followers on Instagram. We're investing in Janisha as a long-term brand author.

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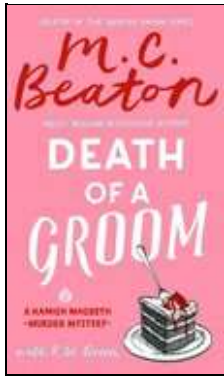
Author Biography

Janisha Boswell is a twenty-year-old romance author known for her heartfelt and steamy stories. Her popular Drayton Hills series delves into the lives of college students, exploring themes of love, career aspirations, and personal growth. Her work is celebrated for its warmth, diversity, and emotional depth, resonating with readers who seek romantic and inclusive tales.

You can often find Janisha locked in her room, curtains drawn and a document open in front of her. Writing has always been her passion and she's determined to continue to create passionate love stories even better than the last.

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Death of a Groom

The new cosy mystery set in the Scottish Highlands

M.C. Beaton with R W Green

Keynote

The thirty-eighth mystery in M.C. Beaton's legendary cosy crime series set in the Scottish Highlands, now continued by R.W. Green.

Description

THE BRAND NEW MYSTERY IN THE BESTSELLING HAMISH MACBETH SERIES!

Love is in the air in Lochdubh! Love, and murder...

It is February and the Scottish Highlands village of Lochdubh is dealing with heavy snow and freezing temperatures.

Sergeant Hamish Macbeth can handle the weather, but with a surprise influx of high-society visitors for a Valentine's Day wedding at Tommel Castle Hotel, he has bigger problems. The guest list includes not one, but two women from his own romantic past!

And Hamish isn't the only one disrupted by the arrival of the wedding party. The groom - the supposedly suave and sophisticated Darius Palmerston - is involved in a series of incidents in the local pub. Tensions between guests and villagers escalate until, on the night of the wedding, Darius is found dead in the dining room - the cake-cutting sword plunged into his chest.

Hamish suddenly has a murder investigation on his hands, and one with a very long list of suspects.

With Lochdubh's rumour mill in overdrive, and with emotions and accusations running high, can Hamish keep a cool enough head to catch the killer?

Praise for the Hamish Macbeth series . . .

'It's always a treat to return to Lochdubh' *New York Times*

'Unmissable!' *Peterborough Telegraph*

'First rate ... deft social comedy and wonderfully realized atmosphere' *Booklist*

'Beaton catches the beauty of the area's natural geography and succinctly describes its distinct flavour' *Library Journal*

'Befuddled, earnest and utterly endearing, Hamish makes his triumphs sweetly satisfying' *Publishers Weekly*

Sales Points

- **The Queen of Cosy Crime:** Over 24 million copies of M. C. Beaton's books have been sold worldwide, with 5.5 million copies sold in the UK & Commonwealth territories. The books have been translated into 22 languages and M. C. Beaton is the most consistently borrowed adult author from the UK libraries.
- **The brand and its fan base:** although M C Beaton passed away in 2019, the characters and series go on through her close friend and fellow author R W Green. There is a dedicated fan base for the M C Beaton brand, with over 45,000 social media followers and more than 10,000 newsletter subscribers.
- **The Hamish Macbeth series:** Set in the Scottish Highlands and following police constable Hamish Macbeth, these murder mysteries are hugely entertaining and with a beautifully evoked setting.
- **On our televisions:** A new, rebooted Hamish Macbeth will be soon in development - following on from the original 1990s series (now on BBC iPlayer) starring Robert Carlyle. M. C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin books have also been turned into a TV series on Sky starring Ashley Jensen, of which there are now four seasons.

Author Biography

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

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



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The Spanish Daughter

An utterly heartbreaking and emotional page-turner

Soraya Lane

Keynote

A heartbreakingly beautiful, expansive and epic love story about lost loves, hidden lives and forgotten secrets, set against the sweeping, evocative backdrop of Argentina

Description

Argentina, 1939: "My darling Valentina, I beg you to not go through with this marriage. I know your duty to your family means the world to you, but I pray our love means more. Let us run away together, and never be parted again..."

London, Present day. Rose once thought she was alone in the world, having just lost her beloved mother a few months ago. So, when she is presented with a mysterious box containing a small figure of a horse, a scrap of glittering silk and the hope of a lost family being found, Rose will stop at nothing to find them.

When her search takes her to a sprawling and luxurious estate in Argentina, where the best polo horses in the world were once raised, Rose wonders if she's mistaken. But when she meets a charming local, Benjamin, he takes her by the hand and encourages her to rediscover her roots.

As they spend long sunlit days riding horses, and cosy evenings eating dinner with his family, Rose wonders how she will ever return to the grey skies back home. But then she discovers a heart-wrenching story of two forbidden lovers: of a wilful Spanish heiress and a hardworking stable hand, ripped apart by an arranged marriage and one of the largest inheritances in the country, which intertwines Rose and Benjamin's families in ways she could never have imagined.

As Benjamin's family grow wary of the stranger in their home dredging up the pain of the past, Rose finds herself at a crossroads. Will her great-grandmother's story give her the courage to fly in the face of convention and follow her heart? Or will she too have to give up the one she loves most to heal family ties...

A heartbreaking and page-turning novel about following your heart and never giving up love. Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Lucinda Riley and Victoria Hislop.

Sales Points

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Binding	Hardback
Format	Large Crown
Depth	22mm
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	40000 words
Illustrations	integrated line drawn maps
Series	Historic Pub Crawls
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Previous Titles	
Historic Pub Crawls Through London Volume One	
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Historic Pub Crawls Through Ireland 10 Guided Walks Around Iconic Irish Pubs and Landmarks

Thomas J. Vosper

Keynote

A fun and informative guide to 10 walks around Ireland's most iconic pubs and landmarks

Description

After hosting a birthday pub crawl across several historic real ale pubs in London, Thomas J. Vosper was inundated with requests from friends to make it a regular occurrence, he compiled handy guides that have taken social media by storm: *Historic Pub Crawls Through London Volume I*, *Historic Pub Crawls Through London Volume II*, *Historic Pub Crawls Through England* and *Historic Pub Crawls Through New York*.

Following the success of his books and international demand for more walks, Thomas returns with *Historic Pub Crawls Through Ireland*, taking in Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Cork, Kinsale, Waterford, Dingle, Belfast and Derry, with some bonus Boston walks too.

Whether you are a Guinness fan or are fascinated by the rich Irish history, join Thomas on walks in both the North and South of Ireland, that gravitate around it's finest pubs and learn some interesting facts about their history along the way. These organised walks take in 10 to 15 pubs per route, passing some notable landmarks offering a truly immersive experience into Irish culture.

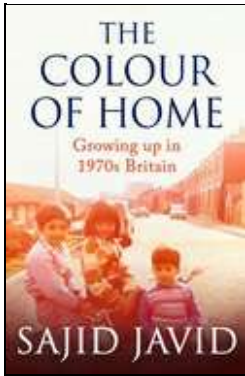
Sales Points

- As a self-published author Thomas has achieved sales of £34k through Amazon alone. Sphere will republish this brand new offering for the entire country, as a beautiful gifty hardback in time for Father's Day and summer days out
- Thomas has over 120k engaged followers, largely through Instagram @historicpubcrawls and but also TikTok @historicpubcrawls. His fans are very loyal fans of beer, history and sports. Over 30% of fans are based in USA.
- Thomas is growing quickly with many celebrity fans including Bradley Wiggins and Tom Hardy.
- Walking books for tourists are a perennial favourite that are selling particularly well currently. Comparable titles include London: A Guide for Curious Wanderers (over 65,000 tcm)
- Thomas and his account are attracting a great deal of press attention with BBC News, The Sun and The Mirror, running features about his plan to drink at every pub in Britain as well as BBC national and local radio interviews.

Author Biography

Thomas has been running a pub crawl for his birthday almost every year since his mid-twenties. In the summer of 2023 he compiled and self-published 13 routes into the first book in a series of titles covering Historic Pub Crawls.

His elevation to social media sensation is something of a change after spending over two decades in technology corporates and startups. As well as visiting, filming and writing about pubs he plays guitar and piano, likes tattoos and wears crazy trousers and yellow shoes. He was raised in North West London, where he still lives, with easy access to the city pubs.



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The Colour of Home Growing up in 1970s Britain

Sajid Javid

Keynote

A powerful childhood memoir by former MP Sajid Javid

'This is a memoir unlike anything you will read from a politician. Sajid Javid tells his story with eloquence and wit' Alan Johnson

Description

'Run, Paki, Run.'

The words ricocheted off the walls of the Rochdale underpass that connected Sajid Javid's home and primary school. Even as a five-year-old boy, he had learned that 70s Britain could be a cruel and violent place for those seen as outsiders.

Leaving behind the devastation of Partition, Sajid's father moved from Punjab to the UK in the 60s. The family held on to many of their Indo-Pakistani traditions, setting them apart and often leading to rejection by their new neighbours.

In this tender but powerful memoir, Sajid Javid shares his story of a childhood marked by poverty, racism and the tension produced by trying to conform to two cultures. These led to run-ins with the police, trouble at school and eventually the risk of estrangement from his family by defying their wish for his arranged marriage in favour of choosing the woman he loved. With each new trial, Sajid learned to dig his heels in further, speaking up for himself and stubbornly refusing to accept the limits that seemed imposed by his background.

Told with honesty, heart and humour, *The Colour of Home* charts Sajid's remarkable rise from adversity to the heart of British life. It is a story of hope, determination and survival - a tribute to the parents who gave everything and the brothers who struggled alongside him - and an invitation to every 'outsider' to keep going and dream big.

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Sales Points

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Reviews

- **'Striking, surprising, brutally honest - a powerful portrait of a remarkable man and historical change'** - *Rory Stewart*
- 'This is a memoir unlike anything you will read from a politician. Sajid Javid tells his story with eloquence and wit' - *Alan Johnson*
- **'A gripping and unique coming-of-age story** which is both a slice of British history and a warning about what, if we are divided against ourselves again, could be coming. **Funny, addictive and moving'** - *Andrew Marr*
- **'A startling memoir that screams with authenticity.** Sajid was just another kid on the block, doing daily battle with his family's culture and this country's open hostility until he decided to break out of the box. When it doesn't leave you wriggling in outrage, it will drench you in tears and laughter. The finale is heart-wrenching' - *Michael Dobbs*

Author Biography

Sajid Javid was a Member of the British Parliament from May 2010 to July 2024. He served in the Cabinet of three Prime Ministers as the Secretary of State for six different Departments, including the Home Office and Treasury, most recently serving as the Secretary of State for Health during the Covid-19 pandemic. Sajid has now returned to the business world and also serves as Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.



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Prairie Oyster

Sophie Robinson

Keynote

The debut novel from acclaimed poet, Sophie Robinson, for fans of Maggie Nelson, Eimear McBride and Rebecca Watson

Description

'Sophie out-jars *The Bell Jar* with this dark and gleaming masterpiece' EILEEN MYLES

Everything falls into place: she will get sober, she will eat well, she will start sleeping properly, she will work hard, she will resurrect her career, she will make The Lakes, she will charm Mitch, she will be somebody

Pearl is a thirty-something filmmaker balanced precariously on the edge of an addiction-fueled breakdown. But when she is invited to interview her idol and crush, lesbian cult filmmaker Mitch Meyer, her stilted life restarts.

Buoyed and seduced by Mitch's interest in her and her work, Pearl swaps alcoholism for romantic obsession, and London for a summer in New York with Mitch. All the while she is haunted by a project she has been toying with for years: a film about Veronica Lake, a 1940s film star who drank herself into obscurity.

Sales Points

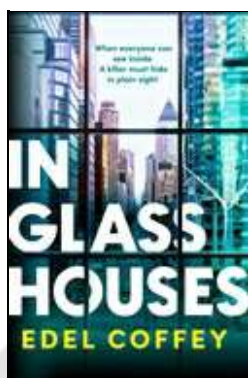
- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** The author is a hugely respected poet and writer with fans including Shon Faye, Sophie Mackintosh and Miranda July. She taught for 14 years on the UEA Creative Writing course.
- **PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN:** Publication will be supported by proofs and pitched for wide-ranging coverage and review
- **POET-TURNED-NOVELIST CORNER OF THE MARKET:** Poets turning to novels are having a moment right now, with Aria Aber (*GOOD GIRL*), Sean Hewitt (*OPEN HEAVEN*) and Ocean Vuong (*THE EMPEROR OF GLADNESS*) all coming out with novels this year.
- **MESSY SAD GIRL LIT:** People on the internet love a messy protagonist and love something that makes them ugly cry, and this book gives them both!

Reviews

- **'Sophie out jars *The Bell Jar* with this dark and gleaming masterpiece.** I cried twice at her tale of how love, nature, and art rumble aloud right up to the edge in a story that's both scary and godly. In life or on the page she did *this*' - Eileen Myles
- 'Sophie Robinson's **lush** and detailed dive into the flayed-open femme heart is **irresistible - wild, cringey, addictive, relatable**. The ride to hell and back is real, and so perversely enjoyable you emerge sweaty, wanting to go back for more. Her excavation of the heart's chaos is **so immersive** and femme, **so dirty and poppy** and **unafraid, emotional and frank and funny**' - Michelle Tea
- 'Sophie Robinson has long been one of my favourite poets, so when I heard she was writing a book I knew it was going to be something special. Her work is **unflinching, unexpected, radical, lyrical, and wholly original**. Sometimes bleak, always beautiful, **she writes like nobody else**' - Sophie Mackintosh
- 'Sophie Robinson's debut is **a masterful contribution to the canon of queer women's literature. She has such power over language and tension** that I had to surrender to the rush and the nausea of Pearl's misguided obsession. A smart and uncomfortable dissection of longing taken to its ultimate conclusion' - Shon Faye

Author Biography

Sophie Robinson's debut poetry collection *Rabbit* (Boiler House Press, 2018) was the Poetry Book Society Wild Card Choice, and poems from it were highly commended by the Forward Prize. Her work has been published in *Granta*, the *Guardian*, *BOMB Magazine*, *The Believer*, *N+1*, *The Poetry Review* and *The White Review*. *Prairie Oyster* is her first novel.



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BIC 2.1	Thriller / suspense (FH)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	C Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	400 pages
Word Count	85000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
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Author born in	Dublin, Ireland
Author living in	Galway, Ireland

Previous Titles

Breaking Point
In Her Place

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In Glass Houses

A propulsive thriller set about power and privilege in wealthy New York society - you won't see the twist coming!

Edel Coffey

Keynote

A sophisticated and twisty new crime novel set in the shadowy world of the Manhattan elite, where the rich and powerful will go to any length to protect their way of life, from No.1 Irish bestselling author Edel Coffey

Description

<H2>When everyone can see inside
A killer must hide in plain sight</H2>

<H3>'Utterly intriguing and wildly entertaining' **Liz Nugent, author of THE STRANGE SALLY DIAMOND**</H3>

<H3>'The most shockingly twistiest of twists - you will not see the end coming!' **Sam Blake, author of THE KILLING SENSE**</H3>

Twenty years ago, Eddie's career as a journalist was destroyed by the Juliet Fox case.

Juliet was young and beautiful, born into the privileged world of the Manhattan elite. Pulled into their orbit by her investigation, Eddie discovered how far the rich and powerful are prepared to go when their way of life is threatened . . .

Eddie has always known that the wrong man was made the scapegoat for Juliet's murder. So when a new luxury sky-rise is opened by Juliet's father, just metres from where her body was discovered two decades before, Eddie can't resist finding her way in, back into a world where dangerous people operate in the shadows, and anyone might kill to keep a secret safe.

Sales Points

- **Upmarket crime with a bookclub twist:** *The Woman on the Ledge* by Ruth Mansini meets *Fleishman is in Trouble* by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, *In Glass Houses* is a gripping mystery that explores on themes of privilege, class and female autonomy
- **A bestselling, prize-winning author:** Both *Breaking Point* and *In Her Place* by Edel Coffey reached #1 in the Irish Times chart; *Breaking Point* stayed there for three months and won Best Crime novel at the An Post Irish Book Awards
- **A publicity dream:** Edel Coffey is a well known and well respected Irish journalist with an incredible list of contacts. She received a huge amount of glowing press for both her previous novels and innumerable author endorsements, from writers including Marian Keyes, Liz Nugent and Jane Casey

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR EDEL COFFEY'** - -
- 'Propulsive, thought-provoking and **unputdownable**' - MARIAN KEYES
- 'Coffey's characters are **authentic, flawed and human**' - JOHN BOYNE, *DAILY MAIL*
- 'Has the pace, setting and **glamour of a Hollywood thriller**' - JANE CASEY, *IRISH TIMES*

Author Biography

Edel Coffey is an Irish journalist and broadcaster. She has worked as a presenter and reporter with RTE Radio, editor of the *Irish Independent* Weekend Magazine and books editor of the *Irish Independent*. She is a regular contributor to *The Irish Times* and RTE Radio One. Her debut novel, *Breaking Point*, was a No.1 Irish bestseller, was shortlisted for Best Debut and won Best Crime Novel of the Year at the An Post Irish Book Awards. Her second novel, *In Her Place*, was also a No.1 Irish bestseller and was shortlisted for the RTÉ Radio 1 Listeners' Choice Award. *In Glass Houses* is her third novel. Coffey lives in Galway with her husband and children.

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The Hidden Daughter

Soraya Lane

Keynote

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Description

Norway, 1951: 'I need you to know how much I love you, Amalie. I never wanted us to be parted, and I will do whatever it takes to come back to you and our baby. Please wait for me.'

London, present day: Everything in Charlotte's life is about to change. As she clutches a small box in her palm containing a diamond ring and a Norwegian crest, she knows she must return home to be reunited with her beloved great-grandmother Amalie and her Norwegian family.

Accepting her dream job as a head chef at Norway's most prestigious hotel, Charlotte is welcomed by the hotel's head designer, Harrison. For years, Charlotte sacrificed everything for her career. As she tours her new surroundings with Harrison, she soon starts to see a way of focussing on her heart too.

But when Charlotte takes the box to Amalie, everything Charlotte thought she knew about her family changes in an instant. As Amalie clutches the ring that she thought had vanished forever, she reveals a tragic love story and a precious secret that stayed buried for years.

When Charlotte discovers the huge sacrifice Amalie made to keep her family safe, will it give Charlotte the strength she needs to follow her heart? Or will she leave Norway forever?

An utterly heart-warming and stunning story about the importance of following your heart and never being afraid to find your new beginning. Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Lucinda Riley and Victoria Hislop.

What readers are saying about Soraya Lane:

'AN ABSOLUTELY STUNNING MUST READ!! . . . A true page-turning, perfect romance that will sweep you off your feet'

'Incredibly moving and my heart really broke... I loved this novel so much . . . It will make you cry (both sad and happy tears) . . . Mesmerising'

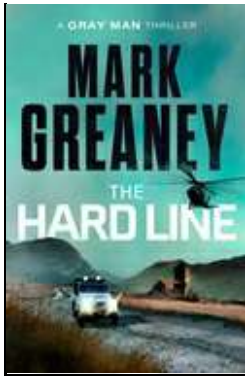
'Heartbreaking and beautiful . . . One of those books that will always stick with you once you've read it. It's been days and I still can't get this breathtaking story out of my head'

Sales Points

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Depth	22mm
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Author living in	Memphis, Tennessee
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The Hard Line

Mark Greaney

Keynote

The scintillating new novel in the *New York Times* #1 bestselling Gray Man series, as seen on Netflix.

Description

The Gray Man discovers that "family" is just another word for "target" in the latest entry in this #1 New York Times bestselling series.

For a man who works in the shadows, a family is not just a luxury - it's a weakness. When an unknown enemy uses threats against Zack Hightower's estranged daughter to blackmail the injured operative into taking on a dangerous mission, his friend, Court Gentry, aka the Gray Man, volunteers to take Zack's place.

But Court has problems of his own. He's already got a expert assassin on his trail for no apparent reason. And now his quest to protect Zack's family may drag his own family into the maelstrom.

There's one lesson that Court has found undeniable: There's a reason superheroes have secret identities.

Sales Points

- **NETFLIX #1:** The \$200 million Netflix film starring Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans was a #1 hit worldwide, with a sequel film and Netflix TV spin-off immediately announced.
- **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COPIES SOLD:** Little, Brown has sold more than half-a-million copies of the Gray Man series to date, making Mark Greaney one of the biggest new action thriller authors in the UK.
- **THRILLER FANS WILL LOVE IT:** For fans of Gregg Hurwitz (*Dark Horse*, 9,359 UK HB TCM), Simon Kernick (*Good Cop, Bad Cop*, 10,859 UK HB TCM), Stephen Leather (*Dirty War*, 3,779 UK HB TCM), and James Swallow (*Airside*, 3,952 UK HB TCM).
- **A US NUMBER ONE AUTHOR:** Previously a number one *New York Times* bestseller with his acclaimed Tom Clancy novels, which made him beloved of action thriller readers worldwide; the Gray Man series is now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller in its own right.

Reviews

- 'I love the Gray Man' - *Lee Child*
- 'So propulsive, the murders so explosive, that flipping the pages feels like playing the ultimate video game' - *New York Times*
- 'Bourne for the new millennium' - *James Rollins*
- 'Intense, explosive, daring, funny, and ultimately just flat out awesome' - *Ben Coes*

Author Biography

Mark Greaney has a degree in international relations and political science. In his research for the Armored novels and the Gray Man novels, including *The Chaos Agent*, *Burner*, *Sierra Six*, *Relentless*, *One Minute Out*, *Mission Critical*, *Agent in Place*, *Gunmetal Gray*, *Back Blast*, *Dead Eye*, *Ballistic*, *On Target*, and *The Gray Man*, he traveled to more than thirty-five countries and trained alongside military and law enforcement in the use of firearms, battlefield medicine, and close-range combative tactics. With Marine Lt. Col. Rip Rawlings, he wrote the *New York Times* bestseller *Red Metal*. He is also the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Tom Clancy Support and Defend*, *Tom Clancy Full Force and Effect*, *Tom Clancy Commander in Chief*, and *Tom Clancy True Faith and Allegiance*. With Tom Clancy, he coauthored *Locked On*, *Threat Vector*, and *Command Authority*.

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Second Chances

from the Irish bestseller comes a brand-new uplifting and escapist novel to make you laugh and cry

Roisin Meaney

Keynote

From the Irish bestseller comes a brand-new heart-breaking yet hopeful read about putting the broken pieces of your life back together again, even when it feels impossible, the importance of community and the power of second chances - perfect for fans of Lucy Diamond, Cathy Bramley and Jill Mansell.

Description

It's never too late for second chances...

For the first time in her life, Lydia is taking a great big leap of faith. She's moving to a small town on the West Coast of Ireland to overhaul a large, long-abandoned residence named Chance House with her new husband.

Then tragedy strikes, and Lydia is reminded why she doesn't take chances. Suddenly she's facing a very different prospect: a half-finished ramshackle estate, an overgrown garden, dwindling funds, no-one to turn to - and everywhere she looks, reminders of the love she's lost.

Starting over feels impossible. Staying put feels harder still. But when the local community rallies around her and Lydia is unexpectedly reminded of the power of new beginnings, she realises she might just owe it to herself and them to take a *second* chance on Chance House...

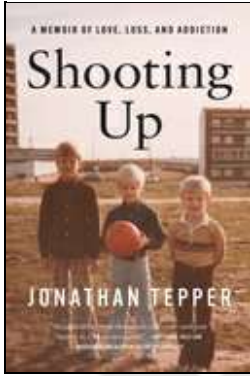
From the Irish bestseller comes a brand-new, heart-breaking yet hopeful read about the importance of community and the power of starting over - perfect for fans of Lucy Diamond, Cathy Bramley and Jill Mansell.

Sales Points

- **A MUCH-LOVED IRISH AUTHOR:** A multiple-time *Irish Times* bestseller with sales of over 750,000 copies across formats to date, Roisin Meaney is a well-loved author in the genre, which her reviews lay testament to, with over 25,000 four- and five-star ratings across her books in the last decade. Her most recent release, *Moving On*, spent seven consecutive weeks on the bestseller list.
- **A UK OPPORTUNITY:** We have partnered with Hachette Ireland to bring Roisin's wonderful writing to yet more readers, with a three-prong publishing strategy that launches with the C-format, before pivoting to promote digital editions to bridge the gap ahead of a summer release for the paperback, bringing a comprehensive 360 approach to her publishing.
- **TREND-LED PUBLISHING FOR OLDER READERS:** Featuring universal themes of second chances, starting over, weddings and a gorgeous Irish community setting, this book will resonate with readers of all ages, but especially those with some life experience under their belts. Perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan's *Summer Wedding* (45k PB TCM), Cathy Kelly's *The Wedding Party* (28k PB TCM) and Lucy Diamond's *Summer with my Sister* (9k PB TCM).

Author Biography

Roisin Meaney was born in Listowel, Co Kerry, She has lived in the US, Canada, Africa and Europe but is now based in Limerick, Ireland. This Number One bestselling author is a consistent presence on the Irish bestseller list and she is the author of twenty novels including *Life Before Us*, *It's That Time of Year* and *The Restaurant*. She has also written books for children.



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Shooting Up

Jonathan Tepper

Keynote

A memoir of love and loss, set against the backdrop of the AIDS epidemic.

Description

Raised in 1980s Madrid in the streets of San Blas, which bore the devastating scars of heroin addiction and crime, Jonathan Tepper's childhood was anything but ordinary.

Born into a family of American missionaries driven by unwavering faith, Jonathan's home became a sanctuary for society's most broken - addicts, conmen, even murderers - pulled from the streets with the fragile hope of recovery. While others recoiled, Jonathan found friendship and family in those who joined his parents' centre, standing loyally beside them as they battled their demons.

San Blas may have been Europe's heroin capital, but it was not the drugs, the alcohol or the violence that took so many lives. AIDS hit Spain a few years after it exploded in New York and, like an invisible plague, it claimed countless lives - including those who Jonathan came to love as brothers and sisters in the family rehabilitation centre. Unable to do anything but helplessly stand by, Jonathan, from a young age, had to confront the raw reality of grief and the fleeting nature of life itself.

A powerful and deeply moving exploration of love, loss and faith, *Shooting Up* is also an enduring love letter to old friends and family, and a welcome reminder on how hope can unexpectedly arise in even the darkest places.

Sales Points

- Not only is this a memoir about overcoming childhood trauma and grief, it also tackles the AIDS epidemic among drug addicts/users (hitherto seldom covered).
- There's a big buy-back opportunity - the author is keen to stock the book and donate to the rehabilitation centre.

Author Biography

Jonathan Tepper is the Chief Investment Officer at Prevatt Capital and lives in Nassau, The Bahamas. Jonathan is the founder of Variant Perception, which provided research to asset managers. Formerly, he was an analyst at SAC Capital and a Vice President on the proprietary trading desk at Bank of America. Along the way, with his friend and partner Turi Munthe, they founded Demotix, a citizen-journalism website and photo agency. They sold Demotix in 2012 to Corbis, a company owned then by Bill Gates. Jonathan is a Rhodes Scholar and graduated with highest honors in history and honors in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has an MLitt from the University of Oxford. Jonathan is the author of three books on economics: Endgame, Code Red and The Myth of Capitalism.

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Royal Spin an irresistible new royal romance for 2026

Omid Scobie & Robin Benway

Keynote

Emily in Paris meets Red, White & Royal Blue - an unmissable romantic comedy inspired by the inner workings of the British Royal Family, written by infamous royal correspondent Omid Scobie and YA bestseller Robin Benway

Description

When a wave of royal scandals hits the British press, American **Lauren Morgan** is whisked from the White House press office to Buckingham Palace to rescue the monarchy's reputation. It's the fresh start she desperately needs - until she realises the Palace is a fortress of tradition, prickly aides, and rules that seem designed to trip her up.

And then there are the distractions. **Oscar**, the disarmingly charming royal reporter she needs to keep on side. And the irresistibly charismatic **Duke of Exeter**, who is very much off-limits.

As Lauren battles culture clashes, palace politics, and two dangerously tempting men, she finally begins to carve out her place - and maybe even her own story.

But when someone from her past resurfaces and the headlines heat up, Lauren discovers the truth isn't so easy to spin. And the next scandal threatening the front pages might just involve her...

Royal Spin is a whip-smart romcom that pulls back the palace curtain to reveal a world of palace glamour, scandal, and behind-the-scenes entertainment. The perfect escape for fans of Emily in Paris and Red, White & Royal Blue.

Tropes:

Slow burn ☐☐
Love triangle ☒☐☐
Workplace romance ☐
Forced proximity ☐

Praise for ROYAL SPIN:

'I wanted to read this book from the moment I heard about it...and I wasn't disappointed! I can't wait to see how it's adapted for TV' **5-star reader review**

'Royal Spin is an entertaining inside look at a lot of the potential issues that the Royal Family, and those who work for them, have to face every day...Don't miss this terrific story!' **5-star reader review**

'Royal Spin is a yummy look at what it's like to work at Buckingham Palace. This book is funny, romantic and just the right amount of drama. It will definitely keep you on the edge of your seat. If you liked Red White and Royal Blue, then this book will be right up your alley!' **5-star reader review**

'I loved the story so much and it reminded me of American Royals! I highly recommend!' **5-star reader review**

'This book, y'all! I may or may not have spent hours reading it today, needing to get to the end!!' **5-star reader review**

'A fun, engaging story about second chances' **5-star reader review**

Sales Points

- **AN AUTHENTIC ROYAL ROMANCE WITH WIDE APPEAL:** The British public are obsessed with the Royal Family, and Omid Scobie has unparalleled insight into the inner-workings of Buckingham Palace as demonstrated by his non-fiction work, *Endgame* (15k HB TCM) and #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller, *Finding Freedom* (60k HB, 9k PB TCM). Scobie's knowledge and authenticity, paired with the literary prowess of Robin Benway, *Royal Spin* is perfectly positioned to captivate both romance readers and those interested in the royals, drama and scandal.
- **A LEAD TITLE FOR LITTLE, BROWN WITH A ROYALLY GOOD PITCH:** *Emily in Paris* meets *Red, White & Royal Blue*, this is an unmissable romantic comedy, brilliantly written with readers' favourite tropes - enemies-to-lovers, forced proximity, love triangle, fish out of water - with the second-to-none royal family hook, sure to make this every reader's new obsession.
- **SOON TO BE A SMASH-HIT TV SERIES:** Universal Television has announced that it's developing a series based on *Royal Spin* with Scobie serving as a writer, co-creator and executive producer, alongside showrunner Emily Fox. Benway will also serve as executive producer.
- **A CAMPAIGN FIT FOR ROYALTY:** *Royal Spin* will be supported by unmissable

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marketing and publicity activity, including a major proof drive, creative advertising, media events and bookshop events. Little, Brown are award-winning experts in this area, so we'll be leaving no stone left unturned as we maximise on US buzz as well as creating our own amongst booksellers and booktokers, retailers and readers alike.

- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF BESTSELLING ROM COMS:** Ideal for readers of *Red, White & Royal Blue* (8k HB, 98k PB TCM), *Falling Hard for the Royal Guard* (23k PB TCM), *Romantic Comedy* (25k PB TCM), and *Exes and O's* (22k PB TCM).

Author Biography

Omid Scobie is a British journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Finding Freedom* and *Endgame*, which have been published in over 20 countries. He spent 12 years covering the royal beat for major outlets including ABC News, Good Morning America, and *Harper's Bazaar*. Now based in Los Angeles, Scobie is co-creator, writer, and executive producer on the TV adaptation *Royal Spin*.

Robin Benway is a National Book Award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of nine novels, which have been published in more than 25 countries. Her nonfiction work has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Bustle*, *Elle*, and more. Benway attended NYU, is a graduate of UCLA, and lives in Los Angeles with her dog, Marnie Chicken.

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The Queen 100 Years, 100 Stories

Michelle Morgan

Keynote

A tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, told through 100 stories about her, to mark the centenary of her birth

Description

Crown jewels, coronations and corgis, this is a warm and nostalgic biography of powerhouse monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, written by experienced biographer Michelle Morgan. Structured around 100 vignettes, the reader will be invited into an intimate telling of key moments of her long life. Many of the stories relate to milestones, such as her wedding to Prince Philip, the coronation, the birth of her children along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her various jubilees. Interspersed with these, are fascinating stories that have been lost or forgotten over the past century. From immersive accounts of her working life, such as trips around the country and abroad to the people she met, and the anecdotes they shared.

The book includes striking photographs of the Queen at different stages of life. From shy princess to World War II mechanic, through to Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith, the Queen was a stoic stalwart to the end. Told with insight and warmth, this is the perfect tribute to our longest-reigning monarch.

Sales Points

- This book will tie into the commemoration and celebration around the centenary of the late-Queen's birth (April 2026). There is also her 'official' 100th birthday in June 2026.
- Michelle Morgan is a longstanding writer on the Robinson list, and an experienced biographer. Rights in Michelle's books have sold to Russia, Poland, Bulgaria, South Korea and Macedonia and beyond.

Author Biography

Michelle Morgan is the author of over 35 books, many of which have been published around the world. She has written for a large range of magazines and newspapers. Michelle lives in Northamptonshire.



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Raised on Radio Power Ballads, Cocaine and Payola: The AOR Glory Years 1976-1986

Paul Rees

Keynote

The definitive history of AOR . . .

Description

There is no form of American-made music that has been as critically derided, or shunned, as AOR. The blues, punk, hip-hop, alt-rock, country-rock, R&B, jazz, rock 'n' roll and soul. All are canonised. Trad country and disco have long since been re-appraised. Even hair metal has its champions. Yet there has hardly been a positive critical word published about AOR. But this speaks far more to the prejudices and blind spots of music critics than it does about the actual music. The plain fact is, AOR artists were responsible for some of the hugest selling and timeless records of the era.

Five bands stand tall as AOR's leading lights: Journey, Boston, Foreigner, Toto and REO Speedwagon. Between them, they have to date sold over 335 million records worldwide. Aside from these five bands, there is then a second tier of multi-platinum AOR acts and including the likes of Styx, Survivor, Pat Benatar, Heart, Kansas, Bryan Adams, Loverboy, Night Ranger, Billy Squier and more.

During the period covering 1976-1986, AOR was inarguably the music of the American heartland. AOR stood out by its luxurious productions, its sumptuous harmonies, and its lovelorn ballads. Then again, by its lyrical pre-occupations - essentially, the heartbreak of unrequited love, and/or pumped-up anthems to American positivity. Typically, AOR songs are set on long, hot summer nights, or else to a backdrop of glittering city lights. They evoke vivid technicolour images of gleaming cityscapes and roaring down sun-scorched freeways in an open-top convertible.

Like disco, but not punk, AOR was inclusive, uplifting, and appealed equally to both sexes. Its sheer romanticism, its cinematic sense of possibility, resonated as much with a huge audience of women as it did with men. It was positive, never nihilistic. Music to be sung along with, not to break stuff to. Its songs were made to soundtrack the best of times, or at least to soothe the bad.

It's time for a definitive music history of AOR, told through some of the genre's finest contributors.

Sales Points

- This book plugs a gap in the market - honing in on a genre of music whose influence continues to grow exponentially. AOR's most reliable yardstick is Journey. As well as the critical reappraisal Journey have enjoyed, their GREATEST HITS album has racked up 767 consecutive weeks on Billboard's Hot 200 album chart. With 1.5 billion plays on Spotify, the band's most famous song, 'Don't Stop Believin', is AOR's reigning anthem and is the most paid-for download of a 20th century song.
- RAISED ON RADIO will present its story as an oral history, and with contributions from all the key players. In this sense, it will follow in the footsteps of four other definitive and widely acclaimed music histories: MEET ME IN THE BATHROOM: Rebirth and Rock and Roll in New York City 2001-2011 by Lizzy Goodman and REACH FOR THE STARS: 1996-2006 - Fame, Fallout and Pop's Final Party by Michael Cragg.

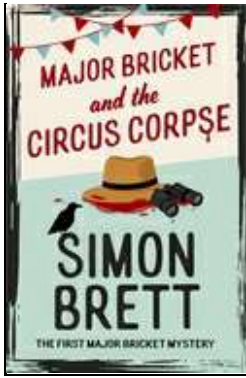
Author Biography

Paul Rees has been writing professionally about music for thirty years. For thirteen years, he served as editor-in-chief on two of the UK's most prestigious music magazines, Kerrang! and Q. His work has also appeared in Sunday Times supplements, Guardian, Observer, Daily Telegraph, Independent and Sunday Express.

Since 2012, Paul has authored or co-authored eight books that have been published worldwide. Among these are a bestselling biography of Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant and, most recently, a major authorised biography of the Who's John Entwistle.

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Major Bricket and the Circus Corpse

The first mystery in an unputdownable new cosy crime series

Simon Brett

Keynote

The first book in the Major Bricket mysteries - a new cosy crime series set in a Suffolk village by award-winning crime writer Simon Brett, OBE.

Description

Introducing a new, but not-so-amateur, sleuth from another peaceful English village with an alarmingly high death rate! The first mystery in a new cosy series from one of the world's favourite crime writers - perfect for fans of Richard Osmand, Janice Hallett, Robert Thorogood and M. C. Beaton.

Meet Major Bricket, an infrequent resident of Highfield House in Stunston Peveril, Suffolk. In the past the Major's work assignments, frequently in foreign countries, have prevented him from spending much time there and a result, there is an air of mystery around him while everyone in the village speculates on the nature of his occupation.

But now the Major has retired and has come home for good in his open-topped little red sports car... and what a homecoming it is, for lying spreadeagled on his lawn in the summer sunshine is the corpse of a clown.

The circus is in Stunston Peveril for the annual village fair, yet none of their quota of clowns is missing - or at least, nobody is saying. Could the body be that of an unfortunate early guest at the village's highlight of the social calendar, the Fincham Abbey Costume Ball?

Fortunately Major Bricket's past clandestine career means that he is now very well placed to solve the mystery of the dead clown on his camomile lawn . . .

Praise for Simon Brett:

'Murder most enjoyable' **Colin Dexter**

'Few crime writers are so enchantingly gifted' **Sunday Times**

'Like a little malice in your mysteries? Some cynicism in your cozies? Simon Brett is happy to oblige' **New York Times**

'A delightful, thoroughly English whodunnit' **Daily Mail**

'The wittiest around' **Antonia Fraser**

'A new Simon Brett novel is an event for mystery fans!' **P.D. James**

'Simon Brett writes stunning detective stories. I would recommend them to anyone' **Jilly Cooper**

Sales Points

- **AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Simon Brett is one of the world's favourite crime writers and has been praised by everyone from Colin Dexter to Jilly Cooper. He was awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger in 2014, and in 2016 was made an OBE for Services to Literature. He is the author of multiple classic crime series: Fethering, Mrs Pargeter, Blotto and Twinks, and Charles Paris.
- **A NEW CRIME SERIES:** This is a brand new cosy crime series from hysterically entertaining Simon Brett. It introduces readers to not-so-amateur sleuth Major Bricket - a retired man with a mysterious past in the British Government - and the eccentric cast of characters in the village of Stunston Peveril in Suffolk where he lives - another peaceful English village with an alarmingly high death rate!
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Richard Osmand, Janice Hallett, Robert Thorogood, Ian Moore and M. C. Beaton.

Reviews

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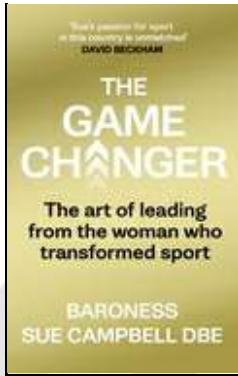
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SIMON BRETT is the author of over one hundred books, many of them crime novels, including the Charles Paris, Mrs Pargeter and Fethering series. Educated at Dulwich College and Wadham College, Oxford, Simon was chairman of the Crime Writers Association from 1986 to 1987 and of the Society of Authors from 1995 to 1997. He was also President of the Detection Club and was awarded the 2014 CWA Diamond Dagger. In 2016 he was awarded an OBE for services to literature. He lives near Arundel in West Sussex and is married with three grown-up children and six grandchildren.

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Binding	Paperback
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Depth	22mm
Extent	288 pages
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Illustrations	2x8pp colour plates
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The Game Changer

Baroness Sue Campbell

Keynote

The powerful saga of one woman's refusal to take no for an answer and her quest to change lives through sport.

Description

Sue Campbell may be the current Director of Women's Football at the FA, having presided over a blossoming of the sport, but she's always been a trailblazer. From the stellar 2012 London Olympics to the Lionesses lifting the Euros, one person links the nation's sporting glories. No-one else has done more to put others on pedestals and change lives through sport.

Sue has been creating change all her life. Because it was as a young PE teacher on Manchester's Moss Side that she first saw the power of sport to transform lives, when she persuaded a hard-to-reach class of girls to start their own dance troupe. This is a story - like the woman herself - that will change lives.

Sales Points

- Earlier this year Sue was voted second on BBC Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' Power List.
- She has the backing of the FA and has many high-profile sports contacts. Plaudits below.

'I don't think there's been another person in the last 40 years who's made such a difference to British sport' Lord Sebastian Coe

'England means so much to Sue. The Lionesses and women's football has been left in such a better place because of her' Jill Scott MBE

- Women's football has been a gamechanger over the past few years, and it's getting more visibility than ever before - as seen from the success of books from Alex Scott, Beth Mead and Sarina Wiegman.

Author Biography

Dame Susan Campbell, Baroness Campbell of Loughborough, DBE is a British sports administrator who was chairman of UK Sport between 2003 and 2013. As the current Director of Women's Football at the FA, she has presided over a blossoming of the sport culminating in the Lionesses' Euros success and the World Cup final this year.

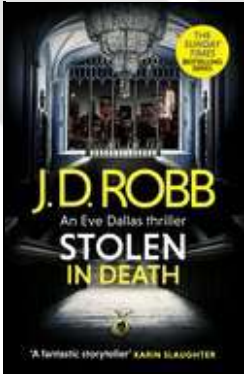
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Main Identifier	9780349446240
BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery (FF)

Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	C Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	100000 words
Series	In Death
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
UNITED STATES	St Martin's Press
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Stolen in Death: An Eve Dallas thriller (In Death 62)

J. D. Robb

Keynote

From Sunday Times bestselling author JD Robb, the next thrilling instalment in the In Death series

Description

A violent death and a vault of stolen treasures has Eve Dallas struggling to solve crimes old and new in the latest thriller in the Sunday Times bestselling series.

A blow to the head with a block of amethyst has left multibillionaire Nathan Barrister dead-while nearby, a vault, its door ajar, sits filled with priceless paintings, jewelry, and other treasures and yet only one item seems to be missing. Is this a simple case of a burglar caught in the act or does Eve have a much bigger, bloodier mystery to solve....?

Sales Points

- Eve Dallas is the kind of strong female lead beloved by crime readers: a cop who believes in the valour of protect and serve - and kicks ass doing it
- **Over 75 million copies** of the In Death series have been sold worldwide
- The In Death series is a global bestseller, appearing in the bestseller charts in the US, UK, Australia and New Zealand.
- Piatkus has sold over 5 million copies of the In Death series

Author Biography

Nora Roberts published her first novel using the pseudonym **J.D. Robb** in 1995, introducing Eve Dallas, a New York City police lieutenant with a dark past, and billionaire Irish rogue, Roarke. Since then, the In Death series has sold over sixty-six million copies, with each new novel reaching number one on bestseller charts the world over.

Become a fan on [f] at Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb



Crown of War & Shadow

J. R. Ward

Keynote

A sweeping and sexy romantasy quartet by the worldwide bestselling author about a star-crossed couple, whose destinies play out in a chaotic world where dangers are great and the heat is high!

Description

A sweeping and sexy romantasy quartet by the worldwide bestselling author about a star-crossed couple, whose destinies play out in a chaotic world where dangers are great and the heat is high!

Sales Points

- A brand new series by the globally bestselling author JR Ward featuring a star-crossed couple against the background of an epic world and sky-high stakes.

Author Biography

J.R. Ward is the author of over thirty novels, including those in her #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling series, *The Black Dagger Brotherhood*. There are more than 15 million copies of Ward's novels in print worldwide and they have been published in 25 different countries around the world.

After graduating from law school, Ward began working in healthcare in Boston and spent many years as Chief of Staff of one of the premier academic medical centers in the nation. She lives in the south with her incredibly supportive husband and her beloved golden retriever. Writing has always been her passion and her idea of heaven is a whole day of nothing but her computer, her dog and her coffee pot.

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BIC 2.1 **Fantasy romance (FMR)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**
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Depth **22mm**
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Series **Kingdoms of the Compass**

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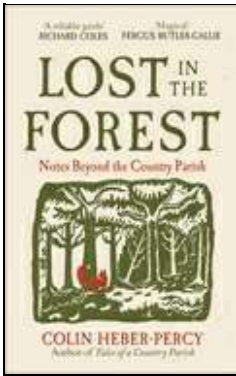
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	Biography: religious & spiritual (BGX)
	Religion & beliefs (HR)
	Christianity (HRC)
	Christian life & practice (HRCV)
	Spirituality & religious experience (HRLK)
	Philosophy of religion (HRAB)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
Author born in	UK
Author living in	Wiltshire

Previous Titles

Tales of a Country Parish (2022)

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Lost in the Forest

Notes on not belonging from the English countryside

Colin Heber-Percy

Keynote

From the Indie Bookshop bestseller, *Tales from a Country Parish* (2022), Colin Heber-Percy's new book is a gentle, funny, and life-affirming exploration into life's biggest questions.

Description

'A message of hope' **TLS**

'Inspiring' **Spectator**

'A sumptuous mix of poetry, story and deep philosophical truths' **FERGUS BUTLER-GALLIE**

'Colin Heber-Percy is a reliable guide' **REV RICHARD COLES**

This book is a hymn to getting lost. Drawing on his experience as a troubled schoolboy, a burnt-out screenwriter at the BBC, an 'awkward' priest in the Church of England, Colin Heber-Percy reflects on the value of *not* belonging...

We all share a desire to belong. There's reassurance and safety in knowing who we are and where we fit in. But at significant moments in our lives - a new job, new school or an unexpected change of circumstances - or just in the ruts and routines of everyday life, we can experience a sense of not belonging, of dislocation, of being lost in a forest. But, there is another way to approach these uneasy moments. Rather than fearing the forest, Colin discovers great value and creativity there.

Join parish priest Colin Heber-Percy in an invitation to get lost - to lose the labels society and institutions use to box us in - and to relish the liberation of losing our way in the world. Blending anecdotes from parish life, with philosophy, literature and tales from his local Savernake Forest, Colin argues that there is an overlooked richness, a spirituality and a freedom to be found outside the boundary lines our culture sets for us.

***Lost in the Forest* is a gentle, funny, and life-affirming trail of crumbs through the woods...**

Sales Points

- **SEQUEL FROM THE INDIE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF TALES FROM A COUNTRY PARISH (2022):** *Lost in the Forest* is steeped in tales of parish life, the slow moving of the seasons, and the characters of Vicar, Colin Heber-Percy's local Wiltshire community. The countryside angle of his first book resonated hugely with readers and his second book contains all the same charm, gentle wisdom and spellbinding beauty of Savernake Forest parish.
- **STRONG FANBASE:** Colin's first book (4.5K TCM in Hardback) came off the back of his daily email of reflections to his parishioners, which went viral and through which he has built a dedicated readership. Colin has delivered sell-out talks at literary events and festivals, including the Marlborough Literary Festival, Hungerford Bookshop, Sherborne Literary Society, St Mark's Church, Regent's Park, the Festival of Faith and Literature and Sarum College, Salisbury among others.
- **UNIVERSAL THEME:** Feeling lost is an experience we've all had at some point in our lives. In new jobs, new schools, new neighbourhoods, new social groups and so on. There have been many books and articles on this but almost always arguing for precisely what Colin is arguing against. Rather than a negative sensation, a feeling of being lost, all at sea, can pitch us into a profoundly creative and spiritually rich space. This book offers a refreshing new look at some of our most fundamental dilemmas. And it does so gently, humorously, and always from an invigorating, deeply personal, and unexpected angle.
- **US INTEREST:** Colin has a widely read newsletter full of musings from the English countryside. They're opened on average about about 1000 times, and 60% of those opens are in the US. This percentage is climbing quite steeply so his US audience is growing.

Reviews

- 'A message of hope' - **TLS**
- "This is a magical book. A delightful delve into the world of the forest and all in contains. A sumptuous mix of poetry, story and deep philosophical truths, I thoroughly enjoyed it." - Fergus Butler-Gallie
- "A moving and profound meditation on the nature of belonging; to communities, to each other, but most of all, to ourselves." - Richard King
- "Colin Heber-Percy is a reliable guide" - THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES

Author Biography

Rev Dr Colin Heber Percy is the parish priest for Pewsey, Wiltshire, as well as a screenwriter and author. His screenwriting work has won many awards and been shown all over the world. He has a PhD in medieval metaphysics and has lectured on spirituality,



faith, film, and fiction. He lives in Wiltshire with his wife and three children.

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Reflections On Cinematography

Sir Roger Deakins

Keynote

The one-of-a-kind visual memoir of Sir Roger Deakins, telling his life's story by way of his iconic, beloved films.

Description

From two-time Academy Award winner from 16 nominations, and five-time BAFTA award winner from 11 nominations, Sir Roger Deakins - widely regarded as the greatest cinematographer of all time - a one-of-a-kind visual memoir, telling his life's story by way of his iconic, beloved films, including *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Skyfall*, *Fargo*, *Blade Runner 2049*, *The Big Lebowski*, *1917*, and *No Country for Old Men*, among others.

Cinematography is both an art and science - capturing motion requires a combination of skill, ingenuity, and artistic genius. Lighting, camera movement, and framing are just a few of the important components in the process of turning words on a page into unforgettable moving images. Over the course of a brilliant 50-year career, Sir Roger Deakins has proven to be the greatest artist & visionary that the craft of cinematography has ever known.

In *Reflections: On Cinematography*, Deakins offers his fans and film enthusiasts a one-of-a-kind look into his life and improbable road to Hollywood immortality. Readers will discover how "the boy from Torquay, England" overcame a troubled childhood to enter his way into art school; his fortuitous entry into world of documentary filmmaking (including a yacht race around the world); to shooting groundbreaking music videos such as Herbie Hancock's "Rock It," to his singular film career, including his longtime collaborations with the Coen Brothers, Sam Mendes, and Denis Villeneuve.

Filled with never-before-seen storyboards, sketches, and diagrams, Deakins shows readers how he created some of the most iconic scenes in the most beloved films of all time. Through candid, lyrical prose, Deakins reflects on his life and each of his projects; how he helped shape them, and how they shaped him.

A truly unique visual memoir, *Reflections* is for film fans and general readers alike, and for anyone looking to find inspiration, beauty, and creativity by looking through the singular lens with which Roger views the world.

Sales Points

- **LEGENDARY AUTHOR:** From 2x Oscar winner, 5x BAFTA winner, 16x Academy Award nominee - the most celebrated cinematographer in film history.
- **COMP TITLES:** For readers of *Making Movies* (Sidney Lumet), *In the Blink of an Eye* (Walter Murch), and *Byways* (Deakins' photo memoir).
- **BUILT-IN GLOBAL AUDIENCE:** Deakins' *Team Deakins* podcast has 7M+ downloads; strong online following among filmmakers, film students, and cinephiles.
- **ICONIC CINEMATIC MOMENTS:** Behind the lens of *The Shawshank Redemption* (IMDb's #1 film), *1917*, *Skyfall*, *Fargo*, *No Country for Old Men*, *Blade Runner 2049*, and more.

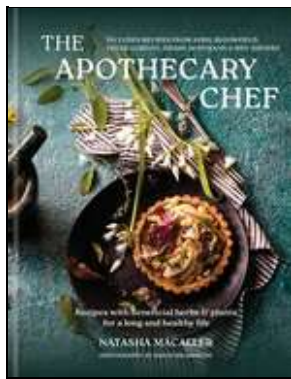
Author Biography

Sir Roger A. Deakins is widely regarded as the greatest cinematographer of all time. Roger has been nominated for 16 Academy Awards, winning twice for *Blade Runner 2049* and *1917*. He has also been nominated 11 times for the BAFTA award, winning on five occasions. Roger has been awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards from the American Society of Cinematographers, the British Society of Cinematographers, and the National Board of Review. He is also the sole cinematographer to have been honored with a CBE, in 2013, and a knighthood, in 2021. Roger splits his time between England and California, with his wife and longtime collaborator, James. You can follow them @team.deakins.

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The Apothecary Chef

Natasha MacAller

Keynote

More than 80 recipes featuring beneficial herbs and plants for a long and healthy life created by a host of celebrated chefs.

Description

Whether harvested in far-away fields, gathered at the local farmers market, pulled from a garden bed or plucked from the kitchen windowsill, herbs and plants have the ability to elevate and enhance our food and health. *The Apothecary Chef* is a celebration of the fragrance and flavour they impart, and a guide to incorporating them into your cooking and kitchen garden.

Featuring more than 80 dishes from 30 award-winning chefs in 11 countries and the author, *The Apothecary Chef* is a recipe book with a difference, providing inspiration and information in equal measure. Every recipe includes several 'hero' ingredients that you can grow, forage or buy, and a directory of 50 edible plants and herbs to grow and cook with is also included.

Chapters include Good for the Gut, Everyday Joy, A Sense of Calm, Immunity Boosters, Longevity & Resilience and Breath & Balance, with recipes ranging from rosemary calendula potato cakes and allium & wild mushroom galette to mint pannacotta and persimmon pudding.

Contributing chefs include Allan Altschul of The Newt, Nyesha Arrington, April Bloomfield, Honey & Co, Pierre Koffmann, April Bloomfield, David Lebovitz, Peter Gordon, Olia Hercules, Sarah Johnson, Sean Sherman (The Sioux Chef), Ben Shewry, Itamar Srulovich & Sarit Packer of Honey & Co., and Lee Wescott.

Sales Points

- **INTERNATIONAL CHEFS.** Natasha has worked with chefs from across the globe, including from **Australia** and **New Zealand** (Peter Gordon, Ben Shewry, Christine Manfield, Alan Bartos), the **UK** and **Europe** (Pierre Koffman, Lee Westcott, Roger Pizey of Fortnum & Mason, Allan Altschul of The Newt, Sarah Johnson, Olia Hercules, Cyrus Todiwala, Sarah Johnson; the **USA** (April Bloomfield, Linda Shiue, John La Puma, Hiro Sone, Nancy Silverton, Elizabeth Falkner, Bakery by the Yard, Sean Sherman 'The Sioux Chef') and **Peru** (Palmiro Ocampo Grey).
- **PREVIOUS CO-EDITIONS.** Natasha's previous book *Spice Health Heroes* was translated into Spanish, German and Italian, and *The Vanilla Table* was originally published in New Zealand.
- **NATURAL INGREDIENTS ON TREND.** There is growing interest in foraged ingredients, the healthy and healing properties of herbs and eating wholefoods to avoid ultra-processed food.
- **ESTEEMED AUTHOR.** Natasha is well-connected across the food industry, and is based across Los Angeles, London and Auckland.
- **COMPREHENSIVE.** With 100 food and drink, sweet and savoury recipes, this is the ultimate guide to cooking with herbs and medicinal plants for health and wellbeing.

Author Biography

NATASHA MACALLER spent 30 years as a professional ballerina performing with New York's prestigious Joffrey Ballet and Boston Ballet, completing her exhilarating career in the Broadway and Los Angeles productions of *The Phantom of The Opera*. Turning her artistic spirit to a second creative career in the kitchen and garden, Natasha channels the same passion, diligence and precision that made her a successful dancer into the art of cooking. She divides her time between Los Angeles, London and New Zealand, where she teaches cookery courses, writes and is often found in the garden between the rhubarb and the tomatoes. She's also a highly sought-after restaurant consultant.

The Apothecary Chef, her third cookbook, is a homage to her curiosity of growing a Noah's ark of fruit, vegetables and herbs in her New Zealand garden and using these and other beneficial grown, foraged or purchased ingredients to blend and create healthful, flavourful and inspired recipes.

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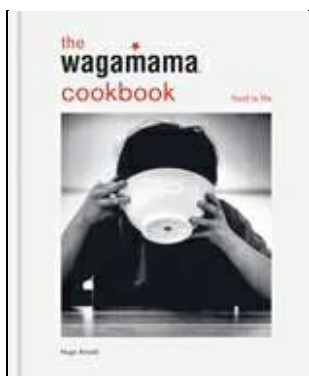
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Binding	Hardback
Format	U (235x190)
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	38940 words
Series	Wagamama Titles
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Previous Titles

wagamama Ways with Noodles (2006)
wagamama Feed Your Soul (2019)
wagamama Your Way (2021)

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The Wagamama Cookbook

Hugo Arnold

Keynote

New edition of the hugely successful *The wagamama Cookbook* from the international restaurant brand, featuring over 120 nourishing and delicious every day, Japanese-inspired recipes.

Description

Since opening their doors in 1992, wagamama has grown to become a much-loved global brand. True to the 'positive eating, positive living' ethos, this collection of recipes shares the secret of the hallmark culinary minimalism that has won them instant cult status worldwide.

The distinctive wagamama flavour originates from the traditional 200-year-old ramen (noodle) shops of Japan which guarantee nourishment with ingredients that cleanse and nurture the mind and body.

Suitable for meat-eaters, seafood lovers and vegetarians alike, *The wagamama Cookbook* includes more than 120 fresh and vibrant recipes to nourish and inspire. Featuring mouth-watering recipes for appetisers and side dishes, hearty soups and stir-fries, and exotic desserts and juices, plus hints and tips on ingredients, equipment and cooking techniques.

Whether you are cooking for one or a crowd, this book allows you to recreate the best of Japanese and Asian-inspired food, and helps you bring wagamama home.

Sales Points

- GLOBAL BRAND. wagamama is a global brand with restaurants in more than 25 countries. It is synonymous with fast and freshly prepared nutritious and delicious Japanese-inspired food and is the leading family restaurant chain in the UK.
- BUILDS ON PREVIOUS SUCCESS. The previous wagamama cookbooks have been a great success, with more than 600k copies of *The wagamama Cookbook* (2005) in print, more than 200k copies sold of *Feed Your Soul* (2020) plus a German co-edition, while *wagamama your way* (2021) has more than 135k copies in print and is published in Germany and the Netherlands.
- BROAD APPEAL. The recipes are highly versatile and there will be plenty that cater to vegetarian readers.
- COMPARATIVE TITLES: *Giggling Squid* (Ebury), 2022, £28, HB - LT TCM 9K, *Japaneasy* (Hardie Grant), 2017, £25, HB - LT TCM 5.5K
- NEW EDITION of the classic and hugely successful wagamama Cookbook

Author Biography

Since opening its first restaurant in 1992, wagamama has grown to become a much loved global brand. With its Japanese ethos of *Kaizen* meaning 'good change' and its recipes based on the principles of egalitarianism, balance and simplicity, wagamama is a place where a bench, a bowl and fresh ingredients always provide a warm welcome.

Their previous books include *The wagamama Cookbook* (2005), *wagamama Ways with Noodles* (2006), *wagamama Feed Your Soul* (2019) and *wagamama Your Way* (2021).

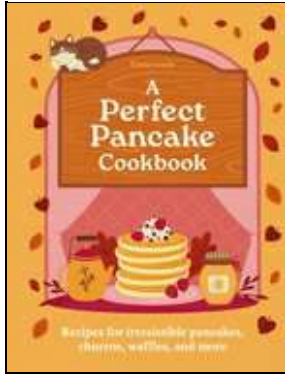
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A Perfect Pancake Cookbook

Recipes for irresistible pancakes, churros, waffles, and more

Eloise Goode

Keynote

Smothered in small-town coffee shop in fall vibes, this pancake recipe book is a love letter to the coziest season of all.

Description

It's the season to reach for warm fluffy pancakes, maple syrup-soaked waffles or sweet crunchy churros and snuggle up with a blanket to sip on a delicious spiced latte. Now you can bring the coziness into your kitchen with over 40 irresistible recipes.

When those golden leaves start to fall, you know it's time to rustle up all the comforting dishes and indulge in delicious sweet treats. From Classic American Buttermilk Pancakes to French Toast with Blueberries and the ubiquitous Vanilla-spiced Latte, *A Perfect Pancake Cookbook* celebrates the season with a treasure trove of cosy, soul-warming recipes that are nostalgically evocative of home and all its comforts.

A Perfect Pancake Cookbook has over 40 indulgent recipes to grill, fry or bake. Including a selection of delicious batter-based recipes to help you get the most out of the cosiest season, year after year.

Other titles in the series: *A Cosy Chocolate Cookbook*, *A Cinnamon Bun Cookbook* and *A Pumpkin Spice Cookbook*.

Sales Points

- This cookbook is perfect for fans of pumpkin spice season, who would love a collection of warming, sweet treat recipes to bake their way into the season. Subject popularity: #pumpkinspice (481K posts)
- The perfect little gift that leans into cosy, autumn memes, and slice-of-life, small town Americana vibes
- Spruce up your pancakes and upgrade your waffles with these fun recipes for the much-loved, quick and easy meal. Clear step-by-step instructions make even the most daunting recipes feel achievable at home
- Comparative titles: *Flipping Good* (Kyle), 2017, £12.99, HB - LT TCM 475, *Modern Pancakes* (RP&S), 2019, £9.99, HB - LT TCM 1.1K, *Posh Pancakes* (Quadrille), 2018, £12.99, HB - LT TCM 4.8K

Author Biography

Hamlyn (Author)

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Eloise Goode (Author)

Eloise Goode is a self-taught home baker with over 30 years' experience making biscuits, cakes and delicious desserts. A lover of all-things sweet, Eloise began her baking journey making sweet treats for friends, before turning her hobby into a full-time passion project. She lives in the Cotswolds with her husband and chief taste-tester David, two cats named Mumbo and Bumble, and an elderly but still energetic Westie terrier called Fred.

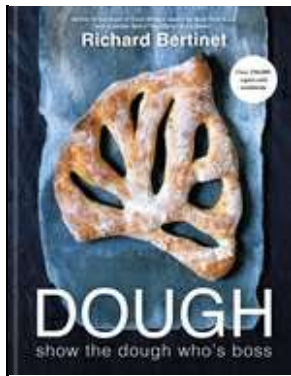
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Format	260x200
Extent	144 pages
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Dough

Show the dough who's boss

Richard Bertinet

Keynote

New edition of the highly successful *Dough* from expert-baker Richard Bertinet on how to make the perfect dough. Updated with new and revised recipes.

Description

'Richard is a master of his craft - ultra user-friendly, it might even change the way you look at bread forever.'
- Sunday Telegraph

Breadmaking has never been more simple and do-able. Though the doughs themselves vary, the technique for making each one is identical. The beauty of it is that it takes little to no time at all to fill a bread board with Fougasses, Breadsticks, Moroccan rolls or Poppy Seed Stars, Sesame plaits or Cardamom and Prune bread, and no one will guess that they are all part of the same 'family'.

Richard Bertinet has been teaching bread making for several years and with his refreshing and easy approach you will discover how to 'work' the dough, get a feel for essential techniques, and have the confidence to experiment with your own ideas. Most of the breads in *Dough* take less than 1 hour to bake and there are suggestions on how to make the dough in advance ready for a wide range of sweet and savoury bakes - all in the knowledge that you're being guided by a master of the craft.

New recipes include: Pizza with a Biga Dough, Sultana and Rosemary Rolls, Apple Polish Rye Bread, Cardamom Spiced Knots and Hot Cross Buns.

Sales Points

- An award-winning writer: Richard Bertinet's *Dough* has sold over 200,000 copies and won the Julia Child Award, the IACP Best Cookbook of the Year Award, a Guild of Food Writers' Award and a Glendfiddich Food & Drink Award.
- Expert baking advice from a professional: Richard Bertinet is a trained baker with an immensely successful cookery school in Bath (The Bertinet Kitchen). He has 240k followers across Instagram and Twitter.
- National reach: Richard makes regular TV appearances on programmes such as James Martin's Saturday Morning, Saturday Kitchen and An Extra Slice. He also appears at food shows around the UK and offers an online course through BBC Maestro.
- New edition of the classic and hugely successful *Dough* with new and updated recipes.
- Comparative titles: *Bake with Jack* (Ebury), 2022, £27, HB - LT TCM 8K, *Big Book of Bread* (Quadrille), 2024, £30, HB - LT TCM 2K

Author Biography

The Dough Co. Consulting Ltd (Author)

Richard Bertinet set up his Bertinet Kitchen in 2005 and Bertinet Bakery in 2011 and his bread is now widely available at farmshops, delis and Waitrose across the south of the UK. He trained as a baker in his native Brittany and has over 20 years' experience as a chef and baker who teaches principally in his own school in Bath. His first two books won numerous awards both in the UK and the US including IACP Cookery Book of the Year and James Beard Award.
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	Professional interior design (AMR)
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Author living in	Auckland, New Zealand

The Quiet Home

House Hushing for Calm and Intentional Living

Michelle Halford

Keynote

A stylish guide to art of 'house hushing' and how to dial down the visual 'noise' in your home through decluttering, curating your possessions, shopping more mindfully and decorating with calming colours. From the interior stylist, writer, and designer with over 300k followers across social media as @thedesigndesigner.

Description

"'House hushing' is a new interiors trend that's making (the right kind of) noise in these troubling times." *Guardian*

A beautiful, authoritative guide to the concept of house hushing, *The Quiet Home* incorporates design principles and strategies for dialling down the visual noise in your home, and creating serene interiors that promote calm and wellbeing. It takes a pared-down, thoughtful approach to home interiors and explains how to create spaces that whisper rather than shout.

The Quiet Home takes as its starting point the idea that everything in an interior has a voice and creates noise. By reducing this visual noise through thoughtful design principles and strategies we can create a more serene living environment that in turn increases our wellbeing. A concept that delves deeper than aesthetic principles and how a home looks, quietening the spaces we live in can greatly affect how we feel.

The book provides insights for both creating a quiet home and adopting a more considered way of life, with chapters on Foundations, Mindful Minimalism, The Art of the Edit and Room by Room. Each chapter is accompanied by beautiful imagery that takes the reader on a global journey of inspiring homes and design. A comprehensive guide to read cover to cover, the book's chapters can also be read in any order, providing clear reference points for a range of home projects, large or small.

Sales Points

- **AHEAD OF THE CURVE:** The first book to focus on the concept of house hushing.
- **POPULAR TRENDS:** Brings together core themes in contemporary interior design including decluttering, curation, quiet luxury, slow/intentional living, and sustainability.
- **STRONG SALES TRACK RECORD:** From the UK publishers of *The Home Edit* (more than 100,000 books sold).

Author Biography

Michelle Halford is an interior stylist, writer, and designer based in Auckland, New Zealand, with over 300k followers across social media. She works on creative projects with local and international brands, including Dulux, Samsung, Pernod Ricard, BoConcept, Nespresso, and Hilton Hotels & Resorts NZ, and consults with clients on residential spaces. With a focus on holistic design, she has been creating quiet spaces for 12 years, and her work has been featured in many publications. Most recently, she has moved into product design with a homeware collaboration and the launch of her own furniture brand. You can find out more at thedesigndesigner.com and on Instagram [@thedesigndesigner](https://www.instagram.com/thedesigndesigner).

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365 Reasons You're the Perfect Dad

A little book of perfect words to let your dad know how much you love them

Rebecca Hall

Keynote

A thought-provoking collection of inspirational quotes and everyday wisdom to celebrate one of the most influential people in your life - your dad. The perfect gift for fathers.

Description

"Son, brother, father, lover, friend. There is room in the heart for all the affections, as there is room in heaven for all the stars."
- Victor Hugo

A cornerstone of security and support, your dad is teacher, playmate and mentor all rolled into one. It's the most important job he'll ever have, so make sure you thank him for it.

We don't always tell our loved ones how much they mean to us, but with 365 Reasons You're the Perfect Dad you can show them. Packed full of inspirational quotes to put into words the things we can't always say, or don't say enough - how much we love our dads. This book is a tribute to fathers and fatherhood; in fact, it's the perfect way to say what every father wishes to hear.

Also available in the series: *365 Reasons You're the Perfect Mum* and *365 Reasons to be Proud*

Sales Points

- The perfect gift for Father's Day, but also a year-round purchase suitable for birthdays, Christmas, or any other time you want to show your parents just what they mean to you
- Highly giftable, and will be Amazon-led, but also sit in retailers such as Card Factory and the Works. This will be an aesthetically led impulse-purchase.
- This is a pretty package that will be a fantastic gift or self-purchase, inclusive to all ages of parents.
- Comparative titles: *Little Book of Dad* (Headline), 2021, £5.99, HB - LT TCM 4.5K, *Welcome to Parenthood* (Summersdale), 2022, £7.99, HB - LT TCM 3K

Author Biography

Rebecca Hall is a prolific author who is well known for her warm, funny and heartfelt books of inspiration. She has also authored *1000 Reasons I Love You* and *1000 Reasons You're the Perfect Dad*.

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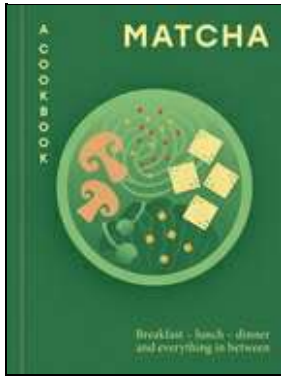
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Extent	80 pages
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Series	Aster Cookbooks
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The Turmeric Cookbook

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Matcha: A Cookbook

Breakfast – lunch – dinner and everything in between

Hamlyn

Keynote

An indispensable little cookbook that celebrates the health benefits and uses of Matcha.

Description

A Japanese superfood powder made from finely ground green tea leaves. Matcha has been used in tea ceremonies since the 12th century, and is now a global obsession thanks to its incredible benefits for body and mind.

Research shows that matcha can reduce the risk of cancer, improve heart health, aid recovery from exercise and help prevent ageing; the traditional matcha tea alone contains the nutritional equivalent of 10 cups of regular green tea, with 137 times more antioxidants, acting as the body's defence agents.

From a simple matcha latte, to matcha poached chicken, ice cream, infused salt and noodles, *Matcha: A Cookbook* explores the history, health benefits and 40 delicious recipes using this super healthy ingredient.

Content includes:

[Breakfasts](#)
[Soups, Sides & Snacks](#)
[Main Dishes](#)
[Sweet & Drinks](#)

Sales Points

- **Matcha:** boosts brain functions, aid heart health and weight management, improves gut health.
- **Superfoods** are an increasingly popular topic as people seek ways of embracing a healthier lifestyle, and these books aim to help readers live better for longer. The trend leans into rising interest for gut health, focus on boosting the immune system and overall wellness. Online searches for gut health rose 251% between 2019-23.
- As part of a four-book series - these little cookbooks explore the remarkable benefits of four key superfoods - Turmeric, Matcha, Cacao and Seaweed, making it easy to introduce these powerful ingredients into your lifestyle using delicious, nutritious and healthy recipes.
- Eye-catching cookbooks for the yoga crowd, people on the go who want to add some superfood goodness to their busy lives, and anyone who's swapped their daily coffee for a turmeric or matcha latte, chocolate bar for cacao nibs, or unhealthy mid-morning snack for seaweed thins.
- Comparative titles: *The Book of Matcha* by Teapigs (Quarto), 2016, £18.99. *The Matcha Cookbook* (Aster), 2018, £10 and *Meet Your Matcha* by Joanna Farrow (Watkins), 2017 £9.99

Author Biography

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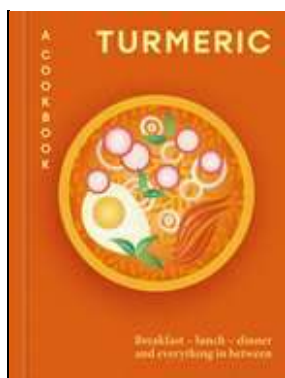
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Turmeric: A Cookbook

Breakfast – lunch – dinner and everything in between

Hamlyn

Keynote

An indispensable little cookbook that celebrates the health benefits and uses of Turmeric.

Description

Considered to be one of nature's most powerful anti-inflammatory ingredients, turmeric is a powerful spice that has long been used in the Chinese and Indian systems of medicine to treat a wide variety of conditions, including digestion problems, jaundice, menstrual difficulties, toothache, bruises, chest pain and colic.

Studies increasingly show that superfoods can play a vital role in our lives - protecting us against illness and disease, helping to manage and ease the symptoms of chronic health conditions and supporting our health and vitality as we age.

Turmeric becomes more active either when cooked or combined with other specific ingredients such as ginger and black pepper. Whether in root or powder form, turmeric can be used in juices, smoothies, infusions, soups, curries, pulses, stews, for roasting with vegetables, adding to hummus, yoghurt and marinades for fish, meat or tofu. All the health benefits of this incredible superfood, how to use turmeric and 40 delicious recipes are included.

Content includes:

[Breakfasts](#)
[Soups, Sides & Snacks](#)
[Main Dishes](#)
[Sweet & Drinks](#)

Sales Points

- **Turmeric:** anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant, may aid treatment of Alzheimers, prevent arthritis, heart disease and certain cancers.
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- Comparative titles: *The Turmeric Cookbook* (Aster), 2017, £10, LT TCM 24K and *The Goodness of Ginger & Turmeric* by Emily Jonzen (Kyle Books), 2018, £9.99

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365 Reasons You're the Perfect Mum

A little book of perfect words to let your mum know how much you love them

Michael Powell

Keynote

A thought-provoking collection of inspirational quotes and everyday wisdom to celebrate one of the most influential people in your life - your mum. The perfect gift mothers.

Description

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them."
- Victor Hugo

What is motherhood? What is the nature of this unique bond that begins at birth and guides us throughout our lives? A mother needs patience, courage, tolerance, flexibility, firmness and a thousand other qualities that grow in the human soul. Above all, she is a true friend to her child. At times, when our lives seem beset with contradictions and betrayals, a mother's love is the constant that gives us the courage never to quit and keep on pursuing our goals, and the conviction that we can reach them.

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Sales Points

- This is a pretty package that will be a fantastic gift or self-purchase, inclusive to all ages of parents.
- This is highly giftable, and will be Amazon-led, but also sit in retailers such as Card Factory and the Works. This will be an aesthetically led impulse-purchase and/or gift project.
- The perfect gift for Mother's, but also a year-round purchase suitable for birthdays, Christmas, or any other time you want to show your parents just what they mean to you.
- Comparative titles: *Little Book of Mum* (Headline), 2021, £6.99, HB - LT TCM 2.6K, *Little Book of Mum Hacks* (Orion), 2021, £12.99, HB - LT TCM 1.7K

Author Biography

Michael Powell studied English Language and Literature at Manchester University before spending three years at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, training to be an actor. He then spent five years as an internationally unknown professional actor and musical director. In 1996, Michael entered publishing and became assistant editor at BCA for two years. In 2001, Michael became a freelance writer and editor. Since then, he has established a reputation for writing a wide range of books for adults and children.

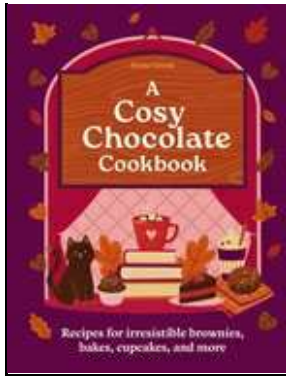
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A Cosy Chocolate Cookbook

Recipes for irresistible brownies, bakes, cupcakes, and more

Eloise Goode

Keynote

Smothered in sweet coffee shop in fall vibes, this recipe book packed full of chocolatey goodness is a love letter to the coziest season of all.

Description

It's the season to reach for gooey mud pies, decadent chocolate cupcakes or an irresistibly sweet brownie bite and snuggle up with a blanket to sip on a deliciously thick and creamy hot chocolate. Now you can bring the coziness into your kitchen with over 40 irresistible recipes.

When those golden leaves start to fall, you know it's time to rustle up all the comforting dishes and indulge in delicious chocolatey treats. From classic Chocolate Chip Cookies to The Devil's Food Cake and the ubiquitous Baked Chocolate Cheesecake, *A Cosy Chocolate Cookbook* celebrates the season with a treasure trove of cosy, soul-warming recipes that are nostalgically evocative of home and all its comforts.

A Cosy Chocolate Cookbook features over 40 indulgently rich, easy to follow chocolate recipes to help you get the most out of the cosiest season, year after year.

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- This cookbook is perfect for fans of pumpkin spice season, who would love a collection of warming, sweet treat recipes to bake their way into the season. Subject popularity: #pumpkinspice (481K posts)
- The perfect little gift that leans into cosy, autumn memes, and slice-of-life, small town Americana vibes
- Features ideas that cater for all chocolate lovers. Clear step-by-step instructions make even the most complicated recipes feel achievable at home
- Comparative titles: *Chocolate Overload* (Pop Press), 2024, £12.99, HB - LT TCM 412, *Little Chocolate Cookbook* (Quadrille), 2022, £10, HB - LT TCM 436, *Little Book of Chocolate* (Summersdale), 2021, £6.99, HB - LT TCM 524

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BARE

'You have to read this book' MICK JAGGER

Lorna Tucker

Keynote

A sobering true story of female teenage homelessness in London - from Britain's most exciting filmmaker

Description

Lorna Tucker, have lived a life that most of you can't even begin to imagine...

The unflinching true story of one woman's fight to survive living on the streets of London - from Britain's most exciting filmmaker

'You need to read this' **MICK JAGGER**

'Truly changes your perception of what the words 'strength' and 'endurance' mean' **CUBA GOODING JR**

A HAPPY PLACE BOOK CLUB PICK

I have lived on London's piss-soaked streets, I have lived with the sweet embrace of heroin, I have lived when I should have died. I have lied, I have thieved, I have stripped, I have tricked, I have loved, I have fallen, I have survived.

I could be your daughter, your mother, your lover - I could be you.

Come to hell and back with me.

'Deftly written' **THE TIMES**

'Unflinching and unforgettable' **VOGUE**

'Remarkable' **GUARDIAN**

Sales Points

- ***If A MILLION LITTLE PIECES* (TCM 205K) were TRUE and WRITTEN BY A WOMAN**
- **LEADER IN CINEMA:** *Westwood* was officially selected at the **SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL** 2018. That year, Lorna Tucker was recognised by **HARPER'S BAZAAR** and **ELLE** as one of the year's **biggest breakout female filmmakers**. Other acclaimed documentaries by Lorna include **Garbo**, **Someone's Daughter**, **Someone's Son**, and **Amá**
- **BOOK-TO-SCREEN:** Lorna's autobiographical documentary on homelessness, *Someone's Daughter*, *Someone's Son*, hit the big screen in February 2025 under the direction of **Colin Firth** with support from the **BFI**.
- **SPLASHY LAUNCH:** The memoir has been featured in **Vogue**, **The Times**, **Big Issue** and **Guardian**, and **Mick Jagger** has also sung its praises. **BARE** was selected as a **Book of the Month** by **Fearne Cotton's Happy Place Book Club**.
- **FIRST-TO-MARKET:** **BARE is the first female homelessness memoir in the market**, chronicling Lorna Tucker's journey from the streets of London to becoming **one of our preeminent filmmakers**.

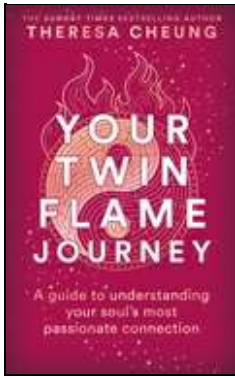
Reviews

- **'You have to read this book'** - Mick Jagger, creator of The Rolling Stones
- **'Unflinching and unforgettable'** - *Vogue*
- **'A chronicle of her remarkable journey'** - *Guardian*
- **'A brave confrontation with the truths we ignore... Lorna's story challenges and compels us to listen. I love everything Lorna creates'** - Haley Bennett, star of *The Girl on the Train*
- **'One of the most incredible and interesting people around. I urge you to read this'** - Fearne Cotton, creator of Happy Place Book Club
- **'A rare and powerful look at teenage homelessness'** - Aja Barber, author of *Consumed*
- **'Masterpiece... An inspirational story and essential read** showcasing the resilience of the human spirit' - Juano Diaz, author of *Slum Boy*

Author Biography

LORNA TUCKER has secured her place as one of the most exciting documentary directors working today. Her first, *Westwood: Punk, Icon, Activist*, was officially selected at the Sundance Film Festival 2018. That year, she was named one of the biggest breakout female filmmakers by *Harper's Bazaar* and *Elle*.

Lorna has written articles for the *Guardian* and *Vogue*. *Bare* is her first book.



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Author living in	Old Windsor
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<i>Working With Your Sixth Sense</i> (2008, Godsfield)	
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Your Twin Flame Journey

A guide to understanding your soul's most passionate connection

Theresa Cheung

Keynote

A guide to understanding your soul's most passionate connection: your twin flame

Description

Unlock the mystery of Twin Flame relationships with spiritual expert, Theresa Cheung.

Every relationship has lessons to teach you, but none more so than the Twin Flame relationship. Meeting your Twin Flame is the most powerful soul encounter you can ever experience. Often marked with an irresistible familiarity and heart-breaking intensity, your Twin Flame serves as a mirror to both the best and the most unlikeable and unhealed parts of you. The Twin Flame relationship has an ancient, multi-cultural history behind it, and is accompanied by many immortal expressions across art and culture. But unfortunately, it is also often very misunderstood.

From debunking the myths around Twin Flames to offering practical advice for navigating these passionate connections, *Your Twin Flame Journey* is a comprehensive guide to intimate relationships from a psychological and spiritual perspective.

With Theresa's expert guidance, you will learn how to heal your broken heart and make empowering decisions for yourself, as Theresa knows best of all: you cannot find your Twin Flame until you spiritually awaken to the power of self-love first.

Sales Points

- Theresa is an internationally recognised name in the MBS space. She has two *Sunday Times* top 10 bestsellers to her credit, and her spiritual books have been translated into over 40 languages. Her bestselling title, *Dream Dictionary from A to Z* (published by Harper Collins) has sold over 32k copies TCM via Nielsen as of August 2024
- Theresa was listed by *Watkins Mind Body and Spirit* magazine as one of the 100 most spiritually influential living people in 2023
- The popularity of the subject is growing, with two documentaries in 2023 about the 'Twin Flames Universe', a cult run by Jeff and Shaleia Divine: Amazon Prime's *Desperately Seeking Soulmate* and Netflix's *Escaping Twin Flames*
- As of August 2024, the #twinflame has 3.2M posts on Instagram, and with related keywords such as #twinflamejourney (557k posts) and #twinflamelove (419k posts) on the rise, it seems that people are interested in seeking more specific information about their Twin Flame connection
- Worldwide Google trends data has shown an increase in searches for 'twin flame' from 2019 to 2024

Author Biography

Theresa Cheung is an internationally bestselling author and public speaker. She has been writing about spirituality, dreams and the paranormal for the past 25 years, and was listed by *Watkins Mind Body and Spirit* magazine as one of the 100 most spiritually influential living people in 2023. She has a degree in Theology and English from Kings College, Cambridge University, frequently collaborating with leading scientists and neuroscientists researching consciousness. Theresa is regularly featured in national newspapers and magazines, and she is a frequent radio, podcast and television guest. She has given workshops at venues such as Olympia, Alexandra Palace and The College of Psychic Studies. She hosts her own popular spiritual podcast called *White Shores* and a *UK Health Radio* show called *The Healing Power of Your Dreams*.

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Being Old...and learning to love it!

Prue Leith

Keynote

'Old age is not all bad. I'm lucky enough for it to be almost always good. I am, I think, as happy as I've ever been.'

Description

'Few people have aged so gracefully and enterprisingly as Prue. How she's done it is a revelation, full of humour and practical advice.' - **DELIA SMITH**

'We all are heading for old age, if we're lucky. It's a mystery for the young and hard to navigate for many of the elderly. Prue lays it all out for us, in her wonderful, honest, way.' - **VIN + OMI**

Getting older isn't for the faint-hearted - but it can be a lot of fun.

In this candid, uplifting, and funny book, Prue Leith explores the trials and taboos of growing older - along with its unexpected joys. Part memoir and part reflection, *Being Old and Learning to Love It* is packed with Prue's trademark wit, wisdom, and no-nonsense charm as she takes a spirited canter through the triumphs, challenges and surprises of ageing well.

Sometimes serious, often funny, and always engaging, Prue speaks with refreshing honesty about life as a modern woman in her eighties. Nothing is off limits: from beauty, staying active and finding fame on *The Great British Bake Off*, to friendship, family, and the occasional regret. She tackles the big questions we all have about getting older - about time running out, dealing with grief, and her passionate belief in assisted dying - with the same frankness she brings to discussing finding love, the right time to retire, fashion, travel, and gardening.

Wise, witty, and wonderfully human, this book will inspire us all to face the challenges of ageing with good humour, pragmatism and confidence.

Sales Points

- Established author and recipe book writer. Sales for her previous books are almost 66,000 copies. Figure from BookScan 65,953.
- Bake Off presenter since 2017, now sold to over 20 countries, and she is currently filming the next UK series to be screened later this year
- Her One Woman Show both in the UK and USA, will repeat again in 2026, venues tbc
- Instagram profile 380k followers
- Prue is at the forefront of the increasingly high profile Assisted dying debate - Prue and Danny's Death Road Trip

Author Biography

Now 85 years old, Dame Prue Leith is first and foremost a businesswoman, who made her name with Michelin starred restaurant, and Prue Leith's school of Food and Wine which she sold in in 1995. She has written more than a dozen cookery books, seven novels, and Relish, her original memoir in 2013, and has worked as a columnist for *Daily Mail*, *The Guardian* and the *Daily Mirror*.

Her first television appearance was in the 1970s as a presenter, and she returned to television to be a judge on *The Great British Menu* for 11 years until 2016 and a judge for *My Kitchen Rules*, which she left to replace Mary Berry in *The Great British Bake Off*.

She has also been active in general education, and many diverse organisations including Ashridge Management College, Kings College, and as Chancellor of Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. While at the RSA, she led the successful campaign to use the empty plinth, now known as the Fourth Plinth, in Trafalgar Square to house changing sculptures or installations by the best contemporary artists.

She has been a non-executive director of British Rail; British Transport Hotels; Safeway; Argyll plc, the Leeds Permanent Building Society; Whitbread plc; Woolworths plc; the Halifax; Triven VCT; Omega International plc; and Belmond Hotels Ltd (formerly Orient Express Hotels) and is a director and investor in several start-up companies.

More recently in In February 2024, Leith's ten-part cookery series *Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen* began airing on ITV1. In September 2024, a second series was commissioned. In 2025, Leith participated in the *The Masked Singer* as "Pegasus", eliminated in the second episode.



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Still

A Mindful Practice for Photographers

Paul Sanders

Keynote

A powerful guide to finding calm, clarity, and creative depth through the art of mindful photography.

Still shows how slowing down behind the camera can transform not only your images, but also your life.

Description

Discover a transformative approach to photography - one rooted in mindfulness, presence, and creative renewal.

In *Still*, acclaimed fine-art photographer **Paul Sanders** invites you on a powerful journey that goes beyond technique - into the emotional and spiritual heart of photography. Blending poetic reflections, practical guidance, and stunning metaphorical imagery, Paul reveals how slowing down behind the camera can unlock more meaningful images - and a more grounded, purposeful life.

Born from his own experience of overcoming burnout and stress, Paul shares how photography became a tool for healing, clarity, and self-discovery. This beautifully written and visually rich guide offers more than inspiration - it gives you the tools to reconnect with your creativity on a deeper level.

Inside *Still*, you'll learn how to:

- * **Reignite your creative passion.**
- * **Photograph with intention and emotional honesty.**
- * **Use the camera as a form of meditation and personal reflection.**
- * **Discover stillness and meaning in the everyday.**

Whether you're an experienced photographer or picking up a camera for the first time, *Still* offers a refreshing, empowering perspective - one that encourages you to slow down, look deeper, and create with heart.

More than a photography book, *Still* is a must-have guide for anyone seeking calm and clarity in their creative life.

Sales Points

- **TRENDING TOPIC:** Mindfulness is hugely popular and its application to the visual arts is a growing trend. In a time of growing anxiety and uncertainty people are actively seeking solace in a connection with the here-and-now.
- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** A topic requested by foreign publishers at book fairs.
- **COMP TITLE:** *The Mindful Photographer* (Sophie Howarth, T&H April 2022, £14.99) TCM 2398.

Author Biography

British fine-art photographer Paul Sanders has been involved in photography for over 35 years, first as a black-and-white printer, then as a fashion photographer.

An opening at a local weekly newspaper for a trainee photographer led to jobs at the *Manchester Evening News*, Reuters, and then as Picture Editor of *The Times*. During 2011 he suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of stress and burnout. He made the decision to leave the role at *The Times* to pursue his love of nature and the landscape and, working closely with a therapist, started exploring how photography could aid his recovery.

Paul's approach to landscape photography is one of mindful connection. After looking at thousands of images every day during his years at *The Times*, his own work is made in response to emotional and spiritual reactions to the locations he visits, and reflecting a sense of stillness and calm. Today Paul's, beautiful, reflective work has been exhibited widely across the UK, Europe and Japan.



The Secret of Snow

Tina Harnesk

Keynote

The tender and humorous debut from Sweden's acclaimed Best Book of the Year 2023 winner. Perfect for fans of **Fredrick Backman** and **Jonas Jonasson**.

Description

'This is a story about culture and identity and about fighting to keep your memories while being robbed of your history, but it's written with a warmth and humor that never leaves the reader alone on the journey' **Fredrick Backman, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove***

Máriddja is eight-five years old and more than a little eccentric. When she finds out she has cancer, her first thought isn't for herself. It's for her beloved husband. Without children or grandchildren, Máriddja and Biera have only ever had each other. She's determined to keep her diagnosis a secret from Biera, and to find the one person who might take care of him when she's gone.

Kaj is new to the village, recently engaged to the love of his life, and mourning the death of his mother. One day, he finds a box of Sámi handicrafts that once belonged to his mother, the carefully wrapped objects placed together like a crisp new set of jigsaw pieces. If he can solve the puzzle, it will unlock a secret he could have never imagined.

Tender, heart-wrenching and often laugh-out-loud funny, *The Secret of Snow* is a stunning, award-winning debut about family, loneliness and community. Perfect for fans of Fredrik Backman and Jonas Jonasson.

Sales Points

- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** In 2023, she won the acclaimed Best Book of the Year in Sweden for *The Secret of Snow*, her debut novel.
- **INTERNATIONAL BUZZ:** So far, the buzz around *Those Who Sow in the Snow* has been global. Rights have been sold in 20 countries, and the appetite for Tina Harnesk's writing is growing.
- **HIGH STREET POTENTIAL:** The voice in this novel is warm, quirky, compelling, funny and tender - perfect for readers across the market, particularly readers of Fredrick Backman and Jonas Jonasson. A striking package will make this book one that everyone will clamour for, perfect on tables and online.
- **UNREPRESENTED VOICE:** *The Secret of Snow* captures the often untold history of colonization in Sweden, and the forced displacement and cultural erasure of the Sami people. In this tender novel, Tina Harnesk sheds light on this aspect of history, with a cast of eccentric, loveable characters and their moving, tear-jerking stories.

Author Biography

Tina Harnesk is a writer of Sámi descent born in northern Sweden. She works as a library assistant and lives on a mountain outside Arvidsjaur, Sweden, with her husband and children. *The Secret of Snow* is her debut novel.

Alice Menzies holds an MA in translation theory and practice from University College London, specializing in the Scandinavian languages. She has translated, among other works, *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* by Fredrik Backman. She lives in London.

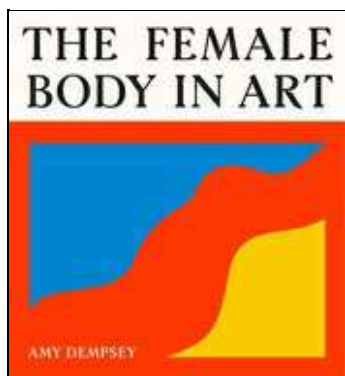
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The Female Body in Art

Amy Dempsey

Keynote

The history of art told through the female form, with over 80 works of art

Description

From the Renaissance to the present day, this is the history of art told through the female form, with over 80 works of art.

A cultural mirror of the times, the female body has captivated both artists and audiences for centuries. But what can we learn from these pieces of art? What are they trying to tell us about the world we live in? And how has that changed over time?

Explore the luminous portraiture of Gustav Klimt, astonishing wartime photography from Lee Miller and the ground-breaking performance art of Marina Abramović. Meet Leonor Fini's shepherdess, Barkley L. Hendricks's 'Madonna', Graciela Iturbide's 'Medusa', Toyin Ojih Odutola's adventures and Hayv Kahraman's 'army of fierce women'.

Discover the idealized female body as envisioned by Sandro Botticelli and the gender non-conforming portraits of Zanele Muholi and Yuki Kihara, as Amy Dempsey looks at how and why the female body has been depicted time and time again, and why its portrayal has often delivered important messages about - and to - the world.

With a foreword by writer and curator, Hettie Judah.

Sales Points

- COMPLETELY ORIGINAL APPROACH to art history, telling the story of art through the female body, from the Renaissance to the present day
- RICHLY ILLUSTRATED with over 80 works of art by men and women artists and covering painting, photography, sculpture, video installations and performance art
- WIDE APPEAL. Accessible introduction to art through the lens of the female form
- GLOBAL CONTENT. Works by Botticelli, Titian, Vermeer, John Singer Sargent, Frida Kahlo, Lee Miller, Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, Paula Rego, Tracey Emin and Marina Abramović

Author Biography

Amy Dempsey is an art historian who studied at Hunter College in New York and received her doctorate from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Dempsey is the author of the international bestseller *Styles, Schools & Movements: The Essential Encyclopaedic Guide to Modern Art* (2002, 2010, updated and revised edition 2026), the groundbreaking *Destination Art* (2006, 2011), the first monographs on *Almuth Tebbenhoff* (2025) and *Alfio Bonanno* (2020), and three titles in Thames & Hudson's *Art Essentials* series: *Modern Art* (2018), *Surrealism* (2019) and *Destination Art* (2021).



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Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
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Author living in	Woolacombe, Devon

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The Invitation

The enchanting and irresistibly romantic new novel from the bestselling author!

Veronica Henry

Keynote

The sweeping new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Veronica Henry, set between post-war London and the enchanting Foxwood Manor in the rolling Somerset countryside. Filled with secret love affairs, heartbreak and friendship, expect surprises on every page. Perfect for fans of **Gill Hornby** and **Jill Mansell**.

Description

Be swept away by the enchanting and devastatingly romantic new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Veronica Henry - available to pre-order now!

'Romance, heartbreak and secrets, I loved it!' **FERN BRITTON**

'Warm, wise, and wonderful' **ADELE PARKS**

'A novel to cherish and delight in' **RACHEL HORE**

'Pure joy!' **LIBBY PAGE**

'Beautifully romantic, it sizzles with secrets and anticipation!' **JO THOMAS**

'Utterly captivating, I adored every word' **CATHY BRAMLEY**

A secret love story.

A chance to stay forever...

London, 1953

Clementine falls for handsome Alfie Arbutus over cocktails at the Savoy and knows that life will never be the same again. Especially when he invites her to visit the family home he will inherit one day, Foxwood Manor...

Stella lost a part of her heart forever when Edwin Arbutus died. Their wartime love affair changed everything - but now she has her young son, Ted, to fight for.

Elizabeth hopes that throwing the glamorous Snow Ball at Foxwood will bring light back into its darkened walls, and into the eyes of her heartbroken husband, Michael, for the first time since they lost their eldest son.

Yet as the gilded invitations are sent, the lives of all three women collide with unimaginable consequences - will the secrets of the past break the family apart, or bring them back together?

The sweeping new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Veronica Henry, set between post-war London and the enchanting Foxwood Manor in the rolling Somerset countryside. Filled with secret love affairs, heartbreak and friendship, expect surprises on every page.

Your favourite authors love Veronica Henry:

'Magical, romantic' **MILLY JOHNSON**

'Summer, secrets, an impossible love story. I absolutely adored it!' **CATHY BRAMLEY**

'Captivating and romantic' **HEIDI SWAIN**

'A wonderful treat of a read!' **SUE MOORCROFT**

'A story filled with so much heart. Simply gorgeous!' **LIZ FENWICK**

'Warm, wise, and completely wonderful' **ALEX BROWN**

Sales Points

- **THE QUEEN OF RELATABLE, ESCAPIST FICTION:** Veronica Henry's books combine warmth, heart and relatability with the promise of something wonderfully aspirational! This time, set in post-war Britain and at the beautiful Foxwood Manor in Somerset, the storyline will capture the hearts of readers everywhere. You're all invited...
- **STUNNING BRAND LOOK!** With *The Invitation*, we will continue our market-leading new look for Veronica Henry's publishing - bright, eye-catching and a hand-drawn illustrative style. We will be evolving the look slightly, to reflect the post-war setting, but Ronnie's aspirational, heartpounding storytelling remains the same.
- **HEARTBREAKING DRAMA:** Perfect for fans of **Jill Mansell** and **Milly Johnson**, this latest novel from Veronica Henry will also appeal to readers of **Gill Hornby** and **AJ Pearce**, with its post-war setting, and tales of love, loss and hope for the future.

Reviews

- 'Veronica Henry incorporates a richness of character and place that colours every one of her books a must-read' - **SUE MOORCROFT**
- 'Pure joy! 1950s London and Somerset, the Savoy, a countryside Manor House, family secrets, love and loss' - **LIBBY PAGE**

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- 'Veronica Henry captures the period so beautifully. Romance, heartbreak and secrets. I loved it!' - *FERN BRITTON*
- 'A heart-breaking tale with a wonderful post-war country house setting and a cast of vivid characters, *The Invitation* is a novel to cherish and delight in' - *RACHEL HORE*

Author Biography

VERONICA HENRY has always been involved in storytelling, from her first job typing scripts for *The Archers* to being writer-in-residence on the Venice-Simplon Orient Express. She was a scriptwriter for many years, working on some of our best-loved dramas including *Heartbeat* and *Holby City*. She has written over twenty novels, all published by Orion. She lives on the North Devon coast where she loves walking on the beach, swimming in the sea or watching the sun set with a killer negroni.

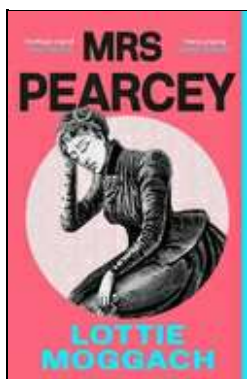
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BIC 2.1	Historical fiction (FV) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
Binding	Hardback
Format	Royal
Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	London N6, UK

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Mrs Pearcey

Lottie Moggach

Keynote

A riveting historical novel full of atmosphere and intrigue, inspired by a sensational true crime that rocked Victorian London

Description

Camden, 1890. London is a city of gaslight, gossip and grisly headlines.

Hannah Teale is a bright young woman newly engaged to Cosmo, a budding Fleet Street reporter. Her interest in journalism is largely confined to the advice and short stories in her beloved *Girl's Own Paper*, but when news breaks of a local woman arrested for a brutal double murder - a woman named Mary Pearcey - Hannah is struck by a chilling realisation. *She's seen that face before.*

As the streets of Camden fill with tabloid journalists jostling for a scoop and gawpers hungry for details, Hannah becomes convinced that her encounter with Mrs Pearcey holds the key to the story behind the headlines. In the guise of preparing for her wedding, Hannah embarks on her own investigation. Startling revelations bring her closer to the real Mary Pearcey - but the deeper she digs, the more the neat edges of her own world begin to fray.

With a trial in full swing, what began as a morbid fascination now feels urgent and personal. The woman bound for the gallows may not be as guilty as the press have branded her - but can Hannah uncover the truth before it's too late? And even if she does, will anyone believe her?

Riveting and immersive, *Mrs Pearcey* is a powerful reimagining of a true crime story that scandalised Victorian society and a moving exploration of the secrets we keep and the stories we tell.

Sales Points

- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Lottie is the daughter of Deborah Moggach and well-connected to other writers (her fans include Tana French, Erin Kelly, India Knight and CJ Sansom). She previously worked as a journalist and has numerous contacts across the press.
- **CHILLING TRUE STORY:** *Mrs Pearcey* is inspired by the true story of Lottie's grandmother, whose house in Camden was the site of a notorious murder in 1890.
- **BREAKOUT BOOK:** Lottie Moggach's previous books have been critically acclaimed and sold in multiple territories around the world. Her debut, *Kiss Me First*, was shortlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award, won the Portsmouth First Fiction Award and was adapted for TV by Channel 4.
- **PR POTENTIAL:** The true crime that inspired the novel and Lottie's personal connection to the story, as well as the non-fiction talking points offer irresistible PR hooks and talking points.

Reviews

- 'Vivid, gripping and moving' - Nina Stibbe
- 'I inhaled *Mrs Pearcey*. What an incredible book. Gripping and creepy and compulsive, yet deeply touching . . . brilliant' - Sabine Durrant
- 'Gripping, sophisticated, modern, with an enviable lightness of touch: this is a fantastic novel. I can't think of anyone who wouldn't love it' - Charlotte Mendelson
- 'A riveting mystery, at a historical moment that says so much about our own . . . A masterpiece' - Sathnam Sanghera

Author Biography

Lottie Moggach is the author of *Kiss Me First*, which was shortlisted for the *Guardian* First Book Award, won the Portsmouth First Fiction award, and was released in 17 countries. It was also adapted into a six-part Channel 4 series. She has since published the novels *Under the Sun* and *Brixton Hill*. She lives in London with her partner and son.

Market

For fans of: literary historical thrillers inspired by true crime stories, such as Sarah Waters's *The Paying Guests* and Emma Flint's *Little Deaths*; gothic page-turners like *The Doll Factory* by Elizabeth Macneal; historical fiction bookclub favourites like Clare Chambers's *Small Pleasures*

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Price	£10.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781398724372
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
	Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	496 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Author living in	Vancouver, Canada
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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
US	Refer to Publisher

The Wild Card Vancouver Storm 5 Stephanie Archer

Keynote

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

Description

Tate Ward is the best coach in professional hockey, a hot single dad, one of the best players of all time, and my new boss who likes everyone but me.

The players will do anything for him, the media is obsessed, and the fans still wear his jersey. Everyone's in love with handsome, authoritative Coach Tate Ward. Everyone except me, and the feeling's mutual.

To save the Vancouver Storm from being sold, though, we need to work together and win the Stanley Cup, and I can't help but push his buttons to get under his skin.

He moves me into his guest house and makes me sleep in his bed.

He encourages me with the team and tells me I belong.

He's adorable with his daughter and makes me long for things I shouldn't.

Beneath his controlled exterior, Tate is protective, playful, and funny. He puts everyone before himself, but when I encourage him to be selfish, I learn that Tate wants...

Me.

The Wild Card is a pro hockey single dad romance. It is the fifth and final book in the Vancouver Storm series but can be read as a standalone.

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

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

For spicy bonus scenes, news about upcoming books, and book recs, sign up for her newsletter at: <https://www.stephaniearcherauthor.com/newsletter>

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Market

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

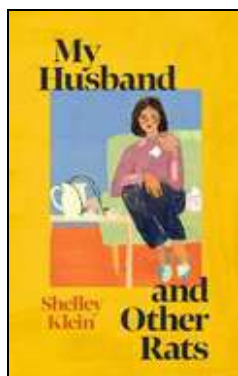
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Price	£15.99 / ₹1350
Main Identifier	9781399632003
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Humour (WH) Therapy & therapeutics (MMZ)

Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Demy
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; UK (ex Airports); USA

Author living in	London NW5, UK
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Previous Titles

The See-Through House (Chatto & Windus, 2020)

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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My Husband and Other Rats

Shelley Klein

Keynote

An irresistible comic novel centred on the various crises of middle-aged Alison, for fans of Nina Stibbe and Maria Semple

Description

When the full catalogue of miseries that can be visited on a middle-aged woman are happening all at once to Alison Solomon, everybody tells her she should talk to someone. But it's hard, really hard, to find the right therapist.

Meanwhile, there is a ghostly woman hanging around outside her house and - is that a rat in the kitchen?

In *My Husband and Other Rats*, we follow Alison as she navigates a series of scrapes, crises and therapists, with the help of a hilarious cast of characters including an artisanal rat catcher . . .

Sales Points

- **IRRESISTIBLE COMIC WRITING:** Shelley Klein's style is assured, comic, zippy, witty, warm and wise. Her writing will appeal instantly to fans of quirky comic fiction from writers like Nina Stibbe, Maria Semple and Katherine Heiny
- **AUTHOR PROFILE:** Shelley Klein has previously written a non-fiction book, *The See-Through House*, which was published into the pandemic in Spring 2020. It garnered rapturous reviews from authors including Mark Haddon and Edmund de Waal - and widespread press attention from the likes of the *Telegraph*, *Guardian* and *Times*

Reviews

- 'A charming account of a daughter, a house and a fastidious dad: secrecy is not a trait found in Klein's writing, which is at times disarmingly honest. Her openness pays off - we get a full and nuanced portrait of her life and all those in it' - *Sunday Times* (on *The See-Through House*)
- 'Original, moving and bracingly honest . . . Often hilarious' - *Guardian* (on *The See-Through House*)
- 'A finespun, magical new grief memoir . . . Klein is a witty observer, even in the case of her own sorrow, which she rifles through and puzzles over with wry candour. Desolation and humour are expertly balanced throughout' - *Telegraph* (on *The See-Through House*)

Author Biography

Shelley Klein is a writer and psychotherapist. Her first book *The See-Through House*, a memoir of growing up in a modernist masterpiece on the Scottish borders with Bernat Klein her eccentric textile designer father, was published in 2020 by Chatto & Windus.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *Standard Deviation* and *Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny, *Fleishman is in Trouble* by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple, *We All Want Impossible Things* by Catherine Newman, *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding, Nina Stibbe's fiction and non-fiction writing

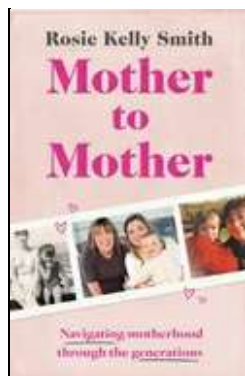
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Main Identifier	9781399634731
BIC 2.1	Memoirs (BM) Advice on parenting (VFX) Family & relationships (VFX) Local interest, family history & nostalgia (WQ) Family & health (VF) Pregnancy, birth & baby care (VFXB) Child care & upbringing (VFXC)
Binding	Hardback
Format	Royal
Extent	256 pages
Word Count	70000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Book locale	n/a
Author born in	UK
Author living in	North London

Previous Titles

This is Rosie's debut book.

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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Mother to Mother Navigating motherhood through the generations

Rosie Kelly Smith

Keynote

The gloriously comforting and extremely honest debut book on motherhood through the generations, from Rosie Kelly Smith

Description

Everyone has advice to offer on motherhood.

Becoming a new parent is daunting enough without having to contend with comments and advice from seemingly every corner. *'They didn't do it like that in my day', 'You'll make a rod for your own back', 'Don't spoil the baby'.* It's so easy to become overwhelmed, and too easy to feel like you're failing.

So what pearls of wisdom should new mums actually be listening to? How do you sift through it all and know what to trust? Gloriously comforting and extremely honest, *Mother to Mother* is an open invitation to find five minutes of peace and solitude with people who can help - other mums. Sharing her own personal story alongside how our approach to parenting and motherhood has changed over the years, Rosie shows how learning to trust your gut and the power of finding your village makes all the difference.

From her mum Lorraine's birth in 1959, to her own in 1994, and to little Billie's in 2024, Rosie shares the universal truths that still make sense today, alongside the pieces of advice you can *definitely* ignore. From pregnancy to birth, the early days and beyond, *Mother to Mother* explores what we can learn about parenting from our own mums, as well as what we will find for ourselves.

'For parents and grandparents, old and new, this book is for using: write in it; circle, underline and highlight anything that makes you feel heard. And the most important thing to remember? You're going to be fine.'

'This is my journey, too', 'You can't spoil a baby,' 'Do what works for you'.

Sales Points

- **SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM:** @rosiekellysmith / 90k followers: Rosie has an extremely engaged social media platform on Instagram, with an unprecedented engagement rate of 10%, with her most popular posts about her family.
- **PODCAST:** Lorraine and Rosie host their podcast, What If, together, with a new season coming this year.
- **SUPPORT AND CONNECTIONS:** Rosie will be writing about her mother, Lorraine Kelly, in the book, who will be supporting through her own social media channels (565k followers on Instagram), and Rosie and Lorraine's audiences have huge crossover. Rosie is also followed by key influencers and media personalities: Rosie Nixon, Grace Campbell and Judi Love.

Author Biography

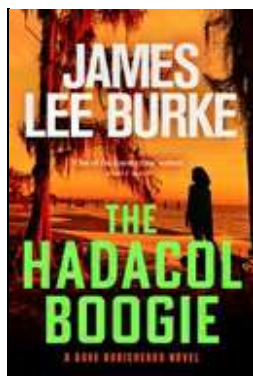
Rosie Kelly Smith lives in North London with her fiancé and baby girl, Billie, and her gorgeous wee wire-haired sausage dog, Ruby.

After moving to Singapore to work in communications and marketing, helping to set up a non-profit, she moved back to the UK to continue working in journalism and production. Rosie has worked for *HELLO!* and Times Radio, and developed and co-hosts her top-ten podcast *What If?* with her mum, Lorraine Kelly.

You can find Rosie on Instagram @rosiekellysmith and via her website at www.rosiekellysmith.com, where she would love to hear from you.

Market

Lorraine Kelly; Georgia Kousoulou; Giovanna Fletcher; Louise Pentland



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 BIC 2.1 **Crime & mystery (FF)**
Louisiana (1KBSL)

Binding **Trade Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **480 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **Dave Robicheaux**
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The Hadacol Boogie

James Lee Burke

Keynote

The iconic Dave Robicheaux returns in another Southern Noir thriller from 'the greatest crime writer currently at work' (*Spectator*)

Description

When a cloaked, disfigured man leaves a dead woman in a garbage bag on Dave Robicheaux's property, he knows his world and family are about to change.

With Valerie Benoit, a detective new to the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Department who is grappling with sexist and racist harassment from their colleagues, and the volatile but fiercely loyal Clete Purcel, Dave embarks on an investigation that brings him into the most dangerous moments of his career and threatens the lives of Valerie and his daughter Alafair.

He encounters a local handyman who leaves cryptic notes and warns of the ghosts who roam the shores of the bayou and is targeted by a vicious New Orleans button man and gangsters from the north.

Through brilliant prose and a quintessential cast of characters, James Lee Burke weaves a portrait of a gritty, violent Louisiana at the turn of the 20th century.

Visceral, atmospheric, and wholly original, *The Hadacol Boogie* brings to life Dave Robicheaux's fierce determination to confront evil both past and present.

PRAISE FOR JAMES LEE BURKE, THE AWARD-WINNING KING OF SOUTHERN NOIR:

'James Lee Burke is the heavyweight champ, a great American novelist whose work, taken individually or as a whole, is unsurpassed' **Michael Connelly**

'A gorgeous prose stylist' **Stephen King**

'No argument: James Lee Burke is among the finest of all contemporary American novelists' **Daily Mail**

'The greatest crime writer currently at work' **Spectator**

'The reigning champ of nostalgia noir' **New York Times**

'Masterly' **Sunday Telegraph**

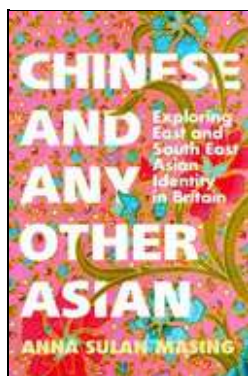
Sales Points

- **THE ICONIC GIANT OF AMERICAN CRIME FICTION:** James Lee Burke is a **New York Times** bestselling author, beloved by authors including **Michael Connelly** and **Stephen King**. His Robicheaux series has been translated into almost every language in the world.
- **1.5 MILLION COPY BESTSELLER:** His novels have sold over 1.5 million copies in the UK market to date.
- **AWARD-WINNING:** Burke has won Edgar Awards for *Black Cherry Blues* and *Cimarron Rose*, and has also been presented with the Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America.

Author Biography

James Lee Burke is the author of many novels, and the critically-acclaimed, bestselling Detective Dave Robicheaux series. He won the Edgar Award for both *Cimarron Rose* and *Black Cherry Blues*, and Sunset Limited was awarded the CWA Gold Dagger. Two For Texas was adapted for television, and *Heaven's Prisoners* and *In the Electric Mist* for film. Burke has been a Breadloaf Fellow and Guggenheim Fellow, has been awarded the Grand Master Award by the Mystery Writers of America and has been nominated for a Pulitzer award. He lives with his wife, Pearl, in Missoula, Montana.

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	Asian history (HBJF)
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Chinese and Any Other Asian Exploring East and South East Asian Identity in Britain

Anna Sulan Masing

Keynote

A short, powerful and punchy exploration of the East and South East Asian experience and identity in Britain

Description

'Chinese' or 'Any other Asian'. The boxes that people of vastly varied East and South East Asian heritage have to tick when declaring their ethnicity on many forms in the UK.

This represents a shameful sweeping together of a diverse heritage and experience. East and South East Asian people have lived and worked in the UK for centuries, fought for the British Army in both world wars, have influenced British culture through food, writing, music and art in a multitude of ways. And yet this influence is often overlooked.

People of ESEA heritage experience unique forms of racism. Asian food is mocked as unhealthy and Asian restaurants as dirty. ESEA women are exoticised and sexualised, and assumed to be the nanny of their mixed-race children. The community was scapegoated for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Anna Sulan Masing addresses these issues in a comprehensive way. She explores what it means to be East and South East Asian in Britain today, and celebrates the varied experiences that make up ESEA identity. **Powerful, moving and illuminating, this will be a must-read for anyone interested in the make-up of our multicultural society.**

'Vital reading, but also vital in the truest sense - real, alive, full of humanity, interrogatory, empathetic, energising' **Claire Kohda, author of WOMAN, EATING**

Sales Points

- **Continuing PR potential.** Anna did an enormously popular series of events on hardback publication including Edinburgh Festival, York Festival of Ideas, her own Sunday Salons at Spiritland as well as numerous bookshop talks. She always draws a keen and engaged crowd and is set to continue events through paperback publication.
- **Brilliant HB endorsements.** The book was praised as 'Rigorous, revelatory and radical' by Jimi Famurewa, author of *Picky*, and 'An important, vital, and illuminating read' by Angela Hui, author of *Takeaway*, as well as receiving further praise. She is incredibly well connected in the food, drink, and journalism communities and is constantly growing her network.
- **Growing market.** Amplification of East and South East Asian voices and writers is increasing in the fiction arena, but there is more space in the non-fiction market. Whilst many books look at Black British and South Asian identity and experience, there are fewer looking at the East Asian experience.

Reviews

- 'Vital reading, but also vital in the truest sense - **real, alive, full of humanity, interrogatory, empathetic, energising**' - *Claire Kohda, author of WOMAN, EATING*
- 'An important, vital, and illuminating read... an **incredibly well-researched, personal, and direct** exploration of society, racism, culture, food, the hypersexualisation of ESEA women, and gendered violence.' - *Angela Hui, author of Takeaway: Stories from a Childhood Behind the Counter*
- 'Rigorous, revelatory and radical, *Chinese and Any Other Asian* is **both a fascinating social history and a timely invitation to have better conversations about culture and ethnicity.** Bold and necessary.' - *Jimi Famurewa, author of SETTLERS: Journeys Through the Food, Faith and Culture of Black African London*

Author Biography

Dr Anna Sulan Masing is a writer, poet & academic based in London. She is the co-founder and EIC of *Sourced*, a public research project, and of *Cheese: The Magazine of Culture*. Anna is one half of podcast *Voices At The Table* and co-founder of communications agency A+F Creative.

Market

The ESEA community, readers of *Takeaway* by Angela Hui, the *Eastside Voices* anthology and books such as *Natives* by Akala, *Brit(ish)* by Afua Hirsch and *Why I'm No Longer Speaking to White People About Race* by Reni Eddo-Lodge. Politically and culturally engaged general readers.



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BIC 2.1 **Romance (FR)
Sagas (FT)
Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **368 pages**
Word Count
Series **Timeslider**
Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK;
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Author living in **Kensington, London**

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Secrets of the Starlit Sea

The spellbinding and stunningly romantic new novel from the number one bestselling author!

Santa Montefiore

Keynote

The second book in the sensational new series from Number One bestselling author Santa Montefiore. Each book can be read in turn, or as a standalone.

Description

<h3>Don't miss the next book in the enthralling new series from the number one bestselling author Santa Montefiore - coming soon!</h3>

'Santa Montefiore really knows these people inside and out. I couldn't put this book down' JULIAN FELLOWES, creator of Downton Abbey

The moment Pixie Tate steps inside the opulent Aldershoff Hotel in Manhattan, one of the last relics of New York's Gilded Age, she senses instantly that its elegant walls hide a dark secret.

Pixie knows that she must use her unique gift to travel back in time in order to discover the mysteries of the past, and as she slips back over a hundred years, she's shocked to find herself in the midst of one of the most famous events in history.

As the stars twinkle overhead, Pixie realises that time is running out. But when she comes face-to-face with a man she thought she'd lost forever, will she keep her promise to save only the souls she should - or is it too late, and has she already changed the future?

***Secrets of the Starlit Sea* is an epic and stunningly romantic time-travel mystery, and the second book in Santa Montefiore's sensational new series.**

Readers love Santa Montefiore...

'Hurry up Santa and write another!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Just WOW...' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Santa Montefiore's books are amazing!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Lots of twists and turns, I couldn't put it down' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Brought tears to my eyes' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'A treasure you will want to read over and over' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- **MEGABRAND AUTHOR:** Santa Montefiore is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author and has sold over 2.6 million books for £14m through Nielsen Bookscan's Total Consumer Market, with her biggest selling title *The House by the Sea* selling nearly 160,000 copies in paperback.
- **SENSATIONAL NEW SERIES:** Santa Montefiore joined Orion in a four-book deal, with *Shadows in the Moonlight* the first in a sensational new series following beguiling protagonist Pixie Tate. This is the second book in the series (although can be read as a standalone) and is set between the Titanic and the Gilded Age in New York.
- **UNMISSABLE CAMPAIGN:** The new book from the Number One bestselling author will be backed by a hugely impactful and far-reaching campaign, targeting existing Santa Montefiore fans as well as new readers. It will be THE major commercial women's fiction release of the summer!
- **STUNNING BRAND LOOK!** We will be continuing with our stunning new brand look for Santa Montefiore, ensuring that her novels are market-leading, eye-catching and utterly irresistible.

Author Biography

Santa Montefiore is the number one bestselling author of over thirty novels and has sold over eight million copies worldwide. Her books have been translated into twenty-five languages and she won an RNA Award for *The Temptation of Gracie* in 2019, which is currently in development for film. Born in England in 1970, she grew up in Hampshire and now lives in London with her husband, writer Simon Sebag-Montefiore, their daughter Lilochka, son Sasha, and dog Simba.



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Main Identifier	9781398717695
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Thriller / suspense (FH) Horror & ghost stories (FK) Romance (FR)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	288 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	Scottish Highlands and Edinburgh
Author born in	Edinburgh
Author living in	Edinburgh, EH26
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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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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One Came Back

The BBC Book at Bedtime pick you won't be able to put down!

Rose McDonagh

Keynote

For fans of PINE, THE LONEY and the twists and turns of BEHIND HER EYES, Rose McDonagh's Scotland-set debut novel ONE CAME BACK is a beautifully written and gorgeously tense. It unites the chill of the modern gothic with the hook of a thriller to explore the depths of loss, memory, mental health, grief and obsession.

Description

'One Came Back is the real thing, a concise account of Scottish-set obsession' **THE CRITIC**

'Dark and devastating . . . a story that haunts you' **HEATHER CRITCHLOW**

'Intriguing . . . creepy . . . downright unsettling' **SHARON BOLTON**

On impact, the boy seemed to fold down and disappear, as if maybe he hadn't been there in the first place...

It's New Year's Eve in Edinburgh when Emily sees Nicky. Or at least she thinks she does. He looks, laughs, and moves just like Nicky. But how can that be? Nicky died when they were teenagers, in an accident on a remote road up in the Highlands... didn't he?

A week later, Emily sees the man again. He says his name *Nicholas*. This man not only looks like an adult version of her friend, but he also knows things that only Nicky should know.

As her encounters with Nicholas become more frequent and her fixation intensifies, the truth becomes murkier, and more unsettling.

Is Emily being haunted, is she going mad - or is something altogether darker going on . . .

One Came Back is a powerfully tense debut novel combining the chill of the modern gothic with the hook of a thriller, exploring the depths of grief, memory, and obsession.

More praise for *One Came Back*:

'Dark and twisty: like scaling a mountain, and peering over the sheer drop at the edge' **JENNA CLARKE**

'Compelling and genuinely eerie' **RUTH THOMAS**

'A gripping mystery . . . poetic and moving' **LUCY RIBCHESTER**

'A hugely impressive debut. It left me reeling' **DEVIKA PONNAMBALAM**

'Almost impossible to put it down' **CATHERINE LLYOD**

Sales Points

- **Stunning lyrical writing in an accessible form** - ONE CAME BACK fits solidly into the reading group suspense space, with the psychological elements and a strong hook of books like THE SILENT PATIENT and THE SANATORIUM, but also the careful exploration of loss, grief and community of more literary novels like PINE.
- **Author background** - we will be using Rose's background in mental health for PR opportunities as a lot of the elements in the book are inspired by her own experiences in that field.
- **Psychological lens on grief** - ONE CAME BACK explores the psychology of trauma and grief and the way that grief stays with you long after the actual death has happened, though a fiction lens. It also delves into the eerie but absorbing supernatural hook of what happens to us after we die and what that means for those that we leave behind when we do.
- **Scotland-set book by Scottish Scotland-based author:** A key title to flag to Scottish bookseller that leans into it's setting (Edinburgh and the Highlands) and the general beauty, eeriness and mystery of the area

Reviews

- 'Starts intriguing, soon becomes creepy, moves swiftly on to downright unsettling.' -

Sharon Bolton, author of *THE SPLIT*

- 'Dark and devastating, with a beautifully realised Highland setting, *One Came Back* delves into an eerie obsession where nothing is quite what it seems. When Emily sees an old childhood friend in Edinburgh at New Year she is transfixed - because Nicky has been dead for twenty years. McDonagh's prose is spare and intimate, pulling the reader into the claustrophobia of Emily's mind as she becomes fixated on Nicky and the things he seems to know about her. A portrait of limerence and the enduring importance of teenage years and experiences, this is a story that haunts you long after you've left the page.' - *Heather Critchlow, author of UNSOLVED*
- 'I found this compelling and genuinely eerie. There's a fever-dream quality to it but also a directness of gaze which makes the whole story of loss and confused identity feel distinctly plausible. Rose McDonagh has woven such a closely layered and claustrophobic tale that I was left guessing all the way through. I didn't see the ending coming but when it did I realised how cleverly she had in fact been leaving a trail to follow. I was so impressed with the way she combines oddness with ordinariness - and how complex and frightening scenes are described with such clear-eyed precision. Apart from anything else, I always approve of novels which don't abandon the small-scale and the hum-drum - which is, of course, exactly what adds to the chilling effect here.' - *Ruth Thomas, author of THE SNOW AND THE WORKS ON THE NORTHERN LINE*
- '*One Came Back* is a haunted and haunting gothic thriller about how grief and obsession obscure memory. Creeping, dark and twisty: like scaling a mountain, and peering over the sheer drop at the edge.' - *Jenna Clarke, author of DISTURBANCE*
- 'A hugely impressive debut. It left me reeling. A mesmerising and powerful ghost story that delves deep into memory and the emotional landscapes of grief. Rose McDonagh is a rare talent and a masterful storyteller.' - *Devika Ponnambalam, author of I AM NOT YOUR EVE*
- 'A gripping mystery, that balances its eerie, page-turning plot with poetic and moving insights into grief and the porous boundaries between reality and illusion. McDonagh observes so beautifully the haunting and uncanny coincidences life presents us with. I loved it.' - *Lucy Ribchester, author of MURDER BALLAD*

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Author Biography

Rose McDonagh's writing has won the Bath Flash Fiction Award and been shortlisted for the Bridport Prize, the London Magazine Short Story Competition, the Dinesh Allirajah Prize and the Bristol Prize. She was longlisted for the Caledonia First Novel Award and the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize. Her debut short story collection, *THE DOG HUSBAND* was published by Reflex Press in 2022.

She is trained as a counsellor and has several years of experience working in trauma support and community health. She was born in Edinburgh and lives in Scotland with her husband.

Market

For fans of *PINE* by Francine Toon, *THE LONEY* by Andrew Michael Hurley and the twists and turns of *BEHIND HER EYES* by Sarah Pinborough

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	A Maggie Hartley Foster Carer Story
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Book locale	UK
Author born in	Anonymous; UK
Author living in	Anonymous; UK

Previous Titles

Tiny Prisoners; Too Scared to Cry; The Little Ghost Girl; A Family for Christmas; Too Young to be a Mum; Who Will Love Me Now?; The Girl No One Wanted; Battered, Broken, Healed; Is it My Fault, Mummy?; Sold to be a Wife; Denied a Mummy; A Desperate Cry for Help; Daddy's Little Soldier; Please, Don't Take My Sisters; Not to Blame; Exploited; Groomed to be a Bride; The Lost Boy; A Sister's Shame; Behind Closed Doors; Please Give My Baby Back; Where's My Mummy?; Nobody Loves Me; Please Don't Take Mummy Away; Will You Help Me?; A Sister for Christmas; Please Help My Mummy; Don't Leave Me Here

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Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher

My Brother's Secret

Can three neglected brothers stay together, or will they be torn apart?

Maggie Hartley

Keynote

A powerful, moving true story from *Sunday Times* bestseller, Maggie Hartley, Britain's most-loved foster carer. Perfect for fans of Cathy Glass.

Description

A powerful, moving true story from *Sunday Times* bestseller, Maggie Hartley, Britain's most-loved foster carer. Perfect for fans of Cathy Glass.

When brothers Keegan, 11, and Cooper, 14, and Billy, 4, come to live with Maggie, she knows that it's going to be challenging. The brothers are already struggling with rejection after their dad abandoned them to live with his new partner on the opposite side of the country, and their mum died several years before. While Billy is a delight, Keegan is quiet and withdrawn, and Cooper is a whirlwind of destruction. His behaviour at school is disruptive and Maggie struggles to get through to him, especially when he's caught smoking and is in danger of being expelled from school. But then a shocking discovery turns everything on its head and leads Maggie to realise that what she believed to be true is completely wrong.

Danger is lurking, but is it too late for Maggie to help?

From Britain's best-loved foster carer, a new and inspiring true story of secrets and hope.

Readers LOVE Maggie Hartley:

'Wow! I did not want this book to end. This story was unlike any other' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Amazon reader review
'Very gripping and powerful read... makes you see what can be going on behind closed doors' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Amazon reader review

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR & ONE OF TOP 2 IN GENRE:** The Maggie Hartley series of books are one of the UK's most successful foster carer series, having sold 680,000 copies across formats.
- **KEY BRAND AUTHOR:** Maggie Hartley is a key commercial series brand author for the Seven Dials list, with her foster care series a major digital brand.
- **LOYAL, ENGAGED FANBASE:** Maggie Hartley's Facebook page is hugely engaged, with over 10,000 loyal followers.
- **TRUSTED AND RELIABLE VOICE:** Maggie has fostered over 300 children so her readers trust she is sharing the most powerful stories with them each time.

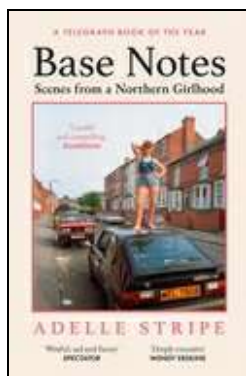
Author Biography

Maggie Hartley has fostered more than 300 children while being a foster carer for over twenty years. Taking on the children other carers often can't cope with, Maggie helps children that are deemed 'unadoptable' because of their behaviour or the extreme trauma that they've been through. She's looked after refugees, supported children through sexual abuse and violence court cases, cared for teenagers on remand and taught young mums how to parent their newborn babies.

Find her on Facebook /MaggieHartleyAuthor, where she would love to hear from you.

Market

Cathy Glass, Toni Maguire, Louise Allen, Casey Watson.



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Main Identifier	9781399608626
BIC 2.1	Memoirs (BM) Memory (JMRM) Nostalgia: general (WQN) Autobiography: literary (BGLA) Autobiography: arts & entertainment (BGFA) England (1DBKE) North West England (1DBKEN) North & North East England (1DBKEY)
Binding	Paperback
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Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	Tadcaster; Leeds; West Yorkshire; East Yorkshire coast
Author born in	West Yorkshire, UK
Author living in	Calderdale, UK

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Base Notes Scenes from a Northern Girlhood

Adelle Stripe

Keynote

With warmth, wit and unflinching humour, *Base Notes* shares an alternative confessional of Northern working-class life in the closing years of the late twentieth century

Description

★★★★★ *Telegraph*

'Deeply evocative' Wendy Erskine

'It's the north of the 1980s that Stripe, a great noticer of telling details, perfectly captures' *TLS*

A bedroom dreamer with a headful of Warhol, Adelle Stripe's formative years were ones of daytime drinking and religious fervour, frustrated mothers and reckless daughters, predacious strangers and punk rock energy. Snapshots of wild abandon and dead-end jobs pepper this evocative tale of metamorphosis alongside a wry clear-eyed account of maternal conflict, compassion and, ultimately, acceptance.

Told through a prism of vintage perfumes, *Base Notes* is a poetic, poignant and bleakly comic chronicle of one woman's coming of age in Northern England, an alternative confessional of working-class life in the closing years of the late twentieth century.

Sales Points

- **RESONANT STORY:** While this is a personal and intimate book, it has many universal things to say on mothers and daughters, family relationships, class, growing up and memory
- **FRESH NEW PACKAGE:** Featuring an iconic photograph from Nick Waplington's *Living Room* series, the paperback cover taps into the cheekiness, irreverence and immediacy of Adelle's recollections
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** *Base Notes* received rave reviews and endorsements upon publication and was named a *Telegraph* best book of 2025
- **NORTHERN LIFE ON THE PAGE:** This book is an intimate portrait of working-class life in Tadcaster, Leeds and the East Yorkshire coast in the 1980s and 90s, free of caricature but full of nostalgia, poignancy and plenty of humour

Reviews

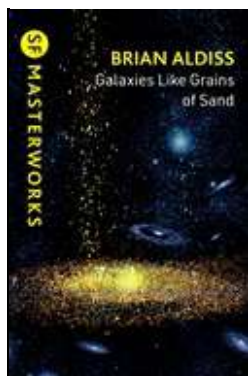
- 'Candid and compelling' - *Guardian*
- 'It's got both style and warmth and made me cry. I loved this rock and roll spirit coming out of small town Yorkshire' - Amy Liptrot
- 'Ingenious. A story of family in all its fractures and complexity' - *Telegraph* ★★★★★
- 'Stripe locates a seam of universal longing amidst a northern soul's sundry particulars: epic drinking, Morrissey lyrics, embarrassing family, bedsit love, wayward journeys, and the recollected scents and songs of a lifetime's pain, passion and loss' - Rob Doyle
- 'Wistful, sad and funny' - *Spectator*
- 'Poignant and grimly hilarious' - *Dazed*

Author Biography

Adelle Stripe is an author, poet and journalist based in Calderdale, West Yorkshire. Her books include the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Ten Thousand Apologies*, and *Black Teeth* and *a Brilliant Smile*, a fictionalised biography inspired by the playwright Andrea Dunbar. She was shortlisted for the Gordon Burn Prize, Portico Prize for Literature and Penderyn Music Book Prize. As a journalist, she has contributed to *The Quietus*, *New Statesman*, *Record Collector* and *Yorkshire Post*. She is a recipient of Manchester University's Anthony Burgess Fellowship.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *Black Teeth* and *a Brilliant Smile* by Adelle Stripe; *Motherwell* by Deborah Orr; *Homework* by Geoff Dyer; literary fiction and autofiction driven by strong female voices



Publication date	Thursday, February 19, 2026
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Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781399635417 Science fiction (FL)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Series	S.F. MASTERWORKS
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author born in	Norfolk
Author living in	n/a

Previous Titles

Available in Gateway: Greybeard, Non-Stop, Helliconia, Helliconia Spring, Helliconia Summer, Helliconia Winter; Crytozoic!. Coming to Gateway Nov 2025: Barefoot in the Head; Earthworks; The Shape of Further Things; The Dark Light Years.

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Galaxies Like Grains of Sand

Brian Aldiss

Keynote

A superb collection of nine stories from the Grand Master of Science Fiction charting the course of humanity from the near future onward through millennia.

'Science Fiction at its best' *Spectator*

With a new introduction by Adam Roberts

Description

'Devilishly clever and compulsive' *Daily Mail*

'Science Fiction at its best' *Spectator*

In *Galaxies Like Grains of Sand*, Brian W. Aldiss tells the tale of mankind's future over the course of forty million years. Each of these nine connected short stories highlights a different millennia in which man has adapted to new environments and hardships. It is one of the most powerful and ambitious forays into the far future since Olaf Stapledon's classic *Last and First Men*.

'One cannot help being struck by the variety of concepts, the mastery of style, the sureness of the dialogue, the depth of characterization, the fertility of ideas, and the urbanity of the wit ... here is a major talent at work' *Science Fiction Writers*

Sales Points

- Aldiss is a pre-eminent figure in British science fiction whose reputation has extended into the literary world.
- Aldiss has won the HUGO (twice), the NEBULA, the BSFA, the JAMES BLISH and the PILGRIM AWARDS
- With a brand new introduction by Adam Roberts

Reviews

- 'Brian Aldiss seems to have always had a more oceanic sense of time than even most science fiction writers, an almost measured vision of what will transpire in the long run ...' - Norman Spinrad
- 'Devilishly clever and compulsive' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Anyone who likes to see an intelligent imagination weave people and ideas together, and finish the result with craftsmanship, should enjoy this' - John Wyndham, *The Listener*
- 'Science Fiction at its best' - *Spectator*

Author Biography

2025 is the Centenary Year of Brian Aldiss

Brian Wilson Aldiss was born in 1925. He was a highly decorated science fiction author who achieved the rare feat of acceptance as a writer of real significance by the literary establishment in his lifetime. As well as his many award-winning novels he has been a hugely important anthologist and editor in the field. He also wrote the pre-eminent history of the genre (with David Wingrove), *Trillion Year Spree*. He died in 2017 the day after his 92nd birthday.



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BIC 2.1	Music (AV) Popular culture (JFCA) Memoirs (BM) Father's Day (SHF)
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Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
Author living in	Lewes, Sussex, UK

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Strange Things Are Happening

Richard Norris

Keynote

A memoir by one of the most influential and ubiquitous underground British musicians of the past thirty years

Description

'A revelation. Richard Norris lived the twentieth century and beyond like no one else . . . this is one of the truly great eyewitness accounts of the counterculture' DAVID KEENAN

'A dazzling psychedelic memoir' *CAUGHT BY THE RIVER*

'Makes you feel like getting up and doing something!' WENDY ERSKINE

As a pioneering musician, producer and DJ, Richard Norris has been at the forefront of countless creative revolutions, from punk to acid house, psychedelia to the rise of EDM. In *Strange Things Are Happening*, this icon of the counterculture pulls back the curtain on decades of restless curiosity and boundary-pushing collaboration. Featuring cameos from Timothy Leary, Sun Ra, Shaun Ryder, Joe Strummer and more, this is at once an unmissable cultural history and a celebration of life lived in the moment, forever in thrall to discovery.

Sales Points

- **AUTHOR PLATFORM AND AUDIENCE:** Richard Norris has a direct relationship with his audience and regularly sells over 1,000 vinyl records direct to his fans. Richard's recent releases in the *Music for Healing* series have expanded his audience still further, and his associated acts, including his own band The Grid, still have a cult following
- **CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** *Strange Things Are Happening* has received endorsements from a range of authors, including David Keenan, Wendy Erskine and Tracey Thorn. It was one of Resident's best books of 2024
- **FRESH TAKE ON 20TH CENTURY COUNTERCULTURE:** This book is a unique account of the counterculture from someone who has worked in the music world for four decades. It's full of unheard anecdotes and surprising twists and turns, and nothing like anything else out there in the music literature market

Reviews

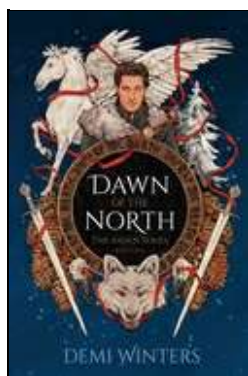
- 'Richard's stories remind me how motivated we all were, how industrious, how much FUN we had' - *Tracey Thorn*
- 'Richard's creativity is at the heart of who he is. This book is an insight into a gentle soul who I have had the pleasure of working alongside for almost two decades' - *Erol Alkan*
- 'Continuous joy in sound and people. The book just makes you feel like getting up and doing something' - *Wendy Erskine*
- 'Every bit as fantastic as its cover' - *John Higgs*

Author Biography

Richard Norris is a musician, producer and DJ, who made his first record in the post-punk, DIY era, aged 14. At the dawn of acid house, he co-produced the legendary album *Jack The Tab*, before forming The Grid with Soft Cell's Dave Ball, whose tracks include the Balearic classic 'Floatation' and the million-selling 'Swamp Thing'. His innovative Beyond The Wizards Sleeve project with Erol Alkan, alongside his hundreds of psychedelic, dub, ambient and electronic mixes and collaborations, are testimony to a lifetime at the forefront of music and the counterculture.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *Liberation Through Hearing* by Richard Russell; *The Creative Act* by Rick Rubin; *Trevor Horn: Adventures in Modern Recording* by Trevor Horn; also fans of Bryan Ferry, Roxy Music, The Clash, Pet Shop Boys, The Grid, Soft Cell, Shakespears Sister, Psychic TV, Black Grape, Space, Yellow



Publication date **Thursday, February 05, 2026**
 Price **£16.99 / ₹1450**
 Main Identifier **9781399628228**
 BIC 2.1 **Fantasy romance (FMR)**
Fantasy (FM)

Binding **Trade Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **608 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **Ashen**
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **Norse-inspired fantasy world**
 Author living in **British Columbia, Canada**

Previous Titles
The Ashen Series
 9781399628150: *The Road of Bones* (2023)
 9781399628198: *Kingdom of Claw* (2025)

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Dawn of the North

The third book in the epic Viking romantasy series that started with THE ROAD OF BONES

Demi Winters

Keynote

Sarah J. Maas meetings *Vikings* in the third instalment of the Ashen series from Demi Winters.

Description

**Two sisters.
 Two loves.
 One darkness threatening their realm.**

A new age begins in the Kingdom of Íseldur in *Dawn of the North*, the sizzling third book in the Viking-inspired romantasy Ashen series from Demi Winters.

The lost Volsik heir has finally returned to the people of Íseldur, and even with the warrior who's captured her heart standing by her side, Silla's task is monumental. She must earn the loyalty of the northern jarls to drive Ivar Ironheart from the throne and restore peace in the kingdom. But the secret she guards vigilantly threatens to ruin all her plans: a shard of a god lives in her mind, twisting her thoughts and deeds to His will.

Meanwhile, held captive on the mysterious Isle of Zagadka, Saga Volsik fights to return to her sister in Íseldur. But when King Ivar sets his sights on the Zagadkians, she's forced to make an impossible choice: fight for the man who stole her - and is now hellbent on marrying her - or let the innocent people of his kingdom die.

As a poisonous mist threatens the realm, the sisters will delve into the unknowns of their magic to battle against evil.

Return to the land of ice and fire, where a god awakens, a queen finds her power, and sisters must unite against the darkness threatening their realm.

Pre-order *Dawn of the North*, the highly-anticipated third book in the Ashen series . . .

'I NEED THIS BOOK RN'

'This book series has my heart! I cannot wait until this book is released'

'I need this book now'

Sales Points

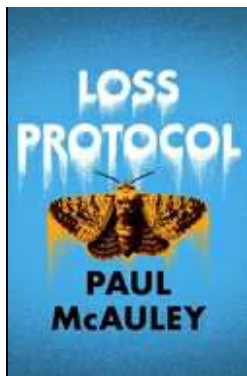
- **A NORSE TWIST ON THE HOTTEST SFF MARKET TREND:** The Ashen series is Viking-inspired epic romantasy with plenty of spice, high stakes, and lush world-building, perfect for voracious romantasy readers and fans of *THRONE OF GLASS*, *FOURTH WING*, and *QUICKSILVER*.
- **RAPID BOOKTOK GROWTH:** Demi Winters is a self-published success and BookTok hit, with over 14k Amazon UK reviews and a 4.3+ rating (from 62k Goodreads ratings) for book 1 and 2 in the Ashen series.
- **SAVVY AUTHOR:** Demi Winters has growing engaged platforms and a loyal fanbase, with 29k followers on Instagram (@demiwinterwrites), 9.2k followers on TikTok (@demiwinterwrites), and dedicated Facebook and Discord reader groups.

Author Biography

Demi Winters writes fantasy romance stories that combine flawed characters, love stories, interesting worlds and magic systems. When she's not dreaming up morally gray love interests or fantastical worlds, Demi can be found reading or hanging out with her family.

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Author born in	Gloucestershire
Author living in	London
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Loss Protocol

Paul McAuley

Keynote

Across a country ravaged by climate change, one damaged man must hunt for the truth about his long-dead sister, and the environmental cult which caused her death. Mournful yet optimistic, beautifully written and fuelled by the wonders of nature, this is a remarkable work of fiction inspired by the challenges the world is facing.

Description

Eight years after the catastrophic downfall of the cult his sister Izzy had joined, Marc Winters has at last found a refuge from unwanted attention. The wildlife ranger of a small, unremarkable island, he's quietly helping to preserve what survives of nature in a world wracked by climate change and chaotic weather, and trying his best to put his past behind him.

But then his narrowboat is burgled, the counterterrorism police come calling, and everything he thought he knew about the cult and his sister's fate is turned upside down. A cabal of so-called deep dreamers has revived the cult's crazy belief that the world could be healed by collective dreams fuelled by psychotropic mushrooms. They appear to think that Winters possesses information crucial to their success, and when he tries to discover more about them, he becomes inextricably entangled in plans that challenge his very existence.

Blending noir-inflected conspiracies and double-crosses, fantasies of dream science and elegiac evocations of a depleted world, *Loss Protocol's* chimerical story keeps its secrets until the last page

Sales Points

- A cutting edge novel of climate change from one of the UK's best-known genre writers
- Filled with beautiful writing drawing on McAuley's past as a botanist
- A terrifyingly plausible - but often hopeful - depiction of a decaying England decades from now

Author Biography

Paul James McAuley was born in Gloucestershire on St George's Day, 1955. He has a Ph.D in Botany and worked as a researcher in biology at various universities, including Oxford and UCLA, and for six years was a lecturer in botany at St Andrews University, before leaving academia to write full time. He started publishing science fiction with the short story "Wagon, Passing" for *Asimov's Science Fiction* in 1984. His first novel, *400 Billion Stars* won the Philip K. Dick Award in 1988, and 1995's *Fairyland* won the Arthur C. Clarke and John W. Campbell Awards. He has also won the British Fantasy, Sidewise and Theodore Sturgeon Awards. He lives in London.

You can find his blog at: <http://www.unlikelyworlds.blogspot.com>

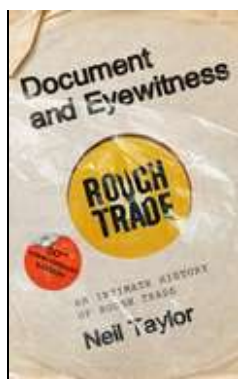
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Document and Eyewitness An Intimate History of Rough Trade

Neil Taylor

Keynote

The official story of 50 years of the legendary Rough Trade Records, newly updated for 2026

Description

UPDATED WITH NEW MATERIAL FOR 2026

'An essential purchase . . . Taylor's book is a joy' *INDEPENDENT*

'The type of reader that buys rock biographies will crave the detailed information that spans the late 1970s to 1991 - and they will not be disappointed' *RECORD COLLECTOR*

Rough Trade is practically a byword for the history of independent music over the last fifty years. *Document And Eyewitness: An Intimate History of Rough Trade* tells the story from the inside of a phenomenally influential record label, through the voices of Geoff Travis, Jarvis Cocker, Robert Wyatt, Green Gartside and many more.

From the early records of Cabaret Voltaire, Kleenex and the Swell Maps, through to groundbreaking releases by The Fall, The Smiths and Scritti Pollitti, on through the collapse of the independent collective and the rebirth of Rough Trade at the turn of the century, this is the definitive, essential account for any serious music fan. This 2026 edition features brand new material by the author.

Sales Points

- **ROUGH TRADE 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** We are working closely with Rough Trade on PR and promo, ensuring the book is highly visible as part of their fiftieth anniversary celebrations and events in 2026
- **BRAND NEW MATERIAL:** The author has contributed over 8,000 words of new material to bring the book up to date for 2026, covering recent releases on the label and the expansion of RT record stores across the country and beyond
- **INSIDER ACCESS:** As well as a history of Rough Trade, this book is an account of one of the most exciting periods in British music history. The author's access to key players in the story is unrivalled; interviewees featured in the book include Geoff Travis, Jarvis Cocker, Johnny Marr and the late John Peel
- **CULTURAL PHENOMENON:** With both their record label and a music publishing company, Rough Trade has had an astonishing impact on global music culture over the last fifty years. As the authoritative account of its success, this book is a must-have for any music fan

Reviews

- 'An essential purchase for anyone who was involved in or influenced by the punk maelstrom of 1976 . . . Taylor's book is a joy' - *Independent*
- '*Document and Eyewitness*' treatment of its main players is affectionate-going-hagiographical, but the implication of that end-point is inescapable. The journey from the mid-1970s to now denotes the arrival of an altogether duller world: music that tends to be reverential rather than iconoclastic' - *Guardian*
- 'Long overdue . . . The type of reader that buys rock biographies will crave the detailed information that spans the late 1970s to 1991 - and they will not be disappointed' - *Record Collector*

Author Biography

Neil Taylor worked for the NME during the mid-1980s and has more recently worked in publishing. He is a dedicated regionalist and now lives in Winchester.

Market

FOR READERS OF: *Pandamonium!* by Simon Williams; *Adventures in Modern Recording* by Trevor Horn; *The Tastemaker* by Tony King; *Whatever Happened to the C86 Kids?* by Nige Tassell



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Loving a Vampire is Total Chaos

The steamy and dark paranormal serial killer romance to sink your teeth into!

Aura Hayes

Keynote

Angsty, dark, spicy and a little bit frightening, *Loving a Vampire is Total Chaos* is the perfect paranormal romcom!

Description

'You know what? Yes. Just yes' **Reader Review**

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'Oh my god this book was incredible!!' **Reader Review**

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Vampires, romance, murder, mystery and a cat - what is there not to love about this book?' **Reader Review**⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Celine Brennan should be riding the high of her recent promotion to detective, but instead she's been saddled with a case no one can seem to solve with murders so gruesome others before her have quit. Not to mention, there's something suspicious with a new club in town and her focus keeps being pulled from the case she should be devoting her attention to.

Zavier Lockwood is old. Three-hundred-years old to be precise and he's bored because of it. Killing the scum of Chicago and cleaning up the streets since the cops can't seem to do it is his favorite pastime. Until he lays eyes on Celine. Soon, he finds his obsession with her far more tempting than murder. After all, no vampire can resist the allure of their mate.

As their paths cross thanks to Xavier's uncanny ability to be wherever Celine is they both come to realize there's something far more nefarious going on in the city they both love. They'll have to work together to get to the bottom of it, but what happens when Celine realises the man she's falling for isn't only not human, but he's the same one committing the crimes she's supposed to solve?

Tropes:

Vampire Romance
Grumpy Vs Sunshine
Fated Mates
Vampire x Human
He's kinda unhinged but we like it!
Detective Working The Case
Fated Mates
Delightfully Unhinged MMC
Grumpy Cat Companion
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CW/TW: Parent with dementia (on page); mentions of blood and kidnapping (on page); gore (on page)

Sales Points

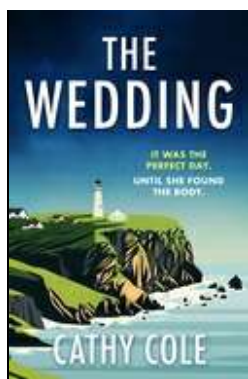
- **EXCITING SELF-PUBLISHED VOICE:** Aura Hayes has an exciting fanbase which we can build upon and break her into retailers
- **DARK ROMANCE APPETITE:** With recent success of *Butcher and Blackbird* and *Lights Out*, there is a clear appetite for dark romance and *Loving a Vampire is Total Chaos* hits that perfectly with a fresh twist as there are vampires.

Author Biography

Aura Hayes is a bestie writing duo whose combined interest in paranormal and fantasy romance had them coming up with their own ideas and they're finally putting those ideas to paper. When they're not scheming about vampires, werewolves, and other lore you can find them with an iced coffee in one hand and their kindle in the other.

Market

My Roommate is a Vampire by Jenna Lavine; Butcher and Blackbird by Brynne Weaver; Wolf.e by Paisley Hope



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The Wedding

Cathy Cole

Keynote

A colourful mystery with a shocking twist. The last thing Jenny needs in the middle of her wedding day is to find a dead body...

Description

There's no good time to discover a dead body. But in the middle of your wedding day has to be the worst time ever.

For Jenny Hislop, her wedding in her coastal hometown in Ireland is meant to be the happiest day of her life. Despite the painful memories the town holds of the parents she's lost, Jenny's blissfully happy as she makes her way from the ceremony to the secluded lighthouse for the reception.

Then she finds a dead body on the cliffs. A murder victim. Who looks identical to her husband.

As far as Jenny knows, her husband - still alive and well - is an only child. So, who is this stranger who looks so much like him? Was he killed because of their resemblance? Could he be dead because of a mistaken identity? If so, which of her wedding guests would want her husband dead, and why?

When more wedding guests start to die, two things become crystal clear. One, the people closest to Jenny are hiding deadly secrets from her. And two, this will certainly be a wedding no-one will ever forget . . .

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING BOOK:** From the 2021 winner of the Owned Voices Novel Award
- **UNDER-REPRESENTED VOICE:** Cathy is a disabled writer from a working-class background -- rarely platformed in this area of the market.
- **UNBELIEVABLY FUN MYSTERY:** Packed with hilarious and unforgettable characters and plenty of hilarious moments amidst the murderous twists and turns

Author Biography

Cathy Cole is a novelist, prize-winning short story writer, and Pushcart nominated poet who lives, along with her husband and youngest son, in a picturesque seaside town that straddles the border between Northern and Southern Ireland.

Market

Perfect for fans of atmospheric setting-led mysteries and cozy murder mysteries with humour

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Atonement Sky Book 9

Nalini Singh

Keynote

The next spell-binding instalment of Nalini Singh's acclaimed **Psy-Changeling Trinity Series**

Description

The hunt for a stealthy predator takes a damaged J-Psy to the heart of falcon territory in this new **Psy-Changeling Trinity** novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Nalini Singh...

Justice-Psy Eleri Dias knows the end is near for her, her mind one step away from fatal psychic exposure. In the short time that remains, she is determined to atone for an act of omission that has haunted her for a long, cruel decade. But that decision not only means facing a powerful changeling wing leader, but also putting herself in the path of a serial killer.

Falcon wing leader Adam Garrett is fiercely protective of his family and his clan. After losing his parents as a teenager in a shocking act of malice, Adam has no forgiveness in him for the J-Psy who betrayed him, betrayed *them*, at the most painful moment of his life. But the evil that stalks his territory will allow him no respite, forcing him once more into contact with the J he has never been able to forget.

Everything that could've been between Eleri and Adam was lost years ago, a shimmering promise crushed. As they work to uncover a monster, the moment of reckoning looms ever closer. Soon, there may be no more time left for either atonement...or love...

PRAISE FOR NALINI SINGH'S Psy-Changeling Trinity Series

'Singh's talent for lush, expansive worldbuilding is on full display' **PUBLISHERS WEEKLY**

'Another hands-down winner that expands Singh's brilliantly conceived world' **LIBRARY JOURNAL** (starred review)

'Truly one of the best storytellers in the business' **ROMANTIC TIMES**

'Sophisticated, elaborate and compelling' **KIRKUS REVIEWS**

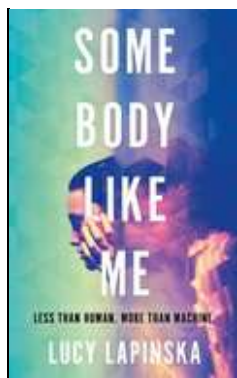
Sales Points

- **TREND SETTER:** #paranormalromance is on the rise on BookTok with over 4 million tags, with Nalini being one of the OG writers in this space!
- **A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER:** Nalini boasts several *New York Times* bestsellers.
- **RANGE OF ENTRY POINTS:** all books in this series (well, most of Nalini's series!) are standalones, providing the perfect entry point for readers looking to explore paranormal romance.

Author Biography

Nalini Singh was born in Fiji and raised in New Zealand. She spent three years living and working in Japan, and travelling around Asia before returning to New Zealand now - although she's always plotting new trips. She has worked as a lawyer, a librarian, a candy factory general hand, a bank temp and an English teacher, not necessarily in that order. Some people might call that inconsistency, but she calls it grist for the writer's mill.

You can learn more by visiting www.nalinisingh.com or by following @NaliniSingh on X.



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Some Body Like Me

A story of unexpected love at the end of the world

Lucy Lapinska

Keynote

***Never Let Me Go* meets *The Sea of Tranquility* in a breathtaking piece of speculative fiction exploring our capacity for love at the end of the world.**

Description

As the world falls apart around them, piece by piece, Abigail Fuller spends humanity's final days looking after her husband David.

But that's not true, not really. Abigail isn't David's wife. She's not even human. She's a replacement, built in the image of the real Abigail, who died sixteen years ago.

And in three weeks, when the law changes, Abigail will no longer have to do anything David says. She'll be free to go where she likes, do whatever she wants to do. But having never lived for herself, Abigail now faces profound questions about what she is, how she wants to live, and who she wants to love.

Perhaps she should start with herself.

Tender, powerful and thought-provoking, *Some Body Like Me* explores the concept of AI, the boundaries of sexuality and the indefinable human capacity for love at the end of the world. Perfect for fans of Emily St John Mandel, Kazuo Ishiguro and Kaliane Bradley.

Sales Points

- **CHILDRENS TRACK RECORD:** Lucy Lapinska is the pseudonym of LD Lapinski, who has had a series of successful childrens books (*Strangeworlds Travel Agency*). This is their first adult novel.
- **TRANS CONVERSATION:** Lucy Lapinska is already a staunch advocate for trans rights within the publishing sphere, and this novel's exploration of human and sexual identity makes a profoundly positive contribution to the wider discourse.
- **ROMANCE:** In a market that's ever more interested in romantic stories, this is an important trans love story that brings something fresh and positive to readers.
- **CLIMATE CONSCIOUS:** Concern for the planet and our stewardship of it is a key concern of the novel.
- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** A thought-provoking and emotionally compelling exploration of AI and how it might affect how we identify as human.

Reviews

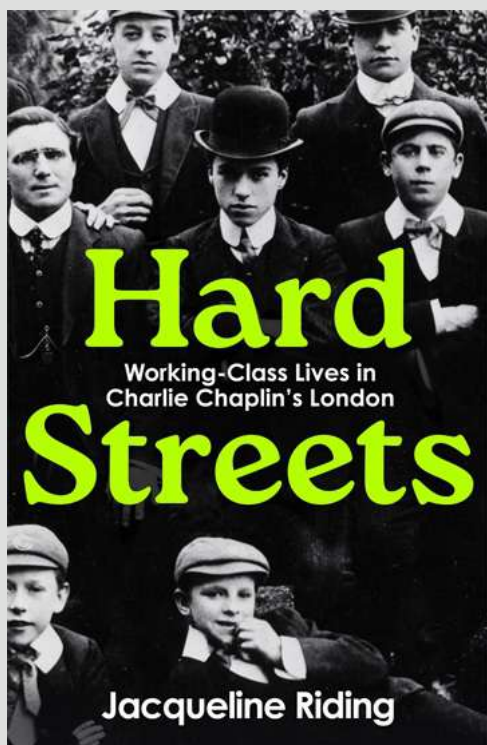
- 'A sophisticated contribution to the hysterical narrative surrounding AI' - *The Irish Times*
- 'A compelling, and very human, read' - *SFX*
- 'A thoughtful and absorbing reflection on memory, mortality, sexuality and what defines a meaningful life' - *The Guardian*
- 'A terrific book and a worthy addition to the books examining our emerging relationship with AI' - *New Scientist*

Author Biography

Lucy Lapinska lives in the Highlands of Scotland with their family, a lot of books and two cats called Hector and Rory. They are the author of the children's books *The Strangeworlds Travel agency series*, *JAMIE*, *Stepfather Christmas* and the *Artezans* trilogy. Their work has been translated into sixteen languages. Lapinska collects tattoos and houseplants and has a huge small bird obsession.

Market

Literary SF and speculative fiction readers. For people who loved *Sea of Tranquility*, *How High We Go in the Dark*, *The Ministry of Time*



REVIEWS

‘An enthralling journey through some of London's hardest streets, in the company of a writer of integrity and passion’ - Lucy Worsley

‘Through her painstaking research, Jacqueline Riding has reconstructed a thoroughly engrossing and visceral picture of 'how the other half lived' in Victorian London. The dirty, vibrant streets of Charlie Chaplin's childhood, the struggles of its inhabitants caught in the twisted web of work and poverty, addiction and temperance, violence and family life are sketched in uncomfortably vivid detail. ***Hard Streets* is a rich and emotive study of a world now lost that will leave readers stunned**’ - Hallie Rubenhold, author of *THE FIVE*

‘**Praise for *Hogarth*:** Wonderfully meandering and original’ - *Guardian*

‘Deft and richly detailed’ - *Sunday Times*

Hard Streets

Working-Class Lives in Charlie Chaplin's London

JACQUELINE RIDING

KEYNOTE

Welcome to the hard streets: working-class London in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, from the author of *Hogarth* and *Peterloo*

SALES POINTS

- A dynamic, original exploration of London history: for fans of Haille Rubenhold's *The Five* (140k Bookscanned) and Charles Dickens' London
- Dr Jacqueline Riding is a leading social historian, whose previous book *Hogarth: A Life in Progress* was a *Sunday Times* 'Best Paperback' and 'Best Art Book' of 2022.
- A fresh look at the life of Charlie Chaplin, exploring timely questions of working-class stories, social upheaval and personal triumph amid desperate adversity.

DESCRIPTION

'HARD STREETS is a rich and emotive study of a world now lost that will leave readers stunned' Hallie Rubenhold, author of *THE FIVE*

Charlie Chaplin rose from the hard streets of Edwardian London to worldwide fame. But his work and outlook were always shaped by the world he came from, a place of cheap entertainments and the threat of the workhouse, radical politics and desperate poverty.

Framed through the life of this iconic success story, acclaimed historian Jacqueline Riding reveals working-class London in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Breathing life into forgotten stories of mothers and sons, labourers and actors, vagrants and sex workers, of suffering, survival and success against the odds, this compelling social history paints a striking portrait of a vanished city.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

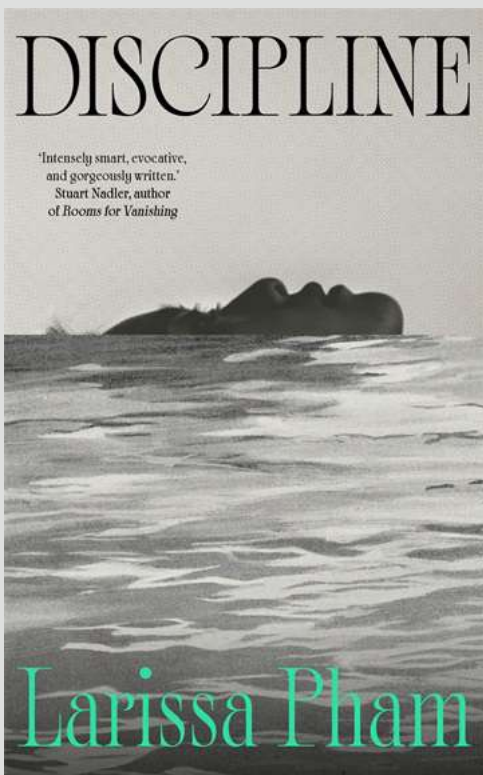
Dr Jacqueline Riding is a historian and art historian specialising in British history and eighteenth century art. Former curator of the Palace of Westminster and Director of the Handel House Museum, her previous book *Hogarth: A Life in Progress* was a *Sunday Times* and Christie's Art Book of the Year.

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SERPENT'S TAIL



REVIEWS

'A delicate, wry, taut, suspenseful reading experience, *Discipline* captivated me from beginning to end. Larissa Pham is an original, real talent' - Jami Attenberg, author of *The Middlesteins*

'Lush and precise, *Discipline* reads like a taut thriller even though it is really an elegant exploration of creativity' - Roxane Gay

'With a clarity and crispness that gives the atmosphere of a thriller, *Discipline* braids life, art and the fictions we tell ourselves' - Marlowe Granados, author of *Happy Hour*

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Discipline

LARISSA PHAM

KEYNOTE

A taut, provocative debut novel about creativity and sex, coercion and control, with shades of Rachel Cusk and Katie Kitamura

SALES POINTS

- Perfect for readers of thought-provoking, spare fiction that grapples with subjectivity and morality, such as Susan Choi's *Trust Exercise*, Katie Kitamura's *Intimacies* and Rachel Cusk's *Outline*
- The debut novel from the critically acclaimed writer of *Pop Song* which was reviewed positively across the US and UK in the *Observer*, *New York Times*, *Paris Review* and more
- Pham is a well-connected journalist and critic who has frequent bylines and essays in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review* and *Granta*

DESCRIPTION

When two people fall apart, who gets to tell their story?

Christine is a young writer touring her debut novel - a thinly disguised tale of the affair she had with her professor ten years earlier. He was magnetic, domineering, both the sponsor of her early promise and its destroyer. But he surely forgot her long ago, and the temptation to exorcise her past was overwhelming.

Then, between hotel rooms and bookstores, formal dinners and road-trip hook-ups, she receives a series of sly, unsettling emails and finally an invitation to visit the professor's isolated house on an island off the coast of Maine. Against her better judgement, Christine is drawn back into his orbit, risking forever losing control of the narrative she's worked so hard to create.

Taut and provocative, *Discipline* walks the lines between creativity and control, truth and memory, coercion and desire.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Larissa Pham is the author of the essay collection *Pop Song*, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard prize. Her writing has appeared in *Granta*, *Nation*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Bookforum*, *Aperture* and elsewhere. *Discipline* is her first novel.

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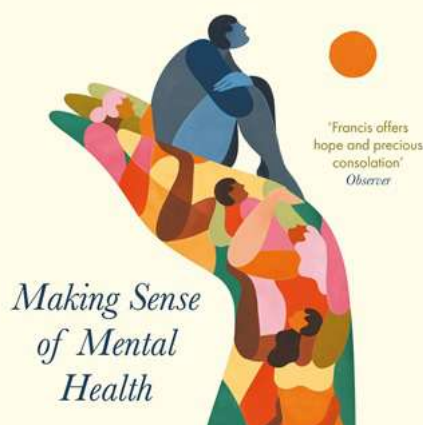
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THE UNFRAGILE MIND

GAVIN FRANCIS



REVIEWS

‘Praise for Gavin Francis: ‘Francis offers hope and a rare and precious quiet form of consolation’ - *Observer*

‘Heartfelt and persuasively argued’ - *Sunday Times*

‘Wise, gentle and quietly hopeful’ - Rachel Clarke, author of *The Story of a Heart*

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The Unfragile Mind

Making Sense of Mental Health

DR GAVIN FRANCIS

KEYNOTE

A deeply human and compassionate re-evaluation of mental illness from the GP and bestselling author of *Adventures in Human Being*

SALES POINTS

- **High profile author and doctor** Dr Gavin Francis is a bestselling author with extensive connections across the press, whose previous books have sold more than 125,000 copies, including *Adventures in Human Being* (73K), *Recovery* (31K), *Shapeshifters* (12K), *Intensive Care* (8K), and *Free for All* (6K)
- **Timely and hopeful perspective on mental illness from a leading expert:** Gavin Francis is a GP specialising in mental healthcare with over 30 years of experience, offering a unique, nuanced perspective for readers of *Sedated* (13K TCM) and *Mad World* (3K TCM)

DESCRIPTION

‘Francis combines the precision of science with a profound insight into the human condition’ *GUARDIAN*

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *ADVENTURES IN HUMAN BEING* AND *RECOVERY*

Between a quarter and a fifth of young people in the UK now suffer a mental disorder. One in four adults are prescribed psychiatric medication. These numbers represent a huge and recent expansion in mental health labelling, but reveal nothing of the experience of those seeking help.

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The mind, he argues, is dynamic and adaptive - better addressed not with rigid labels and protocols, but with curiosity, kindness, humility and hope.

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Dr Gavin Francis is a GP and urgent care physician with a special interest in mental health. He is the bestselling author of *Adventures in Human Being*, *Shapeshifters* and *Intensive Care*. He writes about health and medicine for the *Guardian*, *London Review of Books* and the *Times*, among others.

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How to Spark Joy Simple Tips and Tricks to Help You Find Joy in Every Day and Lead a Happier, More Fulfilling Life

Sophie Golding

Description

Make every moment more positive with this feel-good guide to the art of sparking joy

Sometimes, life can seem a little dull; we find ourselves stuck in our routines and the days pass us by in a haze. What we need, to break up the monotony and create new energy, is to spark joy.

"Sparking joy" refers to the act of doing things that make you feel good. These practices create pockets of positivity every day and help boost your mental and physical well-being.

How to Spark Joy is an uplifting guide to accompany you on your happiness journey. Filled with bite-sized tips, encouraging quotes and positive affirmations, this beautiful book will support you as you seek out the joy in your life.

Discover how to foster a happy headspace, maintain a healthy body, create a more joyful routine and inspire feelings of gratitude. You'll also learn how to:

- Overcome blockers to happiness
- Challenge negative thinking
- Explore joyful exercise
- Cultivate joy every day

And much more!

Ignite delight with this self-care companion for sparking joy!

Sales Points

- This positive guide is filled with quotes, affirmations and simple tips for sparking joy in your life and becoming your happiest self.
- A similar Summersdale title, *How to Be Present* (ISBN: 9781800073951), has sold over 14,000 copies.
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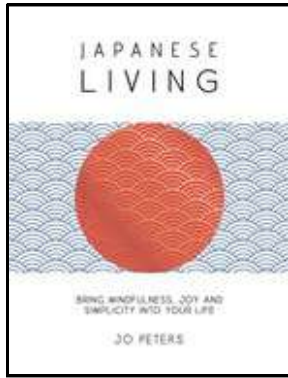
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Japanese Living Bring Mindfulness, Joy and Simplicity into Your Life

Jo Peters

Description

Learn the Japanese secrets to finding calm, contentment and happiness every day

With its roots in Buddhist thinking, Japanese culture is known for its sincere and mindful approach to life. From *ikigai* (finding your purpose) to *ikebana* (the art of flower arranging), Japanese ideas offer the wider world the promise of peacefulness and inspiration.

Discover these calming insights and more inside this beautiful volume. Featuring tips on mindfulness, finding contentment and doing more with less, this book will be your guide to the Land of the Rising Sun, and help you live a rich, joyful and thoughtful life.

Each chapter will take you through different rituals you can incorporate into your routine, bringing tradition, tranquillity and intention into your days. Uncover Japanese wisdom with every turn of the page and find fulfilment in the art of simple living.

Discover Japanese concepts such as:

- *Wabi sabi* - seeing beauty in imperfection
- *Kintsugi* - repairing broken pottery with gold
- *Shinrin-yoku* - forest bathing

And many more! Lead a zen lifestyle with this complete guide to Japanese philosophies and practices.

Sales Points

- Japanese lifestyle books continue to increase in popularity, with many people seeking inspiration from concepts such as *ikigai*, *wabi sabi* and *shinrin-yoku*.
- This beautiful guide is packed with stunning photographs, tips and advice that encapsulate essential Japanese practices.
- A previous edition of this title, *The Art of Japanese Living* (ISBN: 9781787830301), sold over 3,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Little Book of Ikigai* (ISBN: 9781837997176); *The Art of Slowing Down* (ISBN: 9781837996377); *How to Balance Your Life* (ISBN: 9781837995059).

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Binding	Hardback
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Illustrations	135 colour photos and assorted vectors
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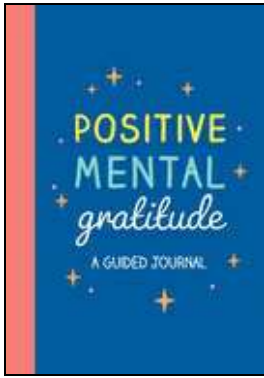
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Positive Mental Gratitude A Guided Journal

Summersdale Publishers

Description

Start your journey towards a better self with this beautiful guided journal on developing a positive and grateful outlook

Does it feel like you're going through life without realizing what really matters? Through this journal, you can escape negativity and learn to nurture a positive mindset and appreciation for life.

Full of interesting tips and thoughtfully crafted prompts, this book will encourage deep self-reflection and emotional growth. It will help you relish the small and big pleasures in life and show gratitude for all you have.

Whether you're new to journaling or looking to enhance your current practice, this interactive guide will help you to:

- Cope with the daily stressors of life more efficiently
- Feel more productive
- Build stronger relationships
- Nurture a positive mindset
- Show gratitude for all of life's experiences

Embrace the power of *Positive Mental Gratitude* - one page at a time. Be kind to your mind and brighten your world.

Sales Points

- Filled with exercises and prompts to help readers adopt a positive mental attitude, boost their well-being and grow their gratitude towards life.
- A great gift for someone who wants to explore mental health and well-being.
- Similar Summersdale title *Positivity for Every Day* (ISBN: 9781787836518) has sold over 45,000 copies and *Positive Mental Gratitude* (ISBN: 9781800078369) over 15,000 copies.
- Other similar Summersdale journals include: *Positivity for Every Day Journal* (ISBN: 9781800078338); *My Daily Gratitude Journal* (ISBN: 9781800078307); *Happiness for Every Day Journal* (ISBN: 9781800078321).

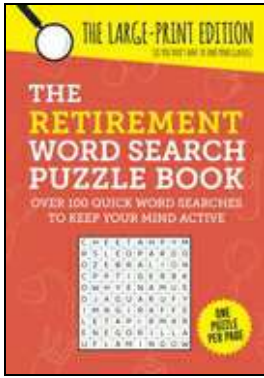
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Illustrations	113 simple black icons
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The Retirement Word Search Puzzle Book Over 100 Quick Word Searches to Keep Your Mind Active

Summersdale Publishers

Description

Stimulate your mind and enjoy your retirement with this refreshing collection of over 100 word search puzzles

Welcome to retirement! This is the perfect time to relax, unwind and keep your mind sharp - what better way to do that than with a word search?

The Retirement Word Search Puzzle Book is packed with over 100 engaging puzzles designed to entertain, challenge and stimulate your brain. Each one is carefully crafted with words that reflect the experiences, interests and nostalgia of those enjoying their golden years. From pop culture and history to food, travel and more, these word searches will take you on a trip down memory lane while helping to keep your mind active.

Whether you're a recent retiree, approaching the big day or have been enjoying your freedom for years, you'll discover a challenge, a companion and a stimulating collection of word searches in this book.

So, grab a pen, start searching and enjoy the satisfaction of uncovering these hidden words. It's time to embrace the joy of puzzling!

Sales Points

- An entire book dedicated to word search puzzles, covering a range of subjects and varying in complexity.
- Contains over 100 word search puzzles to keep you occupied for hours.
- Perfect for a retirement or birthday gift.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Retirement Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781800078390); *The Senior Moments Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781787835597); *The Retirement Crossword Puzzle Book* (ISBN: 9781837993413).

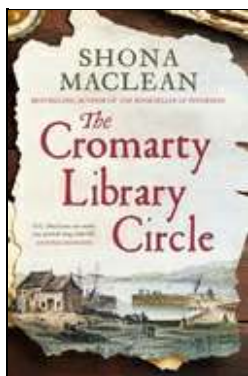
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The Cromarty Library Circle

Shona MacLean

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *The Bookseller of Inverness* comes the unforgettable story of a Scottish town on the cusp of change and the group of townspeople whose lives will be irrevocably altered over the course of one tumultuous year.

Description

From the bestselling author of *The Bookseller of Inverness* comes the unforgettable story of a Scottish town on the cusp of change and the group of townspeople whose lives will be irrevocably altered over the course of one tumultuous year.

Cromarty, The Black Isle, 1831.

As seagulls shriek and rise on the coastal winds, a circulating library in the bustling port town of Cromarty is meeting for the first time.

Ostensibly united by a love of books, the demands of social convention have brought together a disparate group of people. Charlotte Mackenzie, the remote and fragile wife of the local laird, seeks an escape from a loveless marriage; her best friend, Rachel Mackay, a former governess who is ardently in love with her own older husband, the town's minister; the young schoolmaster, John Learmonth, newly arrived from Edinburgh with secrets in tow; and the gentle bank clerk, Ludovic Cameron who dreams of a new life across the ocean, far from his erstwhile schoolmate, the malevolent Farquhar Hossack. When the laird befriends a wounded officer, a chain of events is set into motion that threatens to upset the delicate equilibrium of the community.

Against the backdrop of mass emigrations, an encroaching cholera epidemic, political unrest and the campaign to abolish chattel slavery in the British Caribbean, the people of Cromarty must negotiate their new world and each other, flitting in and out of each other's lives through one extraordinary year.

***The Cromarty Library Circle* is a richly woven and immersive portrait of connected lives, changing fortunes and the often-unseen forces that shape our destinies.**

Praise for Shona MacLean

'MacLean can make any period sing with life' **Antonia Hodgson**

'An excellent work of historical fiction' **Literary Review**

'A wonderful storyteller' **The Times**

'Well-researched and fascinating' **Guardian**

Sales Points

- Shona MacLean's new novel is a rich, immersive and brilliantly observed story of the Scottish port town of Cromarty, across one year. It follows the lives of a group of townspeople and the founding of a new circulating library. Rich in historical context and setting, it tells the story of a town on the cusp of change and the characters who will shape it.
- SG MacLean is one of the most beloved writers of historical fiction today. Her historical thriller series (Damian Seeker and Alexander Seaton) have been hugely successful and her standalone novel, *The Bookseller of Inverness*, was a Waterstones Scotland Book of the Month on paperback release and Waterstones Scotland Book of the year. It was a Saturday Times bestseller on paperback publication. In 2023, TCM sales were up 275.4% in volume and 220.2% in value from 2022.
- This novel is a major new work from SG MacLean, publishing as Shona MacLean for the first time, and positions Shona firmly in the historical book club space. We know this novel will appeal to Shona's existing fanbase but we also see it reaching out to a wider base of fans of quality historical fiction, with its focus on characters and this historical portrayal of a community book club.

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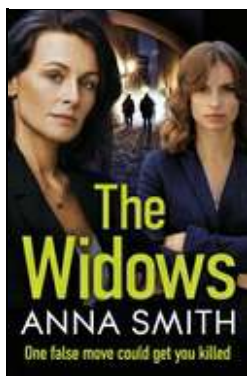
- 'MacLean **can make any period sing with life**' - *Antonia Hodgson*
- 'An **excellent** work of historical fiction' - *Literary Review*
- 'A **wonderful storyteller**' - *The Times*
- 'Well-researched and **fascinating**' - *Guardian*

Author Biography

S. G. MacLean (Shona) has a PhD in History from the University of Aberdeen. She is the author of two historical crime series - the Alexander Seaton series, set in seventeenth century Scotland and the Damian Seeker series, set in Oliver Cromwell's London, for which she has twice won the CWA Historical Dagger. Her standalone Jacobite thriller, *The Bookseller of Inverness*, was Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2023. Shona lives in Conon Bridge, Scotland.

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Crime & mystery (FF)

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The Widows

Anna Smith

Keynote

The first book in a gripping new gangland thriller series, perfect for fans of Kimberley Chambers, Martina Cole and Jessie Keane

Description

ONE FALSE MOVE COULD GET THEM KILLED

Ruby, Bella and Cissy are used to the high life. Married to gangland bosses at the top of their game, the riches of Costa del Sol are at their fingertips, the world at their feet.

But when Cissy's husband is brutally murdered, everything changes. With his lifelong friend - the notorious drug lord Tommy Mallon - hellbent on revenge, the three women are forced to go on the run.

Soon they find themselves caught up in an explosive struggle for money and power. A new life awaits - but only if they can outrun the one they've left behind . . .

Praise for Anna Smith's Kerry Casey series

'Martina Cole fans will love this' *Daily Mirror*

'Will keep you reading into the wee small hours' *The Sunday Post*

'Gritty, hard-edged, not for the faint-hearted' *Sunday Mirror*

Sales Points

- Anna consistently gets great reader reviews and continues to preorder well, particularly in eBook.
- Anna sells well through supermarkets, and usually gets slots in ASDA and Morrisons.
- Perfect for fans of tough, gritty urban thrillers and authors such as Marnie Riches and Martina Cole.

Author Biography

Anna Smith has been a journalist for over twenty years and is a former chief reporter for the Daily Record in Glasgow. She has covered wars across the world as well as major investigations and news stories from Dunblane to Kosovo to 9/11. Anna spends her time between Lanarkshire and Dingle in the west of Ireland, as well as in Spain to escape the British weather.



The Malevolent Eight The Explosive Sequel to the Massive Hit Fantasy Novel THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN

Sebastien de Castell

Keynote

The explosive sequel to the smash hit THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN, the irreverent fantasy featuring seven very malevolent wizards!

Description

The stakes have never been higher.

The world is teetering on the brink of annihilation. The Lords Celestine and the Lords Devilish, celestial and infernal beings locked in an age-old enmity, have at last found the perfect battlefield for their apocalyptic Great Crusade: the mortal realm.

Cade Ombra, former Glorian Justiciar turned mercenary wonderist, leads a band of emotionally unstable mages in a desperate bid to prevent the impending clash of divine and diabolical titans. Failure will leave humanity to be conscripted into an eternal war, serving as foot soldiers doomed to oblivion.

The mission seems impossible, but Cade and the Malevolent Seven aren't exactly pacifists, so they're determined to bring peace no matter how many people they have to kill first. With wit as sharp as their blades and a moral compass that points only toward survival, they're ready to cut down anyone in their path to stop the war before it begins.

Prepare for a whirlwind of dark magic, irreverent humour and relentless action in *The Malevolent Eight*. The fate of the humanity hangs in the balance, and only the most malevolent can hope to save it.

Sales Points

- *The Malevolent Seven* was a massive hit for Quercus, selling almost 50,000 copies in its first year, and continues to sell on and on.
- Sebastien de Castell has sold more than a quarter of a million copies of his books (published with Quercus) worldwide since his debut, *Traitor's Blade*.
- Sebastien has a vibrant and very engaged audience, which he reaches through his highly subscribed newsletter and his excellent social media presence.
- The Malevolent series features everything Sebastien's fans love - character, worldbuilding and wit - with a heavy dose of *Deadpool*-style irreverence.

Reviews

- '**Spectacularly clever, funny and violent.** I puke-laughed so hard I broke my favourite coffee cup' - *Anna Smith Spark, author of THE COURT OF BROKEN KNIVES*
- '**Absurdly entertaining yet extraordinary** in its emotional complexity' - *Andy Peloquin, author of BLACK TALON*
- '*The Malevolent Eight* [is] not to be considered a good influence on children but **undeniably good company**, at least from a safe distance, [a] fool's errand of thwarting the angry gods and side quests of Oceans' Elevensing holy relics told with **the gathering momentum and heft of an avalanche**' - *Geek Chocolate*
- '[Filled with] **chaotic energy**' - *SFX*

Author Biography

Sebastien de Castell had just finished a degree in Archaeology when he started work on his first dig. Four hours later he realised how much he actually hated archaeology and left to pursue a very focused career as a musician, ombudsman, interaction designer, fight choreographer, teacher, project manager, actor and product strategist. His only defence against the charge of unbridled dilettantism is that he genuinely likes doing these things and that, in one way or another, each of these fields plays a role in his writing. He sternly resists the accusation of being a Renaissance Man in the hopes that more people will label him that way.

Sebastien's acclaimed swashbuckling fantasy series *The Greatcoats* was shortlisted for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Fantasy, the Gemmell Morningstar Award for Best Debut, the Prix Imaginales for Best Foreign Work and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. His YA fantasy series *Spellslinger* was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and is published in more than a dozen languages.

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

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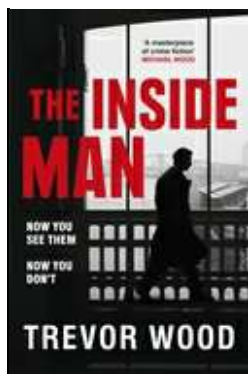
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The Inside Man

Trevor Wood

Keynote

The second Newcastle-set police thriller with a twist. DCI Jack Parker struggles to hide his Early Onset Dementia as he investigates the death of a colleague and the disappearance of a young woman

Description

The second Newcastle-set police thriller with a twist. DCI Jack Parker fights to hide his Early Onset Dementia while he continues to do the job he loves - investigating crimes and bringing villains to justice.

Still haunted by the death of a colleague in a hit and run for which he blames himself, he pursues the case with a determination bordering on reckless, encouraging her replacement, DS Emma Steel, to get close to a local gangster who knows more than he's letting on, thus endangering her and causing dissent among his close-knit team.

While he's juggling these issues, he's called in to investigate the disappearance of a young woman, Maria, and her son who appear to have vanished off the face of the earth. His boss tells him to focus on her ex-husband, but though the evidence points in his direction, Jack has his doubts. The woman has form with toxic men and the husband is just the latest in a long line.

As Jack's plans to hide his condition become more challenging, he begins to wonder if Maria is really the innocent victim she's been portrayed as - until a body turns up. As he starts to discover the truth in both these investigations, Jack comes to understand that nothing in this world is as black and white as it seems.

Sales Points

- The continuation of a brilliant new series from a popular and prize-winning author
- Follow-up thriller to the highly praised ***The Silent Killer***
- Atmospheric Newcastle setting will encourage strong local support from the book trade and Trevor's peers: he is a well connected and popular author throughout the north east among booksellers and punters alike
- A full local publicity campaign will highlight the strong regional connection

Reviews

- 'A **super-smart** and **highly original** police thriller, written with **huge heart**' - *Doug Johnstone on The Silent Killer*
- 'A **brilliant and deeply evocative** novel. The **wonderful storytelling** and **perfectly drawn characters** will have you rooting for the new detective on the block' - *Graham Bartlett on The Silent Killer*
- 'It **zipped along**. An **exciting start to a new series** ... can't wait to read more of Jack and the team' - *Patricia Gibney on The Silent Killer*
- 'One of the **best hooks** for a novel I've seen this year. **An absolute masterpiece** of teasing tension' - *Robert Rutherford on The Silent Killer*

Author Biography

Trevor Wood has lived in Newcastle for thirty years and considers himself an adopted Geordie. He's a successful playwright who has also worked as a journalist and spin-doctor for the City Council. Prior to that he served in the Royal Navy for sixteen years. Trevor holds an MA in Creative Writing (Crime Fiction) from UEA. *The Man on the Street*, his first novel, was published to widespread critical acclaim and won the 2020 CWA New Blood Dagger. This was followed by *One Way Street* and *Dead End Street*. The trilogy was followed by an acclaimed standalone thriller, *You Can Run*, which was longlisted for Theakston's, and *The Silent Killer*, first book in the DCI Jack Parker series.

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Extent **224 pages**
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The World of Black Film A Journey Through Cinematic Blackness in 100 Films With a Foreword by John Akomfrah

Ashley Clark

Keynote

An entertaining, informed, and thought-provoking survey of important and influential Black films from around the world.

Description

My Brother Ashley Clark Has Broke It Down To What Black Film Was, Is Present Day, And What The Future Might Be. BLAK IZ BLAK. YA-DIG? SHO-NUFF. Enjoy This BLAK CINEMATIC SCIENCE. - Spike Lee

The World of Black Film is an entertaining, informed, and thought-provoking survey of important and influential Black films from around the globe. Starting with the unfinished silent comedy *Lime Kiln Club Field Day* (1913) and concluding with Steve McQueen's World War II epic *Blitz* (2024), this book takes readers on an exciting journey through an eclectic mix of classics and hidden gems spanning more than 100 years and 30 countries. Beautifully designed and bursting with eye-catching film imagery and poster art, this is essential reading for general film fans, enthusiasts of Black cinema, educators, and students alike.

Includes a foreword by Sir John Akomfrah, CBE RA.

Films and directors include:

Black Orpheus (Marcel Camus, 1959)
Black Girl (Ousmane Sembène, 1966)
Hollywood Shuffle (Robert Townsend, 1987)
Malcolm X (Spike Lee, 1992)
Belle (Amma Asante, 2013)
Timbuktu (Abderrahmane Sissako, 2015)
Moonlight (Barry Jenkins, 2016)
Black Panther (Ryan Coogler, 2018)
Saint Omer (Alice Diop, 2022)
Dahomey (Mati Diop, 2024)
Blitz (Steve McQueen, 2024)

Sales Points

- Engagingly written by a critic and programmer respected on both sides of the Atlantic
- Covers films and filmmakers from around the world
- A great gift for film lovers and film students alike
- Generously illustrated with film stills and posters - some rarely published

Reviews

- **'My Brother Ashley Clark Has Broke It Down To What Black Film Was, Is Present Day And What The Future Might Be. BLAK IZ BLAK. YA-DIG? SHO-NUFF. Enjoy This BLAK CINEMATIC SCIENCE.'** - Spike Lee
- **'Ashley Clark has given us an essential gift with *The World of Black Film*-a meticulously curated journey through one hundred films that illuminate the breadth, depth, and revolutionary power of Black cinema. As someone who has spent decades fighting to tell our stories on our own terms, I'm deeply moved by this love letter to the artists who dared to dream in celluloid and digital, who transformed limited resources into limitless vision, and who understood that our stories matter not just to us, but to the world. Clark's insightful commentary provides crucial context while allowing each film to speak with its own voice, creating a chorus that truly spans continents, decades, and genres. **This book belongs on the shelf of every film lover, every student of cinema, and everyone who believes in the transformative power of storytelling. It's a celebration, an education, and an inspiration all at once.'**** - Julie Dash
- **'Resonant, exciting and eye-opening-one of the best books I've read about Black cinema.'** - Mark Cousins, Filmmaker and writer
- **'An excellent starting point for exploring the world of Black film in all its diversity and complexity. This **brilliant and accessible** survey invites the reader to reflect on 'cinematic Blackness' and makes them eager to continue the journey beyond the book onto the screen.'** - Mahamat-Saleh Haroun

Author Biography

Ashley Clark is a writer, broadcaster, and film programmer. He has organized numerous film seasons at international venues including London's BFI Southbank, New York's Museum of Modern Art, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and Toronto's TIFF Lightbox. His writing has appeared in *The Guardian*, *Reverse Shot*, *Sight & Sound*, and *Film Comment*, and he is the author of *Facing Blackness: Media and Minstrelsy in Spike Lee's Bamboozled*



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Research Methods for Product Design, second edition

Paul Rodgers, Alex Milton

Keynote

A comprehensive resource into research methods for student and professional product designers.

Description

Research Methods for Product Design provides a practical insight into the routine phases of the design process such as observation of people, asking questions, searching for information, making and testing ideas, and ultimately generating solutions to problems.

This second edition has been updated to include new sections on equality and diversity, sustainable design, data visualisation, social media dissemination, AI, and design for good health.

The illustrated Case Studies featuring the work of leading designers have all been replaced with new, more recent examples. The step-by-step Tutorials have either been updated or replaced with new information and suggestions for how to address the challenges of today's world.

The book's photo selection has also been refreshed to better reflect the greater diversity of the student body.

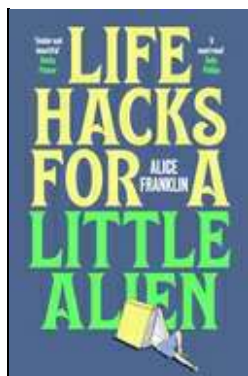
Sales Points

- In-depth coverage of traditional and new research methods and how they relate to product design
- Step-by-step tutorials
- Illustrated case studies of leading contemporary product designers

Author Biography

Paul Rodgers is Professor of Design, Manufacturing and Engineering Management, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

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Life Hacks For a Little Alien

the tender and life-affirming debut, perfect for book clubs

Alice Franklin

Keynote

Tender, life-affirming and full of humour, *Life Hacks for a Little Alien* is the story of a young girl growing up in the nineties and noughties, trying to navigate a world that makes her feel like she's from another planet. It's about the wonder of libraries, the power of language and finding a path that fits when you yourself do not.

Description

'Wise and playful and tender and beautiful' Bobby Palmer

'So brilliant, so original and lovely and funny, that it reminds you of the point of reading' Rebecca Wait

Perfect for fans of *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* and *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, this is a charming, witty and moving novel about what it feels like to grow up neurodivergent.

'Climb up here, Little Alien. Sit next to me. I will tell you about life on this planet. I will tell you how it goes'

From her first words to her first day at school, Little Alien can't help but get things wrong. She doesn't understand the world the way others seem to, and the world doesn't seem to understand her either. Her anxious mum and meticulous dad, while well-intentioned, are of little help.

But when Little Alien sees a documentary about the Voynich Manuscript - a mediaeval codex written in an unknown language and script - she begins to suspect that there are other people who feel just like her. Convinced that translating this manuscript will offer the answers she needs, she sets out on a journey that will show her a delicious taste of freedom.

So begins this charming, witty, and profoundly moving novel about the power of language, the wonder of libraries - and how to find a path that fits, when you yourself do not.

'Unique and thoroughly engaging. It is insightful and funny and gently poignant. By telling the story of one little alien, Alice Franklin has told the story of many' **Pip Williams**, author of *The Dictionary of Lost Words*

'Totally addictive and brilliant . . . *Life Hacks for A Little Alien* is sure to find its place as one of the best loved works of fiction' **Aimée Walsh**, author of *Exile*

'Immersive, moving, and fizzing with humour, I couldn't put this book down and I still can't let the character go' **Paula Lichtarowicz**, author of *The Snow Hare*

'A rare energy lights this wonderful book: a unique recipe of humour, heart, frankness, and an unstoppable fascination with language' **Han Smith**, author of *Portraits at the Palace of Creativity and Wrecking*

'Witty, bold, heart-warming and entirely delicious. I devoured it' **Jyoti Patel**, author of *The Things that we Lost*

Sales Points

- For readers of *Elizabeth is Missing*, *The Book of Form and Emptiness* and *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*.
- A wonderfully uplifting novel about a young neurodivergent girl who discovers the wonder of libraries and the power of language.

Reviews

- **'Wise and playful and tender and beautiful. A very special book'** - Bobby Palmer, author of *Isaac and the Egg*
- **'Stunningly original'** . . . It's one of those books which left me closing the final page and wishing I could read it afresh again for the first time. **Beautiful, moving, and life-affirming**, Alice Franklin's prose is a triumph to read. Totally addictive and brilliant . . . *Life Hacks for A Little Alien* is **sure to find its place as one of the best loved works of fiction.**' - Aimée Walsh, author of *Exile*
- 'This is one of those rare books that is **so brilliant, so original and lovely and**

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funny, that it reminds you of the point of reading, and renews your faith in fiction. I adored it. I'm going to be recommending it to everyone I know. I laughed frequently while reading it, and was moved, and interested, and changed.' - Rebecca Wait, author of I'm Sorry You Feel That Way

- **'Unique and thoroughly engaging.** *Life Hacks for a Little Alien* tells a story about feeling different. **It is insightful and funny and gently poignant. By telling the story of one little alien, Alice Franklin has told the story of many.** By creating a character obsessed with an ancient manuscript whose text cannot be deciphered, **she has illuminated the power of language and our desire, whether we are human or alien, to be understood.** ' - Pip Williams, New York Times bestselling author of the Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick *The Dictionary of Lost Words*

Author Biography

Alice Franklin lives and works in London. She has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia. *Life Hacks for a Little Alien* is her debut novel.

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Love Letters of Kings and Queens

Daniel Smith

Keynote

A beautiful gift volume of the private love letters of kings and through the ages - *Letters of Note* meets *Lady in Waiting*.

Description

Tender, moving, heartfelt and warm (and sporadically scandalous and outrageous too), these are the private messages between people in love. Yet, they are also correspondence between the rulers of nations.

From Henry VIII's lovelorn notes to Anne Boleyn and George IV's impassioned notes to his secret wife, to Queen Victoria's tender letters to Prince Albert and Edward VIII's extraordinary correspondence with Wallis Simpson - these letters depict romantic love from its budding passion to the comfort and understanding of a long union (and occasionally beyond to resentment and recrimination), all set against the background of great affairs of state, wars and the strictures of royal duty.

Here is a chance to glimpse behind the pomp and ceremony, the carefully curated images of royal splendour and decorum, to see the passions, hopes, jealousies and loneliness of kings and queens throughout history. By turns tender, moving, heartfelt and warm (and sporadically scandalous and outrageous too), these are the private messages between people in love. Yet they are also correspondence between the rulers of nations, whose actions (and passions) changed the course of history, for good and bad.

This morning I received your dear, dear letter of the 21st. How happy do you make me with your love! Oh! my Angel Albert, I am quite enchanted with it! I do not deserve such love! Never, never did I think I could be loved so much. Queen Victoria to Prince Albert (28 November 1839)

Sales Points

- A beautiful gift for anyone interested in the royal family and passionate followers of historical romance.
- Taps into the interest in private court circles borne out by the huge *Lady in Waiting* sales (184k hbs, 90k pbs).
- Interest in collections of personal letters is perennial, with *Love Letters of Great Men* selling over 56k copies and *Love Letters of Great Men and Women* selling over 13k copies.
- Prince William and Princess Catherine's 15th wedding anniversary next April will likely attract press attention, so there will be renewed interest in the British royal family around the time of publication.

Author Biography

Daniel Smith is the bestselling author of *100 Places You Will Never Visit*, which has been translated into eight languages. He has written more than fifteen books, on subjects as diverse as Sherlock Holmes, cockney rhyming slang and the WWII Dig for Victory campaign. Daniel is also a long-time contributor to *The Statesman's Yearbook*, an annual geopolitical guide to the countries of the world. He lives in London.

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Sycorax a captivating reimagining of Shakespeare's most powerful witch

Nydia Hetherington

Keynote

Perfect for fans of Jennifer Saint, Madeline Miller and Costanza Casati. A beautiful imagining of the life lived by Sycorax before her banishment in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Description

Born of the sun and moon, shaped by fire and malady, comes a young woman whose story has never been told . . .

They call her Sycorax. Seer. Sage. Sorceress.

Outcast by society and all alone in the world, Sycorax must find a way to understand her true nature. But as her powers begin to grow, so too do the suspicions of the local townspeople. For knowledge can be dangerous, and a woman's knowledge is the most dangerous of all . . .

With a great storm brewing on the horizon, Sycorax finds herself in increasing peril - but will her powers save her, or will they spell the end for them all?

A beautifully written and deeply moving imagining of what came before Shakespeare's *The Tempest* from the author of *A Girl Made of Air*.

Readers are LOVING *Sycorax*

**'Spellbinding and empowering'
 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐**

**'A truly beautiful and heart-breaking story'
 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐**

'I couldn't put it down!' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- Moving on from Greek retellings, this is a Shakespearean origin story full of magic about the great witch *Sycorax* who died even before the story begins in *The Tempest*, though she remains present throughout
- Perfect for readers of *Hamnet*, *Fair Rosalind*, *Weyward* and the wider Greek retelling stable

Reviews

- 'A **beautiful written** exploration of one of literature's most famous and misunderstood women. This is a **clever and immersive** tale, brilliant in its exploration of how societies, old and new, have turned on those who don't fit in. **Fabulous**' - *Louise Hare, author of This Lovely City*
- 'A **vividly drawn** imagining [of] Sycorax, mother of Caliban in *The Tempest*. **Heartbreakingly poignant**, it's the tale of a young woman living with physical pain, social isolation and terrible loneliness but who never gives up trying to find a life where she can be useful. So **imaginative and original**, and **beautifully written**' - *Frances Quinn, author of The Lost Passenger*
- 'With Sycorax living constantly in pain, trying to help people but always feared and shunned, **the reader rages and hopes for her** while always knowing where this story is going to end. It's a **fascinating exploration of an obscure character**' - *SFX*
- 'A **beautifully written** tale of otherness and becoming, which **charms and beguiles** in equal measure' - *Nikki Marmery, author of Lolith*

Author Biography

Growing up in Leeds, **Nydia Hetherington** moved to London in her early twenties to embark on an acting career. At thirty she moved to Paris where she continued her theatre training before setting up a theatre company. Returning to London almost a decade later, she worked in a shoe shop while studying for a Creative Writing degree. During this time, she was diagnosed with the systemic autoimmune disease Rheumatoid Arthritis. ***Sycorax*** is her second novel. It was shortlisted for The Wilbur Smith 2025 Adventure Writing Prize. Nydia now lives in Kent with her husband and large, aged cat (or familiar).



The Falling Sky The Talmont Trilogy Book 3

David Hair

Keynote

The epic conclusion to the stirring epic fantasy Talmont Trilogy, perfect for fans of James Islington and John Gwynne!

Description

The epic conclusion to the stirring Talmont Trilogy, perfect for fans of James Islington and John Gwynne!

Romara Challys and her Falcons have suffered for the truth, enduring vast journeys across a disintegrating world to uncover the suicidally destructive nature of elobyne, the energy crystals that are both the magical power upholding the Triple Empire, and the reason that same empire is racing toward environmental catastrophe. They have found new allies, other ways to channel magic, and exposed a deadly cabal of puppet-masters - the "angelic" Alephi - who secretly rule the empire.

Those successes will be their destruction.

Alarmed by the Falcons' discoveries, the immortal Alephi are stepping out of the shadows and unleashing their long-held dream: a centuries-old doomsday prophecy that will leave them the undisputed masters of a whole new world, while Talmont and the rest of the empire are left in ash and ruin.

The End isn't just nigh... it's now.

Sales Points

- David Hair is the author of the bestselling MAGE'S BLOOD
- Third and final in the Talmont Trilogy, which Sebastien de Castell said was "not to be missed!"
- A gripping epic fantasy that deals with climate change in a fantastical setting.
- Perfect for fans of John Gwynne, James Islington and, dare we say it... Brandon Sanderson!

Reviews

- **'A riveting, thoughtful fantasy** that blends the best of Guy Gavriel Kay and Brandon Sanderson, set in a richly textured landscape where battle-hardened heroes confront their most dangerous enemy: the truth about the nature of their heroism and what the magic they rely upon costs the world around them. Full of nuanced, loveable characters whose complex relationships with each other and with themselves make *The Burning Land* a **compulsively readable adventure not to be missed!**' - *Sebastien de Castell on THE BURNING LAND, Talmont 1*
- 'Hair is adept at **building characters as well as worlds**' - *Kirkus on MAGE'S BLOOD*
- **'A fast-paced, entertaining read'** - *Beneath a Thousand Skies on MAP'S EDGE*
- **'Filled with action and adventure** yet was also rich in characterisation and contained a spectacular created world' - *Muse Books on THE BURNING LAND, Talmont 1*

Author Biography

David Hair, an award-winning writer of fantasy, has been inspired by his travels around the globe. He was born in New Zealand, spent time in Britain, Europe and India (which inspired THE MOONTIDE and SUNSURGE QUARTETS and the RAVANA series). After some years in Bangkok, Thailand, he and his wife returned to Wellington, New Zealand, where they are now settled (for the time being). His epic fantasy sagas THE MOONTIDE QUARTET, THE SUNSURGE QUARTET, THE TETHERED CITADEL TRILOGY and the YA saga THE RETURN OF RAVANA are all published by Jo Fletcher Books, as is his new fantasy adventure series, THE TALMONT TRILOGY, starting with *The Burning Land*.

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The Killing Time

the second Ali Dawson Mystery from the No 1 bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries

Elly Griffiths

Keynote

Join Ali Dawson and her cold case team for another time-travelling mystery in this sequel to the bestselling *The Frozen People*

Description

****PREORDER NOW****

'Warm and engaging characters and a wildly brilliant story wittily told' **Ann Cleeves**

'Ali Dawson is a delight - a detective you'll want to spend more time with' **JP Delaney**

Join Ali Dawson and her cold case team for another thrilling case.

Ali Dawson is a police detective who leads a unit that investigates cases so cold her team must travel to the distant past to solve them. But Ali and the team haven't been allowed to time-travel ever since their technical expert, Jones, got stuck in Victorian London, never to be seen again.

To distract herself from meaningless tasks, Ali decides to look into a present-day case - an apparent suicide of a young man who fell to his death from a high building. She believes the death is linked to a psychic medium called Barry Power, who convinced the boy he could fly. Ali goes to one of Power's shows where he claims to be in contact with Jones.

When Ali notices that evening that her cat, Terry, has gone missing, she decides to go back in time just long enough to prevent Terry from escaping through his open cat flap. A dangerous plan which backfires, and she finds herself once more in Victorian London, where she meets Jones, as well as Power, and the darkly mysterious Cain Templeton with whom Ali has unfinished business from her previous visit to the past . . .

'Elly Griffiths has done it again. Warm, witty and outrageously believable. I loved it' **Sarah Hilary**

'Here's a paradox: a thriller that is full of zest and joy' **Nicci French**

'Ali Dawson could be the most fun time-travelling detective since Dirk Gently' **Chris Brookmyre**

Sales Points

- Elly Griffiths has made 50 appearances in the Sunday Times top ten, reaching No 1
- Over 6 million copies of Elly Griffiths' books have been sold.
- Contains contemporary and historical crime as well as the most popular genre of the moment - fantasy
- Elly Griffiths is in huge demand as a speaker at events and is able to hold an audience spellbound. She was recently awarded the Theakston Old Peculier Outstanding Contribution Award in recognition of her remarkable crime writing career and commitment to the genre.

Reviews

- **'Elly Griffiths has done it again. *The Killing Time* is a deft and compelling detective story with the added frisson of time travel. Warm, witty and outrageously believable. I loved it' - Sarah Hilary**
- **'Ali Dawson could be the most fun time-travelling detective since Dirk Gently' - Chris Brookmyre**
- **'Warm and engaging characters and a wildly brilliant story wittily told; I loved this book' - Ann Cleeves**
- **'Joyously inventive, totally original, filled with warmth, humanity and fun. Ali Dawson is a delight - a detective you'll want to spend more time with' - JP Delaney**

Author Biography

Elly Griffiths is the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries and the Brighton Mysteries. She has won the CWA Dagger in the Library, has been shortlisted five times for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, and longlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger for *The Lantern Men*. Her new series featuring Detective Harbinder Kaur began with *The Stranger Diaries*, which was a Richard and Judy book club pick and won the Edgar Award for Best Novel in the USA. It was followed by *The Postscript Murders*,



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 If Not For My Baby

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Half City

Harker Academy Book 1: Your Next Book Obsession By The Author Of A Dawn Of Onyx!

Kate Golden

Keynote

The extraordinary new series from bestseller KATE GOLDEN, perfect for fans of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *True Blood*!

Description

Welcome to Harker Academy for Deviant Defense. Keep your daggers sharp, and your wits even sharper.

Viv Abbot is an average twenty-one-year-old girl. She lives in an expensive city where the rent is too high, works long hours at a thankless job, and is dating a guy she doesn't even like in the hopes of winning her prickly mother's approval.

She just also happens to be a demon hunter.

Ever since her father's murder, she's been forced to hunt deviants alone, meaning everyone, including her family, sees her as an outsider . . . Until the day she crosses paths with a dangerously alluring demon, Reid Graveheart. The reformed deviant tells her of a school for people just like her: Harker Academy for Deviant Defense. If she enrolls, she'll learn to hone her craft, work with other hunters, and never be alone again.

But Viv has a deadly secret. One that not even her new friends at Harker can know about. Not when the school might hold the answers to untangling the mystery surrounding Viv's father's death. When strange occurrences begin to plague the students, Viv will have to figure out who she can trust, and fast. All while trying to ace her classes, not fall for a demon, and make it through her first year at Harker in one piece. How hard could that be?

Sales Points

- Kate Golden has sold more than 100,000 copies of her romantasy series, THE SACRED STONES, in our territories.
- HALF CITY will appeal to fans of BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, TRUE BLOOD, PHANTASMA and THE BOOK THAT WOULDN'T BURN.
- Paranormal romantasy with elements of dark academia is where the romantasy trend is heading, full speed, and Kate is (as always) ahead of the curve!

Reviews

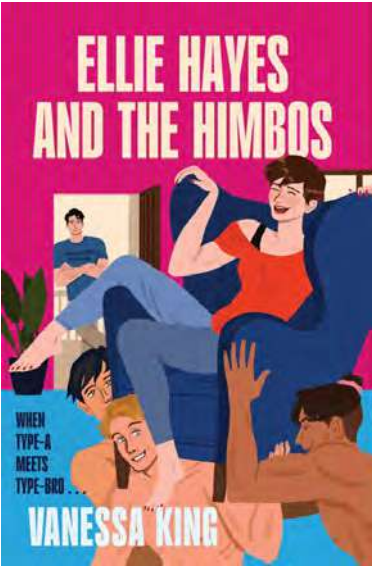
- 'Kate Golden deftly **fuses a lush and bewitching dark academia setting, complex characters, and a sizzling slow burn romance** in Half City, the unputdownable first installment of a trilogy that **will leave readers breathless**' - *Julie Soto, author of Rose in Chains*
- 'Packed with **edge-of-your-seat action, steamy scenes that will set your curtains on fire, and some of the wittiest banter I've ever read**, Half City is **the urban fantasy / dark academia book this Buffy fangirl has been waiting for** all her life. I don't know what sort of magic Kate Golden weaves into her books but I hope she never stops. The Harker Academy series is **my newest obsession**' - *Jenna Levine, author of Road Trip With a Vampire*
- 'Welcome to Half City, in which Kate Golden does nothing by halves: **full-throttle action, a twisty mystery, and a deliciously tense romance make this an absolute romp**. Our lead, Viv, is equal parts badass and messy, and her love interest may give you a thing for claws. Absolutely fabulous action writing by Golden, beautifully offset by a story about acceptance, belonging, and what it means to be human' - *Brigitte Knightley, author of The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy*
- 'Half City is **the dark academia demon hunter fantasy novel of my dreams**. Kate Golden delivers **high stakes and sizzling romance** set in an exciting new world. The chemistry between Viv and Reid is electric, and the twists and turns kept me up way past my bedtime. Half City is **wickedly sexy and outrageously fun, and I'm obsessed!**' - *Sarah Hawley, author of Servant of Earth*

Author Biography

Kate Golden is the *USA Today* bestselling author of The Sacred Stones trilogy. She lives in Los Angeles where she works in the film industry developing movies with screenwriters and filmmakers. When she isn't telling stories, Kate is an avid book reader, puzzle addict, and game night enthusiast which she hosts with her husband and puppy, Milo. You can find her on Instagram at @KateGoldenAuthor and on TikTok at @Kate_Golden_Author.

Ellie Hayes and the Himbos

By (author)	King, Vanessa		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538774588 / 1538774585	Season	2025 Fall
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Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 09/29/2025 Pub Date: 11/04/2025		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A medical scare leads to big life changes when a recently single woman moves in with three lovable himbos in this heartfelt and hilarious romantic comedy—perfect for fans of Lynn Painter and Hannah Bonam-Young.

Book Description: Full of grumpy/sunshine romance, self-love, and adorable himbos, this laugh-out-loud romantic comedy will charm readers of Cara Bastone and Rachel Lynn Solomon.

Thirty-something Ellie Hayes is generally prepared for the worst—living with endometriosis will do that—but not even a decade mitigating chronic pain has prepared her for the week she's had. Waking up blind in her right eye had an air of mystery about it, but learning it could be an early symptom of MS had been an unwelcome shock. Ditto, that her live-in boyfriend would rather send her packing than face the prospect of another medical issue. So, when the room Ellie finds to rent ends up being in a house shared by a trio of collegiate himbos, it's just another punch to roll with.

Setting: Austin, Texas

Key Selling Points

- **FOREVER FAVORITE TROPES:** ELLIE HAYES AND THE HIMBOS is full of popular tropes, with readers sure to fall in love with Ellie and Ian's workplace, grumpy/sunshine, friends-with-benefits romance. And there's been a resurgence of affection for the himbo in pop culture recently—from Ryan Gosling's *Just Ken* to Travis Kelce—that makes this one a trending read.
- **PERSONAL CONNECTION:** Vanessa had a similar experience to Ellie when she experienced optic neuritis in 2019. Because of the personal story elements included in the novel, Vanessa has created a strongly voiced book that balances the seriousness of medical health with the whimsy of living with three very charming himbos.
- **ROM-COM DEMAND:** Romantic comedies exploring deeper subjects like health concerns that also have witty writing and swoony romance are sought out by traditional romance readers and BookTok alike. ELLIE HAYES AND THE HIMBOS will fit right next to success stories like Lynn Painter, Cara Bastone, and Rachel Lynn Solomon on shelves.

Author Info

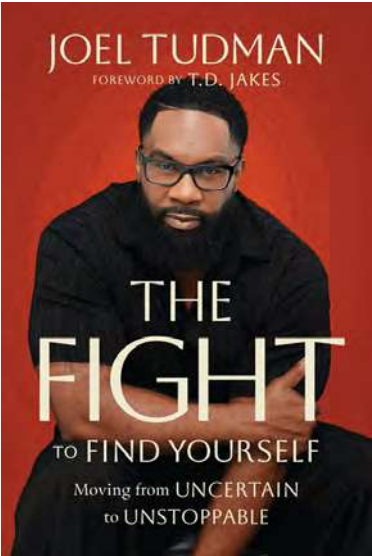
Author Residence	Austin, Texas	Local Bookstore	Book People, Austin
About The Author	Vanessa King is the author of <i>A Certain Appeal</i> , a <i>Pride-and-Prejudice</i> -goes-burlesque novel based on her own background as a former stage kitten at NYC's famed Duane Park. <i>Ellie Hayes and the Himbos</i> is set in her new hometown of Austin, TX where she lives with her husband and daughter, and when not writing, she enjoys wielding a glue gun with unearned confidence, and suffering with her fellow meat heads at Crossfit and weightlifting.		
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Praise

"This is a treat." — *Publishers Weekly*

The Fight to Find Yourself

Subtitle	Moving from Uncertain to Unstoppable		
By (author)	Tudman, Joel		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546008927 / 1546008926	Season	2025 Fall
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
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Team	Beth Adams (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Rel) Religion / (REL012070) Christian Living / Personal Growth, (Sel) Self-Help / (SEL016000) Personal Growth / Happiness, (Rel) Religion / (REL012120) Christian Living / Spiritual Growth		
Pricing	\$28.00 (US Price) / ₹2130 / \$37.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 09/29/2025 Pub Date: 11/04/2025		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: From megachurch Pastor Joel Tudman, encouragement for when the things that have come to define you—your job, your family, your home—change and you must forge a new identity grounded on who God says you are.

Book Description: Do you ever feel like you're pretending? Do you ever feel like the “real you” is concealed by the disguise you wear every day? Do you even know who the real you is?

Many of us feel confused about who we are and what God created us to be. We go through the motions, doing what's expected of us, but we feel lost, empty, or just a deep-down sense that there must be more out there for us. We have never taken the time to—or been allowed to—find out who we are at our core. Often, it's not easy to understand who you are at your core. Sometimes, you have to fight for it.

In *The Fight to Find Yourself*, Pastor Joel Tudman pairs biblical content, practical teaching, and deeply personal stories to help guide readers struggling with grief, confusion, or feeling lost, to move forward into hope, joy, and a better future. He helps readers:

- Uncover and face the deeply-held beliefs that have defined you so far
- Confront their deepest disappointments and desires and use those to orient their future
- Root out false ideas about what you can do, become, and be
- Walk through transitions with confidence and boldness
- Find mentors to guide and walk with you through this process
- Understand the calling God has placed on their lives
- Believe that their value lies in who they are, now what they do

When you truly know who God made you to be, you will be able to know yourself, accept yourself, feel like *you*, and walk out into the world with your head held high, knowing you are a beloved child of God, already loved, already good enough. This is a powerful and inspiring manifesto to help readers move from being lost, feeling guilty, confused about their callings, or wrestling with grief, to moving forward into healing, health, and happiness in their lives.

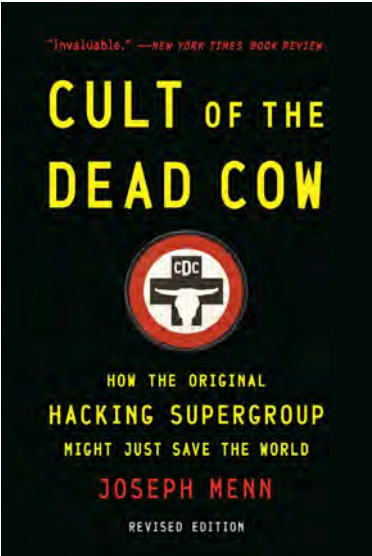
FAITH CONTENT—Cross: Strong, overt faith content targeting a core Evangelical Christian audience

Key Selling Points

- **RELATABLE TOPIC FROM AN UP-AND-COMING STAR:** Pastor Joel is an incredible preacher, and he is gaining a strong following and a busy speaking schedule. This book is about identity and how it's affected when life circumstances change, which is something so many of us can relate to.
- **GREAT VISIBILITY:** Until recently, Pastor Joel preached at the Potter's House about twice a month, split between Wednesday and Sunday's live services, which were broadcast internationally, so he is known and beloved by the Jakes community. However, as he steps forward to lead a church, he has even more influence. He is also booked (along with Steven Furtick) to be a keynote speaker at the Jakes International Leadership Summit in 2025, which will only increase his platform. He has 124K followers on Instagram.

Cult of the Dead Cow

Subtitle	How the Original Hacking Supergroup Might Just Save the World		
By (author)	Menn, Joseph		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Revised edition (ONIX)
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781541706118 / 1541706110	Season	2025 Fall
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 288 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Kristen Kim (Editor) / Jonathan Repetti (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Audio Book, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Hardcover Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Com) Computers / (COM060040) Internet / Online Safety & Privacy, (Tru) True Crime / (TRU011000) Cybercrime, (Pol) Political Science / (POL036000) Intelligence & Espionage, (Tec) Technology & Engineering / (TEC052000) Social Aspects		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 10/27/2025 Pub Date: 12/02/2025		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The shocking untold story of the elite secret society of hackers fighting to protect our freedom, “a hugely important piece of the puzzle for anyone who wants to understand the forces shaping the internet age” (*The New York Times Book Review*)

Book Description: *Cult of the Dead Cow* is the tale of the oldest active, most respected, and most famous American hacking group of all time. With its origins in the earliest days of the internet, the cDc is full of oddball characters—activists, artists, and musicians—some of whom went on to advise presidents, cabinet members, and CEOs, and who now walk the corridors of power in Washington and Silicon Valley.

Today, the group and its followers are battling electoral misinformation, making personal data safer, and organizing to keep technology a force for good instead of for surveillance and oppression. Now featuring a new afterword with updates on the collective, *Cult of the Dead Cow* describes how, at a time when governments, corporations, and criminals hold immense power, a small band of tech iconoclasts is on our side fighting back.

Key Selling Points

- **STRONG SALES:** *Cult of the Dead Cow* has sold over 21k net copies in print, over 5k net copies in ebook, and over 16k net copies in audio.
- **SUCCESSFUL CATEGORY:** Books on cybercrime and hacking perform well in paperback, with Jamie Bartlett’s *The Dark Net* selling over 19k net paperback copies, Marc Goodman’s *Future Crimes* selling over 28k net paperback copies, and Kevin Mitnick’s *The Art of Invisibility* selling over 48k net paperback copies.
- **NEWLY UPDATED:** This new edition of *Cult of the Dead Cow* features a new 5,000 word afterword, updating the book with collective’s latest exploits and their implications.

Author Info

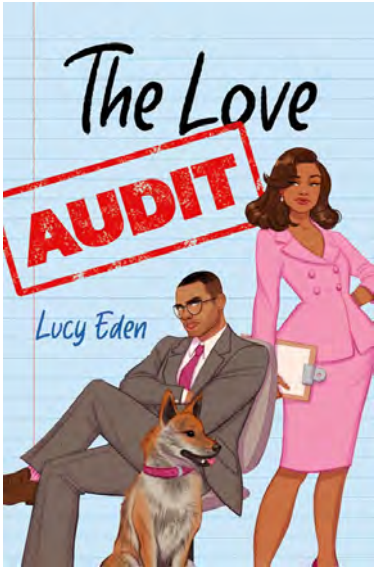
Author Residence	San Francisco, CA	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Joseph Menn is an investigative reporter on cybersecurity and disinformation at <i>The Washington Post</i> , where he was a co-finalist for the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting. He previously wrote for Reuters, <i>Financial Times</i> , and <i>Los Angeles Times</i> . His other books include <i>Fatal System Error</i> and <i>All the Rave</i> . He lives in San Francisco, California.		
Author Links	(Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Praise

"An invaluable resource. The tale of this small but influential group is a hugely important piece of the puzzle for anyone who wants to understand the forces shaping the internet age." — *New York Times Book Review*

The Love Audit

By (author)	Eden, Lucy		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
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Team	Sabrina Flemming (Editor) / Dana Cuadrado (Marketer) / Dana Cuadrado (Pub		
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Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
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Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 10/27/2025	Pub Date: 12/02/2025	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Fans of Tarah Dewitt and Gabriella Gamez will love the chemistry between two enemies who must fake date in order to survive their downsizing company’s workplace audit.

Book Description: Childhood best friends turned workplace rivals must pretend to be engaged in order to save their jobs in this sexy rom-com.

Former childhood friends Jasmine Morgan, a PR expert, and Derek Carter, a meticulous corporate executive, have a renowned rivalry. Yet they've never revealed to anyone what turned their relationship sour. So when they're thrown together on a revitalization project in the quaint town of Miller's Cove, Florida, they plan to keep their distance and keep communication at a minimum.

Only when they roll with the little white lie of being on their honeymoon to get into an exclusive town event, they're soon forced to keep pretending when they find out how fast news travels in a small town. Living in close quarters, navigating their rocky past, and working together day and night begins to crumble their prickly professional facades, revealing buried chemistry between them. They soon stumble across a hidden horticultural oasis planted by a pioneering Black inventor and must formulate a plan to protect the town from the corporate greed they didn't realize they played roles in. As they navigate obstacles and uncover hidden treasures, they rediscover old feelings and realize love might be the most valuable discovery of all.

Key Selling Points

- **PACKED WITH FUN TROPES:** Readers are gravitating towards tropes that deliver more spice and more conflict, and THE LOVE AUDIT will be sure to deliver with its delicious combination of steam, fake-dating, enemies-to-lovers, and workplace rivals along with plenty of humor. This captivating story will appeal to fans of romances by Gabriella Gamez, Elissa Sussman, and Tarah Dewitt.
- **CELEBRATING DIVERSE VOICES:** Readers are clamoring for more Black romance, and THE LOVE AUDIT features a Black heroine, reflecting Lucy's own background. Lucy has a loyal readership and over 10K followers across social media. Along with being an Amazon Editors' Romance Pick, Lucy's first book with Forever, *Love in Bloom*, received glowing reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus*, *Library Journal*, and *Culturess*.

Author Info

Murder in Manhattan

By (author)	Mulhern, Julie		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538773567 / 1538773562	Season	2025 Fall
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Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Fic) Fiction / (FIC022060) Mystery & Detective / Historical, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC027200) Romance / Historical / 20th Century, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC044000) Women		
Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 11/03/2025 Pub Date: 12/09/2025		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Fans of Anna Lee Huber and Rhys Bowen will love this engaging historical mystery that follows Freddie Archer as she solves crimes surrounded by real-life celebrities of Broadway, the Harlem Renaissance, and the Algonquin Round Table.

Book Description: Inspired by one of the first real-life female columnists at the *New Yorker*, this enticing historical mystery follows Freddie Archer as she solves crimes while reporting on the glamorous world of the rich and famous in 1920s Manhattan.

This writer just found her next scoop . . . and it's deadly.
New York, 1925 - Freddie Archer frequents speakeasies and wild parties with her friends Dorothy Parker and Tallulah Bankhead. And the best part is that it's all in a day's work. Freddie loves her job writing the nightlife column for *Gotham Magazine*.

But Freddie's latest piece just won her a bit more attention than she bargained for—from the police. A man mentioned in her column has been murdered. And Freddie is asked to keep an eye out for his fashionable female dinner companion. She's told in no uncertain terms to stay out of the case herself.

So naturally, Freddie throws herself into an investigation that takes her from the elegant stores that line Fifth Avenue to the tenements south of Houston Street. Now between sipping gin rickeys with Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald and casting Broadway shows with Groucho Marx, she's dodging bullets and dating a potentially dangerous bootlegger.

Freddie wanted adventure and excitement. But will she survive it?

Setting: 1920s New York City

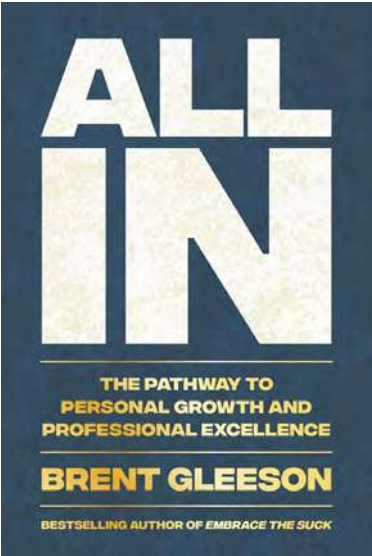
Key Selling Points

- **REAL-LIFE INSPIRATION:** Freddie Archer is inspired by Lois Long, beloved *New Yorker* nightlife columnist under the pseudonym “Lipstick.” Long had an infinite capacity for being childishly delighted with pretty things which she coupled with insightful criticism of the reckless glamour of 1920s New York. To our knowledge, she never had to solve a murder.
- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Julie Mulhern’s 16th book in her bestselling, self-published cozy Country Club Murders series published in June and was B&N Press's #1 overall seller. Julie has hit the *USA Today* list upon publication both with Henery Press and her self-published titles.
- **HISTORICAL FICTION IS HOT:** Readers are hungry for historical fiction about ordinary women doing extraordinary things, as seen with the success of Forever authors like Kelly Bowen and Kate Thompson.

Author Info

All In

Subtitle	The Pathway to Personal Growth and Professional Excellence		
By (author)	Gleeson, Brent		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306836886 / 0306836882	Season	2025 Fall
Announced 1st Print	35,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
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Team	Nana Twumasi (Editor) / Tiffany Porcelli (Marketer) / Alexandra Hernandez (Pl		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
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Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2280 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 10/27/2025	Pub Date: 12/02/2025	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Find purpose. Reject mediocrity. Live boldly.

Book Description: Going “All In” requires unwavering commitment to our passions, aspirations, and values, leaving no room for doubt. Brent Gleeson illuminates the Relentless Routines that are needed to fully commit to this journey of growth and overcome obstacles, resolve unfinished business, and exceed expectations---all while avoiding burnout. He shows how to weave this blueprint into every facet of your life, featuring dozens of examples and lessons, including:

- The Power of Relentless Routines
- How To Eliminate, Change, and Improve Existing Routines
- Designing Relentless Routines
- Chasing Goals, Not Ghosts
- Better Systems, Better Results

Since time is the ultimate finite resource, we must commit to using it with intention so we can reject mediocrity, find purpose, and live boldly.

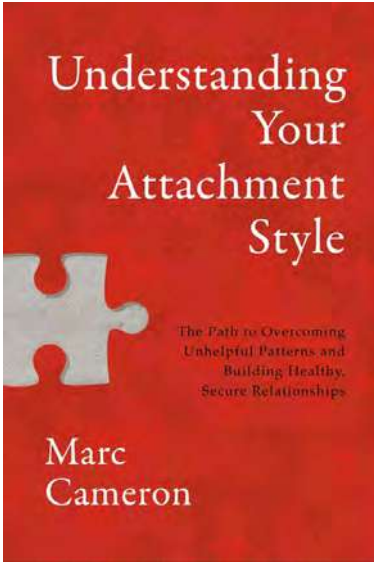
Key Selling Points

- **BULK SALES THROUGH SPEAKING EVENTS & CONSULTING:** As he did for EMBRACE THE SUCK, Brent Gleeson will bundle in bulk sales of ALL IN to many of his speaking clients for both preorders + ongoing sales. In 2023, Gleeson delivered 115 speaking engagements at an avg. audience size of 350, reaching over 40K people. In January 2024 alone, Gleeson did 14 speaking engagements and workshops. Wells Fargo continues to be a big client for management consulting.
- **NATIONAL MEDIA PROMOTION:** Since 2019, Gleeson’s Forbes column has generated 2M+ page views and his columns include a book link. In January 2021, a dedicated TODAY Show segment helped launch EMBRACE THE SUCK and Gleeson’s work has been covered by numerous media outlets from Business Insider and Inc.com to Parade, Home & Family, and ABC News San Diego. He is a regular guest on podcasts such as Unbeatable Mind, Elite Man, and others.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION:** Gleeson’s Instagram account has grown to a highly engaged audience of 29.9K people. He posts content related to his books three times a week and will continue to do so to build a highly relevant audience over the next year. Gleeson’s LinkedIn audience has grown to a highly engaged audience of 21K+ followers.

Author Info

Understanding Your Attachment Style

Subtitle	The Path to Overcoming Unhelpful Patterns and Building Healthy, Secure Relationships		
By (author)	Cameron, Marc		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546008569 / 154600856X	Season	2025 Fall
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Pricing	\$28.00 (US Price) / ₹2130 / \$35.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 10/27/2025 Pub Date: 12/02/2025		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Marc Cameron, an up-and-coming star in the mental health world, teaches readers how to understand the four attachments styles, writing from his area of expertise and meeting the market desire for research on attachment theory.

Book Description: Overcome the most challenging relationship patterns by understanding your attachment style and improve your relationships in all areas of life.

Our individual attachment style is a key indicator of the health of every one of our relationships. Yet few people know what their style is, much less what steps they need to take to move out of a harmful style and into one that is creates safer, healthier, and mutually beneficial relationships. Thankfully, the concept of “attachment” has been gaining steam over last decade so that “attachment theory” and its therapeutic model have entered into current conversations about mental health—and Marc Cameron has emerged as a leader in this space.

The successor to How We Love, the organization created by key psychologists Milan and Kay Yerkovich, Marc Cameron builds upon the Yerkovichs' groundbreaking book about attachment theory, *How We Love* (over 400,000 copies sold) to show readers how to identify and understand the style of attachment they developed in childhood.

In this book, Cameron thoroughly explains each attachment style and provides easy methods for readers to self-identify with one style (...or multiple!). He also delivers practical steps for forming a secure attachment style, giving readers the information and guidance they're seeking to improve their inner worlds and relationships. Written from a Christian worldview, *Understanding Your Attachment Style* not only helps readers understand their attachment style but also guides them through overcoming barriers associated with each style so that they can enjoy the healthy, loving connections God designed.

FAITH CONTENT—Vine: Organic, lighter faith content targeting a broader Christian audience

Key Selling Points

- **MENTAL HEALTH RISING STAR:** Cameron recently joined Milan and Kay Yerkovich, authors of the groundbreaking book about Attachment Theory, *How We Love* (400k copies sold) to grow and extend the reach of the organization they founded, How We Love (HWL). Cameron's book will be featured in all HWL events and and promoted on the email list, website, classes, speaking engagements, and more.
- **HOT, TRENDING TOPIC:** Attachment has become a hot topic in the mental health field because of its proven and continuing success in helping people develop stronger relationships and a healthier sense of self. For fans of self-improvement books, Christian and nonbelievers alike, attachment theory is a introducing innovative and lifechanging ways to become healthier.
- **PARTNERSHIP WITH POPULAR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING PROGRAM:** Cameron is a regular co-host on New Life Live, America's #1 Christian counseling call-in radio program founded by psychologist and *New York Times* bestselling author, Steven Arterburn. New Life Live reaches over 2 million listeners each week, will feature Marc's book in every avenue of promotion, and will present his book to their large network of therapists.

The Big M

Subtitle	13 Writers Take Back the Story of Menopause		
By (author)	Yuknavitch, Lidia		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538765548 / 1538765543	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	40,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 1/2 x 8 1/4 / 304 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Karyn Marcus (Editor) / Tamara Coleman (Marketer) / Lauren Sum (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA051000) Menopause, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC028000) Women's Studies, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA024000) Women's Health		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / ₹1520 / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025	Pub Date: 01/27/2026	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: For readers of *Kink* and *What My Mother and I Don't Talk About*, an anthology featuring Lidia Yuknavich, Roxane Gay, Cheryl Strayed and many more of today's most exciting writers exploring how they are navigate and redefine menopause.

Book Description: Lidia Yuknavitch teams up with 12 of today's sharpest writers to change the way we think about menopause. Exploring a variety of themes from freedom and mortality, to sexuality and the patriarchy, THE BIG M is a kaleidoscope of unique perspectives on a universal experience, each writer navigating the profound changes in their bodies and lives in their own ways. At times funny, insightful, subversive, and inspiring, THE BIG M aims to rebrand--and reinvent--our understanding of menopause.

THE BIG M includes work from a diverse group of influential writers, including: Roxane Gay, Cheryl Strayed, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, Reyna Grande, Joey Soloway, Nana-Ama Danqua, Gina Frangello, Monica Drake, Lan Samantha Chang, Julia Alvarez, Darcey Steinke, and Pam Houston. By including a wide range of voices and perspectives, Yuknavitch's collection ensures that every reader feels less alone with an experience that—while common—has been taboo for too long.

Key Selling Points

- **ALL-STAR CONTRIBUTORS:** This anthology features a diverse cast of writers, including bestselling authors Roxane Gay, Cheryl Strayed, Nguyen Phan Que Mai, Glna Frangello, and many more. Editor Lidia Yuknavitch is the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Chronology of Water*.
- **FRESH TAKES:** While the subject of menopause grows in popularity, *The Big M* avoids the prescriptive angle in favor of personal, literary essays that range from funny to subversive to inspiring, giving it the personal angle from diverse backgrounds that the space is missing.
- **THE MENOPAUSE OF IT ALL:** A new, modern movement is underway, mobilized by doctors, journalists, and wellness influencers—bringing awareness and discourse to this stage of life, and reflected in books such as THE NEW MENOPAUSE, DARE I SAY IT, and our very own HOW TO MENOPAUSE, which has sold 27.6K in HC since its March 2025 publication.

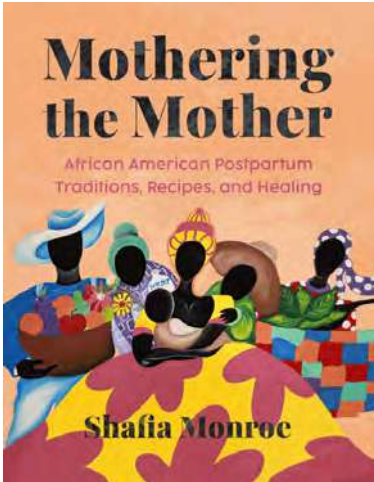
Author Info

Author Residence	Portland, OR	Local Bookstore
About The Author	Lidia Yuknavitch is the nationally bestselling author of the novels <i>Thrust</i> , <i>The Book of Joan</i> , <i>The Small Backs of Children</i> , and <i>Dora: A Headcase</i> , and of the memoirs <i>Reading the Waves</i> and <i>The Chronology of Water</i> . She is the recipient of two Oregon Book Awards and has been a finalist for the Brooklyn Public Library Literary Prize and the PEN Center USA Creative Nonfiction Award. She lives in Portland, Oregon.	
Author Links	(Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @lidiamilies (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)	

Praise

Mothering the Mother

Subtitle	African American Postpartum Traditions, Recipes and Healing		
By (author)	Monroe, Shafia		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306835438 / 0306835436	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	60,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	7 x 9 / 320 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Renee Sedliar (Editor) / Tamara Coleman (Marketer) / Nan Rittenhouse (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA041000) Pregnancy & Childbirth, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC005000) Customs & Traditions, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA011000) Herbal Medications		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / ₹1520 / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Renowned midwife and doula trainer Shafia Monroe reintroduces the lost art of African American postpartum healing traditions in this practical, essential maternal health guide that centers and celebrates Black women.

Book Description: As a mother, grandmother, and traditional midwife, Shafia Monroe intimately knows about childbirth and the fourth trimester. Over forty years, she's helped thousands give birth, and has taught thousands more how to support birthing parents, all integrating the deep wisdom of African American healing traditions. Rooted in sankofa (an Akan word meaning "to retrieve," emphasizing the importance of learning from the past to inform the future and move forward), Mama Shafia shares the seven healing principles of the Granny midwives, with practical applications: Honor and Prayer, Warmth, Cleanliness, Nourishment, Herbal Healing and Hydration, Rest, and Love. Long suppressed by the white medical establishment, these practices such as belly binding, heat, herbs, the lying-in period, and the "taking-out-of-bed ritual"—are powerful healing tools. Using them, doulas, midwives, family, spouse, and loved ones can mother the mother through a healthy postpartum period.

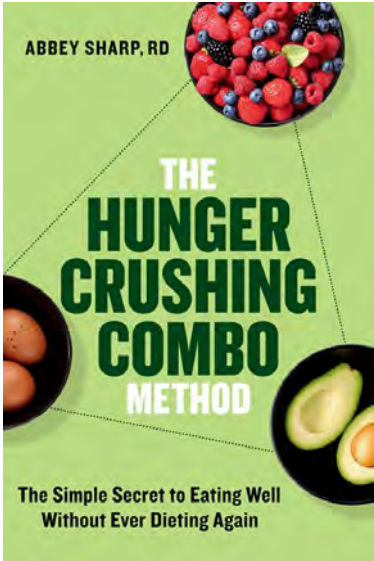
While this framework is powerful healing for all mothers, the information in this book can save Black mother's lives; with African American women disproportionately suffering from maternal mortality and morbidity, there is an urgent need for an embrace of African American postpartum care that surrounds the new mother and her baby with community, love, and protection. Reconnecting Black women to their postpartum traditions can help reduce common discomforts of birth and empower families to be proactive about their medical care. *Mothering the Mother* is a resource for Black women and communities to reclaim their cultural traditions for a healthy postpartum recuperation.

Key Selling Points

- **A FIRST IN A POPULAR CATEGORY.** Pregnancy is a popular category but there are very few trade books devoted to African American postpartum wisdom. There's a critical movement of reclaiming homebirth and ancestral birthing and self-care practices en masse. There are more doulas, midwives, and resources for birthing people than ever before—and yet traditional postpartum care isn't yet at the fore. Shafia Monroe is the go-to in this space, reintroducing and celebrating traditional wisdom, as books such as *The First Forty Days* have done.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR.** Shafia Monroe, a mother, a grandmother, and a traditional midwife of forty years, brings all that she has learned from her womenfolk of Alabama, her traditional midwifery experiences with postpartum mothers, and her study of African and African American history to teaching readers the diet, practices, and rituals that are central this this tradition. As a mother of seven children, Monroe knows the needs of postpartum mothers firsthand. Her book will empower African Americans with the benefits of cultural healing, improving their postpartum experiences. Monroe wants to help reduce the disproportionate African American maternal mortality rate by reviving healing recipes and traditional practices that build the health of new mothers and mobilize family and community to collectively care for the new mother, baby, father, and family.

The Hunger Crushing Combo Method

Subtitle	The Simple Secret to Eating Well Without Ever Dieting Again		
By (author)	Sharp, Abbey		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306836794 / 0306836793	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	75,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 400 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Renee Sedliar (Editor) / Alana Spendley (Marketer) / Alexandra Hernandez (Pl		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA034000) Diet & Nutrition / Food Content Guides, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA006000) Diet & Nutrition / Diets, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA019000) Diet & Nutrition / Weight Loss		
Pricing	\$32.50 (US Price) / ₹2470 / \$42.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025	Pub Date: 01/13/2026	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: In a world of punitive diet plans and nutritional misinformation, registered dietitian and popular nutrition media personality Abbey Sharp, shares her proprietary easy plan to reduce cravings and be satiated so you literally can have your cake and eat it too.

Book Description: Even though we are seemingly “post-diet culture,” there is still plenty of noise about what to eat and how to eat it: keto, plant-based, DASH, Mediterranean, intermittent...and with the rise of GLP-1 medications, there's even stronger messaging about what a body is supposed to look like and how to fuel it. Registered Dietitian Abbey Sharp knows this professionally and personally. Her journey to healthier eating landed her with a diagnosis of orthorexia—she's seen the same in her clients—and it's her life's work to cut through all the noise.

Fullness isn't just about physical satiety; it requires emotional satisfaction, as well. You could be physically full after eating a massive kale salad because you're trying to “be good,” but you might still obsessively think about a burger and fries. In order to absolve ourselves from the burden of thinking about food all day and leave space for other acts of joy, self-care, and just getting things done, we need to create meals that tend to both of these needs. Abbey's proven Hunger Crushing Combo is a simple way to effortlessly build out balanced snacks by combining two or more of the Hunger Crushing Compounds: protein, fiber, and healthy fats. Using an evidence-based framework, the plan is a go-to way to enjoy the pleasure of food without it running your life. Readers will learn how to crush physical hunger and emotional cravings without effort or thought, without denial of guilt.

The Hunger Crushing Combo Plan helps simplify nutrition with a structure that can easily be adapted to a wide range of goals and unique needs, while restoring joy and pleasure to eating. Food shouldn't be a burden, a distraction, an obsession, or a fear. *Food is just...food.* This guide helps readers adopt freedom from diet culture and lingo, to be their healthiest self, inside and out.

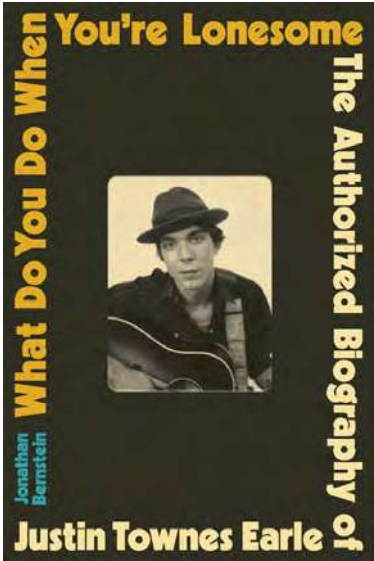
Key Selling Points

- **STRONG REACH AND ENGAGEMENT.** Sharp has 283k followers on Instagram, with a 5.8% engagement rate; her newsletter has 70k subscribers with a 37% open rate (as of 2/12/25).
- **AN EXPERT, CREDENTIALED AUTHOR.** A registered dietician, Sharp has 10 years of experience working as a spokesperson for dozens of popular food, health, mom and lifestyle brands such as General Mills, Quaker, Pampers, Jamieson Vitamins, Walmart Kelloggs, Kitchen Aid and Starbucks— to name only a few. Sharp has regular editorial columns in *Best Health Magazine*, *Healthline*, *Greatist*, *Self*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Yahoo*, and *Eating Well Magazine*, among countless other print and online publications. Published in 2018, her debut cookbook, *The Mindful Glow Cookbook*, won Gold at the Taste Canada Awards.
- **THE NEXT STEP IN ANTI-DIET CULTURE.** Christy Harrison ushered in a new phase of pushing back against diet culture. But with the rise of GLP-1 drugs, there's still a lot of food noise. Food and nutrients are linked to longevity, health, and wellness, but there's so much competing (and conflicting) information out there, especially from non-credentialed influencers. Abbey Sharp cuts through the noise, offering readers a clear, sensible, and easy way to eat, whether it's for specific health concerns, weight management, or nutrient density.

Author Info

What Do You Do When You're Lonesome

Subtitle	The Authorized Biography of Justin Townes Earle		
By (author)	Bernstein, Jonathan		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306833274 / 0306833271	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 368 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Ben Schafer (Editor) / Tamara Coleman (Marketer) / Tara Kennedy (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	1 16-pg b&w insert prints at Marquis		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO004000) Music, (Mus) Music / (MUS010000) Genres & Styles / Country & Bluegrass, (Mus) Music / (MUS017000) Genres & Styles / Folk & Traditional, (Mus) Music / (MUS003000) Genres & Styles / Blues, (Mus) Music / (MUS035000) Genres & Styles / Rock		
Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2280 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The estate-authorized biography of singer-songwriter and guitarist Justin Townes Earle—the wildly talented, hard-living son of Steve Earle—whose death in 2020 of a fentanyl overdose shattered the Americana music world.

Book Description: *What Do You Do When You're Lonesome* is the definitive, haunting, authorized biography of the singer-songwriter Justin Townes Earle (1982-2020), who died of a fentanyl overdose in the early days of the pandemic. An acclaimed songwriter and rising country / Americana star, he was a talented, troubled man who struggled with mental illness and drug addiction, doubted if he was truly talented, dwelled on his shortcomings, and agonized over his relationship to his famous father, Steve Earle.

Featuring brand new interviews and archival material thanks to the full cooperation of Earle's estate, this book traces Justin's life, beginning with his turbulent childhood being raised by a single mother in a rough neighborhood in South Nashville, to his rough-and-tumble adolescence where he started abusing drugs right as he began mastering the finger-picked blues guitar style he'd soon become famous for, all the way up to his launch onto the broader country music scene. And while Justin Townes Earle's story is compelling, heartbreaking, and endlessly complicated on its own, his life and career also serve as useful windows into a number of larger cultural, economic, geographic, and social changes that directly impacted his career: the rapid gentrification and expansion of his hometown of Nashville; the commercialization and consolidation of Americana music throughout the 2010s; and a generation of children of Nashville icons who struggled with the legacy their hard-living (and legendary) parents bestowed on them.

Key Selling Points

- **FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF TRAGIC AMERICANA FIGURE, TOLD WITH SUPPORT OF ESTATE:** Justin Townes Earle's estate cooperated and so the story is told with access to family, friends, archives. The book is exhaustively reported, sourced by hundreds of original interviews.
- **EXPANDING FAN BASE:** Justin Townes Earle's music is beginning to take on a newfound popularity and weight since his tragic death, as cult artists often do, with 1M monthly listeners on Spotify; 37.9K Instagram; 34.8K on X; 93K on FB.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR WITH GREAT MEDIA CONNECTIONS:** The author wrote an acclaimed and powerful portrait of Justin Townes Earle for *Rolling Stone*, and built on the extensive contacts and sources he made while researching and writing.

Author Info

Gabby Greene Knows Whodunit

By (author)	Tschida, Sam		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538757239 / 1538757230	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 1/4 x 8 / 368 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Alex Logan (Editor) / Alli Rosenthal (Marketer) / Alli Rosenthal (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Fic) Fiction / (FIC027250) Romance / Romantic Comedy, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC022100) Mystery & Detective / Amateur Sleuth, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC027580) Romance / Fake Dating		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025 Pub Date: 01/20/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The witty and fast-paced follow-up to *Errands & Espionage* finds a single mom on an undercover adventure with high-stakes—and possible romance—in this spy romcom, perfect for fans of *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*.

Book Description: In this fast-paced and deliciously witty spy romcom, a single mom finds herself on a mission with the CIA as they attempt to uncover a cult—perfect for fans of *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*.

Gabby Greene: Secret agent. Mother of two. Figuring it out as she goes along.

After her divorce, Gabby never expected that she'd be this close to having it all. Spying with a hot handler who's an expert in after-hours under-the-covers work was not on her current bingo card. But balancing romance, espionage, and school lunches is a job for a magician, not a secret agent. Gabby will just have to keep dreamy Markus at arms-length . . .

Easier said than done. Her next mission, should she choose to accept it: Pretend to be Markus's fiancée so they can infiltrate a Power Couples Retreat to see whether the group is selling national security secrets (in addition to questionable beauty products).

To avert a national crisis, Gabby and Markus will need to look like they're in love, planning their wedding—and enjoying the honeymoon cottage. Faking a relationship with the perfect man without *actually* falling for him? Piece of calorie-free cake, right?

Key Selling Points

- **BIG-SCREEN POTENTIAL:** Sam's first Forever novel, *Errands & Espionage*, has been acquired by Wayfarer for a potential film adaptation. There is an approved script, and they are now working on casting.
- **DEBUT PRAISE:** *Errands & Espionage* received a starred review from *Library Journal*, calling it a "delightful spy thriller romance." Sam also made appearances on several podcasts, including *Crime Reads* and *What to Read Next*.
- **HILARITY AND HIJINKS:** Gabby's exciting adventures are sure to appeal to readers of the growing mystery romance genre, such as fans of *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It* and *The Blonde Identity*.

Author Info

Author Residence	Minneapolis, MN	Local Bookstore	Big Hill Books, Minneapolis
About The Author	When not writing romcom/mystery mashups, author Sam Tschida (pronounced cheetah) is probably flipping channels between <i>Dateline</i> and the latest reality dating show. She braves the Minnesota winter with her four resigned children, two snuggly dogs, and one sizzling-hot husband. She doesn't drink alcohol, never touches caffeine, and is always on time. Just kidding—did you read how many kids she has?		
Author Links	http://SamTschida.com (Author Website), @TheRealSamTschida (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @TheRealSamTschida (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Next Level Love

By (author)	Patel, Shameez		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538768402 / 1538768402	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 1/4 x 8 / 384 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Alex Logan (Editor) / Alli Rosenthal (Marketer) / Alli Rosenthal (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
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Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025 Pub Date: 01/20/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: When two people find out their online crushes are actually their enemies IRL, they must figure out a way to work with each other in this charming and geeky romcom perfect for fans of Olivia Dade.

Book Description: This delightfully fun romantic comedy set in the world of STEM and online gaming—in which two IRL work enemies realize their secret virtual crushes may be closer than they think—is perfect for fans of Olivia Dade.

When your favorite player turns out to be your very real boss, the rules are a lot more complicated.

Elizabeth Gordon-Bettencourt is rebuilding her life on her own terms, starting with a new internship, a shot at her dream job as a civil engineer, and a whole lot of distance from her family's drama. With her life full of change, the one constant is @theanswerisno, a charming gamer who seems to just . . . get her. Even if he has no interest in meeting her in real life.

Elizabeth would feel a lot more confident about her job if her new boss wasn't so hard to read. Lincoln Carden is quiet, demanding, and adamant about avoiding small talk—especially in the office. What she doesn't know is that online, he's someone else entirely: quick, confident, and a little bit flirty. And his favorite player to team up with is @pancakesareelite, the one person who never makes him feel like he has to try so hard. As their two worlds start to collide, Elizabeth and Lincoln start to wonder: with their careers on the line and their online friendship at risk, is a romance IRL worth it?

Setting: San Diego, CA

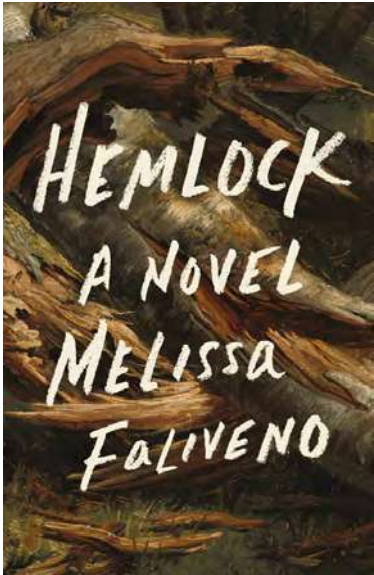
Key Selling Points

- **CELEBRATION OF GEEKY FANDOM:** *Next Level Love* is full of quirky characters, STEM elements, and nerdy references that make this book perfect for fans of Olivia Dade's *Spoiler Alert* and Jen DeLuca's *Well Met*.
- **DIVERSE VOICES:** Shameez is of South Asian descent and writes characters that reflect her own background.
- **INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS:** Shameez was selected by the 2022 Writer's Board at NaNoWriMo as an international coach joining the ranks of other well-known authors from previous years including Jasmine Guillory, Aiden Thomas, Rebecca Roanhorse, Erin Morganstern, Aisha Saeed, and Scott Westerfeld.

Author Info

Hemlock

Subtitle	A Novel		
By (author)	Faliveno, Melissa		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316588195 / 0316588199	Season	2026 Winter
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Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9-1/4 / 352 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Vivian Lee (Editor) / Kathleen Quinlan (Marketer) / Chloe Texier-Rose (Publicis		
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Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
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Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2199 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025 Pub Date: 01/20/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A woman full of ghosts returns to the woods where her mother vanished, in this carnal Gothic novel—a butch *Black Swan*.

Book Description: Sam, finally sober and stable, returns alone to Hemlock, her family's deteriorating cabin deep in the woods, where her mother vanished years before. But the trip takes a turn when the rot of the forest starts to creep in around the edges of Sam's mind.

It starts, as it always does, with a beer. As Sam dips back into the murky waters of dependency, inexplicable things arrive at her door: a long-dead neighbor, a talking doe who sounds just like her missing mother, and a series of blackouts that leave her with properties that border on the monstrous. As Sam's stay extends, the town's strange grip on her tightens and she senses she is battling something sinister—whether it's nested in the woods or within Sam herself.

Hemlock is a carnal coming-of-addiction, a dark sparkler about rapture and transcendence in all their forms. What is at the heart of fear—animal, monster, or man? How complicit are we in our own hauntings? How do we contain a threat that may come from the self? And how can we reject our own inheritance, the psychic ball that's been rolling down a hill for generations?

In the traditions of Melissa Broder's *Death Valley* and Rachel Yoder's *Nightbitch*, *Hemlock* is a novel of singular style, with all the edginess of a survival story and the forested magic of a Louise Erdrich novel.

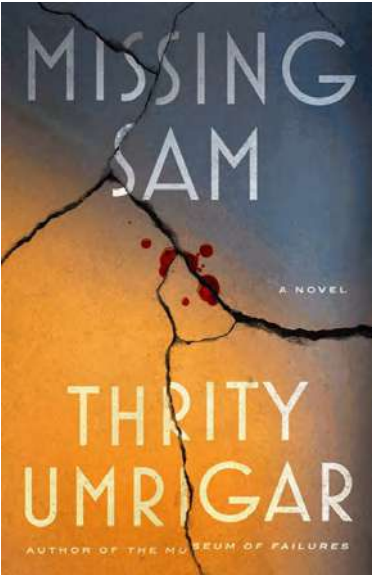
Key Selling Points

- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Melissa Faliveno is a known entity in the literary community, with her work appearing in *Esquire*, *The Paris Review*, *Literary Hub*, *Brooklyn Rail*, and *Ms. Magazine*, among others, and she has received a notable selection in *Best American Essays*. She is also a former senior editor of *Poets & Writers Magazine* and has taught creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College, Kenyon College, Denison University, and Catapult, and is currently on the faculty of the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill and the Vermont College of Fine Arts, and is sure to use her contacts to promote HEMLOCK.
- **LITERARY ACCLAIM:** Faliveno's debut essay collection, TOMBOYLAND, was published to great critical praise, hailed as one of the best books of 2020 by NPR, *Electric Literature*, the New York Public Library, and *Debutiful*, and was called "everything I want an essay collection to be" (Melissa Febos), "dynamic" (*Oprah Magazine*), and "engrossing and funny" (*The Washington Post*).
- **AN INVENTIVE NOVEL THAT TACKLES REAL ISSUES:** HEMLOCK is a novel grounded in human psychology, exploring very real themes of addiction and recovery, familial trauma, and queerness through beautiful literary writing; but it also sports a widely appealing Gothic slant, with heart-pounding mystery at its heart, an evocative setting, and magical realist elements, including a talking doe.

Author Info

Missing Sam

Subtitle	A Novel		
By (author)	Umrigar, Thrity		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643757629 / 1643757628	Season	2026 Winter
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Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2199 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025		Pub Date: 01/27/2026



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Bestselling author Thrity Umrigar returns with a tense and twisty thriller about a woman who goes missing on a morning run, and the wife who must find her and clear her own name

Book Description: A tense and twisty story of a woman who goes missing on a morning run and her wife's determination to both find her and clear her own name--from the bestselling author of *Honor*

One night after a party, old grievances surface between married couple Aliya and Sam and the night ends badly with a heated argument. Sam goes for a run early the next morning to clear her head—and doesn't come back.

Aliya reports her wife missing, but as a gay, Muslim daughter of immigrants, she can't escape the scrutiny and suspicion of those around her. Scared and furious and feeling isolated as strangers and acquaintances alike doubt her innocence, Aliya makes one wrong choice after another. She must fight to prove her innocence in the public eye even as she is torn between her fear that Sam is dead and her desire to find and save her wife. But is safety ever truly possible for them?

A provocative examination of suburban mores, *Missing Sam* captures the terror manifested in today's political climate, and the real dangers, both physical and psychological, of being brown and queer in America.

Key Selling Points

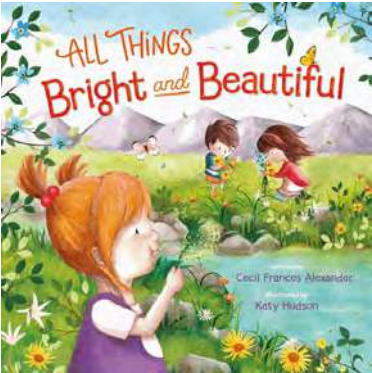
- **The new novel from a Reese's Book Club pick author:** With both *Honor* and the acclaimed *The Museum of Failures* still selling strongly and attracting a passionate audience for her work, Thrity Umrigar has established a loyal following of readers.
- **An intimate story of a queer marriage under duress from the pressures of a suburban mindset:** Umrigar taps into the very real strains of trying to live in a conservative place, even when those around you claim to accept you.
- **A real departure to broaden her audience:** With a nail-biting story as we worry whether one woman will make it out alive, and whether both can survive as a couple, Umrigar leans into the suspense here effortlessly.

Author Info

Author Residence	Cleveland Heights, OH	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Thrity Umrigar is the bestselling author of nine previous novels, including <i>Honor</i> , which was a Reese's Book Club Pick, as well as four picture books and a memoir. Her books have been published in over fifteen countries and in several languages. A former journalist, she has contributed to the <i>Washington Post</i> , the <i>Boston Globe</i> , the <i>New York Times</i> , the <i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i> and other newspapers. She is a recipient of the Nieman Fellowship to Harvard, and winner of the Cleveland Arts Prize, the Seth Rosenberg prize and a Lambda Literary award. She is currently a Distinguished University Professor of English at Case Western Reserve University.		
Author Links	http://umrigar.com (Author Website), @ThrityUmrigar (Author Twitter), http://www.facebook.com/ThrityUmrigarAuthor (Author Facebook), http://instagram.com/thrity_umrigar (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

All Things Bright and Beautiful

By (author) / Illustrated by	Alexander, Cecil Frances / Hudson, Katy		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546011002 / 1546011005	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	15,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	10 x 10 (T) / 32 (T) / 20	Age Range	4-6
Team	Peggy Schaefer (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicis)		
Other Formats	Board Book, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV033280) Religious / Christian / Inspirational, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV033050) Religious / Christian / Animals, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV057000) Stories in Verse (see also Poetry)		
Pricing	\$9.99 (US Price) / ₹760/ \$12.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A new paperback edition of a beautifully illustrated childhood classic.

Book Description: Celebrate the beauty of God's creation with this gorgeously illustrated edition of a favorite childhood hymn.

First published by Cecil Frances Alexander in 1848, this favorite hymn has become a mainstay of churches and Sunday school classes everywhere. Artist Katy Hudson (*Too Many Carrots*, *A Loud Winter's Nap*) brings new joy to Alexander's words with her fresh and bright watercolor style. Readers can join in the fun as they follow two little girls and their brother on a day filled with the discovery of "all things bright and beautiful."

FAITH CONTENT: Vine—light faith

Key Selling Points

- **CHILDHOOD CLASSIC:** This hymn has been a mainstay of churches and Sunday school classes for more than 150 years.
- **KNOWN ILLUSTRATOR:** Artist Katy Hudson has become well-known in the market with her bestselling titles *Too Many Carrots* and *A Loud Winters Nap*.
- **MARKET ALIGNMENT:** The paperback picture book format is experiencing renewed interest in the market.

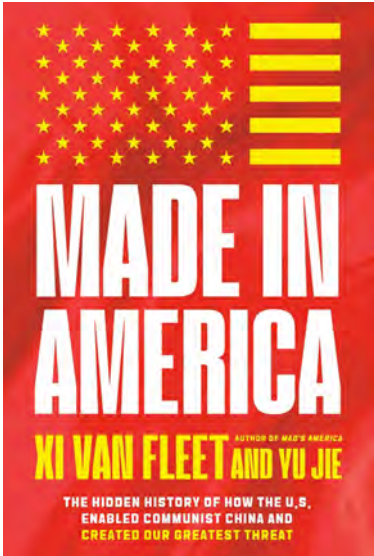
Author Info

Author Residence	Katy Hudson — South East London, UK	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Cecil Frances Alexander was born in 1818 near Dublin, Ireland. She began writing poetry at the age of nine and went on to write hundreds of poems and hymns. Among her best-known hymns are "All Things Bright and Beautiful," "Once in Royal David's City," and "There is a Green Hill Far Away," all of which appeared in <i>Hymns for Little Children</i>, published in 1848. She died in 1895 and was remembered as a woman of great kindness and generosity. Katy Hudson was raised in Middlesbrough, United Kingdom, and started her career as a small child drawing on freshly painted walls! Her parents quickly encouraged drawing with pencil and paper instead. The idea stuck, and after earning a degree in illustration, Katy is now a freelance author/illustrator living and working in South East London with her husband and two children. Her debut author/illustrated picture book <i>Bear and Duck</i> was published in 2015 to a starred review from <i>Kirkus</i>. Subsequent books <i>Too Many Carrots</i> and <i>A Loud Winter's Nap</i> went on to top the bestsellers list in the US.		
Author Links	(Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Marketing & Publicity Plans

Made in America

Subtitle	The Hidden History of How the U.S. Enabled Communist China and Created		
By (author)s	Our Greatest Threat		
	Van Fleet, Xi ; Jie, Yu		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546009344 / 1546009345	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	60,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 304 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Alex Pappas (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Pol) Political Science / (POL035000) Political Freedom, (Pol) Political Science / (POL005000) Political Ideologies / Communism, Post-Communism & Socialism, (Pol) Political Science / (POL054000) World / Asian		
Pricing	\$32.00 (US Price) / ₹2435 / \$42.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: One of the most effective anti-communist voices in America and the author of the breakout hit *Mao's America* returns with a new book for conservative readers about the U.S.'s secret role in the rise of China's communist party.

Book Description: From the acclaimed author of *Mao's America* comes the untold story of how misguided and selfish U.S. elites transformed China from a Communist wasteland into a global superpower—at America's expense.

One of the most effective anti-communist voices in America today, Xi Van Fleet made waves with her breakout book *Mao's America*, exposing eerie parallels between China's past and America's present woke revolution. Now, alongside renowned Chinese dissident Yu Jie, she sounds the alarm once more—revealing how the CCP's rise was not just enabled by Soviet Russia but, shockingly, by the United States itself.

Understanding this hidden history is essential for Americans in confronting the CCP's global ambitions and stopping the spread of Communism at home.

For over a century, progressive and Communist ideologies have steadily infiltrated American society, shaping U.S.-China policies that have, intentionally or not, empowered the CCP. From its founding in 1921 to its brutal takeover of China 28 years later, the CCP's ascent was fueled by foreign support—first from the Soviets, then increasingly from the U.S. After the Sino-Soviet split and the near-collapse of China, the United States emerged as the CCP's primary enabler, helping transform it into the world's second-largest economy and our greatest geopolitical threat.

Most Americans remain unaware of their own country's role in the CCP's unprecedented success. While others have explored pieces of this story, no book has revealed the full picture—until now. With meticulous research and unflinching clarity, this book exposes the uncomfortable truth: to effectively counter the CCP, we must first dismantle communist influence at home.

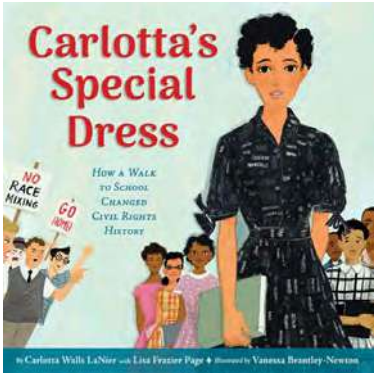
Key Selling Points

- **Conservative Powerhouse:** Xi Van Fleet became a breakout star on the right with *Mao's America*, skyrocketing in popularity after a viral Tucker Carlson interview amplified by Elon Musk. Her passionate argument -- rooted in her own experience as someone who escaped Mao's China and emigrated to the U.S. for a better life -- resonates deeply with American conservatives, and her influence has only grown since her first book.
- **Timely, Hard-Hitting:** While *Mao's America* exposed parallels between China's Cultural Revolution and America's woke movement, this new book goes further—revealing how U.S. policies enabled Communist China's rise. Partnering with renowned Chinese dissident Yu Jie, Xi delivers an even deeper analysis for readers.
- **Right-Wing Media Darling:** A leading conservative voice on U.S.-China relations, Xi will drive aggressive media coverage at launch, ensuring the book reaches the right audience. With Yu Jie's limited English, Xi will serve as the primary voice in marketing and promoting the book.

Author Info

Carlotta's Special Dress

Subtitle	How a Walk to School Changed Civil Rights History		
By (author)s / Illustrated by	Walls Lanier, Carlotta ; Frazier Page, Lisa / Brantley-Newton, Vanessa		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316572545 / 0316572543	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	10 x 10 (T) / 48 (T) / 32	Age Range	6-8
Team	Samantha Gentry (Editor) / Andie Divelbiss (Marketer) / Brooke Houghton (Put		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio)		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF007110) Biography & Autobiography / Social Activists, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF018010) African American & Black, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF053270) Social Topics / Civil & Human Rights, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF050000) School & Education, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF053140) Social Topics / Prejudice & Racism		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/01/2025 Pub Date: 01/06/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Carlotta Walls LaNier, the youngest of the Little Rock Nine, shares the true story about a girl, a dress, and the historic fight to attend an all-white school in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Book Description: Carlotta can't wait to wear her new dress on her first day of school. But when the moment finally arrives, she isn't allowed to go. The year is 1957, and the people of Little Rock, Arkansas, don't want Black students attending an all-white school and will do whatever it takes to keep them out.

As hate and danger escalate, will Carlotta and her Black classmates, known as the Little Rock Nine, have the strength and perseverance to keep dreaming of a better world?

This moving picture book autobiography from a Civil Rights pioneer introduces a landmark event in the fight for desegregation and demonstrates the world-changing power children have to enact change through bravery and faith.

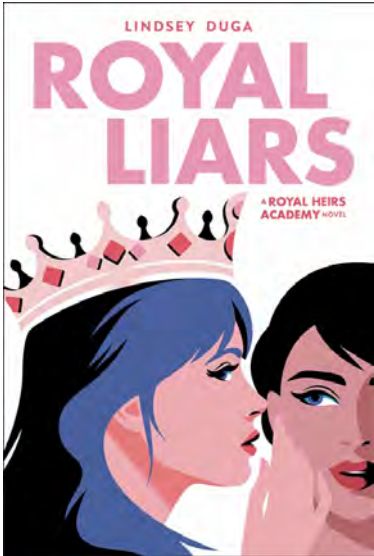
Key Selling Points

- **MEDIA and KID FRIENDLY HOOKS:** This autobiographical story makes for arresting narrative nonfiction versus a traditional picture book biography, allowing this book to stand out from other hidden figures stories in the marketplace. This approach to Carlotta Walls LaNier's story will resonate with young readers because it captures a relatable aspect of a child's life: what to wear on the first day of school, and the nervous anticipation of starting a new school.
- **PROMOTIONAL MOMENTS FOR RETAIL:** Suitable for opportunities throughout the year including Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Back to School.
- **A PERFECT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE:** The extensive back matter—including an author's note, comprehensive timeline, and historical photos—gives this nonfiction offering great educator and library appeal in addition to having strong backlist potential.

Author Info

Royal Liars

Series / Series #	Royal Heirs Academy, #2		
By (author)	Duga, Lindsey		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Young Adult	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316585675 / 031658567X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	25,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 368 / 20	Age Range	14-18
Team	Jessica Anderson (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Kelly Moran (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF053000) Royalty, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF054010) School & Education / Boarding School & Prep School, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF052020) Romance / Contemporary, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF046070) Places / Europe		
Pricing	\$12.99 (US Price) / ₹999 / \$16.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/01/2025 Pub Date: 01/06/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: *American Royals* meets *Gossip Girl* in this scandal-driven sequel where four teens uncover their glamorous boarding school's shady history, all while battling for the crown.

Book Description: Sadie Aurelia *hates* Titus Eldana but as the unlikely heir to the Ashland throne, she must keep fake-dating him for appearances. Every day she grows more wary of Titus and the secrets he's hiding. After all, their relationship was built on deception. Meanwhile, Emmeline Eldana begins to question her lifelong goal of impressing her neglectful parents, Alaric Eldana's shocking family history comes to light, and one of the world's richest technocrats is lurking around their school's campus.

When the teen rivals learn that Almus Terra's board of directors might place scholarship students at risk with budget cuts, can they put their egos aside long enough to make a difference? They'll soon realize that the corruption runs much deeper than Almus Terra Academy, and their country's peace and prosperity comes with a cost.

Complete with enemies-to-lovers romance, political intrigue, and legendary betrayals, this is the thrilling conclusion to the saga begun in *Royal Heirs Academy*.

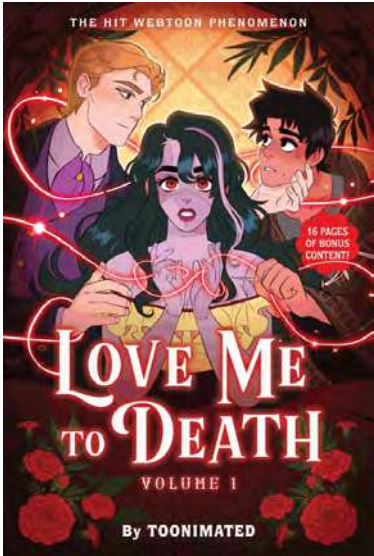
Key Selling Points

- "AMERICAN ROYALS MEETS GOSSIP GIRL" (SLJ) IN THIS ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS BOARDING SCHOOL ROMANCE PRIMED FOR #BOOKTOK:** This gossip-filled, scandal-driven contemporary read was plotted with the widest commercial audience in mind. **Teen and tween readers love this book.**
YA PAPERBACK ORIGINAL FOR KEY MASS AND RETAIL PLACEMENT, WITH TV INTEREST FROM ACE ENTERTAINMENT: Book 1 is a Target Monthly Book Club Pick (Jan 2025). This cinematic read is launching as a paperback original (with simo hardcover) which gives us an edge for key retail placement/promotions and pickup at mass. Lindsey Duga is the VP of Operations at a digital marketing agency and has wide-ranging expertise in product marketing. She is an exemplary publishing partner who is ready to do everything in her power to amplify our efforts. **ACE Entertainment, who was a producer on *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah* and the forthcoming *Icebreaker* by Hannah Grace, is shopping the film/TV rights to *Royal Heirs Academy*.** They are very excited to get this series optioned for development.
EDUCATOR NOTES: Contemporary Fiction; Realistic Fiction; Multiple Third Persons; Strong Character; Coming of Age; Conflict with Society; Corruption of Power; Determination; Good vs. Evil; Greed; Isolation vs. Conformity; Revenge; Sacrifice; Justice; Business & Finance; Computers and Coding; Dating & Sex; Diseases & Illnesses; Elections & Voting; Emotional Abuse; Europe; Government & Civics; Money & Business; New Experiences; Personal Growth; Political Science; Relationship Skills; Strong Female Protagonist; Narrative Writing

Author Info

Love Me to Death

Subtitle	Volume One		
By (author)	Toonimated		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Graphic Novel	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316587198 / 0316587192	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	75,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 432 / 16	Age Range	14 & up
Team	Liz Kossnar (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Sadie Trombetta (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010170) Comics & Graphic Novels / Romance, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010050) Comics & Graphic Novels / Action & Adventure, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010100) Comics & Graphic Novels / Fantasy		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Toonimated's wildly popular Webtoon is now in print for with a never-before-seen short story! For fans of *Anatomy: A Love Story* and *Lore Olympus* comes a graphic novel romantasy about the love triangle between a necromancer, a resurrected bride, and her very-much-alive groom.

Book Description: In the city of San Guadario, necromancy has been banned for one hundred years. Every aspect of life, from buying food to getting married, requires a signature written in one's own blood. If a necromancer were to sign, their identity would be revealed by the magic that courses through their veins. As a necromancer, Victor and his cute one-eyed cat must live a discreet life, constantly on the run.

Everything changes when the wealthiest patron in San Guadario hires Victor to resurrect his recently deceased, and impossibly beautiful, bride. The catch? Victor must perform an ancient ritual which eternally binds himself to this bride. After he brings her back to life, Victor finds himself magically entangled with the bride and groom and caught in the middle of more romance than he knows what to do with.

Adapted from the wildly popular webtoon series, *Love Me to Death* is a gorgeously illustrated saga that is bound to stop your heart.

Key Selling Points

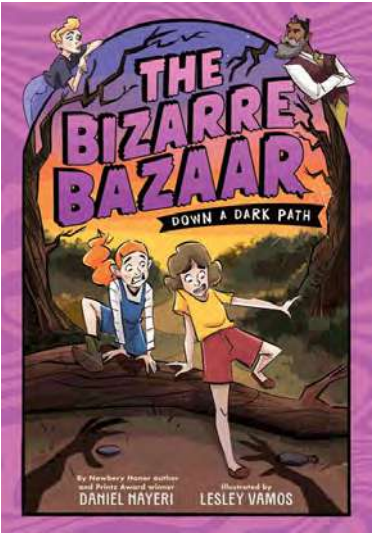
- **POPULAR WEBCOMIC WITH A DEDICATED FAN BASE AND PLATFORM:** Toonimated's track record with Webtoon is off the charts: Since its inception in July 2022, *Love Me to Death* has amassed 31.4 million views, 551K subscribers, and a high 9.53 rating on Webtoon. Before *Love Me to Death*, there was *Room of Swords* — Toonimated's first hit webtoon series that hit over 75 million views, has 775K subscribers, and a 9.75 rating. This creator duo has a clear eye for resonating storytelling that can pull in new and loyal fans alike (just look at their 192K followers on Instagram!).
- **SCROLL-TO-PRINT GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE ON THE RISE:** Publishers are hopping on the webtoon-to-print craze in earnest, and for good reason! From *Lore Olympus* to *Heartstopper* and more, webtoon-based graphic novels have huge built-in audiences and highly engaged creators that make these an easy sell.
- **ROMANTASY INTRIGUE:** There's crossover appeal with readership of YA prose romantasy here, especially since this is primed to stand out in a less saturated graphic novel market.

Author Info

Author Residence	Mexico City, Mexico	Local Bookstore
About The Author	Toonimated was co-founded by Julian Jauregui and Tara Mueller, who have been publishing Webtoon Originals for seven years and have over a decade of experience in game development leadership. Both are accomplished creative directors and entertainment content creators who hold production animation degrees from Digipen Institute of Technology.	
Author Links	http://toonimated.com/ (Author Website), @Toonimated (Author Twitter), http://www.facebook.com/Toonimated (Author Facebook), @toonimated (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)	

The Bizarre Bazaar: Down a Dark Path (A Graphic Novel)

Series / Series #	The Bizarre Bazaar, #2		
By (author) / Illustrated by	Nayeri, Daniel / Vamos, Lesley		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Graphic Novel	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780759556447 / 075955644X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	25,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-3/4 x 8-1/4 / 152 / 56	Age Range	8-12
Team	Andrea Colvin (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Sadie Trombetta (Public		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008130) Comics & Graphic Novels / Paranormal, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008040) Comics & Graphic Novels / Action & Adventure, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008100) Comics & Graphic Novels / Horror		
Pricing	\$12.99 (US Price) / ₹999 / \$16.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Enter the Bizarre Bazaar, a creepy graphic novel series sure to give you a fright! In this second sinister tale, two sisters find themselves in danger from what they believe is a vampire...but is it?

Book Description: Lucy and Frida Bufort have never stepped foot outside their family farm in the Carolina Inner Banks. It's the dead of July, and in the midst of yet another boring summer making jam for the family business, the girls want nothing more than to visit the elusive town they've never been allowed to visit. Their father has always said that the outside world is a dangerous place, but danger is closer to home than they even know.

There's something in the nearby woods uprooting trees, scaring fish from the water, and scratching at Lucy's window in the middle of the night. Lucy can't shake the feeling that there's a monster out and about—one with two pointy fangs who only comes out at night.

It's up to these two sisters to discover what this monster wants. But the further they stray from home, the weirder things become. What's really going on beyond the Bufort family farm?

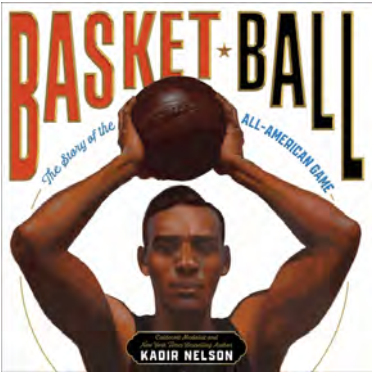
Key Selling Points

- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Daniel Nayeri most recently received a Newbery Honor Award for his latest middle grade adventure novel, *The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams* and is best known for his middle grade autobiographical novel, *Everything Sad Is Untrue* (2020), for which he won the Michael L. Printz Award. The Bizarre Bazaar is his debut graphic novel series, and we're excited to see his vivid storytelling come to life in this new format.
- **SPOOKY BUT NOT SCARY!:** This graphic novel series is delightfully creepy, with a tone reminiscent of *The Twilight Zone* and pulp comics. It is sure to captivate readers with its eerie setting and gripping pace.
- **CONTINUATION OF AN EXCITING SERIES:** In the current market, we're seeing graphic novels have greater success as series rather than standalones!

Author Info

Basket Ball

Subtitle	The Story of the All-American Game		
Series / Series #	American Sports Histories, #2		
By (author) / Illustrated by	Nelson, Kadir / Nelson, Kadir		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Middle Grade	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316209403 / 0316209406	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	100,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	11 x 11 (T) / 112 (T) / 16	Age Range	8-12
Team	Andrea Spooner (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Melanie Rapoport (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF054020) Sports & Recreation / Basketball, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF018010) African American & Black, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF025210) History / United States / 20th Century, (Jnf) Juvenile Nonfiction / (JNF021000) Games & Activities / General		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / ₹1670/ \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025	Pub Date: 01/13/2026	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Caldecott Award-winning, bestselling creator Kadir Nelson delivers the perfect gift for basketball fans of any age—a beautifully illustrated history of the game and its key players over the years—in this much anticipated companion to his bestselling *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*.

Book Description: Basketball has evolved by leaps and bounds since its origin over 125 years ago, but what remains is the passion of the players, the heat of competition, and supreme strategy and athleticism on the court. In this visual tour de force, celebrated artist Kadir Nelson weds his love for the game with showstopping paintings that bring its heart-pounding history to life.

The sage voice of an elder player narrates the journey from the early days of the slow game of “basket ball” to today’s dazzlingly athletic and fast-paced sport. Engaging profiles of revolutionary players—including Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and Stephen Curry—are featured, along with notable quotes from major figures of the game.

Basket Ball is the long-awaited companion to Kadir Nelson’s multi-award-winning bestseller *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*. Now, with each breathtaking page turn, fans young and old can learn the gripping story of the all-American game and meet its iconic, indomitable heroes.

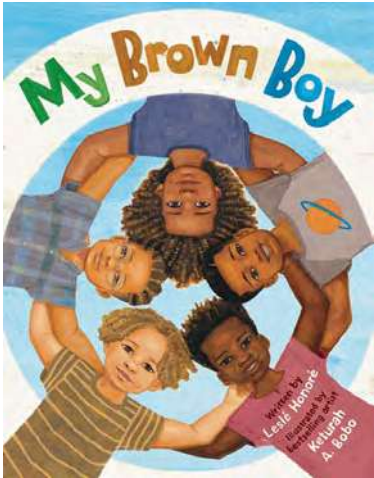
Key Selling Points

- **MAJOR SALES TRACK:** *We Are the Ship* has netted over half a million copies and continues to sell year after year. Some of Kadir’s key titles are *Moses* by Carole Boston Weatherford (a Caldecott Honor Book, CSK Award Illustrator Award winner, and a NAACP Image Award Winner, over 235K net sales) and *Abe’s Honest Words* by Doreen Rappaport (over 180K net sales).
- **EXCELLENT PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** Perfect for Black History Month*, and to highlight throughout basketball season. Basketball has major events from fall all the way into summer, including NBA All-Star Game (Feb), March Madness, NBA playoffs and the NCAA championship game (April), NBA Finals (June), and the WNBA All-Star Game (July). (*NOTE: The title is a work of history, and the intentional spelling of BASKET BALL reflects the original spelling of the game as two words.)
- **STAR CREATOR WITH MEDIA POTENTIAL:** This long-awaited follow up has been a decade in the making, with nearly 60 astounding, larger-than-life full-color paintings, and Kadir would make a great interviewee. He is also known as the Caldecott-winning artist of *The Undeclared* as well as for his iconic *New Yorker* covers.

Author Info

My Brown Boy

By (author) / Illustrated by	Honoré, Leslé / Bobo, Keturah A.		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316314145 / 0316314145	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	40,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 11 / 32 / 30	Age Range	6-8
Team	Deirdre Jones (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Melanie Rapoport (Publ		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio)		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV005000) Boys & Men, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011010) African American & Black, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039140) Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011030) Hispanic & Latino, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV074000) Diversity & Multicultural		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: An affirming picture book that celebrates the brilliance and power of brown and Black boys to achieve their dreams, from poet and activist Leslé Honoré and #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Keturah A. Bobo.

Book Description: An affirming picture book that celebrates the brilliance and power of brown and Black boys to achieve their dreams, from poet and activist Leslé Honoré and #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Keturah A. Bobo.

*My brown boy laughs like a song,
rhythm like rain, soft and strong.
He holds the power to be
so bold, so magically free.*

Moving verse by poet and activist Leslé Honoré and exuberant art by #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Keturah A. Bobo come together in a joyful ode to the creativity, courage, and kindness of brown and Black boys. A companion title to *Brown Girl, Brown Girl*, this timeless picture book encourages young readers to be expansive, emotional, brilliant—whoever they want to be.

Key Selling Points

- **EMPOWERING COMPANION TITLE:** Our first book by Leslé Honoré, *Brown Girl, Brown Girl*, celebrates brown and Black girls and was inspired by the author's viral poem about Vice President Kamala Harris. *My Brown Boy* is an uplifting companion title with a similarly inspiring message for brown and Black boys, and the author includes a poignant note about why she wrote it in the book's back matter.
- **IMPACTFUL CREATORS:** Author and poet Leslé Honoré is the CEO of [Urban Gateways](#), which engages young people in arts experiences to inspire creativity and impact social change. *My Brown Boy* is her second book, and a third book is forthcoming. Artist Keturah A. Bobo (who passed away in 2025) illustrated the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers.
- **ALL-AGES APPEAL:** *My Brown Boy* is written from the perspective of a parent praising their child's creativity, joy, growth, and uniqueness and holds strong appeal for caregivers who want to empower their children and/or start conversations about growing up.

Author Info

The Snips: Enter the Wigmaster! (A Graphic Novel)

Series / Series #	The Snips		
By (author)s / Illustrated by	Third, Raúl the ; Bay, Elaine / Third, Raúl the		
Format/Sub-format	Paper Over Board / Graphic Novel	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316528955 / 0316528951	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	25,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 8-1/4 / 144 / 28	Age Range	7-10
Team	Margaret Raymo (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Sadie Trombetta (Pul		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008020) Comics & Graphic Novels / Superheroes, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008040) Comics & Graphic Novels / Action & Adventure, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV008110) Comics & Graphic Novels / Humorous, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011030) Hispanic & Latino		
Pricing	\$14.99 (US Price) / ₹1140 / \$19.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The Snips are back in the second book of Raúl the Third’s hilarious series, taking on the nefarious Wigmaster in a hair-raising battle for Scissors City! Packed with humor and action, it’s perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *The Bad Guys*.

Book Description: In their latest comic caper, The Snips take on the dastardly Wigmaster and his wignions who are intent on nothing less than world domination, of course. His plan is already in motion by the night of the glitzy Wigmania Gala, hosted by the Snips at their headquarters, Tijera Tower. But the celebration takes a hairy turn the next morning when the team wakes up with no memory of the night before. All they know is that every single wig has vanished and, even worse, Hair Thing is missing!

When Patty, Letty, and Nubes fall under the Wigmaster’s hypnotic control, it’s up to Casco and Fealix—the only two Snips immune to his mind-controlling wigs—to save their friends and stop the madness! Raúl the Third has created yet another wig-stacular adventure starring everyone’s favorite crime-fighting barbers.

Key Selling Points

- **TALENTED AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR:** Raúl the Third is a critically acclaimed author illustrator and a four-time Pura Belpre winner. He has an animated series in development and remains poised for even greater success.
- **STRONG THEMES IN A FUN PACKAGE:** While the concept and storylines are funny and accessible, there are also themes of capitalism and environmentalism, treated in a very nondidactic manner.
- **REPRESENTATION:** Set in a diverse community, and with Spanish words sprinkled in throughout, the story features characters of color in unique and heroic roles, filling a gap in the early GN market. Currently there are 41 million native Spanish speakers in the U.S.

Author Info

Author Residence	Boston, MA	Local Bookstore	Porter Square books
About The Author	Raúl The Third is a four-time Pura Belpre award-winning illustrator, author, and artist living in the Boston area with his wife, colorist Elaine Bay. He is the illustrator of the critically acclaimed <i>Low Riders in Space</i> series and the <i>World of ¡Vamos!</i> books. His work centers around the contemporary Mexican-American experience and his memories of growing up in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.		
Author Links	http://raulthethird.com (Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @raulthethirdvamos (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Marketing & Publicity Plans

Ramadan for Everyone

Subtitle	A Muslim Community Story		
By (author) / Illustrated by	Khalil, Aya / Kheiriyeh, Rashin		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316577441 / 0316577448	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 11 / 40 / 28	Age Range	6-8
Team	Jessica Anderson (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio)		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV017090) Holidays & Celebrations / Other, Religious, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV033270) Religious / Muslim, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039220) Social Themes / Values & Virtues, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV030130) Middle Eastern & Arab American, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV074000) Diversity & Multicultural		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Celebrate the holy month of Ramadan with this luminous picture book about faith, community, sisterhood, and acts of service.

Book Description: Ramadan is here! And this year, Habeeba is finally going to fast all day, every day, and pray all the special Ramadan prayers at night at the masjid, just like her older sister, Sumaya. The holy month is filled with decorations, beading, crafts, delicious recipes, religious ceremonies—so much activity that it's hard for Habeeba to stay awake during prayer services, or to resist Baba's gooey, cheese-filled kunafa drenched in sweet syrup when she gets home from school. Habeeba is discouraged. How else can she be observant, like Sumaya?

Beautifully illustrated with cozy Ramadan decorations throughout, this sibling story delivers the comforting message that selflessness and patience—not perfection—are the most valuable treasures. *Ramadan for Everyone* features the lavish details of *The Gift of Ramadan* all framed around the growth mindset of *The Magical Yet*.

Key Selling Points

- **FOR DIVERSE CLASSROOMS and HOLIDAY PROMOTIONS NATIONWIDE:** Islam is the third largest religion in the United States, with one of the highest projected growth rates in the next 20 years. *Ramadan for Everyone* is a much needed addition to the canon of Arab American children's literature celebrating the joys of major Muslim holidays. Much like *The Night Before Eid*, Aya Khalil wrote this book in response to her own children's lack of representation in their school libraries and her hope is that it will be a teaching tool and a treasured family holiday book for years to come.

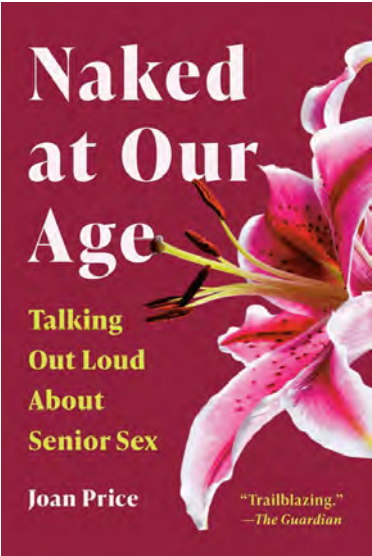
#RAMADANREADS COMPANION TO THE NIGHT BEFORE EID: There is significant retail and institutional demand for Muslim holiday picture books year over year. Here is a fresh offering from the winning team behind *The Night Before Eid* that now focuses on the holy month of Ramadan. Along with *The Night Before Eid*, *Ramadan for Everyone* will allow for us to have a charming, vibrant offering for all 3 major celebrations in the Islamic calendar: Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, and Eid al-Adha.

EDUCATOR NOTES: Determination; Internal Struggle; Perseverance; Arts & Crafts; Authentic Author; Community; Family Stories; Holiday Stories; Holidays & Traditions; Life Skills; Multicultural; Religions; Self-Management; Siblings; Includes Back Matter; Includes Primary Sources; Problem & Solution; Narrative Writing; School Stories; Islam/Muslim; Extension Activities; Home Engagement Activities

Author Info

Naked at Our Age

Subtitle	Talking Out Loud About Senior Sex		
By (author)	Price, Joan		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Revised edition (ONIX)
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781541608023 / 154160802X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	5,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 384 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Brandon Proia (Editor) / Jonathan Repetti (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive \ Excluding Bonaire and Sint Eustatius and Saba, Curaçao, Dutch Sint Maarten and others		
BISAC Category	(Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA042000) Sexuality, (Ref) Reference / (REF015000) Personal & Practical Guides, (Fam) Family & Relationships / (FAM000000) General		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / ₹1670 / \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The classic guide to sex for seniors, offering real-life stories alongside expert advice “without apology, without shame and with accommodation, levity, humor and joy” (*The New York Times*)—now updated with a new foreword from the author and new expert tips

Book Description: Joan Price is talking out loud about a subject that is often ignored or ridiculed in our society: later-life sex.

In *Naked at Our Age*, she offers a candid, straight-talking exploration of senior sex in all its colors—the challenges, the disappointments, and the surprises, as well as the delights of love and passion. In this book, real people over fifty—women and men, coupled and single, straight and gay—talk candidly about how their sex lives and relationships have changed with age. No topic related to older sexuality is off-limits. Some are having unsatisfying sex, or no sex at all, and are looking for answers. Price presents their compelling personal stories, followed by wise advice from sex therapists, health professionals, counselors, and sex educators.

Naked at Our Age is an entertaining and indispensable guide to the issues of senior sex and relationships. This new edition of the classic, award-winning book includes a new foreword from the author and new tips from experts.

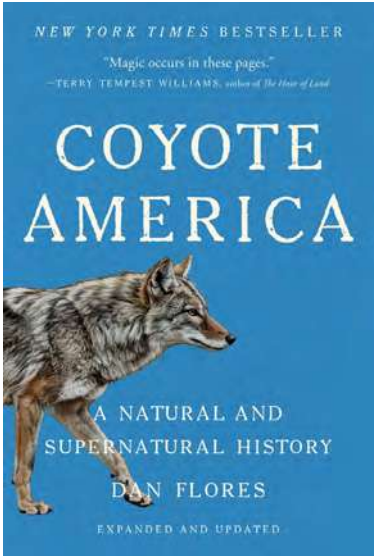
Key Selling Points

- **STRONG BACKLIST SALES:** *Naked at Our Age* is a strong and consistent seller on our backlist, shipping well over 1K copies annually (and rising).
- **UPDATED EDITION:** The author will be writing a new foreword and updating the text throughout, and the reissue will feature a refreshed cover and packaging.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR WITH GREAT PLATFORM:** Joan Price is an authority on later-life sex and has written three books geared towards older people seeking to improve their sex lives. *Naked at Our Age* was named one of “8 Books for Better Sex” by the *New York Times*, and Price was a major source and interview subject for a 2022 *NYT Magazine* piece, “The Joys (and Challenges) of Sex After 70.” She has nearly 12K followers on X.

Author Info

Coyote America

Subtitle	A Natural and Supernatural History		
By (author)	Flores, Dan		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Revised edition (ONIX)
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781541608535 / 1541608534	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print		1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 1/2 x 8 1/4 / 304 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Kristen Kim (Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book, Hardcover Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Nat) Nature / (NAT011000) Environmental Conservation & Protection, (His) History / (HIS028000) Indigenous / General, (Pol) Political Science / (POL044000) Public Policy / Environmental Policy, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC002010) Anthropology / Cultural & Social, (Sci) Science / (SCI100000) Natural History		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / ₹1520 / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/01/2025 Pub Date: 01/06/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: "A masterly synthesis of scientific research and personal observation." --*Wall Street Journal*

Book Description: With its uncanny night howls, unrivaled ingenuity, and amazing resilience, the coyote is the stuff of legends. In Indian folktales it often appears as a deceptive trickster or a sly genius. But legends don't come close to capturing the incredible survival story of the coyote. As soon as Americans--especially white Americans--began ranching and herding in the West, they began working to destroy the coyote. Despite campaigns of annihilation employing poisons, gases, helicopters, and engineered epidemics, coyotes didn't just survive, they thrived, expanding across the continent from Anchorage, Alaska, to New York's Central Park. In the war between humans and coyotes, coyotes have won hands-down.

Coyote America is both an environmental and a deep natural history of the coyote. It traces both the five-million-year-long biological story of an animal that has become the "wolf" in our backyards, as well as its cultural evolution from a preeminent spot in Native American religions to the hapless foil of the Road Runner. A deeply American tale, the story of the coyote in the American West and beyond is a sort of Manifest Destiny in reverse, with a pioneering hero whose career holds up an uncanny mirror to the successes and failures of American expansionism.

An illuminating biography of this extraordinary animal, *Coyote America* isn't just the story of an animal's survival--it is one of the great epics of our time.

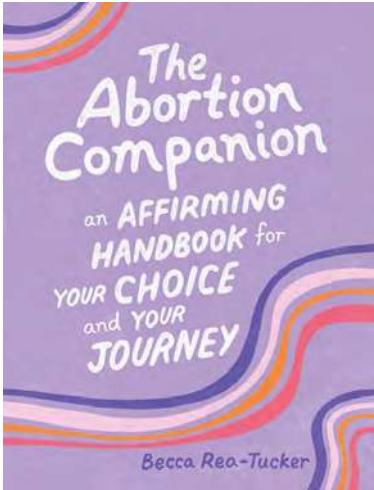
Key Selling Points

- **AMAZING TRACK:** This new edition brings the book up to date and follows coyotes to South America. It will continue to capitalize on the market for *Coyote America*, which has sold over 93,000 copies across editions since its publication in June 2016. The current paperback shipped more than 7,300 copies in 2024 and is on track to do the same in 2025.
- **THE EPIC OF THE ANIMAL:** Books focusing on a particular animal and lessons we can learn from them have done well in recent years. Standouts include Sy Montgomery's *Of Time and Turtles* (10k TP) and earlier *The Soul of an Octopus* (360k TP), Leila Philip's *Beaverland* (28k TP), and Jennifer Ackerman's *What an Owl Knows* (26k TP).
- **GREAT REVIEWS:** *Coyote America* was called "engaging" by the *New Yorker*, "a remarkable book" by the *Washington Post*, "fun" by the *New Scientist*, "an absorbing book [by] a master storyteller" by *Natural History*, and "a masterly synthesis of scientific research and personal observation" by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Author Info

The Abortion Companion

Subtitle	An Affirming Handbook for Your Choice and Your Journey		
By (author)	Rea-Tucker, Becca		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Paper over Board	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798894141015 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	15,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 8 / 184 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Shannon Kelly (Editor) / Ana-Maria Bonner (Marketer) / Annie Brag (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	40 two-color illustrations & hand-lettered accents		
Selling Territory	World All Languages		
BISAC Category	(Sel) Self-Help / (SEL042000) Emotions, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA041000) Pregnancy & Childbirth, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC046000) Abortion & Birth Control, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA024000) Women's Health		
Pricing	\$22.00 (US Price) / ₹1755 / \$29.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/08/2025 Pub Date: 01/13/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Following in the footsteps of *The Modern Loss Handbook* and *You're the Only One I've Told* comes a beautiful comfort book of affirmations, exercises, words of wisdom, and emotional resources for an abortion journey—whether you're contemplating an abortion, had one yesterday, had one ten years ago, or are simply sorting out how you feel—from the outspoken pro-choice activist also known as @thesweetfeminist.

Book Description: A warm, accepting, non-judgmental, and stigma-free companion for your abortion journey from Becca Rea-Tucker, the reproductive rights advocate known as The Sweet Feminist.

Whether you had an abortion earlier this morning or thirty years ago, whether you're feeling relief or grief (or both!), and even if you haven't had an abortion but just want to untangle how you feel about it, this book is a safe and supportive resource.

With an emphasis on self-compassion, it collects reflection prompts, affirmations, conversation scripts, logistical info, self-care tips, and much more to validate and support you no matter where you fall in the full spectrum of experiences of people who have abortions. Bolstered by beautiful illustrations and the caring, confident support of author and reproductive rights advocate Becca Rea-Tucker, this book will meet you wherever you are and offer guidance for every step of your journey.

Key Selling Points

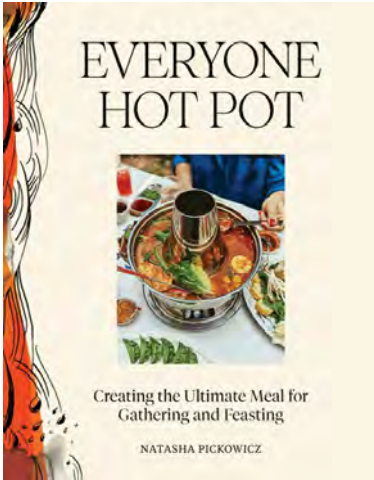
- **MARKET OPPORTUNITY:** Pro-abortion books like *Ejaculate Responsibly* have been finding enormous success, but these titles tend to be political or journalistic. This book will fill a niche for a book that centers the reader's own experience and emotional journey instead.
- **HIGHLY ENGAGED AND SAVVY AUTHOR:** Becca Rea-Tucker has an extremely active and insightful relationship with her substantial following online, as well as connections throughout the world of pro-choice activism and the feminist community.
- **IN THE MODEL OF SUCCESSFUL COMFORT BOOKS:** Following the framework established by books like *The Modern Loss Handbook* and *Why Did No One Tell Me This?*, this book will be giftable, interactive but not consumable, and ideal for dipping in and out of over the long course of one's journey. It will also be beautiful enough to sit proudly on a feminist's end table.

Author Info

Author Residence	Austin, TX	Local Bookstore	BookPeople
About The Author	Becca Rea-Tucker is a reproductive rights advocate, baker, and author whose work merges activism and dessert. Through her platform @TheSweetFeminist and Substack A Little Something Sweet, she shares resources and writing that challenge shame and anti-abortion misinformation. Her work explores stigma, self-compassion, and bodily autonomy. She is the author of the cookbook <i>Baking by Feel</i> and the upcoming <i>The Abortion Companion</i> . She lives in Austin, TX with her husband, daughter, and dog.		
Author Links	http://thesweetfeminist.substack.com (Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @thesweetfeminist (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Everyone Hot Pot

Subtitle	Creating the Ultimate Meal for Gathering and Feasting		
By (author)	Pickowicz, Natasha		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Paper over Board	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781648293801 / 1648293808	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	35,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	7-1/4 x 9-1/2 / 224 / 10	Age Range	
Team	Judy Pray (Editor) / Nicholas Teodoro (Marketer) / Theresa Collier (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	60		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Ckb) Cooking / (CKB090000) Regional & Cultural / Asian, (Ckb) Cooking / (CKB081000) Methods / Special Appliances, (Ckb) Cooking / (CKB029000) Entertaining		
Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2395 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/22/2025 Pub Date: 01/27/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: In her highly anticipated next cookbook, chef Natasha Pickowicz, author of *More Than Cake*, covers everything you need to know to make a dazzling hot pot feast, the ancient Chinese tradition that is both a meal *and* a celebration.

Book Description: Hot pot is the ancient East Asian cookery method of rapidly poaching bite-size morsels of fresh vegetables, meats, seafood, and tofu in a tableside broth. This communal way of eating is perfect for home dinner parties where guests become active participants in cooking the meal. Though the hot pot table symbolizes bounty and feasting, at its core is frugality and thrift and accessibility to anyone. Four-time James Beard Award nominated chef Natasha Pickowicz shares her family's hot pot recipes in this much-anticipated follow up to *More Than Cake*. She provides more than fifty recipes for the broths, dumplings, sides, desserts, and drinks, along with a guide to the essential hot pot ingredients, equipment and tools, plus an explanation on how to pull it all together. Recipes include essential hot pot accompaniments, like the delicious Not-Just-Scallion Pancakes, Toasted Cumin and White Sesame Sauce, and Caramelized Mushroom and Cabbage Dumplings, as well as surprising dishes that are sure to become staples at any hot pot gathering, like Charred Tomato and Lemongrass Broth, Crunchy Seaweed Boats, and a refreshing Watermelon Shiso Slushie. Through four distinctly unique hot pot menus, Pickowicz shows how to pull together this cozy tradition best enjoyed at home no matter where you are; everyone, hot pot!

Key Selling Points

- **APPEALING AUTHOR WITH A NATIONAL PLATFORM:** Four-time James Beard Award-nominated chef, author, pop-up maven, and community activist, Natasha Pickowicz is one of the most important voices in food today. Her events draw crowds from New York City to Los Angeles and her work is trend setting.
- **FIRST TO THE MARKET:** Hot pot dining is more popular than ever, and yet there has not been a major cookbook devoted to the topic of hot pot since the 1970s.
- **RECIPES, INSIGHT, TECHNIQUE:** With more than 50 recipes for broths, components, side dishes, and accompaniments, plus call-out tips to further explain and highlight how to make the most of each creation, from varying the flavor to serving to cooking ahead, and uses for leftovers.

Author Info

It's No Wonder

Subtitle	The Life and Times of Motown's Legendary Songwriter Sylvia Moy		
By (author)	Christian, Dr. Margena A.		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306833632 / 0306833638	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 304 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Ben Schafer (Editor) / Maya Lewis (Marketer) / Tara Kennedy (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	16-pg b&w insert prints at Marquis		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO002010) African American & Black, (Mus) Music / (MUS039000) Genres & Styles / Soul & R 'n B, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO004000) Music, (His) History / (HIS058000) Women, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO022000) Women		
Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2280 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The authorized biography of Sylvia Moy, Motown's first certified female in-house producer and songwriter, and one of the authors behind classic hits like “My Cherie Amour,” “Uptight (Everything's Alright),” and a slew of other time-honored tunes.

Book Description: Imagine a world without the music of Stevie Wonder. A world without hits like “I Was Made to Love Her” and “Shoo-Be-Doo-Be-Doo-Da-Day.” That’s the world we would live in had it not been for Sylvia Moy, a woman whose legacy has been carefully tucked away within the annals of music history—until now.

It's No Wonder examines the groundbreaking career of the pioneer who battled sexism and broke down barriers to become Motown's first certified female in-house songwriter and producer. As the lone woman in a room full of men, the odds were stacked against Moy from the start. Amidst racial strife at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, most African American women who were allowed into the music industry could only dream of a career as a singer. Nevertheless, the Detroit native found unprecedented success as both a songwriter and producer. In addition to single-handedly saving Stevie Wonder's early career at Motown, Moy solidified herself as one of the label's most prolific composers, penning many of Wonder's classic hits as well as songs for other Motown acts like “Honey Chile,” “It Takes Two,” “This Old Heart of Mine (Is Weak For You),” “My Baby Loves Me,” “(We’ve Got) Honey Love,” “Forget Me Not,” “With a Child's Heart,” and countless others.

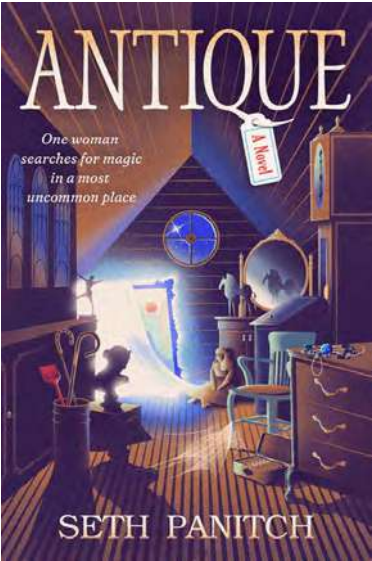
Meticulously researched, fiercely feminist, and told with the cooperation of Moy's estate, *It's No Wonder* is a historical corrective that restores Sylvia Moy to her rightful place at the forefront of music history.

Key Selling Points

- FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF UNKNOWN WOMAN BEHIND MOTOWN HITS:** Though most of the world is familiar with the name and voice of Stevie Wonder, very few recognize the name of the woman who single-handedly saved his career at Motown: Sylvia Moy. In addition to working with Stevie and writing a number of top hits for him (including "Uptight (Everything's Alright)," "My Cherie Amour," and "I Was Made to Love Her"), Moy also wrote a number of songs for other Motown acts, such as "Honey Chile," "It Takes Two," "Forget Me Not," "With a Child's Heart," and countless others. Moy was the first female songwriter and producer to do both simultaneously at Motown, though she was largely overshadowed by her male peers. This book offers a historical corrective that introduces Moy and her creative genius to the public so that her accomplishments can finally be appreciated and celebrated more widely.
- ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS WITH THE MOY FAMILY AND MOTOWN COLLEAGUES:** Christian has conducted and included a number of never-before-released interviews with key figures in Moy's story, including her family (siblings, nieces, nephews, and other relatives), Smokey Robinson, Mickey Stevenson, Martha Reeves, Janie Bradford, Barrett Strong, Louvain Demps, Paul Riser, Patricia Cosby, and Cornelius Grant, among others. The book is also authorized by the Moy estate and the family fully supports its publication.

Antique

Subtitle	A Novel		
By (author)	Panitch, Seth		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538772942 / 1538772949	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 352 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Jacqueline Young (Editor) / Leena Oropez (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Fic) Fiction / (FIC061000) Magical Realism, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC045000) Family Life / General, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC044000) Women		
Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2199 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025	Pub Date: 02/03/2026	



Title Notes

Sales Handle: For readers of *The Midnight Library* and *Cassandra in Reverse*, an uplifting, magical story about a once-celebrated antique appraiser who gets caught in the thrall of a strange, powerful necklace—one that has the power to transform her life, and the fortunes of those around her.

Book Description: Grace Schaffer has the eye and empathy of a virtuoso appraiser. Raised by an eminent but emotionally withdrawn scholar, her talent landed her a coveted spot on *Antiques Roadshow*, where she charmed legions of viewers with her mastery of painting and provenance. But she's since fallen from her gilded perch, losing her marriage in the process, and has been left asking what her clients so often ask her: *What is it worth?* Or, the question that beats beneath it, *What am I worth?*

In a last-ditch attempt to revive her career, she signs on to an amateur travelling show, where an old, weathered necklace catches her eye. Imbued with a strange and sudden confidence, she begins predicting the precise amount that objects will sell for at auction—far beyond what many see as their true value. As she performs act after act of this seeming divination, Grace catches the attention of detractors and fans alike, all waiting to see what she'll do next. When Grace makes a shocking discovery—what she believes to be a long-lost masterpiece—the stage is already set for a final showdown as she's forced to face off with her critics.

As Grace struggles to see her worth outside of her job, and beyond the necklace's power, *Antique* delivers a powerful story of art and love, one that will leave readers believing in the magic that lies within us all—should we dare to use it.

Key Selling Points

- **RIVETING ART AND ANTIQUE WORLD BACKDROP:** Set in the rarefied world of antiques, art and esteemed auction houses, *ANTIQUE* provides a fascinating look into this insular and mysterious world. It joins the company of titles like *THE ECHO OF OLD BOOKS* (TP: 128K), *THE ART FORGER* (HC: 42K) and *THE VIOLIN CONSPIRACY* (HC: 33K) that offer a peek into exclusive spheres and artistic communities. Likewise, the protagonist was a former cast member of *Antiques Roadshow*, so the view it provides of the show's behind-the-scenes process will be a draw for fans.
- **CAPTIVATING MAGICAL ELEMENTS:** Through the relic that our protagonist begins to rely on, this story is imbued with a magical realistic air that adds wonder and fresh possibility to these pages. In doing so, *ANTIQUE* follows in the footsteps of *THE MUSEUM OF ORDINARY PEOPLE* (TP: 9K), *CASSANDRA IN REVERSE* (HC: 15K), and *THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY* (HC: 1.2M), all of which use a grounded fantastical element to provide profound insight into the human experience.
- **UPLIFTING SECOND CHANCE STORY:** After a fall from grace, a divorce, and an unexpected loss, the protagonist of *ANTIQUE* is left feeling unmoored in middle age. Through her trajectory, the story explores the bravery it takes to start again, to hope in any capacity, and to find meaning and value out of societally prescribed worth.

Author Info

Choreplay

Subtitle	The Marriage-Saving Magic of Getting Your Head Out of Your Ass		
By (author)	Carlos, Jordan		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306836138 / 0306836130	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 x 7 / 288 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Niyati Patel (Editor) / Tamara Coleman (Marketer) / Lauren Sum (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Hum) Humor / (HUM011000) Topic / Marriage & Family, (Fam) Family & Relationships / (FAM030000) Marriage & Long-Term Relationships, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO026000) Memoirs		
Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2199 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A hilarious and helpful account of what it really takes, as a straight man, to keep your marriage going strong.

Book Description: *Choreplay* is a laugh-out-loud, gamified guide to recognize what you've got before you lose it all. It's about putting in the effort in small ways that yield big results, like bringing your wife her morning coffee in bed, learning the names of your children's doctors and what medicines they take, exercising, protecting your gains, doing what you want, and going the f*ck to bed! This manual is part advice, part memoir, and a lot of comedy. Most of all, it's a testament to love conquering all the petty, banal strife and turning those day-to-day moments into the very thing that saves a marriage. Guaranteed sex for life, but also self-worth.

Many men give plenty, but it's wiser to give *well* to our partners, our families, and ourselves. If Jordan Carlos can reach the Final Boss Level of choreplay, then you, my dude, can f*ck with it too.

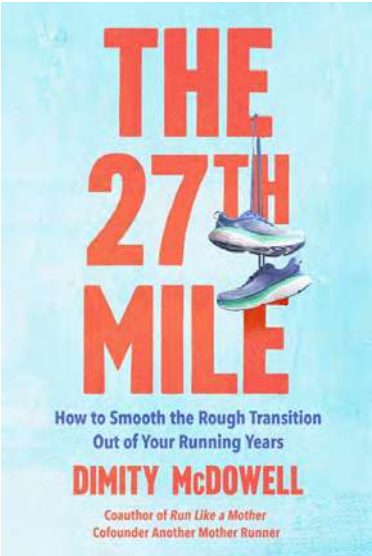
Key Selling Points

- STRONG MEDIA CONNECTIONS:** Jordan's vast network of friends reads like a who's who of the entertainment industry, featuring names such as Michelle Buteau, Phoebe Robinson, Charlamagne Tha God, Jill Scott, Chris Hayes, Gad Elmaleh, Sherri Shepherd, Hasan Minhaj, Ilana Glazer, Andrew Schulz, Chris Distefano, Matteo Lane, Roy Wood Jr, Liz Plank, Little Esther, Bassem Youseff, and more. He was also the cohost of the hit podcast with Michelle Buteau, *ADULTING*. Jordan will leverage his network and tap into a range of connections at publication. From securing spots on popular shows like *The Today Show* or *The Drew Barrymore Show* to exploring edgier offerings like *Flagrant Two with Andrew Schulz*, Jordan's contacts will aid broad exposure for his work.
- ESTABLISHED AUTHOR PLATFORM:** With a notable presence in esteemed outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The LA Times*, NPR, *Time Magazine*, *GQ*, *The AV Club*, *Ebony*, TMZ, *Pop Sugar*, and *THR*, Jordan Carlos has already garnered recognition and praise for his work. He's graced screens on renowned shows spanning daytime, primetime, and late-night television, including *All In With Chris Hayes*, *The Cross Connection with Tiffany Cross*, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, *The Colbert Report*, and recently made waves with a viral appearance on *The Sherri Shepherd Show*. IG as of May 2025: 49.4K
- ENTERTAINING SOLUTION TO AN EVERGREEN ISSUE:** Marriage is hard, and Jordan's singular voice weaves comedy into the day-to-day trials of how to be a great partner, father, friend, and person, no matter what society throws in men's faces. The current market for these books is filled with advice tomes written mainly by women and couples, with men's self-help focused on men alone, and those are about excelling in society and the workplace more than at home. *Choreplay* targets both the superficial and underlying causes of divorce by re-orienting the male gaze to what matters most in life—delivered in language that's sure to amuse.

Author Info

The 27th Mile

Subtitle	How to Smooth the Rough Transition Out of Your Running Years		
By (author)	McDowell, Dimity		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780306837357 / 0306837358	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	25,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 272 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Renee Sedliar (Editor) / Rachel Rodriguez (Marketer) / Nan Rittenhouse (Publi		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Spo) Sports & Recreation / (SPO035000) Running & Jogging, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO026000) Memoirs, (Sel) Self-Help / (SEL031000) Personal Growth / General, (Spo) Sports & Recreation / (SPO085000) Women in Sports		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / ₹1520 / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: With empathy, humor, and practical advice, former contributing editor at *Runner's World* Dimity McDowell tackles what every runner dreads: reckoning with the end of an athletic journey—and what's next.

Book Description: On January 18, 2020, Dimity McDowell unknowingly went on her last run. The deceleration of her running career began three years before that, following a medical visit which ended in the assessment that she should not run anymore. She should have quit then and there. But running is not like other hobbies; the sport anchored major parts of her identity, including her career, self-image, and mental health. Even though she had never finished on a medal podium in her life, she devoted much of her time to thinking, living, and breathing the run. This is true for so many runners (who are legion: about 50 million Americans participate in some form of running or jogging). And many of them will have to grudgingly hang up their sneakers at some point. This is the story of anyone who lives and breathes the pavement—and has to give it up.

The 27th Mile focuses on the time when running—or any other physical pursuit that anchored your daily life and self-identity—is no longer a healthy choice because of injury, chronic pain, or illness. While *The 27th Mile* is anchored in Dimity's personal journey, as one of the founders of the popular website Another Mother Runner, she taps into her vast network to share stories from others who have been there, as well as expert advice for empathy and wisdom to help guide readers to the next chapter of their athletic identity.

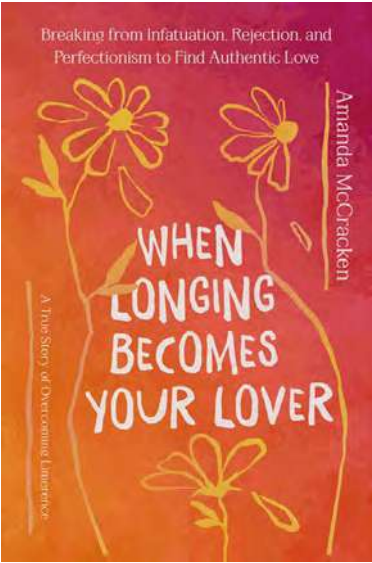
Key Selling Points

- **A TARGETED AUDIENCE.** There are about 50 million recreational runners currently in the US; nearly 50% of all runners get injured annually, which sets them up for a chronic-injury cycle. Aging runners, especially those in their 50's and up, are also a key demographic for this book. A 2022 running overview study by Running USA, the industry association, noted big jumps in participation over the last seven years in older runners; ages 55-64 grew by 148%, and ages 65 and older grew by an incredible 346%.
- **WOMEN'S RUNNING + RUNNER'S WORLD CONNECTIONS.** *Women's Running* (3 million reach) ran a series of columns by McDowell called "The Final Finish Line"; her three previous books were excerpted in *Runner's World*, which currently reaches 1.5 million in print, and 9.1 million in digital. McDowell's relationships here and with other popular running organizations and brands will be key to promotion.
- **ANOTHER MOTHER RUNNER BRAND.** McDowell's main platform, anothermotherrunner.com launched her previous books; the website amasses 135,000 views/month; Instagram, 37K; Facebook of 117K; biweekly emails go out to 22,000+, averaging a 15% open rate. Another Mother Runner podcast drops two new episodes weekly; current download numbers are 150,000/month (as of 2/21/2025).

Author Info

When Longing Becomes Your Lover

Subtitle	Breaking from Infatuation, Rejection, and Perfectionism to Find Authentic Love:		
By (author)	A True Story of Overcoming Limerence McCracken, Amanda		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546008538 / 1546008535	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 224 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Marissa Arrigoni (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicis		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Sel) Self-Help / (SEL046000) Gender & Sexuality, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO026000) Memoirs, (Fam) Family & Relationships / (FAM051000) Dating, (Rel) Religion / (REL012070) Christian Living / Personal Growth, (Psy) Psychology / (PSY016000) Human Sexuality (see also SOCIAL SCIENCE / Human Sexuality)		
Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2199 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: From the author of the popular *New York Times* articles "Is It a Crush or Have You Fallen Into Limerence?" and "Does My Virginity Have a Shelf Life?", *When Longing Becomes Your Lover* is the author's emotional, powerful, wise, and very true story of learning to fall out of love with being in love with love.

Book Description: What does it look like to be hopelessly, serially, persistently, and stubbornly in love not with someone, but with the feeling of longing itself?

Journalist and late-in-life virgin Amanda McCracken dated over 100 men by the time she was in her late thirties. She was so certain she was doing everything she could to find the loving, lasting relationship she wanted. So why wasn't it working? After another breakdown in her therapist's office, she came to a startling realization: she was addicted to longing.

This realization was part of a 10-year journey to understand the cultural, neurological, and psychological factors that shaped her beliefs about love, sex, and commitment. She began to understand that longing for someone feels good. It can even feel better than being in a secure relationship. Longing can provide a sense of control when life is uncertain and offers a safe place to hide from emotional vulnerability, especially in today's online dating and hookup world. But longing can trigger an addictive neurochemical boost that can derail us from forming healthy, intimate relationships.

In this searingly honest book, Amanda shares the crushes, relationships, situationships, travel, friendships, hookups, bad dates, wins, losses, and brushes with fate that came with her journey. Starting with her early childhood hero fantasies and how they evolved in her tween and teen years into a commitment to the purity movement espoused at her church, she chronicles her profound longing for love that led her to her lowest point. She provides a deep, exploratory look into the state of mind known as limerence: an obsessive rumination on an idealized version of someone. Amanda weaves together her personal journey with research, storytelling, soul-searching questions, and quotes from experts and nonexperts alike to reveal the addictive nature of longing while providing hope through her journey of breaking her patterns and ultimately choosing the path towards healthy, authentic intimacy.

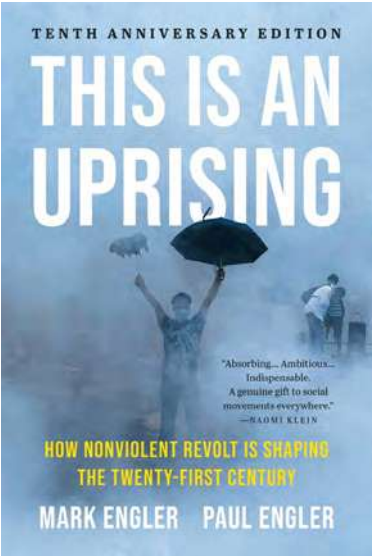
FAITH CONTENT—Candle: Inspirational content targeting a broad audience

Key Selling Points

- **COMPELLING EXPLORATION OF SEX AND INTIMACY:** McCracken provides a compelling look at her life at the crossroads of the purity movement and hookup culture— and her continual struggle to navigate how to be both “good” and “desired.” Interviewing authors, doctors, everyday women, and many experts, she delivers a fresh take for women about physical and emotional intimacy.

This Is an Uprising

Subtitle	How Nonviolent Revolt Is Shaping the Twenty-First Century		
By (author)s	Engler, Mark ; Engler, Paul		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Revised edition (ONIX)
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781645030768 / 1645030768	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 416 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Lara Heimert, Jeffrey Kusama-Hinte (Editor) / (Marketer) / Siena Ballotta Garn		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Hardcover Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Pol) Political Science / (POL043000) Political Process / Political Advocacy, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC072000) Activism & Social Justice, (His) History / (HIS036070) United States / 21st Century, (Pol) Political Science / (POL042040) Political Ideologies / Radicalism		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / ₹1670 / \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: In a book that has become a modern classic of social movement organizing, Mark and Paul Engler explain that there is a craft to uprising—and that this craft can change the world.

Book Description: From protests around climate change and immigrant rights, to #BlackLivesMatter and movements to defend democracy, a new generation is unleashing strategic nonviolent action to shape public debate and force political change. While mass movements are often portrayed as spontaneous and unpredictable, Mark and Paul Engler examine the hidden art behind such outbursts of protest, examining core principles that have been used to spark and guide moments of transformative unrest.

Now updated with new material discussing the major mobilizations of the past decade—including #MeToo, protests for racial and climate justice, and anti-Trump resistance—*This Is an Uprising* shows how new protest movements can be essential in fighting authoritarianism and advancing social and economic justice today.

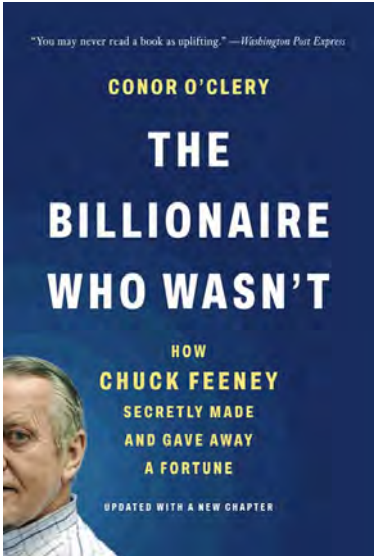
Key Selling Points

- **GREAT PRAISE:** *This Is An Uprising* is an “intriguing and illuminating overview” (*Booklist*) that provides an “important analysis of nonviolent strategy” (*New York Times*), which “will appeal to newer generations of activists” (*Kirkus Reviews*) and “should be taught in every level of our schools” (David Swanson, *Let’s Try Democracy*). Not only is the book “likely to be read and reread for years to come” (*Shelf Awareness*) but it is written with “such passion, intensity, and page-turning storytelling, that I had barely been able to put the book down” (Ellen Michaud, *QuakerBooks*).
- **STRONG SELLER:** This book has sold almost 35,000 net copies (HC, TP, and EB combined) and continues to backlist well ten years after its initial publication, with average annual sales greater than 1,250 (TP and EB) for the last five years.
- **A BOOK WITH PROVEN IMPACT, UPDATED TO ADDRESS TODAY’S CRISES:** Since its first publication, *This Is An Uprising* has been influential in guiding a new generation of social movements. Their landmark book is now updated with new material discussing the mass uprisings of the past decade and discussing the power of protest movements to address the critical challenges to democracy that we now face. The Englers are co-directors of the Whirlwind Institute, a social change strategy center providing guidance and resources to new waves of rising movements; from this position they are intimately involved with, and deeply influential on, today’s protests movements

Author Info

The Billionaire Who Wasn't

Subtitle	How Chuck Feeney Secretly Made and Gave Away a Fortune		
By (author)	O'Clery, Conor		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Revised edition (ONIX)
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781541706231 / 1541706234	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 448 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Emily Taber (Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Hardcover Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO003000) Business, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC033000) Philanthropy & Charity, (Bus) Business & Economics / (BUS074000) Nonprofit Organizations & Charities / General		
Pricing	\$22.99 (US Price) / ₹1750 / \$29.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: “Chuck Feeney is a remarkable role model, and the ultimate example of giving while living.” —Bill Gates

Book Description: This bestselling book tells the inspiring life story of Chuck Feeney, known as the “James Bond of philanthropy.” Feeney made a fortune as cofounder of Duty Free Shoppers, the world's largest duty-free retail chain. By 1988, he was hailed by *Forbes* magazine as the twenty-third richest American alive. But secretly Feeney had already transferred all his wealth to his foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, and anonymously funded hospitals and universities from San Francisco to Limerick to New York to Brisbane, becoming one of the greatest and most mysterious philanthropists of modern times. His example convinced Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to pledge to give away their fortunes during their lifetimes.

This outstanding biography by Conor O'Clery is now updated to include the final chapter of Feeney's life, addressing the challenges associated with giving away his last billion. It also takes stock of the Giving Pledge and how other billionaires have—and have not—lived up to its lofty promise.

Key Selling Points

- **UPDATED TO INCLUDE THE FINAL CHAPTER OF CHUCK FEENEY’S LIFE:** This updated edition includes a new chapter on Chuck Feeney’s final years and explores the challenges of meeting the Giving Pledge.
- **STRONG SALES ACROSS EDITIONS:** *The Billionaire Who Wasn’t* has sold more than 50K copies across editions, and the current (2013) edition continues to sell 1-2K copies annually.
- **ROLE MODEL TO LIVING BILLIONAIRES:** Chuck Feeney was described by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet as a personal inspiration to them both. The Giving Pledge has been signed by the aforementioned billionaires, and also by MacKenzie Scott, Ray Dalio, and Sheryl Sandberg.

Author Info

Author Residence	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Conor O'Clery is an award-winning journalist and author who served as foreign correspondent for <i>The Irish Times</i> in London, Moscow, Beijing, Washington, and New York. He has written books on Russian, Irish, and American politics, including <i>Moscow, December 25, 1991</i> . He lives in Dublin, Ireland.		
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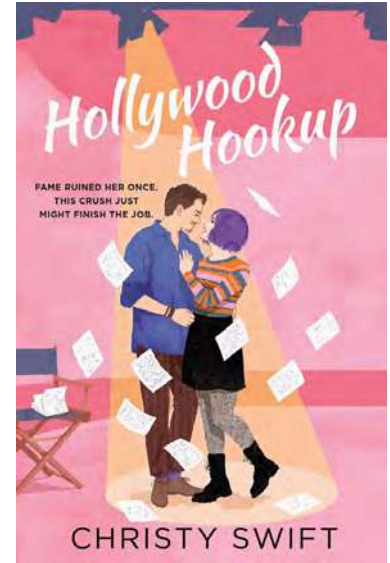
Praise

A *Businessweek* and *The Economist* Best Book of the Year

“Chuck Feeney is a remarkable role model, and the ultimate example of giving while living.” — *Bill Gates*

Hollywood Hookup

By (author)	Swift, Christy		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781538767788 / 1538767783	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 1/4 x 8 / 384 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Alex Logan (Editor) / Caroline Green (Marketer) / Caroline Green (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Fic) Fiction / (FIC027020) Romance / Contemporary, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC027250) Romance / Romantic Comedy, (Fic) Fiction / (FIC027430) Romance / Workplace		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A scandalized former movie star is thrust back into the celebrity life where she finds herself competing for a date with her longtime crush in this funny and heartwarming rom-com about second chances and rediscovering your true self.

Book Description: A former movie star is thrust back into the celebrity life where she finds herself competing for a date with her longtime crush in this funny and heartwarming rom-com about second chances and rediscovering your true self.

Once a teenage TV star, she's reinvented her life. Now her very public celebrity crush has put her back in the spotlight.

Josie Days has worked hard to forget who she used to be. Once upon a time, she was one of Mexico's favorite bilingual teen stars—until one disastrous decision ruined her budding career. These days, Josie's happy to keep things very off-camera as a makeup artist. That is until her best friend ropes her into a charity game show where the prize is a date with her forever celebrity crush: impossibly charming Irish "It" boy Sean O'Sullivan.

Josie has no interest in winning. In fact, she's trying to lose—and fast. But Sean is interested in more than a game. The problem? Josie isn't who he thinks she is. And when the cameras start rolling and her past is exposed, she'll have to decide if she's ready for the spotlight again—or if her second act never should have started.

Setting: Hollywood and Las Vegas

Key Selling Points

- **CELEBRITY ROMANCE:** THE HOLLYWOOD HOOKUP is filled with pop culture references and juicy celebrity drama perfect for readers who love to see behind the scenes of Hollywood like readers of Elissa Sussman and Ava Wilder.
- **READER FAVORITE TROPES:** Christy is a super-fan of all things nerdy, and combining her fandom knowledge of "theater kids" with celebrity romance and second chance chemistry makes THE HOLLYWOOD HOOKUP perfect for Forever readers.
- **DEBUT PRAISE:** Forever's first romcom with Christy, *Celebrity Crush*, earned rave reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*.

Author Info

Author Residence	Palm Bay, Florida	Local Bookstore	Barnes and Noble in Melbourne, FL
About The Author	Christy Swift writes smexy romcoms and is a sci-fi fangirl who loves it all, from <i>Star Trek</i> to <i>Firefly</i> to the MCU. She daylights as an award-winning freelance writer, editor, and social media content provider with a focus on medical writing and conservation. Christy has lived in many places including Spain, Mexico, Canada, and all over Florida. In her free time, you can find her on or near the ocean, in front of the TV, or playing the nerdiest board game you've ever heard of with her kids and friends. To learn more, visit ChristySwift.com .		
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Praise

"Funny and heartfelt. Anyone who's been part of a fandom will love the story of a celebrity crush come to life." — **Jenny Holiday, USA Today bestselling author, on *Celebrity Crush***

The People Can Fly

Subtitle	American Promise, Black Prodigies, and the Greatest Miracle of All Time		
By (author)	Bennett, Joshua		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316576024 / 0316576026	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	150,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9-1/4 / 272 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Bryn Clark (Editor) / Tessa Keefe (Marketer) / Elizabeth Garriga (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	14 b/w interior photographs		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Soc) Social Science / (SOC001000) Cultural & Ethnic Studies / American / African American & Black Studies, (His) History / (HIS056000) African American & Black, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO026000) Memoirs		
Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2280 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Whiting award-winning poet and Distinguished Chair of Humanities at MIT, Dr. Joshua Bennett creates a masterful synthesis of personal narrative and history that illuminates the promises and perils of being labelled a Black prodigy.

Book Description: The outside world's perception of Black promise comes and goes. It does so in ways that are undeniably advantageous for Black children. Yet here, Dr. Bennett explores the rarely examined pitfalls of being a *Black prodigy* in a society that has, too often, defined *Blackness* as the very absence of intellect. Bennett probes what it means to be *othered*, even if this othering is the same key to an individual's success in an unfair world, demanding that we build alternative futures that make space for the promise and hope of every child.

In *The People Can Fly* Bennett shares his own academic journey—including spoken word performances at The White House and Sundance Film Festival, an NAACP Image Award, and a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship—mirrors the ebb and flow between being deemed promising and “a problem.” He bolsters this personal narrative by observing how disability within his own family complicates societies perception of *genius*, and by diving into the under-examined history of young intellectuals like Oscar Moore, Thomas Wiggins, Stephen Wiltshire, and others. Together, Bennett lays out an arresting portrait of a world that obscures genius behind a disorienting facade of *otherness* and *exceptionality*.

With arresting prose and grace, *The People Can Fly* is an eye-opening reflection on what it means to be labelled gifted in today's world; and a personal history and love letter to all the Black prodigies who have disturbed the veil of racism, and the children who will continue to do so.

Key Selling Points

- SCHOLAR, POET, AND PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL:** A poet and public intellectual, Joshua Bennett is the perfect spokesperson for this book. Widely known to academics and media, Bennett has often been labeled a prodigy – awarded a Dartmouth tenured professorship at only 32, invited to speak at President Obama’s Evening of Poetry and Music at the White House, honored with fellowships and awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the NAACP Image Awards, the Sundance Film Festival, and the Whiting Foundation. Bennett’s name has become synonymous with academic achievement and poetic excellence among top institutions and peers.
- BEAUTIFUL PROSE AND REFLECTIONS:** A poetically written blend of personal story and social commentary that does not shy away from the heavy contradictions of what it means to be Black and gifted in today’s White-Supremacist America. Following Black savants across Antebellum and Reconstruction eras, ranging from the South up to New York, and mining the depths of his own family tree, Bennett artfully crafts his argument that the label “prodigy” has often been used to lift exceptions up while maintaining the status quo among marginalized populations. Readers will recognize their lives reflected in Bennett’s deep understanding and take away insightful lessons that will challenge our understanding of Black prodigies to help build a more inclusive future.

Get Home Safe

Subtitle	A Guide to Self-Defense and Building Our Collective Power		
By (author)	Abdelhamid, Rana		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643757032 / 1643757032	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 x 7 / 320 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Madeline Jones (Editor) / Kara Brammer (Marketer) / Marisol Salaman (Publici		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	10 b/w interior illustrations		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Sel) Self-Help / (SEL047000) Safety & Security / Personal Safety & Self-Defense, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO032000) Social Activists, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC031000) Discrimination, (Sel) Self-Help / (SEL027000) Personal Growth / Success		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / ₹1670 / \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: From the internationally renowned activist, organizer, and founder of Malikah, a visionary manifesto for a world in which women are truly free, and a practical guide to keeping our bodies and communities safe—by healing from trauma, defending ourselves physically and economically, and reimagining the systems that commit and enable the culture of violence too long accepted as the status quo.

Book Description: Internationally renowned activist, organizer, and black belt Rana Abdelhamid wants every woman to be able to defend themselves, and every community to find safe spaces to lift each other out of situations that breed violence. Imagine a world where one in three women were not assaulted in their lifetimes? A world in which we didn't just accept that statistic and go about our days, but instead went out into our communities and made them safer?

Despite the rampant physical, emotional, economic, and systemic violence that tries to rob us of our sense of power and security, Abdelhamid believes we still hold power and safety in our bodies—she has seen it, in women from every walk of life, from all over the world. She offers a revolutionary framework for building that safety, starting with emotional healing, then learning physical self-defense, establishing economic safety, and finally organizing to fight the systems that create and enable violence in the first place.

With intimate stories from her own life growing up in Queens, New York's Little Egypt, and from the inspiring women around her, many of whom she meets in the self-defense workshops she teaches, *Get Home Safe* is both a manual and a confidante. Abdelhamid will inspire readers to stand up for their right to safety and start making change tomorrow.

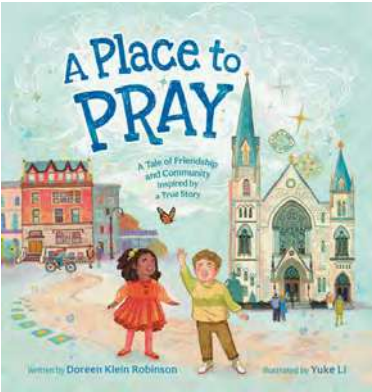
Key Selling Points

- **WELL-KNOWN ACTIVIST AND ORGANIZER WITH ENGAGED FOLLOWING, LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY:** With over 50k followers on Instagram and a huge list of contacts from her own congressional campaign and her key work on Zohran Mamdani's NYC mayoral campaign—and her day job as a marketing consultant at Google—Rana Abdelhamid will tirelessly promote this book, including via her massive self-defense workshops that she regularly teaches to corporate, philanthropic, and community groups around the country.
- **A WINNING, REVOLUTIONARY MESSAGE FOR WOMEN TODAY:** Abdelhamid emphasizes the need to self-defense for women, for both empowering to the individual and takes systemic issues into account and speaks truth to power. At a moment when women of color and immigrant women in particular feel under attack, Abdelhamid arms them with emergency self-defense and a long-term vision for making our communities safer.
- **ACCESSIBLE, FUN PACKAGE:** The TPO, small-trim format and colorful look, à la Dean Spade, has been a hit for us with booksellers and younger readers alike, for the price point and the aesthetic, and the paperback editions of the comps, like Mikki Kendall and Soraya Chemaly all far outsell the hardcovers.

Author Info

A Place to Pray

By (author) / Illustrated by	Klein Robinson, Doreen / Li, Yuke		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546009139 / 1546009132	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	9 1/2 x 10 (T) / 40 (T) / 36	Age Range	4-8
Team	Peggy Schaefer (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicis)		
Other Formats			
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039280) Social Themes / Religion & Faith, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV074000) Diversity & Multicultural, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039060) Social Themes / Friendship		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: After a tragic fire leaves a Christian congregation without a church, a neighboring synagogue opens its doors in this moving picture book inspired by a true story.

Book Description: Celebrate an inspiring story of unity and community when a neighboring synagogue opens its doors to a Christian congregation in the aftermath of a devastating fire.

On Saturdays, the boy and his family walk to temple. He knows the path by heart and wonders who worships at the gleaming, spired church they pass along the way. Once inside the temple, he is happy "to rest and pray and celebrate their Sabbath day." On Sundays, the girl and her family walk to church. Sometimes she spots her friend, the boy, on the way. The gleaming, spired church is her church—her place "to rest and pray and celebrate the Lord's Day." But one fateful day, the girl's church burns, leaving her congregation without a place to pray.

The boy worries for his friend and her church's people, wondering where they will worship. The girl worries for her church and its future. In an act of kindness and unity despite differences in faith, the boy's temple opens its doors to the Christian congregation—one community worshipping on Saturdays, the other on Sundays. The boy and the girl share a sacred space—a place to rest, to pray, to celebrate their holy days.

This story, which celebrates community, open hearts, and a desire to make the world a better place, is inspired by the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the historic Middle Collegiate Church in New York City in December 2020.

FAITH CONTENT: Vine—light faith content

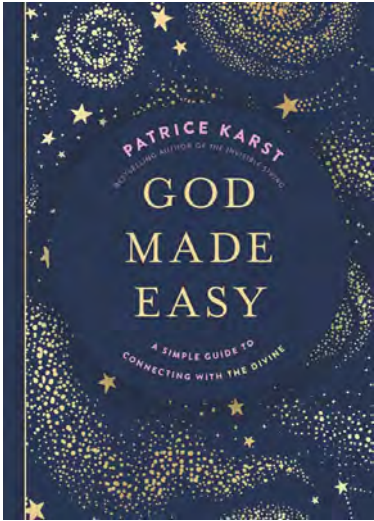
Key Selling Points

- **Inspired by Real Events:** Tells the story of the December 5, 2020, fire at Middle Collegiate Church in NYC through the lens of fictional characters
- **Encourages Kindness and Inclusion Across Religious Differences:** Story centers around two friends—one Jewish and one Christian—whose congregations come together to share one place of worship after a tragic fire.
- **Informative Author's Note and Back Matter:** Includes a note from author and back matter that details the actual events that inspired the story.

Author Info

God Made Easy

Subtitle	A Simple Guide to Connecting with the Divine		
By (author)	Karst, Patrice		
Format/Sub-format	Paper Over Board	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781546008989 / 1546008985	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5 x 7 (T) / 80 (T) / 20	Age Range	
Team	Peggy Schaefer (Editor) / Catherine Hoort (Marketer) / Katie Robison (Publicis)		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Rel) Religion / (REL062000) Spirituality, (Sel) Self-Help / (SEL032000) Spiritual, (Occ) Body, Mind & Spirit / (OCC019000) Inspiration & Personal Growth, (Sel) Self-Help / (SEL016000) Personal Growth / Happiness		
Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/12/2026 Pub Date: 02/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A short and accessible book that invites readers of all faiths, creeds, and spiritual paths to come to know the Divine

Book Description: Millions of pages have been written and published about God, more pages and books than perhaps any one person could read in a lifetime. For some, the message from organized religion that permeates these pages is at odds with their personal beliefs. For others, the length and complexity of these tomes is overwhelming. In *God Made Easy*, originally published in 1997, author Patrice Karst (*The Invisible String*) invites readers of all religions, creeds, and spiritual paths to come to know God. Her warm, conversational style opens a wide door to faith at a time when a growing number of people are searching for spiritual answers outside of traditional religion. The book is ideal for gift-giving or personal use—a small, easy-to-dip-into book that readers can turn to again and again to remind themselves that they are not alone in this world.

FAITH CONTENT: Vine—light faith

Key Selling Points

- **THE RIGHT BOOK AT THE RIGHT TIME:** In today's unsettled climate, a short and accessible book that invites readers of all faiths, creeds, and spiritual paths to know God in whatever way they choose meets a deeply felt need.
- **BROAD AUDIENCE:** Seventy percent of U.S. adults consider themselves spiritual in some way. According to a recent Pew report, the number of those responding as 'none' or 'unaffiliated' on religious surveys is increasing as more and more respondents identify simply as spiritual. This category includes individuals searching for answers, meaning, purpose, or sense of belonging outside of traditional religion.
- **AUTHOR HISTORY:** Patrice Karst is the best-selling author of *The Invisible String* (LBYR), which has sold more than 1.5 million copies and been translated into more than twenty languages. She has longstanding connections with key influencers in *God Made Easy*'s genre.

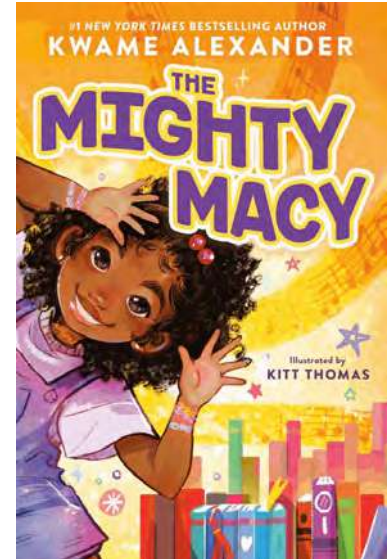
Author Info

Author Residence	Ventura, California	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Patrice Karst is the author of the bestselling, contemporary classic <i>The Invisible String</i> , which has sold over 2 million copies and been translated into 21 languages. Patrice has also written <i>The Invisible Leash</i> , <i>The Invisible Web</i> , <i>You Are Never Alone</i> , <i>The Invisible String Workbook</i> , <i>The Invisible String Backpack</i> , <i>The Invisible String Family Celebration</i> , <i>How Jackson Found His Joy Again</i> , <i>The Smile That Went Around the World</i> and <i>Ruby and Lonely</i> . Patrice has been on a lifelong mission to spread the message that love transcends time and space and is the most powerful force in the universe. She lives in Santa Barbara where she is working on her memoir. Learn more at www.patricekarst.com .		
Author Links	http://patricekarst.com (Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), @theinvisiblestringinsta (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Marketing & Publicity Plans

The Mighty Macy

By (author) / Illustrated by	Alexander, Kwame / Thomas, Kitt		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Chapter Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316442169 / 031644216X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	75,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/4 x 7-5/8 / 144 / 40	Age Range	6-10
Team	Margaret Raymo (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV045000) Readers / Chapter Books, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV013000) Family / General (see also headings under Social Themes), (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV057000) Stories in Verse (see also Poetry), (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011010) African American & Black, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV035000) School & Education		
Pricing	\$16.99 (US Price) / ₹1299 / \$22.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: From award-winning author Kwame Alexander, comes a charming, easy-to-read chapter book about a young girl's path to finding her voice and standing up for herself and her community. Perfect for fans of Ivy + Bean and Ruby and the Booker Boys.

Book Description: From award-winning author Kwame Alexander, comes a charming, easy-to-read chapter book with illustrations by Kitt Thomas, perfect for fans of Ivy + Bean and Ruby and the Booker Boys.

When Macy receives book one of *The Mighty Zora* series for her birthday, she stays up until 11:34pm finishing the book. But the next day, when Macy gets to her school library, eager to check out book two, she finds the door locked with a sign explaining that the library will now only be open a few days a week due to budget cuts. Even worse, she finds out her father won't be home to help her figure out what to do, as he will be traveling. With help from her fellow third graders, support from her mom, and encouragement from poems written and hidden for her by her father, Macy finds her voice and learns the power of advocating for herself and her community.

Key Selling Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Kwame Alexander is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 40 books for both adults and children, including *The Door of No Return*. He was the recipient of the Newbery Medal for his middle grade novel, *The Crossover*, as well as a Newbery Honor for his picture book, *The Undeclared*, which also garnered the Caldecott Medal. He most recently received a Coretta Scott King Honor for *Black Star*. Kwame is a regular contributor to NPR's Morning Edition and the recipient of numerous other awards.
- **REPRESENTATION:** Written by a Black author, this slice-of-life story centers a joyful and passionate Black family that readers will undoubtedly see themselves in.
- **EDUCATOR NOTES:** Contemporary Fiction, First Person, Determination, African American, Community, Family, Poetry, School Stories, Social Issues, Strong Female Protagonist, Novels in Verse

Author Info

A Scar like a River

By (author)	Graff, Lisa		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Middle Grade	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316570800 / 031657080X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	35,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 400 / 20	Age Range	12 & up
Team	Christy Ottaviano (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Kelly Moran (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039020) Social Themes / Adolescence & Coming of Age, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV013000) Family / General (see also headings under Social Themes), (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV014000) Girls & Women		
Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A groundbreaking novel on the topic of sexual abuse for upper middle grade readers about Fallon Little, a thirteen-year-old with a mysterious scar on her face—and a big secret she feels pressured to keep, by bestselling author Lisa Graff.

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Fallon Little has only ever told one person what really happened on the day she got her scar. Why would she? The truth is dark, and Fallon has much brighter things to focus on, like being cast as the lead in the school play, and hanging out with her two best friends, Trent and Kaia. But when Fallon's uncle dies, his funeral ignites a wildfire of events that Fallon can't manage to tamp down. The school play is spiraling out of control, Fallon's impossible Aunt Lune comes to live with them, and Trent and Kaia might just be so into each other that there isn't room for Fallon in their friend group any more. And when secrets even worse than the one about Fallon's scar threaten to come to light, Fallon might not have the strength to keep them buried for much longer.

Through unflinching prose and with a pitch-perfect voice, bestselling author Lisa Graff explores the power of confronting the past as a way to heal in the present in this propulsive and absorbing tour de force.

Key Selling Points

- **BESTSELLING MG AUTHOR WITH STELLAR AWARDS AND SALES TRACK WON AT AUCTION:** Lisa Graff's books have excellent sales figures and backlist extremely well, making her a great fit for our publishing program. She is a household name in award-winning middle grade fiction, with 75 state awards and recognition from the NBA, but no Newbery yet so here is an opportunity to amplify an already successful career, just as LBYR has done with Jennifer Lynn Barnes. We won this book at auction and have a second novel to follow in 2027.
- **HONEST DEPICTION OF TOUGH TOPICS IN THE SAME LANE AS THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH:** This is a moving portrayal of Fallon's emotional healing journey and perfect for fans of Ali Benjamin's *The Thing About Jellyfish*. While the subject may be heavy, **Fallon is an engaging narrator with a great sense of sarcasm and humor; she pulls readers in with her big personality**, so this is not a downer but rather a trenchant, uplifting read. **A note to parents and educators—this novel tackles difficult conversations around abuse – there is a trigger warning at the outset of the story as well as a note from the author on resources at the end of the book.**
- **BOUNDARY BREAKING:** like *Speak* (combined sales of 1.8M+) was boundary breaking on sexual abuse for YA, this book is boundary breaking for the upper midgrade audience. There has been viral messaging on topic with well-respected survivors speaking out like Ashley Judd whose speech on girls today and sexual abuse can be found here: Ashley Judd Speech and more information here: Child Sexual Abuse Statistics.

EDUCATOR NOTES: Contemporary Fiction; Realistic Fiction; First Person; Second Person; Foreshadowing; Flashback; Strong Female Protagonist; Coming of Age; Community; Courage; Depression; Family; Grief & Loss; Hope; Injustice; Overcoming Adversity; Self-Reliance; Mature Content; Mental Health; Physical/Sexual/Verbal/Emotional Abuse; Feelings/Emotions; Hero's Journey

It's Spring!

Series / Series #	Celebrate the Seasons, #3		
By (author)	Kurilla, Renée		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316570152 / 031657015X	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	10 x 10 / 32 / 30	Age Range	4-6
Team	Deirdre Jones (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV009100) Concepts / Seasons, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV002000) Animals / General, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV051000) Imagination & Play, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV070000) Poetry (see also Stories in Verse), (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV029040) Science & Nature / Flowers & Plants		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Ring in spring with #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist Renée Kurilla's ode to the season, from bees and blooms to Easter egg hunts, Passover seders, and a big hug on Mother's Day!

Book Description: Ring in spring with #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist Renée Kurilla's ode to the season, from bees and blooms to Easter egg hunts, Passover seders, and a big hug on Mother's Day!

Bulbs are blooming, robins sing. Nature's waking up—it's spring!

Slide on your splashy rain boots! Bring on the flowers and fresh air! It's time for hiking, biking, and kite-flying—it's spring! This bright, rhyming follow-up to *It's Fall!* and *It's Winter!* by a #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist is the perfect way to celebrate all the joy this happy season has to offer.

Key Selling Points

- **SERIES MOMENTUM:** *It's Fall!* sold out its first printing almost immediately thanks to strong indie support and was an Indie Next List Pick. We had key buy-in from Target for both *It's Fall!* and *It's Winter!*, and Book 2 has surpassed Book 1 in sales. *It's Spring!* is poised to be the series' sweetest, most joyful book yet!
- **MULTIPLE PROMOTIONAL MOMENTS:** This book is perfect for the spring holidays (Easter, Passover, Earth Day, Mother's Day, and May Day all make an appearance) as well as overall spring seasonal promotions.
- **RISING STAR:** Author-illustrator Renée Kurilla's profile has reached new heights after she illustrated Matthew McConaughey's #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Just Because*.

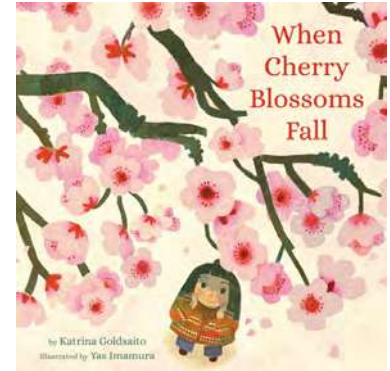
Author Info

Author Residence	Massachusetts	Local Bookstore	An Unlikely Story
About The Author	Renée Kurilla is the creator of <i>It's Fall!</i> , <i>It's Winter!</i> , <i>The Flower Garden</i> , and <i>One Springy, Singy Day</i> , and is the illustrator of the #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller <i>Just Because</i> by Matthew McConaughey. She has a BFA in illustration with a minor in graphic design from Lesley University College of Art and Design. Renée lives with her husband and daughter near Boston, where they look forward to opening the windows and letting in the fresh spring air! She invites you to visit her online at kurillastration.com or on Instagram @reneekurilla.		
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Praise

When Cherry Blossoms Fall

By (author) / Illustrated by	Goldsaito, Katrina / Imamura, Yas		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316281126 / 0316281123	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	10 x 10 / 32 / 28	Age Range	6-8
Team	Alvina Ling (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Melanie Rapoport (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011020) Asian American & Pacific Islander, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV013030) Family / Multigenerational, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039030) Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: This stunning picture book spins an original tale that explains the power and meaning behind the Japanese concept of *mono no aware*—a bittersweet yet ultimately hopeful celebration of life's ever changing nature and fleeting beauty.

Book Description: *"We wait for so long, and when they finally come, the petals fall so quickly. Mono no aware, ne?"*

"What does that mean, mono no aware?"

Little Yuna can't wait for her great-grandmother's cherry tree to bloom. She and her hībāchan spend each day outside, watching the tree's flowers unfurl. But once the tree blooms, the moment is so brief before it loses its petals again—this is what her hībāchan calls *mono no aware*. It isn't until her great grandmother—and the petals she loves—are gone that Yuna finally understands what the phrase really means: an awareness of something's impermanence.

Critically acclaimed illustrator Yas Imamura (*Love in the Library*) has created stunning artwork to accompany this profound text. Readers will be able to pour over these pages again and again.

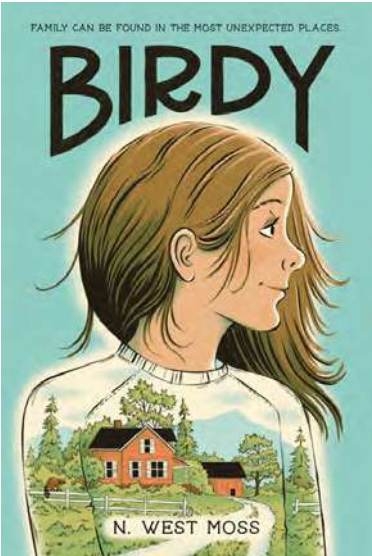
Key Selling Points

- **A UNIQUE TOPIC:** *When Cherry Blossoms Fall* explains the Japanese term "mono no aware," which refers to beauty's transience and the anticipatory grief one feels at its passing, in a child-friendly way. Though the feeling of mono no aware is universal, there are few books in the market that reference it directly, as this book does.
- **PROMOTIONAL MOMENT:** This book will fit perfectly into springtime displays, as cherry blossom season runs through March and April!
- **A GENTLE LOOK AT GRIEF:** Though this book is about the passing of things, it handles the topic of loss in a very subtle and gentle way, making this a book NOT about death, but about the beauty of life, and how when beauty is fleeting, it makes it that much more beautiful an experience.
 - **EDUCATOR NOTES:** Realistic Fiction, Coming of Age, Hope, Asia, Asian American, Grief & Loss, Change Over Time, Social Emotional Learning, Dual Language

Author Info

Birdy

By (author)	Moss, N. West		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Middle Grade	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316446419 / 0316446416	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	25,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 288 / 20	Age Range	10-14
Team	Christy Ottaviano (Editor) / Bill Grace (Marketer) / Kelly Moran (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	44 halftone illustrations t/o text		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039020) Social Themes / Adolescence & Coming of Age, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV013070) Family / Siblings, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV024000) Lifestyles / Country Life, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV032170) Sports & Recreation / Camping & Outdoor Activities		
Pricing	\$17.99 (US Price) / ₹1365 / \$23.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/12/2026 Pub Date: 02/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: After the death of their mother, Birdy and Mouse are forced to start over in this debut novel about discovering where you belong—for fans of *Forever This Summer* and *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*.

Book Description: Eleven-year-old Birdy and her younger brother, Mouse, have always looked out for each other. They make the perfect team: Birdy is realistic and practical, while Mouse is affable and trusting. After their mother dies of cancer, Birdy and Mouse are forced to move out of the city to the country with relatives they've never met. Aunt Mitzie and Uncle Shadow's house is full of organized chaos, and it takes Birdy time to adjust to having adults around. But the kitchen is always stocked, and both kids are allowed to play outside as often as they want. There's only one problem: it's all temporary. Their social worker has promised to find them a permanent home by the next school year, whether they want to leave or not. As the summer unfolds, Mouse starts to feel attached to their new life. But Birdy knows better—adults have never been reliable. When Birdy's fears get the best of her, she makes a big mistake that could jeopardize their future.

Heartfelt and emotionally resonant, this literary coming-of-age novel explores the unbreakable bond between siblings—and how family can be found in the most unexpected places.

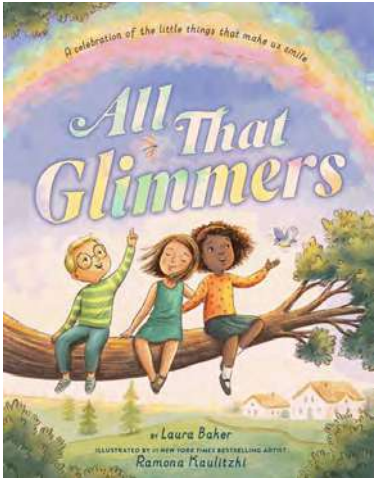
Key Selling Points

- **REMINISCENT OF KATE DICAMILLO'S *BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE* AND CYNTHIA RYLANT'S *MISSING MAY*:** Birdy is experiencing a season of change: after the loss of her mother, she feels intense responsibility for the safety of her brother Mouse and is forced to grow up quickly. But once in the care of adults who support her, she is able bloom into a version of herself she didn't know existed. **This novel has Newbery vibes!**
- **EXCITING DEBUT:** N. West Moss is a MacDowell fellow, the recipient of three Faulkner-Wisdom Gold Medals, and two Pushcart nominations. She received her MFA from Columbia University, and her writing has won many awards including The Great American Fiction Contest from *The Saturday Evening Post*. West is a beautiful writer – in the tradition of Cynthia Rylant and Kate Dicamillo.
- **FEATURES A NONTRADITIONAL FAMILY:** Kids are not always raised by their biological parents. This book gives those readers a place to be recognized. The premise follows two city kids who are thrust into the country. **Pitch this as *My Neighbor Totoro* meets Cynthia Voigt's *Homecoming* (The Tillerman Cycle series).** The novel is full of beloved themes that will draw in young readers: abandoned and looking out for each other and coping with immense change—Birdy and Mouse make an unforgettable sibling duo.

Author Info

All That Glimmers

By (author) / Illustrated by	Baker, Laura / Kaulitzki, Ramona		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316581172 / 0316581178	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	40,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 11 / 40 / 28	Age Range	6-8
Team	Deirdre Jones (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV015040) Health & Daily Living / Mindfulness & Meditation, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039050) Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039140) Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/12/2026 Pub Date: 02/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A celebration of “glimmers,” the little moments in our lives that spark joy, bring peace, and inspire hope—with illustrations by a #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist.

Book Description: Celebrate the phenomenon of glimmers (the opposite of triggers) in this inspiring picture book about the moments in our lives that spark joy, bring peace, and inspire hope—with illustrations by #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist Ramona Kaulitzki.

*Search with your eyes, keep your heart open too,
and look for the glimmers that shine their way through.*

You can find a glimmer anywhere: a flower growing out of the sidewalk, a rainbow after a storm, a whiff of something delicious—even a puppy licking your nose. When you're feeling anxious or gloomy, spotting a glimmer can calm racing thoughts or put a smile on your face. And once you begin looking, you'll find more and more glimmers, and start sharing their magic with friends! This lyrical ode to making time for tiny moments of tranquility is a gentle introduction to mindfulness for young readers, or the perfect gift to brighten anyone's day.

Key Selling Points

- **GROWING TREND:** The concept of the “glimmer” was coined by a social worker a few years ago and subsequently went viral on TikTok. We've seen many submissions that seek to address childhood anxiety, but this story teaches kids to search for glimmers as a way to focus on positive moments in their lives, a fresh angle on the evergreen mindfulness topic.
- **BELOVED ARTIST:** Ramona Kaulitzki, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling artist of *Sisters First* and *The Christmas Owl*, brings a perfectly serene, joyful art style to this book.
- **FIRST TO MARKET:** There are no picture books in the market or slated for the next few years specifically about "glimmers" that we're aware of, so this is an opportunity to be first to market on a topic with all-ages appeal.

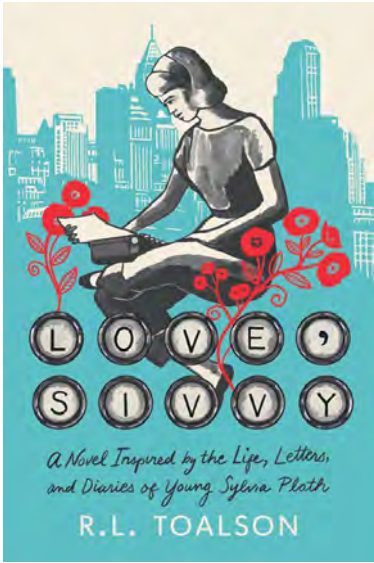
Author Info

Author Residence	Laura lives in Wales (originally from Canada)	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Laura Baker has written over fifty books for children, including <i>All the Wonderful Ways to Read</i>, <i>Monsters in Trucks</i>, and many more. She loves to write about finding the wonder in the everyday. Laura grew up in Canada but now lives in a lovely town on the coast of Wales with her family. She invites you to visit her online at lauraannebaker.com and on Instagram @laurabakerbooks. Ramona Kaulitzki is the illustrator of the <i>New York Times</i> bestsellers <i>Sisters First</i> and <i>The Christmas Owl</i>, among numerous other books. Her art seamlessly blends digital and analog techniques and is inspired by nature, animals, seasons, and stories of all kinds. Ramona lives in Potsdam, Germany, and invites you to visit her online at ramonakaulitzkiart.com and on Instagram @ramonakaulitzki.		
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Praise

Love, Sivvy

Subtitle	A Novel Inspired by the Life, Letters, and Diaries of Young Sylvia Plath		
By (author)	Toalson, R. L.		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Young Adult	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316587136 / 0316587133	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 416 / 40	Age Range	14 & up
Team	Margaret Raymo (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Hannah Klein (Public		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF005000) Biographical, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF058140) Social Themes / Mental Illness, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF044000) Novels in Verse, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF052030) Romance / Historical		
Pricing	\$19.99 (US Price) / ₹1520 / \$25.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/12/2026 Pub Date: 02/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: For fans of Taylor Swift’s *The Tortured Poets Department* comes an intensely relatable and compulsive new historical biography in verse about the young adult years of the exceptionally talented and original tortured poet, Sylvia Plath, as she casts off all the sexist and limiting expectations of American women and forges her own path.

Book Description: Sylvia Plath knows she was born to be remembered. She loves learning, literature, writing, and especially poetry. The problem is, she’s coming of age in a time when women are expected to happily forgo careers and, instead, marry and have children. Even in high school Sylvia struggles to reconcile the societal expectations for women and the ambitions she has for a great career. She longs for a partner and a family, but she aches for a career as a poet, too. And she’s afraid she can’t have both.

Covering her high school and college years, her many highs and lows as she wrestled with her mental health and blazing talent, *Love, Sivvy* is a beautifully rendered portrait of one of the most incandescent poets of all time.

Key Selling Points

- **The OG Tortured Poet:** Sylvia Plath’s life and poetry remain vital. Over 3 million copies of *The Bell Jar* sold to date. 46,000 copies YTD on Bookscan. Her work and life story especially resonate with teens.
- **Impeccable Research Meets Gripping Storytelling:** While this historical novel focuses on the inner life of a well-known American figure, it has the drama of a coming-of-age story and the sizzle of a young woman discovering her romantic and sexual wants in a time that often ignored or suppressed female individuality.
- **EDUCATOR NOTES:** American Literature, Biography, Poetry, First Person, Coming of Age, Conflict with Society, Courage, Determination, Identity, Internal Struggle, Overcoming Adversity, Perseverance, American Historical Figures, Careers & College, Dating & Sex, Depression, Diseases & Illnesses, Friendship Stories, Literature, Mental Health, Mental Illness, New Experiences, North American, Personal Growth, School Stories, Social Issues, Strong Female Protagonist, Women’s Studies, Novels in Verse

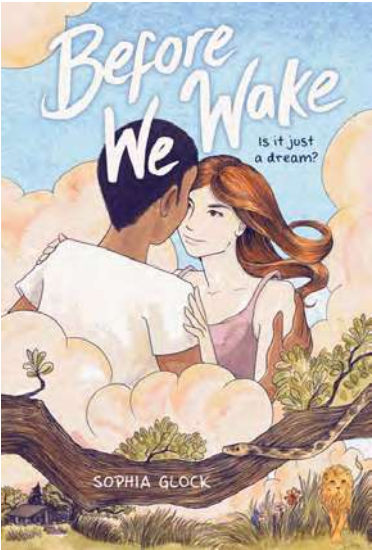
Author Info

Author Residence	San Antonio, Texas	Local Bookstore	The Twig Bookshop and Nowhere Bookshop
About The Author	R.L. Toalson is the author of <i>The Colors of the Rain</i> , which won the Arnold Adoff Poetry Honor Award for New Voices in 2020; <i>The Woods</i> ; <i>The First Magnificent Summer</i> ; and <i>Something Maybe Magnificent</i> . She lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her one brilliant husband, six delightful children, and two arrogant cats. She invites you to visit her at racheltoalson.com .		
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Marketing & Publicity Plans

Before We Wake (A Graphic Novel)

By (author)	Glock, Sophia		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Graphic Novel	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316459037 / 0316459038	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 288 / 40	Age Range	12 & up
Team	Amanda Gaglione (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Cheryl Lew (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Hardcover Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010070) Comics & Graphic Novels / Coming of Age, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010170) Comics & Graphic Novels / Romance, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF010050) Comics & Graphic Novels / Action & Adventure		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: With the dreaminess of *Lore Olympus* and the magic of *The Girl from the Sea*, here is an ethereal, paranormal romance that plays out between a waking life that feels muted and a world of lucid dreams that sparkles in full color.

Book Description: Haunted by a recurring dream, Alicia borrows a book about lucid dreaming, and soon learns to take control of her sleeping life. She welcomes the arrival of her best friend's boyfriend in her dreamworld, and soon sparks start to fly. But then he admits, when they are both awake, that he remembers everything that happened while they were asleep. Suddenly, Alicia's dream life has become as complicated as her waking one.

In this electrifying graphic novel, Glock whisks readers on a headspinning romantic dream odyssey, exploring the ways in which we hold ourselves back—and what it will take to let our wildest dreams come true.

Key Selling Points

- **A FRESH TWIST ON PARANORMAL ROMANCE:** There's a pageturning electricity to the mystery of dreams and the powerful idea that the love between two people can be so strong, their dreams can intertwine.
- **ROMANTASY IS ASCENDANT:** This fresh direction for a talented creator is poised to draw fans of romantasy to her work.
- **TRENDING POWER OF DREAMS:** There's an allure to lucid dreaming; teens have long been drawn to ideas around the meaning and power of the subconscious, with concepts of lucid dreaming, scripting dreams, analyzing dreams, and manifestation ascendant in teen culture.

Author Info

Author Residence	Virginia	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Sophia Glock is a cartoonist and the author of the graphic memoir <i>Passport</i> . Her comics and cartoons have been published in <i>The New York Times</i> , <i>The New Yorker</i> , <i>Buzzfeed</i> , <i>Narratively</i> , and <i>Time Out New York</i> . Her work has also been featured in various anthologies including, <i>Ink Brick</i> , <i>Digestate</i> , and <i>The Graphic Canon of Crime & Mystery, Vol. 1</i> . Her collection of comics <i>Born, Not Raised</i> was selected to be included in The Society of Illustrators Cartoon and Comics Art Annual 2016 and her short comic <i>The Secrets in My Mother's Nightstand</i> was shortlisted for The Cartoonist Studio Prize for Best Web Comic of the Year in 2016. She is also the author of <i>The Lettuce Girl</i> , <i>SemiSolid</i> , <i>Over Ripe</i> and <i>Passport: Fig</i> . She currently lives in Virginia.		
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Praise

"A poignant graphic narrative highlighting the path towards acceptance during a period of sorrow." — *School Library Journal*

Marketing & Publicity Plans

I Am a Good Friend

By (author) / Illustrated by	Harper, Charise Mericle / Climo, Liz		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316364942 / 0316364940	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	10 x 10 / 48 / 26	Age Range	4-6
Team	Mary-Kate Gaudet (Editor) / Emilie Polster (Marketer) / Melanie Rapoport (Pub		
Other Formats			
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039200) Social Themes / Manners & Etiquette, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039060) Social Themes / Friendship, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV051000) Imagination & Play		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Learn what makes a good friend in this silly story about a girl and her disgruntled animal friends, perfect for fans of Peter Brown's *You Will Be My Friend!*

Book Description: Learn what makes a good friend in this silly story about a girl and her disgruntled animal friends, perfect for fans of Peter Brown's *You Will Be My Friend!*

"I am a good Friend!" says the girl and she heads outside to play with her buddies—two squirrels, a snail, and three crows. It's a fun-filled day of games, picnicking, and storytelling, but is everyone having fun? An unexpected turn of events suddenly challenges the girl to think about friendship. What is a good friend? Is she really treating her friends the way they want to be treated? Can she do better? Two squirrels happily say, "Yes!"

Key Selling Points

- **STRONG MESSAGE:** The importance of being considerate and understanding of others' needs is related in a fun and accessible way, offering a valuable lesson about empathy and respect.
- **ENCOURAGES PROBLEM-SOLVING AND GROWTH MINDSET:** The protagonist's journey to become a better friend encourages readers to reflect on their own relationships, making this book a great tool for fostering self-awareness and personal growth.
- **EDUCATOR NOTES:** Humor, Third Person, Personification, Animal Stories, Community, Friendship Stories, Personal Growth, Relationship Skills, Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Social-Emotional Learning, Picture Book

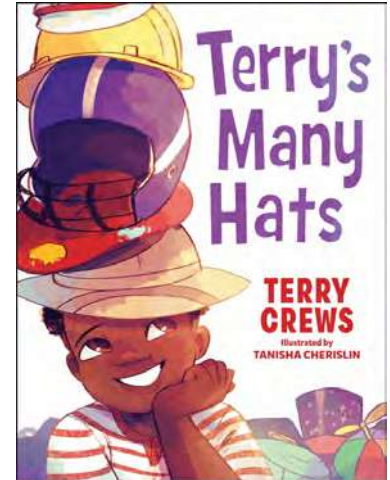
Author Info

Author Residence	Oregon	Local Bookstore	Charise - Green Bean Books
About The Author	Charise Mericle Harper is the author and illustrator of many children's books, including <i>Bad Sister</i>, <i>I Cannot Draw a Horse</i>, the Just Grace series, the Fashion Kitty series, and the Next Best Junior Chef series. She lives in Oregon. You can visit her online at chariseharper.com. Liz Climo grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and moved to Los Angeles after college to work as a character artist on The Simpsons. She is the author of <i>Please Don't Eat Me</i>, <i>Rory the Dinosaur</i>, <i>The Little World of Liz Climo</i>, and <i>Lobster is the Best Medicine</i>. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughter. Liz invites you to visit her online at thelittleworldofliz.com.		
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Marketing & Publicity Plans

Terry's Many Hats

By (author) / Illustrated by	Crews, Terry / Cherislin, Tanisha		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Picture Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316499996 / 0316499994	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	50,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8-1/2 x 11 / 40 / 32	Age Range	4-6
Team	Liz Kossnar (Editor) / Stefanie Hoffman (Marketer) / Brooke Houghton (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV032030) Sports & Recreation / Football, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039050) Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039140) Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV011010) African American & Black		
Pricing	\$18.99 (US Price) / ₹1445 / \$24.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: In this contemporary spin on the classic *Caps for Sale*, multit talented athlete, actor, artist, and writer Terry Crews offers a story about a boy who learns he doesn't have to choose between his interests. Whether it's sports, drawing, or performing, he can be everything he wants to be.

Book Description: Terry is a talented kid with big dreams and a whole lot of hats. On the football field, he's a star, but when he takes off his helmet, he puts on his other hats: with his beret he becomes an artist, in his chef's hat he cooks, and in his sparkly top hat, he's a magician! Everyone's always telling him he can only be one thing and do one thing. But Terry's just the kid to prove that his dreams—and his hats—are limitless.

Terry Crews celebrates the joy of pursuing your passions no matter how ambitious in his inspirational debut picture book about dreaming boldly.

Key Selling Points

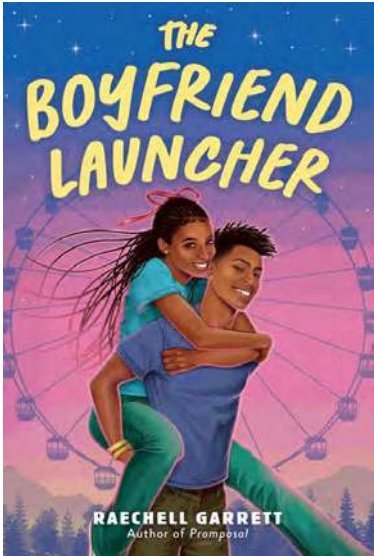
- **CELEBRITY AUTHOR:** Terry Crews has graced our television and movie screens for decades now. As a current host of *America's Got Talent*, he's constantly charming American audiences weekly. His graphic novel, *Terry's Crew*, was published with Hachette in 2022. Crews has a strong online presence, posting regularly and engaging with his 1.4 million Twitter followers and 14.7 million Instagram followers.
- **IMPORTANT, UNDERREPRESENTED THEME:** In this book, each hat represents a different type of skill we learn, like thinking, listening, dreaming, playing, etc. This visual representation is accessible to kids and helpful in terms of showing how each can work together to achieve goals.
- **CLASSROOM APPEAL:** Wearing hats for different purposes is a tool increasingly used by educators and librarians to help kids concentrate in school. This book can be a tool to help convey these messages.

Author Info

Author Residence	Los Angeles, CA	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Terry Crews wears many hats and can be described in a lot of ways: author, action-movie hero, sitcom star, TV host, NFL player, visual artist, advertising pitchman, playable video game character, high-end furniture designer, and human rights activist. Crews is best known for his breakout roles on <i>Brooklyn Nine-Nine</i> and <i>Everybody Hates Chris</i>, hosting <i>America's Got Talent</i>, and his voicework in the animated films <i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2</i> and <i>The Willoughbys</i>. His first children's book is the graphic novel <i>Terry's Crew</i>, and <i>Terry's Many Hats</i> is his debut picture book. He invites you to visit him on Instagram and Twitter @terrycrews. Tanisha Cherislin is a New York-based artist whose work includes website graphics, art posters, children's book covers, character designs for app games, animation for TV and feature film. She is also the illustrator of <i>The Pass</i> by Sara Laux Akin. In her free time, Tanisha enjoys playing video games, birdwatching and picnicking.		
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The Boyfriend Launcher

By (author)	Garrett, RaeChell		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback / Young Adult	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9780316372640 / 0316372641	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	30,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 368 / 40	Age Range	12 & up
Team	Ruqayyah Daud (Editor) / Emilie Polster (Marketer) / Kelly Moran (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF052020) Romance / Contemporary, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF059110) Sports & Recreation / Soccer, (Yaf) Young Adult Fiction / (YAF018030) Family / Marriage & Divorce		
Pricing	\$12.99 (US Price) / ₹999 / \$16.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: To find the right guy, Dru Eason will have to date the wrong one in this sweet teen rom-com perfect for fans of Lynn Painter and Kasie West.

Book Description: When soccer star Dru Eason's longtime crush Kai finally asks her out, she can't say no. She also can't say yes. Not when she knows things with him will end just as they have with all of her exes. They'll date, break up, and in a matter of days he'll become someone else's perfect boyfriend.

Because Dru is The Boyfriend Launcher.

To buy time to figure out why this keeps happening, Dru negotiates a no dating pact with her team for the duration of the playoffs—twenty-four days. Then she asks Wesley Portis, one of her best friends, to fake date her. Maybe after some feedback on what it's like being her boyfriend, she can take her chance with Kai and keep him far away from the launch pad.

But is twenty-four days enough time to uncover her issues? Or is it just long enough for Dru to wonder: has she been overlooking the perfect boy, or is she just launching Wesley for the next girl? And is she finally brave enough to take a shot at finding out?

Key Selling Points

- **EXCITING PAPERBACK ORIGINAL FORMAT:** We're thrilled for this charming teen rom-com filled with beloved tropes like friends-to-lovers, fake dating, and a messy family to find a wider audience in this accessible paperback original format.
- **BLACK LOVE STORIES ARE NEEDED:** YA Black love stories are few and far between in the current market, but this bridges the gap with a warm, heartfelt, fun relationship between two best friends whose fake-dating experiment goes hilariously wrong (or right!).
- **CROSSOVER APPEAL:** As interest in adult rom-coms continues to rise, this is our opportunity to target the same romance-hungry teen audience who are reading up.

Author Info

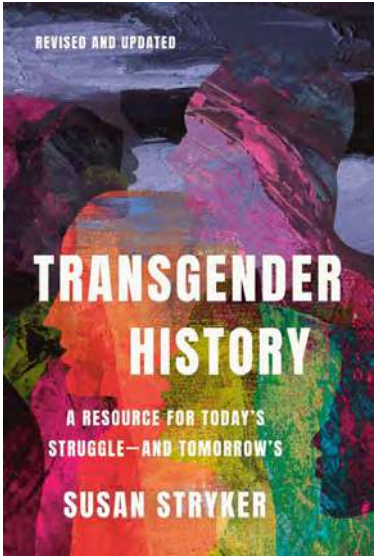
Author Residence	Michigan	Local Bookstore	Schuler Bookstore
About The Author	RaeChell Garrett is the author of the young adult rom-coms <i>Promposal</i> and <i>The Boyfriend Launcher</i> (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). She lives in Michigan, where she enjoys writing about the ups and downs of carefree girls finding their way in the world. She invites you to visit her at raechellgarrett.com .		
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Praise

"Witty, tender, and romantic, *The Boyfriend Launcher* is the rom-com I wish I'd had when I was a teen. RaeChell Garrett's books are an absolute delight." — **Brandy Colbert, award-winning author of Little & Lion**

Transgender History, Third Edition

Subtitle	A Resource for Today's Struggle—and Tomorrow's		
By (author)	Stryker, Susan		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	Third Edition
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781541605886 / 1541605888	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	15,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 8-1/4 / 368 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Brian Distelberg (Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Audio Book, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(His) History / (HIS066000) LGBTQ+, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC064020) LGBTQ+ Studies / Transgender Studies, (Soc) Social Science / (SOC064030) LGBTQ+ Studies / Nonbinary & Genderqueer Studies, (His) History / (HIS036060) United States / 20th Century, (His) History / (HIS036070) United States / 21st Century		
Pricing	\$22.99 (US Price) / ₹1670 / \$29.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: The groundbreaking guide to trans history in America, revised and updated for a new political era

Book Description: *Transgender History* is the modern classic on transgender life in America since the nineteenth century, encompassing the major movements, writings, and events that shape today's gender revolution. Susan Stryker's sweeping, intersectional account charts more than a century of history, showing how rising acceptance in the 1960s and 2010s was met with waves of bigotry and intolerance that began in the '70s and continue today.

Through her explanation of central concepts and terms, informative sidebars, and brief biographies of trans pioneers, Stryker reminds readers of one crucial truth: Transgender people have always been here. In good times and bad, they've built supportive and expansive communities, battled for freedom, and transformed American culture and society in the process.

Now completely revised and updated, including a longer, global history and a timely chronicle of the latest wave of anti-trans backlash, *Transgender History* remains both a vital resource and a powerful testament to the enduring legacy of trans lives.

Key Selling Points

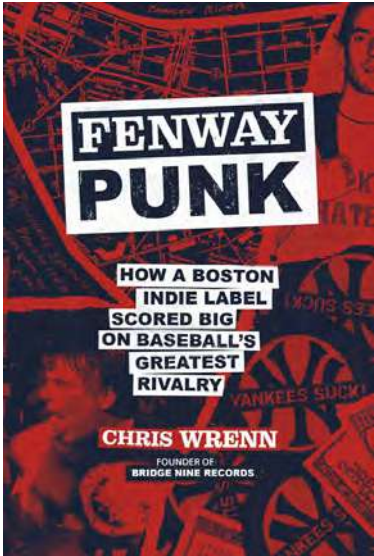
- **UPDATED TO MEET THE MOMENT:** This new edition of *Transgender History* includes a new chapter covering recent events, including the backlash to trans visibility in Trump's first term, the Biden administration's efforts to codify trans rights, and the history of anti-trans legislation from 2015-2025. Stryker has also added new material to expand the book's scope back in time and across the globe, exploring the history of gender and gender expression from prehistory to the 1800s. As the second Trump administration has again made trans lives a cultural battleground, worked to curtail the rights of trans people, and erased trans history, this book remains a timely and vital corrective for readers.
- **PERENNIAL BACKLIST TITLE:** *Transgender History* is a staple of the Seal Press backlist and sells more than 6,000 copies annually. Since the first edition published in 2008, the book has sold more than 98k copies across formats.
- **REFRESHED PACKAGE:** The new edition will feature a new cover design and new praise from leading voices in the trans rights movement.

Author Info

Author Residence	San Francisco	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Susan Stryker , professor emerita of gender and women's studies at the University of Arizona, is founding coeditor of <i>TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly</i> . She currently holds a distinguished visiting appointment at Stanford University's Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research.		
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Fenway Punk

Subtitle	How a Boston Indie Label Scored Big on Baseball's Greatest Rivalry		
By (author)	Wrenn, Chris		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798894140872 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 / 240 / 20	Age Range	
Team	Randall Lotowycz (Editor) / Becca Matheson (Marketer) / Seta Zink (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Advance Reading Copy - Galleys, Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	8-page, color photo insert prints at PHX		
Selling Territory	World All Languages		
BISAC Category	(Soc) Social Science / (SOC022000) Popular Culture, (Mus) Music / (MUS030000) Genres & Styles / Punk, (Spo) Sports & Recreation / (SPO003030) Baseball / History, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO004000) Music, (Bus) Business & Economics / (BUS025000) Entrepreneurship		
Pricing	\$29.00 (US Price) / ₹2315 / \$39.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: For fans of Dan Ozzi's *Sellout* and Ben Mezrich's *The Antisocial Network* comes the true story of a Boston punk's efforts to fund a hardcore record label by hawking “Yankees Suck” merchandise in the streets. While the Boston Red Sox battle it out on the field in an attempt to finally win their first World Series title in nearly 90s years, the would-be punk music mogul and his raucous group of friends navigate newfound riches and delicate relationships with the Boston cops, competitors, a violent gang, and each other.

Book Description: An audacious and inspiring debut social history that explores how entrepreneurial members of the tight-knit hardcore punk scene within the vibrant heart of Boston cashed in on one of baseball's greatest rivalries.

For eighty-six years Boston Red Sox baseball fans lived in the shadow of their rivals, the New York Yankees, who more or less dominated the sport each season. Red Sox fans grew dejected as their team often got close, but ultimately would be eliminated from contention each year as New York went on to win yet another World Series championship.

Author Chris Wrenn, a member of the Boston hardcore punk scene, had a dream of his own—to start his own record label. Embracing the do-it-yourself ethos of the scene, Chris set out to make it happen, networking and forging relationships with local bands. But such an endeavor required money he didn't have ... until he and his friends heard a familiar phrase echo out of Fenway Park, the home field of the Red Sox. The phrase “Yankees Suck!” was chanted at every single Red Sox game. Possessing the wherewithal to produce inexpensive merchandise and the free time to stake a claim to the sidewalks outside the baseball stadium, Chris and his crew of punks began a lucrative endeavor of selling “Yankees Suck” merchandise such as stickers and T-shirts to the fans. While navigating cops, competitors, a violent gang, and in-fighting within the crew, Wrenn and his friends turned Boston's rivalry with New York into “six-figure summers,” affording him the capital to launch Bridge Nine Records and bring local Boston hardcore bands including American Nightmare and Have Heart to stages worldwide just as the Red Sox got closer than ever to finally winning the World Series again.

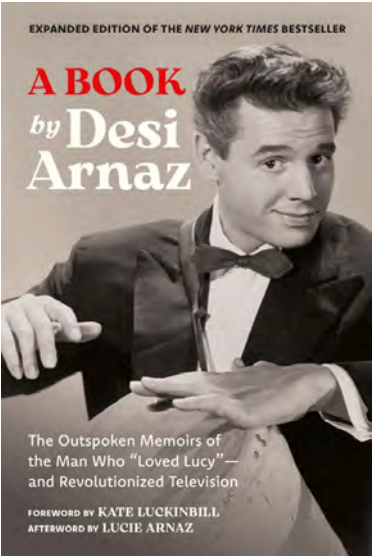
A rousing story of entrepreneurship and ingenuity that also reveals fresh insight into one of the most epic rivalries in sports history, *Fenway Punk* is a gripping read for both fans of punk music and readers of Ben Mezrich, Lizzy Goodman, and Chuck Klosterman.

Key Selling Points

- **ONE-OF-A-KIND AUTHENTIC TRUE STORY:** This absorbing look at a subculture reveals a larger story about a Boston community that will enthrall readers of Ben Mezrich, Lizzy Goodman, and Chuck Klosterman, and capture lovers of punk music and Boston sports fans.
- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Wrenn can tap his large network of musicians, sports writers, athletes, and as well as business partners including Dunkin Donuts and Target to support the book.
- **TIMED FOR SPRING TRAINING:** Just as the new MLB season is starting up, the book will land in stores, creating a great opportunity to sell-in this unique story.

A Book (Expanded Edition)

Subtitle	The Outspoken Memoirs of the Man Who “Loved Lucy”—and Revolutionized		
By (author)	Television (Exclusive New Material with Commentary by Lucie Arnaz) Arnaz, Desi		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798894141992 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6 x 9 (T) / 400 (T) / 20	Age Range	
Team	Cindy Sipala (Editor) / Amy M. Cianfrone (Marketer) / Seta Zink (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	30 black-and-white photos throughout		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO005000) Entertainment & Performing Arts, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO002030) Hispanic & Latino, (Per) Performing Arts / (PER010080) Television / Genres / Comedy, (His) History / (HIS068000) Hispanic & Latino, (Bio) Biography & Autobiography / (BIO026000) Memoirs		
Pricing	\$30.00 (US Price) / ₹2395 / \$40.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/19/2026 Pub Date: 02/24/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Exclusive new content for the classic *New York Times* bestseller by Desi Arnaz: complete with new photos, excerpts from Desi’s unpublished second memoir, and exclusive new commentary by daughter Lucie Arnaz. This edition makes the remarkable personal story of Cuban American entertainment legend, TV pioneer, and *I Love Lucy* star Desi Arnaz widely available to a new reading audience who discovered him through recent films and streaming programs.

Book Description: Now featuring exclusive new material including excerpts from Desi Arnaz’s unpublished second memoir and commentary by daughter Lucie Arnaz, here is the expanded edition of the *New York Times* bestselling memoir of Cuban American entertainment legend, TV pioneer, and *I Love Lucy* star Desi Arnaz.

This expanded edition of *A Book* features additions from Desi Arnaz’s uncompleted, never published second memoir, a new Afterword by Lucie Arnaz, Foreword by granddaughter Kate Luckinbill, and new photos throughout. Desi’s original work and the additions paint a comprehensive portrait of a man beloved and admired by family and people he worked with despite admitted personal failings, and to whom Lucy herself gave credit for the success of *I Love Lucy* and pioneering television production in its infancy. This full story of a life and legend now completes one of the most fascinating and revelatory Hollywood memoirs ever written.

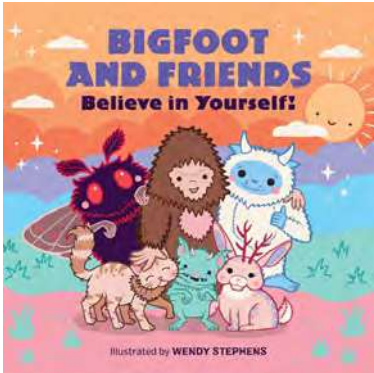
In the author’s own words: “Welcome to *A Book*, in which I try to explain how a kid from Cuba found a way to make a living in the United States. It’s all here—the good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly, the unbelievably lucky breaks, and the heartbreaking failures. . . . You will learn what Lucy and I had to do to convince people we could play husband and wife in *I Love Lucy*. Shortly afterward Lucie and Desi Jr. were born and our world was paradise. The irony of it all is how our undreamed-of success, fame, and fortune turned it into hell. It wasn’t easy to write about all of it, but as my son said, ‘There’s only one way to do it, Dad. Tell it like it was.’”

Key Selling Points

- **NEW EDITION OF BESTSELLING MEMOIR FEATURING NEW CONTENT:** Originally published in 1976, *A Book* was a *New York Times* bestseller and remains prized as one of the most fascinating and revelatory celebrity memoirs of the last century. After being out of print now for over a decade, this new edition will complete Arnaz’s full and fascinating life story.
- **ANNIVERSARIES GALORE AND I LOVE LUCY LEGACY:** This book comes in the same year as the 75th anniversary of *I Love Lucy*—the show Desi cocreated and starred in with his wife Lucille Ball—50th anniversary of *A Book*’s original publication, and 40th anniversary of Desi’s death. *I Love Lucy* and stars remain relevant and visible. In the past few years: *Variety* crowned it the #1 “Greatest Show of All Time.” Javier Bardem earned an Oscar nomination for playing Desi in Aaron Sorkin’s *Being the Ricardos*. Amy Poehler released the documentary *Lucy & Desi*. The list goes on. Available on the Catch Comedy cable channel, Paramount+, Amazon Prime, Roku, and PlutoTV, *Lucy* continues to find new audiences year after year.

Bigfoot and Friends (Board Book)

Subtitle	Believe in Yourself!		
Illustrated by	Stephens, Wendy		
Format/Sub-format	Board Book / Baby/Toddler	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798894142470 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	7 x 7 / 24 / 44	Age Range	0-3
Team	Anna Shura (Editor) / Becca Matheson (Marketer) / Becca Matheson (Publicist)		
Other Formats			
Photos / Illustrations	12 4c illustrations		
Selling Territory	World All Languages		
BISAC Category	(Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV002270) Fantasy / Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical Creatures, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039140) Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV039060) Social Themes / Friendship, (Juv) Juvenile Fiction / (JUV052000) Monsters		
Pricing	\$8.99 (US Price) / ₹715 / \$11.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Appealing to monster-loving parents and little readers, this pastel illustration-filled board book features Bigfoot and his friendly group of mysterious cryptids teaching the importance of self-confidence as they learn to love who they are and believe in themselves, even if nobody else does.

Book Description: Practice self-confidence with Bigfoot and his cryptid friends as they learn to believe in themselves in this darling and empowering board book.

Even the most mysterious of creatures need a reminder to have confidence in themselves. Bigfoot is a cryptid, but some people don't believe in these mysterious creatures! He turns to his friends, Mothman, El Chupacabra, Kraken, Werewolf, Loch Ness Monster, Fresno Nightcrawler, Thunderbird, Wampus Cat, Yeti, and Jackalope, for support.

Filled with sweet pastel illustrations of each spooky and mysterious friend, Bigfoot learns it's okay to have big feet, enjoy napping, and play with other cryptids. Bigfoot and his friends encourage even the littlest creatures to love who they are and believe in themselves.

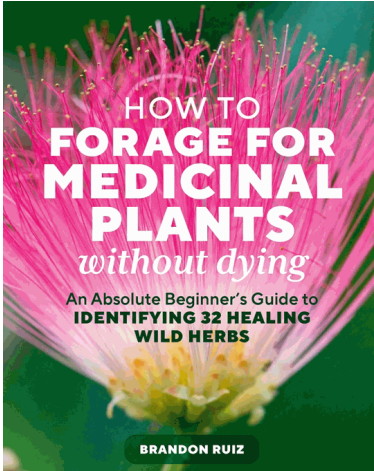
Key Selling Points

- **CRYPTID FRIEND GROUPS ARE UNIQUE.** Most cryptid board books, like *Mothman Baby!* and *Don't Eat Me, Chupacabra!*, feature only one creature. This book introduces a community of cryptid friends interacting with and supporting each other representing the importance of friendships with those different from ourselves. The diversity of cryptids included also appeals to a broader audience from the cryptid curious to cryptozoologists themselves.
- **SELF-CONFIDENCE IMPORTANCE.** With questions about identity and perceiving/accepting differences in oneself and of others in the fraught political and social climate, learning to believe in yourself is more important than ever before. For readers of *Neither* by Airlie Anderson, positive and inspirational affirmations are included throughout this board book to build self-confidence and the emotional development of the littlest of readers.
- **DARLING ILLUSTRATIONS FOR AN ATTRACTIVE GIFT.** Wendy Stephen's sweet, pastel-hued illustrations featured in both the RP Kids *Bigfoot and Friends* board book and RP Minis *Bigfoot and Friends Magnet Set* make great Spring and Easter gifts while inviting monster lovers during Spooky Season and loyal cryptid and creature lovers year round.

Author Info

How to Forage for Medicinal Plants without Dying

Subtitle	An Absolute Beginner's Guide to Identifying 32 Healing Wild Herbs		
By (author)	Ruiz, Brandon		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781635869491 / 1635869498	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	15,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5-1/2 x 7 / 256 / 36	Age Range	
Team	Gwen Hawkes (Editor) / Emma Sector (Marketer) / Maddy Jackson (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	Full-color; photographs throughout		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Nat) Nature / (NAT051000) Foraging, (Hea) Health & Fitness / (HEA011000) Herbal Medications, (Med) Medical / (MED004000) Alternative & Complementary Medicine		
Pricing	\$16.99 (US Price) / ₹1299 / \$22.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/12/2026 Pub Date: 02/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A take-along field guide for beginning foragers, featuring photos, easy-to-follow identification tips, and use guidelines for 32 of the most common healing plants found across North America, along with simple recipes for essential medicinal preparations

Book Description: Discover the healing properties of wild plants, with this accessible, photographic guide for the beginning forager—including how to identify and harvest the 32 most common wild medicinal plants found across North America.

Author Brandon Ruiz shares his expertise in the world of plant medicine, offering clear, concise descriptions of edible wild plants, as well as critical information about proper harvesting and processing. Ruiz has curated the plant selection to include the 32 most common, most helpful healing plants, ranging from Japanese knotweed and horsetail to chickweed, bee balm, mimosa, wild rose, kudzu, and more. With Ruiz's expert advice and easy-to-follow guidelines, readers will be confident in identifying which plants they can safely collect and which ones they should definitely avoid.

Each plant profile includes:

- Clear ID photos, with close-ups of leaves, flowers, and fruit
- Guidance on where to find each plant, from its range to the types of environments it typically grows in
- Information on the plant's medicinal usages
- Directions on how to harvest it and the best medicinal preparations

Ruiz also includes simple, adaptable recipes for plant-based medicines, from soothing teas to powerful tinctures. This is the essential beginners' guide to foraging and using medicinal plants—and staying alive while doing it.

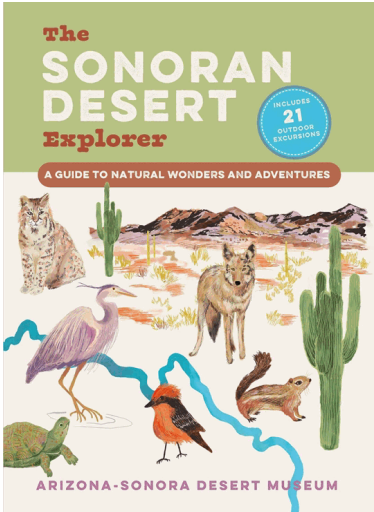
Key Selling Points

- **Foraging + herbal medicine = a winning combination.** Both herbal medicine and foraging have enjoyed a rise in popularity, becoming mainstream in a new way; this book targets those overlapping audiences.
- **Beginner-friendly guide.** Focused on the 32 most common medicinal plants to look for no matter where you live in North America, and featuring a photo and key identifying features of each plant, this book is perfect for beginner and intermediate foragers looking for an easy-reference, foolproof guide to successful foraging expeditions.
- **Appealing package, suitable for gifting.** Featuring the same small, portable format that made previous books in this series so appealing, the book is easy to tuck into a backpack. Clear full-color ID photos for every plant and easy-to-read entries add to the appeal and make it a great gift for budding foragers. Simple medicinal recipes ensure that anyone can access the natural healing power of plants.

Author Info

The Sonoran Desert Explorer

Subtitle	A Guide to Natural Wonders and Adventures		
By (author)s	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; Colodner, Debra ; Bartlett, Catherine ; García, Jesús M. ; Ivanyi, Craig ; Ramos, Roxane		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643261751 / 1643261754	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	10,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	6.5 x 9 / 380 / 16	Age Range	
Team	Ryan Harrington (Editor) / Brian Jones Ridder (Marketer) / Caroline McCulloch		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	440 photos, 22 maps, 50 illustrations		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Nat) Nature / (NAT045010) Ecosystems & Habitats / Deserts, (Nat) Nature / (NAT049000) Regional, (Trv) Travel / (TRV025120) United States / West / Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY), (Nat) Nature / (NAT037000) Animals / Wildlife		
Pricing	\$27.99 (US Price) / ₹2130 / \$36.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 02/09/2026 Pub Date: 03/17/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: From the knowledgeable and dedicated staff at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum comes this vibrant, insightful guide to the culture, flora, and fauna of the Sonoran Desert, complete with outdoor adventures within 100 miles from downtown Tucson.

Book Description: Written by expert staff at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, *The Sonoran Desert Explorer* introduces curious readers and intrepid explorers to the myriad biomes, animals, plants, geology, and cultures they may come across when exploring this 120,000-square-mile expanse. With fun profiles of wild flora and fauna easily observed in the region, field trip options for all, and riveting and inclusive natural history insights, *The Sonoran Desert Explorer* reveals just how biodiverse and colorful this desert truly is. This book has something for everyone, but mainly adventurers, desert enthusiasts, families living in or traveling to Arizona, and lovers of wildlife living their best life in tough environments.

Key Selling Points

- **ALL-INCLUSIVE GUIDE TO A CAPTIVATING AREA:** Published books on the Sonoran Desert treat one aspect of the Sonoran Desert at a time: either flora, natural history, fauna, or hikes. *Sonoran Desert Explorer* not only combines key aspects into one guidebook, but it gives the region the attention it deserves as a biodiverse and historically rich location.
- **CAPTIVATING PHOTOGRAPHY OF FLORA, FAUNA, LANDSCAPES, AND CULTURE:** Features a varied catalogue of images, challenging the stereotypical perception of deserts as brown, barren, visually un compelling spaces at practically every page.
- **STRONG BRAND PARTNER:** The Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum is one of the premier natural history institutions in the American Southwest and counts on the knowledge insight of various experts and forward thinkers. And it's one of the Top 10 Museums in the country!

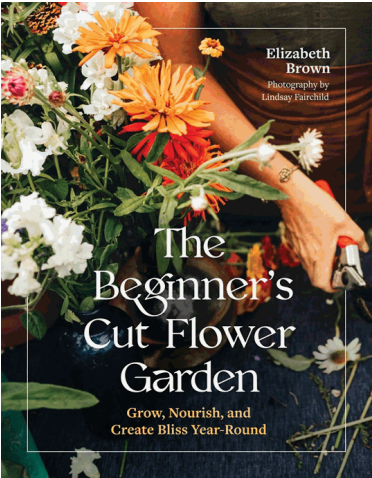
Author Info

Author Residence	Tucson, Arizona	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum was founded in 1952 and is regarded as one of the top 10 zoological parks worldwide. It's earned such a reputation through its "unique approach in interpreting the complete natural history of" the Sonoran Desert and immediately surrounding ecosystems. It integrates animal, plant, and geologic collections to educate folks of all ages and help us all understand this unique desert.		
Author Links	http://www.desertmuseum.org/ (Author Website), (Author Twitter), http://www.facebook.com/www.facebook.com/desertmuseum (Author Facebook), http://www.instagram.com/desertmuseum/ (Author Instagram) http://www.youtube.com/desertmuseum (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)		

Praise

The Beginner's Cut Flower Garden

Subtitle	Grow, Nourish, and Create Bliss Year-Round		
By (author)	Brown, Elizabeth		
Format/Sub-format	Hardcover Book / Paper over Board	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643265018 / 1643265016	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	20,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	7 x 9 / 236 / 16	Age Range	
Team	Makenna Goodman (Editor) / Brian Jones Ridder (Marketer) / Katlynn Nicolls (		
Other Formats	Electronic Book, Trade Paperback		
Photos / Illustrations	212 photos		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Gar) Gardening / (GAR004000) Flowers / General, (Cra) Crafts & Hobbies / (CRA010000) Flower Arranging, (Hom) House & Home / (HOM013000) Outdoor & Recreational Areas		
Pricing	\$35.00 (US Price) / ₹2665 / \$46.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A friendly guide to the simple and mindful practice of growing and enjoying cut flowers in every month of the year.

Book Description: Elizabeth Brown's small regenerative flower garden in coastal Maine, Foxglove Farmhouse, has one simple purpose: to grow sustainable local flowers and to encourage others to do the same. She believes flowers have the power to heal, connect, and bring joy, often when we need it most. And more importantly, that the best flowers are those grown with your own two hands.

A Beginner's Cut Flower Garden is the perfect book for gardeners who are growing cut flowers for the first time. Both an inspirational and practical guide to dreaming a cut flower garden into existence, Brown offers thoughtful, step-by-step, seasonally inspired narratives and activities paired with stunningly beautiful photographs. With the poetry of a classic horticultural guide and the accessibility of a contemporary garden club, Brown brings a collaborative, welcoming spirit to the process of growing flowers. In Winter, budding gardeners start simply by focusing on their vision, color palette, and floral style. Once a cohesive garden plan has been developed, it's time to take to the earth and install garden beds in Spring. Summer is for exploring floral design and creating arrangements with freshly cut flowers. Finally, there are various floral art activities for when the garden is more dormant in Fall, including dried and pressed flowers, natural dye projects, and making sun prints, expanding the range of how flowers can enrich and bring brightness and balance to everyone's daily life.

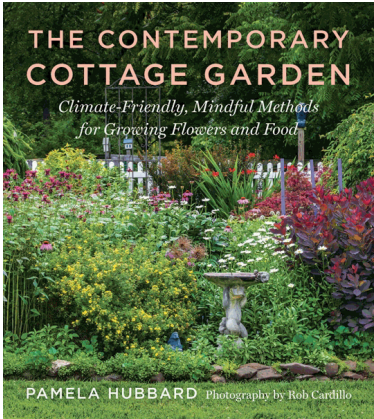
Key Selling Points

- **FRIENDLY & ACCESSIBLE:** New gardeners need an expert beginner as their guide, and Elizabeth Brown is the perfect choice for first-time flower growers. She is supportive, encouraging, and positive.
- **FOCUSED ON JOY:** Brown is a therapeutic horticulturalist who emphasizes gardening as a therapeutic practice. This is well-timed as embracing imperfection spreads as a cultural value. Gardeners will learn to garden for pleasure, rather than for perfection.
- **FOR FANS OF:** This beautiful and hardworking book will appeal to fans of *Floret Farms Cut Flower Garden* (194K on Bookscan) and lifestyle media like *Real Simple* and *Country Living*.

Author Info

The Contemporary Cottage Garden

Subtitle	Climate-Friendly, Mindful Methods for Growing Flowers and Food		
By (author) / By (photographer)	Hubbard, Pamela / Cardillo, Rob		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643263755 / 1643263757	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	15,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	8 x 9 / 256 / 16	Age Range	
Team	Makenna Goodman (Editor) / Brian Jones Ridder (Marketer) / Melina Dorrance		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	412 photos		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Gar) Gardening / (GAR022000) Techniques, (Gar) Gardening / (GAR004000) Flowers / General, (Gar) Gardening / (GAR006000) Garden Design, (Gar) Gardening / (GAR025000) Vegetables		
Pricing	\$27.99 (US Price) / ₹2130 / \$36.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 01/05/2026 Pub Date: 02/10/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: A guide to combining the classic cottage garden style with new techniques and plants that meet the needs of modern times.

Book Description: In *The Contemporary Cottage Garden* Pamela Hubbard expertly walks gardeners through what it means to grow a cottage garden, where vegetables and flowers are intermingled in a casual display of colorful brilliance, that meets the needs of our modern world. Readers will discover a wealth of opportunities to explore the style through a modern lens, including gardening for increased biodiversity and pollinators, creating a cottage meadow garden, designing gravel gardens for drought-prone areas, rain gardens for wet areas, and fire-wise gardens for arid regions. Gardeners will learn how to mix vegetables and herbs into their flower gardens with tips on companion planting and how to ease stress by creating healing gardens and sensory gardens.

Key Selling Points

- **INSPIRING & PRACTICAL:** The book is packed with beautiful photographs by Rob Cardillo, practical tips to inspire beginner and casual gardeners, and deep information suitable for the professional designer seeking to expand their palette.
- **NEW APPROACH TO CLASSIC TREND:** Cottage gardening is an evergreen trend, but no book to date have delved as deep into adapting them for contemporary needs, including methods that address climate change and design ideas for gardens that are therapeutic and fuctional.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Pamela is longtime, expert gardener and professional garden coach. Her deep industry connections will give this book a boost in the garden media world. Her own cottage garden has evolved over the years as a means of solving modern problems.

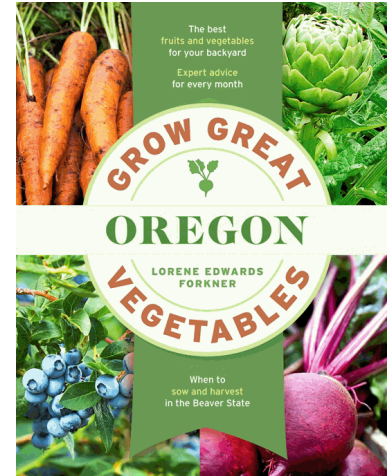
Author Info

Author Residence	Effort, Pennsylvania	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Pamela Hubbard is a garden coach working one-on-one with home gardeners offering tips and advice on all manner of garden and plant-related issues. She is a sought-after speaker for garden clubs, garden shows, and horticultural groups throughout the Northeast and internationally. Her talks are fun, informative, and illustrated with beautiful photographs. Pam has been a garden writer, educator, and speaker for more than 16 years. She writes an award-winning blog, and her monthly newspaper articles, 'Gardening in the Poconos', earned a GardenComm 2019 silver medal. Pamela, a master gardener emerita, is frequently asked to train new master gardeners for Penn State Extension. Pam was born in England, where she acquired the love of gardening at her grandmother's knee. Her gardens were featured in the Summer 2020 edition of Country Gardens magazine and have been awarded three blue ribbons by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. She can be found, endlessly pursuing her dream of recreating her grandmother's cottage garden, at a small farm in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.		
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Praise

Grow Great Vegetables in Oregon

By (author)	Forkner, Lorene Edwards		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9781643265254 / 1643265253	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print	5,000	1st Serial / Bridges	Yes / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	7 x 9 / 240 / 24	Age Range	
Team	Naomi Ruiz (Editor) / Brian Jones Ridder (Marketer) / Caroline McCulloch (Put		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Photos / Illustrations	96 photos, 21 illustrations		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Gar) Gardening / (GAR025000) Vegetables, (Gar) Gardening / (GAR019050) Regional / Pacific Northwest (OR, WA), (Gar) Gardening / (GAR009000) Herbs		
Pricing	\$21.99 (US Price) / ₹1670 / \$28.99 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/29/2025 Pub Date: 02/03/2026		



Title Notes

Sales Handle: Empower yourself to grow an irresistible, edible bounty year after year in Oregon with month-by-month gardening information, 35 detailed plant profiles, handy planting and harvesting charts, and inspiring color photographs.

Book Description: Through this handy, accessible guide, author and expert gardener Lorene Edwards Forkner shares tips and techniques tailored to The Beaver State, empowering readers with trusted, solid vegetable gardening knowledge. Start off on the best foot in your quest to grow an irresistible, edible bounty year after year. With thorough detailing of gardening basics, localized gardening information tailored to each month of the year, and 35 thoughtfully selected and detailed plant profiles, this book is just as essential a resource for beginner gardeners as it is for expert gardeners seeking a refresher.

Key Selling Points

- **THE ONE BOOK A LOCAL GARDENER NEEDS:** Offering hyper-local detail at the state level with month-by-month vegetable growing information, full-color images, and 35 detailed plant profiles, this hardworking resource outshines the competition's generalized information and higher price points.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Lorene Edwards Forkner has penned several gardening books and has long operated specialty retail nursery in the Pacific Northwest, making her an authority on growing and nurturing plant life in the rainy part of the coast.
- **SUCCESSFUL SERIES:** Previous books in the *Grow Great Vegetables State-By-State* series cover the southeast and the northeast and have a combined 70,000 copies in print.

Author Info

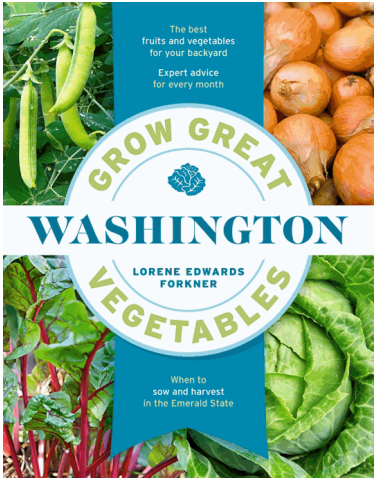
Author Residence	Seattle, Washington	Local Bookstore	
About The Author	Lorene Edwards Forkner is an author and speaker whose work centers on exploring the wonders of the natural world and delicious garden flavors. Lorene is the author of several gardening titles, including <i>Color In and Out of the Garden</i> and <i>The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables</i> . She writes a weekly gardening column for <i>Pacific NW Magazine</i> in <i>The Seattle Times</i> and is the former editor of <i>Pacific Horticulture</i> magazine. Lorene is a warm and engaging speaker who uses imagery and language to tell garden/life stories that inspire and inform. Find her online at www.ahandmadegarden.com .		
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Grow Great Vegetables in Washington

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Key Selling Points

- **THE ONE BOOK A LOCAL GARDENER NEEDS:** Offering hyper-local detail at the state level with month-by-month vegetable growing information, full-color images, and 38 detailed plant profiles, this hardworking resource outshines the competition's generalized information and higher price points.
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