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How Great Ideas Happen The Hidden Steps Behind Breakthrough Success

George Newman

Keynote

We're all capable of discovering great ideas within our lifetimes (or lunchtimes). The key is knowing where to look.

Description

Great ideas are all around us, waiting to be discovered. Here's how to find them.

We're used to imagining creativity as a lightbulb moment - sudden, mysterious, reserved for the gifted few. But what if ideas aren't conjured from thin air? What if they're discovered - more like precious artifacts that we unearth and refine?

In *How Great Ideas Happen*, cognitive scientist George Newman draws on cutting-edge research to show that creativity isn't magic, it's method. The most successful innovators don't wait to be struck by brilliance; their creative process is more like archeology. As keen-eyed explorers, they scan the terrain, dig with intention, and, with a little luck, find gold.

With vivid examples from the arts, science, and business, Newman shows how creativity often comes from discovering what was already there. For example, how Jackson Pollock tapped into deep patterns in nature to create his famous "drip" paintings; how Korean filmmakers created an entirely new genre by closely studying foreign films; or, how Paul Simon made *Graceland* by carefully sifting through previously recorded material for what he could take away.

By revealing the hidden steps behind breakthrough success, *How Great Ideas Happen* uncovers a repeatable method that anyone can follow, reframing creativity not as a rare gift, but as a universal capacity waiting to be unlocked through exploration. The creative process is an adventure of ideas - this book is your guide.

Sales Points

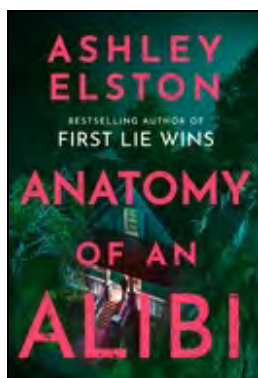
- Highly actionable and results driven. Based on robust research, cognitive science and neuroscience this is a systematic process that can be learned, practiced and applied like a science.
- Creativity is for everyone, not just the design or innovation depts. Anyone in any function can generate a great idea using this step-by-step process.
- A highly sought after skill in the age of AI - original human creativity that thinks beyond established norms is increasing in value in organisations around the world.
- Wide ranging global case studies are a mix of historical and contemporary - from the White Stripes to roman art, from fossils to Lego, the author brings to bear an exceptional body of research to validate his method.
- Key comp: How to Get to Great Ideas (9781473692145) has performed largely based on title. Creativity is a perennial selling business topic.

Author Biography

George Newman is an associate professor at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto and a leading expert on creativity. As psychologist and cognitive scientist, his research has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, BBC, *Scientific American*, *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

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Anatomy of an Alibi

The gripping, unputdownable new psychological thriller from the No. 1 bestselling author of *First Lie Wins*

Ashley Elston

Keynote

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *First Lie Wins*, a tense, feverish thriller about two women's lives that are forever intertwined when a murder threatens to expose them both.

Description

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *First Lie Wins*, a tense, feverish thriller about two women's lives that are forever intertwined when a murder threatens to expose them both.

'Ashley Elston expertly unravels a web of secrets and lies in a small southern town. You won't know who to trust, and you won't be able to put this down' MEGAN MIRANDA

'Tense, smart and relentlessly suspenseful, the kind of thriller that grips you from the first page and doesn't let go' JULIE CLARK

Everyone at Chantilly's Bar noticed out-of-towner Camille Bayliss. Red lips, designer heels, sipping a Negroni. But that woman wasn't Camille Bayliss. It was Aubrey Price.

Camille Bayliss appears to have the picture-perfect life; she's married to hotshot lawyer Ben and is the daughter of a wealthy Louisiana family. Only nothing is as it seems: Camille believes Ben has been hiding dirty secrets for years, but she can't find proof because he tracks her every move.

Aubrey Price has been haunted by the terrible night that changed her life a decade ago, and she's convinced Benjamin Bayliss knows something about it. Living in a house full of criminals, Aubrey understands there's more than one way to get to the truth - and she may have found the best way in.

Aubrey and Camille hatch a plan. It sounds simple: For twelve hours, Aubrey will take Camille's place. Camille will spy on Ben, and the two women will get the answers they desperately seek.

Except the next morning, Ben is found murdered. Both women need an airtight alibi, but only one of them has it. And one false step is all it takes for everything to come undone.

Sales Points

- *First Lie Wins* has sold over a million copies, was a No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller, a Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick and a *Sunday Times* Thriller of the Month.
- *Anatomy of an Alibi* will be a major lead launch title from Pamela Dorman Books (Viking Penguin US)
- TV series of *First Lie Wins* in development with a major streamer, produced by Octavia Spencer and Krista Vernoff (*Grey's Anatomy*)
- Rights to *First Lie Wins* sold in 33 territories.

Author Biography

Ashley Elston worked for many years as a wedding photographer before turning her hand to writing. She lives in Louisiana with her husband and three sons. Elston has written six young adult novels. *First Lie Wins*, her adult debut, was a number one *New York Times* bestseller and was selected as a Reese Witherspoon's Book Club pick. Her work has been translated into 23 languages.

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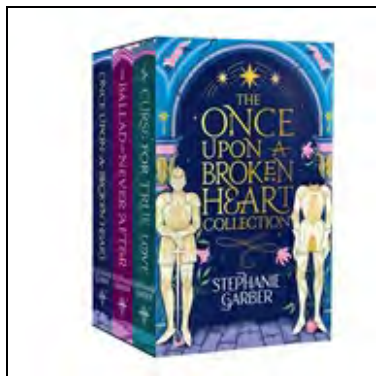
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Once Upon a Broken Heart - Boxset

Stephanie Garber

Discover the global bestselling fairytale sensation from the author of *Caraval* now in a boxset

Once Upon a Broken Heart: Set in the same glittering world as the Sunday Times and New York Times bestseller *Caraval*, *Once the Upon a Broken Heart* series by Stephanie Garber is the start of an enchanting series about a young woman and the deadly bargain she makes with the wickedly charming Prince of Hearts.

The Ballad of Never After: the jaw-dropping sequel to the globally bestselling *Once Upon a Broken Heart* starring Evangeline Fox and the Prince of Hearts on a journey of magic, mystery, and heartbreak.

A Curse for True Love: True love and happily ever after are at stake in *A Curse for True Love*, the breathtaking conclusion to the New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling *Once Upon a Broken Heart* series from Stephanie Garber. This paperback edition has a beautiful new cover design.

Author Biography:

Stephanie Garber is the No. 1 Sunday Times, New York Times, and internationally bestselling author of the *Caraval* series and the *Once Upon a Broken Heart* series. Her books have been published in thirty languages.

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Caraval Series Boxset

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Discover the Sunday Times bestselling fantasy from Stephanie Garber about two sisters swept up in a mysterious competition filled with magic, heartbreak, and danger - now as a boxset!

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Caraval is Magic. Mystery. Adventure. And for Scarlett and her beloved sister, Tella, it represents freedom and an escape from their ruthless, abusive father. When the sisters' long-awaited invitations to Caraval finally arrive, it seems their dreams have come true. But no sooner have they arrived than Tella vanishes, kidnapped by the show's mastermind organiser, Legend.

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Finale: The heart-stopping conclusion to Stephanie Garber's magical and globally bestselling Caraval series, where Scarlett and Tella Dragna must fight for their happy endings.

About the Author:

Stephanie Garber is the No. 1 Sunday Times, New York Times, and internationally bestselling author of the *Caraval* series and the *Once Upon a Broken Heart* series. Her books have been published in thirty languages.

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Nightshade

The Brand New Blockbuster Thriller from the Number One Bestseller

Michael Connelly

Keynote

#1 Sunday Times bestselling author Michael Connelly introduces a new cop relentlessly following his mission in the seemingly idyllic setting of Catalina island

Description

PRE-ORDER THE NEW THRILLER FROM MILLION COPY SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER MICHAEL CONNELLY

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Stilwell has been "exiled" to a low-key post policing rustic Catalina Island, after department politics drove him off a homicide desk on the mainland.

But while following up the usual drunk-and-disorderlies and petty thefts that come with his new territory, Detective Stilwell gets a report of a body found wrapped in plastic and weighed down at the bottom of the harbor. Crossing all lines of protocol and jurisdiction, he starts doggedly working the case.

Soon, his investigation uncovers closely guarded secrets and a dark heart to the serene island that was meant to be his escape from the evils of the big city.

CRIME DOESN'T COME BETTER THAN CONNELLY:

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

'The best mystery writer in the world'
GQ

'A superb natural storyteller'
LEE CHILD

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STEPHEN KING

'America's greatest living crime writer'
DAILY EXPRESS

'One of the great storytellers of crime fiction'
SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

Sales Points

- **A RARE OPPORTUNITY:** Connelly debuts a new hero and setting, creating a great opportunity to go after new readers. This is the first of two Michael Connelly novels in one year! Connelly has not published a summer thriller since FAIR WARNING in 2020, which stayed on bestseller lists for multiple weeks.
- **HIT TV SERIES:** The Connelly universe onscreen continues to expand. Season 3 of The Lincoln Lawyer airs Autumn 2024 on Netflix. Bosch: Legacy's third season will air in spring 2025, and the new Renée Ballard series starring Maggie Q will air in the second half of 2025-both on Amazon Prime in the UK.
- **NUMBER 1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Connelly is a mega-brand and growing fast, with over 80 million copies sold worldwide and recent UK #1s in both hardback and paperback.

Author Biography

Michael Connelly is the author of thirty-nine previous novels, among them *New York Times* bestsellers *The Waiting*, *Resurrection Walk*, and *Desert Star*. His books, which include the Harry Bosch series, the Lincoln Lawyer series, and the Renée Ballard series, have sold more than eighty-nine million copies worldwide. Connelly is a former newspaper reporter who has won numerous awards for his journalism and his novels. He is the executive producer of four television series: *Bosch*, *Bosch: Legacy*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, and the upcoming *Ballard*. He spends his time in California and Florida.



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The Next World War: The new age of global conflict and the fight to stop it

Peter Apps

Keynote

The inside story of the political crises that may spark the next major international conflict - and how it might be averted - by the Reuters global affairs commentator and British Army analyst Peter Apps

Description

***The Next World War* takes readers behind the scenes of the most dangerous era of international tensions since the end of the Cold War, as countries and military forces prepare for potential large-scale combat on a scale unseen since 1945.**

From the corridors of power in Washington, Whitehall, Moscow and Beijing to the new frontlines of conflict in Ukraine, Taiwan, cyberspace and even the far side of the moon, Peter Apps unflinchingly explores the fault lines where global peace is already starting to unravel.

Featuring the voices of the commanders, diplomats and technologists already shaping history, as well as the nervous conscripts and ordinary people directly caught up in events, *The Next World War* examines the real-world effects of this new era of global confrontation. For some - including millions of citizens told to stockpile food and water and prepare for potential mass disruption - it still may not feel entirely real. But for Russia, China and their growing 'axis of upheaval', today's conflicts represent a growing opportunity to reshape the world as they would like it - leading to potential disaster for the West if it cannot heed the warnings in time.

From the return of Cold War-style atomic threats to new forms of sabotage and 'hybrid warfare', the battle for global dominance is already firmly underway. *The Next World War* is the book you need to understand the growing precariousness of our current situation - and the unending battle to stop it escalating past the point of no return.

Sales Points

- TRACK RECORD: Peter's history of NATO (*Deterring Armageddon*, 2024) has sold over 8,000 copies across formats
- AUTHOR NETWORK: Peter is a Reuters columnist and high-level British Army reservist, with access to diplomats and military experts at the highest levels.
- GEOPOLITICS: for fans of *Prisoners of Geography* and *Nuclear War: A Scenario*

Author Biography

Peter Apps is global defence commentator at Reuters, a British Army reservist and executive director of pop-up think tank the Project for Study of the 21st Century (PS21). Peter has reported from across the world as a Reuters correspondent and was appointed a columnist in 2016. He undertook reserve military training with both the British and US armies and more recently as a UK specialist army reservist, providing advice, analysis and training and serving two full-time tours of duty during the Covid-19 pandemic and Ukraine war.

He is the author of *Deterring Armageddon: A Biography of NATO* (Wildfire, 2024) and two successful Kindle Singles, *Before Ebola* (2014) and *Churchill in the Trenches* (2015).



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Bridgerton: An Offer From A Gentleman (Bridgertons Book 3) Benedict's Story, the inspiration for Bridgerton series four

Julia Quinn

Keynote

The third book in the globally bestselling Bridgerton Family series, and now the inspiration behind *Bridgerton* series four. Welcome to Benedict's story . . .

Description

Coming soon to Netflix

A TV tie-in edition to **BRIDGERTON**, a series created by Shondaland for Netflix, from No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Julia Quinn: the story of Benedict Bridgerton, in the third of her beloved Regency-set novels featuring her charming, powerful Bridgerton family.

Welcome to Benedict's story . . .

This year's most sought-after invitation must surely be that of the Bridgerton masquerade ball, to be held Monday next. Will some fortunate young lady use the mystery of a masquerade night to snare one of the eligible bachelors? Lady Whistledown's Society Papers, May 1815

Sophie Beckett never dreamt she would sneak into Lady Bridgerton's famed masquerade ball - or that 'Prince Charming' would be waiting there for her! Though the daughter of an earl, Sophie had been relegated to the role of servant by her disdainful stepmother. But that night, spinning in the strong arms of the debonair and devastatingly handsome Benedict Bridgerton, she felt like royalty. Yet she knows all enchantments must end.

But Sophie has reckoned without Benedict's determined heart: he has sworn to find and wed his mystery miss, for he knows this is his only chance for a fairy tale love . . .

Why readers love Julia Quinn . . .

'Light, pacy and full of feisty heroines' *Guardian* on the Bridgerton series

'Julia Quinn's Bridgerton books take all of the classic tropes we know and love . . . and gives them a thoroughly modern twist. I can't focus on anything else' *Stylist*

'Quinn is a master of historical romance' *Entertainment Weekly*

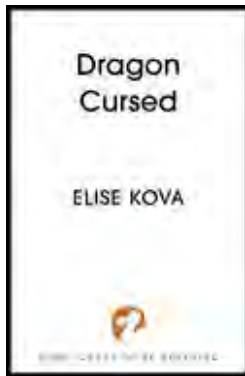
Sales Points

- *An Offer From a Gentleman* is a *New York Times* bestseller and the third novel in Julia Quinn's award-winning Bridgerton series. **This is the TV Tie-in edition for season 4 of Netflix's TV, Benedict and Sophie's story.**
- The TV series is airing in two parts - January 29th and February 26th
- The Bridgerton series is a hugely successful Netflix Original production created by Shonda Rhimes. When it launched in March 2022 Bridgerton Season 2 broke records to become the most popular English language series on Netflix, ranking in the Top 10 in 88 countries, dethroning Bridgerton Season 1! This made Bridgerton the first-ever series to hold both first and second places on the streaming platform's Most Popular list.
- Julia Quinn is a charming, warm and witty writer of historical romances set in the Regency period
- Julia is now a *Sunday Times* bestselling author, and we have sold over 4.5 MILLION copies of her books.

Author Biography

Julia Quinn started writing her first book one month after finishing university and has been tapping away at her keyboard ever since. The No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than two dozen novels, she is a graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges and is one of only sixteen authors ever to be inducted in the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family.

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Dragon Cursed propulsive and epic fantasy about magical trials and adventure

Elise Kova

Keynote

The new swoon-worthy young adult romantasy from #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author Elise Kova, perfect for fans of *Fourth Wing*.

Description

The moment you see a dragon is usually your last . . .

Since the dragons emerged - along with the scourge that ravaged our lands and people - there's only one human city that remains standing: Vingard.

But the hellfire from above is nothing compared to the threat from within. For there is no worse fate than being *Dragon Cursed*. Slowly and excruciatingly, you'll be transformed into a mindless beast who destroys everything - and everyone - you love.

Any of us could be tainted. Any of us could be lying. Any of us could be caught and killed by the authorities. And I'm terrified that I might be next.

There's only one other person who might suspect my secret. He's like my shadow, following me wherever I go. Part protector, part tormentor, fully annoying. Sometimes I think I am just one of the million unfathomable secrets he keeps hidden.

Because Lucan definitely knows something.

And if I'm *Dragon Cursed*, death might be the only mercy I get.

Sales Points

- Elise Kova is a self-published powerhouse, who has sold over 500,000 copies of one self-published series and over 1 million of another. Her writing is brilliantly romantic and she has legions of fans dying for more books. She is a USA Today and Amazon Top 10 bestselling author, and she has almost 70k followers on Instagram and 63.5k followers on TikTok, as well as a newsletter with 74k subscribers.
- Major US campaign: *Arcana Academy* by Elise Kova was bought by Del Rey in a 7-figure auction, this will have a major US campaign for the author, with huge buzz to jump behind
- Perfect for fans of *Fourth Wing*

Reviews

- **'Pulse-pounding romance, vivid world-building, and badass dragon hunters make for a bloodthirsty and brutally fun read. The stakes couldn't be higher - I devoured every page. This is the YA fantasy I've been waiting for!' - *Brigid Kemmerer, New York Times bestselling author of Forging Silver Into Stars***

Author Biography

Elise Kova is a *USA Today* and internationally bestselling author. She enjoys telling stories of fantasy worlds filled with magic and deep emotions. She lives in Florida and, when not writing, can be found playing video games, drawing, chatting with readers on social media, or daydreaming about her next story.



Smarter 10 lessons for a more productive and less-stressed life

Emily Austen

Keynote

The essential guide for working *Smarter* in all facets of your life from harnessing your talents and increasing productivity, to improving your work-life balance and reaching your goals.

Description

'A manifesto for working women' *THE SUNDAY TIMES STYLE*

'A new practical guide and empowering manifesto for those ready to break free from burnout and redefine what it means to thrive. This book will be your blueprint for leveraging your strengths, boosting your productivity and achieving lasting success on your own terms.' *VANITY FAIR*

Busyness has become a status symbol, colloquially used to intimate success. The 'more is more' philosophy still prevails, running us into the dirt and out of natural energy. We jostle for our position balancing work, family life, fertility, misogyny and mental health, and we have been told that working late, over-caffeinating, being the first in and last out, sacrificing our personal lives, and eating on the go, are conducive to succeeding long-term. But instead, we are burnt-out and less motivated than ever. That's where SMARTER steps in.

SMARTER reframes the idea of over-productivity equalling success, and will ultimately show that those who work smarter, are those who achieve more long-term success. Featuring 10 achievable steps, and the experience of successful entrepreneur, E.M Austen, SMARTER will show you how to reframe previous systems that your brain predicts, switch your mindset from one of scarcity to one of abundance, join the 8am club, conduct a busyness detox, define what success means to you, track your energy not your time, identify and set healthy boundaries, time block, habit pair and switch to mono tasking, and so much more. Inside you'll discover how to embrace your talents, harness your productivity, create a consistent work-life balance and empower you to reach your goals.

This is not for the bare minimum Mondays or the take it easy Tuesdays. It's for those who strive for success; for ambitious women wanting to do it all, those who understand that you have to make a deposit to be able to make a withdrawal. For those who have skin in the game. For the overlooked, the under appreciated. The full timers and the 'not quite made it yetters'. Those looking for a smarter way to do it.

With this essential guide you'll find it's not about unlearning what you've been taught, it's modifying what you already know, so that you can unlock your power and lead a life that's SMARTER.

Sales Points

- *Smarter* is the productivity guide for fans of *Manifest* and *Atomic Habits*, and will be to go-to guide for women looking to enhance their life.
- Emily Austen is a highly successful entrepreneur who has worked with Soho House, Bumble, Dyson and more with future columns to come from *Sheerluxe* and *Stylist*, offering a huge network of opportunities for promotions and collaborations.
- Emily Austen has had support from Roxie Nafousi, Seth Godin, Vogue and more, and works with UN Women, who are all in support of this book.

Reviews

- 'A new practical guide and **empowering manifesto** for those ready to **break free from burnout** and redefine what it means to thrive. This book will be your **blueprint for leveraging your strengths, boosting your productivity and achieving lasting success** on your own terms.' - *Vanity Fair*
- '**SMARTER is the productivity guide that every woman needs.**' - Roxie Nafousi, *bestselling author of MANIFEST*
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- '**Inspiring and motivational** in equal parts, *Smarter* features 10 achievable steps to success...helping women switch their mindsets from one of scarcity to one of abundance.' - *Glamour*

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Author Biography

E.M Austen is the founder and CEO of EMERGE, an award-winning PR agency based in London, working with global brands, including Huel, Spanx, Red Bull, Castore, The Birley Clubs, Lick, PE Nation, Abercrombie & Fitch, Fitflop and more. The 26-strong team was started by Emily in 2012, at the age of 22, after she graduated from Manchester University with a degree in Criminology and Criminal Law. She has guest lectured at Harvard University and has been featured in '300 Years of Leadership and Innovation'.

Emily is a Strategic PR advisor to UN Women UK, tackling challenging conversations such as domestic violence and gender inequality, and works with the General Assembly to effect change. She is also a Strategic Advisor to ESI Media Group.

Over her career, she has been involved in the communications to raise over £500 million for start-ups in the wellness, fitness, tech and feminine care sectors. She has a diploma in Venture + Finance from Oxford University. Emily is an advisor to William Chase and a founding partner in Goldling, a ready-to-drink seltzer brand. *Marie Claire* named her the most inspiring female entrepreneur on Instagram, *Sheerluxe* included her on their 2024 'Most Inspiring List' and she has been featured in the *Evening Standard*, *Daily Mail*, *Grazia* and *Forbes*, and has also written for *Harper's Bazaar*, *Stylist* and *Glamour*.

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Invisible Helix

A new Detective Galileo from the author of the bestselling *The Devotion of Suspect X*

Keigo Higashino
Translated by **Giles Murray**

Keynote

A thrilling and satisfying new mystery featuring Keigo Higashino's enduringly popular Detective Galileo, first introduced in *The Devotion of Suspect X*

Description

A thrilling and satisfying new mystery featuring Keigo Higashino's enduringly popular Detective Galileo, first introduced in *The Devotion of Suspect X*

The body of a young man is found floating in Tokyo Bay. But his death was no accident - Ryota Uetsuji was shot. He'd been reported missing the week before by his live-in girlfriend Sonoka Shimauchi, but when detectives from the Homicide Squad go to interview her, she is nowhere to be found. She's taken time off from work, clothes and effects are missing from the apartment she shared with Ryota. And when the detectives learn that she was the victim of domestic abuse, they presume that she was the killer. But her alibi is airtight - she was hours away in Kyoto when Ryota disappeared, forcing Detectives Kusanagi and Utsumi to restart their investigation.

But if Sonoko didn't kill her abusive lover, then who did? Detectives Kusanagi and Utsumi call on Detective Galileo to help them investigate ...

Sales Points

- **HIGASHINO'S MOST POPULAR SERIES:** this latest instalment in the Detective Galileo series unveils the hidden threads between an unsolved murder mystery and the secrets of Galileo's past ...
- **A DETECTIVE WHO'S INSPIRED MULTIPLE SCREEN ADAPTATIONS:** most recently *Suspect X*, a Hindi-language Netflix film released in 2023
- **CONTINUING A MAJOR CRIME SERIES WITH INTERNATIONAL REACH:** *The Devotion of Suspect X* has sold over 2 million copies

Reviews

- **'Praise for Keigo Higashino:'**
- 'Keigo Higashino combines Dostoyevskian psychological realism with classic detective-story puzzles reminiscent of Agatha Christie and E.C. Bentley' - *Wall Street Journal*
- 'Higashino is a master of the form' - *The Times*

Author Biography

Keigo Higashino is one of Japan's best-selling novelists and his works have been translated into more than twenty languages. He's best known for the Detective Galileo mystery series (*The Devotion of Suspect X*) and his Kyoichiro Kaga series (*Malice, The Final Curtain*). In English, his work has been a finalist for both the Edgar Award and the CWA Dagger, along with many awards in his home country. He lives in Tokyo, Japan.

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The New Famous Five: Five and the Smuggler's Code Book 2

Chris Smith (Illustrated By James Lancett)

Keynote

The Famous Five are back as a new group of kids head to Smuggler's Top to crack their second mystery. Join the Famous Five in this brand-new adventure by bestselling author Chris Smith, inspired by Enid Blyton and featuring original and new characters.

Description

'A rip-roaring delight.' Anna James

The Famous Five are back as a new group of kids head to Smuggler's Top to crack their second mystery. Join the Famous Five in this brand-new adventure by bestselling author Chris Smith, inspired by Enid Blyton and featuring original and new characters.

Once again, adventure beckons . . .

Maddy, Fran, Tom and Gilbert can't wait for their holiday with Professor George at Kirrin Cottage. But when they arrive, they realise George is missing.

They follow her to an old house called Smuggler's Top, full of secret tunnels and ancient hiding places, where they discover a master criminal who must be stopped at all costs.

Sales Points

- *The Famous Five* books are the most enduringly popular of Enid Blyton's works, with over 2 million copies sold globally every year
- Chris Smith has a TCM sales record of over 225,000 copies (including his titles with Greg James)
- An irresistible combination of two big names in children's books
- An exciting entry point into the world of Blyton for a new generation
- Contains all the classic Famous Five themes of adventure, action, exploring the outdoors and danger

Author Biography

Chris Smith (Author)

Chris Smith is a bestselling author and the joint recipient of the 2024 Ruth Rendell award for his work promoting literacy and campaigning for school libraries. Chris created the *Kid Normal* series with his friend Greg James and recently the pair published *The Twits Next Door* which became an instant bestseller. Chris is also a solo author and has published two fantasy adventures set in his fictional kingdom of Parallelia including *Frankie Best Hates Quests*.

Before he was an author Chris worked as a newsreader and presenter on radio stations including Xfm and BBC Radio 1. His most famous news bulletin is probably the one sampled by George Michael in 1998 and used on his international hit *Outside*. Chris lives in London with his wife Jenny, their son Lucas and Mabel the cat.

James Lancett (Illustrator)

James Lancett is a London-based illustrator, director and yellow sock lover! As a child growing up in Cardiff he was obsessed with cartoons, video games and all things fantasy. As he grew up and became a lot more beardy these inspirations held strong and so he moved to London to study BA Illustration and Animation at Kingston University. He now works as an illustrator and animation director. He is known for his illustrations for *Lightning Girl* by Alesha Dixon, the *Avengers Assembly* graphic novels, *Max Einstein* by James Patterson and many others.

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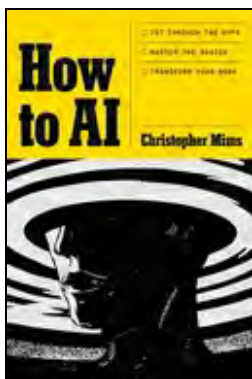
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How to AI Cut through the hype. Master the basics. Transform your work.

Christopher Mims

Keynote

A frank, hands-on guide to using AI at work, unpacking for the curious and sceptical alike the '24 Laws' of AI and revealing strategies that businesses of every size can use to free up time, innovate, and add to the bottom line - from a *Wall Street Journal* tech columnist

Description

**AI is nothing to be afraid of.
After all, AI is merely software.**

It's great at some things and (at least right now) terrible at others. But for workers who take time to experiment with AI and develop expertise, AI will make them more productive and more creative, saving them time, giving them job security, and boosting their income.

In *How to AI*, *Wall Street Journal* columnist Christopher Mims introduces readers to people just like them who are at the forefront of using AI in the world of work. Imagine a freelance lawyer who suddenly has a whip-smart assistant to help her nail every deposition. Or a family-run construction company whose new software tool is automating construction bids that used to eat up hundreds of hours.

But even as half a billion people around the world have leapt at the chance to use ChatGPT and other tools, millions of us have stayed on the sidelines. Are you one of them? Maybe you feel you should be using AI tools, but you don't know where to begin. Or maybe you love AI but find yourself struggling to get your co-workers or employees on board. In *How to AI*, Mims teaches readers twenty-four simple but eye-opening "laws" of AI and how we should approach it, including:

**AI is an assistant, not a replacement.
AI isn't creative, but it can help you be.
Give AI your least favorite things to do.
AI can't create finished products, but it's great at prototypes.**

Animated by the wit and brilliant explanatory power that have earned Mims's *Wall Street Journal* columns a devoted following, *How to AI* will prepare readers to become a part of the AI revolution-and, most importantly, arm them with the tools to make it work for them.

Sales Points

- *The Coming Wave* meets *How Big Things Get Done*.
- A smart, funny, and highly practical approach to getting the most out of AI in your workplace, based around a series of 'laws of AI'.
- Breaks down AI for people who might feel overwhelmed and intimidated by the subject.
- Christopher Mims is a trusted authority as the *Wall Street Journal* tech reporter who has built up a loyal following for his must-read columns.

Reviews

- **'The antidote to AI panic.** Read it. You'll breathe easier.' - Scott Galloway, professor at NYU Stern School of Business and co-host of podcast Pivot
- 'Finally, a new AI book that focuses on the key question so many people are facing: How do I work with AI right now? Christopher Mims gives us **a clear, practical, and hype-free guide** to the AI revolution that will resonate with anyone trying to figure out the how to make AI deliver real value. *How to AI* is packed with so many good stories, tips, and explanations that anyone, novice or expert, is going to find insights that will change how they use (and think about) AI. **Accessible, entertaining, and useful!**' - Ethan Mollick, Wharton professor, New York Times bestselling author of *Co-Intelligence*
- 'Mims masterfully demystifies AI's true potential, proving that the real revolution isn't in replacing humans but in amplifying their capabilities-**exactly the strategic insight every CEO needs right now.**' - Aaron Levie, CEO of Box
- **'Engaging, practical, and grounded in real-world stories.'** - Marc Benioff, Chair and CEO, Salesforce

Author Biography

Christopher Mims is a columnist who writes about technology for *The Wall Street Journal*. He has written about bidets, brain implants, the cult of the founder, the history of technology, innovation, venture capital, robotics, batteries, energy, materials science, wireless communications, AI, data science, telepresence, microchips, logistics, IT, 3D

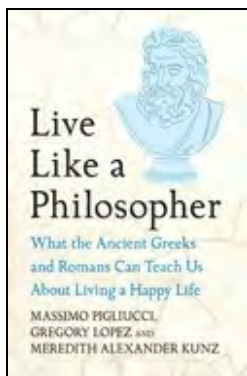
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printing, and autonomous boats, trucks, cars, drones, and flying taxis. Mims joined the *Journal* from *Quartz*, where he also covered technology, and is the author of *Arriving Today*.

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Live Like A Philosopher What the Ancient Greeks and Romans Can Teach Us About Living a Happy Life

Massimo Pigliucci, Gregory Lopez and Meredith Alexander Kunz

Keynote

An insightful and practical guide to living a happier life through lessons from thirteen key ancient philosophers

Description

A wide-ranging philosophical and practical guide to incorporating the wisdom of ancient philosophers into daily modern life.

How can I live a good life? Who do I want to become? And how do I get there?

These are some of life's biggest questions. But they can be hard to think through. Fortunately, a group of philosophers from ancient Greece and Rome have already done a lot of the heavy lifting. Drawing on the philosophies, life lessons and experiences of key thinkers, *Live Like a Philosopher* will help you navigate these existential waters with invaluable insights for modern life.

From finding balance with Aristotle and embracing uncertainty with Carneades, to avoiding pain with Epicurus and learning how to question everything with Socrates, this is a powerful toolkit to help you navigate the highs and lows of modern life. Organized around three main themes of pleasure, character, and doubt, there's something to learn from each master in this philosophical quest. *Live Like a Philosopher* is the helping hand we all need to make life better.

Sales Points

- Accessible pop philosophy for the mass market on the core concept of happiness.
- Blends history and human stories with a practical toolkit. Each chapter shares the core theories of a key philosopher, plus a week-long plan with practical exercises to incorporate their ideas into your daily life.
- Expert authors: Massimo Pigliucci is the author of 16 books and is well connected with authors such as Oliver Burkeman, Nigel Warburton and Carlo Rovelli.
- For fans of: *The Daily Stoic* by Ryan Holiday (136k), *A Little History of Philosophy* by Nigel Warburton (58k) and *How to be a Stoic* by Massimo Pigliucci (16k).

Reviews

- 'A refreshing example of a too-rare form of self-help, in which the goal isn't success or happiness but becoming a better human being.' - *Wall Street Journal*
- 'A must-read for anyone interested in practical philosophy' - Donald J. Robertson, author of *How to Think Like a Roman Emperor*
- 'A remarkable combination of a very wide-ranging survey of ancient philosophical approaches with guidance on applying them in practice today' - Christopher Gill, Emeritus Professor of Ancient Thought, University of Exeter and coauthor of *Stoic Ethics: The Basics*
- 'A great introduction to the rich variety of philosophical schools in the ancient world, bringing them to life by inviting readers to test them out and compare them for themselves. Everyone should find something to inspire them in this wealth of ancient wisdom' - John Sellars, author of *The Pocket Stoic* and *The Pocket Epicurean*

Author Biography

Massimo Pigliucci (Author)

Massimo Pigliucci is the K. D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York. He has written for publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Philosophy Now*, and *The Philosopher's Magazine*, among others. He is the author or editor of 16 books, including *How to Be a Stoic: Using Ancient Philosophy to Live a Modern Life*.

Gregory Lopez (Author)

Gregory Lopez is a practicing secular Buddhist and Stoic, founder of the New York City Stoics, co-founder and board member of The Stoic Fellowship, co-host of Stoic Camp New York, and on the team at the Modern Stoicism organization. He has published essays on Stoicism in the Stoicism Today blog and in *The Philosopher's Magazine*, and has given several invited talks on Stoicism to groups ranging from small Unitarian congregations to over a thousand people at Stoicon 2020. He is the co-author with Massimo Pigliucci of *A Handbook for New Stoics: How to Thrive in a World Out of Your Control*

Meredith Alexander Kunz (Author)

Meredith Alexander Kunz is a writer, editor, and communications professional who has worked in journalism, higher education, and the technology industry. Her work has

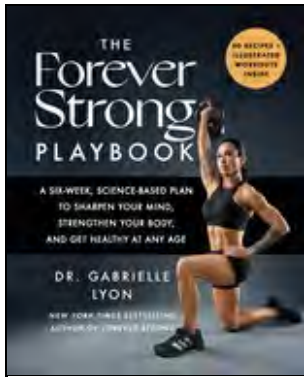
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appeared in *Newsweek*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *San Francisco Daily Journal*, and *The Industry Standard*. Since 2016, she has published The Stoic Mom blog, exploring the many ways that caregivers and children can benefit from practicing Stoic life philosophy.



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The Forever Strong PLAYBOOK

A six-week, science-based plan to sharpen your mind, strengthen your body, and get healthy at any age

Gabrielle Lyon

Keynote

Exercises, recipes and mindset switches to get forever strong, by bestselling author Dr Gabrielle Lyon.

Description

From the trusted voice behind the instant *New York Times* bestseller *Forever Strong*, Dr Gabrielle Lyon's companion PLAYBOOK delivers actionable protocols to transform body and mind.

Get fit, prevent disease, and future-proof your body with step-by-step strategies to build strength, reduce fatigue, and sharpen your focus at any age.

Packed with ground-breaking science, muscle-building exercises, informative graphics, and easy-to-follow, protein-forward recipes, *The Forever Strong PLAYBOOK* is the ultimate guide for anyone who wants to feel stronger, move better, and stay energised.

Discover *exactly* how to think, eat, move, and recover for optimal health.

With all new, innovative tactical strategies to further enhance muscle health, this guide provides a comprehensive six-week programme to help you build muscle, optimise your nutrition, sleep better, and build lifelong habits with protocols customisable for everyone from beginners to advanced athletes.

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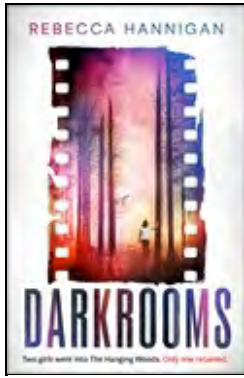
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- Science-based advice on how to improve your sleep, enhance your recovery, and support circulation with hot and cold therapies, and much more.

Sales Points

- THE FOREVER STRONG PLAYBOOK is the practical companion to the New York Times bestseller FOREVER STRONG (40k copies sold across all formats).
- Gabrielle's platform has doubled since publication of FOREVER STRONG, now with 1m IG followers (6% UK&Aus).

Author Biography

Dr. Gabrielle Lyon is a board-certified physician, founder of the Muscle-Centric Medicine® movement, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Forever Strong*. With advanced training in nutritional sciences and geriatrics from Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Lyon is at the forefront of a health revolution-one that places muscle, the organ of longevity, at the core of aging well, disease prevention, and optimal performance. Through her clinical work, bestselling book *Forever Strong*, and top-ranked podcast *The Dr. Gabrielle Lyon Show*, she challenges outdated paradigms of health and empowers individuals to build bodies and minds that thrive under pressure.



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Darkrooms

Rebecca Hannigan

Keynote

A darkly compulsive debut thriller for fans of Tana French, Chris Whitaker and Colin Walsh, *Darkrooms* explores the insidious, cyclical power of the past on the present

Description

Twenty years ago **Caitlin** vowed never to return to her small Irish hometown. Now she drifts from temporary jobs to temporary men, trying to escape memories of the Hanging Woods. Of what happened to Roisin there.

But with news of her estranged mother's sudden death, Caitlin is forced to return home, back to the town where everyone knows each other's business and old resentments run deep.

Roisin's sister **Deedee**, now a Garda, has never given up on finding the truth of what happened in those woods. And Caitlin's return makes old wounds fresh, threatening to exhume secrets that have lain buried for two decades - while the Hanging Woods begin their siren call to Caitlin and Deedee once more . . .

Sales Points

- **SPHERE'S UPMARKET CRIME LEAD FOR 2026:** A brilliantly written debut novel for fans of ALL THE COLOURS OF THE DARK by Chris Whitaker, GOD OF THE WOODS by Liz Moore, THE WYCH ELM by Tana French and KALA by Colin Walsh.
- **THE PRE-PUBLICATION AWARD WINNER:** *Darkrooms* won the 2023 UEA/Little, Brown Crime Fiction Award for an unpublished novel, after which we won the novel at auction
- **A MAJOR US ACQUISITION:** US rights were acquired for a significant six figures by Morrow and they will publish simultaneously with us in their January superlead debut slot
- **A CRITICAL DARLING:** Hannigan's debut has already received twelve pre-publication endorsements from authors including Peter Swanson, Lucy Rose, Anna Bailey and B P Walter

Reviews

- '*Darkrooms* is a **powerful firecracker of a debut**. It's an unflinching and brutal thriller, but a rare, bleeding and cadenced feminist story lurks just beneath. **It is, in a single word, astonishing**' - LUCY ROSE, AUTHOR OF THE LAMB
- '**A creepy, imaginative, and moody thriller** that explores the rippling effects of a young girl's disappearance in the woods near a small Irish village. A **chilling mystery** about damaged people and the secrets they keep' - Peter Swanson, author of KILL YOUR DARLINGS
- '**A masterful, menacing debut**, which neither flinches from its own integral darkness nor succumbs to it. Rebecca Hannigan is a **powerful new voice in literary thriller fiction**' - Anna Bailey, author of TALL BONES
- '**Unforgettably unsettling** . . . Hannigan's **beguiling** debut offers the reader so much more than merely a **superbly-crafted mystery**; it is an elegy to childhood trauma, beckoning us deeper and deeper into her Hanging Woods with every step, every whispered lie' - Nicolás Obregón, author of THE IWATA SERIES

Author Biography

Rebecca Hannigan was born in London but raised in Sunderland by Irish immigrant parents, and therefore never quite fit in anywhere. She has worked in marketing in London for ten years and DARKROOMS is her first novel. Hannigan is based in South-East England, where she lives with her husband, cat, and far too many books.

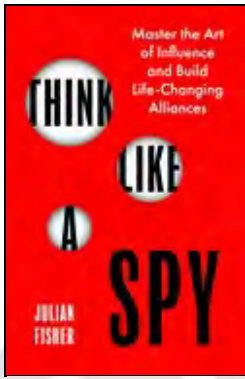
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Think Like a Spy Master the Art of Influence and Build Life-Changing Alliances

Julian Fisher

Keynote

Discover the secrets skills of persuasion taught to intelligence officers and learn how to apply them yourself.

Description

Discover the secrets skills of persuasion taught to intelligence officers and learn how to apply them yourself.

Every day, intelligence officers achieve the unimaginable. So, what does a spy do? She travels to far-flung, unfamiliar places, under a variety of covers. There, she identifies powerful and influential figures in politics, high-commerce and the military. Or active members of criminal or terrorist gangs. She befriends them and, over time, persuades them to support her country's national interest by sharing secrets about their countries and causes. To become traitors, in fact. And they do it for her willingly, despite facing the threats of public humiliation, imprisonment and, in some cases, torture. Even execution.

It seems like an unimaginable task to persuade someone to commit such betrayals. But, every day, ordinary people from all over the world work towards and achieve such triumphs. They can do this thanks to their command of the nine secret skills of espionage. In *Think Like a Spy*, you'll learn these secrets and how to apply them in your own life.

Sales Points

- WILL APPEAL not only to personal development/business readers, but anyone interested in spycraft. The Bond films have given espionage a sense of glamour, and even if that isn't an accurate portrayal of the life of a spy, this book is compelling because it says anyone anywhere can learn and deploy the same techniques intelligence officers use.
- STRONG PUBLICITY POTENTIAL: Like Scott Walker (Order Out of Chaos), Julian Fisher has had an extraordinary career, which can help the book break out beyond a business and personal development audience. He is a fascinating interview and has plenty of broadcast experience.

Author Biography

Julian Fisher was born in what has been called the poorest postcode in Britain: B16 in inner-city Birmingham. His youth was marred by tragedy, severe emotional challenges and self-inflicted injury. But, while in hospital, conversations with a brave and extraordinary Iranian refugee altered forever his outlook on life. Her story sparked in Julian an ardent determination to strive for academic, personal and professional fulfilment.

He overcame long odds to win a place at Oxford University, where he studied PPE. Subsequently, he embarked on a varied career, quickly spurning the financial sector to work for the government in the field of international relations. Moving back into the private sector, he worked for a global private security company in various challenging locations, before founding his own private intelligence boutique, specialising in Africa. In 2017, he was lead trainer on the Channel 4 series, *Spies*.

Julian divides his time between the Welsh Borders, South London and Cape Town. But, for him, home is where the hound is.

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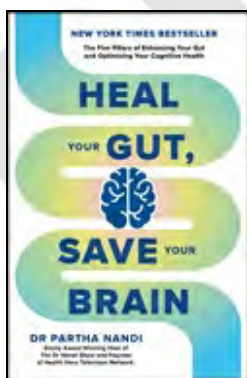
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Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain The Five Pillars of Enhancing Your Gut and Optimizing Your Cognitive Health

Dr Partha Nandi

Keynote

Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain by gastroenterologist and health advocate Dr. Partha Nandi highlights the latest research on the gut-brain connection, giving you practical advice on how to improve your gut health and reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

Description

Cognitive decline is not your destiny. You can improve your brain function through small steps taken every day.

Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain by gastroenterologist and health advocate Dr. Partha Nandi highlights the latest research on the gut-brain connection, giving you a clear protocol for maintaining brain health, and slowing or reducing the effects of neurodegenerative diseases as you age. This book details:

THE VITAL GUT-BRAIN CONNECTION

Discover the profound link between your gut and brain, and explore how this connection shapes your emotions, cognitive abilities, and overall mental health.

NUTRITION'S ROLE IN GUT AND BRAIN HEALTH

Unlock the secrets of a diet that nurtures your gut microbiome, paving the way for enhanced brain function, reduced inflammation, and a shield against cognitive decline.

A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF LEAKY GUT SYNDROME

Dive deep into the causes and consequences of leaky gut, or increased intestinal permeability, learning how it can trigger systemic inflammation and affect brain health.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Embrace Dr. Nandi's five pillars of health - nutrition, movement, community, spirituality, and purpose - for a comprehensive strategy that nurtures gut health and, in turn, boosts cognitive function and overall vitality.

THE IMPACT OF THE MICROBIOME ON NEURODEGENERATION

Learn about the critical role of your gut's microbiome in preventing and battling neurodegenerative diseases like stroke, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.

Sales Points

- Written by an expert and backed by science: Dr Nandi has waded through the research and presents it here in a compelling and easy-to-understand way. It's the first book on gut health by a gastroenterologist that looks at gut health in a truly holistic way.
- The gut-brain connection is attracting increasing attention: As more and more people are beginning to understand the unique importance of the gut-brain axis and what it means for our overall health, they are crying out for resources written by trusted sources. This book takes that information and also gives readers practical advice on what they can do to improve their gut health, and consequently their brain health.
- Gives practical advice that will help people to prevent their brain health declining, in terms of stroke, Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's: the prevalence of these conditions in our ageing population is growing at an alarming rate. Many people feel helpless in how to prevent them, but this book offers strategies and tips to help take our health into our own hands, using evidence-based methods that are simple yet effective.
- This book was originally published in hardback in the US by Mayo Clinic Press - a hugely respected organisation that has been named by Newsweek as the number one hospital in the world. We are not allowed to include the Mayo logo on the book itself but we should mention the Mayo link when promoting/selling the book to our contacts

Author Biography

Partha Nandi, M.D., F.A.C.P., is a gastroenterologist, clinical associate professor of medicine at Michigan State University and president and chief medical officer of Pinnacle GI Partners. He is a best-selling author, international health advocate, keynote speaker, and media expert whose no-nonsense approach to health and wellness combines Eastern and Western techniques and philosophies. He is also the host of the Emmy award-winning Dr. Nandi Show, with millions of viewers worldwide, the chief health editor at WXYZ ABC Detroit, and the best-selling author of two books. Dr. Nandi practices medicine full-time in Michigan, where he lives with his wife and children.

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Everybody Loves Our Dollars How Money Laundering Won

Oliver Bullough

Keynote

A wide-ranging exposé of global money laundering - and the dark financial secrets at the heart of the world economy - from one of Britain's leading investigative journalists

Description

From the bestselling author of *Butler to the World*, *Drugs for Gucci* reveals how organised criminals move vast amounts of dirty money around the globe, how they escape the eyes of law enforcement and how they turn their ill-gotten income into vast amounts of legitimately recognised wealth.

Without the existence of money laundering, few crimes of acquisition would be worth the effort required to commit them. But despite decades of effort expended on stamping it out, money laundering is more ubiquitous than ever, with organised criminals coming up with ever more innovative and efficient ways to clean their cash. With forensic precision, Oliver Bullough pulls back the curtain on this shadow financial system and joins together the dots of a sophisticated international operation that connects illegal logging in Papua New Guinea, real estate purchases in Vancouver, terrorism in the Middle East and capital flight from China.

Drawing on complex court records and first-hand accounts from convicted money launderers, prosecutors and serious fraud officers, Bullough reveals that there may, in fact, be a way to stop crime from paying - if only we are prepared to enter the tunnel at the heart of the global economy and see where it leads . . .

Sales Points

- **POPULAR GENRE:** True crime focused on corruption, scandal and dirty money is booming across different formats, whether print, TV or podcast. This book does for narcolitics specifically what *Very Bad People* did for organised crime and corruption more generally; with the same wide-ranging investigative instincts as *Material World*, *Ultra-Processed People* and *Going Infinite*
- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Oliver Bullough is a renowned investigative journalist and author of two *Sunday Times* bestsellers: *Moneyland* and *Butler to the World*. He is one of the country's most widely-respected voices on financial crime and corruption
- **EXPLOSIVELY EYE-OPENING:** The criminal underworld is closer than most people think. In engaging and accessible prose, *Everybody Loves Our Dollars* explains how our everyday transactions fuel an international drug trade aided by legal loopholes and authorities looking the other way

Reviews

- 'Unmissable' - *Guardian*, praise for *BUTLER TO THE WORLD*
- 'A very, very good book' - Ian Hislop, praise for *BUTLER TO THE WORLD*
- 'Eye-opening and essential' - Simon Kuper, *New Statesman*, praise for *MONEYLAND*
- 'Every politician and moneymen on the planet should read it, but they won't because it's actually about them' - John le Carré, praise for *MONEYLAND*

Author Biography

Oliver Bullough is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestsellers *Butler to the World* and *Moneyland*, as well as two celebrated books about the former Soviet Union: *The Last Man in Russia* and *Let Our Fame Be Great*. His journalism appears regularly in the *Guardian*, *The New York Times* and *GQ*.

Market

Readers of true crime focusing on corruption, financial crime and the drugs trade. For fans of Oliver's previous books and readers of Michael Lewis, as well as titles such as *VERY BAD PEOPLE*, *KLEPTOPIA*, *DEMOCRACY FOR SALE* and *THE TRADING GAME*

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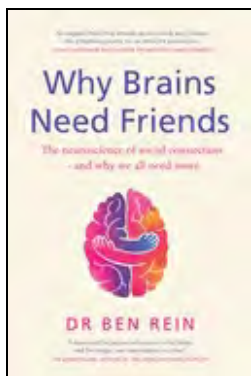
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Why Brains Need Friends

The neuroscience of social connection - and why we all need more

Dr Ben Rein

Keynote

The new science of social interaction - and how it can give us healthier, happier, longer lives

Description

'An exquisite book that reminds us our minds aren't soloists but symphony players: we are wired for connection.' - **David Eagleman, PhD, author of *Incognito* and *Livewired***

'A must-read for anyone who wants to feel better and live longer, one conversation at a time!' - **Dr. Karan Rajan, author of *This Book May Save Your Life***

From your morning coffee order, to weaving through passengers on the train, sitting through tense work meetings, riding in a packed elevator, attending a happy hour with colleagues, or relaxing on the couch with family, every day is filled with social interactions that nurture and support your brain's health. Whether mundane or extraordinary, they collectively make up the 'social diet' that you feed your brain, that influences your well-being, shapes your experience, and, done right, even lengthens your life.

In an age of isolation, WHY BRAINS NEED FRIENDS is a neuroscience-backed guide to social interactions, drawing insights from the world of science to help you understand the biology behind your relationships, reconsider the value of companionship, and build a healthier, happier, and more connected life. It's not just what you feed your brain that matters - it's who.

Sales Points

- There's an enduring appetite for neuroscience books, from David Eagleman to Matthew Lieberman - this ticks those boxes but breaks out from the *why* to the *how*; will have a positive impact on people's lives
- Dr Ben Rein has over 900k social media followers and is big on the US/UK health podcast circuit:
 - TikTok: 707,300+ followers
 - Instagram: 119,000+ followers
 - BiliBili: 109,000+ followers
 - Threads: 12,400+ followers
- Hits hot-button topics of loneliness, connection, and how we live and work together in a post-pandemic, increasingly tech-connected world
- Endorsements from Michael Pollen, David Eagleman and Jim Kwik already received - Ben is the most exciting up-and-coming social media doctor in this area

Author Biography

Ben Rein, PhD is a neuroscientist at Stanford University and a renowned science communicator. Dr. Rein has spent over a decade studying the neuroscience of social interactions, uncovering new information about the genetic basis of autism spectrum disorder, how connections between brain cells regulate social behaviour, and how the psychoactive drug MDMA enhances empathy and connectedness between individuals.

Outside of the lab, Dr. Rein educates an audience of more than 900,000 social media followers about neuroscience. His videos have been featured on Good Morning America and ABC News among other major media outlets. Dr. Rein leads science communication workshops at multiple universities including Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, UT Dallas, and the University of Minnesota, and his public messaging has been recognized with awards from the Society for Neuroscience, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and Stanford University.

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The Optimized Human A beginner's guide to biohacking

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

Keynote

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

Description

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

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

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

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

Teemu Arina (Author)

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

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

Olli Sovijärvi (Author)

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

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

Jaakko Halmetoja (Author)

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

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

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In Your Dreams

The perfect new friends-to-lovers, small town romance from the author of **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!**

Sarah Adams

Keynote

The new rom-com by Sarah Adams, author of *Practice Makes Perfect* and *Beg, Borrow, or Steal*.

Description

The new rom-com by Sarah Adams, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the TikTok sensations, *The Cheat Sheet* and *The Rule Book*.

- Chef x Farmer
- Brother's Best Friend
- He Fell First
- Friends to Lovers
- Meddling Townsfolk

Madison Walker was determined to make it in the culinary world of New York. But with her dreams shattered, she returns home to Rome, Kentucky, where an unexpected chance to rebuild her life awaits her - a head chef position at a new farm-to-table restaurant.

The only catch? The job offer comes from the owner of Huxley Farm, her brother's best friend . . . and the last person she wants to work for.

James Huxley has always done what's expected of him in the family business -until now, when Madison's happiness is on the line. He's loved her quietly for years; she's never seen him as more than an annoyance. Now that she's back, he's determined to change that.

The one problem? His charming, wildly successful younger brother, Tommy, seems determined to win her over first.

When an unexpected disaster strikes on the opening night of their dreamy farm-to-table restaurant, and a long-simmering sibling feud reaching breaking point, Madison and James must face their biggest insecurities-and decide if love is worth the risk or if some dreams are safer left untouched.

Readers can't get enough of Sarah Adams

'I'm ready to eat up anything that Sarah Adams writes'

'This made me laugh, and swoon equally as hard'

'My god it was AMAZING'

'It made me feel all warm and mushy inside'

'I have to say this is one of my favourite romcoms ever! Read it! ♥'

'Oh My Goddd I could not love this book anymore if I tried! It's cute, it's funny, the sass is just so entertaining!'

Sales Points

- **TIKTOK SENSATION AUTHOR!** Her previous book, **THE CHEAT SHEET** has now earned **32.4 MILLION VIEWS ON TIKTOK** plus **22 MILLION VIEWS** for its author Sarah Adams, suggesting she's well on her way to following in the footsteps of THE LOVE HYPOTHESIS, THE UNHONEYMOONERS and THE HATING GAME.
- **THE BOOK WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR:** IN YOUR DREAMS is the much anticipated book in the WHEN IN ROME series, following on from hits such as BEG BORROW OR STEAL and PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.
- **A SPARKLING NEW VOICE IN ROM-COM:** IN YOUR DREAMS is a sweet, sparky romance between a chef and a farmer, who also happens to be her best-friends brother. It's popular tropes are perfectly pitched for the BookTok audience and Sarah has generated a following of over **56.5K** followers on Instagram. Her previous book **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** hit the **NYT bestseller** list.
- **HEADLINE ETERNAL:** At Eternal, Headline's boutique romance imprint, our mission is to ensure that any romance fan will find their heart's desire within the books on our list. Whether that be heartwarming, laugh-out-loud rom-coms, page-turning romantic thrillers or sweeping historicals, Eternal is the home of exceptional romance for every

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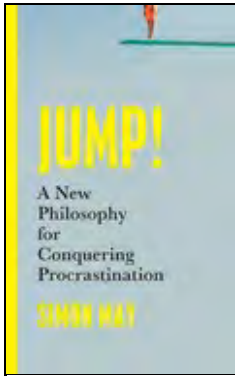
Author Biography

Sarah Adams was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She loves her family, warm days, and making people smile. Sarah has dreamed of being a writer since she was a girl, but she finally wrote her first novel when her daughters were napping and she no longer had any excuses to put it off. Sarah is a coffee addict, a British history nerd, a mom of two daughters, married to her best friend, and an indecisive introvert. Her hope is to always write stories that make readers laugh, maybe even cry - but always leave them happier than when they started reading.

To learn more, visit: www.authorsarahadams.com or follow Sarah on Facebook and Instagram: [@authorsarahadams](https://www.instagram.com/authorsarahadams).

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Previous Titles

Nietzsche's Ethics and his War on "Morality" (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999); *Love: A History* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011); *Love: A New Understanding of an Ancient Emotion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), and *The Power of Cute* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

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Jump! A New Philosophy for Conquering Procrastination

Simon May

Keynote

A radically new take on why we so often swerve our top priorities - and how we can unleash our innate motivation to pursue what most matters to us.

Description

Do you repeatedly defer life to later, convinced there will come a time when you'll be better prepared to seize its opportunities?

Do you spend your best hours on chores or trivia before allowing yourself to get to what most matters to you?

The real mystery of procrastination is why we avoid goals to which we're passionately committed. It's understandable that we'd put off cleaning the fridge or completing our tax return; but why do we swerve a loved one, a vocation, a hobby, or a new life that feels supremely meaningful to us?

Simon May argues that the almost universal consensus around overcoming procrastination - setting priorities and optimizing time management: working "smarter not harder" - might work for the boring things but is of little use when it comes to treasured goals that we're avoiding.

Jump! proposes seven radically new ways in which we can overcome this life-sabotaging procrastination. May claims that, for all their pain, the regret and boredom created by procrastination can shine the brightest light on our top priorities, either reaffirming our commitment to them or teaching us that we're on the wrong path. This is the unexpected blessing of procrastination: that it offers hope of becoming ourselves.

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL APPEAL:** Almost everyone has procrastinated over a life-priority. Many will feel that the vast self-help literature has not in fact helped and will be open to a fresh approach.
- **EXPLORES KEY ASPECTS OF MODERN LIFE:** Shows how procrastination is a direct result of how our lives and our self-worth have been governed by a soulless ethos of productivity - infecting everything from our jobs to parenting to romantic relationships.
- **PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS:** Offers seven ways to conquer procrastination, which break with most conventional self-help wisdom.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Written by a highly respected philosopher who is ready to break out to a broader audience.
- **EXCELLENT FIT WITH BASIC LIST:** Combines deep scholarship with an accessible, original and entertaining perspective on a key aspect of modern life drawing on history, literature and popular culture.

Author Biography

Simon May was born in London to German parents, a violinist and a brush manufacturer. Visiting professor of philosophy at King's College London, his books include *Love: A New Understanding of an Ancient Emotion*; *Love: A History*; *The Power of Cute*; a family memoir, *How To Be A Refugee*; and *Thinking Aloud*, a collection of his own aphorisms, which was a *Financial Times* book of the year. His writing has been translated into ten languages and has featured in major news outlets internationally, including the *Financial Times*, *Washington Post*, *Atlantic*, *Guardian*, *El Pais*, *El Mundo*, *Corriere della Sera*, *La Repubblica*, and *Vogue*.

Market

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Finding Her Edge

A swoony YA sports romance coming soon to Netflix

Jennifer Iacopelli

Keynote

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"Sure to ignite dreams and warm hearts." - Laura Taylor Namey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow*

Adriana Russo is figure skating royalty, born to gold-medalist parents and an equally talented sister. Adriana's dream? To conquer the Junior World Championships and uphold the family legacy. But when the family's legendary skating rink faces financial ruin, everything she's worked for is at risk.

Training with her new partner, Brayden, sparks an idea: let the world believe their on-ice chemistry isn't only for show. The fake-dating gains traction, and Adriana realizes maybe she actually is falling for Brayden. But then her past crashes into her present and changes everything, when Freddie, her former partner-and first crush-reenters the scene.

As the biggest competition of her life draws closer and her family's legacy hangs in the balance, Adriana is torn between the future she's worked so hard for with Brayden, and the one she gave up long ago with Freddie. Will she find her edge and claim her place at the top, or will her heart lead her in a different direction?

Sales Points

- YA sports romance filled with fake dating drama and love triangle tension, tapping directly into this breakout BookTok trend
- US/CAN Netflix series adaptation of *Finding Her Edge* has been greenlit for worldwide scheduling ahead of Winter Olympics, early 2026
- Contemporary aspirational real-life sports romance with non-explicit content for YA readers and all the tension, rivalry and drama of elite sports AND romance paired exquisitely in 'chemistry on ice' figure skating

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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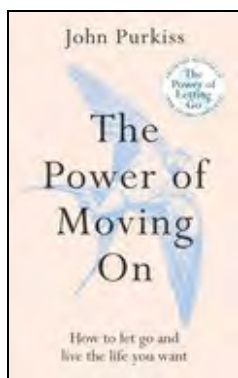
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The Power of Moving On How To Let Go and Live The Life You Want

John Purkiss

Keynote

Following the huge success of *THE POWER OF LETTING GO*, John Purkiss returns with the highly anticipated follow up to live life on the next level by manifesting your desires.

Description

<h1>*THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FOLLOW UP TO THE POWER OF LETTING GO* </h1>

John Purkiss, the bestselling author of *The Power of Letting Go*, sets out the crucial next steps for a transformed life. Discover the Power of Moving On...

What do I want, why don't I have it, and how can I make it happen?

The Power of Moving On takes you on a deeper journey to discover what you truly want - whether it's a romantic relationship, financial freedom or better health - and how to get it. By raising the level of your consciousness, you can move on and create the space to manifest your desires.

In this practical guide, you will learn proven techniques to:

- Identify your true desires
- Remove negative beliefs that are holding you back
- Allow the cosmos to manifest through you
- Turn your desires into reality

These simple, yet powerful, tools will enable you to manifest your desires much more easily - often in ways you never imagined.

***The Power of Moving On* will help you discover a vital truth: when your inner world changes, your outer world is transformed.**

Sales Points

- **EXTRAORDINARY SALES HISTORY:** The sales for John's previous book *THE POWER OF LETTING GO* have been exceptional. We have shipped over **250k copies across all formats.**
- **A BESTSELLER IN AUDIO:** John's previous book has sold **110k copies in audio** - outselling the physical edition.
- **COMPS:** Books in this area of the market have long lives as backlist titles. *THE POWER OF NOW* (767k), *THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL LAWS OF SUCCESS* (111k), *MANIFEST* (162k).
- **GLOBAL APPEAL:** *The Power of Letting Go* has sold in 6 translations - French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, Vietnamese.
- **PROVEN TECHNIQUES:** The root of John's advice comes from the Vedic tradition. The philosophy underpinning the book offers deeper reflection and proven success rather than a self-help fad.

Author Biography

John Purkiss studied economics at Cambridge University and has an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from INSEAD. He began his career in banking and management consultancy, in London and Chicago, and worked in sales and marketing in the UK and Continental Europe. John then learned to meditate, which made his intuition much stronger and enabled him to move into executive search. He recruits senior executives and board members, and also invests in high-growth technology companies. He has lived and worked in France, Belgium and the USA, and speaks French, German and Spanish.

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Handbook for Hard Times A monk's guide to fearless living

Gelong Thubten

Keynote

From the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *A Monk's Guide to Happiness*, this book aims to help readers discover a creative, transformative approach to dealing with life's challenges and difficulties.

Description

'Thubten is a very generous and kind monk who writes with the lived honesty and humour of someone who has experienced the wisdom he shares. His writing is full of inspiration but also the pragmatism needed to form a sustainable practice. He clearly illustrates why we all need meditation and mindfulness in our lives.' - Benedict Cumberbatch

We all go through hard times. We can experience moments when life feels like an uphill struggle, leading to unhappiness and stress. Perhaps we are feeling sad, anxious, or are challenged to deal with something bigger, such as a bereavement, a loss, a painful ending or a broken heart. It is during these moments when life feels difficult that we could do with some help with our thoughts and feelings.

In HANDBOOK FOR HARD TIMES *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Monk's Guide to Happiness* Gelong Thubten teaches us to understand that happiness, kindness and resilience can be cultivated through reframing life's difficulties as opportunities for transformation. Meditation and mindfulness practices help us to access deep reserves of inner strength as we learn how to 'lean into' our suffering. Thubten suggests how we can find meaning in pain and discomfort, transforming deeply ingrained patterns of fear and resistance.

As we discover how hard times can enhance the development of mindfulness, compassion and forgiveness, we can develop a fearless outlook on life and lasting, unshakeable happiness.

This approachable and practical book, complete with meditations, is designed for modern times, and will be a valuable resource to anyone during times of struggle, but also during all times to encourage and build resilience and help us find inner contentment and peace.

'A most qualified guide in the journey from darkness and turmoil towards inner peace and positivity.'
ANNIE LENNOX

Sales Points

- Thubten has been a monk for 24 years at Kagyu Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in Dumfriesshire in Scotland (www.samyeling.org), has trained under some of the world's most accomplished teachers of meditation, and has spent over five years in intensive meditation retreats.
- His first book, A MONK'S GUIDE TO HAPPINESS (Yellow Kite, 2019) was a *Sunday Times* Top Ten Bestseller.
- Thubten has taught mindfulness at major global companies and organisations, including Google, LinkedIn, Siemens, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Lloyds Bank and Mercedes Benz.
- Thubten's first book was endorsed by Ella Mills, Pandora Sykes, Poppy Jamie, Benedict Cumberbatch, Melanie Reid, Professor Lokesh Joshi, Rami Jawhar and Mick Brown.
- Thubten has a growing online community and Instagram platform (23.3k)

Reviews

- 'A powerful, personally revelatory, but above all a practical book about how to deal with adversity. This guide to survival by a Buddhist monk with a troubled back story is the real deal.' - Melanie Reid, *The Times*
- 'This is a timely and practical guide to help us navigate the fear and challenges of the times upon us. Uplifting and empowering!' - Mo Gawdat
- 'Thirty years ago Gelong Thubten suffered from severe burnout... So begins the first line of his latest inspirational book. Gelong Thubten has 'walked his talk' in every sense of the word. Through his own personal experience of transformation from crippling anxiety and depression, he is a most qualified guide in the journey from darkness and turmoil towards inner peace and positivity. At a time when many of us are experiencing a 'new level of societal fear', everyone can absolutely benefit from this accessible and supportive life handbook.' - Annie Lennox - Singer, Songwriter and Activist
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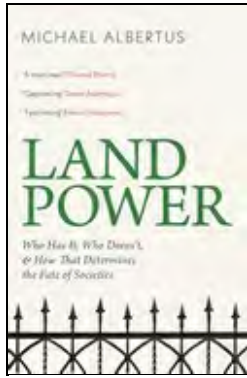
Author Biography

Gelong Thubten is a Buddhist monk, meditation teacher and author from the UK. He ordained as a monk 26 years ago at Samye Ling Tibetan Monastery in Scotland, and he has spent over six years in intensive meditation retreats, the longest of which was 4 years long. He is now regarded as one of the UK's most influential meditation teachers, with pioneering work in providing non-religious mindfulness programmes to businesses, hospitals, schools, universities, prisons and addiction counselling centres. He works with major global companies such as Google, Accenture and LinkedIn, and has lectured at Oxford University and for the United Nations. Thubten teaches mindfulness to medical students at the National University of Ireland, and he trained Benedict Cumberbatch and Tilda Swinton in meditation techniques during the filming of Marvel's Dr. Strange.

Thubten contributed to Ruby Wax's book, HOW TO BE HUMAN. His own book, **A MONK'S GUIDE TO HAPPINESS** was a *Sunday Times* Top Ten Bestseller with editions in 10 countries internationally. Thubten's work has been featured in *The Times* and *Guardian* newspapers and on Sky, the BBC and ITV. He has appeared on some of the leading health and wellness podcasts, including Deliciously Ella and Poppy Jamie's Happy not Perfect. **HANDBOOK FOR HARD TIMES** is his latest book.

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Land Power Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and How That Determines the Fate of Societies

Michael Albertus

Keynote

An award-winning political scientist shows how the fate of nations is determined by the decisions they make about who can own the land and how they are allowed to use it.

Description

'A must-read' **THOMAS PIKETTY**

'Captivating' **DARON ACEMOGLU**

'Fascinating' **FRANCIS FUKUYAMA**

An award-winning political scientist shows that a society's path to prosperity, sustainability, and equality depends on who owns the land.

For millennia, land has been a symbol of wealth and privilege. But the true power of land ownership is even greater than we might think. In *Land Power*, political scientist Michael Albertus shows that who owns the land determines whether a society will be equal or unequal, whether it will develop or decline, and whether it will safeguard or sacrifice its environment.

Modern history has been defined by land reallocation on a massive scale. From the 1500s on, European colonial powers and new nation-states shifted indigenous lands into the hands of settlers. The 1900s brought new waves of land appropriation, from Soviet and Maoist collectivization to initiatives turning large estates over to family farmers. With the establishment of cooperatives in North Africa, the displacement of Native Americans and divisive inheritance laws of post-partition India, land decisions reverberate to this day as governments vie for power and prosperity by choosing who should get land. Drawing on a career's worth of original research and on-the-ground fieldwork, Albertus shows that choices about who owns the land have locked in poverty, sexism, racism, and climate crisis-and that what we do with the land today can change our collective fate.

Global in scope, *Land Power* argues that saving civilization must begin with the earth under our feet.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** A big-ideas book by an award-winning political scientist showing that the fate of societies is decided by who owns the land.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Michael is the reigning scholarly expert on the politics of the land, a professor of political science at University of Chicago, award-winning author of three books exploring land reform and land use policy globally, and frequent op-ed contributor to *NYT*, *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy* and *Atlantic* among others.
- **PUBLICITY POTENTIAL:** Michael has built up a solid profile as an expert and op-ed writer for major publications, and *Land Power* received high praise from Daron Acemoglu, Thomas Piketty, Francis Fukuyama among others
- **DEEPLY RESEARCHED:** Informed by fifteen years of fieldwork and full of vivid global examples.

Reviews

- '*Land Power* is a **fascinating** book on the power of land inequality in history and the large land reshufflings of the past and present. It is a **must-read** to think about the coming struggles over land in the 21st century' - Thomas Piketty, New York Times-bestselling author of *CAPITAL IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY*
- 'Land has always been a source of economic wealth. This **captivating** book demonstrates that it has also been a fountainhead of political and social power, profoundly shaping the organization and political structures of many societies' - Daron Acemoglu, co-author of *POWER AND PROGRESS*
- "'Land" - Four simple letters. Four enormous impacts: on racial divides, gender inequality, the struggle for development, and our precarious environment. In this **powerful and compelling** book, Michael Albertus re-invents how to think about that most simple but profound force shaping our lives - the ground beneath us' - Ben Ansell, author of *WHY POLITICS FAILS*
- '*Land Power* is an **important book dealing with a timeless but underappreciated issue: who owns the land**. It illuminates how social hierarchies and injustice have been historically built around unfair land rights and provides a **fascinating** array of examples of how reshuffling land can help tackle these pressing issues' - Francis Fukuyama, author of *LIBERALISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS*

Author Biography



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Clever Little Thing

A taut, powerful and gripping psychological thriller with a twist you'll never forget!

Helena Echlin

Keynote

A taut, powerful mum-noir psychological thriller, which follows a mother who must confront a sudden and terrifying change in her daughter after the abrupt death of their babysitter.

Description

<h3>A MOTHER KNOWS HER CHILD BEST. DOESN'T SHE?</h3>

'Brilliant and creepy, I wolfed it down! One of my favourite reads of 2025' LISA JEWELL

Charlotte's daughter, Stella, is sensitive and brilliant - perhaps even a genius - but after the sudden death of her babysitter, Blanka, the once disruptive and anti-social child has become docile and agreeable. And what's more unsettling is that she has begun to mirror Blanka's personality, from her accent and repetitive phrases to fierce cravings for Armenian meat stew after being raised a vegetarian.

Charlotte is pregnant with her second child, depleted and sick, and convinced that Blanka herself is somehow responsible for Stella's transformation. But how could Blanka still be entwined in their lives?

As Charlotte becomes increasingly obsessed, it's clear her husband believes this is all in her head and soon, Charlotte is convinced she is the only one who can save her daughter.

Told through a singular, chilling voice, *Clever Little Thing* holds light to the blurred lines of diagnosis in children and to the vital power of maternal instinct. Kaleidoscopic and tense, pulse-pounding and genuinely creepy, this is an ode to motherhood and a page-turner that will haunt readers long after its epic finale.

'Compelling and creepy' **ASHLEY ELSTON**

'An eerie, twisty story of a mother trying to protect her daughter' **TRACY SIERRA**

'Perfectly unnerving' **ASHLEY AUDRAIN**

'Unsettling in the best way' **MARY KUBICA**

'Incredibly moving, tense, and deliciously creepy' **ASHLEY TATE**

<h3>Discover for yourself why readers can't get enough of CLEVER LITTLE THING:</h3>

'CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS for January. You will be doing nothing but devouring this absolutely breathtaking page-turner of a book. Think THE PUSH - on steroids' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'The best psychological thriller I've read this year!' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Clear your calendar because this one is impossible to put down. I devoured it in one sitting' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'If you enjoy bingeable psychological thrillers, pick this one up . . . it deserves all the praise' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'Clever Little Thing explores the complexity of mother-daughter relationships with a supernatural twist . . . a phenomenal read, one that I didn't want to put down' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

'A must read . . . a book that I will tell everyone about!' Reader Review, ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ⭐

Sales Points

- **ACQUIRED IN A MAJOR PRE-EMPT:** Pam Dorman bought World rights at Frankfurt in 2022 and will be launching it as a lead title for January 2025. It has also sold in four translation markets so far: Czech, French, Italian and Spanish.
- **A COMPULSIVE, CHILLING READ, PERFECT FOR BOOK CLUBS:** Like *The Push*, this book is unputdownable, and goes right to the heart of maternal instinct and whether women are believed. Creepy and heart-racing, this is one that women will want to talk

to about.

- **A MOTHER-DAUGHTER STORY WITH A HINT OF THE SUPERNATURAL:** Echlin gives us a story in which we constantly doubt both mother and daughter - as does Charlotte's husband - and the question of whether or not Stella has been possessed elevates this above other novels in this arena.

Reviews

- **'Praise for Clever Little Thing:**

'Compelling and creepy, Clever Little Thing taps into the heart of maternal fear and will shock you in the best way. This one will give you goose bumps" - Ashley Elston, bestselling author of First Lie Wins

- "Goosebumps! Clever Little Thing is a sharp and unflinching twist on mom noir - part psychological thriller, part supernatural horror, this is a perfectly unnerving story with something to say about the collision of motherhood's love and fear, maternal instinct, and the bond between mothers and daughters" - Ashley Audrain, Sunday Times bestselling author of The Push
- "Echlin brilliantly blurs the lines between love, possession, and obsession in this eerie, twisty story of a mother trying to protect her daughter. Clever Little Thing had me racing to discover what was madness, what was manipulation, and what might be all too real" - Tracy Sierra, author of Nightwatching
- "Helena Echlin's Clever Little Thing is a cleverly constructed psychological thriller about the intense pressures of motherhood and the lengths that a mother will go to to protect her children - I found it incredibly moving, tense, and deliciously creepy, and I know that last chapter will stay with me for a very long time" - Ashley Tate, author of Twenty-Seven Minutes

Author Biography

Helena Echlin has written for numerous publications on both sides of the Atlantic, including the *Guardian* and *The Times*. She taught at Stanford University for eight years and has recently returned to the UK, where she now teaches fiction writing for Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education. She lives in Oxfordshire with her husband and two children.

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Rook & Rebel

The addictive, dark romcom that took Booktok by storm!

Kate Crew

Keynote

The hilarious, captivating Tik-Tok bestselling stalker romcom!

Description

A dark revenge romance with tattooed bikers, hilarious banter, high speeds, and high heat. Hold on tight for a hell of a ride!

Stalker romcom
 Biker romance
 Morally grey MMC
 Found family
 Revenge
 Opposites attract

I used to have big dreams.

Finish college, make beautiful art, and take over my dad's business. But his illness wasn't part of the plan. Neither was his sudden need to keep me locked up in his mansion. Until one night, I came face-to-face with a street biker. **Rook Emberson** is everything I should fear, yet he's the only one who's ever made me feel alive.

But loving him means risking everything.

Revenge has always been my plan.

I've spent years plotting the perfect way to take back everything **Regan Fletcher's** father stole from me. When fate puts us together, I know I've found the key to his destruction. Regan is everything I didn't expect, and my plans begin to unravel. What starts as a twisted game of vengeance turns into an obsession.

The lines between love and vengeance blur, and I'm not sure where one ends and the other begins.

Sales Points

- The global indie bestseller!
- 16 million page views on KU and 9,000 audiobooks sold!
- Dark romantic comedy, with a morally grey biker male main character and the heiress he's stalking!
- Perfect for fans of Rina Kent, Autumn Woods and Haunting Adeline!
- Author has over 15k followers on Instagram!

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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
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Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire
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Room 706 the addictive debut novel you won't be able to stop thinking about

Ellie Levenson

Keynote

A heart-stoppingly original book club debut about an ordinary woman caught somewhere she shouldn't be when the worst happens

Description

Nobody knows she's checked into Room 706.

Caught in the wrong place at precisely the worst time, Kate must face the most confronting situation of her life - and discover what matters most - in this deeply suspenseful and thought-provoking debut novel.

If she knew it would end this way, would it ever have begun?

'I devoured it. I had goosebumps at the end and I haven't stopped thinking about it'

Jennie Godfrey

'A suspenseful real-time page-turner with an ending that demands to be talked about'

Erin Kelly

'The pacing of this novel is immaculate... poignant, heart-breaking and utterly human'

Joanna Cannon

'As tender as it is surprising, a gripping interrogation of womanhood'

Sarah Jessica Parker

Kate stretches her legs and turns on the TV while James washes away the traces of their morning. She watches in horror at the unfolding news: the hotel they are staying in has been taken under siege.

She should be making her way home, working on appearing normal, getting ready to re-enter family life with her loving husband Vic and their two adored children. Instead, she is trapped somewhere she shouldn't be, with a man she definitely doesn't love.

How will she begin to tell Vic what she is doing here? If her body is found, will it give up the secret of what she's been up to? She's been so careful hiding the evidence of her affair: *write nothing down, leave no trace*. Will he begin to understand why?

For now, Kate can only hide, take a deep breath, and reflect on the series of choices she's made that have brought her to this moment.

What will her marriage and her life look like, if she makes it out?

Discover the most gripping and original novel you'll read this year, from an incredible new talent in fiction.

Sales Points

- **AN UNMISSABLE GLOBAL LAUNCH:** Launching as Headline's fiction lead alongside Zando (Sarah Jessica Parker Lit) in the US
- **MULTIPLE TERRITORIES SOLD:** Translation rights sold in a mixture of pre-empts and auctions to Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Romania and Spain
- **ORIGINAL HIGH-CONCEPT PITCH:** A high stakes 'what if' book club novel that explores universal questions about womanhood, marriage and desire by placing an ordinary woman in an unthinkable situation with an impossible decision to make
- **HUGE PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN:** A buzzy priority marketing and publicity campaign begins 12 months out and plans to make *Room 706* the most talked about novel of 2026

Reviews

- **'Room 706 is as tender as it is surprising, a gripping interrogation of womanhood-before and after marriage and children change our identities. I'm sure I won't be the only one nodding my head throughout. I adored this brilliant novel.'** - Sarah Jessica Parker, SJP Lit

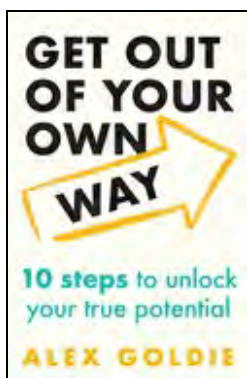
Author Biography

Ellie Levenson is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared across many national newspapers and magazines. She lives in London with her family.

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Get Out of Your Own Way 10 steps to unlock your true potential

Alex Goldie

Keynote

Confidence coach Alex Goldie looks at the obstacles standing in the way of your success and fulfilment, and shows you how to overcome them.

Description

Do you want to live a successful and fulfilled life? In this book, Alex Goldie helps you overcome the obstacles standing in your way.

Alex Goldie helps people improve their mental health and confidence. His online videos have helped millions of his followers to improve their lives and overcome the obstacles that hold them back.

Now, in his first ever book, Alex offers his ten key steps to help you stop getting in the way of your own progress. His advice includes:

- Designing Your Timeline
- Growing from Failure
- Pulling Out the Weeds That Keep Growing Back
- Building Self-Esteem
- Being Your Most Authentic Self

Using this and many other incredible insights, Alex shows you how to finally release what's getting in your way and build the fulfilling life you want, changing yourself and the world for the better.

Sales Points

- **Huge following:** Alex has a large and engaged online following of 1.3m on TikTok and 716k on Instagram.
- **Support on socials:** Alex will be enthusiastically using his channels to promote the book, including creating a brilliant pre-order campaign.
- **UK/US author:** Alex is based in the UK but frequently finds himself in the US, and is happy to do whatever it takes to promote the book.
- **The next influencer:** Alex follows in the footsteps of great personal-development authors Vex King (706k total TCM), Jay Shetty (168k), James Smith (169k) and Ryan Holiday (376k).

Author Biography

Alex Goldie began sharing content online years ago. Since then, he has built a community of millions of people, with whom he shares advice, stories and insights to help his followers build confidence, overcome obstacles, improve themselves and get the best out of their life.

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Move Well For Life Unlock the life-changing power of everyday movement

Wendy Welpton

Keynote

An empowering guide to the importance of embracing regular and varied natural movement in daily life, in order to live a healthier, happier life and keep doing the things you love as you age.

Description

An empowering guide to the importance of embracing regular and varied natural movement in daily life, in order to live a healthier, happier life and keep doing the things you love as you age.

This isn't a book about extreme fitness or unrealistic routines. It's a practical, inspiring invitation to rethink how you move throughout everyday life, highlighting why *how* you move matters just as much as *how often*, and giving lots of practical ideas for how to make everyday movement more frequent, more varied, and more meaningful, whatever your starting point.

With simple, accessible changes you can build into your unique routine, without needing extra time or equipment, you'll learn how to boost strength, mobility and confidence in ways that last a lifetime. Whether you're looking to move better, feel stronger, or just keep doing the things you love for decades to come, this book will help you make movement a natural, joyful, and lasting part of your life.

Sales Points

- Expert author with strong personal story and engaged existing following (138k Instagram, 27k facebook, 1.5k website visits a week)
- Are you sitting down as you read this? It is well documented that sedentarism is on the rise, fast creating a public health crisis including ill health, immobility and dependence on others (WHO GLOBAL REPORT 2022).
- Evidence shows that, even more than hitting the gym three times a week, small amounts of regular and varied movement, sprinkled throughout the day, can have the biggest impact on people's health outcomes.

Author Biography

Wendy Welpton founded Reclaim Movement after a running injury at 40 turned into 4 years of chronic pain. In her search for answers and to reclaim her own movement she discovered natural movement. The benefits of using whole-body movement patterns and the philosophy of training real life practical movements and moving the way the human body was designed, reframed her view from being a sedentary athlete, to choosing to 'move well' for life. Originally MovNat certified and now a Human Movement Restoration Specialist & FRC certified, she supports people to improve their movement habits through online courses, coaches group movement classes in an online membership, offers private coaching sessions online and in Oxford and is the host of the 5 star rated podcast, 'Make Movement Matter'.

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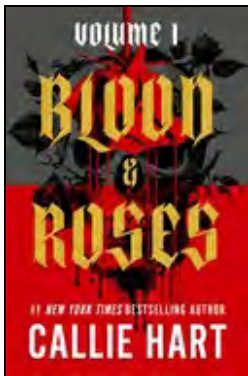
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Blood & Roses Volume 1

Callie Hart

Keynote

From the international bestselling author of *Quicksilver* comes a trio of dark romance novellas from the Blood and Roses series, including *Deviant*, *Fracture*, and *Burn*.

Description

What happens in the dark never stays in the dark.

As one of Seattle's most dangerous, feared men, Zeth Mayfair always carried out the jobs he was sent on without a second thought. Drugs? Guns? Dirty money? All fair game. But even his warped moral code has its limits. When Zeth's employer decides buying and selling kidnapped women is a lucrative sideline, Zeth's usually uncomplicated life suddenly becomes very complicated indeed. And his biggest complication goes by the name of Sloane Romera.

Sloane desperately needs to find her sister. And she knows she can't do it alone. Zeth is terrifying, scandalously hot, and comes fully loaded with a terrible attitude and wicked smile. It also looks like he's Sloane's only hope. Can she work with the guy without getting herself killed, losing her job, or falling head over heels in love?

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL SENSATION:** Callie Hart is the author of the global phenomenon **QUICKSILVER**.
- **NEW EDITIONS, TRADITIONALLY PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME:** Callie Hart's beloved dark romance novella series BLOOD AND ROSES is coming to traditional publishing for the first time, split into two volumes (the first contains *DEVIANT*, *FRACTURE AND BURN* and the second contains *FALLEN*, *TWISTED*, and *COLLATERAL*).
- **ENGAGED FANBASE:** Callie Hart has a brilliantly engaged fanbase who love her dark, sexy romances, buy every edition of her books and leave incredible reviews. She has over 198k followers on Instagram and 107.3k followers on TikTok, making her a social media superstar.

Author Biography

Callie Hart is the *Sunday Times* and # 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the international phenomenon *Quicksilver*, along with many other bestselling dark romance and dark academia titles. A British expat now living in California, Callie can most likely be found sequestered away in the corner of a library, fantasising about exciting new realms and the brooding antiheroes who occupy them.

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Adult & contemporary romance (FRD)
Erotic fiction (FP)

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **400 pages**
Word Count
Series **Blood and Roses Series**
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Book locale **Seattle, USA**
Author born in **Truro, Cornwall**
Author living in **USA**

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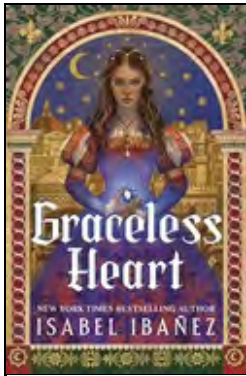
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Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	496 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
Book locale	Florence, Italy
Author born in	Boca Raton, Florida
Author living in	Florida
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Graceless Heart a beautiful, rich fantasy romance about Renaissance art and forbidden magic

Isabel Ibañez

Keynote

A lush, atmospheric and achingly magical standalone adult fantasy romance set in Renaissance Italy from a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

Description

'Truly radiant.' - Rachel Gillig, *New York Times* and USA Today bestselling author of *One Dark Window*

Love is the most dangerous magic.

As a sculptress, Ravenna Maffei has always shaped beauty from stone, but she has a terrible secret. Desperate to save her brother, she enters a competition hosted by Florence's most feared immortal family, revealing a dark power in a city where magic is forbidden.

Now a captive in the cutthroat city, Ravenna is forced into a dangerous task where failure means certain death at the hands of Saturnino dei Luni, the immortal family's mesmerizing but merciless heir. But as he draws her closer, Ravenna realizes the true threat lies beyond Florence's walls.

The Pope's war against magic is closing in, and Ravenna is no longer just a prisoner but a prize to be claimed. As trusting the wrong person becomes lethal, Ravenna must survive the treacherous line between the pope's obsession and the seductive immortal who might be the end of her — or surrender her power to a city on the brink of war.

From *New York Times* bestselling author Isabel Ibanez, *Graceless Heart* brings to life Renaissance Italy, and is as dark, lush and epic as it is romantic.

Sales Points

- **HISTORICAL FANTASY ROMANCE WITH A DARK EDGE:** set in lush Renaissance, this is an atmospheric, gorgeous fantasy romance perfect for fans of *Hades and Persephone* and *One Dark Window*.
- **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Isabel Ibanez is the acclaimed and bestselling author of *WHAT THE RIVER KNOWS* and *WOVEN IN MOONLIGHT*, which was chosen by *Time Magazine* as one of the top 100 Best Fantasy Books.
- **GORGEOUS ROMANCE AND WORLDBUILDING:** a sculptress is thrown in over her head in a world of politics and gemstone-based magic, as she falls for the dangerous, mysterious son of the family who hold her life in their hands. Opulent, full of intrigue, and endlessly romantic, Isabel has woven a sumptuous tale of love and deceit.

Reviews

- **'A breathtaking blend of intricate magic, riveting intrigue, and hypnotic romance, in a lush historical setting that flares to life on every page. I never wanted to leave the glimmering, immortally enchanting world of *Graceless Heart*'** - AVA REID
- **'A tour de force of historical fantasy. This fierce, romantic, wonderful book gripped my imagination and made my heart race at each turn. With an artist's eye for beautiful detail, Isabel Ibanez has created a gorgeous, intricate world peopled with fascinating characters. It's nothing short of compelling. Ibanez is at the height of her talent here'** - INDIA HOLTON
- **'In her adult debut, Ibañez delivers a fantasy teeming with political schemes, scandalous romance, and clever twists that make it a true homage to its Renaissance setting. Like flies to a web, readers will find themselves pulled into a world of tangling ambitions, ruthless power grabs, and fate-altering secrets. This one's a must-read for 2025'** - AYANA GRAY
- **'A sumptuous and intoxicating standalone from the singularly swoonworthy imagination of Isabel Ibañez. Ibañez deftly sculpts a tale of magic, menace and mystery amidst the glittering backdrop of Renaissance Italy. Every page is a feast for one's daydreams'** - ROSHANI CHOKSHI

Author Biography

Isabel Ibañez is a *USA Today*, *Indie*, *Sunday Times*, and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of whimsical historical fantasies for teens and adults. She has written many highly acclaimed novels, including *Woven in Moonlight*, which is listed among *Time Magazine's* 100 Best Fantasy Books Of All Time and was a finalist for the William C. Morris award, as well as the bestselling *Secrets of the Nile duology*, *Together We Burn*, and *Written in Starlight*. She is the proud daughter of Bolivian immigrants and has a profound appreciation for history, traveling, and writing stories where her characters are often



running for their lives. She currently lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina with her family, their adorable golden doodle, and an overwhelming amount of books.

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The Other Brother

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The Suite Secret
a spicy, must-read best friend's brother romance, from the BookTok sensation for 2026

Tierney Page

Keynote

From the author of the chart-topping *The Other Brother* comes an irresistible best friend's brothers romance with **globe-trotting glamour, sizzling banter and luxury hotel settings. Perfect for fans of Ana Huang and Lauren Asher.**

Description

What happens when temptation doesn't check out?

Gemma's got it all figured out: amazing best friends April and Anna, a high-flying job, and a dating life that's strictly no-strings-attached. Men fall at her feet - and she walks away from them without a backwards glance.

Max is a jet-setter with zero interest in settling down. Between London and New York City, he's in a position of power working at a luxury hotelier. But when he meets Gemma in a high-stakes hotel pitch, their chemistry is instant, electric...and completely off limits.

Why? Because Max is her best-friend Anna's brother.

Anna has just one rule: don't even *think* about her brother. But the danger zone is Gemma's favourite place to be. **And some temptations are worth checking in for...**

Can she resist the one man she can't have? And can he resist her?

From the author of the chart-topping *The Other Brother* comes an irresistible best friend's brothers romance with **globe-trotting glamour, sizzling banter and luxury hotel settings. Perfect for fans of Ana Huang and Lauren Asher.**

Tropes

- Best friend's brother
- Forbidden romance
- Billionaire romance
- Slow burn
- Secret relationship

Praise for *The Other Brother*, book 1 in the London Hearts series:

- 'Tierney's debut is amazing! A must-read for romance fans.'
- 'Great characters, excellent spice and a gorgeous love story.'
- 'James is amazing, golden retriever energy. Their relationship is perfect.'
- 'James and April's chemistry is off the charts!'
- 'James is every girl's dream - a bad boy with a gentle soul.'
- 'Tierney you did not disappoint!! Just wow!! It captivated me.'
- 'Absolute perfection! I loved every second of this book.'
- 'Heartbreak, humour, romance, and spice - this book has it all!'
- 'I've followed Tierney forever, and this book exceeded expectations!'

Sales Points

- **A BOOKTOK SENSATION TURNED AUTHOR:** Tierney Page lives and breathes romance. With over 756k TikTok followers and 190k Instagram followers, she's built a career as a full-time BookToker. Now, she's bringing her deep love of the genre and an insider's understanding of what readers truly want to her own writing.
- **A PHENOMENAL DEBUT WITH INSTANT SUCCESS:** *The Other Brother* which is the first book in the London Hearts series and Tierney's debut, amassed 5 million page reads within four days of publication, topped the Australian and Canadian Kindle charts, and ranked highly in both the US and UK Kindle charts with nearly 10k Amazon reviews.
- **CONTINUING AN IRRESISTIBLE ROMANCE SERIES WITH ALL THE RIGHT TROPES:** *The Suite Secret* is the second book in the *London Hearts* series which can also be read as a standalone. This book focuses on Gemma (a returning character from *The Other Brother*) who enters into a workplace romance with her best friend's brother. With luxe hotel settings and globe-trotting glamour.
- **A GLOBAL BOOKTOK STAR IN THE MAKING:** With enormous potential readership across all formats, we have a unique opportunity to continue to grow Tierney's profile in the UK and establish her as an international BookTok sensation.
- **A HIGHLY ENGAGED READERSHIP:** Tierney has built a dedicated and passionate audience that hang on to her every word and recommendation as a BookTokker. In turning her hand to writing, her audience are now desperate for more from her as an author too.



Author Biography

Tierney Page is a contemporary romance author and content creator based in Melbourne, Australia. At 32, she crafts stories filled with relatable characters, swoon-worthy MMCs, heartfelt connections, and spice that keeps readers turning pages late into the night.

When she's not writing, Tierney enjoys travelling, doting on her fur babies, and indulging in a good book. Most days, you'll find her curled up on the sofa in cosy fluffy socks, a steaming cup of coffee in hand, a cat on her lap, and a spicy romance novel keeping her company.

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House of Huawei Shortlisted for the Financial Times Business Book of the Year 2025

Eva Dou

Keynote

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

Description

The untold story of the mysterious company that shook the world

'**Explosive**' *Sunday Times*

'**Groundbreaking**' Dan Wang

'**Riveting, robustly researched**' *TLS*

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

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

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

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

Sales Points

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

Reviews

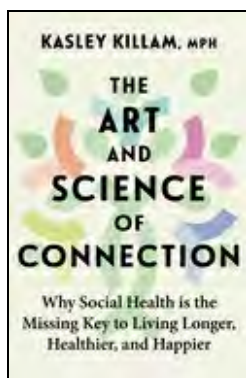
- '**A gripping read charting the ascent of Huawei, China's tech powerhouse.** Meticulously reported, Eva Dou's narrative combines geopolitics, spying and technological innovation with the human story of a former People's Liberation Army engineer who became a global business titan' - *Lionel Barber*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

Author Biography

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

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The Art and Science of Connection Why Social Health is the Missing Key to Living Longer, Healthier, and Happier

Kasley Killam

Keynote

A life-affirming guide to forging better social connections - and the surprising wellbeing benefits they bring

Description

Social health is just as vital as physical and mental health. Yet most people have never heard of it - until now.

Exercise. Eat well. Meditate. Conventional health advice focuses on the body and mind, overlooking relationships. In this groundbreaking book, social scientist Kasley Killam introduces a crucial third pillar: social health. People with strong relationships have a lower risk for disease, while those without are up to 53 per cent more likely to die from any cause. Just as we exercise our physical muscles, we must strengthen our social muscles.

Blending cutting-edge research, inspiring stories, and practical tools, this book is a powerful antidote to our lonely times. Discover how to:

- Assess and improve your social health using a simple, effective framework.
- Build fulfilling connections and a stronger sense of community where you live, work, and play.
- Join the growing movement toward a socially healthy world.

Sales Points

- Very well-connected author with both potential endorsers and organisations like the UK Campaign to End Loneliness
- Practical exercises and prompts will encourage readers to put what they get from the book's information straight into practice, to ascertain the best social setups for them and how to have better relationships

Author Biography

Kasley Killam, MPH, is a leading voice on social health. A Harvard-trained social scientist, TED speaker, and award-winning founder, Killam has spent over a decade helping individuals and organizations harness the power of human connection. Her insights regularly appear in outlets such as *Forbes* and *The New York Times*. Connect at kasleykillam.com and follow her @KasleyKillam.

Market

Readers of books on emotional intelligence, loneliness and friendship; smart thinking books on health and wellbeing like PRESENCE, BREATH and WHY WE SLEEP

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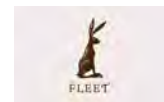
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How to Commit a Postcolonial Murder 'Heart-mending and heart-breaking' Tayari Jones, author of *An American Marriage*

Nina McConigley

Keynote

A pacy, voice-driven debut about two sisters and their survival, for readers of *Bandit Queens* and *Martyr!*

Description

'Even better than I could have imagined . . . [it] takes all the expected stories about growing up Indian American, slices them open with razor-sharp wit, and turns them inside out' CELESTE NG, author of *OUR MISSING HEARTS*

'Nina McConigley is a true original . . . Heart-mending and heart-breaking - as only the truth can be' TAYARI JONES, author of *AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE*

'A fierce and marvelous book with an utterly unique, brightly burning lifeforce' MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD, author of *GREAT CIRCLE*

Georgie and Agatha Krishna killed their uncle, and they blame the British.

Summer, 1986. The tween Creel sisters, Georgie Ayyar and Agatha Krishna, welcome their aunt, uncle and young cousin - newly arrived from India - into their house in rural Wyoming where they'll all live together. Because this is what families do. That is, until the sisters decide that it's time for their uncle to die.

According to Georgie, the British are to blame. And to understand why, you need to hear her story. It's one of violence hiding in their house and history, of her once-unshakeable bond with her sister, of being an Indian-American girl in the heart of the West. Her account is cheeky, unflinching and infectiously inflected with the trappings of teendom: pen pal letters, how-to guides, games of MASH and teen-magazine-style quizzes that promise to make sense of their lives. And the tale she weaves is either:

- a) a vivid portrait of an extended family
- b) a moving story of sisterhood
- c) a playful ode to the 80s
- d) a murder mystery (of sorts)
- e) a ruthless meditation on history and language, trauma and healing, and the meaning of independence

Or maybe it's really:

- f) all of the above.

'I fell in love with McConigley's fierce, wry narrator Georgie Ayyar from the first page and couldn't stop reading. A powerful, groundbreaking book' JESSAMINE CHAN, author of *THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD MOTHERS*

'Inventive and captivating . . . Full of heart and soul, this is a knockout work that deftly tackles the complex bonds of friendship and family' AIMEE NEZHUKUMATATHIL, author of *WORLD OF WONDERS*

'Spirited and witty, stylish and audacious' MEGHA MAJUMDAR, author of *A BURNING*

Sales Points

- **US BUZZ:** this book will be a priority title for Pantheon in the US, a fan favourite within their marketing and publicity teams. Bound manuscripts are already out with Tayari Jones, Celeste Ng, Lauren Groff, Megha Majumdar, Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyag and Aimee Nezhukumatahil.
- **EARLY BLURBERS:** Jesamine Chan and Maggie Shipstead have already provided gushing quotes for the book.
- **GREAT US COVER:** the US cover for this positions the book fantastically, and we will use an adapt of it for our UK edition.
- **SIMULTANEOUS US/UK PUBLICATION:** for maximum publicity and marketing impact.

Author Biography

Nina McConigley is the author of the acclaimed story collection *Cowboys and East Indians*, which won the PEN Open Book and High Plains Book Awards, and was longlisted for the 2014 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Orion*, *O*, the *Oprah Magazine*, *VQR* and elsewhere. McConigley holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Houston, an MA in English from the University of Wyoming, and a BA in Literature from Saint Olaf College. She teaches at Colorado State



University and the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers. She and her family live in Wyoming.

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Author living in	Canada

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Kingdom of Claw

The epic Viking romantasy BookTok sensation with slow burn tension and enemies to lovers romance

Demi Winters

Keynote

The epic sequel to BookTok romantasy sensation *The Road of Bones* by Demi Winters. Sarah J. Maas meets Vikings in *Kingdom of Claw*, where two women must find the strength to step into their destiny and stop chaos from sweeping across a world on the brink of collapse.

Description

Return to the Kingdom of Íseldur in *Kingdom of Claw*, a Viking-inspired romantasy where enemies become lovers and dark secrets hide around every corner . . .

Silla Nordvig survived the *Road of Bones*. In the aftermath of her journey, her dreams of a simple life have been shattered. Beaten, betrayed, and reeling from the revelation of her true name, she flees Kopa with Reynir Galtung, ruthless leader of the Bloodaxe Crew. But Silla soon discovers Rey has been keeping secrets of his own, and they're forced into hiding together.

Stuck in a shield-home with the murderous man she thought she knew, Silla forms a new plan: master the magic flowing through her veins to save her sister. But before she can do that, Silla must face her most formidable opponent yet—her own inner demons.

Saga Volsik has nothing to lose. They've murdered her family. Stolen her throne. And now they expect her to marry their son. But when she discovers her foster mother has been keeping the biggest secret of all, everything changes.

Saga's goal: dismantle Queen Signe's plans piece by piece. The only problem? The handsome Zagadkian dignitary who knows far too many of her secrets. Meanwhile, dark threads continue to weave themselves through Íseldur as magic long thought dead begins to wake.

In this epic sequel to BookTok sensation *The Road of Bones* by Demi Winters, two women must find the strength to step into their destiny and stop chaos from sweeping across a world on the brink of collapse - perfect for fans of *Throne of Glass* and *Fourth Wing*.

Continue Silla and Saga's journey in *Dawn of the North*, the third breathtaking book in the Ashen romantasy series.

Readers are OBSESSED with *Kingdom of Claw* . . .

'Wow wowwow I am absolutely BLOWN away by this book'

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Absolutely perfect romantic fantasy' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Amazing character development, more magic & lore, all the slow burn tension, and that new POV?! There must be something in this series because whatever it is, I am

ADDICTED' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

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Tropes:

Vikings

Found family

Grumpy x sunshine

Forced proximity

One bed and one horse

Courtly intrigue

Multiple POVs

Sales Points

- HOTTEST SFF MARKET TREND
- EPIC ROMANTASY WITH SPICE
- SELF-PUBLISHED SUCCESS AND RAPIDLY GROWING BOOKTOK HIT
- STRONG SUB BOX POTENTIAL WITH FAIRYLOOT COMPED TO *A FATE INKED IN BLOOD*
- 4K AMAZON UK REVIEWS AND 1.5K GOODREADS REVIEWS WITH A 4.3+ RATING FROM 10K RATINGS
- PERFECT FOR READERS OF *WHEN THE MOON HATCHED* AND *FOURTH WING*

• UNIQUE HOOK OF EPIC ROMANTIC FANTASY IN VIKING-INSPIRED WORLD
• VERY SAVVY AUTHOR WITH HIGHLY ENGAGED PLATFORMS



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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The Poet Empress
Meet the epic fantasy debut of 2026

Shen Tao

Keynote

A breathtaking epic fantasy about a nation on the brink of civil war - and the woman who will risk everything to save it.

Description

'Gorgeous' **CHLOE GONG**
 'Sublime' **AMELIE WEN ZHAO**
 'Enthralling' **ANDREA STEWART**
 'Astounding' **CHELSEA ABDULLAH**
 'Devastating' **KRITIKA H. RAO**

***House of the azalea, where thorn meets bud;
 Brother betrays brother, blood forgets blood.***

Young rice farmer Yin Wei was forced to become concubine to Prince Guan Terren - a monstrous wielder of poetry magic, and heir to the Azalea throne - to save her family from the famine blighting the land of Tensha.

Now confined to the imperial court, Terren's cruelty is not the only danger Wei faces. He and his honourable older brother are locked in a deadly succession war, while Terren's thirty concubines are fighting a war of their own, for the position of future empress.

To survive, Wei must harden her heart, rely on her wit, and become dangerous herself - even if it means learning the one forbidden poem that can kill Terren and save both herself and the nation.

But there's a problem - for the spell to work against a man she hates, it must be written with love.

Debut author Shen Tao introduces readers to the lush, deadly world of *The Poet Empress*, a sweeping, epic and intimate fantasy perfect for fans of *The Poppy War*, *The Binding*, *The Song of Achilles* and *She Who Became the Sun*.

Sales Points

- **MAJOR PRIORITY INTERNATIONALLY:** This is Gollancz's top priority debut launch for 2026. The book was also acquired for seven figures by Bramble (Tor) in the US, and has been acquired in five additional territories including Germany, France and Italy. This will be a huge, global publication.
- **CHINESE HISTORICAL EPIC:** This is historical fantasy inspired by ancient China. Its world feels rich and luscious and has been brought to life amazingly by the author.
- **STANDALONE STORY:** This is big and epic fantasy, but it is contained within a standalone story. Readers do not have to commit to a series they might never see finished.
- **LOVE STORY - WITH A TWIST:** At its heart, this book is a love story, but it's not the love story you first suspect.

Reviews

- 'Vicious, gorgeous, and fiercely haunting' - *Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of Immortal Longings*
- 'Sublime . . . a breathlessly sweeping and brutally romantic historical epic woven with themes of feminism, courage, and morality' - *Amélie Wen Zhao, Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author*
- 'I have rarely had such a breathless reading experience . . . Terrifying and enthralling!' - *Andrea Stewart, Sunday Times bestselling author*
- 'Impeccably paced, vicious and romantic, this is a deadly debut that'll have you at the edge of your seat' - *Kritika H. Rao, Sunday Times bestselling author of THE LEGEND OF MENEKA*

Author Biography

Shen Tao immigrated to Canada at an early age, and grew up inspired by both Chinese and Western stories. She has wanted to be a writer for as long as she can remember. *The Poet Empress* is her first book.



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In Bloom

A raw and gripping debut novel for fans of *The Virgin Suicides*

Liz Allan

Keynote

The cult appeal of *The Virgin Suicides* meets the compulsiveness of *The Girls*: four teenage girls in a band plot their way out of their run-down town, going to extreme lengths to keep the dream alive.

Description

'I loved this book . . . raw, grungy and frenetic'

Alice Slater, author of *Let the Bad Times Roll*

'Part *Virgin Suicides*, part *Veronica Mars*'

Louise Hegarty, author of *Fair Play*

'Effervescently paced and outrageously funny . . . jaw-dropping'

Luke Kennard, author of *The Transition*

'I was totally absorbed . . . amazing and unlike anything else'

Saraid de Silva, author of *Amma*

The Bastards aren't afraid of anything.

It's the mid-nineties, and in the small, shitty coastal town of Vincent, four girls - each hailing from single-mother, multi-sibling families, form a band. Friends since they were children, they consider themselves 'forgettable girls' - distracted, disillusioned, and desperate to escape the fates of their mothers.

Winning the Battle of the Bands is their ticket out - they might not have talent, but they can play three chords and scream until their vocal folds burst out of their throats - and nobody wants it more than them.

But when lead singer Lily Lucid quits, and accuses their idolized music teacher of sexual assault, the three remaining girls are left with nothing. They'll do anything to keep their dream alive, even if it means sacrificing school, Lily and their mothers. But how far out of control can they spin before there's no turning back?

Sales Points

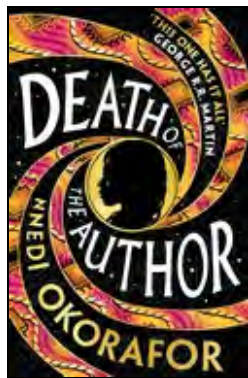
- **FOR FANS OF THE VIRGIN SUICIDES and THE GIRLS:** dark and intense, an engrossing and arresting voice.
- **A COMPULSIVE PLOT:** the plot revolves around the question of what happened to Lily, and who is to blame - in a similar vein to *KALA* and *PENANCE*, there's a crime to be solved at the centre of the novel.
- **BASED ON AUTHOR'S STORY:** Liz is happy to talk about growing up in a town like the one in the novel, and how she made it out.
- **FEEDS INTO CURRENT TALKING POINTS:** female friendships, will speak to current interest in 'girlhood' on socials - cf. perennial interest in *THE VIRGIN SUICIDES*.
- **EXPLORES CLASS AND ESCAPE FROM WHERE YOU COME FROM:** in the same way as films like *THE FLORIDA PROJECT* and *LADY BIRD*.

Reviews

- **'I loved this book:** as raw, grungy and frenetic as Nirvana's *Nevermind*, *In Bloom* smells like disillusioned teen spirit' - Alice Slater, author of *Let the Bad Times Roll*
- **'Part *Virgin Suicides*, part *Veronica Mars*, *In Bloom*** vividly captures the all-consuming passion of teenage music obsessives, the suffocating atmosphere of small towns and the feeling of being jolted into adulthood a little too soon.' - Louise Hegarty, author of *Fair Play*
- **'I was totally absorbed in the lives of these girls and barely breathed while reading. *In Bloom* is amazing and unlike anything else.'** - Saraid de Silva, author of *Amma*

Author Biography

Liz Allan is an Australian writer and teacher living and working in the UK. Her short story, 'Our Voices, Fierce' was awarded the Rachel Funari Prize for fiction in 2018 and her stories have been shortlisted for the Alan Marshall Short Story Award and the Aesthetica Creative Writing Prize, and longlisted for the Leicester Writes Short Story Prize. Her manuscript 'The Elementals' was shortlisted for the 2023 Penguin Literary Prize and her manuscript 'Equilibrium' was shortlisted for a 2019 Overland Writers Residency. Her fiction has appeared in *Overland*, *Verge*, *Yen* magazine, *Aesthetica* and *Best Summer Stories 2018*.



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Death of the Author

A visionary new science fiction novel from the international bestseller

Nnedi Okorafor

Keynote

Multi-award-winning author Nnedi Okorafor presents a sweeping story about a disabled Nigerian American who writes a science fiction novel that becomes a global phenomenon - but at a price. A tale about family, culture and identity, this blends the tenderness of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* with the ambition of *How High We Go in the Dark*.

Description

The future of storytelling is here.

Life has thrown Zelu some curveballs over the years, but when she's suddenly dropped from her university job and her latest novel is rejected, all in the middle of her sister's wedding, her life is upended. Disabled, unemployed and from a nosy, high-achieving, judgmental family, she's not sure what comes next.

In her hotel room that night, she takes the risk that will define her life - she decides to write a book VERY unlike her others. A science fiction drama about androids and AI after the extinction of humanity. And everything changes.

What follows is a tale of love and loss, fame and infamy, of extraordinary events in one world, and another. And as Zelu's life evolves, the lines between fiction and reality begin to blur.

Because sometimes a story really *does* have the power to reshape the world.

Nnedi Okorafor, a *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author, presents a sweeping tale about family, culture and identity, and a breathtaking examination of the relationship between writer and reader . . . and robots. *Death of the Author* is heartfelt, tender, and an ambitious meta-drama about what makes us human.

Sales Points

- **MAJOR US PRIORITY:** *Death of the Author* sold for seven figures in the USA, and this is a key Winter 2025 launch title for William Morrow.
- **CROSSOVER SCIENCE FICTION:** This is a searing family drama while also an incredibly accessible science fiction novel. Think *Sea of Tranquility* with the sensibility of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*.
- **AWARD-WINNING SUPERSTAR AUTHOR:** Nnedi Okorafor has won a litany of awards including the Hugo Award, Locus Award and World Fantasy Award.
- **INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION:** Rights to *Death of the Author* have also sold in France and Italy as well as the UK and the US.

Reviews

- 'Nnedi Okorafor is . . . doing her best work yet . . . This one has it all' - *George R.R. Martin*
- '*Death of the Author* is a deeply felt dazzle. A blaze. It is true deep to the bones' - *Luis Alberto Urrea Pulitzer Prize finalist and bestselling author of The House of Broken Angels*
- 'I was captivated by the story-and the many stories-within-the-story-of this ambitious, inventive tribute to the power of storytelling itself' - *Nikki Erlick, New York Times bestselling author of The Measure*
- 'Okorafor explores what it means to be human. . . . All-out Okorafor - her best yet' - *Kirkus Reviews (starred review)*
- 'There's more vivid imagination in a page of Nnedi Okorafor's work than in whole volumes of ordinary fantasy epics' - *Ursula K. Le Guin*

Author Biography

Nnedi Okorafor is an international award-winning *New York Times* bestselling writer of science fiction and fantasy for adults, young adults and children. The more specific terms for her works are africanfuturism and africanjujuism. Nnedi has received the World Fantasy, Nebula and Eisner and multiple Hugo, Lodestar and Nommo Awards, amongst others, for her works. She has books currently being adapted for TV by HBO, Amazon Studios, 20th Century Fox, and others. Nnedi holds a PhD in Literature, two Master's Degrees (Journalism and Literature) and lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her daughter Anyaugo.



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	Picture books (YBC)
	Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNN)
	Family & home stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFN)
	Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC)
	Personal & social issues: family issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXF)
	Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)
	For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)
	For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF)

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

Binding	Paperback
Format	295x240
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Author:
You Can Do It, Clover!
Be Yourself, Buddy!
Time to Shine, Sunny!

Illustrator:
Dexter Lost his Boo-Woo
The One and Only You

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

By My Side

Hollie Hughes (Illustrated By Ben Mantle)

Keynote

A beautifully illustrated, rhyming celebration of the unbreakable parent-child bond, about a brave little dinosaur, making his way back to Mama.

Description

As a little girl and her mum discover some dinosaur footprints on the beach - one set small, one set large - they wonder who they could have belonged to . . .

*"Come, Little Dino, the world is so wide.
The safe place for you, is here by my side . . ."*

Little Dino loves exploring the wide world with Mama, but when they get separated by a storm, can he be brave and find the way back to her side?

Perhaps the kindness of others, and some clues in the sand, will help to lead Little Dino home . . .

A reassuring and beautifully illustrated celebration of the unbreakable parent-child bond. Written by Hollie Hughes, author of *The Girl and the Dinosaur*, with artwork from award-winning illustrator, Ben Mantle.

Inspired by real dinosaur footprints on the Isle of Skye in Scotland!

Sales Points

- A beautiful lyrical story about the unbreakable parent-child bond - with a reassuring message that you will always find your way back to each other
- Inspired by real sauropod dinosaur prints Hollie saw on the Isle of Skye in Scotland - she began to imagine the story behind them. Her story opens and closes with a beautiful image of parent and child looking at the prints on the beach.
- Written by Hollie Hughes, the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Girl and the Dinosaur*, sold in 10 languages
- An exciting new illustrator pairing for Hollie with the multi-award-winning Ben Mantle - a second title from this Hollie and Ben to follow

Author Biography

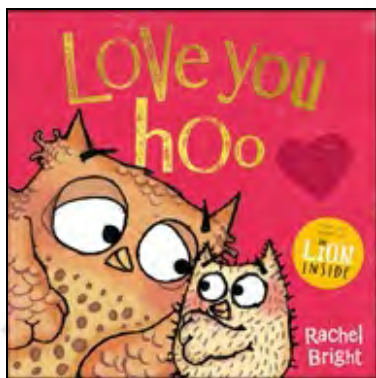
Hollie Hughes (Author)

Hollie Hughes is best known as the author of many much-loved picture books for young children, including the bestselling, award-winning *The Girl and the Dinosaur*, illustrated by Sarah Massini. When not scribbling away on picture book texts, she occasionally writes stories, poems and plays for older children and grown-ups too.

Previously a youth worker and higher education lecturer, much of her work now takes place in schools - both as a visiting author, and as a literacy consultant. She also runs writing workshops for children and adults, and regularly takes part in literary festivals and events.

Ben Mantle (Illustrator)

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



Publication date	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781408377116
BIC 2.1	Family & home stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFN) Mother's Day (5HM) Father's Day (5HF) Valentine's Day (5HV) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Picture storybooks (YBCS)
CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	245x245
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Previous Titles

Amazing Daddy
All I Want for Christmas

The World Of:

The Lion Inside
The Koala Who Could
The Squirrels Who Squabbled
The Way Home for Wolf
The Whale Who Wanted More
The Gecko and the Echo
The Pandas Who Promised
The Camel Who Had the Hump

DinoFeelings

The Worrysaurus
The Hugasaurus
The Stompysaurus
The Wobblysaurus
The Chattysaurus
The Hideysaurus

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

Love You Hoo

The perfect book for a child to gift to the special grown-up in their life, from Mother's Day to Valentine's Day and beyond, from the bestselling author of The Lion Inside

Rachel Bright

Keynote

This snuggly, cuddly, call-it-from-the-treetops celebration of love from award-winning, bestselling Rachel Bright is perfect for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and beyond.

Description

Snuggle up together with this celebration of love from the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Lion Inside*, Rachel Bright.

*Cuddle up now, little one, let's snuggle wing-to-wing.
Are you feeling safe and warm? Ok then, let's begin...*

Join Little Owl and Big Owl as they cuddle up at bedtime, remembering the special times they've had together and thinking ahead to all the exciting adventures the future holds.

This super-sweet, gentle, rhyming picture book is perfect gift for a child to share with their special adult at Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, birthdays and beyond. Now with a brand-new cover!

Sales Points

- This reissued edition has a new cover with gifty foil - perfect for Mother's Day, Valentine's Day or birthdays
- Rachel Bright is the author behind The World Of series with Jim Field, which has sold over 3.5 million copies worldwide in 43 languages
- Rachel is the creator of The Bright Side range which has sold over 7.5 million cards and 3 million gifts worldwide to date

Author Biography

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. A prolific creator, she has written countless bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could* and *The Worrysaurus* and has won many prestigious awards including The Lollies, The Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize and The Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 47 languages and have sold over 5 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, *The Brightside*. Rachel lives in a forest clearing near the seaside, with her partner, their two young daughters and numerous animals.



Silverbrook Yumna and the Golden Horse

Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Keynote

Warm, funny, and zinging with imagination this thrilling fantasy adventure highlights the power of community. Perfect for readers of Tola Okogwu and Sharna Jackson, aged 9+.

Description

In this quiet town, a magic awakens . . .

Thirteen-year-old Yumna lives in a sleepy town where nothing ever happens. So when her friends start sneaking into the woods at night, curiosity gets the better of her and she follows. There, she discovers something unbelievable. Kareem can turn into a golden horse. Sami can touch fire without burning. Even her cousin Nafisa has a strange new power. Everyone's changing . . . except Yumna.

But when Kareem vanishes and a mysterious new family, the Maidstones, seem to be hiding something, Yumna is the only one asking the right questions. As secrets unravel and danger creeps closer, it's up to Yumna to rally her friends and uncover the truth.

In a town full of secrets and powers, can one ordinary girl become the hero they all need?

Sales Points

- Yassmin has an incredibly strong MG voice that is warm and accessible
- Themes of community and assimilation/identity are perfectly balanced by the commercial, pacy mystery and wish fulfilment of secret magical powers
- A strong and passionate public speaker, Yassmin has worked as a presenter, and is a huge advocate for underrepresented voices. She has 90k followers on TikTok, 101k followers on Instagram and 80k followers on Twitter/X

Author Biography

Yassmin Abdel-Magied has published five books, most recently *Stand Up and Speak Out Against Racism* (Walker, 2023), named a Best Book of 2023 by *School Library Journal* and longlisted for the 2025 UKLA Book Award and 2024 SLA Information Book Award. Her previous books include the essay collection *Talking About a Revolution* (PRH, 2022) and two novels for younger readers, *You Must Be Layla* (Puffin, 2019) and *Listen, Layla* (Puffin, 2021). *Listen, Layla* was longlisted for Book of the Year by the Children's Book Council of Australia, and named a 2022 Honor Book for Children's Africana Book of the Year by the Center for African Studies at Howard University in the U.S. Her TED Talk on bias has been viewed over 2.7M times. Sudanese by birth, raised in Australia, Yassmin now lives in London.

Publication date	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781444934625 Fantasy & magical realism (Children's / Teenage) (YFH) Family & home stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFN) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)

CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

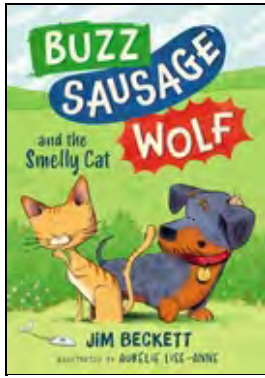
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Buzz Sausage Wolf and the Smelly Cat Book 2 - silly sausage dog cosy adventures!

Jim Beckett (Illustrated By Aurelie Lise Anne)

Keynote

Buzz Sausage Wolf has a new neighbour - but OH NO, it's a CAT! Everyone knows, cats and dogs are NEVER friends. But maybe this strange Smelly Cat is different. . .

A hilariously silly full-colour illustrated story about making friends, ideal for newly independent readers moving on from picture books.

Description

Buzz Sausage Wolf has a new neighbour - but OH NO, it's a CAT! Everyone knows, cats and dogs are NEVER friends. But maybe this strange Smelly Cat is different. . .

A hilariously silly full-colour illustrated story about making friends, ideal for newly independent readers moving on from picture books.

A warmly funny story for fans of *Rabbit and Bear*, large dollops of silliness and the occasional unexpected dog parp.

Praise for *Buzz Sausage Wolf*:

'Buzz is a furry little heart-stealer on a mission: be loved, supply laughs, win you over. Mission accomplished.' - James Davis, author of *Scarlet: Defender of the Universe*

Sales Points

- A major new young fiction character-led series with full colour illustrations throughout. Perfectly balanced 5+ funny fiction that's ideal for readers moving on from picture books into independent reading - engaging and fun short chapters with lots of silly humour and loveable sausage dog protagonist, Buzz!
- Engaging stories on relatable child-centric emotional learnings e.g. being yourself, asking for help, accepting our differences, learning to share - all with a huge dollop of animal silliness and heart.
- Cosy, relatable gentle humour that will appeal to children, parents and grandparents. Perfect for shared reading out loud together or newly independent reading.
- Instant reader appeal as Buzz Sausage Wolf asks those big life questions like 'What's for breakfast?' and 'Can we be friends?' - guided by his wise cute sidekick, Trilby the mouse.
- Jim Beckett is an author who is fantastic at promoting his books with brilliantly funny school events - he draws on all his experience as a former teacher, stand-up comedian and bookseller to give an unforgettable show!

Author Biography

Jim Beckett (Author)

Jim Beckett is the children's fiction author of *Buzz Sausage Wolf* and two middle-grade novels (*Caravan at the Edge of Doom*). An engaging public speaker and former teacher, Jim regularly visits schools, inspiring staff and pupils with his dynamic and entertaining assemblies and workshops.

For many years, Jim wrote and performed comedy as one half of critically acclaimed double act Bob and Jim, hosting London residencies and appearing at Underbelly, Soho Theatre and on BBC Radio Four. Jim's stage comedies and musicals have been performed in London, Edinburgh and Milan. He has also worked as a pest control administrator, census collector, bank clerk, seasonal elf and bookseller.

Jim grew up in Chandler's Ford and now lives with his family in West Sussex.

Aurelie Lise Anne (Illustrator)

Aur lie Lise-Anne is a Belgian illustrator and animation art director, with experience in children's picture books, educational publishing and animation, and has worked on film and television releases such as *Klaus* and *The Adventures of Paddington*. Her outstanding illustrations are characterful, expressive and humorous, and have brought *Buzz Sausage Wolf* to life. She lives in Belgium with her very own loveable sausage dog!

Publication date	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781444978957
	Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG)

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

Binding	Paperback
Format	181x129
Extent	112 pages
Word Count	
Series	Buzz Sausage Wolf
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Buzz Sausage Wolf
The Caravan at the Edge of Doom
The Caravan at the Edge of Doom: Foul Prophecy

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Publication date	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781444973556
BIC 2.1	Thrillers (Children's / Teenage) (YFCB) Romance & relationships stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFM) Personal & social issues: sexuality & relationships (Children's / Teenage) (YXS) Interest age: from c 14 years (5AQ) Of specific Gay & Lesbian interest (5S) Personal & social issues (Children's / Teenage) (YX)

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

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	None
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Book locale	Maryland, USA
Author born in	USA
Author living in	Philadelphia, USA

Previous Titles

All That's Left in the World
The Only Light Left Burning
Lose You to Find Me

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Better The Devil
Queer dark YA thriller from the bestselling author of All That's Left in the World

Erik J. Brown

Keynote

The Reappearance of Rachel Price meets *They Both Die at the End* in this gripping queer thriller filled with stolen identity, true crime and first love, from the bestselling author of *All That's Left in the World*.

Description

The Reappearance of Rachel Price meets *They Both Die at the End* in this gripping queer thriller filled with stolen identity, true crime and first love, from the bestselling author of *All That's Left in the World*.

Desperate to escape conversion therapy, a queer sixteen-year-old runaway steals the identity of a missing boy. But when Nathaniel Beaumont's family come to take him home, 'Nate' is trapped in a web of lies.

Then he meets Miles - the cute, clever and true-crime-obsessed boy next-door - and his cover is blown. Rather than turn him in, Miles agrees to help 'Nate' in exchange for exposing the truth about what happened to his childhood friend.

But as their investigation turns dangerous and their feelings turn real, time is running out to discover why Nathaniel Beaumont disappeared. . . and who might want to keep it that way.

Sales Points

- *All That's Left in the World* was the second bestselling YA debut of 2022
- High concept, genre-bending YA that will appeal to fans of gritty thrillers and queer contemporary romance
- Erik's profile continues to build as a charismatic author of the very best concept-driven gay romance

Author Biography

Erik J. Brown wrote this book. Despite his inability to write a compelling author bio, Erik was selected as a 2021 Lambda Literary Emerging Writers Fellow. When not writing genre-blending books for young adults, he enjoys traveling and embarking on the relentless quest of appeasing his Shiba Inu. He lives in Philadelphia with his husband. *ALL THAT'S LEFT IN THE WORLD* is his debut novel.

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Black Woods, Blue Sky

A magical story of love and survival from the Sunday Times best selling author of *The Snow Child*

Eowyn Ivey

Keynote

From the author of the international bestseller *THE SNOW CHILD* comes an heartstopping reworking of the Beauty and the Beast fairytale for the present day

Description

Where there is wonder, there is love - an unforgettable story of the beauty and savagery of the Alaskan wilderness, from the author of the million-copy international bestseller, *The Snow Child*.

'I read with my heart in my mouth, filled with wonder' Rachel Joyce, author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
'An enthralling novel about the endurance of love, the power of forgiveness and the savage, irresistible allure of wild places' Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train*

Birdie's keeping it together, of course she is. So she's a little hungover on her shifts, and has to bring her daughter to the lodge while she waits tables, but Emaleen never goes hungry. It's a tough town to be a single mother, and Birdie just needs to get by.

And then Birdie meets Arthur, who is quieter than most men, but makes her want to listen; who is gentle with Emaleen, and understands Birdie's fascination with the mountains in whose shadow they live. When Arthur asks Birdie and Emaleen to leave the lodge and make a home, just the three of them, in his off-grid cabin, Birdie's answer, in a heartbeat, is yes.

Out in the wilderness Birdie's days are harsher and richer than she ever imagined possible. Here she will feel truly at one with nature. Here she, and Emaleen, will learn the whole, fearful truth about Arthur.

Sales Points

- **Proven critical and commercial success:** *THE SNOW CHILD* was an international bestseller published in thirty countries, a Richard and Judy Bookclub pick, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and winner of a British Book Award. *TO THE BRIGHT EDGE OF THE WORLD* was longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award, shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award, and was a Washington Post Notable Book.
- **A fairytale reimagined:** just as *THE SNOW CHILD* drew on a Russian fairytale, so *BLACK WOODS, BLUE SKY* draws on the Beauty and the Beast fairytale, but with a darker, more mature and more propulsive feel.
- **An story of fear and courage:** Eowyn spent five years figuring out how to tell a story that spoke to the experience of women and children who live with the threat of violence in their homes, and how they find the strength to withstand that.
- **A beloved fictional landscape:** *BLACK WOODS, BLUE SKY* unfolds in an Alaska readers of *THE SNOW CHILD* will feel at home in. Eowyn spent several years researching the lives of grizzly and brown bears, which included some very up close encounters!

Author Biography

Eowyn Ivey is the author of *The Snow Child*, an international bestseller published in thirty countries, a Richard and Judy Bookclub pick, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and winner of a British Book Award. Her second novel, *To the Bright Edge of the World*, was longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award, shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award, and was a Washington Post Notable Book. She is a former bookseller and lives in Palmer, Alaska.

Publication date	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Price	£10.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781472279088 Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Myth & legend told as fiction (FQ) Alaska (1KBBWK) Fantasy (FM)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	B/w botanical drawings
Exclusively for Sale Not for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK Can; USA
Book locale	Alaska
Author born in	Denver, CO
Author living in	Alaska

Publishing History

THE SNOW CHILD (Tinder Press, 2012); **TO THE BRIGHT EDGE OF THE WORLD** (Tinder Press, 2018)

Previous Titles

THE SNOW CHILD, TO THE BRIGHT EDGE OF THE WORLD

1st Serial	Headline Publishing Group
2nd Serial	Headline Publishing Group
Audio	Headline Publishing Group
Dramatisation and documentary	Folio Literary
Electronic	Headline Publishing Group
Film and TV	Folio Literary
Large print	Headline Publishing Group
Podcast	Folio Literary
Translation	Folio Literary
Undramatised (straight) reading	Headline Publishing Group
US	PRH



Last Chance

The stunning new thriller from the legendary **SUNDAY TIMES** bestselling author

Stephen Leather

Keynote

A totally gripping thriller of contract killers and geopolitics from beloved million copy bestseller Stephen Leather.

Description

A GLOBAL CABAL OF HITMEN. ONE MAN STOOD IN THEIR PATH.

A group of professional killers, known as The Office, are carrying out hits for the Iranian government across the European continent, hitting targets amongst the wealthiest and most privileged.

After a slew of murders in London, MI5 decide that enough is enough. The Office must be destroyed, root and stem.

Dan 'Spider' Shepherd, the secret service's most dangerous weapon, is tasked with infiltrating the organisation and unmasking its leader.

But just how far is he willing to go in the name of justice . . . ?

A hundred-mile-an-hour whirlwind of a novel from one of the world's most gifted thriller authors.

Sales Points

- **REACH AND SCALE:** Hodder have sold over a million books by all action thriller supremo Stephen Leather, who is one of the top-selling writers in eBook. There is a bigger market for his fiction than ever before.
- **MULTI-FORMAT POTENTIAL:** Leather's books and current cover design are popular in both physical and eBook. This is an author with huge cross format appeal to readers.
- **RIFE FOR ADAPTATION:** Leather's writing is gripping and hugely cinematic. His novel *The Chinaman* was made into a major motion picture, *The Foreigner*, starring Jackie Chan and Pierce Brosnan, and there is interest growing in his Matt Standing series

Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR STEPHEN LEATHER'** - -
- 'Let Spider draw you into his web, you won't regret it' - *Sun*
- 'He has the uncanny knack of producing plots that are all too real' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Leather knows the inner workings of the security services. But beyond the enthralling storylines he also asks some tough questions about contemporary Britain' - *Financial Times*

Author Biography

Stephen Leather is one of the UK's most successful thriller writers, an eBook and *Sunday Times* bestseller and author of the critically acclaimed Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series and the Jack Nightingale supernatural detective novels. Before becoming a novelist he was a journalist for more than ten years on newspapers such as *The Times*, the *Daily Mirror*, the *Glasgow Herald*, the *Daily Mail* and the *South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong. He is one of the country's most successful eBook authors and his titles have topped the Amazon Kindle charts in the UK and the US. His bestsellers have been translated into fifteen languages and he has also written for television. Leather has sold nearly 6 million books with Hodder & Stoughton.

Market

For fans of Reacher, Harlan Coben, Chris Ryan, Jack Carr and David Baldacci

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781399749619
BIC 2.1	Thriller / suspense (FH) Espionage & spy thriller (FHD) Adventure (FJ) War & combat fiction (FJM) Small firearms, guns & other equipment (WSXS) Terrorism, armed struggle (JPWL) Terrorism law (LNFV)

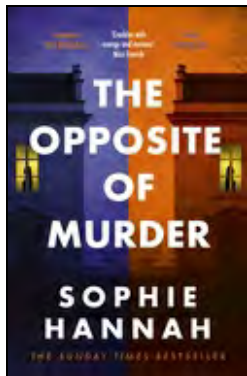
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Series	The Spider Shepherd Thrillers
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can

Book locale	London
Author living in	Thailand

Previous Titles

False Friends	
True Colours	

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



Publication date	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Price	£15.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781529352962
BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery (FF) Thriller / suspense (FH)

Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA

Book locale	UK
Author born in	UK
Author living in	Cambridge
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	Sourcebooks Inc. Publisher

Previous Titles

The Carrier
The Couple at the Table
Did you see the Melody?
A Game for all the Family
Haven't they Grown
How to Hold a Grudge
Hurting Distance
Kind of Cruel
Lasting Damage
Little Face
The Narrow Bed
The Other Half Lives
Pictures or it Didn't Happen
The Point of Rescue
A Room Swept White
Something Untoward
The Telling Error
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The Opposite of Murder the twisty new thriller from bestselling author of The Couple at the Table

Sophie Hannah

Keynote

The gripping new thriller from *Sunday Times* bestseller Sophie Hannah, the queen of the unguessable twist.

Description

'So clever, and has the perfect twist' **GILLIAN McALLISTER**

'An ingenious puzzle of a novel that crackles with energy and menace' **NICCI FRENCH**

What if the only way to prevent a murder is by confessing to it?

Jemma Stelling has confessed to a crime - one she can't have committed. She has an unshakeable alibi: when Marianne Upton was stabbed to death outside her home, Jemma was at the police station confessing to a deadly obsession with Marianne and a plan to kill her in precisely the way she was killed.

So is Jemma innocent? Or is she an ingenious, cold-blooded murderer?

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING TRACK RECORD:** Sophie Hannah has sold over 2 million copies of her novels and THE OPPOSITE OF MURDER is her most ambitious story yet
- **LEADING THE MARKET ACROSS THE WORLD:** Sophie's work has been sold around the world in 49 territories, making her a true global sensation, and she expertly blends genres in the same way as Gillian McAllister's hugely successful WRONG PLACE WRONG TIME
- **UPWARD SALES TRAJECTORY THANKS TO REPACKAGE:** *Haven't They Grown* was selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club and *The Couple At The Table* became a Sunday Times Top 10 bestseller in paperback
- **DEDICATED AUTHOR AND AN UNMISSABLE CAMPAIGN:** Sophie is regularly asked to speak at festivals and to the media and works tirelessly to champion her books on social media.

Reviews

- 'Why would somebody confess to a murder they have yet to commit? Hannah answers this with her **trademark flair, creativity** and **stylish** prose. **I loved it!** - Gillian McAllister
- '**Original and thrilling. Sophie Hannah is a genuine storyteller. The definition of unputdownable!** - Michael Wood
- '**Clever, complex and compelling!** - Louise Beech

Author Biography

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling crime fiction writer. Her psychological thriller *The Carrier* won the Specsavers National Book Award for Crime Thriller of the Year in 2013. Sophie is the author of the bestselling Poirot continuation mysteries. *The Point of Rescue* and *The Other Half Lives* have been adapted for television as *Case Sensitive*, starring Olivia Williams and Darren Boyd. Sophie is also a bestselling poet who has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot award. Her poetry is studied at GCSE and A-level. Sophie is an Honorary Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. She lives in Cambridge with her family. Her novel *Haven't They Grown* was chosen for the Richard and Judy Book Club and her novel *The Couple at the Table* became a Sunday Times top 10 bestseller in 2023. In 2023 Sophie was awarded the prestigious Dagger in the Library from the Crime Writers' Association in recognition of her brilliant body of work.

Market

Comparison authors include: Alex Michaelides, Lucy Foley, Cara Hunter, Gillian McAllister, Alex Pavesi.



The Edge of Darkness

a gripping and unforgettable crime thriller from the award-winning author of the Malabar House series

Vaseem Khan

Keynote

The sixth rip-roaring thriller in the award-winning Malabar House novels and a perfect entry point to the series.

Description

India, 1951. After wilfully ignoring orders from her superiors, Persis Wadia, India's first female police detective, has been exiled from Bombay to the wild and mountainous state of Nagaland. As India's first post-Independence election looms, and tensions rise across the country, Persis finds herself banished to the Victoria Hotel, a crumbling colonial-era relic, her career in ruins.

But when a prominent local politician is murdered in his locked room at the Victoria Hotel, his head missing - a case appears quite literally on her doorstep. As the political situation threatens to explode into all-out havoc, Persis has only days to stop a killer operating at the very edge of darkness...

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING WRITER:** Vaseem Khan's *Midnight at Malabar House* won the CWA Historical Dagger and was shortlisted for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year.
- **STRATEGIC SECOND STRAND TO BUILD NEW READERSHIP:** Hodder is also publishing a contemporary thriller, *THE GIRL IN CELL A*, in 2024 to broaden Vas's readership.
- **GROWING PROFILE IN THE INDUSTRY:** Vas is the current Chair of CWA, he programmed the Harrogate Crime Festival in 2023 and has been commissioned by the James Bond estate to write a series of cosy crime mysteries based on the character of Q.

Author Biography

Vaseem Khan is the author of several award-winning crime series including the Baby Ganesh Agency adventures, set in modern Mumbai, and the Malabar House historical crime novels, set in 1950s Bombay.

His first book, *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra*, was selected by the Sunday Times as one of the 40 best crime novels published in 2015-2020, and has been translated into 17 languages. *Midnight at Malabar House*, the first in the Malabar House series, won the Crime Writers' Association Historical Dagger.

Vaseem has won numerous awards for his work, including, most recently, the Fingerprint Award for Historical Crime Novel of the Year for *City of Destruction*, the fifth in the Malabar House series. Vaseem is also the author of *The Girl in Cell A*, a psychological thriller set in small town America, and *Quantum of Menace*, the first in a series featuring Q from the world of James Bond.

Market

For fans of Slow Horses

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 BIC 2.1 **Crime & mystery (FF)**

Thriller / suspense (FH)
Historical fiction (FV)

Binding **Trade Paperback**
 Format **Royal**
 Extent **336 pages**

Word Count
 Series **The Malabar House Series**

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

Book locale **Nagaland, India**
 Author born in **London**
 Author living in **London**

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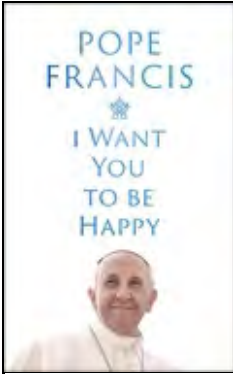
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Format	B Format
Extent	256 pages
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I Want You to be Happy

Pope Francis
Translated by **Oonagh Stransky**

Keynote

Pope Francis' manifesto for the happiness of every man and woman.

Description

Pope Francis' manifesto for the happiness of every man and woman.

God planted happiness in the souls of each of us. God wants us to be happy. But so many of us have misunderstood what this means, and we search for fulfilment in the wrong places. In *I Want You To Be Happy*, Pope Francis explained the characteristics of true, lasting happiness, no matter your circumstances or situation.

In this new book, which quickly became his biggest bestseller in many years in Italy when it was published in 2022, Pope Francis shared wisdom and encouragement to help readers seek God's will and His best. The short, accessible chapters distill the message into bite-sized readings, and can be read all at once or in daily segments.

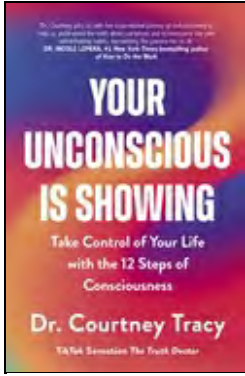
This collection of inspiring pieces will encourage, inspire, and remind all readers that God cares and wants us to live and love well.

Sales Points

- *I Want You To Be Happy* was the latest in a line of spiritual 'self-help' books that Pope Francis wrote, and they proved to be bestselling titles in their original Italian editions.
- Officially approved by the Holy See (the Vatican).

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Your Unconscious Is Showing Take Control of Your Life with the 12 Steps of Consciousness

Dr Courtney Tracy

Keynote

A groundbreaking guide from TikTok's favourite therapist.

Description

"Dr Courtney gifts us with her inspirational journey of self-discovery to help us understand ourselves and to overcome our own self-defeating habits, humanizing the journey for us all"

DR NICOLE LEPERA, bestselling author of HOW TO DO THE WORK

A groundbreaking guide showing us how being "out of control" (and admitting it) is the first step to living a truly better, more meaningful life.

Raise your hand if you've ever wanted to "self-improve" but, for some reason, you just can't follow through. Turns out, the issue isn't a lack of willpower. For centuries, we've been fed a common perspective: Explore your subconscious mind, heal your trauma, fit into your society, and happiness will follow, right? Wrong. Dr. Courtney Tracy, also known as "The Truth Doctor," disrupts this outdated narrative through digestible scientific research, shockingly honest personal stories, and compassionate-yet-direct advice. Feeling out of control and helpless isn't a flaw but a universal truth of our existence. Instead of trying to change how we work as human beings (spoiler alert: you can't,) we need to embrace and make peace with our unconscious, making it work for and alongside us instead of against.

Half psychology textbook written by your best friend (who's also a therapist), half comprehensive guide brimming with actionable insights for engaging with our unconscious positively and productively, *Your Unconscious Is Showing* is here to help us accept what we can't control, courageously change what we can, and wisely know the difference.

Sales Points

- **CLASSIC MBS/SELF HELP CONTENT.** Think of YOUR UNCONSCIOUS IS SHOWING as *The Body Keeps the Score*-but reframed in a way that speaks to the realities, concerns, and sensitivities of Gen Z and Millennials. Think of it as *How to Do the Work* by Nicole LePera-but written in a way that goes beyond the gentle message of self-compassion to include an original and empowering no-BS breakdown of how your unconscious is driving your behaviour and how you can hack it to get the results you want in your life.
- **AMAZING GLOBAL PROFILE.**
TikTok: 1.8million subscribers, 11.1% engagement rate, 89% female
SnapChat: 77,000 subscribers, 90% female, 60% 18-24 years old
YouTube: 77,600 subscribers, 71% female, 45% 18-24 years old and 30% 25-34 years old
Instagram: 147,000 subscribers, 1.8% engagement rate, 70% 18-34 years old
Facebook: 2,650 subscribers, 90% female, 60% 18-34 years old
- **SUPER STRONG IN OUR TERRITORIES**
 - **UK**
TikTok: 90,000 audience
Instagram: 7650 audience (London - 865)
YouTube: 250,000+ views (London - 26,000); 1,000 audience
SnapChat: Undetermined
TOTAL: ~100,000
 - **Australia**
TikTok: 54,000 audience
Instagram: 4460 audience (Melbourne - 1010)
YouTube: 110,000+ views; (Sydney+Melbourne - 25,000); 1,000 audience
SnapChat: Undetermined
TOTAL: ~100,000
- **AUTHENTIC VOICE.** Dr. Courtney Tracy is known to her millions of followers as "The Truth Doctor" because she tells it like it is-and because she's been there herself. As you will see in the proposal, Dr. Courtney Tracy has *not* led a life of privilege, but after discovering how to hack her own mind she has reached enormous success and is now in the privileged position of being able to write the definite book for anyone who wants to take control of their life.
- **WELL-CONNECTED.** Blurbs expected from Dr Nicole Le Pera, Dr Julie Smith, Jazz Thornton and more.

Author Biography

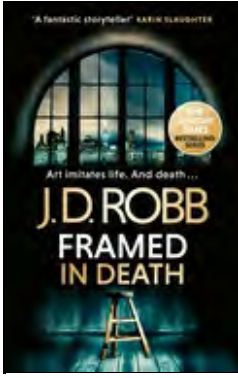
Dr. Courtney Tracy is a renowned psychotherapist, licensed clinical social worker, healthcare entrepreneur, creator, speaker, writer, activist, and show host. After overcoming personal and generational hardships, she received her license to practice therapy as well as four degrees including a Doctorate in Clinical Psych before the age of 30.

Publication date	Thursday, January 08, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781399815543
BIC 2.1	Self-help & personal development (VS) Mind, Body, Spirit (VX) Mind, Body, Spirit: thought & practice (VXA)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
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9781399815536 Your Unconscious Is Showing

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 Main Identifier **9780349443409**
 BIC 2.1 **Crime & mystery (FF)**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **B Format**
 Depth **22mm**
 Extent **496 pages**
 Word Count **150000 words**
 Series **In Death**
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**
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Framed In Death: An Eve Dallas thriller (In Death 61)

J.D. Robb

Keynote

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

Description

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

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

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

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

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

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

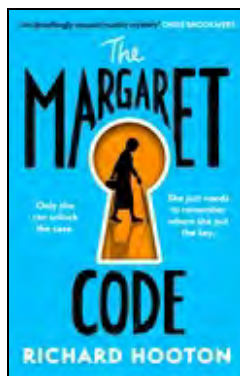
'If you're a crime fiction fan and haven't discovered them yet, welcome to the very best day of your life' Heat Magazine

Sales Points

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

Author Biography

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



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The Margaret Code

Meet the detective duo you'll never forget in this compulsive and charming debut crime novel

Richard Hooton

Keynote

Elizabeth is Missing meets *The Marlow Murder Club* in this compulsive and charming debut crime novel

Description

89-year-old Margaret has lived on Garnon Crescent all her life, except for those few years she never talks about. She knows all the neighbours; their hopes, their heartbreaks.

Only recently, Margaret's memory isn't what it used to be. She is sure Barbara, her best friend and neighbour, told her something important. Something she was supposed to remember.

When Barbara is found dead, Margaret determines to recover her missing memory. She and her grandson James begin to investigate, but soon strange incidents occur in her home. Margaret's daughter thinks her memory is getting worse, but Margaret knows somebody wants her out of the way.

Because Margaret holds the key to solving this crime. If only she could remember where she put it.

Sales Points

- **A CRIME DEBUT IDEAL FOR THE CURRENT MARKET:** Perfect for fans of *The List of Suspicious Things*, *Elizabeth is Missing* and the novels of **Robert Thoroughgood** (*The Queen of Poisons: 35K PBs TCM*) this is the ultimate **big-hearted mystery with an unforgettable voice.**
- **A UNIQUE DETECTIVE DUO:** The grandmother-grandson pairing of amateur sleuths is **inspired by the author's own relationship with his grandmother**, who died of dementia when he was a teenager.
- **A READER-FOCUSSED CAMPAIGN:** our paperback campaign will build upon the **excellent reader reviews** the book has received so far, and **Richard is widely available for events and interview opportunities. Beautifully designed POS will also be available on request.**

Reviews

- **'One of the best books I've read this year.** It has so much to say about memory loss and the terrors of having to leave one's own home. I very much hope to meet Margaret and James again!' - ALEX GRAY, author of the DSI William Lorimer series
- **'Humorous and heartbreaking.** This is a **cleverly crafted mystery with an amateur detective duo you root for even against the odds.** Absorbing and heartwarming, the characters are so well drawn I felt they could be my own neighbours! This is a confident and empathetic debut. I couldn't stop turning the page!' - EMILY CRITCHLEY, author of ONE PUZZLING AFTERNOON
- **'I read this one late into the night, unable to wait to find out what happens next.** Skilfully written . . . the characters are expertly drawn. A gentle crime novel, and so much more.' - BONNIE MEEKUMS, author of A KIND OF FAMILY
- **'If you're looking for an uplifting crime novel** that merges *Elizabeth Is Missing* with *Three Things about Elsie*, I highly recommend you preorder *The Margaret Code*. It tells the story of Margaret, whose investigation into the murder of her neighbour Barbara is complicated by her Alzheimer's, and her grandson James, who is determined to help her solve the case. **Wry, compelling, and ever so poignant, it's a wonderful mystery** as well as a touching portrayal of the challenges in both ageing and caring for the ageing. .' - NAOMI KELSEY, author of THE BURNINGS

Author Biography

Richard Hooton has received numerous prizes for his short fiction. *The Margaret Code*, his debut novel, is inspired by his relationship with his grandmother.

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Little Additions

Freedom from our tiny but mighty compulsions

Catherine Gray

Keynote

Master your micro addictions to unlock macro happiness.

Description

They're addictions so small we don't *need* to say no.

Most of us can identify a thing - or seven - which we don't need to quit; but certainly do a little too much of.

These little addictions don't cost much emotionally or financially, and they only have micro-consequences on our health, wealth, relationships and home life... so what's the big deal?

The 'snowball effect' is the big deal. The sum total of these tiny habits can be huge.

In this deeply necessary, extensively researched, and wildly empowering book, *Sunday Times* bestselling author Catherine Gray shows us how to master our little addictions, freeing up peace of mind, disposable income, time, wellbeing and happiness.

In Gray's inimitable and compelling style, this book is guaranteed to make you laugh, pause, reflect, and rearrange everything you thought you knew.

A little at a time, it might even change your life.

Sales Points

- Highly respected and best-selling author and queen of *Quit Lit*. Unexpected Joy of Being Sober being her biggest non-fiction to date.
- On trend and universal. Everyone has a growing sense of their tiny compulsions - from Vinted to Pringles, Insta to Skittles - together with a keen desire to wriggle from their grip.
- An aspirational, empowering and life-enhancing book, written by an engaging and super-connected author on a mission to change the story about micro addictions.
- The Unexpected Joy of the Ordinary has sold over 42,500 copies in the UK. Copies sold 42,615 (including eBook and Audio)
- 699,147 is the total number of sales of all her books combined (figure from Genesis)

Author Biography

Catherine Gray is author of six books, including *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*. She's sold over half a million books in English-speaking territories, her work has been published in the likes of *Stylist*, *Marie Claire*, *The Lancet Psychiatry* and the *Guardian*, and her books have been translated into nine languages. In 2018, Catherine founded charitable campaign Sober Spring, a three-month sabbatical from alcohol, and she now runs it with Alcohol Change UK, for whom she is an ambassador. She's been sober since 2013. Catherine lives in Hove and when not writing she enjoys falling off a paddleboard, giving her plants names like 'Cassandra' and 'Miguel', and spamming Instagram with pictures of dogs.

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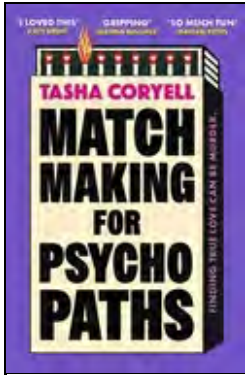
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	St Paul, Minnesota

Previous Titles

LOVE LETTERS TO A SERIAL KILLER

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Matchmaking for Psychopaths

The most compelling, hilarious, and twisty book of the year, 'SO MUCH FUN' Marian Keyes

Tasha Coryell

Keynote

A totally unputdownable and razor-sharp novel from Tasha Coryell, bestselling author of LOVE LETTERS TO A SERIAL KILLER. Part thriller, part romance, part satire. Perfect for fans of GREEN DOT and HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY.

Description

The stunning new thriller from bestselling author Tasha Coryell -- completely original and full of twists.

Alexandra was expecting a nice evening with her fiancé for her birthday. Instead, **her best friend is sitting next to her man, and what's worse: They're in love.**

To escape her relationship troubles, Alexandra throws herself into her job where she works as a matchmaker for psychopaths—a label that the clients themselves are unaware of—and becomes entangled with two of her most recent clients, both of whom have mysterious pasts that inspire Alexandra to breach work protocol and spend time with them outside of the office.

One of them, Rebecca, becomes a candidate to take on the role of Alexandra's new best friend, while the other, Aidan, claims that he's her soulmate, despite her insistence that her significant other is going to return in time for their scheduled wedding.

When her fiancé goes missing and threatening packages begin arriving at her doorstep, Alexandra has to figure out who is trying to target her and how it relates to her own dark past. **Can she trust her instincts as a matchmaker or has she set herself up with her enemy?**

Matchmaking for Psychopaths is an unbelievably twisty and gripping read about obsession, filled with Tasha Coryell's signature observational humour and satirical slant. Perfect for fans of *Butter*.

Read what everyone is saying about Tasha Coryell :

'Fresh, insightful and wonderfully dry in tone... **impressively original**' *The Guardian*

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'Coryell's **fiercely witty, intoxicating prose** hooked me on page one and never let go.' Ana Reyes, *New York Times bestselling author of The House in the Pines*

Sales Points

- **HOT TALENT** - Coryell's debut was awarded Cosmopolitan's Thriller of the Year, in addition to being shortlisted for CrimeFest's Debut of the Year. It was also a hot reading pick in GLAMOUR, THE GUARDIAN, THE SUNDAY TIMES, RED, WOMAN AND HOME, iNEWS, BETCHES, BUSTLE, BOOK RIOT, SCREEN RANT, and more
- **AN INSTANT BESTSELLER** - Coryell's debut went straight into the top 100 on Amazon on publication, and #1 on Apple, with 10,000 copies sold across formats in its first month on sale.
- **AN EXCITING NEW OFFERING** - This book takes the razor-sharp, dry observational humour of LOVE LETTERS and combines it with an unforgettable protagonist that readers will want to root for, and twists readers won't see coming.
- **AN AUTHOR THAT SELLS** - Wherever Tasha's debut is stocked, it sells, with huge repeat orders. The paperback has had eight reprints to date!
- **A FIVE-STAR READ** - Early five star reviews are landing in droves. As of last check, 80% of the reader reviews on NetGalley are 5*, with a Goodreads average global

rating of 4.3*, compared to 3.3* on her highly-acclaimed debut. As Katy Brent puts it, this book is some how 'even better than' LOVE LETTERS.

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Reviews

- **'I loved this!** A brilliant blend of **dark humour and gripping suspense**, delivering a **fresh** and thrilling exploration of obsession and identity.' - Joanna Wallace, *author of You'd Look Better as a Ghost*
- **'Bloody brilliant.** A **wildly original** take on the difficulties of love and friendship in today's society. Coryell masterfully weaves a thrilling dark romance that **will make you believe some psychopaths deserve a happy ending.**' - Asia Mackay, *author of A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage*
- **'I LOVED this** book. I tore through it in a day. I think it's **even better than Love Letters!** Absolutely loved the clever twist on the matchmaking-romance trope. It was so up my street, it was practically parked on my drive! **Gripping, tense and funny in all the right ways,** I couldn't put it down.' - Katy Brent, *author of How to Kill Men and Get Away With It*
- 'Devious, propulsive, and oh-so-twisty, MATCHMAKING FOR PSYCHOPATHS is a **romp not to be missed!**' - Stephanie Wrobel

Author Biography

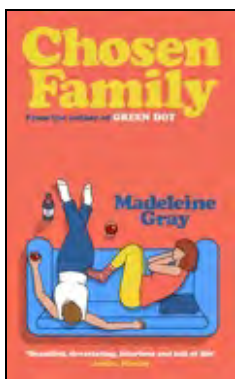
Tasha Coryell lives in St. Paul, Minnesota with her husband, son, and greyhound. She holds an MFA and PhD from the University of Alabama. Her stories, essays, and poems have been featured in a multitude of journals, and *Love Letters to a Serial Killer* is her first novel.

Market

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Chosen Family

The unforgettable new novel from the author of Green Dot

Madeleine Gray

Keynote

From the author of break-out, word-of-mouth success *Green Dot*, comes a deeply moving and wildly funny new novel about two friends and the chosen family they build around them

Description

'MADELEINE GRAY IS A DAZZLING WRITER - A HUGE TALENT'
GILLIAN ANDERSON

Nell has accepted, at age twelve, that hers will likely be a friendless existence. She does not care for boys, or makeup, or competing to see who can eat the least - so has no hope of success at tweenage girl social climbing.

But then, a new girl arrives at school. Eve has short hair like a boy's, a wicked sense of humour and an unshakable confidence that she will one day find her place in the world. The moment they meet, Nell changes her mind about the friend thing.

From their childhood to their twenties and thirties, Eve and Nell will love each other and hurt each other - through teenage feuds and the chlorine-scented savagery of all-girls' schools; through long, drunken nights in scruffy share houses; through the highs and lows of coparenting a child together without being romantically involved. But always, despite a mire of unspoken feelings and sexual confusion, they will choose each other. Again, and again. As friends, as lovers, as family.

Sales Points

- **RUNAWAY SUCCESS OF GREEN DOT:** Maddy's debut novel *Green Dot* has sold over 70,000 copies, been shortlisted for the 2025 Debut Fiction Book of the Year at the British Book Awards and named as a Best Book of 2024 in the *i Paper*, *Daily Mail*, *Irish Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Stylist* and *Red*
- **EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL CHAMPIONS:** Maddy's writing is adored by numerous big-name fans including Nigella Lawson, Gillian Anderson, Pandora Sykes, Caitlin Moran and Elizabeth Day
- **IRRESISTIBLE PITCH:** this is *Normal People* if both characters were queer Australian women. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* if you replaced gaming with big nights at gay bars. It is a hopeful, queer novel about the changing shape of love between two best friends
- **TV AND FILM:** *Green Dot* has been optioned by Drama Republic, the company behind *One Day*, *Doctor Foster*, *The Confessions of Frannie Langton* and *Us*

Author Biography

Madeleine Gray is a writer and critic from Sydney. She was a 2021 Finalist for the Walkley Pascall Prize for Arts Criticism, and has written for publications including the *Sydney Review of Books*, *Australian Book Review* and the *Times Literary Supplement*. She has a MSt in English Literature from the University of Oxford and is a current doctoral candidate at the University of Manchester. *Green Dot* is her first book.

Market

FOR FANS OF: *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, *Really Good, Actually* by Monica Heisey, *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, *Normal People* by Sally Rooney, *Greta & Valdin* by Rebecca K Reilly, *The Rachel Incident* by Caroline O'Donoghue

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Summer Rolls

The epic, heartwarming, page-turning debut novel

Tuyen Do

Keynote

Summer Rolls is an intimate novel about a Vietnamese mother and daughter living in East London for fans of *Pachinko* and *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*.

Description

'An emotional story about family, love, and freedom' **HEAT MAGAZINE**

'A poignant exploration of intergenerational trauma' **WARONA JAY**

'The women in this house are the same,' she said. 'When we love, we love with all of ourselves.'

Mai is a teenager. She yearns for knotty, passionate love and dreams of being a photographer. But **Mai** is also, as her mother **Trinh** likes to remind her, not like other teenagers: she's first-generation British-Vietnamese, caught between two cultures, navigating life in London and wondering about what once happened in Vietnam.

But **Trinh** doesn't want to think about what happened in Vietnam - doesn't want to think about the young girl she used to be, the hopes and dreams she once had, and how that all ended when she was forced to flee her war-torn home.

But when secrets from the past finally resurface, their bond begins to fracture. And soon they realise that the ties that bind them together can also break them . . .

Shifting between mother and daughter, *Summer Rolls* is an epic story of loss and freedom, belonging and hope, and how far we sometimes must go to find our way home.

MORE PRAISE FOR *SUMMER ROLLS*:

'Visceral and lucid . . . I hurtled towards the end and was captivated throughout' **HUMA QURESHI**

'Beautiful poetic work . . . A gift of a book' **SUDHA BHUCHAR**

'An exciting, urgent voice that demands to be heard' **JEREMY TIANG**

CANDID BOOKCLUB LOVES *SUMMER ROLLS*:

'A compelling British-Vietnamese coming-of-age story . . . an essential voice'

'Such a beautifully written book'

'Vivid and raw . . . and full of tension'

WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT *SUMMER ROLLS*:

'Rich, intimate, and emotionally layered'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'This is more than a book, it's a gift' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'It will make you laugh, cry, and everything in between'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'This book made me feel seen, proud, and more connected to my family's story'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Beautifully written . . . will stay with you long after you finish reading'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- EPIC STORY-this is a multi-year, multi-generational saga that will appeal to fans of epic

storytelling like *Pachinko* or *Homegoing*, with a beautiful mother-daughter relationship at its heart.

- OWN VOICES STORY FROM RENOWNED BRITISH-VIETNAMESE PLAYWRIGHT-Tuyen Do is a British-Vietnamese playwright, and *SUMMER ROLLS* was originally staged as a successful play in London.
- VIETNAM WAR ANNIVERSARY-2025 sees the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, which this novel speaks to on a human level, and from the side of the Vietnamese, which isn't explored as often.
- STORY SET BETWEEN 60S VIETNAM AND 90S LONDON INTO MODERN DAY-narrative taps into the nostalgia of recent generations' childhood and the surprising nature of life in 60s Vietnam in a truly compelling way.

Reviews

- '*SUMMER ROLLS* is a poignant exploration of intergenerational trauma and its impact on familial bonds, thoughtfully illuminating the Vietnamese refugee crisis of the 70s and 80s. With nuance and compassion, it examines the delicate balance between independence and empathy, leaving a lasting impression of the quiet resilience often embodied by mothers.' - *Warona Jay, author of THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS*
- 'Beautiful poetic work, filled with a mother's love and life force on every page. A story that crosses generations and continents. Of perilous journeys, haunted histories and hopeful futures. The story of this family is a window into the story of many many others. As a South Asian woman, this resonated with me deeply and it is a universal story of mothers and daughters, buried family secrets and intergenerational trauma and healing. It stays with you and you want to go back and read it again and feel the world between the sentences. I was transported through the voices of Mai and Trinh and could feel their connection even when they were unable to express it. Food as love, solace and sustenance was a powerful image in the writing that every immigrant will relate to. A gift of a book.' - *Sudha Bhuchar*
- 'Tuyen's writing is visceral and lucid. She deftly weaves the past with the present, creating an intricate tapestry of family life that somehow survives under the constant threat of destruction. I hurtled towards the end and was captivated throughout by the family drama.' - *Huma Qureshi, author of THINGS WE DO NOT TELL THE PEOPLE WE LOVE*
- 'A visceral, heartfelt multi-decade account that smashes the expectations of the immigrant and refugee narratives with nuance and complexity. Having already rendered this story beautifully on stage, Tuyen Do takes it to the next level in novel form, opening out the world of these characters and layering in the complicated history of the Vietnam War. An exciting, urgent voice that demands to be heard.' - *Jeremy Tiang, author of STATE OF EMERGENCY*

Author Biography

Tuyen Do is a British East Asian writer and actor. She has been part of the Royal Court's studio writing group, Tamasha Playwrights, and Bristol Old Vic's open session writers' programme. Her debut play 'Summer Rolls' was performed at the Park Theatre and Bristol Old Vic. Much of her creative work stems from her British Vietnamese roots.

Market

For fans of *PACHINKO*, *ON EARTH WE'RE BRIEFLY GORGEOUS*, *HOMEGOING* and *TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW*.

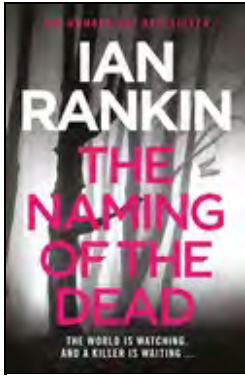
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The Naming of the Dead

The number one bestselling series that inspired BBC One's REBUS

Ian Rankin

Keynote

One of the great crime novels in the Number One bestselling Rebus series from 'Britain's best crime novelist' (*Express*).

Description

**The world is watching.
And a killer is waiting...**

When Detective Inspector John Rebus starts looking into the apparent suicide of an MP, he is abruptly told to drop the case.

Why? Because the leaders of the G8 are gathering in Scotland, and Rebus' bosses want him well out of the way. But Rebus never was one to follow orders...

With the help of Detective Sergeant Siobhan Clarke - who has a very personal reason for hunting down a riot cop - both Rebus and Clarke are set on a collision course against their own force.

And - with the eyes of the world on them - they soon uncover evidence that a serial killer may be waiting in the wings...

'Staggering ... At the top of his game' *Daily Mail*

'Masterly ... Rankin's finest novel' *Scotsman*

'The best crime novel you'll read this year' *Sunday Telegraph*

Sales Points

- NOW A HIT BBC TV SHOW: a brand new Rebus series has premiered with BBC, receiving praise for its portrayal of a younger Rebus, played by Richard Rankin.
- A BLOCKBUSTER BRAND AUTHOR: Rankin is one of the biggest brands in the market, with his sales and profile is still growing. His latest Rebus book, MIDNIGHT AND BLUE has been highly anticipated with the *Daily Mail* coining Rebus as 'alongside Holmes, Poirot and Morse' as one of the greatest crime fiction characters of all time'.
- THE MASTER OF BRITISH CRIME: Rankin just gets better and better, with rave reviews from press and readers, he truly is the master of British crime writing.

Reviews

- 'THE NAMING OF THE DEAD ... is yet another irresistible page-turner from the UK's best crime novelist' - *MAIL ON SUNDAY*
- 'Not only an intriguing murder-mystery but an excellent piece of reportage... [Rankin] has produced yet another class act' - *EVENING STANDARD*
- 'His richest and most complex work to date, it comes close to transcending genre fiction' - *SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY*

Author Biography

Ian Rankin is the multimillion-copy worldwide bestseller of over thirty novels and creator of John Rebus. His books have been translated into thirty-six languages and have been adapted for radio, the stage and the screen.

Rankin is the recipient of four Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards, including the Diamond Dagger, the UK's most prestigious award for crime fiction. In the United States, he has won the celebrated Edgar Award and been shortlisted for the Anthony Award. In Europe, he has won Denmark's Palle Rosenkrantz Prize, the French Grand Prix du Roman Noir and the German Deutscher Krimipreis.

He is the recipient of honorary degrees from universities across the UK, is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh and a Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature, and has received an OBE for his services to literature.

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The Woman Downstairs

A completely addictive and unputdownable psychological thriller with a nail-biting twist

JD Kirk

Keynote

An utterly gripping, page-turning read from the multi-million bestselling author of the DCI Logan series that will have readers gasping until the jaw-dropping final twist! Perfect for fans of Freida McFadden, John Marrs and T.M. Logan.

Description

'Hi,' she says, 'I'm your new neighbour.' She seems friendly. But soon I'll discover her dangerous secret...

On the first day I meet my new neighbour, we share a glass of wine and talk into the night. But as I get closer to her, I discover she isn't who I thought she was.

Then when I step into her home, my jaw drops. Everything in here is identical to my own flat - every cushion, every picture on the wall.

Except for the knife, covered in blood. My heart pounds in my chest. What has she done?

I should never have got close to her. I need to run. **Then I hear a creak outside the door. And I realise, it may be too late...**

An absolutely gripping psychological thriller from multi-million-copy, bestselling author JD Kirk. This book will have you flipping the pages until the final jaw-dropping twist! For anyone who loves Freida McFadden, John Marrs and T.M. Logan.

What readers are saying about JD Kirk:

'Heart-stopping page-turner... I couldn't put down!... The **twists were stunning** and the big, BIG one **literally took my breath away - WOW!** *live_love_read_review*,
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'Loved this book so much I **could not put it down. Once I started that was me hooked...** So many twists and turns that **kept me guessing throughout...** Such a **gripping** thriller with a tense atmosphere... **Had me on the edge of my seat... Fantastic.** Netgalley reviewer,□□□□□□□□

'An absolute WILD ride from start to finish. I could not figure out the plot twist... A **page-turning** suspenseful story... Grab a cozy beverage and sit down and **get ready to be glued to the pages of this book** cause it won't disappoint!' Netgalley reviewer,
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'Gripping and jaw-dropping... I could not put the book down and picked it up at every opportunity I got... Without a doubt **5 stars - I LOVED it!** *arcreviewsbym*,
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'Wild, fast-paced read... **Twists and turns galore... A wild roller coaster journey** that **will have you holding your breath...** Prepare yourself to read non-stop until the very last page.' Goodreads reviewer,□□□□□□□□

'Excellent read! Author comes at you with both barrels and **knocks you out of your shoes!... FIVE stars!** Definitely recommend!' Goodreads reviewer,□□□□□□□□

'Speechless... A **must-read** for those who love books that make your **head spin**, your **heart beat faster** and your emotions run high. **5 stars.** *B for Bookreview*,
□□□□□□□□

'Awesome... Kept me wanting to know more... **FANTASTIC read!!!** Goodreads reviewer,□□□□□□□□

'Pulse-pounding psychological thriller... A **gripping** tale... With a **jaw-dropping** twist at its core, this novel **keeps readers hooked from the first page to the shocking conclusion.** *Book Addict Maria*,□□□□□□□□

Sales Points

- JD Kirk is a multi-million copy bestselling author. He's an established, prolific writer.



- This is his second Bookouture psychological thriller title, and we're hugely excited to launch by publishing his psychological thrillers as he pivots into this genre from police procedural fiction.
- He reviews incredibly well.
- He is a Kindle number 1 bestselling author.

Author Biography

JD Kirk lives in the Highlands of Scotland with his wife, two children, and a number of sturdy umbrellas. Despite writing from a young age, 'A Litter of Bones' is his first novel, and combines his love of the Highlands, crime thrillers, and cats.

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Masquerade

L.R. Lam

Keynote

In the high-stakes conclusion to the Micah Grey Trilogy from the award-winning, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Dragonfall*, Micah faces his own magical power, nebulous alliances, and a conspiracy that unravels all the way to the royal palace.

Description

Micah's Chimaera powers are growing, just as dark visions threaten to overwhelm him. Drystan is forced to take him to the Royal Physician, but can they really trust the doctor? Especially when he gets Micah hooked on a mysterious medicine, and a close friend is revealed to be his spy.

Meanwhile, violent unrest is sweeping the country as anti-royalist factions fight to be heard. When a royal secret and an attack on Chimaera brings Micah into the heart of the conflict, he and his friends must fight an ancient sect that aims to spread terror once more. The fate of all Chimaera - and the world - hangs in the balance.

Sales Points

- **A GORGEOUS AND INVENTIVE FANTASY WITH QUEER ELEMENTS:** inspired by Victorian Scotland, this is a coming-of-age tale set in a circus, featuring the stirrings of first love
- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Dragonfall* and *Emberclaw*
- **UPDATED SERIES:** this is the third instalment of a fantasy trilogy originally published in 2013, which the author has re-written and updated for a current audience

Reviews

- 'A]n exotic and detailed world, peopled by characters that I'd love to be friends with . . . and some I'd never want to cross paths with' - *Robin Hobb, New York Times bestselling author of the Assassin's Apprentice, on Pantomime*
- '*Pantomime* is a fantastical, richly drawn, poignant take on a classic coming-of-age story . . . a vibrant tale told with surety and grace' - *Leigh Bardugo, New York Times bestselling author of Ninth House and creator of the Grishaverse, on Pantomime*
- 'With insightful and skillful writing, Lam vividly draws a tale like no other' - *Sarah Rees Brennan*
- 'A lyrical, stunningly written debut novel, which set my heart racing with every lift of the trapeze. In Micah we have one of the most original - and likeable - protagonists I've read in a long time. An author to watch, without a doubt' - *Amy McCulloch*

Author Biography

Originally from sunny California, L.R. Lam now lives in cloudy Scotland. Lam is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author whose work includes epic fantasy romance *Dragonfall*, the near-future space thriller, *Goldilocks*, feminist space opera *Seven Devils* (co-written with Elizabeth May), BBC Radio 2 Book Club selection *False Hearts*, the companion novel *Shattered Minds*, and the award-winning Micah Grey series: *Pantomime*, *Shadowplay*, and *Masquerade*. Their short fiction and essays have appeared in various anthologies such as *Nasty Women*, *Cranky Ladies of History*, *Scotland in Space*, and more.

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Homeseeking

An epic tale of one couple spanning decades as world events pull them together and apart

Karissa Chen

Keynote

Pachinko meets *Past Lives* in this transporting and heartrending novel about first loves, new beginnings and second chances, set between Shanghai, Taiwan, Hong Kong and LA and spanning almost seventy years

Description

'Deeply moving'

ABI DARÉ

'Weaves expertly between present and past'

CELESTE NG

'Unforgettable'

WASHINGTON POST

'Mesmerising'

HARPER'S BAZAAR

Suchi and Haiwen first meet as children in Shanghai, where their friendship blossoms into love. But when Haiwen joins the Nationalist army in 1947, their dream of a shared future is shattered.

Sixty years later they run into each other at a grocery store in Los Angeles. To Haiwen, it feels like a second chance, but Suchi has only survived by refusing to look back. In the twilight of their lives, can they reclaim their past and the love they lost?

'A love story in more ways than one'

VANESSA CHAN

'Kaleidoscopic'

GUARDIAN

Sales Points

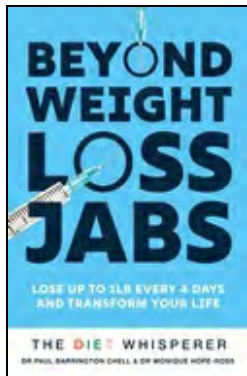
- **PERFECT BOOK CLUB PICK: A Good Morning America pick in the US** - Karissa's work has the craft and sweep of *Pachinko* & the heart of *The Notebook*.
- **INCREDIBLE US REVIEWS IN FIRST OUTING:** highlighting the way it takes readers on a shocking tour of China's 20th-century history - but is also at its heart a beautiful, twisty, love story.
- **FOR READERS WHO LOVED:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee, *Peach Blossom Spring* by Melissa Fu, *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng and *Ponti* by Sharlene Teo.
- **BASED ON FAMILY HISTORY:** *Homeseeking* is loosely based on the author's grandfather's story, and was inspired by a long-forgotten photograph.

Reviews

- '[A] poignant debut . . . **Homeseeking captures the enduring and unexpected ways these larger forces impact individual lives.**' - *New York Times Book Review*
- '**A love story in more ways than one . . . a beautiful, nuanced look at Chinese history, family, young love, and the wisdom of age . . .** By the end I was in tears.' - Vanessa Chan, internationally bestselling author of *The Storm We Made*

Author Biography

Karissa Chen is a writer who splits her time between New Jersey and Taipei, Taiwan. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Atlantic*, *Bon Appetit*, *Eater*, *The Cut*, *NBC News*, *Catapult*, *Gulf Coast*, *PEN America*, and *Guernica*, among others. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Taiwan in 2015-2016 and was awarded a 2019 artist fellowship from the NJ Council on the Arts. She was formerly the Senior Fiction Editor at *The Rumpus* and currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of *Hyphen* magazine. She received her MFA in Fiction from Sarah Lawrence College.



Beyond Weight-Loss Jabs Includes a 12-week, fat-loss plan to lose weight naturally

The Diet Whisperer: Dr Paul Barrington Chell and Dr Monique Hope-Ross

Keynote

Weight-loss jabs and pills have helped millions shed pounds, but what happens when the medications stop?

Beyond Weight-Loss Jabs fills this critical gap, offering you a sustainable, natural plan to maintain your weight-loss success-without lifelong medication.

Description

THE PERFECT PLAN FOR BEFORE OR AFTER THE JABS.

There's no denying that weight-loss jabs and pills have helped millions of people shed weight, but what happens when you give them up?

After coming off medication, you are often thrown into a medical vacuum with no place to turn. Doctors have neither the time nor expertise to help with the next part of their weight-loss journey. This is exactly where this book comes in - filling the void and guiding you skillfully onward to maintaining or losing the unwanted weight.

Combining decades of clinical experience with cutting-edge science, Dr Paul Barrington Chell and Dr Monique Hope-Ross identify the BIG FIVE root causes of weight gain and causes of other long-term conditions both physical and mental. Poor cellular health results in our body no longer burning fat- this book uncovers why our modern diet - refined carbs and UPFs - is making us fat, and what we can do about it.

Whether you're using weight-loss medications, thinking about them, or simply looking for a better weight-loss solution, *Beyond Weight Loss Jabs* offers you a sustainable, natural plan to maintain your weight loss success - without lifelong medication.

Sales Points

- Timely and Relevant : GLP-1 agonists are a hot topic, but tens of millions will be seeking holistic, safer, natural alternatives within twelve months. This book offers a solution grounded in science and cell biology.
- Credible and Authoritative: written by two medical doctors (MDs) with over 50 years of clinic experience, the content will be evidence-based and accessible.
- Practicable and Actionable: readers will gain clear step-by-step strategies to transform their health and lose weight, and feel a new empowerment to take control of their bodies.
- Holistic Appeal: addresses weight-loss, disease prevention and mental well-being, creating a book with a wide audience appeal-from health enthusiasts to GLP-1 users looking for an alternative therapy.
- GLP-1 agonists, like Ozempic, have dominated headlines and prescriptions, yet side effects are frequent and often severe. So severe that round 30% stop the drug in the first 3 months and only 24% are still injecting at 24 months. And, having stopped the drugs, weight regain is inevitable-pushing users into a "Life Beyond Fat Jabs" vacuum. The book fills this vacuum, and with the numbers of users expected to exceed 30 million in the US alone-the vacuum created will be huge.

Author Biography

Paul Barrington Chell (Author)

Paul Barrington Chell MD, and Monique Hope-Ross MD are highly regarded medical doctors living in the UK with a combined 50 years of expertise in clinical medicine, teaching and research. As well as reversing type 2 diabetes, they have created effective weight-loss programs for thousands of their patients, through holistic and science-backed methods. Their proven success with thousands of patients has made them a credible and trusted resource. Their first book *The Diet Whisperer* was an Amazon Number One Bestseller.

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The Swan's Daughter

Roshani Chokshi

Keynote

A new standalone young adult fantasy brimming with cursed love, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Gilded Wolves*. *Stardust* meets *Uprooted*, with a fairytale twist.

Description

Prince Arris knows that marriage means murder. After poorly wording a wish to a sea witch, all one needs to rule the Isle of Malys is the heart and hand in marriage of the kingdom's heir. Thus, Arris expects that the day of his marriage will be the one of his murdering. His only chance at a long life is finding true and lasting love.

When Arris's parents announce a tournament of brides to compete for the throne, a slew of eligible, lovely and (possibly murderous) bachelorettes make their way to Rathe Castle. But Arris cannot tell who is here out of love for him . . . or lust for power.

Until he meets Demelza. As a veritas swan, Demelza's song wrings out the truth. Forced into hiding, Demelza strikes a deal. Arris will provide her with safekeeping in exchange for her truth-telling song to sort through his potential brides.

While Arris is used to dodging death threats and Demelza is accustomed to fighting for her voice to be heard, to survive the tournament of brides requires a different kind of bravery. And perhaps the bravest thing one can do is not merely protect one's life but find the courage to chase a life worth living

Sales Points

- **Roshani Chokshi** is a #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author. Her books are brilliantly reviewed across all major US publications, and she has ties to many of the top YA fantasy authors.
- **Fairies + romance = YA fantasy catnip:** this is a magical tale of hope, love, magic, and belonging. Combined with Roshani's beautiful writing, this is sure to wow fans of Katherine Arden and Naomi Novik.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF** romantic fantasy, fairytale retellings, Holly Black and Stephanie Garber. With the magic, heart and whimsy of Ghibli film, and the dazzling feats, and treacherous romance of *THE SELECTION*, this is a winning formula, and a huge return to YA for Roshani.
- **GLOBAL SALES:** Roshani Chokshi's books have sold over 400,000 copies globally to date.

Reviews

- **'A book to carve your heart out'** - *Holly Black, New York Times bestselling author of The Cruel Prince*
- 'Lingers like a dream you'll never want to wake from' - *Isabel Ibañez, #1 bestselling author of the Secrets of the Nile duology*
- **'Roshani never disappoints. *The Swan's Daughter* is a confection, layers of airy delight and layers of soul nourishing truth. Loving someone is never not dangerous. Loving someone is always a leap of faith.'** - *Megan Whalen Turner, New York Times bestselling author of the Queen's Thief series*
- 'Skillful writing and intricate world-building make this story a must-read. Within the dazzling setting lies a heartfelt tale of being different, of finding your true voice, and of the value of kindness' - *Juliet Marillier, author of the Sevenwaters and Heartwood series*

Author Biography

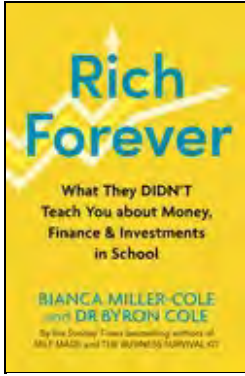
Roshani Chokshi is the award-winning author of the *New York Times* bestselling series *The Star-Touched Queen*, *The Gilded Wolves* and *Aru Shah* and *The End of Time*, which *Time Magazine* named one of the Top 100 Fantasy Books of All Time. Her novels have been translated into more than two dozen languages and often draw upon world mythology and folklore. Chokshi is a member of the National Leadership Board for the Michael C. Carlos Museum and lives in Georgia with her husband and their nefarious cat.

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Rich Forever What They Didn't Teach You about Money, Finance and Investments in School

Bianca Miller-Cole and Dr. Byron Cole

Keynote

Discover what they *should* have taught you about money, finance and investment at school!

Description

We all want financial freedom. But we also know just how much pressure the subject of money exerts on us, and many of us feel our personal finances are out of control. But that's not surprising - after all, no-one ever explained how to manage money properly - or if they did, we didn't listen.

If a head-in-the-sand approach to personal finance ever worked, it doesn't now. Not only do we openly worry about the state of our finances and the cost of living, we increasingly yearn for the kind of financial independence which will enable us to do our own thing and live life to the full. This paradox is right at the heart of everything we do, and a solution is needed.

This book will teach you everything you should have learned about money at school - but didn't. It will stop you waking in the middle of the night to check you have enough money for your home, your childcare, your summer holiday or your secret masterplan.

And the process of learning how to embrace, not hide, from your financial responsibilities will release you from layers of anxiety, shame and confusion.

You will learn how to be rich forever - rich in time, rich in freedom, rich in opportunity. It will revolutionise the way you think and feel about money and free you to grow!

Sales Points

- Bianca and Byron published their first book (SELF MADE) with us in 2017. It has sold 25k copies and the authors star is in the ascendancy. Their last book, THE BUSINESS SURVIVAL KIT (Published with Penguin) was a *Sunday Times* Bestseller.
- SELF MADE continues to be at the centre of all of Bianca and Byron's activity and they are keen to bring their next projects to Hachette. They have a large community of entrepreneurs, many of whom they mentor individually, and run the Self Made Network which provides well-attended monthly masterclasses and networking.
- Now based between the UK and Dubai, the authors are increasingly well connected.
- Their business model is self-supporting and content-focused, with a highly loyal audience - their goal is to write business and personal development books every 2 years, and they are looking for a strategic partner to develop their publishing. They will run a bestseller pre-order campaign for this (and likely all their books).
- As we have shown with Rob Moore, Jen Sincero and many more, the subject of money is a business and personal development essential. Bianca and Byron's take is personal, pro-active and deeply practical.

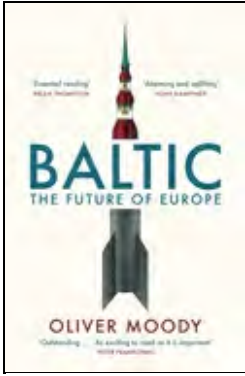
Author Biography

Bianca Miller-Cole (Author)

Bianca Miller-Cole is an award-winning entrepreneur, workshop facilitator and internationally renowned professional speaker. In 2014, Bianca was the runner-up on *The Apprentice*, the BBC television series in which candidates compete in front of millions of viewers to go into business partnership with multi-millionaire tycoon, Lord Sugar. Bianca is the founder of go to personal branding company The Be Group and her retail brand, Bianca Miller London. Since writing bestselling book *Self Made* Bianca has mentored over 1000 entrepreneurs to assist them in scaling their business to 6-7 figures. She is an in-demand public speaker, non-executive director and was awarded a Power Profile by LinkedIn in 2016 and the Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2018.

Byron Cole (Author)

Dr Byron Cole is multi-award-winning entrepreneur, author and business start-up expert with a diverse portfolio of over 21 businesses spanning the UK and UAE. As a business mentor, he has had the privilege of guiding countless individuals towards success, generating millions of pounds for their mentees. His published works include *Self Made*, a comprehensive guide covering the entire business development process, from start-up to exit. It offers practical and implementable advice. Additionally, *The Business Survival Kit*, achieved *Sunday Times* bestselling status in the UK. In 2022, Byron's dedication and contributions to entrepreneurship were recognised by the University of Greenwich, where he was honoured with an honorary degree. This recognition further validates his commitment to excellence and reinforces his status as a prominent figure in the entrepreneurial realm.



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Baltic

The Future of Europe

Oliver Moody

Keynote

A blend of history, politics and map-hopping reporting exploring one of the most important but overlooked theatres of change: the Baltic.

Description

THE MUST-READ BOOK ON THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FLASHPOINT

'Magnificent ... As exciting to read as it is important' Peter Frankopan

'Fascinating ... essential reading' Helen Thompson

'Alarming and uplifting' John Kampfner

The Baltic will decide the course of the West in the coming years.

These nine borderlands are not only the historical battleground of Russian aggression; they are also a factory of ideas for how to revive Europe. Shaped by the past one hundred years, each Baltic country offers lessons in adaptability, hope and prosperity in an era of instability.

Innovation in Estonia, patience in Finland, resilience in Poland, even poetry in Latvia: with their tumultuous pasts and exposed geography, these poorly understood frontline states are reconfiguring the balance of power around the heart of Eurasia. From pioneering environmental initiatives and world-leading innovations in technology to ever-growing economies, from tackling disinformation to tempering the populist right, the Baltic states are now key to understanding how political events might unfold in the coming years.

Blending history, politics and reportage, this is the first book to explain why these are some of our most imaginative allies, yet most of us know so little about them. Interviewing prime ministers, presidents, generals, intelligence officers, business leaders and ordinary people, Oliver Moody traces the extraordinary emergence of a new fulcrum of great-power rivalry. But the real reason we need to understand them is that their fate is ours.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** Smart, pacey combination of map-hopping reporting with history and politics, on an increasingly important and overlooked topic.
- **THE MARKET:** A clear gap in the market for readers suddenly interested in an overlooked region and understanding the new world order.
- **RISING STAR:** Oliver is a brilliant young well-connected journalist with a very bright future, who will be a great addition to our list.
- **DEEPLY RESEARCHED:** Will include Interviews with several heads of state/governments, insider reporting from NATO about war plans and threat from Russia, and reporting on Russian influence operations and sanctions-busting.

Reviews

- 'Moody has extensively travelled around the Baltic Sea and written a **fascinating book** on its changing politics in the shadow of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. *Baltic* is **essential reading** for beginning to understand the present tumult in Europe as part of long European history' - Helen Thompson, author of DISORDER
- 'There are countries that take on Russia, and countries that don't. In this masterful account of political and societal resistance, Moody travels across Poland, the Baltics and the Nordics describing how this part of Europe understood Putin long before the rest. **Mixing deep research with vivid reportage and a clear-sighted argument**, this **essential** book is in turns **alarming and uplifting**' - John Kampfner, author of WHY THE GERMANS DO IT BETTER
- 'This is a **brilliantly written** book on an area about which many in Britain know little but they will now no longer have any excuse for remaining ignorant. Moody takes us through the entire Baltic sea littoral to show us how it is the frontline in the confrontation with Vladimir Putin and how it has much to teach us' - Brendan Simms, author of EUROPE: THE STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY
- 'This is a **fascinating and original** book examining the nine Baltic sea countries, looking at their troubled history and their current resurgence within Europe. **Elegantly written and fizzing with fresh insights, this is an important and definitive study**' - Frank McDonough, author of THE WEIMAR YEARS

Author Biography

Oliver Moody has been the Berlin bureau chief for *The Times* since 2018, covering Germany and northern and central Europe. The same year, he was named science and data commentator and young commentator of the year at the UK Comment Awards. He was journalist in residence at the WZB Berlin social science centre in 2024. He lives in

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An A-Z of Chinese Food (Recipes Not Included) **A delectable collection that serves up Chinese flavour beyond its taste**

Jenny Lau

Keynote

A delectable anthology that serves up Chinese flavour beyond just its taste. Perfect for fans of *Takeaway*, *Midnight Chicken* and *Crying in H Mart*.

Description

'A series of intelligent and fiery essays' *The Sunday Times*

'A landmark in British food writing' Jonathan Nunn

'Makes you laugh, think, and get a little angry' *iPaper*

'I started stitching together my story through a different, universal language: food.'

An A-Z of Chinese Food (Recipes Not Included) is not a recipe book, but a deliberate 'anti-glossary' - a delectable edible anthology that serves up Chinese flavour beyond just its taste.

Jenny Lau always found herself sitting between cultures, connected to both east and west. Hungry to understand herself, she threw herself into researching the Chinese food of her heritage. The result is *An A-Z of Chinese Food* - a surprising, unputdownable and deliciously enriching anthology that uses food to explore who we are and how we relate to the world.

From A is for Authentic, breaking down our assumptions of who 'owns' what cuisine, to R is for Rice Cooker, a humorous entry from the point of view a hard-working kitchen appliance that has seen a family through its ups and downs, *An A-Z of Chinese Food* will change the way you think about, see, and eat, food.

'Lau's writing **makes you laugh, think, and get a little angry - sometimes all at once**. She tackles serious topics such as cultural appropriation, colonisation, racism and fetishisation in Chinese food with a lightness that never undermines their gravity'
ANGELA HUI for *iPaper*

'I feel seen... I feel called out... I feel educated... I feel comforted and satiated. **This is the book I needed growing up. Everyone should read this book!**' **JENNIFER LI, @bookmarkonthewall, book blogger**

'A worthwhile and thoughtful corrective to many of the myths and over-simplifications about Chinese food in the West. Lau poses some great questions, which **stayed with me long after I'd finished reading!**' **BEE WILSON for *The Sunday Times***

'Using the universal language of food, Lau rips through an astonishing list of subjects with a uniquely original style. **A must-read for lovers of food yes, but also lovers of exciting, daring writing!**' **FOYLES Booksellers**

'**A groundbreaking rhapsody of a book**, that brings something brand new to the canon of diasporic food writing. An A-Z that shines completely new light on Chinese culinary heritage, with an immediacy and spirited reverence that is a joy to read. **Jenny Lau is a compelling and expressive storyteller**: intricately weaving personal memoir, extensively researched cultural history and satirical humour with commanding eloquence. **An instant classic from an essential new voice.**' **GURDEEP LOYAL, food & travel writer**

'**An A-Z of Chinese Food is a landmark in British food writing, somewhere between a book, a magazine, and a treatise, but completely its own thing.** Jenny has the rare ability to dissect unwieldy matters of identity, race and culture with the lightness of touch that all serious topics need, combatting preconceived notions about Chinese cuisine with **immaculate research and subversive humour. This book is a tonic to the mainstream of food writing!**' **JONATHAN NUNN**

'**A leading light in the British Chinese community!**' **FUCHSIA DUNLOP**

Sales Points

- **Founder and social media star:** Jenny Lau is a food and community activist, whose popular blog *Celestial Peach* (www.celestialpeach.com) has been running for six years. *Celestial Peach*, which has a Substack and an Instagram following of 20k, was founded as a multidisciplinary platform to tell and connect stories about the Chinese diaspora.
- **Community builder and media presence:** Since 2018, Jenny has built a grassroots East and South East Asian community through her food events and community activism, and has been featured in media such as *Waitrose Magazine*, *Gastro Obscura*,

It's Nice That and *South China Morning Post*. She wrote a chapter on 'The Community Centre' which was published in *London Feeds Itself*.

- **Award winner:** In 2022, Jenny was listed as one of Code Hospitality's 100 Most Influential Women in Hospitality and was nominated for People's Choice Person of the Year at the Be Inclusive Hospitality Spotlight Awards.
- **Critical claim:** Traditional media and the food community came out in support of the hardback. With reviews from *The Times*, *iPaper*, sold-out events, and quotes from tastemakers like Angela Hui and Jonathan Nunn, the hardback was amazingly received.

Reviews

- 'Jenny Lau is a compelling and evocative storyteller, an important voice that shines bright in the world of modern food writing. Jenny's *An A-Z Of Chinese Food* is like a balm for the soul... In her precise yet vulnerable prose, Jenny humanises the quest to understand identity through the lens of food' - Hetty Lui McKinnon, author of *To Asia, With Love*
- 'Jenny's writing on food - particularly on East and South East Asian foodways - is a tonic' - Jonathan Nunn, Founder of *Vittles Magazine*
- 'There is so much to admire about Jenny's writing... She chews over some big issues (read her brilliant piece on authenticity...) in *An A-Z of Chinese Food*' - Anna Jones, author of *One: Pot, Pan, Planet*
- 'Jenny Lau captures something fundamental about the human condition in her writing about food. She starts from the most thought provoking and exciting questions and, through her prose, explores the juicy connections between food, identity and society that emerge from such clear-sighted curiosity. She is a writer of force and warmth. Everything she writes is a must read!' - Dr. Mukta Das, food anthropologist

Author Biography

Jenny Lau founded *Celestial Peach* in 2018 as a multidisciplinary platform to tell and connect stories about the Chinese diaspora. She has since built a grassroots East and South East Asian community through her food events and activism, and has been featured in media such as *Gastro Obscura*, *It's Nice That* and *Monocle*. She has twice been listed as one of Code Hospitality's 100 Most Influential Women in Hospitality and was nominated for People's Choice Person of the Year at the Be Inclusive Hospitality Spotlight Awards in 2022. Her food and culture articles have been published in *Vittles* and *South China Morning Post*, and her chapter on 'The Community Centre' was published in *London Feeds Itself*, the food writing anthology - currently on its second edition - that Jonathan Nunn edited, alongside voices such as Claudia Roden, Ruby Tandoh and Jeremy Corbyn. She has done talks for the British Library Food Season, lectured at SOAS Food Studies department, taken part in panels and events with BFI, MilkTeaFilms and Southbank Centre, as well as a writing collaboration with the Horniman Museum. She lives in London.

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For fans of Takeaway, Midnight Chicken, Crying in H Mart, Tiny Moons and Scoff by Pen Volger.

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An Autobiographical Study of the Years 1900-1925
Vera Brittain, Foreword by Shirley Williams

Keynote

One of the most famous autobiographies of the First World War - much filmed, much studied and much loved. Now reissued in our beautiful VMC 'classics with bite' series.

Description

'Remains one of the most powerful and widely read war memoirs of all time' **GUARDIAN**

'Vera Brittain's heart-rending account of the way her generation's lives changed is still as shocking and moving as ever' **SUNDAY TELEGRAPH**

'A heartbreaking account of the impact of the First World War on a stout-hearted, high-minded young woman' **SUNDAY TIMES**

What you have striven for will not end in nothing, all that you have done and been will not be wasted, for it will be a part of me as long as I live, and I shall remember, always.

In 1914 Vera Brittain was twenty, and as war was declared she was preparing to study at Oxford. Four years later her life - and the lives of a whole generation - had been unimaginably changed.

One of the most famous autobiographies of the First World War, this is her account of how she survived the period; how she lost the man she loved; how she nursed the wounded; and how she emerged into an altered world to become one of the best-loved writers of her time.

Sales Points

- **A TIMELESS BESTSELLER:** *Testament of Youth* was an instant sensation on first publication in 1933, and is one of Virago's all-time bestsellers. We have sold over **288,000 copies of the paperback.**
- **HEARTBREAKING WARTIME MEMOIR:** Depictions of the First World War, from *Birdsong* to *In Memoriam*, continue to captivate readers - this deeply moving memoir of a lost generation is as fresh and heartbreaking as it was on first publication.
- **MADE INTO A SUCCESSFUL FILM:** The film version of *Testament of Youth*, released in 2014 and starring Alicia Vikander and Kit Harrington, was a box office smash.
- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.

Author Biography

Vera Brittain was born in 1893, and grew up in provincial comfort in Macclesfield and Buxton. In 1914, just as war was breaking out, she won an exhibition to Somerville College, Oxford, interrupting her studies the following year to enlist as a VAD nurse. She became one of the best-loved writers of her time with the publication, in 1933, of her passionate record of a lost generation, *Testament of Youth*. She wrote twenty-nine books in all, and was a prolific lecturer and journalist, who devoted much of her energy to the causes of peace and feminism. Vera Brittain died in 1970. The authorised biography, *Vera Brittain: A Life* (1995) by Paul Berry and Mark Bostridge is published by Virago Press.

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The Wedding

Dorothy West

Keynote

This incredible novel by the last surviving writer of the Harlem Renaissance deserves to be discovered by a new generation of readers. Introduced by Diana Evans, author of *Ordinary People*, and now reissued in our beautiful Classics With Bite series.

Description

INTRODUCED BY DIANA EVANS

'A writer of huge compassion and acute observation, and also of dazzling style . . . Her work is more relevant than ever' Diana Evans

'Timelessly cinematic, with painterly visual descriptions and pitch-perfect dialogue that ranges across class, region, race, age, and gender' Emma Garman, *Paris Review*

On a summer weekend in 1953, the residents of the Oval - an exclusive middle-class Black community on Martha's Vineyard - are gathering for the wedding of Shelby Coles. The loveliest daughter of the Oval's most prestigious family, Shelby could have chosen any number of eligible men 'of the right colours and the right professions'. Instead she has fallen in love with a white jazz musician from New York - creating a shockwave that ripples across five generations of family history.

Weaving together past and present, North and South, black and white, *The Wedding* is an audacious, wise and shattering portrait of American identity.

Sales Points

- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- Includes a new introduction by DIANA EVANS, author of *Ordinary People*
- Long out of print, Dorothy West is due for reappraisal. She was championed in the *Paris Review's* Feminize Your Canon column: <https://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2018/07/11/feminize-your-canon-dorothy-west/>
- Dorothy West was an influential Harlem Renaissance writer - the creative African-American intellectual, and artistic group that included Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes and Nella Larsen.

Reviews

- 'A writer of huge compassion and acute observation, and also of dazzling style . . . Her work is more relevant than ever' - Diana Evans
- 'Timelessly cinematic, with painterly visual descriptions and pitch-perfect dialogue that ranges across class, region, race, age, and gender' - *Paris Review*
- 'By the end, it's as though we've been invited not so much to a wedding as to a full-scale opera . . . She brings down the house' - *NEW YORK TIMES*

Author Biography

Dorothy West was a leading light of the Harlem Renaissance movement of the 1930s. She founded literary magazines *Challenge* and *New Challenge*, with Richard Wright as her associate editor. She was a welfare investigator and relief worker in Harlem during the Depression. Her first novel, *The Living is Easy*, was published in 1948. Her second novel, *The Wedding*, was published nearly half a century later, in 1995, and was a bestseller. This was followed by *The Richer, The Poorer*, a rich collection of stories and essays that spanned her long life. She died in 1998, at the age of ninety-one.

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Main Identifier	9780349020846
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Classic fiction (pre c 1945) (FC)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Series	Virago Modern Classics
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Publishing History

First published in 1994

Previous Titles

9781860490668 *The Richer, The Poorer*
9780349012056 *The Richer, The Poorer*
9780349012049 *The Wedding*

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2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
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BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	40000 words
Series	Virago Modern Classics
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Book locale	New York, Detroit
Author born in	USA
Author living in	USA
UNITED STATES	Farrar Straus & Giroux Publisher
Publisher	Farrar Straus & Giroux Publisher

Publishing History

Rediscovered classic - never previously published in the UK

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Fish Tales

Nettie Jones

Keynote

A provocative, sharp-voiced and sometimes shocking rediscovered classic about desire, power and female sexuality - the last book acquired by Toni Morrison.

Description

Acquired by Toni Morrison, championed by Gayl Jones, and almost forgotten for forty years, FISH TALES is a fierce, fearless modern classic for our own fragmented times.

'Candid, fast and alive' **RAVEN LEILANI**

'Fast, fearless, so full of life it practically vibrates in your hands' **JUSTIN TORRES**

'Wondrous and outrageous, real and incandescent and alive' **BRYAN WASHINGTON**

'Fish Tales will certainly dazzle you, and it might even scandalize you, but it never tells a lie' **ANGELA FLOURNOY**

A novel of desire, pleasure, drugs and sex . . . We'll all be better for it having been rediscovered' LITERARY HUB

Lewis Jones is a party girl on the edge. Bankrolled by her husband Woody and accompanied by her fellow hedonist Kitty Kat, a hustler who knows all the best spots, Lewis bounces between the demimonde of 70s New York and affluent Black Detroit in a fractured haze of lovers, cocaine parties and champagne baths. But her wild pursuit of freedom is upended when she meets the handsome, erudite, cruel Brook - the only man who won't allow her to take control.

A kaleidoscopic swirl of sex and exploitation, selfhood and self-destruction, this lost classic is an unnervingly contemporary depiction of the collision between identity, freedom and female desire - perfect for fans of *In the Cut*, *Oreo*, *Luster* and *I'm a Fan*.

Sales Points

- **A REDISCOVERED CULT CLASSIC:** Championed by Toni Morrison and Gayl Jones on its publication in 1984, *Fish Tales* is a provocative, sharp-tongued and dazzling portrait of high-rolling 70s Manhattan and Detroit, and of female sexuality, agency and self-destructiveness. Explicit and at turns shocking, it proved ahead of its time - but has lots none of its power and potency.
- **A PROVOCATIVE VISION OF FEMALE DESIRE:** A party girl with a self-destructive streak, the protagonist's sexual encounters range from the exploitative to the predatory - a woman who *wants* with such hunger and freedom still feels like a challenge to our assumptions. With a shocking twist of violence at the end, this is for readers of classics including *Bear* by Marian Engels, *I Love Dick* by Chris Kraus and *Oreo* by Fran Ross; and for contemporary readers of *Luster* by Raven Leilani and *I'm a Fan* by Sheena Patel.
- **INTERNATIONAL BUZZ:** We will be publishing alongside Farrar, Straus & Giroux in the US to create a striking campaign on both sides of the Atlantic. This was Toni Morrison's final acquisition for Random House and has completely fallen out of view - making it a great PR story.
- **NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED IN THE UK:** Virago are publishing this lost classic as a frontlist hardback with an ambitious publicity campaign, in the model of Penguin's recent lost classic CALIBAN SHRIEKS (3,036 HBs TCM). Nettie Jones has written a new afterword about the book's conception.

Reviews

- '*Fish Tales* is a fast, fearless book, told in snatches, and so full of life it practically vibrates in your hands. The fashion, the rollicking orgies, the sex, the coke, the bubbles, the queens, the most head-spinning combination of tenderness and toxicity-it ought to have been the sensation of its time. One can't help but wonder if the contemporary literary landscape might be a little wilder, a little freer, if this book hadn't lain dormant the last forty years. Thank heavens for the revival of *Fish Tales*; thank heavens for the fierce vision of Nettie Jones' - Justin Torres, author of BLACKOUTS
- '*Fish Tales* is candid, fast, and alive. Nettie Jones renders everything as its own particular organism-cities, relationships, and of course the body and its grotesque eroticism' - Raven Leilani, author of LUSTER
- '*Fish Tales* is wondrous and outrageous, real and incandescent and alive. A novel unlike any other, from an author unlike any other: Nettie Jones astounds and shocks and comforts. *Fish Tales* is a genuine treasure' - Bryan Washington, author of FAMILY MEAL
- "'Nettie Jones writes about sex, yearning, money, and friendship like nobody's business. So much truth, hurt, and humor permeate throughout this slim, enthralling novel, such that many of Jones's observations about the nature of power and desire feel written for today. *Fish Tales* will certainly dazzle you, and it might even scandalize you, but it never tells a lie' - Angela Flournoy, author of THE TURNER HOUSE



Author Biography

Nettie Jones is the author of *Fish Tales*, which was acquired by Toni Morrison and published by Random House in 1984. Her second novel, *Mischief Makers*, was published in 1989. Her essays and short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies. Jones was named a *New York Times* Promising New Novelist in 1985. She is the recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts Individual Artist Award, a Yaddo Foundation Award, a Michigan Council of the Arts Award, a New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Study Student's Choice Award, a Carnegie Fund for Authors Award, and a PEN America Freedom to Write Award.

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The Vet's Daughter A Virago Modern Classic

Barbara Comyns

Keynote

Barbara Comyns' witty and touching classic *The Vet's Daughter* tells the story of Alice, a young woman from Edwardian South London who is gripped by strange and mysterious powers.

Description

'A small Gothic masterpiece . . . I have read it many times, and with every re-read I marvel again at its many qualities' SARAH WATERS

'A wonderful and original novel' ALAN HOLLINGHURST

'The strange off-beat talent of Barbara Comyns [whose] innocent eye observes with child-like simplicity the most fantastic or the most ominous occurrence' GRAHAM GREENE

'Quite simply, Comyns writes like no one else' MAGGIE O'FARRELL

In the brown hall my mother was standing; and she looked at me with her sad eyes half-covered by their heavy lids . . . if she had been a dog, my father would have destroyed her.

In Edwardian South London, Alice lives in the shadow of her domineering father, a vet who treats his family with contempt, in a house full of screeching animals. After her mother's death, she is appalled by her father's brash, lascivious new girlfriend. But as Alice retreats ever deeper into a world of memories, fantasies and rapturous longings, she discovers an extraordinary secret power of her own - which, finally, will lead her to a crowd on Clapham Common in a scene of ecstatic triumph and disaster.

Blackly funny and indelibly haunting, *The Vet's Daughter* combines shocking realism with a visionary edge.

INTRODUCED BY JANE GARDAM

Sales Points

- **QUIRKY AND ACCLAIMED CLASSIC AUTHOR:** Notable admirers of Barbara Comyns include Maggie O'Farrell, Barbara Trapido, Alan Hollinghurst and Jane Gardam. The new edition will excite interest among fans and reviewers.
- **MINIATURE GOTHIC MASTERPIECE:** Perfect for fans of *O Caledonia*, *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* and *The Fate of Mary Rose*, this uncanny and unforgettable novel is introduced by the wonderful **Jane Gardam**.
- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.

Reviews

- 'Quite simply, Comyns writes like no one else' - Maggie O'Farrell
- 'Has the vividness and innocence and the revelatory intensity of the narration of Pip or young David Copperfield. It projects its fantastic story with a tangible realness and manages to make public and inevitable a realm of private sensation close to nightmare' - Alan Hollinghurst
- 'I have read it many times, and with every re-read I marvel again at its many qualities - its darkness, its strangeness, its humour, its sadness, its startling images and twists of phrase' - Sarah Waters
- 'Tragic, comic and completely bonkers all in one, I'd go as far as to call her something of a neglected genius' - Lucy Scholes, *Guardian*

Author Biography

Born in 1909 at Bidford-on-Avon, Barbara Comyns was educated mainly by governesses until she went to art schools in Stratford-upon-Avon and London. She started writing fiction at the age of ten and her first novel, *Sisters by a River*, was published in 1947. She also worked in an advertising agency, a typewriting bureau, dealt in old cars and antique furniture, bred poodles, converted and let flats, and exhibited pictures in The London Group. She was married first in 1931, to an artist, and for the second time in 1945. With her second husband she lived in Spain for eighteen years. She died in 1992.

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Main Identifier	9780349019666
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Horror & ghost stories (FK)

Binding	Paperback
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Depth	22mm
Extent	176 pages
Word Count	
Series	Virago Modern Classics
Exclusively for Sale	Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK
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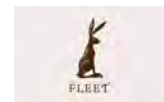
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Arborescence 'Extraordinary' Sophie Ward

Rhett Davis

Keynote

A dazzling and deeply moving story about humans turning into trees - for fans of *Love and Other Thought Experiments*, *Orbital* and *Never Let Me Go*

Description

What makes a person want to be a tree?

Bren and his partner Caelyn are feeling at a standstill in their lives. One day they come across a video of people in the forest who believe that if they stand still for long enough they will transform into trees. The idea is absurd. But it's spreading. Soon, people start to go missing and trees appear in unlikely places.

As cities decay and the world becomes greener, Caelyn becomes more and more convinced that arborescence is exactly what will save the planet from human destruction. Bren isn't so sure. Drifting apart, Bren and Caelyn are forced to question what it really means to be human - and if they are ready to stand still.

'A dazzling blend of cosmic eco-horror and arthouse sci-fi, *Arborescence* is one of the most profound and beautiful books you'll ever read. A devastating and unforgettable elegy for the planet' Chris Flynn, author of *Orpheus Nine*

Sales Points

- **A memorable pitch** (the book about humans turning into trees) and **explores big ideas** (climate change, capitalism, our relationships with each other and with nature)
- **An award-winning emerging writer** published for the first time in the UK (his debut won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award and was shortlisted for the Readings New Australian Fiction Prize and the Aurealis Award for Science Fiction)
- For fans of speculative literary novels like *Love and Other Thought Experiments* (10k TCM), *How High We Go in the Dark* (7k TCM) and *Never Let Me Go*

Author Biography

Rhett Davis holds an MFA in Creative Writing at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and a PhD in creative writing from Deakin University. In 2020, he won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript. His debut novel, *Hovering*, was published in 2022, and was shortlisted for the Aurealis Award for Best Science Fiction novel. Rhett has lived in several places but always finds his way back to Geelong, where he lives with his partner and two talkative cats.

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£16.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9780349725314
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Science fiction (FL) Climate change (RNPG)

Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	C Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	60000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex ANZ); EU; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	ANZ; Can; USA

Author living in AUSTRALIA	Geelong, Australia
Publisher	Hachette Australia Pty Ltd Publisher

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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Main Identifier	9780349020914
BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	256 pages
Word Count	
Series	Virago Modern Classics
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, ANZ)
Not for Sale	ANZ; USA

Book locale	New Zealand
Author born in	Dunedin, New Zealand
Author living in	deceased

Publishing History

First published in 1957

Previous Titles

9780349018546	An Angel At My Table
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9780349006673	Owls Do Cry
9781844084623	The Daylight And The Dust: Selected Short Stories
9781844085095	Towards Another Summer

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Owls Do Cry

Janet Frame

Keynote

Owls Do Cry is the first novel of one of New Zealand's most acclaimed classic writers, Janet Frame. Hailed as a masterpiece on first publication in 1957, it is comparable to Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey - now reissued in our new Classics With Bite style.

Description

'Janet Frame was a unique and troubled soul whose luminous words are the more precious' HILARY MANTEL

'Her dark, eloquent song captured my heart' JANE CAMPION

'All my preoccupations as a writer - my notions of home, beauty, madness of sorts and longing - come from her' MEG MASON

There is nothing in the world the matter with me, except that I have been bathed in a trough and dipped under a waterfall and the pine-needles picked from my scars. . .

This is the story of the Withers family: Francie, soon to leave school to start work at the woollen mills; Toby, whose days are marred by the velvet cloak of epilepsy; Chicks, the baby of the family; and Daphne, whose rich poetic way of seeing the world leads to a heartbreaking life in institutions.

A dazzling, fierce cry of darkness and joy, Janet Frame's debut novel is a poetic masterpiece and a timeless classic of New Zealand literature.

INTRODUCED BY MARGARET DRABBLE

'The first great New Zealand novel and a modernist masterpiece . . . the book's immense power to unnerve, astonish and impress endures' *Guardian*

Sales Points

- **A SEARING AND MOVING DEPICTION OF MENTAL ILLNESS:** Deeply inspired by Frame's own extraordinary experience in an institution, where she narrowly escape a lobotomy by winning a literary prize, this is perfect reading for fans of *The Bell Jar*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *The Ha-Ha* and *Girl, Interrupted*.
- **BELOVED BY CONTEMPORARY LITERARY AUTHORS:** Writers who love Janet Frame include Hilary Mantel, Maggie O'Farrell, Eleanor Catton, Meg Mason, Alice Sebold, Doris Lessing and Margaret Drabble.
- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- **A JANET FRAME REVIVAL:** Frame was back in the cultural spotlight in 2024 for her centenary, with Virago's new edition of her stunning memoir, *AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE*, and Fitzcarraldo's new publication of *THE EDGE OF THE ALPHABET*, which is part of a loose trilogy with *OWLS DO CRY*

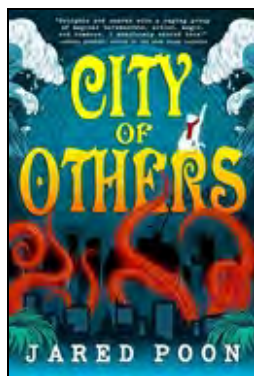
Reviews

- 'Janet Frame is the greatest New Zealand writer. She is utterly herself. Any one of her books could be published today and it would be ground-breaking' - ELEANOR CATTON
- 'All my preoccupations as a writer - my notions of home, beauty, madness of sorts and longing - come from her' - MEG MASON

Author Biography

Janet Frame (1924-2004) is New Zealand's most famous writer. She was a novelist, poet, essayist and short-story writer. She sought the support and company of fellow writers and set out single-mindedly and courageously to achieve her goal of being a writer. She wrote her first novel, *Owls Do Cry* while staying with her mentor Frank Sargeson, and then left New Zealand, not to return for seven years.

Her autobiography inspired Jane Campion's acclaimed film, *An Angel at My Table*. She was an honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Literature and won the Commonwealth Literature Prize. In 1983 she was awarded the CBE.



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Binding **Paperback**
 Format **B Format**
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City of Others

Jared Poon

Keynote

Rivers of London meets *A Master of Djinn* in this warm-hearted, action-packed urban fantasy debut full of workplace found family, queer romance and supernatural creatures straight out of Southeast Asian lore.

Description

***Rivers of London* meets *A Master of Djinn* in this warm-hearted, action-packed urban fantasy debut full of workplace found family, queer romance and supernatural creatures straight out of Southeast Asian lore.**

In the sunny city of Singapore, the government takes care of everything - even the weird stuff.

Benjamin Toh is an overworked and underpaid middle manager in a government department tasked with keeping the supernatural population of Singapore happy and out of sight.

But when an entire housing estate glitches out of existence on what was meant to be a routine check-in, Ben has to scramble to keep things under control and stop the rest of the city from following in its wake. He may not have the budget or the bandwidth, but he has the best - if highly irregular - team to help him. Together, they'll traverse secret shadow markets, scale skyscrapers, and maybe even go to the stars, all so they can just do their goddamn job.

'Heartfelt and laugh out loud, *City of Others* is urban fantasy as you've never seen it before . . . I smiled my way through this entire book. An absolute breath of fresh air'

Eliza Chan, author of *Fathomfolk*

'I absolutely loved this book - couldn't tear myself away from it. A delightful and engrossing read, with a knowing wink to best office practices. Loved it'

Genevieve Cogman, author of *The Invisible Library*

'Full of wonder, tenderness and breathtaking adventure, *City of Others* is a fresh and captivating fantasy that will grow roots in your heart'

Kylie Lee Baker, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Bat Eater*

'Full of action and heart and wonder, this book is an absolute delight!' Melissa Caruso, author of *The Last Hour Between Worlds*

'*City of Others* delights and charms with a ragtag group of magical bureaucrats doing their best to save an entire city from being dragged out of reality. Poon seamlessly blends action, magic, romance and the tight bonds of an understaffed workplace that truly believes in the good they're doing'

Andrea Stewart, author of *The Bone Shard Daughter*

Sales Points

- This is a fresh and exciting **non-Western take on urban fantasy** - a staple of the fantasy genre. The tropical setting of cosmopolitan Singapore puts a refreshing, Southeast Asian twist on classic urban fantasy tropes like hidden magical communities and a ministry of supernatural affairs. It's perfect for fans of *A Master of Djinn* and *Rivers of London*
- This is **charming escapist fantasy** with cosy vibes, perfect for fans of TJ Klune and Sangu Mandanna. Jared's writing is fun, accessible and witty, with workplace found-family dynamics, a sweet queer romance and plenty of action and intrigue to keep the pages turning.
- Jared's spent over a decade as a civil servant working for the Singaporean government. He understands intimately the frustrations of red tape and bureaucratic bangles, and **writes about these lived experiences with sharp wit and plenty of heart**. Perfect for anyone who's ever felt stymied by government ineptness - but with actual catharsis at the end!

Reviews

- 'Heartfelt and laugh out loud, *City of Others* is **urban fantasy as you've never seen it before. Filled with Southeast Asian folklore**, an eclectic cast of outsiders and a thoroughly satisfying takedown of bureaucracy, **I smiled my way through this entire book. An absolute breath of fresh air'** - Eliza Chan, author of *FATHOMFOLK*
- '**A whip-smart urban fantasy humming with the vibrant energy of Singapore** and its chaotic magical inhabitants, this found family will welcome you in with open arms (and tentacles)!' - Molly O'Neill, author of *GREENTEETH*
- '**I absolutely loved this book** - couldn't tear myself away from it. **A delightful and engrossing read**, with a knowing wink to best office practices. Loved it.' - Genevieve Cogman, author of *THE INVISIBLE LIBRARY*

• 'Full of wonder, tenderness and breathtaking adventure, *City of Others* is a fresh and captivating fantasy that will grow roots in your heart' - Kylie Lee Baker, SUNDAY TIMES bestselling author of BAT EATER

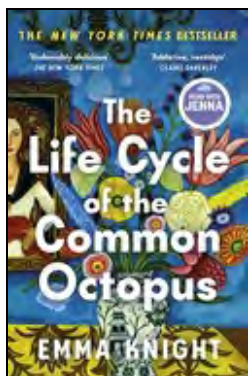


Author Biography

Jared Poon is a philosopher, facilitator and game designer, working with governments in Southeast Asia and around the world to improve policy-making through storytelling, imagination, and co-creation. He's a recovering public servant, and lives in Singapore with his husband and two very silly cats.

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The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus a gorgeous novel of first love, friendship and family mysteries

Emma Knight

Keynote

A charming and scintillating coming-of-age debut novel set in the city of Edinburgh. Perfect for fans of Nora Ephron, Elizabeth Jane Howard and Coco Mellors.

Description

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

'An unputdownable novel about female friendship and the events that shape us' COSMOPOLITAN

'Addictive, nostalgic and comforting, this layered family mystery crept round my heart' CLAIRE DAVERLEY

Pen and Alice, childhood best friends from Toronto, are in their first year at the University of Edinburgh. Each has come to the city for her own reasons.

Pen knows her divorced parents back in Canada are hiding something from her. She believes she'll find the answer here in Scotland, where an old friend of her father's - now a famous writer known as Lord Lennox - lives. When she is invited to spend the weekend at Lennox's centuries-old estate with his enveloping, fascinating family, Pen begins to unravel her parents' secret, just as she's falling in love for the first time . . .

Meanwhile Alice, an aspiring actor, sees university as her route to the West End and beyond. The star of this year's theatre production, she's making the most of the power she wields as an object of desire - until an affair with her tutor begins to slip from her control.

Witty, warm and wildly unputdownable, *The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus* is at once a love story and an irresistible mystery, a celebration of female friendship, and a study of how looking back can help us move forward.

'A book to lose yourself in' FRAN LITTLEWOOD

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'Joyous, clever, and wholly transportive' KATY HAYS

'Emma Knight's witty, wistful debut will keep you up all night' JOANNA RAKOFF

'A spellbinding debut about friendship, motherhood, first love, and the choices that bind us' CARLEY FORTUNE

Reviews

- 'Addictive, nostalgic and comforting, this layered family mystery crept round my heart** like a modern-day Dodie Smith' - *Claire Daverley, international bestselling author of TALKING AT NIGHT*
- 'The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus is a spellbinding debut about friendship, motherhood, first love, and the choices that bind us.** Emma Knight whisks us away to Scotland, where Penelope Winters navigates her first year at Edinburgh University while untangling a family mystery. I couldn't put it down!' - *Carley Fortune, #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of THIS SUMMER WILL BE DIFFERENT and MEET ME AT THE LAKE*
- 'I'm in love with this luminous debut** - the charm on every page, the enthralling cast of characters, the dialogue to die for. Academia, friendship, young love and family secrets, this is **as smart as it is delicious, as nostalgic as it feels fresh.** I wish I could read it all over again for the first time. Emma Knight is a **blazing new literary talent**' - *Ashley Audrain, #1 bestselling author of THE PUSH and THE WHISPERS*
- 'Whip smart, unrestrainedly fun, and bursting with heart,** readers will fall in love with the rambling, glorious world of Talmòrach and the secretive, aristocratic family of Lord Lennox. **A novel about finding ourselves, falling in love, and meeting that precious group of friends whom we call family,** Knight's debut is the modern-day Mitford novel I've been searching for. **Joyous, clever, and wholly transportive,** I loved every page!' - *Katy Hays, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of THE CLOISTERS*

Author Biography

Emma Knight is a Canadian writer. Her work has appeared in *British Vogue, Literary Hub, The Globe and Mail, and The Walrus*. She has written two cookbooks, both national



bestsellers. Emma studied Modern Languages at the University of Edinburgh and Journalism and International Affairs at Sciences Po Paris. *The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus* is her first novel.

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Author living in	Seattle, USA

Previous Titles

Ghost Boys
Black Brother, Black Brother
Paradise on Fire

Ghost Boys Graphic Novel

Jewell Parker Rhodes (Illustrated By Setor Fiadzigbey)

Keynote

Ghost Boys, the *New York Times* bestselling novel about a Black boy killed by a white police officer from award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes, is brought to a new audience in this heartbreaking and powerful graphic novel with striking colour artwork by Setor Fiadzigbey.

Description

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ALIVE

Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister.

Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat.

DEAD

As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys.

Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...

Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - not just to him, but to all of the ghost boys.

A poignant and gripping graphic novel about how children and families face the complexities of race and racism in today's world.

Sales Points

- Jewell is incredibly thoughtful about each word she writes - the power of her chosen words combined with the striking full-colour art from Setor make this a moving graphic novel with huge impact
- The text edition of *Ghost Boys* has shipped over 130,000 copies out of the warehouse since publication and has been very popular in schools and libraries as a means to discuss the topics of racism and police violence with younger readers in an age appropriate way. This graphic novel edition makes the story accessible to even more readers
- Timely topic - this is a book that deals with issues that are incredibly relevant in the current political climate both here, in the US and throughout the world, and contributes to the important conversation about racial relations in today's society
- Own-voices - this is a story that deals with race and the experience of being black in America, written by an African-American author
- Highly promotable author - Jewel is fantastic in person, very experienced with school events and publicity appearances, and she's able to travel to the UK

Author Biography

Jewell Parker Rhodes grew up in Pennsylvania. She is a best-selling author of adult and children's books, a Coretta Scott King Honour award-winner, and a professor of creative writing at Arizona State University. She currently lives in Seattle.

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The Big-Time Boogie-Woogie Animal Band

Giles Andreae (Illustrated By Nick East)

Keynote

Join in the counting musical fun as animal after animal joins the Big-Time Boogie-Woogie Animal Band!

Description

Join in the counting musical fun with this brand-new picture book from the author of *Giraffes Can't Dance*!

When a music-loving dog meets a fox with a fiddle, they decide to start a BOOGIE-WOOGIE ANIMAL BAND!

Before long, the pair are joined by a lion with a lute, a tiger with a tuba, and a piano-playing penguin. As more friends join them, the band keeps getting bigger and bigger and BIGGER!

But there's one band member missing . . . Who could it be?

Count and jiggle along with this toe-tapping rhyming celebration of music and rhythm from stand-out pairing Giles Andreae (*Giraffes Can't Dance*) and Nick East (*Christopher Pumpkin*).

Sales Points

- Little ones will love counting the animals and sounding out their musical instruments
- Giles Andreae is the author of many top-selling, award-winning picture books including *Giraffes Can't Dance* and *Elephant Me*. *Giraffes Can't Dance* has sold nearly 8 million copies worldwide.
- Fun and vibrant illustrations by Nick East, the illustrator of *Christopher Pumpkin* and the *Goodnight Digger* series

Author Biography

Giles Andreae (Author)

Giles Andreae is the author of many top-selling, award-winning picture books. These include *Elephant Me*, *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Commotion in the Ocean* and *I Love My Mummy*. However, it is for the international bestseller *Giraffes Can't Dance* that he is best known. Giles is also the creator of Purple Ronnie, Britain's favourite stickman, and of the artist/philosopher, Edward Monkton. These two ranges of greetings cards, books and merchandise have made Giles the country's top-selling living poet. Giles lives with his wife, Victoria, a children's clothes designer, and their four children by the river in Oxfordshire.

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.

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For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)
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CBMC **A3M79**
Age **0-5 years**
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Binding **Paperback**
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Previous Titles

Author: *Giraffes Can't Dance*, *Be Brave Little Penguin*

Illustrator: *Christopher Pumpkin*, *Goodnight Tractor*, *Goodnight Digger*

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Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781444985146 Colouring & painting activity books (YBGC) Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN)
CBMC	E5L79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	265x210
Extent	72 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

Romantasy Colouring Book

Hodder Children's Books

Keynote

A dreamy, magical and enchanting colouring book perfect for romantasy, fantasy and fairytale fans of all ages.

Description

Escape into your dreamiest, most whimsical romantasy with a magical colouring adventure suitable for all ages.

Enter an enchanting world where love, magic, myth and fairytales come alive on every page. The Romantasy Colouring Book is a perfect escape for anyone who dreams of fairytale realms, heroic love stories and mystical creatures. Designed for teens, kids and adults alike, it combines romance and fantasy in beautifully illustrated scenes just waiting to be brought to life with colour.

From spellbound lovers and enchanted warriors, to dragons, fairies and enchanted forests, each page tells a romantic tale through detailed artwork. Whether you're looking for a mindful escape, a creative gift or a relaxing hobby, this colouring book offers hours of imaginative joy.

Ideal for fans of romantic fantasy novels, fairytales or whimsical worlds, this book is perfect for gifting or rainy afternoons alike.

Sales Points

- Taps into the extremely popular, BookTok-driven romantasy trend, appealing to fans of Rebecca Yaros and Sarah J Maas.
- Contains 26 detailed, single-sided colouring spreads featuring popular mythical creatures (fairies, elves, dragons and unicorns) and romantic scenes.
- Excellent gift potential, suitable for all ages and occasions.

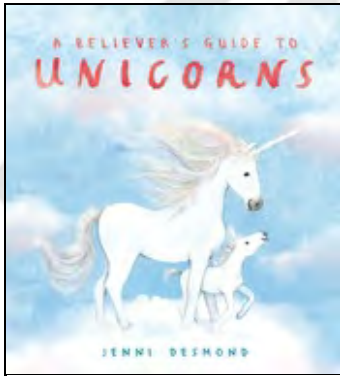
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A Believer's Guide to Unicorns

Jenni Desmond

Keynote

A fun and magical must-have picture book guide, filled with everything unicorn lovers need to know about their favourite mystical creatures. From the award-winning Jenni Desmond.

Description

Unicorns live high up in the clouds, and though some readers may have never spotted one, there are plenty of magical clues that let true believers know they're there.

From bouncing on the clouds to make it snow, to zooming across the night sky like shooting stars, unicorns have lots of fun and lots of cheeky ways to say hello . . .

Find out everything there is to know about unicorns in this beautiful, must-have picture book by the award-winning Jenni Desmond.

Sales Points

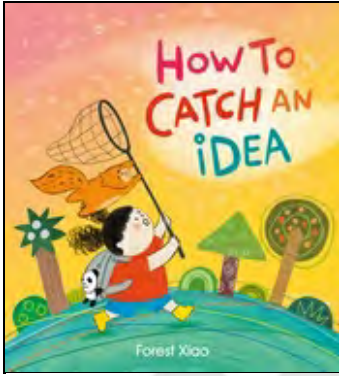
- A beautiful 'faux non-fiction' picture book, bringing this handbook genre to a younger 3+ audience and tapping into the popularity of unicorns - taking this topic to a high end space
- Accessible 'speak to reader' narrative with gentle takeaway messages and tips on how to spot a unicorn
- Guide includes:
 - Unicorn anatomy
 - Family set-ups
 - What they like to eat
 - How they play on the different clouds
 - Their dreams
 - Magical powers

Author Biography

Jenni Desmond graduated with a Masters Degree in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art and her debut book Red Cat Blue Cat won the Cambridgeshire Read it Again! Award in 2012. Her books have been translated into over 20 languages since, and in 2015 Desmond was named Best Emerging Talent (Illustrator) at the Junior Design Awards (UK). In 2016 she was made a Maurice Sendak Fellow and her book The Polar Bear became a New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book of the year.

Jenni lives in London and when she's not in her studio, you'll find her cooking, cycling and swapping city life for long hikes down by the sea shore or up in the hills and the mountains.

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How to Catch an Idea

Forest Xiao

Keynote

Where do ideas come from? Follow a curious little girl as she tries to find the answer to this VERY big question.

Description

Where do ideas come from?
 Maybe they grow in the ground like a seed.
 Maybe you bake them like a bun.
 Perhaps you can catch a shimmering idea from the sea, or pluck a ripe one from the branches of a tree . . .

Follow a curious little girl as she tries to find the answer to this very big question.

A playful celebration of creativity, imagination and discovery from award-winning debut creator, Forest Xiao.

Sales Points

- From exciting debut talent Forest Xiao - a 2023 graduate of the Cambridge MA in Children's Illustration, shortlisted for the Macmillan Prize, the Sebastian Walker Prize and the Batsford Prize
- A playful, joyful picture book about the power of creativity, imagination and the amazing places your ideas can take you

Author Biography

Forest Xiao is an image maker, storyteller, treasure finder, and new mother. She has lived in China, Germany, USA, UK, and Malaysia, which nourished her open heart and free spirit. She loves connecting with people and hearing stories. Forest aspires to create books that are life-giving, convey a sense of wonder and spark humour.

Forest obtained a BA in Graphic Design at Camberwell College of Art which led her to children's publishing. Then she found a sweet community on the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Graduating in 2023, Forest was a runner-up for the Sebastian Walker Prize 2023, highly commended by the 2022 Macmillan Prize for Children's Picture Book Illustration, and shortlisted for the Batsford Prize 2023. Forest was also one of the 2023 Bologna Illustrators Exhibition Winners.

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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
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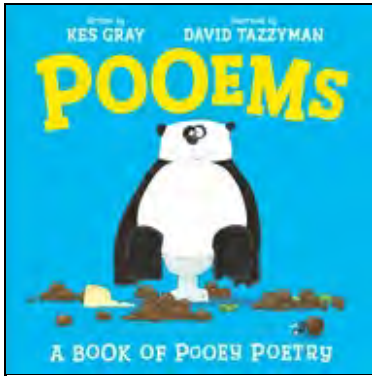
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Pooems
A Book of Pooley Poetry
Kes Gray (Illustrated By David Tazzyman)

Keynote

A hilariously pongy illustrated poetry collection from superstar pairing Kes Gray and David Tazzyman.

Description

Everyone has to go to the loo. POOEMS are poems that go there too!

A hilariously pongy illustrated poetry collection from the author of the bestselling and award-winning *Oi Frog!*

*When gorillas are full of bananas
They don't just go to the loo.
They swing from their nest,
They beat on their chest,
And they go for a POO-OOO-OOOOOO!!!*

But what colour are mermaid poos? How many bottoms do aliens have? Do poos float in space? And what does a ghost say when it's sitting on your toilet?

Find out in this rollicking rhyming show-popper of a picture book, packed full of potty-humour poems and revoltingly funny pictures from award-winning creators Kes Gray (*Oi Frog!*) and David Tazzyman (*You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus*). Perfect for reading aloud and guaranteed to get children giggling!

Sales Points

- Kes Gray is the award-winning author of the bestselling OI FROG AND FRIENDS series that has sold over 3 million copies and has been translated into 14 languages.
- Perfect for reading aloud and introducing playful poetry to children.
- David Tazzyman is the illustrator of the bestselling You Can't Take An Elephant On The Bus series and the Mr Gum series, which has sold over 1 million copies.

Author Biography

Kes Gray (Author)

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

David Tazzyman (Illustrator)

David Tazzyman is an award-winning illustrator from Leicestershire, England, UK, who wanted to be an artist since the age of five. David graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University in 1993 and worked as a commercial illustrator before falling into children's publishing in 2006, illustrating Andy Stanton's Mr Gum series, which won the first Roald Dahl Funny Prize in 2008. David now mainly illustrates children's picture and fiction books and lives in Leicestershire with his partner and 3 children. He likes football, cricket, golf and biscuits.

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Previous Titles

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BIC 2.1	Adventure stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFC) Short stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFU) Crime & mystery fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFCF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (4KHF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)

CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	80 pages
Word Count	
Series	Famous Five: Short Stories
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author born in	East Dulwich
Author living in	Deceased

Previous Titles

- Famous Five Adventures: Timmy and the Treasure
- Famous Five Adventures: Five and the Runaway Dog
- Famous Five Adventures: Message in a Bottle
- Famous Five Adventures: The Mysterious Noise
- Famous Five Adventure: Five and the Missing Prize
- Famous Five Adventure: Five and the Library Mystery
- Famous Five Adventure: The Painting Puzzle
- Famous Five Adventure: Trouble at the Farm

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Famous Five Colour Short Stories: The Scavenger Hunt

Enid Blyton and Sufiya Ahmed

Keynote

Introduce The Famous Five to younger readers with these BRAND-NEW mystery stories for children aged five and up.

Description

Kirrin Village is having a scavenger hunt for half term and the Famous Five are excited to take part! But someone is destroying the trail, and no one knows who . . . will the Five solve the mystery before the event is ruined?

Set in the world of Enid Blyton's best-loved series, this newly created story follows Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog on a special new adventure. The story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations on every page - perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently.

Also look out for: *The Birthday Adventure*, *Five to the Rescue!*, *Five and the Runaway Dog*, *Message in a Bottle*, *Timmy and the Treasure*, *The Mysterious Noise*, *Five and the Missing Prize* and *The Library Mystery*, illustrated by Becka Moor, as well as *The Painting Puzzle* and *Trouble at the Farm*, illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson.

Enid Blyton's eight original short stories about the Famous Five are also available as early readers illustrated by Jamie Littler. Collect them all: *A Lazy Afternoon*, *George's Hair Is Too Long*, *Well Done*, *Famous Five*, *Five and a Half-Term Adventure*, *When Timmy Chased the Cat*, *Five Have a Puzzling Time*, *Good Old Timmy* and *Happy Christmas, Five!*

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Sales Points

- These colour short stories are a brilliant way for existing fans to enjoy *The Famous Five* - and an innovative, lively introduction to the series for newly-confident readers
- This is an addition to the popular range of existing *Famous Five* colour short stories, which have combined sales of over 100,000 in the UK [TCM]
- The text is broken down into short chapters and there are colour pictures on every spread, making these books the perfect stepping stone from picture books to longer chapter books

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

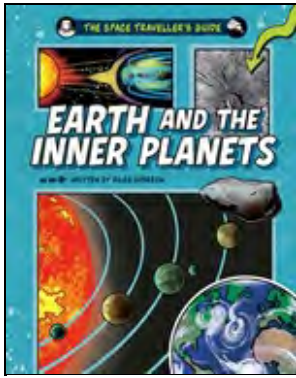
Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

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

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

Sufiya Ahmed (Author)

Sufiya Ahmed worked in advertising and in the House of Commons before becoming a full-time author. In 2010, she set up the BIBI Foundation which arranges visits to the Houses of Parliament for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Sufiya has written several children's books including *Famous Five: Timmy and the Treasure*, *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* and *Under the Great Plum Tree* which was longlisted for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards. Follow Sufiya on Twitter @sufiyaahmed.



The Space Traveller's Guide: Earth and the Inner Planets

Giles Sparrow

Keynote

Top tips for space travellers! Get to know the inner planets of your solar system in this up-close tour of key cosmic destinations

Description

Top tips for space travellers! Get to know the inner planets of your solar system in this up-close tour of key cosmic destinations.

The Space Traveller's Guide: Earth and the Inner Planets is a personal tour of our unique planet, Earth, the three other rocky planets closest to the Sun - Mercury, Venus and Mars - plus a pit-stop in the asteroid belt and our amazing Moon! Learn the unmissable formations at each location, from the Amazon rainforest on Earth to the winding channels through Mars' desert known as Gorgonum Chaos. Includes 'Traveller's Tips' for surviving extreme conditions in each spot, and don't miss the real-life tour photos at the back!

The Space Traveller's Guide series is the perfect one-stop-shop for space lovers, brought to you by expert astronomy and physics author Giles Sparrow. It includes astounding facts to inspire young space-travel hopefuls, plus humorous cartoons to draw them through the pages, and presents key science learning in an accessible format for readers aged 9 and up.

Contents list, *Earth and the Inner Planets*: The local neighbourhood / Mercury / Venus / Earth / Extreme Earth / The living planet / The Moon / Cratered surface / Mars / The Martian landscape / Martian weather / The asteroid belt / Tour snapshots / Glossary / Resources / Index

The series includes: *Earth and the Inner Planets*, *The Outer Planets*, *The Sun and Stars* and *Space Exploration*

Sales Points

- From expert author Giles Sparrow, fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and author of bestselling books on astronomy and physics for children and adults
- Including 'Not to Miss' phenomena for each stop on the tour and 'Traveller's Tips' on the science of survival in these extreme environments paired with humorous cartoons of the advice in action
- Stylish illustrations and up-to-date astronomy fill the pages, ending with a spread of real-life photos of our amazing Universe

Author Biography

Giles Sparrow is an author specializing in astronomy and physics. He has written about everything from space technology to the history of science.

Publication date **Thursday, January 22, 2026**
 Price **£9.99 / ₹699**
 Main Identifier **9781526328199**
 BIC 2.1 **Space (Children's / Teenage) (YNTS)**
Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ)
Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT)

CBMC **D5N79**
 Age **9-11 years**
 Subject **Non-fiction**
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**
 Character **Non-character**
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **265x210**
 Depth **6mm**
 Extent **32 pages**
 Word Count
 Series **The Space Traveller's Guide**

Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

Earth and the Inner Planets
 The Outer Planets
 The Sun and Stars
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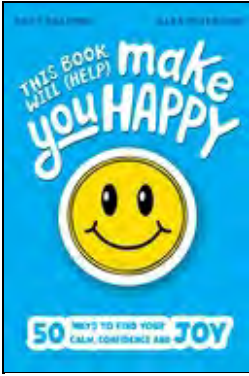
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This Book Will (Help) Make You Happy 50 Ways to Find Some Calm, Build Your Confidence and Make Yourself Smile

Suzy Reading (Illustrated By Alex Paterson)

Keynote

50 practical tips to build your confidence, find some calm and make yourself smile.

Description

Discover how you can cut the stress, catch up on sleep and breathe a little easier with 50 practical tips to really make you feel happier!

The world is a pretty stressful place, especially right now, and we all need some help reminding us to take care of ourselves. But the good news is that there are loads of easy tips and tricks to keep yourself feeling happy, from customising your own bedtime ritual to how to resolve arguments with your parents. Complete with simple breathing exercises, yoga poses and even advice on the best food to eat when you're feeling down, this is a one-stop guide to transform worried kids into happy, confident ones.

Author Suzy Reading, a mum of two as well as being a chartered psychologist and yoga teacher, knows that the emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows children to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. Funny, engaging and practical - and brought to life with illustrations by Alex Paterson - this is the ideal book to help readers cope with their emotions and face each day raring to go.

Sales Points

- Part of Wren & Rook's much-loved *This Book Will* series, this time focusing on mental health
- Written by chartered psychologist and yoga teacher Suzy Reading, making this a rigorous yet holistic approach to wellbeing for kids
- The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults

Author Biography

Suzy Reading (Author)

Suzy is a chartered psychologist, yoga teacher, health coach and mum. She specialises in wellbeing, helping people manage their emotions, energy and the inevitable stresses of life.

Alex Paterson (Illustrator)

Alex was a soldier and a jungle leader before concentrating on his illustration career: following in the footsteps of his sister and cousin who are also both children's illustrators. He has now had well over 100 books published. Alex lives in a little village in Warwickshire with his wife Sarah and two daughters.

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781526368126
BIC 2.1	Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Personal & social issues: bullying, violence & abuse (Children's / Teenage) (YXC) 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	B Format
Extent	192 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
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Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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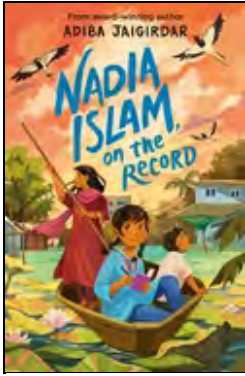


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Nadia Islam, on the Record

A heartwarming, must-read story that celebrates family, faith and community

Adiba Jaigirdar

Keynote

A heartwarming and authentic story that explores family, religion and fighting for what's right, from award-winning author Adiba Jaigirdar.

Description

A heartwarming and authentic story that explores family, religion and fighting for what's right, from award-winning author Adiba Jaigirdar.

Aspiring journalist Nadia Islam hates that she's missing out on spending Ramadan with her best friend to go to Bangladesh. But the trip unexpectedly puts her reporting skills to the test.

Her journalist aunt - Nadia's khalamoni - is in Bangladesh too, but not just for Ramadan or Eid, like Nadia. She's there to write a story on the increasing climate change problem in Bangladesh and how people are being affected by it. The more Nadia learns from her khalamoni, the more eager she is to help.

Her brother and cousins try to distract her with a Ramadan competition. She wants to beat them all - of course! - but her aunt needs her too.

Can Nadia put aside her competitiveness to beat her brother and cousins to figure out what Ramadan is really all about?

Sales Points

- Adiba's books are a breath of fresh air - heart-warming stories from a Muslim, Bangladeshi perspective
- YA debut, *The Henna Wars*, was listed as one of *TIME*'s Best Books of All Time
- Second book, *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating*, won the YA Book Prize 2022
- Adiba has a great reputation within the bookish community and has built a readership both in the UK & Ireland, and overseas in the US. We will be working with the HarperCollins US team to launch her debut MG

Author Biography

Adiba Jaigirdar is the award-winning, critically-acclaimed and bestselling author of *The Henna Wars*, *Hani & Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating*, and *A Million to One*. A Bangladeshi/Irish writer and former teacher, she has an MA in Postcolonial Studies from the University of Kent, England and a BA in English and History from UCD, Ireland.

She is the winner of the YA book prize 2022, the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards 2021, and was a finalist for the 2022 Lambda Literary awards. All of her writing is aided by tea, and a healthy dose of Janelle Monáe and Hayley Kiyoko.

When not writing, she is probably ranting about the ills of colonialism, playing video games, or expanding her overflowing lipstick collection.

She can be found at adibajaigirdar.com or @adiba_j on Twitter and @dibs_j on Instagram.

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781444973471 General fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFB) Humorous stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFQ) Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	ANZ; Aus; Austr; Ire; NZ; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Henna Wars
Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating
A Million to One
The Dos and Donuts of Love

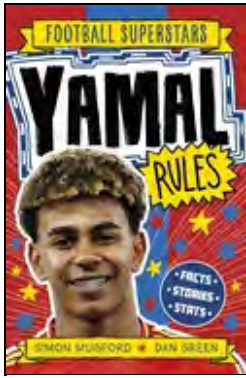
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Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781804538913 Football / soccer (Children's / Teenage) (YNWA) People & places (Children's / Teenage) (YNM) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)
CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject Type	Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback B Format
Extent	128 pages
Word Count Series	Football Superstars
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; Cent & S Am

Football Superstars: Football Superstars: Yamal Rules

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

Fully illustrated, unofficial story of Spain and Barcelona wonderkid Lamine Yamal. The *Football Superstars* series is aimed at building a love of reading from a young age, especially among reluctant readers

Description

Football Superstars brings you the story of Spain's latest football wonderkid who made history as one of the youngest players to ever play for FC Barcelona. He zoomed through the club's famous La Masia academy, developing his dazzling dribbles and fearless skills. At just 15, he made his debut for Barcelona's first team! The winger loves taking on defenders with his quick feet and clever tricks. Fast, creative and cool under pressure, Lamine Yamal is a name the football world won't forget!

Sales Points

- 1. The successful *Football Superstars* series presents Lamine Yamal's meteoric rise to the top using Dan Green's action-packed, comic artwork and Simon Mugford's fun storytelling skills - ideal for reluctant readers.
- The narrative is relatable and inspirational for young fans, and covers the biggest moments in Yamal's career to date, including his amazing performances for Spain at the 2024 EUROS and his rise to stardom at Barcelona, where he continues to wow fans with his football.
- Currently regarded as one of the world's best footballers, Yamal is the player that most kids want to emulate. After a run of top-class performances, the Spanish media consider him to be a future legend on the world stage.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)

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

Dan Green (Illustrator)

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

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Boss of the Underworld: Shirley vs the Huge Beast Book 2

Tor Freeman

Keynote

Second in a hilarious full-colour graphic novel series by the award-winning Tor Freeman, perfect for fans of Jamie Smart's *Bunny vs Monkey*. Come with Shirley as she falls down a hole into the Under-Underworld...

Description

Second in a hilarious full-colour graphic novel series by the award-winning Tor Freeman, perfect for fans of Jamie Smart's *Bunny vs Monkey*. Come with Shirley as she falls down a hole into the Under-Underworld...

Shirley follows her cockroach companion George into the Under-Underworld and finds herself immediately crowned as queen. With Peels, a banana-skin royalist, Shirley travels across the junkyard of this new world to rescue George and confront the Giant Beast who has been terrorising the land.

Author Biography

Tor Freeman was born and grew up in London and California. She is an author and illustrator, published in the UK and worldwide, and had two ongoing strips in the weekly comic *The Phoenix*. Her books include *Ten Fat Sausages* by Michelle Robinson and *The Book that No One Wanted to Read* by Richard Ayoade. She has been awarded the Sendak Fellowship, and won the Observer/Cape/Comica graphic short story prize.

While finding her feet as an illustrator Tor had other jobs, including being a medical secretary for five years, teaching art in a primary and secondary school and guest lecturing on the Southampton Illustration BA.

Tor lives and works in London. She has many hobbies including sewing, ceramics, making comics and trying to read all of Stephen King's books, and spends a lot of her spare time walking her dog Rusty.

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier BIC 2.1	9781444976410 Comic strip fiction / graphic novels (Children's / Teenage) (YFW) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) Cartoons & comic strips (Children's / Teenage) (YNUC)
CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	210x148
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	Boss of the Underworld
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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The Architecture of Fear

Sandro William Junqueira

Keynote

Translated into English for the first time, a bold and unsettling literary fable about a dystopian city which explores the dynamics of power and oppression, and the silent strength of revolt.

Description

'Brilliant, inventive and marvellously written' ALBERTO MANGUEL

A world without walls, without curtains, is not believable. Because there is no world without fears. Walls, curtains, are the architecture of fear. And the fear is us.

At the heart of a forest there is a city surrounded by walls.

Inside, the people are haunted by the memory of The Great Disaster that eliminated two thirds of their population.

A dictatorial regime insists that order and discipline will protect the people from the threats of nature, but when a soldier is found mutilated outside the city walls on a winter's night, a new order takes root silently in the minds of the oppressed.

One by one, they gather to listen to the voice of a man claiming to possess the gift of knowing what is to come. The man known as The Messenger.

An unsettling, powerful and strikingly-written dystopian fable about revolution, power and oppression - for readers of Agustina Bazterrica, Margaret Atwood, and *I Who Have Never Known Men*.

Ángel Gurría-Quintana is a historian, journalist and literary translator from Spanish and Portuguese. He writes regularly for the books pages of the *Financial Times*. His translations include *Other Carnivals: Short Stories from Brazil* (Full Circle Editions, 2013) and *The Return*, by Dulce Maria Cardoso (Maclehose Press, 2016).

Sales Points

- This is a powerful, exhilarating and unsettling tale about a dystopian city which exploring the dynamics of oppression and the strength of revolt.
- This is a literary, translated, fable-like tale with prize potential. It has been endorsed by former International Booker prize judge Alberto Manguel -- a translator, essayist, novelist, editor, and a former Director of the National Library of Argentina.
- COMPS. Margaret Atwood (*THE HANDMAID'S TALE*) meets Kafka (*THE TRIAL*) via José Saramago's *BLINDNESS*.

Reviews

- 'Brilliant, inventive and marvellously written' - Alberto Manguel

Author Biography

SANDRO WILLIAM JUNQUEIRA was born in 1974. His novel *There Are No Lemons in Heaven* (*No Céu não há Limões*) (Caminho, 2014) was a finalist for the 2015 Portuguese Writers' Association's Grand Prize for Fiction.

Publication date	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781035431175
BIC 2.1	Classic fiction (pre c 1945) (FC) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
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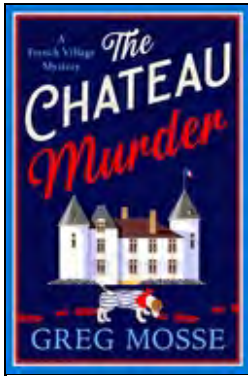
- down and around while ensuring you enjoy the ride' - *Lisa Gardner*
- 'A stunning and accomplished debut, with hugely relatable characters and an addictive storyline that kept me turning the pages well into the night. Bravo!' - *B.A. Paris, New York Times bestselling author*
- 'Wow, *The Business Trip* was non-stop twists and turns. I loved the unusual way the story was told, and I kept reading all day long because I couldn't wait to see how it ended!' - *Freida McFadden, internationally bestselling author*
- 'A stunning, edge-of-your-seat suspense that had me sick with apprehension as the pages turned' - *Tess Gerritsen, Sunday Times bestselling author*

Author Biography

Jessie Garcia is an award-winning sports journalist who has risen the ranks in television news, first as an anchor/reporter, then to newsroom management. She is the News Director at the CBS affiliate in Milwaukee. Her non-fiction books have won Midwest Book Awards, and her documentary *Leaps and Bounds: The Men Who Changed Track and Field* was featured in over a dozen film festivals. She also taught journalism at four universities. A native of Madison, WI, Jessie has two adult sons and resides in Milwaukee with her husband, dog and cat.

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The Chateau Murder

A charming murder mystery and utterly gripping cozy crime novel for 2026

Greg Mosse

Keynote

The next utterly charming and escapist cosy crime mystery in the French Village Mystery series!

Description

Don't miss the next utterly gripping and escapist cosy crime mystery in the French Village Mystery series - *The Chateau Murder* is available for pre-order now!

Wish accidental detective *Zoe Pascal* **bonne chance** as she finds herself embroiled in another murder!

Zoe Pascal has settled into her new life in the picturesque village of Sainte-Catherine, running her beloved bookshop with her new companion, Russell the dog.

When an old friend invites Zoe to join her family at Chateau Palotte for the holidays, Zoe heads off into the French countryside to the grand, yet slightly dilapidated, castle.

But there's a frosty atmosphere at the chateau - and when the butler is found dead, Zoe is forced to ask: Was this an accident, or is there a murderer in the grounds?

Soon, Zoe uncovers that everyone staying at the chateau has a motive for murder - can she uncover the truth, before they strike again?

Sales Points

- **EXPERIENCED AND WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Greg Mosse is an experienced writer, well-known on the festival circuit and a favourite to lead creative writing workshops. He's hugely involved in the wider writing community across a range of genres. Greg has spent years in the world of theatre and his writing is cinematic and dramatic, making it leap off the page.
- **SALES HISTORY:** The Maisie Cooper Mystery series, Greg's previous novels, has consistently sold well in print, having currently sold over 30k TCM across the series.
- **A BRAND-NEW SERIES:** Cozy crime still performs really well digitally, but this new series offers a USP. Set in France, the series will have a brilliant escapist-feel, whilst still covering all the themes that cosy readers love.

Author Biography

GREG MOSSE is a 'writer and encourager of writers' and husband of internationally bestselling author, Kate Mosse. He has lived and worked in Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Madrid, mostly as an interpreter and translator, but grew up in rural south-west Sussex. In 2014, he founded the Criterion New Writing playwriting programme in the heart of the West End and, since then, has produced more than 25 of his own plays and musicals. His creative writing workshops are highly sought after at festivals at home and abroad. His first novel, *The Coming Darkness*, was published by Moonflower in 2022, followed in 2024 by *The Coming Storm*. *Murder at the Wedding* is the sixth book in his successful cosy crime series featuring the charming and perceptive amateur sleuth, Maisie Cooper.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
Series	A French Village Mystery
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Book locale	Provence
Author living in	Sussex

Publishing History
The Maisie Cooper Mystery Series

Previous Titles
The French Bookshop Murder

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Classic crime (FFC)
Classic horror & ghost stories (FKC)
New York (1KBBEY)**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **336 pages**
Word Count
Illustrations **N/A**
Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **Chinatown, NYC**
Author born in **Boston, MA**
Author living in **Medford, MA**

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

Sharp, witty, GORY: The addictive Sunday Times bestselling social horror-thriller

Kylie Lee Baker

Keynote

BAT EATER follows a biracial woman haunted by both her own inner trauma and hungry ghosts as she's entangled in a series of murders in NYC's Chinatown.

Description

Cora Zeng is a crime scene cleaner. But the bloody messes don't bother her, not when she's already witnessed the most horrific thing possible: her sister being pushed in front of a train.

But the killer was never caught, and Cora is still haunted by his last words: *bat eater*.

These days, nobody can reach Cora: not her aunt who wants her to prepare for the Hungry Ghost Festival, not her weird colleagues, and *especially* not the slack-jawed shadow lurking around her doorframe. After all, it can't be real - can it?

After a series of unexplained killings in Chinatown, Cora believes that someone might be targeting East Asian women, and *something* might be targeting Cora herself.

Soon, she will learn . . . you can't just ignore hungry ghosts.

Sales Points

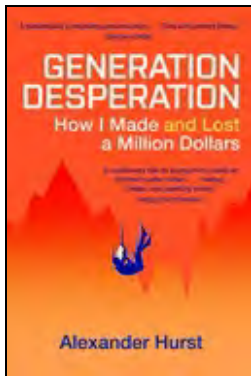
- *Bat Eater* is a **sharp social horror** that explores the harsh **racist street harassment, feminine rage, and brutal violence experienced by East Asians during the pandemic**. The cutting humour and charming cast of characters make the story **compulsively readable**, and the voice feels **fresh and singular**.
- **Perfect for fans of *The Only Good Indians*, *She is a Haunting*, and *Mexican Gothic*.**
- *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Scarlet Alchemist!*

Reviews

- 'This is what it felt like to live in New York City during lockdown: haunted, absurd, terrifying, ridiculous, and full of hungry ghosts. **This book shook me in all the best ways**' - GRADY HENDRIX
- 'Baker successfully uses fear, both supernatural and human, to shine a spotlight on anti-Asian hate. **Fans of creepy ghost stories and social horror will want to snap this up**' - *Publisher's Weekly*
- '*Bat Eater* is a **compelling, gory, ghostly romp**, and it's a righteous battle cry aimed into the racist heart of the pandemic hellscape. **You won't be able to stop turning pages while rooting for Cora**' - PAUL TREMBLAY
- 'I smashed through *Bat Eater* - **shocking, visceral and haunted** by more than ghosts: trauma, rage, grief, racism, crime scene clean ups and COVID paranoia. ***Bat Eater* will swoop in like a bat out of hell, swallow you whole and leave no crumbs**' - ALICE SLATER

Author Biography

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



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Exclusively for Sale	Can; Cw; EU; Ire
Not for Sale	UK; USA
Book locale	Paris, France / Cleveland, USA
Author born in	Recife, Brazil
Author living in	Paris, France
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Generation Desperation How I Made – and Lost – a Million Dollars

Alexander Hurst

Keynote

The remarkable story of how one man made a million dollars in online trading and lost it overnight - from the voice of a generation.

Description

'Somewhere in the multiverse, innumerable possibilities are collapsing into infinite different realities. Am I happier in any of them? I still don't know. The answer to that question is just one more thing that \$1.2 million could never buy.'

In 2020, Alexander Hurst was 29 years old and broke, living as a writer in a cramped Paris flat-share. There were murmurs that a global pandemic was coming. Financial stability seemed unattainable, so far removed from his reality - the reality of the generation who came of age during the 2008 financial crisis.

On a whim, he poured his meagre savings into highly risky options trading. Within a year this small set of stocks was worth \$1.2 million. Enough to turn his life on its head - but not in the way he had imagined, as he began a slow motion descent into losing it all.

In exploring Alexander's remarkable rise and fall from wealth, *Generation Desperation* grapples with the vital questions of our age: what do class and status mean in a late-stage capitalist society? Can everyone really build the life they want? Or is there a cost to pursuing money above everything?

Generation Desperation is an urgent, unmissable fable for our times.

Sales Points

- **TIMELY SUBJECT:** Millennials and Gen Z-ers regularly hit headlines as the generations likely to be less well off than their parents (for the first time in history), having lived through financial crises such as the 2008 crash and the Covid pandemic. Alexander's story is both unique to him and a glimpse into the lives of an entire generation.
- **WIDE APPEAL:** This is THE TRADING GAME (132k TCM) meets THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MONEY (230k TCM): part a memoir of trading and dramatic economic success, part a reflection on the cost of pursuing money at the expense of everything else. Trading as a subject has enduring fascination in entertainment and culture, from *The Wolf of Wall Street* to *Industry*, and so this book will reach a huge number of people through its appeal.
- **STRATEGICALLY TIMED PUBLICATION:** This is set to publish in January, a time of year where money is at the forefront of people's minds as they set New Year's resolutions and recover from Christmas spending.
- **ENGAGED AND IMPRESSIVE AUTHOR:** Alexander tells his story with honesty and humility. He is well-connected through his journalist background and experts endorsements from the likes of **SIMON KUPER** - 'A fantastically compelling personal story that is also the story of a generation.' - and reviews across several publications.

Reviews

- 'A fantastically compelling personal story that is also the story of a generation. Hurst captures millennial desperation about money, and the seduction of get-rich-quick stories in the social-media era. Told with perfect timing.' - Simon Kuper
- 'A cautionary tale to young men raised on internet hustle culture . . . *Generation Desperation* is a riveting, tender, and painfully timely epic about what really matters.' - Angelica Ferrara
- 'A clever and brutally honest, zeitgeisty tale.' - Lindsey Tramuta

Author Biography

Alexander Hurst is a writer whose longform articles and essays have appeared in places like the *Guardian*, *Hazlitt*, *The New Republic*, *Eater*, the *American Prospect*, and the *Caravan*. He has an undergraduate degree from Amherst College, Massachusetts, an MSc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics, and an MA in Public Policy from Sciences Po, where he has also taught a first-year seminar on US politics. He writes a twice-monthly column about life, society, culture, and European issues for the *Guardian*. He lives in Paris.

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The Wolf of Investing My Playbook for Making a Fortune on the Stock Market - the essential guide to building wealth from the Wolf of Wall Street

Jordan Belfort

Keynote

From the "raw and frequently hilarious" (*The New York Times*) investment guru and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Wolf of Wall Street* who inspired the Oscar-winning film of the same name, a witty and clear-eyed guide for anyone who wants to play the stock market to their advantage and learn the secrets of a top Wall Street investor.

Description

From Jordan Belfort, author of *The Way of the Wolf* and subject of the hit movie *The Wolf of Wall Street*, comes his long-anticipated guide for mastering the stock market. *The Wolf of Investing* teaches you when to buy, sell, hold, and cash out; how to make smarter (and safer) investments; and how to build significant wealth over both the short- and long-term. Unlike traditional investment books, each page of Jordan's lessons, colorful stories, and principles entertains you with the charismatic swagger portrayed so famously on the silver screen by Leonardo DiCaprio.

When Belfort's brother-in-law, Fernando, lost nearly \$100,000 dollars in investments in under sixty days, Jordan sat him down for some tough love. Using the financial acumen and insider's knowledge he learned during his time working on Wall Street, Jordan taught Fernando how to turn his portfolio around. Along the way, he explained which decisions were bad and why, as well as how to pivot from failure to success.

Belfort teaches you everything you need to know about savvy investing—even if, like Fernando, whatever stock you've touched has turned to yesterday's trash. As you read this guide, you will not only learn life's most profitable lessons, but you'll also laugh out loud at Belfort's brazen honesty and salty wit. After being enraged by watching big banks steal money from individual investors, and determined to right the wrongs of his own infamous past, Belfort now shows regular investors how we can use Wall Street to *our* advantage.

Whether you're new to investing or want to take your portfolio to the next level, you will learn everything Belfort knows about the stock market from *The Wolf of Investing*.

Sales Points

- Jordan Belfort's WAY OF THE WOLF has sold over 250k copies since publication in 2018 and been an extraordinary international bestseller. This new book has every bit as much potential.
- Jordan has a massive audience, and since he published his most recent book, THE WAY OF THE WOLF (9/17) his platform has exploded from a 370K followers to 8MM. Jordan's fans can't get enough of his candid advice, and even though the Oscar-winning film inspired by Jordan's life and the *New York Times* bestselling book of the same name is approaching its 10-year anniversary, he is more relevant now than ever.
- Nearly half of Jordan's followers are on TikTok, allowing him to reach a new, younger generation of readers in addition to the millennial and Gen-X audiences he's already popular with. His large combined platform and his wide reach will allow this book to reach a larger audience than any of his previous projects.
- Jordan has lectured for countless Fortune 500 companies, top tier financial institutions, major healthcare corporations, and more, including HSBC, CNBC, Deutsche Bank, TED Talk, Sony, Forbes, MetLife Insurance and Wells Fargo. He's also actively involved with international groups, and has given lectures in over 35 different countries. Jordan is an expert in all things business, giving his book unbeatable authority.
- Jordan is highly connected, and he'll be utilizing his network in order to support the publication of his latest book. His famous friends include the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio, Martin Scorsese, James Parker, Michael Burnette, Russell Wilson, and Alex Rodriguez.

Author Biography

Jordan Belfort was born in Queens, New York. He hustled ices to put himself through college, showing early entrepreneurial flair. His first business sent him bankrupt at twenty-four so he went down to Wall St with \$100 in his pocket and ended up building one of the largest brokerages in America - the now infamous Stratton Oakmont. A hard partying lifestyle ended in crash and burn. Ultimately indicted by the federal government, Belfort served twenty-two months in prison, and time in rehab. He's now a highly successful motivational speaker.

His story has been made into a Golden Globe-winning and Academy Award-nominated film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Martin Scorsese. He is currently living in Los Angeles.



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 Main Identifier **9780349704531**
 BIC 2.1 **Of specific Gay & Lesbian interest (5S) Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)**

Binding **Paperback**
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 Extent **368 pages**
 Word Count **77000 words**
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK**
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Previous Titles
The Art of the Body (2019)

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Greatest of All Time

Alex Allison

Keynote

A beautifully tender novel about queer love, coming-of-age and becoming a man in the masculine world of sport

Description

'A charming and tender look at love and the beautiful game' Eliza Clark

'Raw and propulsive' Lara Williams

'Delicate, devastating, brilliant - I loved it' Ashley Hickson-Lovelace

Samson Kabarebe is on the verge of stardom. At just nineteen, he's poised to take the football world by storm. Joining a struggling Premier League team, he steps into the spotlight, taking over the position-and squad number-of a rising homegrown talent who is wrestling with his own dreams and desires.

What begins as resentment between the two young athletes quickly evolves into an intense, undeniable bond. Samson's fiery drive, electrifying skills and irresistible charm spark a transformation, not just in the fortunes of the team, but in the lives around him. As their connection deepens, the story hurtles into a high-stakes world of competition, passion and raw want. Both men are forced to confront the pressures of masculinity, the ever-present threat of scandal, and the fragile balance of living in a body that could betray you at any moment.

With humour, heart and a touch of rebellion, this tender novel explores queer love and the trials of growing up in the hyper-masculine world of sport.

'Alex Allison has such a strong voice and is such a remarkable talent. I hope to be reading his work for many years to come' Naomi Ishiguro

'Compelling . . . a gentle reminder of what we allow ourselves to suffer in the name of love' Justin Myers

Sales Points

- **AN INTERSECTIONAL NARRATIVE:** Allison deftly navigates a queer coming-of-age under the scrutinising eye of the public in the hyper-masculine, heteronormative environment of professional football, exploring the complexities of class and sexuality through a fresh lens.
- **WIDE-RANGING COMPS:** *Greatest of All Time* will appeal to fans of works that utilise the world of sport to deconstruct society's boundaries and prejudices, such as Ross Raisin's *A Natural* and Ashley Hickson-Lovence's *Your Show*, but also readers of literary queer coming-of-age narratives with a deeply emotional relationship at their centre like André Aciman's *Call Me by Your Name* and Philippe Besson's *Lie With Me*.
- **WORLDWIDE CONVERSATIONS:** With the World Cup upcoming in 2026, *Greatest of All Time* is well-placed to make the most of heightened national and international interest in football and join the wider conversations concerning class, sexuality and race that surround the sport.
- **MAINSTREAM APPEAL:** Whilst *Greatest of All Time* will benefit from the increasing interest in football media, from *Ted Lasso* to *Dear England* to *The Beautiful Game*, and has already been featured in *The Times* article 'Can a new wave of football books get men to read?', its tender explorations of queerness, coming-of-age and the pursuit of excellence will set it beside the likes of *Challengers* with its mainstream appeal.
- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Alex's debut novel, *The Art of the Body*, was a winner of the 2020 Somerset Maugham Award and longlisted for the 2020 Desmond Elliott Prize.

Author Biography

Alex Allison (b. 1991) lives and works in London. Alex is a graduate of the Centre for New Writing MA at University of Manchester. His debut novel, *The Art of the Body*, was published in 2019. It won a Somerset Maugham Award and was longlisted for the Desmond Elliot Prize. Alex is a fan and co-owner of AFC Wimbledon.



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 BIC 2.1 **Coping with anxiety & phobias (VFJP) Self-help & personal development (VS) Clinical psychology (MMJ) Health psychology (MBNH9)**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **A Format**
 Depth **22mm**
 Extent **256 pages**
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 Illustrations **20 b/w illustrations**
 Series **How To Beat**
 Exclusively for Sale **Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Author living in **Newcastle-upon-Tyne**
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How to Beat Panic

A brief, evidence-based self-help treatment

Pamela Myles-Hooton

Keynote

The perfect resource for helping you to beat your panic attacks or panic disorder, either by yourself or with the support of a health professional.

Description

This book will help you to both understand your panic cycle and learn techniques so that you can better deal with symptoms of panic. Written in a friendly, engaging (and jargon-free!) style, this self-help guide encourages interactive reading through tables, illustrations and worksheets. It also has some handy top tips on how to deal with any setbacks along the way. Case studies illustrate the use of the therapy and demonstrate how you can face your fears through gradual exposure.

The **How to Beat** series of books has emerged from recent, revolutionary healthcare service innovations which have made effective psychological treatments available to more people than ever before. The books are designed to allow those who experience common mental health problems to either help themselves to recover or get the best possible benefit out of their contact with health professionals. They contain easy to understand treatments drawn from cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) which is recommended by the scientific evidence. They are written by authors with considerable experience in the field of CBT training, research and clinical practice.

Sales Points

- Replacement title as part of a relaunch of this concise series of books for mental health problems. The revamped titles will no longer have strict fidelity to IAPT, which limited sales to England. The advice and guidance will be applicable worldwide.
- Evidence-based, simple and clear advice that can be used without needing a clinician/therapist to guide you through every stage.

Author Biography

Pamela Myles-Hooton is an honorary fellow of the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP). She worked as a cognitive behavioural therapist for over twenty years. For eleven years she was based at the University of Reading where she oversaw the training of hundreds of mental health practitioners to deliver evidence-based psychological interventions for adults, children and young people experiencing common mental health problems. Pamela is author of *How to Beat Agoraphobia* and co-wrote *The CBT Handbook*, which has been used by many people to overcome problems with anxiety, depression and anger. She also co-wrote *Living Well with Type 2 Diabetes* which has been used by many people to better understand, and be empowered to prevent, improve and manage their illness.



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Previous Titles

Deathless (2012)

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making (2012)

The Girl Who Fell Beneath Fairyland and Led the Revels There (2013)

The Girl Who Soared Over Fairyland and Cut the Moon in Two (2014)

The Boy Who Lost Fairyland (2015)

The Girl Who Raced Fairyland All the Way Home (2016)

Space Opera (2018)

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2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
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Space Oddity

Catherynne M. Valente

Keynote

The greatest contest in the galaxy is back! Return to the world of the hilarious *Space Opera* in this electric new novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Catherynne M. Valente.

Description

'Like Douglas Adams writing on a sugar high' *Publishers Weekly*

The greatest contest in the galaxy is back! The stakes are high, the stage is electric, the glam is on point, and yet again the fate Planet Earth depends on the players' ability to ROCK.

Yes, yes, of course Decibel Jones and the Absolute Zeroes saved the world. But what have they done for us lately?

The Metagalactic Grand Prix is back. The stage is set for the 101st season of this part-gladiatorial contest, part-beauty pageant, part-concert extravaganza, and the stakes couldn't be higher.

But while Decibel Jones and the Absolute Zeroes are busy preparing for the contest (after finishing in tenth place the last time round) the fate of the Earth is once again threatened.

Malevolent forces are gathering, hatching a nefarious plot to disrupt the peace and take down these upstarts. But will humanity be able to rise again?

Return to the world of the hilarious *Space Opera* in this exhilarating new novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Catherynne M. Valente.

'Electric and breathless, it has the heart of Douglas Adams and the soul of David Bowie' *Chuck Wendig on SPACE OPERA*

Sales Points

- The first book in this series, *Space Opera*, was a finalist for both the Hugo Award for best novel 2019 and the Locus Award for Best Science Fiction Novel 2019
- Although this is a sequel to *Space Opera* it can also be enjoyed as a standalone

Reviews

- **'Valente's signature stylistic whimsy is very much on display here, and fans will certainly enjoy this answer to 'what happens after you save the world'' - *Booklist***
- **'Like Douglas Adams writing on a sugar high' - *Publishers Weekly***
- **'Cat Valente is the Ray Bradbury of her generation' - *TIME Magazine***
- **'Cat Valente is mad and brilliant and no one else would have even thought of this, much less pulled it off' - *John Scalzi on SPACE OPERA***

Author Biography

Catherynne M. Valente is an acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling creator of over forty works of fantasy and science fiction, including the Fairyland novels and *The Glass Town Game*. She has been nominated for the Nebula and World Fantasy awards, and has won the Otherwise (formerly Tiptree), Hugo, and Andre Norton award. She lives on a small island off the coast of Maine with her partner, young son, and a shockingly large cat with most excellent tufts.



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Previous Titles

PEACE TALKS - BOOK 16 IN SERIES
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1st Serial	Tawanna Sullivan
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Twelve Months The Dresden Files Book 18

Jim Butcher

Keynote

Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, has always managed to save the day - but, in this powerful entry in the No. 1 *New York Times* and No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling Dresden Files, can he save himself?

Description

Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, has always managed to save the day - but, in this powerful entry in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Dresden Files, can he save himself?

One year. 365 days. Twelve months.

Harry Dresden has been through a lot, and so has his city. After Harry and his allies narrowly managed to save Chicago from being razed to the ground, everything is different-and it's not just the current lack of electricity.

In the battle, Harry lost people he cared about. And that's the kind of loss that takes a toll. Harry being Harry, he's doing his level best to help the city and his friends recover and rebuild. But it's a heavy load, and he needs time.

But time is one thing Harry doesn't have. Ghouls are prowling Chicago and taking out innocent civilians. Harry's brother is dying, and Harry doesn't know how to help him. And last but certainly not least, the Winter Queen of the Fae has allied with the White Court of vampires-and Harry's been betrothed to the seductive, deadly vampire Lara Raith to seal the deal.

It's been a tough year. More than ever, the city needs Harry Dresden the wizard-but after loss and grief, is there enough left of Harry Dresden the man to rise to the challenge?

Sales Points

- The previous Dresden Files novels, PEACE TALKS and BATTLEGROUNDS, were both ***Sunday Times* bestsellers**
- This year **the *New York Times* are doing a feature on Jim Butcher** for the 25th anniversary of this series
- Fans of this series have had a long wait for the next instalment - **the excitement around this publications is already HUGE**
- Orbit are working with Penguin on a joined up global marketing campaign to make this **Jim Butcher's biggest publication yet**

Reviews

- 'The Dresden Files is my favourite series ever. I say that both as a writer and a reader . . . I don't make statements like that casually' - Patrick Rothfuss, author of THE NAME OF THE WIND
- 'Butcher's storytelling is satisfying on a level that's bone-deep' - io9
- 'Harry Dresden has a vitality that few urban fantasy heroes can match' - SFX

Author Biography

Jim Butcher is the author of the Dresden Files, the Codex Alera and the Cinder Spires series. His résumé includes a laundry list of skills which were useful a couple of centuries ago, and he plays guitar quite badly. An avid gamer, Jim plays tabletop games in varying systems, a variety of video games and LARPs whenever he can make time for it. He currently resides mostly inside his own head, but his head can generally be found in his home town of Independence, Missouri.



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The Woman in the Wallpaper

The spellbinding debut novel for readers of *The Miniaturist* and *The Yellow Wallpaper*

Lora Jones

Keynote

The Miniaturist meets *The Yellow Wallpaper* in this sumptuous debut novel about three women whose fates collide in a wallpaper factory on the eve of the French Revolution.

Description

Paris, 1789. The Oberst Factory, which crafts exquisite wallpaper for the most fashionable French homes, is a place shrouded in mystery. Most enigmatic is the woman pictured in each of its prints, rumoured to be the late Mrs Oberst, who died in peculiar circumstances.

When sisters Lara and Sofi arrive there for work, they quickly form a friendship with Josef Oberst, the motherless heir to the factory. Whilst Sofi's political fervour intensifies, Lara is disturbed by the uncanny way her life appears mirrored in the wallpaper. Meanwhile Hortense, Josef's spoilt aristocratic wife, is similarly unnerved by the scenes that line the walls of her new home. With the mobs growing ever more violent, is she in danger of meeting the same untimely end as the last Mrs Oberst?

As revolution blazes across France, the lives of Sofi, Lara and Hortense are set to collide in unimaginable and irrevocable ways. Can they change what lies ahead, or are some patterns destined to be repeated?

Sales Points

- **A PROVEN MARKET:** this novel combines a lightly fantastical element with rich historical detail and a sweeping plot. It is **perfect for readers of *The Miniaturist*, *The Doll Factory* and *Pandora* (43K PBs TCM).**
- **A FEMALE LENS ON ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC EPISODES IN HISTORY:** the **French Revolution is of perennial interest** - this novel particularly examines the **role of women**, both as victims of the guillotine and as revolutionaries themselves, for example in *The Women's March on Versailles*.
- **EXCEPTIONAL REVIEWS:** the novel received a **plethora of quotes from star-studded authors and countless five-star bookseller and critical reviews.**

Reviews

- **'Spellbinding and decadent . . . an astounding debut'** - Susan Stokes-Chapman, author of *PANDORA*
- **'An enthralling story, deftly plotted.'** - Hester Musson, author of *THE BEHOLDERS*
- **'Vivid, passionate and beautifully woven'** - Harriet Constable, author of *THE INSTRUMENTALIST*
- **'An astonishingly accomplished debut'** - Cari Thomas, author of *SHADOWSTITCH*

Author Biography

After studying English Literature at Durham University, Lora Jones began her career working in the TV industry in London, writing factual programme content and comedy material for the BBC, Channel 4 and others. She now lives high amongst the rugged hills of North Wales, where she is currently rewilding an ex-sheep farm. In her spare time she paints wildlife. *The Woman in the Wallpaper* is her first novel.

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Extent	160 pages
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Not for Sale	USA
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Author born in	London, England
Author living in	South Coast, England

Previous Titles

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Poor Cow

A Virago Modern Classic

Nell Dunn

Keynote

An exuberant, pink-lipsticked, bestselling tale of London life, love and young motherhood in the sixties - now reissued as part of the Classics with Bite collection.

Description

THE BESTSELLING CLASSIC OF SIXTIES LONDON

'Touching, truthful and fresh - a tour de force' **MARGARET DRABBLE**
'Hilarious, heartbreaking' **PARIS REVIEW**
'Her art is ignited by voice' **ALI SMITH, GUARDIAN**

Joy - twenty-one, bleach-blonde, a head full of dreams - walks down Fulham Broadway in a maternity dress and high suede shoes, carrying her week-old baby. Her husband Tom is a thief and on the proceeds of a job they move to a luxury flat in Ruislip, all new lino and fitted carpets. Then Tom is sent to prison, leaving Joy to move in with Auntie Emm - and to grapple with motherhood, modelling and unreliable men. Exuberant, earthy and tender, *Poor Cow* was a revelatory portrait of sixties London life.

INTRODUCED BY MARGARET DRABBLE

Sales Points

- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- **CLASSIC FILM:** Originally published in 1967, *Poor Cow* was a bestseller and made into a film starring Carol White and Terence Stamp, directed by Ken Loach
- **VIVID PORTRAIT OF 1960s MOTHERHOOD:** Like Margaret Drabble's *The Millstone*, Nell Dunn's frank, funny debut novel is a fascinating portrait of the joys and struggles of young motherhood in 60s London. *Poor Cow* is an astonishingly honest and un sentimental depiction of female desire.

Reviews

- 'Touching, truthful and fresh . . . written with an unselfconscious elegance that conceals its craft . . . A tour de force' - Margaret Drabble
- 'Hilarious, heartbreaking' - *Paris Review*

Author Biography

Nell Dunn (1936) is an English playwright, screenwriter and author. She was educated at a convent which she left at the age of fourteen.

She shot to fame with *Poor Cow* (1967) and *Up the Junction* (1963), both of which became successful films. *Up the Junction* won the John Llewellyn Rhys prize.

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Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
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Author born in	Barcelona, Spain
Author living in	Deceased
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In Diamond Square A Virago Modern Classic

Merce Rodoreda
Translated by **Peter Bush**

Keynote

First published in 1962, *IN DIAMOND SQUARE* considered the most important Catalan novel of all time and is a deeply moving depiction of love and survival during the Spanish Civil War.

Description

'A small masterpiece' **Colm Tóibín, *Daily Telegraph***

'The most beautiful novel published in Spain since the Civil War' **Gabriel Garcia Marquez**

'The fierce beauty of Rodoreda's writing makes it one of the masterpieces of modern European literature' **Independent**

I started walking and followed the walls rather than my footsteps, and came to Diamond Square: a box of old houses with the sky for a lid . . .

At a fiesta in early 1930s Barcelona, a young woman finds herself dancing with a stranger. Before long, they are married and living in small apartment on Diamond Square, where Natalia struggles to keep the family afloat while Joe - a charmer and dreamer - imagines that the rare pigeons he breeds on the roof will one day make their fortune.

But the joys and squabbles of everyday life are upended by the eruption of civil war. While Joe leaves Barcelona to fight the fascists, Natalia and her two children must survive in a city torn apart by violence and hunger - as one by one, the beloved birds fly away.

This shatteringly vivid portrait of a woman caught up in the convulsions of history is widely acclaimed as the most important Catalan novel of the twentieth century.

'An extremely moving love story translated from the Catalan, which reveals much about the Spanish civil war as ordinary, non-political people had to live it' **DIANA ATHILL**

'Go along with Natalia on her night out and you'll soon find you'd follow her anywhere. Rodoreda's writing pays such fierce and tender attention to the experience of being alive, and the tempest that ordinary life can be' **HELEN OYEYEMI**

Sales Points

- **A MASTERPIECE OF EUROPEAN LITERATURE:** This moving and compelling depiction of the Spanish Civil War in Barcelona will appeal to fans of Irene Nemirovsky and *Suite Française* or Hans Fallada's *Alone in Berlin*. Merce Rodoreda has been published in English by Penguin European Classics and Daunt, but this is acclaimed as her masterpiece.
- **LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION IS BOOMING:** Translated by the world-renowned translator Peter Bush, this is a perfect novel for literary readers of European classics.
- **AMAZING QUOTES:** Endorsed by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Colm Toibin, Diana Athill and Helen Oyeyemi, *IN DIAMOND SQUARE* has a raft of high-profile fans.
- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.

Reviews

- 'A small masterpiece' - Colm Toibin, *Daily Telegraph*
- 'I don't know how many times I have reread the book, including several times in Catalan, with such effort that speaks volumes to my devotion to the novel' - *Gabriel Garcia Marquez*
- 'Go along with Natalia on her night out and you'll soon find you'd follow her anywhere. Rodoreda's writing pays such fierce and tender attention to the experience of being alive, and the tempest that ordinary life can be' - *Helen Oyeyemi*
- 'A translator like this is essential . . . It is one of the few novels about women in wartime narrated by a working-class woman. History is filtered through the eyes of this complex woman, both given to flights of fancy and with her feet firmly on the ground. Here the epic struggle is not in the trenches, but in a young woman's fight to understand love and loss and to survive war and hunger. The fierce beauty of Rodoreda's writing makes it one of the masterpieces of modern European literature.' - *Independent*

Author Biography

Mercè Rodoreda is widely regarded as the most important Catalan writer of the twentieth



century. Exiled to France during the Spanish Civil War, she was only able to return to Barcelona in the mid-1960s, where she wrote several prize-winning novels.

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The Dud Avocado

Elaine Dundy, Introduction by Rachel Cooke

Keynote

A sparkling cult classic about sex, growing up and being an American in Paris - now reissued in the gorgeous new green spine design.

Description

'Funny, funny, funny. She's wicked and wise' **GRETA GERWIG**
 'One falls for Sally Jay Gorce from a great height from the first sentence' **OBSERVER**
 'Scandalous and entertaining . . . Both funny and true' **EVENING STANDARD**
 'One of the best novels about growing up fast' **GUARDIAN**

Here was all the gaiety and glory and sparkle I knew was going to be life if I could just grasp it . . .

Sally Jay Gorce is a girl hellbent on living. It's the 1950s and she's an American in Paris: witty, headstrong and disaster-prone. She dyes her hair pink, wears evening dresses in the daytime and prowls the Left Bank in search of love, adventure and fame. But an education like this doesn't come cheap. Will our heroine be forced back to the States to fulfill her destiny as a librarian, or can she keep up her whirlwind Parisian existence?

As effervescent as a champagne cocktail, *The Dud Avocado* is a deliciously funny cult classic.

Sales Points

- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- **IF GRETA GERWIG WROTE EMILY IN PARIS:** This sparkling cult classic is a deliciously funny vision of an American girl finding herself in 1950s Paris, dyeing her hair pink and drinking Pernod for breakfast in a ballgown. Perfect for fans of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.
- **CLASSICS WITH BITE:** From a dreamlike childhood in New Zealand to a darkly surreal coming-of-age in Edwardian Clapham; a madcap 20s in postwar Paris to a bittersweet last year in a fusty hotel; via a wedding in an affluent Black community, motherhood in war-torn Barcelona and the seedier side of swinging London - these are modern classics to surprise, delight, provoke and whisk you around the globe. A book for every stage of life.

Reviews

- 'A champagne cocktail ... Rich, invigorating, and deceptively simple to the taste ... One falls for Sally Jay Gorce from a great height from the first sentence' - *Observer*
- 'As delightful and delicate an examination of how it is to be twenty and in love and in Paris as I've ever read' - *Sunday Times*
- 'I had to tell someone how much I enjoyed *The Dud Avocado*. It made me laugh, scream, and guffaw (which, incidentally, is a great name for a law firm).' - Groucho Marx

Author Biography

Elaine Dundy (1921-2008) grew up in New York City and Long Island. After graduating from Sweet Briar College in 1943, she worked as an actress in Paris and, later, London, where she met her future husband, the theater critic Kenneth Tynan.

Dundy wrote three novels, *The Dud Avocado* (1958), *The Old Man and Me* (1964), and *The Injured Party* (1974); a play, *My Place* (produced in 1962); biographies of Elvis Presley and the actor Peter Finch; a study of Ferriday, *Louisiana*; and a memoir, *Life Itself!*

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 First published by Virago in 2010

Desert Of The Heart

Jane Rule, Introduction by Jackie Kay

Keynote

A classic of lesbian literature and a groundbreaking portrayal of queer love from 1964, now republished in Virago's green spine Classics With Bite style.

Description

This was the freedom she wanted, an animal freedom exposed to the emptiness of sky and land and water. As she stepped forward, Ann flipped into the water and was gone.

Evelyn Hall, running from her disastrous marriage of sixteen years, arrives in the neon-lit desert heat of 1950s Reno - the only place in America where she can apply for a quick divorce. Arriving at her guesthouse she meets free-spirited Ann Childs, a casino 'change girl' fifteen years her junior. Overwhelmed by both the vast, lonely beauty of the Nevada desert and her magnetic attraction to Ann, Evelyn must gamble all her own certainties and conventions to win a new kind of freedom.

Bold, witty and shimmering with desire, this groundbreaking 60s novel is an unforgettable queer classic.

INTRODUCED BY JACKIE KAY

'An undisputed lesbian classic' SARAH WATERS
'Intelligent and utterly believable' JOYCE CAROL OATES
'Brave, bold and brilliant' JACKIE KAY

Sales Points

- **NEW VIRAGO MODERN CLASSICS DESIGN:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- **INTRODUCED BY JACKIE KAY:** Kay's stunning introduction draws out the fearless and groundbreaking depiction of queer love on the novel's first publication in 1964: *Rule's book said 'you are not alone' . . . she literally not just changed lives by opened doors.* Acclaimed by Sarah Waters, Margaret Atwood and Joyce Carol Oates, this is a classic of lesbian literature ripe for rediscovery.
- **A QUEER ICON:** Rule's novel was adapted into the 1985 film *Desert Hearts*, a landmark of queer and independent filmmaking which blazed a trail for lesbian representation on screen

Author Biography

Jane Rule (1931-2007) was the author of several novels and essay collections, including the groundbreaking lesbian love story *Desert of the Heart* (1964), which was made into the feature film *Desert Hearts*. She was inducted into the Order of Canada in 2007. Born in New Jersey, Rule moved to Canada in 1956, and lived on Galiano Island, British Columbia, until her death at the age of seventy-six.

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The Transit of Venus The richly evocative modern classic

Shirley Hazzard

Keynote

The award-winning literary masterpiece of Shirley Hazzard - the story of two beautiful orphan sisters whose fates are as moving and wonderful, and yet as predestined, as the transits of the planets themselves. Now reissued as a Virago Classic with Bite

Description

'One of the great English-language novels of the twentieth century' *THE PARIS REVIEW*

'The Transit of Venus is astronomical: as sharp, remote and dazzling as a celestial body' LAUREN GROFF

'A wonderfully mysterious book . . . unforgettably rich' ANNE TYLER

The tragedy is not that love doesn't last. The tragedy is the love that lasts.

Two sisters, Caroline and Grace Bell, leave Australia to begin a new life in post-war England. Courted long and hopelessly by young scientist, Ted Tice, strong-willed Caro is to find that love brings both betrayal and hope. The milder Grace seeks fulfilment in an apparently happy marriage. But as the decades pass and their paths weave and cross across the world - from Sydney to London, New York to Stockholm - two slow-burning secrets wait in ambush for them.

Shirley Hazzard's breathtaking masterpiece is an intricately plotted Greek tragedy, a sweeping family saga, and a desperate love story.

Sales Points

- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** *The Transit of Venus* won the National Book Critics Circle Award. Hazzard's later novel *The Great Fire* won the Miles Franklin Award (2004) the National Book Award for fiction (2003) and was shortlisted for the Orange Prize (2004)
- **NEW CLASSICS WITH BITE:** Following the launch in January 2025 of the first set of 10 reimagined green spines (19.5k copies sold through the warehouse as of May 2025), we are publishing a new collection of 10 more handpicked titles from the VMC list in January 2026.
- **INTRODUCED BY LAUREN GROFF**
- **A SWEEPING LOVE STORY:** Spanning continents and three decades, *The Transit of Venus* is a breathtaking story of fate, family ties and doomed love.

Reviews

- *'The Transit of Venus is astronomical: as sharp, remote and dazzling as a celestial body. To read Shirley Hazzard's masterpiece for the first time is to be immediately submerged into a world in which language and character carry the reader along, gasping, in a current too strong to fight'* - Lauren Groff
- *'The Transit of Venus is one of the great English-language novels of the twentieth century'* - *Paris Review*
- *'An almost perfect novel . . . Hazzard writes as well as Stendhal'* - *New York Times*
- *'In The Transit of Venus, [Hazzard] brings a clarity and steeliness reminiscent of classical tragedy to her material-an extraordinary achievement'* - *Independent*

Author Biography

Born in Sydney in 1931 to a Welsh father and Scottish mother. After the end of the Second World War her father joined the Foreign Service and was posted in Hong Kong and there at the age of sixteen, Shirley Hazzard began working for the British Combined Intelligence Services before the family moved to New Zealand. At twenty she moved to New York and there she worked for the United Nations throughout much of the 1950s, which included a posting to Naples, a city that became much loved by her. She married Francis Steegmuller, translator and biographer in 1963 and they divided their time between Italy and New York. They were introduced by Muriel Spark.

Shirley Hazzard wrote three non-fiction books including a memoir of her friendship with Graham Greene, *Greene on Capri*. Her last novel, *The Great Fire*, won the 2003 National Book Award for fiction and the Miles Franklin Award, was shortlisted for The Women's Prize for Fiction (then called The Orange) and named a Book of the Year by *The Economist*. She died in 2016, aged eight-five.

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Author born in	London
Author living in	Deceased

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The Last of the Wine A Virago Modern Classic

Mary Renault

Keynote

Combining the scholarship of a historian with the imagination of a novelist, Mary Renault masterfully brings the ancient world to life in this page-turning drama of the Peloponnesian War.

Description

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- **GROUNDBREAKING QUEER LOVE STORY:** First published in 1956, THE LAST OF THE WINE was Renault's first historical fiction with an ancient Greek setting, and gave her the freedom to write about love between men.
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Mary Renault

Keynote

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Description

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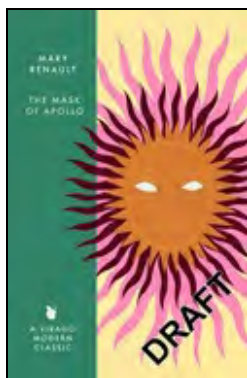
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Keynote

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City of Jackals

Aman J. Bedi

Keynote

Introducing the incredible sequel to *Kavithri*, a hard-boiled fantasy filled with mobsters, necromancers and bone-crunching battles.

Description

Kavi is unique - 'blessed' by the jinn, capable of terrible magical feats - and she has made it her mission to build a better future for her people, who have lived as outcasts for decades. That future looks closer than ever when Kavi assumes control of the unassuming Imperial Rickshaw Company.

Until it is brutally taken away from her by the notorious mobster Grishan, a man more dangerous than Kavi could ever expect.

Soon thrust into Raaya's criminal underworld as an enforcer, bouncer, boxer - Kavi is made to do Grishan's brutal bidding under the threat of what he might do to her people. But there's only so much Kavi can take. Only so far she can bend.

And when Kavi eventually breaks, whatever it costs her . . . there's going to be hell to pay.

Sales Points

- **FANTASY GANGSTER MOVIE:** This is the Indian inspired fantasy equivalent of films like Kill Bill, Enter the Dragon and Goodfellas.
- **INDIAN INSPIRATION:** The book draws directly from the author's cultural heritage and the history of post-colonial India. This is an angry but positive representation of empowerment and self-determination.
- **MAGICAL/TECHNOLOGICAL BLEND:** This world features a unique urbanesque magical landscape with steam rickshaws, magical lamps, giant Mechs, and more.

Reviews

- 'A richly detailed, darkly gritty world, and Kavi is such a compelling, sharp, and original heroine' - *Sunyi Dean, Sunday Times bestselling author of The Book Eaters*
- 'A striking examination of class, caste, and colonialism by way of wondrously creative magic and an underdog you can't help but root for' - *J.T. Greathouse, British Fantasy Award-nominated author of The Hand of the Sun King*
- 'An impressive debut in every sense - this grim and relentless exploration of colonialism, power, resistance and courage will leave readers shaken' - *Samit Basu, author of The Jinn-Bott of Shantiport*
- '*Kavithri* isn't your cozy bedtime story - it's a brutal journey of a berserker, a journey that seamlessly packs South Asian lore and progression fantasy into a relentless rollercoaster' - *Gourav Mohanty, author of Sons of Darkness*

Author Biography

Aman J. Bedi is the critically acclaimed author of the Ghosts of Ethuran series - *Kavithri* and *City of Jackals*. He was born in Mysore, India. He grew up in Vizag, studied in Bangalore, completed a PhD in experimental psychology at the University of Canterbury, and now lives and works in Melbourne, Australia.

His writing draws from modern Indian history and is influenced by writers and artists like David Gemmell, Samit Basu, Takehiko Inoue, and Kentaro Miura. His debut novel, *Kavithri*, was a finalist for the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy novel, and is shortlisted for the Aldiss Award.

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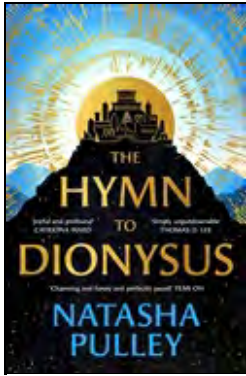
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The Hymn to Dionysus

Natasha Pulley

Keynote

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Years later, after a strange encounter that led to the death of his battalion, Phaidros has become a training master for young soldiers. He struggles with panic attacks and flashbacks, and he is not the only one: all around him, his fellow veterans are losing their minds.

Phaidros's risk of madness is not his only problem: his life has become entangled with Thebes's young crown prince, who wishes to escape the marriage his mother, the Queen, has chosen for him. When the prince vanishes, Phaidros is drawn into the search for him—a search that leads him to a blue-eyed witch named Dionysus, whose guidance is as wise as the events that surround him are strange. In Dionysus's company, Phaidros witnesses sudden outbursts of riots and unrest, and everywhere Dionysus goes, rumors follow about a new god, one sired by Zeus but lost in a fire.

In *The Hymn to Dionysus*, bestselling author Natasha Pulley transports us to an ancient empire on the edge of ruin to tell an utterly captivating story about a man needing a god to remind him how to be a human.

Praise for *The Hymn to Dionysus*

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'Witty, bittersweet, surprising, and compellingly readable' **Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review**

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'This is more than a story of love and escape and broken chains. This is more than an exquisitely crafted tale. This book is a candle in a dark hour' **Maya Deane, author of *Wrath Goddess Sing***

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Elyse John, author of *Orphia* and *Eurydicus*

'This novel twists the ideas of duty and honour, exploring the depths of humanity and the power of connection in a world consumed by chaos. An absolute must-read' **Crystal King, bestselling author of *In the Garden of Monsters* and *Feast of Sorrow***

Sales Points

- THE MARS HOUSE was a **BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB PICK**: the Radio 2 team said '*We absolutely loved it! Such a great story and brilliantly written*'. This new novel, *A HYMN TO DIONYSUS* is another tour de force, combining drama, danger and an intricate and satisfying plot with rich humour and historical detail.
- **A JAW-DROPPING HOOK**: this stunning novel brings together the power of Greek Tragedy at its finest with the claustrophobia and power of personal burn-out and exhaustion. Set in sun-baked ancient Thebes as the city turns into a pressure-cooker, it's a must-read for fans of Madeline Miller's *THE SONG OF ACHILLES* and of the psychologically twisty and compelling *LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET* by Catriona Ward.
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Reviews

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Author Biography

NATASHA PULLEY is the internationally bestselling author of *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street*. She has won a Betty Trask Award, been shortlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award, the Royal Society of Literature's Encore Award, and the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize, and been longlisted for the Walter Scott Prize.

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Imperfect Women

The blockbuster must-read novel of the year that everyone is talking about

Araminta Hall

Keynote

Three women. Three best friends. Three tragic deaths.

The new novel from bestselling writer, Araminta Hall, author of *OUR KIND OF CRUELTY*.

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And as the lies start to unravel, they realise they never knew their perfect friend at all.

She clearly had as many secrets as they do...

Sales Points

- Araminta Hall is a critically acclaimed suspense writer - her last novel *OUR KIND OF CRUELTY* earned her a quote from Gillian Flynn: 'one of the most disturbing thrillers I've read in years. I loved it, right down to the utterly chilling final line.'
- This is upmarket suspense at its very best - think Gillian Flynn writing with an even stronger feminist voice, Araminta Hall delves into the female psyche in an incredibly powerful way - the novel lends itself perfectly to both the crime and the book club market. Think Anna Hope meets Lisa Jewell.
- The NYT Book Review called *OUR KIND OF CRUELTY* 'A searing, chilling sliver of perfection' and Daphne Durham will publish this novel in Summer 2020 at FSG.

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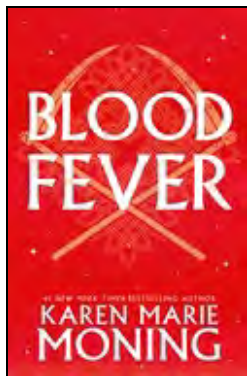
- '**A psychological thriller in the truest sense of the word:** a thoughtful examination of the psyche of three credible women with baggage and flaws. So much will resonate: not least Hall's exploration of gender politics and motherhood. At points I was folding pages repeatedly. **Deeply unsettling. Recommended.**' - *Sarah Vaughn*
- 'A brilliant exploration of the secrets and hidden lives women create for themselves as they try to navigate their way through life. The friendships are **real and touching**, the relationships are **consuming and passionate**. I read this in no time and really enjoyed the pace, flow and insights Araminta writes about. **A fabulous novel of modern love, life and people, with an excellent twist.**' - *Dorothy Koomson*

Author Biography

Araminta Hall has worked as a writer, journalist and teacher. Her first novel, *Everything & Nothing*, was published in 2011 and became a Richard & Judy read that year. Her second, *Dot*, was published in 2013, and her third, *Our Kind of Cruelty*, in 2018.

She has taught creative writing for many years at a variety of places, including New Writing South in Brighton, where she lives with her husband and three children.

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Author living in **Florida**

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Bloodfever

Karen Marie Moning

Keynote

From #1 *New York Times* bestseller Karen Marie Moning comes the first in an action packed urban fantasy series featuring a kick-ass heroine, hot Fae, steamy romance and witty banter

Description

A dark & steamy urban fantasy romance from viral BookTok and *New York Times* bestselling author Karen Marie Moning

In her fight to stay alive, MacKayla must find the Sinsar Dubh - a million-year-old book of the blackest magic imaginable, which holds the key to power over the worlds of both the Fae and Man. Pursued by assassins, surrounded by mysterious figures she knows she can't trust, Mac finds herself torn between two deadly and powerful men: V'lane, the immortal Fae Prince, and Jericho Barrons, a man as irresistible as he is dangerous.

For centuries the shadowy realm of the Fae has coexisted with that of humans. Now the walls between the two are coming down, and Mac is the only thing that stands between them.

READERS ARE GOING WILD FOR THE FEVER SERIES

'The writing is witty and just DAMN good'

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Sales Points

- **INSTANT PHENOMENON:** this series shot to the *New York Times* bestseller list in the late 2000s & has recently had renewed interest from BookTok, who have gone mad for the seductive mix of Celtic mythology, hot Fae men & witty banter
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Reviews

- 'A wonderful dark fantasy...give yourself a treat and read outside the box' - *Charlaine Harris on Dark Fever*
- 'Awesome stuff!' - *ROMANTIC TIMES*
- 'Addictively dark, erotic and even shocking' - *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

Author Biography

Karen Marie Moning is the No. 1 *NEW YORK TIMES*-bestselling author of 12 novels, including the *RITA AWARD*-winning Highlander novels and the internationally bestselling urban fantasy Fever series. Her books have been published in 21 languages, and her events draw fans from all over the world.



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Format **B Format**

Depth **44mm**

Extent **688 pages**

Word Count

Series **Fever**

Book locale **N/A**

Author living in **Florida**

Previous Titles

Darkfever, Bloodfever, Faefever,
Dreamfever

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Shadowfever

Karen Marie Moning

Keynote

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Description

A dark & steamy urban fantasy romance from viral BookTok and New York Times bestselling author Karen Marie Moning

In an epic battle between humans and Fae, the hunter becomes the hunted when the Sinsar Dubh turns on Mac and begins mowing a deadly path through those she loves.

Who can she turn to? Who can she trust? Who is the woman haunting her dreams? More important, who is Mac herself and what is the destiny she glimpses in the black and crimson designs of an ancient tarot card?

From the luxury of the Lord Master's penthouse to the sordid depths of an Unseelie nightclub, from the erotic bed of her lover to the terrifying bed of the Unseelie King, Mac's journey will force her to face the truth of her exile, and to make a choice that will either save the world... Or destroy it.

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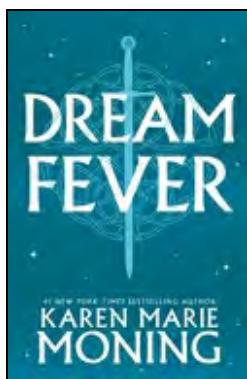
- This is a No. 1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling series.
- Already sold in 21 languages, Macayla Lane is an international success.
- Based in Dublin, this is a fresh new take on the urban fantasy genre.
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Extent **528 pages**

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Series **Fever**

Book locale **N/A**

Author living in **Florida**

Previous Titles

Darkfever, Bloodfever, Faefever

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Description

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When the walls between Man and Fae come crashing down, freeing the insatiable, immortal Unseelie from their icy prison, MacKayla Lane is caught in a deadly trap. Captured by the Fae Lord Master, she is left with no memory of who or what she is.

Clawing her way back from oblivion is only the first step Mac must take down a perilous path, from the battle-filled streets of Dublin to the treacherous politics of an ancient, secret sect, through the tangled lies of men who claim to be her allies into the illusory world of the Fae themselves, where nothing is as it seems - and Mac is forced to face a soul-shattering truth.

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- 'Great detail and non-stop action' - *DARQUE REVIEWS*

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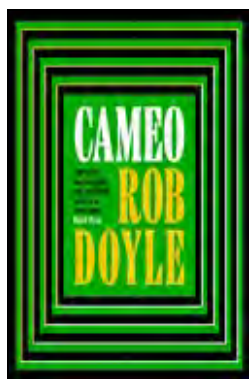
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Cameo

'A social satirist of the highest order' BENJAMIN MYERS

Rob Doyle

Keynote

The new novel from Irish Book Award-shortlisted author Rob Doyle; the story of the life of an invented novelist who has runaway success - a daring comedy and dazzling meditation on fiction and reality

Description

'A writer living and thinking his way to the frontiers of human society' *Spectator*

Cameo is the life story of invented Irish novelist Ren Duka, who has unexpected, runaway international success with a prolific series of autofictional novels.

What begins as a playful satire on literary ambition and the chaos of our times expands into a dazzling, polyphonic odyssey that challenges the border between fiction and reality.

As the Ren Duka novels race outwards in widening circles of influence, we encounter Dina Tatangelo, cult novelist of the New York underworld; a Japanese manga artist whose work eerily affects his family life; a grizzled Dublin taxi driver who just might ferry his passengers between worlds; a film-star facing public disgrace; and Rob Doyle, an author enduring a psychic and ontological crisis.

Cameo is at once a metaphysical architecture of the imagination, a human comedy full of unruly passions, and a self-portrait across multiple dimensions.

Sales Points

- **DAZZLING LITERARY TALENT:** Rob Doyle has been shortlisted for Irish Book of the Year twice and his novel *Here Are The Young Men* was turned into a film starring Anya Taylor-Joy.
- **A UNIQUE EVOLUTION IN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL FICTION:** *Cameo* is about the life of an invented novelist who writes autofiction and has unprecedented success - a human comedy and fiendishly clever novel that will appeal to fans of Ben Lerner, Sheila Heti, Roberto Bolano, Percival Everett, Karl Ove Knausgard and *Question 7* by Richard Flanagan.
- **HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** Rob's vocal supporters include Rachel Kushner, Sebastian Barry, Ben Myers, John Boyne, Geoff Dyer, Lisa McInerney, Chris Power, Kevin Barry and many more. This new novel will make a splash in the literary world.

Reviews

- 'Doyle plumbs the bleaker aspects of literary life with startling precision and candor' - *New York Times* (on *This is the Ritual*)
- 'I was buzzing after reading *Threshold*: it's the kind of work you have to come down from - playful, potent, lurid, moving and fearless' - Lisa McInerney (on *Threshold*)
- 'Doyle's storytelling is compelling and engaging, suffused with wit, honesty and emotional intelligence' - *Irish Times* (on *This is the Ritual*)
- 'Extraordinary, quite unlike anything I've read before. It's fearless and challenging, inventive and compulsive, unique and utterly heartfelt. Masterful' - John Boyne (on *Threshold*)

Author Biography

Rob Doyle is the author of four internationally acclaimed books: *Autobiography*, *Threshold*, *This is the Ritual*, and *Here Are the Young Men* which was adapted as a film starring Anya Taylor-Joy and Dean-Charles Chapman, and was named as one of *Hot Press* magazine's '20 Greatest Irish Novels 1916-2016'. Doyle's writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Observer*, *TLS*, *Dublin Review*, and many other publications, and his work has been translated into several languages. He is the editor of an anthology published by Dalkey Archive Press, *The Other Irish Tradition*, and the book *In This Skull Hotel Where I Never Sleep*.

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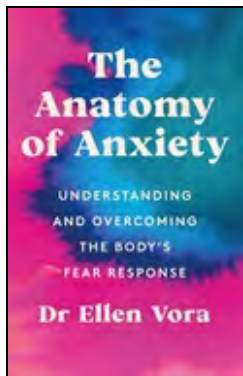
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The Anatomy of Anxiety Understanding and Overcoming the Body's Fear Response

Dr Ellen Vora

Keynote

From an acclaimed functional medicine psychiatrist, a ground-breaking approach to understanding and managing anxiety

Description

'A redeeming way to look at the condition, as not merely a burden but ultimately a blessing ... unexpectedly moving ... validating and hopeful' *Guardian*

Anxiety. It's all in your head, right? Wrong.

Psychiatrist Dr Ellen Vora challenges the conventional view of anxiety as a mental disorder, suggesting instead that much of what we call anxiety begins in the body. Rather than our troubled thoughts creating physical symptoms, she argues that many types of anxiety are the result of states of imbalance in our bodies, whether blood sugar crashes, caffeine highs or sleep deprivation.

Her clinical observation shows this type of anxiety is far more preventable than we may realise, responding almost immediately to straightforward adjustments to diet and lifestyle.

Backed by the latest scientific research and Dr Vora's own clinical work, *The Anatomy of Anxiety* offers a fresh, much needed look at mental health, offering actionable strategies for managing our moods.

She further argues that other forms of anxiety, when listened to and honoured instead of suppressed, can be seen as a course correction to help nudge us back to a more balanced life.

In her groundbreaking book, Dr Vora walks beside us through a healing process to reframe our relationship with anxiety, creating a more joyful and fulfilled life.

Sales Points

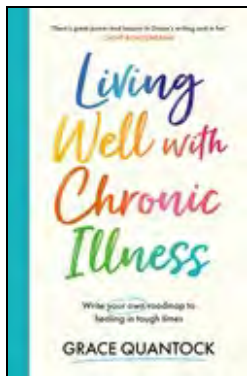
- **GROUND BREAKING:** instead of anxiety being troublesome thoughts manifesting in the body, as we commonly believe, Dr Ellen Vora says it is the result of our overtired, overstimulated bodies manifesting anxious thoughts. Address the body, change the mind.
- **SAME US PUBLISHING TEAM AS NICOLE LEPERA:** the latest project from US supereditor Julie Will, who broke out Nicole LePera's *How to Do the Work* as a number one *New York Times* bestseller.
- **HOLISTIC APPROACH:** working within the same paradigm as Nicole LePera and Bessel van der Kolk, this is a book that reinforces the mind/body connection.
- **PARADIGM SHIFTING:** this is *The Body Keeps the Score* for anxiety. A book that will change the way we talk about mental health.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Dr Vora is a graduate of Columbia Medical school who has been in clinical practice in New York City for two decades. She takes a functional medicine approach to mental health, considering the whole person and addressing the problem at the root, rather than reflexively prescribing medication to suppress symptoms. Her functional medicine approach to psychiatry has begun to garner wide acclaim in the wellness world.

Reviews

- "A redeeming way to look at the condition, as not merely a burden but ultimately a blessing ... unexpectedly moving ... validating and hopeful" - *The Guardian*, *The Guardian*

Author Biography

Ellen Vora, MD, received her B.A. from Yale University, graduated from Columbia University medical school, and is a board-certified psychiatrist, acupuncturist, and yoga teacher, specialising in depression, anxiety, insomnia, women's mental health, adult ADHD, bipolar, autoimmunity and digestive issues. She lives in New York City with her partner and daughter



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Living Well with Chronic Illness

Write your own roadmap to healing in tough times

Grace Quantock

Keynote

An empowering manual for living well with illness

Description

The definitive guide to finding your own way of living a vibrant, fulfilling life alongside chronic illness.

'There is great power in Grace's writing and in her' **Cathy Rentzenbrink, bestselling author of *The Last Act of Love***

Writer and psychotherapeutic counsellor Grace Quantock uses her personal experience of living with chronic illness for over two decades, and from thousands of hours working with disabled and chronically ill clients, to help you create a Healing Roadmap that truly fits you, your body and your life. Grace will equip you with all the information and resources you need on your journey of finding a good life with chronic illness.

From getting a diagnosis, to navigating struggling health and care systems, this guide can be used at any stage of your journey with chronic illness. Full of journaling prompts and tips, *Living Well With Chronic Illness* will help you discover what it means for you to live with chronic illness and how to best understand your body, as well as access support and advocate for yourself in tough times. This vital resource will help anyone struggling with chronic illness - as well as their friends and family members - to discover the psychological tools needed to live life to its fullest.

Sales Points

- **UNIQUE AUTHOR VOICE:** Grace has lived with multiple diagnoses for over two decades and in that time has also started a wellbeing blog, won multiple writing prizes, been featured in *The Guardian*, *The Daily Mirror*, *The Times*
- **ENDORSEMENTS:** We can guarantee endorsements from Cathy Rentzenbrink and Katherine May and will work to ensure the writing is strong enough to secure a lot more!
- **GAP IN THE MARKET:** We need more books from and for people like Grace. There is no book in the market right now addressing the topics Grace addresses in the positive and hopeful way that she does. We have the opportunity to meet the audience that needs this book with *Reclaim Your World*.
- **LARGE AUDIENCE:** over 26 million people in the UK live with at least one long term chronic illness and 10 million who have two or more.

Reviews

- 'Grace Quantock offers the possibility that with self-care and a kindness that acknowledges the preciousness of our individual experience, we might come to a place of living well with who and how we are.' - Dr Stella Duffy, Psychotherapist and Author.
- 'Packed with an absolute wealth of knowledge on self-care, mental health, and adaptive strategies for living with chronic illness, this comprehensive guide can help you find joy, resilience, and even a little hope while managing chronic illness. Highly recommend.' - Sarah Ramey, author of *The Lady's Handbook For Her Mysterious Illness*
- "There is great power in Grace's writing and in her" - Cathy Rentzenbrink, *Bestselling author of The Last Act of Love*

Author Biography

Grace is a London Library Emerging Writer and winner of A Writing Chance Award from Michael Sheen and New Writing North. She was shortlisted for The Nan Shepherd Prize in 2021 and the Writers and Artists Working-Class Writers' Prize.

Her writing has appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Metro* and *The New Statesman* and *The Welsh Agenda*; as well as appearing in *The New Yorker Online*, *The Observer*, *The Times*, *NPR*, *Marie Claire* and many more.

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Notes on a Drowning 'A high-octane, page-turning thriller' Jennie Godfrey

Anna Sharpe

Keynote

The razor-sharp debut thriller from Anna Sharpe. You couldn't save your sister, but maybe you can avenge hers...

Description

Alex knows she risks getting fired from her law firm if she takes on another unpaid case, but when she hears Rosa's desperate voice at the other end of the phone, she knows she has to help: the body of Rosa's shy teenage sister, **Natalia**, has been dragged, lifeless, from the Thames. **Alex can't help but think of her own missing little sister. She knows how a lack of answers can eat you alive.**

Kat has worked hard to become Special Adviser to the Home Secretary, and is eager to finally put the dark and tragic part of her past behind her. But when she discovers a series of cover-ups, she begins to wonder whether her seemingly perfect new boss could be involved. **Then she she's shocked to discover a letter that raises worrying questions about a girl found drowned in London... Natalia.**

There are complex and painful reasons for Alex and Kat not to work together, but when it becomes clear that there are powerful people involved in Natalia's death, and that other girls are at risk, **Alex and Kat must overcome their differences to find answers. Will they save the girls and discover the truth? Or will the high-powered players in this game stop Alex and Kat for good?**

Sales Points

- THE BOOK YOUR FAVOURITE CRIME WRITER WANTS TO READ - Anna has great contacts within the crime community, leading to a rush of proof requests from Liz Nugent, TM Logan, Kia Abdullah, Claire Douglas, Adele Parks, CL Taylor, Mick Herron, Imran Mahmood, Elly Griffiths, Tony Kent, Sarah Vaughan, Ruth Ware, Lucy Foley, Will Dean, and more!
- EXCITING NEW DIRECTION: This is a fresh new direction for award-winning and bestselling author, Anna Mazzola.
- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: Anna's debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award in the US and was nominated for the Historical Writers' Association's Debut Crown in the UK. Her second novel, *The Story Keeper*, was nominated for the Highland Book Prize. *The House of Whispers* was also nominated for a Crime Writers Association Dagger Award.
- COMPELLING AND TIMELY: Anna draws inspiration both from her experience as a criminal justice solicitor and stories of government corruption to create a thoroughly compelling and emotionally resonant legal thriller. In the story, we are confronted with the notion of justice as a scarce commodity for society's most vulnerable, and we examine how people in power might exploit this.

Author Biography

Anna Sharpe is the pseudonym of Anna Mazzola. She's the award-winning author of three historical thrillers plus one ghost novel. Her debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe award in the US. Her third novel, *The Clockwork Girl*, set in 18th century Paris, reached number 11 in the Sunday Times Chart

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Thin Air

The most chilling and compelling ghost story of the year

Michelle Paver

Keynote

A terrifying tale of a dark and deadly secret, beautifully told by million-copy bestseller, Michelle Paver

Description

FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR...

'The novel virtually defines a new genre: literary creepy ' **JEFFERY DEAVER**

'Paver is the mistress of suspense' **GUARDIAN**

'An atmospheric ghost story' **INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY**

The Himalayas, 1935.

Kangchenjunga. The sacred mountain. Biggest killer of them all.

Five Englishmen set off from Darjeeling, determined to conquer the sacred summit. But courage can only take them so far - and the mountain is not their only foe.

As the wind dies, the dread grows. Mountain sickness. The horrors of extreme altitude. A past that will not stay buried.

And sometimes, the truth does not set you free.

Sales Points

- *Thin Air* is a stunning new novel from one of the greatest gothic novelists of our time. Both her bestseller, *Dark Matter* and now this new novel demonstrate that Michelle is the master of historical atmosphere and heart-stopping suspense.
- *Thin Air* was Simon Mayo Radio 2 bookclub pick and went on to sell over 11,000 copies TCM in the autumn of 2016
- *Dark Matter* was an R&J pick and went on to sell over 20,000 hardbacks and 100,000 paperbacks through Bookscan alone.
- Michelle's children's series, *The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness*, has sold nearly one million copies since publication.
- *Dark Matter* is currently in active development for a major feature film release backed by BBC films

Reviews

- 'Taut and claustrophobic, *Thin Air* is a classic ghost story interwoven with a gripping exploration of the horrors men can inflict on each other in the name of ambition. Emotionally compelling and filled with the same creeping dread that filled the pages of *Dark Matter*, in *Thin Air*, Michelle Paver has secured herself a place at the summit of a genre mountain alongside the likes of M R James and Susan Hill.' - *Sarah Pinborough*
- 'A wonderfully atmospheric and hugely enjoyable ghost story' - Anthony Horowitz
- 'Evocative, chilling and superbly unsettling, it is very good indeed' - *BOOKSELLER*
- 'This gripping ghost story has moments of horror and beauty' - *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH*

Author Biography

Michelle Paver was born in central Africa and came to England as a child. After gaining a degree in Biochemistry from Oxford University, she worked as a solicitor before giving up the law to write full-time. Her books include the internationally bestselling *Wolf Brother* series for younger readers, and the acclaimed supernatural novels *Dark Matter*, *Thin Air*, and *Wakenhyrst*.

Market

Susan Hill; Sarah Waters; Kate Mosse; M R James



Oromay

War, betrayal and espionage in 1980s Ethiopia: a classic of African literature that sealed its author's fate

Baalu Girma

Translated by David DeGusta, Mesfin Felleke Yirgu

Keynote

A lost classic of African literature - an engrossing political thriller and a turbulent tale of love and war.

Description

"A modern classic" *Observer*

"Astonishing and compelling . . . Impossible to put down" Maaza Mengiste, author of *The Shadow King*

Ethiopia, 1982: After a decade of conflict, the government is determined to quash the Eritrean insurgency once and for all. As head of propaganda, it's Tsegaye's job to keep the people inside.

When the Red Star Campaign lands him in Asmara, Tsegaye is swept up in the city's nightlife, the bars and coffeehouses buzzing with spies and government agents. But even as Tsegaye begins to fall in love with Asmara – and with bold, dazzling, enigmatic Fiammetta – his misgivings about the campaign grow, and soon his loyalties will be tested to their limit.

Tsegaye is confronted with the horror of war when the army attacks the insurgents' mountain stronghold, and encounters betrayals that shake his faith in both the regime and human nature.

A masterpiece of Ethiopian literature, *Oromay* is a thrilling political satire and a turbulent tale of love and war. It became an instant sensation when first published in 1983 and was quickly banned. Baalu Girma vanished in 1984, most likely kidnapped and murdered by the same regime in retaliation for this novel.

Translated from Amharic by David DeGusta and Mesfin Felleke Yirgu

Sales Points

- The first official translation of what is generally considered Ethiopia's best-known novel.
- For readers of Maaza Mengiste, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Chinua Achebe, Namwali Serpell, Wole Soyinka.
- A refund classic in the vein of *A Different Drummer* (William Melvin Kelley), *The Passenger* (Ulrich Boschwitz) and *Suite Francaise* (Irène Némirovsky).
- Translator David DeGusta worked as a paleoanthropologist in Djibouti and Ethiopia, where he came across *Oromay*.

Reviews

- '*Oromay* is an astonishing and compelling tale of revolution and betrayal. It is also the story of Tsegaye - witty, observant, and dedicated - who finds love at the same time as he discovers how dangerous his world really is. Written with breathtaking psychological precision, Baalu Girma's novel is still frighteningly relevant today. *Oromay* is impossible to put down. As the last book ever written before Baalu Girma disappeared, what you have before you is also an uncompromising testimony to the power of words to outlast regimes. *Oromay* is a gift to a new generation of readers' - Maaza Mengiste, author of *The Shadow King*
- 'A startling, intimate and gripping saga of war-time Ethiopia turned topsy-turvy. In his brave dissection of rampaging power and evasive language, Girma recalls George Orwell and Aldous Huxley' - Okey Ndibe, author of *Foreign Gods, Inc.*
- 'A novel widely believed to have cost its author his life, a prayer against war, oppression and the erosion of our humanity. David DeGusta and Mesfin Felleke Yirgu have done an outstanding job translating *Oromay*, giving the world access to one of the most important and enduring works of literature in Ethiopia' - Djamilia Ibrahim, author of *Things are Good Now*
- 'Reading *Oromay* sent me back to when I first watched *Casablanca*. It has the same surefire set of ingredients that draws you into the story and makes you empathise with its characters. Eritrea in the 1980s, war, junta, coffee shops where local spies and CIA agents drink coffee, a love story . . . A gripping novel that has 'documentary' flavour' - Andrey Kurkov, author of *Death and the Penguin*

Author Biography

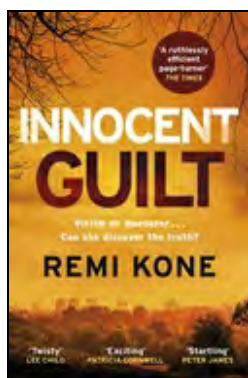
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Born in rural Ethiopia in 1939, BAALU GIRMA graduated from Addis Ababa University and later studied journalism in the United States. He rose to prominence in Ethiopia in the 1960s and 70s as both a journalist and novelist, eventually becoming a top official in the Ministry of Information under the Derg dictatorship. He wrote six popular and critically acclaimed Amharic-language novels: *Beyond the Horizon*, *The Bell of Conscience*, *The Call of the Red Star*, *Haddis*, *The Author* and his final novel, *Oromay*. His candid portrayal of the regime in *Oromay* caused a sensation and the government immediately banned the novel and fired Girma. Six months later, on Valentine's Day 1984, he vanished under suspicious circumstances. No definitive evidence has emerged as to Girma's fate, but the consensus is that he was murdered by the regime in retaliation for *Oromay*, which has since become one of Ethiopia's most famous and best-loved novels. It is partly for his courage in renouncing the hated Derg that Baalu Girma and *Oromay* hold such an honoured place in Ethiopian cultural history.

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Innocent Guilt a breathtaking new crime thriller that will keep you guessing

Remi Kone

Keynote

The breathtaking opening to a new series that redefines the crime thriller genre. Perfect for fans of Tana French, Dennis Lehane and *Line of Duty*.

Description

'A startling new crime talent' Peter James
'Impossible to put down' Patricia Cornwell

Victim or murderer . . .
Can she discover the truth?

On a misty autumn afternoon, a woman covered in blood clutching a baseball bat walks silently into a London police station. The two officers assigned to her case are DI Leah Hutch and DS Benjamin Randle.

But the woman refuses to speak. She is not injured and the blood on the bat is not hers. What has she done? Is she the victim or the perpetrator? As Leah and Randle start their inquiry, a man is found battered to death in a nearby park. Journalist Odie Reid receives a tip off and is determined to solve the case first, trying to link this death to the woman held in custody.

Leah and Odie have history and very quickly their cat and mouse game becomes personal, leading them both to the very darkest corners of their pasts.

'Twisty, deep and human . . . I want more from these characters and this author' Lee Child

'A pedal-to-the-metal trip into the scariest places in the human mind'
Christopher Brookmyre

'Breathtakingly original and completely captivating ...DI Leah Hutch is a new detective to die for' MJ Arlidge

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR:** fans of Tana French, Dennis Lehane and *Line of Duty*
- **UNPUTDOWNABLE:** *Innocent Guilt* is a totally gripping and page-turning crime thriller that flips the genre on its head
- **STAR AUTHOR:** B. M. Williams is a British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer who has worked on shows including *Killing Eve* and *Spooks*

Reviews

- 'Watch out for Remi Kone - she's a **startling new crime writing talent!**' - Peter James
- 'Remi Kone is **an exciting and powerful voice in dramatic storytelling**. She has a **cinematic command of language**, and her debut thriller *Innocent Guilt* is **impossible to put down**. It **will leave you wanting more** from this extremely insightful and talented writer' - Patricia Cornwell
- 'A great debut - **twisty, deep and human . . . I want more from these characters and this author!**' - Lee Child
- '**A pedal-to-the-metal trip into the scariest places in the human mind!**' - Christopher Brookmyre

Author Biography

British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer, **Remi Kone** has worked on a number of well-known television dramas, such as *KILLING EVE*, *SPOOKS* and *LEWIS*. She lives in London, and this is her first novel.

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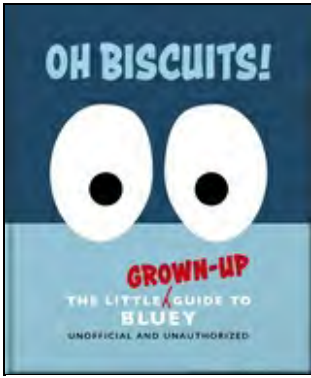
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Oh, Biscuits!: The Little (Grown-Up) Guide to Bluey

OH

Keynote

From belly laughs to quiet wisdom, a heartfelt collection of standout moments from the show that's taken the world by storm.

Description

Beloved not just by kids, but by parents and grown-up fans alike, *Bluey* has touched hearts around the globe. With its gentle humour, emotional depth and honest take on family life, this Australian animated gem has struck a chord far beyond its Brisbane roots.

This little guide brings together the show's most memorable moments - from joyful silliness to unexpectedly profound truths. Packed full of iconic quotes and sprinkled with behind-the-scenes tidbits and creator insights, this book is a delightful tribute to the show that reminds us all to slow down, be present and find meaning in the mess. Whether you're a long-time fan or a recent convert, keep this close for laughs, perspective and even the occasional tear - for real life.

Sample Content:

"I slipped on ma' beans!" - *Bingo (pretending to be Granny Rita) - the perfect line for those clumsy moments.*

"Have a cry, check. Pick myself up, check. Dust myself off, check. And keep going." - *Chilli and Bingo's touching reminder that big feelings are OK.*

The Heeler family is based on the Australian Cattle Dog breed. Six-year-old Bluey and dad, Bandit, are Blue Heelers, while mum, Chilli, and little sister, Bingo, are Red Heelers. Just like their real-life counterparts, Heelers are playful and full of personality.

"It was originally a kelpie, that was the last dog I had through my teenage years... I drew a little friend as a Blue Heeler. I just kept returning to this bright blue dog - and I thought, this is kids' TV... it was perfect." - *Joe Brumm, The show's creator*

Sales Points

- **A Global Phenomenon:** Broadcast in more than 60 countries, *Bluey* was the most streamed show in the US in 2024. It has won multiple awards, including an International Emmy Kids Award in 2019, and a Peabody Award in 2024.
- **For Grown-Ups Too:** *Bluey* inspires devotion amongst adults, especially parents. Through its humorous and authentic portrayal of modern family life, it has sparked conversations about parenting, work-life balance and embracing creativity.
- **A Reminder to Pause and Play:** Whether you're a parent, caregiver or simply young at heart, this book encourages you to slow down and find delight in ordinary, everyday moments.
- **A Heartfelt Gift:** Packed full of warmth and wisdom, this collection makes an uplifting gift for anyone navigating life's ups and downs.

Author Biography

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

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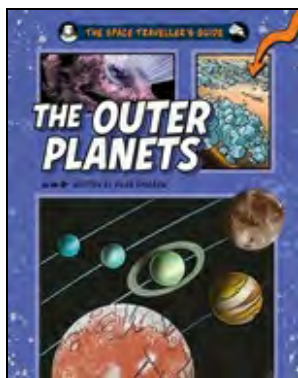
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The Space Traveller's Guide: The Outer Planets

Giles Sparrow

Keynote

Top tips for space travellers! Get to know the outer planets of your solar system in this up-close tour of key cosmic destinations

Description

Top tips for space travellers! Get to know the outer planets of your solar system in this up-close tour of key cosmic destinations.

The Space Traveller's Guide: The Outer Planets is a personal tour of the gassy and icy planets furthest from the Sun - Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune - plus a pit-stop among the comets, several amazing moons and even a look beyond the planets to the Kuiper Belt, Oort Cloud and of course the dwarf planets! Learn the unmissable formations at each location, from Saturn's Dragon Storm to the snow-spewing geysers on the surface of the moon Enceladus. Includes 'Traveller's Tips' for surviving extreme conditions in each spot, and don't miss the real-life tour photos at the back!

The Space Traveller's Guide series is the perfect one-stop-shop for space lovers, brought to you by expert astronomy and physics author Giles Sparrow. It includes astounding facts to inspire young space-travel hopefuls, plus humorous cartoons to draw them through the pages, and presents key science learning in an accessible format for readers aged 9 and up.

Contents list, *The Outer Planets*: The outer solar system / Jupiter / Io / Europa / Ganymede and Callisto / Saturn / Ringed wonder / Saturn's moons / Uranus / Neptune / Comets / Beyond the planets / Tour snapshots / Glossary / Resources / Index

The series includes: *Earth and the Inner Planets*, *The Outer Planets*, *The Sun and Stars* and *Space Exploration*

Sales Points

- From expert author Giles Sparrow, fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and author of bestselling books on astronomy and physics for children and adults
- Including 'Not to Miss' phenomena for each stop on the tour and 'Traveller's Tips' on the science of survival in these extreme environments paired with humorous cartoons of the advice in action
- Stylish illustrations and up-to-date astronomy fill the pages, ending with a spread of real-life photos of our amazing Universe

Author Biography

Giles Sparrow is an author specializing in astronomy and physics. He has written about everything from space technology to the history of science.

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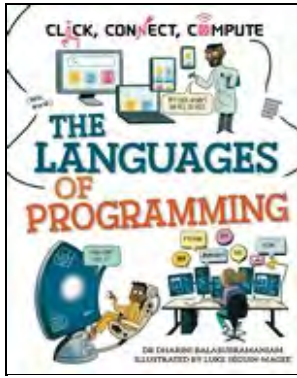
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Click, Connect, Compute: The Languages of Programming

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam (Illustrated By Luke Séguin-Magee)

Keynote

Computer language fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Description

Computer language fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

The Languages of Programming looks at the definitions and uses of languages, both natural and constructed. Readers will find out about the elements of a programming language, the best types of language to use at each stage of the software life cycle, and about the tools that help to solve difficult programming problems and complex tasks such as monitoring air traffic. And the end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, languages and robotics and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world.

Contents: What is a language? / Languages can come naturally ... / ... or languages can be constructed / Language types for CS / Even more languages! / It's all syntax and semantics / Ways of programming / Choose your language / Programming is a process / Tools to make our work easier / Case study: Blocks vs Python / The future of programming languages / Pioneer portraits / Further information / Glossary / Quiz yourself! / Index

The *Click, Connect, Compute* series untangles the computer science web and teaches children about the essentials of computer software, hardware and digital literacy, as well as discussing the ethics surrounding this evolving field. Featuring fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz, this is a perfect read for children aged 8+.

Books in the series: Computer Science Essentials / Data, Big and Small / Smart Machines / The Languages of Programming

Written in a clear, thoughtful way by computer science expert, Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam, a strong advocate for ethics and education in her field.

Sales Points

- Written by the Senior Lecturer and Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Outreach for Computer Science at University of St Andrews, the number one university in the UK (Guardian and Times rankings), Dr Dharini Balasubramaniam
- Includes comic strips and a quiz at the back to embed learning
- Encourages opportunities to discuss the future of tech and the ethics of computer science, strengthening critical thinking skills

Author Biography

Dharini Balasubramaniam (Author)

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the University of St Andrews in the UK. She briefly worked in software industry before turning to academia. She has taught Computer Science from first year to Masters level for a number of years. Her research interests are diverse, and include software systems, ethics in Computer Science, digital literacy and Computer Science education. She is particularly passionate about promoting Computer Science to school pupils as an exciting and accessible subject with wide-ranging career options. She enjoys reading, wildlife photography and long walks.

Luke Séguin-Magee (Illustrator)

Luke Séguin-Magee illustrates children's books and his own comics. He likes to wear a straw hat in the summer, pretend he can make music on his Cavaquinho, entertain his four kids and wife, chop wood, drink espresso and ride his bike. Luke hails from Canada and resides in Stockholm.

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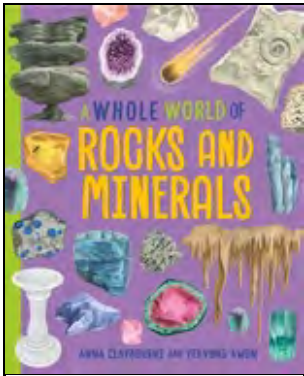
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A Whole World of...: Rocks and Minerals

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Yekyung Kwon)

Keynote

Get lost in the varied and shimmering world of rocks and minerals - with more to explore than you ever imagined! How do crystals form? What make some stones precious? Why is carbon so multi-talented? Learn this and more as you explore the clear artwork and facts about this fascinating part of nature!

Description

Get lost in the varied and shimmering world of rocks and minerals - with more to explore than you ever imagined!

A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals presents the stunning breadth of rock and mineral varieties that make up our Earth. How do crystals form? What make some stones precious? Why is carbon so multi-talented, and which type of rock contain most of the fossils we find? This book has the answers and so many more facts filling the beautifully illustrated pages.

A Whole World of is a book series looking at the extraordinary diversity of life on Earth - the defining features and evolutionary branches - and encourages readers age 7 and up to consider why it is important to maintain this diversity. Written by award-winning author, Anna Claybourne, with artwork by award-winning illustrator, Yekyung Kwon.

Books in the series:

A Whole World of Mammals/A Whole World of Prehistoric Life/A Whole World of Minibeasts/A Whole World of Birds/A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals/A Whole World of Plants and Fungi

Sales Points

- Written by award-winning author of over 150 books for children, Anna Claybourne and illustrated by award-winning, US-based South Korean illustrator Yekyung Kwon
- Connecting with key curriculum points across Key Stage 2 in areas of science, citizenship, geography and ecology
- Unique and compelling design and illustration with lots of labels and quick facts encircling detailed and realistic artwork

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.

Yekyung Kwon (Illustrator)

Yekyung was born and raised in South Korea and spent her childhood living in different cities in the US. She's now based in Dallas, Texas. Such experiences have melted into her art style, expressing diversity, using colourful shapes and patterns. She loves to draw delightful moods and imagery of affection, inspired by her old memories and daily emotions.

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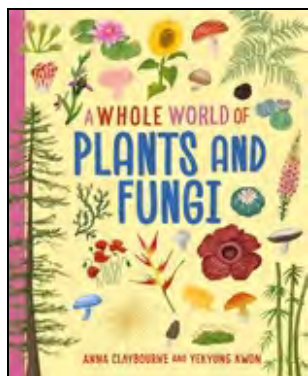
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Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Yekyung Kwon)

Keynote

Get lost in the diverse and beautiful world of plants and fungi - with more to explore than you ever imagined! What *is* the difference between a plant and a fungus? Which can survive in the driest deserts, and which prefer the hot, humid tropics? Learn this and more as you explore the clear artwork and facts about this fascinating part of nature!

Description

Get lost in the diverse and beautiful world of plants and fungi - with more to explore than you ever imagined!

A Whole World of Plants and Fungi presents the stunning breadth of plant and fungus varieties that fill the Earth. What *is* the difference between a plant and a fungus? What exactly is the purpose of a pine cone? Which plants can survive in the driest deserts, and which prefer the hot, humid tropics? This book has the answers and so many more facts filling the beautifully illustrated pages.

A Whole World of is a book series looking at the extraordinary diversity of life on Earth - the defining features and evolutionary branches - and encourages readers age 7 and up to consider why it is important to maintain biodiversity. Written by award-winning author, Anna Claybourne, with artwork by award-winning illustrator, Yekyung Kwon.

Books in the series:

A Whole World of Mammals/A Whole World of Prehistoric Life/A Whole World of Minibeasts/A Whole World of Birds/A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals/A Whole World of Plants and Fungi

Sales Points

- Written by award-winning author of over 150 books for children, Anna Claybourne and illustrated by award-winning, US-based South Korean illustrator Yekyung Kwon
- Connecting with key curriculum points across Key Stage 2 in areas of science, citizenship, geography and ecology
- Unique and compelling design and illustration with lots of labels and quick facts encircling detailed and realistic artwork

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.

Yekyung Kwon (Illustrator)

Yekyung was born and raised in South Korea and spent her childhood living in different cities in the US. She's now based in Dallas, Texas. Such experiences have melted into her art style, expressing diversity, using colourful shapes and patterns. She loves to draw delightful moods and imagery of affection, inspired by her old memories and daily emotions.

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Price **£9.99 / ₹799**

Main Identifier **9781445188546**

BIC 2.1 **Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)**

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

Binding **Paperback**
Format **295x240**
Depth **14mm**
Extent **32 pages**
Word Count
Series **A Whole World of...**

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

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

A Whole World of Mammals
A Whole World of Prehistoric Life
A Whole World of Minibeasts
A Whole World of Birds
A Whole World of Rocks and Minerals
A Whole World of Plants and Fungi

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Plant Fun: Tremendous Trees

Susie Williams (Illustrated By Hannah Tolson)

Keynote

Produced in partnership with the RHS, this brightly coloured, fun book for young children tells all about tremendous trees!

Description

Produced in partnership with the RHS, this brightly coloured, fun book for young children tells all about tremendous trees!

How do massive trees grow from tiny seeds? And what are trees and why are they so important? This book looks at the different parts of a tree, showing how animals and humans use trees and explaining why leaves turn brown in the autumn. It also shows some amazing trees from around the world, such as the oldest trees in the world such as the baobab and bristlecone trees and the extraordinary roots of the mangrove tree. A fun step-by-step activity at the back of the book encourages children to get hands on with nature.

Illustrated by Hannah Tolson with her bold and colourful style that will catch and keep children's attention!

Helping children to learn about plants and the natural world, the *Plant Fun* series connects children to the natural world. Covers topics such as plant growth, habitats and life cycles, perfect for children aged 5+.

Read the other titles in the series:
Clever Cacti, Fruitful Flowers, Super Seeds

Sales Points

- Illustrated by Hannah Tolson, with her simple, bold and colourful style that will catch children's attention
- Supports the key stage one science curriculum
- Includes a fun activity at the back of the book

Author Biography

Susie Williams (Author)

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

Hannah Tolson (Illustrator)

Hannah is a freelance illustrator. She has previously studied at Leeds College of Art and Falmouth University, gaining her degree in Illustration in 2013. She has since worked with a variety of publishers worldwide.

Publication date	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781526328694
BIC 2.1	Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) 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	203x203
Depth	4mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Plant Fun
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Publication date **Thursday, January 15, 2026**
 Price **£7.99 / ₹599**
 Main Identifier **9781526384331**
 BIC 2.1 **Picture storybooks (YBCS)**
Early learning: first experiences (YBLN)
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 **First Experiences**
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

Piper the Puppy: First Day At School
Piper the Puppy: Visits The Doctor
Piper the Puppy: Goes Swimming
Piper the Puppy: Goes on Holiday
Piper the Puppy: Visits Her Grandparents

First Experiences: Piper the Puppy and the New Baby Pat-a-Cake (Illustrated By Beth Hughes)

Keynote

A reassuring first experience story that's perfect for sharing with young children - with a fun game at the end!

Description

Mummy and Daddy have some VERY exciting news . . . Piper the Puppy is going to be a big sister for the first time!

But as Piper learns more about the baby growing in Mummy's tummy, she starts to worry . . .

What if she doesn't have room in her bed for the baby?
What if the baby cries all night?

Luckily, Mummy, Daddy, Granny, Pops, her older brother Finn and even her cuddly toys - Hippety, Hoggle and Bear - are all there to help reassure Piper just in time!

A gentle, reassuring first experience story about the excitement and nerves that come with waiting for a new sibling to arrive.

Also available:

Piper the Puppy: First Day At School
Piper the Puppy: Visits The Doctor
Piper the Puppy: Goes Swimming
Piper the Puppy: Goes on Holiday
Piper the Puppy: Visits Her Grandparents

Sales Points

- Engaging character-led first experience series, with over 60,000 copies sold worldwide
- With a picture glossary to introduce new vocabulary
- With a fun recap game at the end to encourage children to come back to the story time and again
- With brightly coloured and engaging artwork that's perfect for young children.

Author Biography

Pat-a-Cake (Author)

Pat-a-Cake takes you and your child on a magical journey. From sharing the very first baby book to watching your little one read all by themselves. The adventure begins here . . .

Beth Hughes (Illustrator)

Beth Hughes is an illustrator and concept artist who loves bright colors and silly animals. Based in the Midwest, they spend their days working on many fun projects, from picture books to animated television shows (when their dog and cat aren't demanding love and attention!)

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Plant Fun: Fruitful Flowers

Susie Williams (Illustrated By Hannah Tolson)

Keynote

Produced in partnership with the RHS, this brightly coloured, fun book for young children tells all about flowers

Description

Produced in partnership with the RHS, this brightly coloured, fun book for young children tells all about flowers.

Flowers are amazing. They come in many different shapes, sizes and colours. Some smell amazing, some smell absolutely disgusting! Flowers grow in woods, on mountains and even on water! This book tells you all about flowers, from their different parts to what these parts do. It explains all about pollination, why this is important and about the delicious fruits and seeds that flowers become. Then you can do a fun step-by-step activity to grow your own flowers and fruits to really get hands-on with nature.

Illustrated by Hannah Tolson with her bold and colourful style that will catch and keep children's attention!

Helping children to learn about plants and the natural world, the *Plant Fun* series connects children to the natural world. Covers topics such as plant growth, habitats and life cycles, perfect for children aged 5+.

Read the other titles in the series:

Clever Cacti, Super Seeds, Tremendous Trees

Sales Points

- Illustrated by Hannah Tolson, with her simple, bold and colourful style that will catch children's attention
- Supports the key stage one science curriculum
- Includes a fun activity at the back of the book

Author Biography

Susie Williams (Author)

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

Hannah Tolson (Illustrator)

Hannah is a freelance illustrator. She has previously studied at Leeds College of Art and Falmouth University, gaining her degree in Illustration in 2013. She has since worked with a variety of publishers worldwide.

Publication date	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781526328670
BIC 2.1	Social issues: environment & green issues (Children's / Teenage) (YXZG) Natural history (Children's/ Teenage) (YNN) 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 Format	Paperback 203x203
Depth	6mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Plant Fun
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Publication date	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Price	£14.99 / ₹1099
Main Identifier	9781444970012
BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS) Animal stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFP) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA)

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

Binding	Hardback
Format	300x240
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Author born in	Germany
Author living in	Sheffield

Previous Titles

The Magic Feather
Waiting for Wolf

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 Underwater Moon

Sandra Dieckmann

Keynote

Little Mouse believes she's the only one living beneath the quiet, shimmering moon. Until one night, when it comes crashing down from the sky, others emerge from the darkness... A beautifully illustrated tale about friendship, community and sharing the wonders of the world, by Sandra Dieckmann.

Description

Mouse loves spending her evenings talking to Moon about her thoughts and dreams, believing they are the only ones in the whole wide world. So, when the moon comes plummeting down into the endless ocean, Mouse sets off to save her only friend alone.

But it turns out Mouse isn't the only one who misses Moon's shimmering glow. And as the animals unite to help place it back in the sky, Mouse begins to see her moon - and the world - in a whole new light . . .

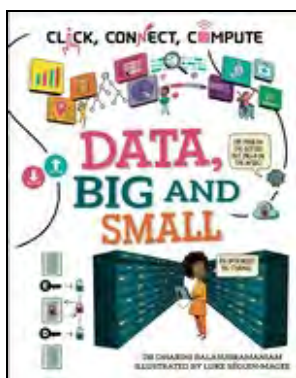
A magical and exquisitely illustrated story about how even the smallest voices can bring a whole community together, by Sandra Dieckmann, the creator of *The Magic Fether, Leaf and Waiting for Wolf*.

Sales Points

- Sandra Dieckmann's debut picture book *Leaf* was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the AOI World Illustration Award.
- The perfect bedtime story with a night-time setting - featuring a light message about being mindful that we share the world around us
- Stunningly illustrated throughout in Sandra's inimitable style, this beautiful foiled hardback is the perfect gift for any child

Author Biography

Sandra Dieckmann is an illustrator, author and maker. Her work is deeply inspired by all that's weird and wonderful in nature, drifting thoughts and dreams. She was born in the north of Germany but lives and works in Sheffield. Her first book as author and illustrator, *Leaf*, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the AOI World Illustration Award.



Click, Connect, Compute: Data, Big and Small

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam (Illustrated By Luke Séguin-Magee)

Keynote

Data science fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Description

Data science fundamentals, using clear, expert explanations and comic illustrations to spark interest and enthusiasm in the next generation of computer scientists!

Data, Big and Small delves into the details behind computer science data and information, which help people and organisations to make decisions. Learn how and why data are created, stored and shared. Find out how we make sense of information through graphs, maps and pictures, and understand how machines learn from the data that we feed them. The end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, data and robotics, and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world.

Contents: What are data? / Data, information and knowledge / Data are vital / Where do data come from? / Getting the format right / Storing all those data / The value is in the processing / Picture it! / Big data / Getting the most out of data / Keeping data secure / A trip into the future of data ... / Pioneer portraits / Further information / Glossary / Quiz yourself! / Index

The *Click, Connect, Compute* series untangles the computer science web and teaches children about the essentials of computer software, hardware and digital literacy as well as discussing the ethics surrounding this evolving field. Featuring fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz, this is a perfect read for children aged 8+.

Books in the series: Computer Science Essentials / Data, Big and Small / Smart Machines / The Languages of Programming

Written in a clear, thoughtful way by computer science expert, Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam, a strong advocate for ethics and education in her field.

Sales Points

- Written by the Senior Lecturer and Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Outreach for Computer Science at University of St Andrews, the number one university in the UK (Guardian and Times rankings), Dr Dharini Balasubramaniam
- Includes comic strips and a quiz at the back to embed learning
- Encourages opportunities to discuss the future of tech and the ethics of computer science, strengthening critical thinking skills

Author Biography

Dharini Balasubramaniam (Author)

Dr. Dharini Balasubramaniam is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the University of St Andrews in the UK. She briefly worked in software industry before turning to academia. She has taught Computer Science from first year to Masters level for a number of years. Her research interests are diverse, and include software systems, ethics in Computer Science, digital literacy and Computer Science education. She is particularly passionate about promoting Computer Science to school pupils as an exciting and accessible subject with wide-ranging career options. She enjoys reading, wildlife photography and long walks.

Luke Séguin-Magee (Illustrator)

Luke Séguin-Magee illustrates children's books and his own comics. He likes to wear a straw hat in the summer, pretend he can make music on his Cavaquinho, entertain his four kids and wife, chop wood, drink espresso and ride his bike. Luke hails from Canada and resides in Stockholm.

Publication date **Thursday, January 22, 2026**

Price **£9.99 / ₹799**

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BIC 2.1 **Science & technology: general interest (Children's / Teenage) (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)**

CBMC **D5N79**

Age **9-11 years**

Subject **Non-fiction**

Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**

Character **Non-character**

Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**

Format **265x210**

Depth **6mm**

Extent **32 pages**

Word Count

Series **Click, Connect, Compute**

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

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Previous Titles

9781526327918 Click, Connect, Compute: Computer Science Essentials

9781526327949 Click, Connect, Compute: Smart Machines

9781526328014 Click, Connect, Compute: The Language of Programming

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Main Identifier	9781444984033
BIC 2.1	Dance, ballet (Children's / Teenage) (YNDB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)
CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	210x148
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
Author living in	Deceased

The First Book of the Ballet

Noel Streatfeild (Illustrated By Jennifer Costello)

Keynote

A charming story of one girl's love of ballet.

Description

This enchanting story follows one girl's journey from her very first trip to the ballet, through the doors of ballet school, and into the world of disciplined yet passionate training. From the beauty of key positions to the grace of timeless choreography, this story invites readers to step into a world where dreams and hard work intertwine.

Filled with illustrations of ballet positions, a history of the art form and the captivating tales behind famous ballets, this book is a treasure trove for budding dancers. A glossary of ballet terms makes it the perfect companion for young readers eager to learn.

First published in 1953, Anna's story will captivate young readers and delight adult fans of Noel Streatfeild's work, including the much-loved *Ballet Shoes*. Fresh new illustrations bring this classic ballet book for children up to date.

Sales Points

- Originally published in 1953, this reissue of the 1963 edition has been revived with beautiful new illustration
- The perfect gift for ballet-obsessed children and adult fans of the books of Noel Streatfeild
- Publication coincides with the National Theatre's latest production of Noel Streatfeild's best-loved classic *Ballet Shoes*

Author Biography

Noel Streatfeild (Author)

Noel Streatfeild (1895-1986) was born in Amberley, Sussex. Her father was Bishop of Lewes and her great-grandmother was the prison reformer, Elizabeth Fry. She was a mischievous child, often in trouble at home. While growing up, she and her sisters put on plays for parish causes and, after making munitions during World War I, she trained as an actress. Noel Streatfeild started by writing books for adults. Her first and best-loved children's book, *BALLET SHOES*, was published in 1936. She won the prestigious Carnegie Medal for children's literature in 1939. When World War II broke out, she worked in canteens for the armed forces and for those injured by bombs. She wrote over 80 books in her lifetime and lived in London till her death.

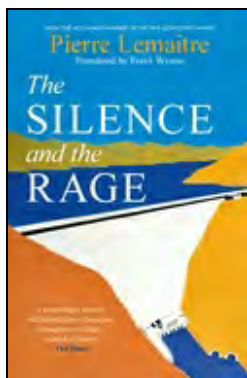
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 Main Identifier **9781035412693**
 BIC 2.1 **Historical fiction (FV)
 20th century (3JJ)
 Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA)
 Fiction in translation (FYT)**

Binding **Paperback**
 Format **B Format**
 Extent **512 pages**
 Word Count
 Illustrations **N/A**
 Exclusively for Sale **Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK**
 Not for Sale **Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent & S Am; USA**

Author born in **Paris, France**
 Author living in **France**
 UNITED STATES **Hachette Book Group USA**
 Publisher **Publisher**

Previous Titles
 9781472292100 *The Wide World*

1st Serial **Tinder Press**
 2nd Serial **Tinder Press**
 Audio **Tinder Press**
 Dramatisation and documentary **Calmann Levy**
 Electronic **Tinder Press**
 Film and TV **Calmann Levy**
 Large print **Tinder Press**
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 Translation **Calmann Levy**
 Undramatised (straight) reading **Tinder Press**
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The Silence and the Rage

The epic and compelling second novel in 'The Glorious Years' series

Pierre Lemaitre
 Translated by Frank Wynne

Keynote

From the Prix Goncourt award-winning author of *THE WIDE WORLD* comes the second novel in the epic *THE GLORIOUS YEARS* series, the story of one colourful family, set against the backdrop of a changing France in the 20th century

Description

'A novelist at the height of his powers' *La Croix*

'You have the ingredients Balzac would have cooked with. And it is exactly those great 19th century novels that Lemaitre will remind you of' *Sunday Times*

It is 1952 and the Pelletier family have returned to a life in France...

Patriarch Louis Pelletier, a successful businessman with a dark past, has remained with his wife in Beirut, but his family have settled on French soil. Jean, the menacing eldest brother, hides a terrible secret and is trapped in a stifling marriage, though his life is enriched by his love for his three-year-old daughter. François, an up-and-coming reporter, is caught up in a volatile love affair; and Hélène, their younger sister, strives to make her own way as a journalist, but as a woman in a man's world, she faces extraordinary challenges as she fights to expose a vast industrial scandal.

Filled with twists and turns, dark and compelling, yet ripe with wit and surprising cliffhangers, *The Silence and the Rage* is the story of one remarkable family against the backdrop of France during one of its most thrilling and turbulent periods.

'As wonderful as *The Wide World*. A family and social saga to savour in a sitting' *Le Parisien*
 'Lemaitre's hard-boiled style of writing is perfectly matched by his translator, Frank Wynne' *Financial Times*

Sales Points

- Pierre Lemaitre is a hugely successful French novelist, 2013 winner of the prestigious Prix-Goncourt, and widely celebrated as the successor to Balzac, Zola and Dickens in his character-driven and epic novels of society
- A French Succession: *The Silence and the Rage* is the second book, after *The Wide World*, in *The Glorious Years* series - highlighting a family imbued with corruption, scandal, ambition and affairs, against the backdrop of France in its post-war boom years
- The first book in 'The Glorious Years' series was *THE WIDE WORLD* (Tinder Press), published to critical acclaim in France, the UK and the US
- Frank Wynne is an award-winning translator, and has been chair of the International Booker Prize

Reviews

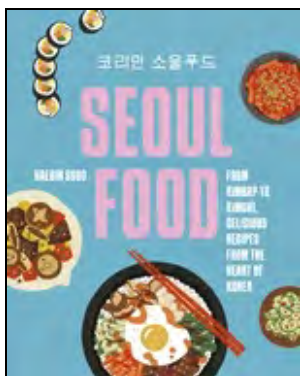
- 'This has everything that we love about Lemaitre: his storytelling, language, irony, and the humanity of his characters' - *Le Parisien*
- 'With a magician's flair, Pierre Lemaitre highlights the hate, fears and desires of the post war boom' - *L'Obs*

Author Biography

Pierre Lemaitre was born in Paris in 1951. He worked for many years as a teacher of literature before becoming a novelist.

He has won the Crime Writers' Association International Dagger three times, once alongside Fred Vargas, for *Alex*, and twice as sole winner for *Camille* and *The Great Swindle*. In 2013 *The Great Swindle* (published in French as *Au revoir là-haut*) won the Prix Goncourt, France's leading literary award.

In addition to his *Brigade Criminelle* novels starring Commandant Camille Verhoeven, Lemaitre writes standalone thrillers including *Blood Wedding*.



Publication date	Thursday, January 08, 2026
Price	£20.00 / ₹1599
Main Identifier	9781035429677
BIC 2.1	Cookery / food & drink etc (WB) South Korea (1FPKS) Beverages (WBX)
Binding	Hardback
Format	230x185
Extent	176 pages
Word Count	31119 words
Illustrations	Up to 100 colour food photographs
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
Author born in	South Korea
Author living in	London, UK

Seoul Food From Kimbap to Kimchi, Delicious Recipes from the Heart of Korea

Haebin Sudo

Keynote

A stunning cookbook packed with delicious authentic Korean dishes for every occasion.

Description

Embark on a culinary adventure through the rich and flavoursome world of Korean cuisine as author Haebin Sudo recreates 60 carefully selected dishes for her first cookery book. Seoul Food is full of delicious dishes that showcase authentic Korean meals, both for everyday and for special dinner parties.

From traditional family feasts and special occasion banquets to street food, fusion blends and simple sides, experience an explosion of flavours and ingredients with **Seoul Food**, 60 authentic recipes that take you to the very heart of Korean cuisine. Featuring iconic dishes such as kimchi jjigae, bibim guksu, bulgogi bibimbap, tteokbokki, kimbap and more, let Korean-born cook Haebin Sudo bring the magic of K-food straight to your kitchen.

Sales Points

- Includes tips on stocking your Korean store cupboard (ingredients are easier than ever to buy)
- Authentic, flavoursome Korean family food by a traditional home cook.
- Stunning photography with vibrant food shots and beautifully overall gift package.
- Stews, soups, stir-fries, noodles, dumplings, fermented & raw food, grilled meats, rice.
- Most dishes use similar ingredients in different portions - depending on the portions of spices and sauces and choice of protein, the flavour profile changes drastically so ingredients-wise you get more bang for your buck!

Author Biography

Born and raised in South Korea, Haebin Sudo lives in London with her husband and three children. Having run commercial businesses for the last decade, Haebin followed her dream of working with food, setting up Korean cooking school, Kimchi Club W5. Based in West London, Kimchi Club W5 offers small, hands-on Kimchi-making workshops and Korean cooking classes.

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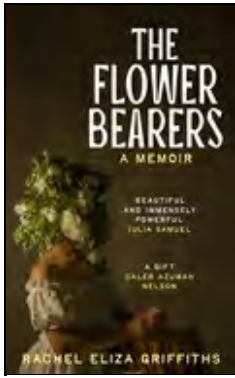
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The Flower Bearers

Rachel Eliza Griffiths
Keynote

A moving memoir about grief, growth and sisterhood from acclaimed poet and author of *Promise*, Rachel Eliza Griffiths

Description

'A beautiful and immensely powerful book about love, grief and finding a way to be in a forever altered world' Julia Samuel

On September 24, 2021, Rachel Eliza Griffiths married her husband, the novelist Salman Rushdie. On the same day, hundreds of miles of away, Griffiths' closest friend and chosen sister, the poet Kamilah Aisha Moon, who was expected to speak at the wedding, died suddenly. Eleven months later, as Griffiths attempted to piece together her life as a newlywed with heartbreak in one hand and immense love in the other, a brutal attack nearly killed her husband. As trauma compounded trauma, Griffiths realized that in order to survive her grief, she would need to mourn not only her friend, but the woman she had been on her wedding day, a woman who had also died that day.

In the process of rebuilding a self, Griffiths chronicles her friendship with Moon, the seventeen years since their meeting at Sarah Lawrence College. Together, they embraced their literary foremothers--Lucille Clifton, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, to name a few--and fought to embrace themselves as poets, artists, and Black women. Alongside this unbreakable bond, Griffiths weaves the story of her relationship with Rushdie, of the challenges they have faced and the unshakeable devotion that endures.

In *The Flower Bearers*, Griffiths inscribes the trajectories of two transformational relationships with grace and honesty, chronicling the beauty and pain that comes with opening oneself fully to love.

Sales Points

- **PERSONAL:** The wife of Salman Rushdie, a poet, novelist and photographer, on finding a way back after the attack on her husband's life.
- **EMPOWERING:** A celebration of Black female friendship and creativity, a tribute to the best friend who died on Rachel's wedding day, and the writers who inspired them. A powerful story about resilience and sisterhood.
- **PUBLICITY:** Major international publicity coverage expected.
- **AWARD-WINNING:** Rachel Eliza Griffiths was the winner of the 2021 Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy Award in Poetry and the 2021 Paterson Poetry Prize, and in 2020 was the Stella Adler Poet-in-Residence. Her work has been published in *The New Yorker*, the *Paris Review*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and *The New York Review of Books*.

Reviews

- 'Rachel Eliza Griffith's powerful memoir stunned me. **With a poet's precision, she renders two interwoven tragedies few others could've lived through, much less written about with such clear-eyed candor.** Love powers both tales, and that's the source of the book's deep grace. She blesses us all with a survivor's singular memoir destined to be celebrated for aeons' - *Mary Karr*
- '**A beautiful and immensely powerful book about love, grief and finding a way to be in a forever altered world'** - Julia Samuel

Author Biography

Rachel Eliza Griffiths is an artist, poet, and novelist. Her recent hybrid collection of poetry and photography, *Seeing the Body*, was selected as the winner of the 2021 Hurston/Wright Foundation Award in Poetry, the winner of the 2020 Paterson Poetry Prize, and a finalist for the 2021 NAACP Image Award. Griffiths' work has appeared widely, including *The New Yorker*, the *Paris Review*, *Best American Poetry (2020, 2021)*, *Tin House*, and many others. She lives in New York City.

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Somatic Techniques for Massage Therapists

Gabriel Posner

Keynote

How to incorporate somatic principles and techniques within a therapeutic massage session to help a client unwind from the inside out.

Description

The somatic perspective provides a new layer of depth for massage therapists and breathes life into the wisdom gained from hundreds of years of bio-medical research. Thinking somatically provokes reflection on the interactions within a person, their interactions within society, and the role of the therapist as a facilitator of transformative change through touch.

This practical book is filled with philosophy, approachable neuro-physiology, and detailed techniques to empower you, the massage therapist, to help your client establish a fully conscious connection with their own body and unlock incredible powers of self-regulation. It invites you to embark upon your own somatic journey to discover how to employ these holistic principles and techniques to an ancient form of healthcare.

Sales Points

- Somatics and embodiment are popular topics at the moment.
- The author is the president of the board of directors of the Association for Hanna Somatic Education (AHSE) as well as the Director of Research for the AHSE.
- Includes instructional photographs to guide readers.

Reviews

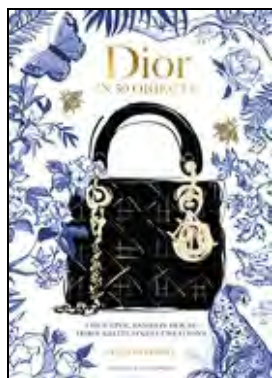
- 'This **groundbreaking book** transforms massage therapy by shifting from force to partnership. Posner **beautifully combines personal journey with practical wisdom**, showing how to work with clients' nervous systems rather than against them. A must-read for every massage therapist.' - Dr. Jeff Rockwell, DC, MA, DOMP
- 'This book is **a gamechanger for any massage therapist** seeking to guide their clients (and themselves!) to more long-term comfort, self-awareness, and ease in their bodies. Gabriel Posner makes an strong case for the inclusion of the somatic perspective into any massage treatment.' - Martha Peterson, CHSE, CCSE, RSME, author of the book Move Without Pain
- '*Somatic Techniques for Massage Therapists* is a bridge we all need as we work towards a client-centered practice. The way Gabriel weaves together respected somatic traditions with massage therapy creates an essential text. We are challenged to look beyond the mechanical applications of massage and invite intention and awareness into our practices which creates another connection to the biopsychosocial model of pain and how we can actively engage our clients in their healing process. **This is a thoughtful, practical, and visionary text that can solidify our collective voice in healthcare.**' - Phil Okazaki, , CMT, NMT, BCTMB
- 'I agree with Dr Posner that touch professionals are on the verge of a major breakthrough. His in-depth explanation of Somatics provides an invaluable tool for all bodyworkers. That tool involves activating our clients' sensory awareness and sharing a two-way Somatic interactions with them. Clients can become active participants in their own healings. Bodyworkers and clients are learning that "touch is always a two-way shared experience." **I recommend Dr Posner's book for all Touch Practitioners.**' - Jack Blackburn, LMT, Master's in Theological Studies, Certified Spiritual Director, Trager ® teacher, Reiki Master and founder of Trillium Institute in the US and Japan.

Author Biography

Gabriel Posner is the current president of the board of directors of the Association for Hanna Somatic Education (AHSE) as well as the Director of Research for the AHSE. Also, he is a member and represents the AHSE on the leadership council of the International Somatic Movement Education and Therapy Association. A former instructor at the National Holistic Institute, a massage therapy school in California, Gabriel now trains somatic practitioners and movement teachers with Essential Somatics. He is based in Denver.

Market

Massage therapists.



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Dior in 50 Objects

The iconic fashion house through its finest creations

Glenys Johnson

Keynote

Dior in 50 Objects explores the most significant outfits, accessories, fragrances, fine jewellery and also the people, moments and places that have made the House of Dior the last word in dreamy couture.

Description

The groundbreaking New Look silhouette. The finest couture dresses. The luxurious leather accessories. The bestselling fragrances. These signatures exemplify the craftsmanship of Dior.

Dior in 50 Objects explores the most significant outfits, accessories, fragrances, fine jewellery and also the people, moments and places that have made the House of Dior the last word in dreamy couture.

Beautiful bespoke illustrations by Francesca Waddell - whose clients include *Vogue*, Chanel and Bloomingdales - are accompanied by fascinating text from bestselling fashion expert Glenys Johnson. Diving deep into all the iconic moments of the House since its founding, this gorgeous gift book features everything from classics such as the bar suit and Miss Dior fragrance to modern cultural icons like the saddle bag and newspaper dress.

An essential gift for lovers of the most elegant of fashion houses.

Sales Points

- The 'Dior: Designer of Dreams' exhibition at London's V&A sold out 19 days after opening, and visitor numbers exceeded 480k (more than their record Alexander McQueen exhibition). The same exhibition attracted 700k visitors at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris in 2018.
- Over 4 million copies of the *Little Books of Fashion* series have been sold worldwide, in 23 languages. This new 'Objects' series follows the popularity of the *Little Books of Fashion*.
- Dior has nearly 47 million followers on Instagram and Dior Beauty has over 13 million followers.
- Previous title in the series, *Chanel in 55 Objects*, has been sold in 4 languages and has shipped 28k copies in the English language.

Author Biography

Glenys Johnson is a Canadian writer based in London, UK and Malmö, Sweden. Her work focuses on fashion and material culture, including the study of queer style, and costume theory in film and television. Her work has been published in *High Snobiety*, *Huffington Post* and *Kennedy Magazine* and she is the author of *Icons of Style: Diana* and *Little Book of Vivienne Westwood*.

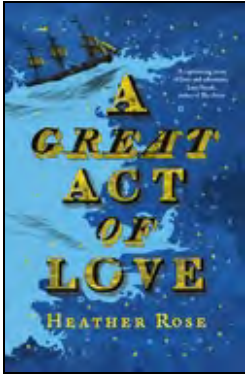
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A Great Act of Love

Heather Rose

Keynote

An epic journey of love, hope and self-invention, travelling from pre-revolutionary Paris to a champagne vineyard in Tasmania.

Description

'A captivating story of love and adventure, thrumming with secrets' Lucy Steeds, author of *The Artist*

'Like a fine vintage of champagne, this novel is complex, layered, and delicious' Kate MacIntosh, author of *The Champagne Letters*

Caroline examines a stolen map. And there she finds it, at the edge of the Western Hemisphere, a black mark at the 30th latitude smaller than a flea: Norfolk Island. Her Aunt thinks she's a fool for wanting to follow her father to the other side of the world. He is no longer the man who taught Caroline about philosophy, apothecary and dreamt of returning to the France of his childhood. He is a convicted murderer, mad, deported, condemned. But, when she understands that Caroline is determined, her Aunt has one piece of advice: she must leave her past behind and invent a new story.

In 1839, Caroline lands in Van Dieman's Land, a young widow of means with a boy in her care. In this insular colony of exiles and opportunists, no-one talks too much about their past. Caroline leases a run-down cottage and abandoned vineyard and, on this island of extreme seasons and wild beauty, she embarks on a fearless enterprise to reclaim her father, create champagne, and rewrite her family's legacy.

Travelling from Paris to Edinburgh, London, New York and to Tasmania, *The Great Act of Love* is an epic story of hope and self-invention.

Sales Points

- **TOP QUALITY HISTORICAL FICTION:** Lush, literary and immersive, this book is for fans of Francis Spufford, Maggie Shipstead or Maggie O'Farrell, as well as our very own Daniel Mason and Lucy Steeds.
- **EXCITING FILM NEWS:** Heather's latest novel, THE MUSEUM OF MODERN LOVE is being made into a film with Colin Farrell and Marina Abromovich.
- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** The book travels across several continents, from Paris to Edinburgh, London and New York and finally to Tasmania via Brazil.
- **STRONG MARKETING HOOK:** This is a book about the creation of champagne. A sparkling summer read, it transports you to a beautiful and remote Tasmanian vineyard.

Author Biography

Heather Rose's novels have won numerous prizes including the Stella Prize, the Christina Stead Prize, the Margaret Scott Prize and the ABIA General Fiction Book of the Year. She lives in Tasmania.



Shrek: 101 Jokes, Games and Puzzles

A collection of hilarious gags and fun activities for kids

DreamWorks Animation, LLC

Keynote

Get ready to laugh, play, and puzzle your way through the swamp with Shrek, Donkey, Fiona and all their fairy tale friends!

Description

Get ready to laugh, play, and puzzle your way through the swamp!

With *Shrek: 101 Jokes, Games and Puzzles*, kids aged 7 and up can join Shrek, Donkey, Fiona, and all their fairy tale friends for hours of fun. Packed with silly jokes, tricky puzzles, wacky games, and brain-teasing challenges, this book is bursting with ogre-sized entertainment. Perfect for fans of the Shrek movies who love to giggle and get their brains buzzing!

Author Biography

Home to some of the world's most beloved franchises including *Shrek*, *Gabby's Dollhouse*, *Kung Fu Panda*, *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Puss in Boots*, DreamWorks Animation creates award-winning films for a global audience.

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At Whit's End
The must read spicy and heartwarming cowboy
romance that will have you LASSOED!

Bailey Hannah

Keynote

Elsie Silver meets Lyla Sage in this angsty and ridiculously romantic slow-burn

Description

A single mom struggling to raise her rebellious son finds unexpected support in a kind-hearted cowboy in this spicy romance from the author of *Alive and Wells*.

She's afraid she's not enough. He'll make damn sure she knows she is.

Single mom Whitney Hart is, quite simply, overwhelmed. She's struggling to raise her ten-year-old son, Jonas. Her ex-boyfriend only seems to come around and help take care of his son when he's single and hoping to get back together. With Jonas acting out more than ever, Whitney enlists the help of her sister Blair to keep an eye on Jonas over summer vacation.

Enter Colt, a fun-loving Wells Ranch cowboy who is tasked with giving Jonas work to do around Wells Ranch to keep him busy. In Colt, Jonas finds a mentor and male role model for the first time in his life. And in Jonas, Colt discovers a friendship that brings a new kind of joy into his life.

Colt and Whit slowly develop a friendship of their own through a shared concern for Jonas, and over the course of the summer, it begins to spark into something more. The attraction and chemistry between them are hard to ignore, but Whit's insecurities and hesitancy to trust men causes her to pull away.

As miscommunications give way to understanding, the two will discover that sometimes you have to first be broken before you can become whole, and that there's no one way to create a family...

Tropes:

Single parent
 Animal lovers
 Alpha male
 Found family
 Cowboy romance
 Opposites attract
 Small town romance
 Sworn off relationships
 Emotional scars
 Friends-to-lovers

Sales Points

- **COWBOYS ARE IN:** From Lyla Sage to Elsie Silver, cowboys are in and show no sign of leaving. They are perfect for fans of small-town romances with a usually broody love interest.
- **EXCITING SELF-PUBLISHED VOICE:** Bailey Hannah already has an existing fanbase which we can build upon in the UK and break her into retailers.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF SMALL-TOWN ROMCOMS:** Bailey Hannah has crossover beyond cowboy romcoms so hits all the notes.
- **GLOBAL EXCITEMENT:** Sold to Ballantine in a significant deal, Doubleday Canada (Canada), Vajona (Germany), at auction, Lovebooks (the Netherlands), Publicat (Poland) and Family Leisure Club (Ukraine) - all at auction.

Author Biography

Bailey Hannah is a Canadian romance author with a passion for strong heroines and rugged men who aren't afraid to love their women hard.

Born and raised in small town British Columbia, you can count on a touch of rural Canadian flair (dirt roads, rodeos, and ketchup chips) in her stories. Bailey lives with her husband, daughter, dogs, and chickens. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, enjoying the outdoors, and daydreaming about her characters.

For the most up-to-date information on works in progress and other book news, follow Bailey on social media @baileyhannahwrites

Market

For fans of Lyla Sage's Rebel Blue Ranch series and Paisley Hope's Silver Pines series who are looking for their next cowboy romance with close-knit communities and sexy ranchers.

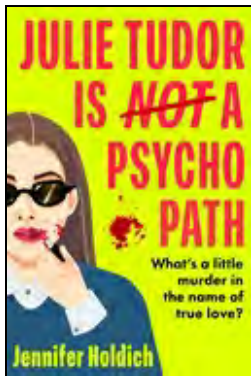
Readers of small-town romances with humor by authors like Elsie Silver (Wild Love) and Sarah Adams (Practice Makes Perfect)

450k+ TikTok fans of Bailey Hannah's Wells Ranch series



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Julie Tudor Is Not a Psychopath

a hilarious new crime thriller debut for 2025 - meet your unlikely new heroine...If you loved Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine, you will adore this!

Jennifer Holdich

Keynote

What's a little murder in the name of true love? A hilarious, darkly funny debut from an exciting new crime voice - this is *Eleanor Oliphant* meets *How to Kill Your Family*.

Description

Julie Tudor is Not a Psychopath.

Julie Tudor is 49 and has it all: a fantastic job (well-maintained spreadsheets are the lynchpin of an efficient office), a beautiful house (some may wonder how she got the money for it, but nothing has been proved) and the man of her dreams.

Julie Tudor is Not a Stalker.

Sean is 25 and the love of Julie's life. The only problem is, he thinks he's in love with someone else.

And Julie Tudor is definitely, definitely not a serial killer.

But Julie has found herself in a similar situation before. And if there's one thing Julie knows, it's how to get rid of the competition...

After all, what's a little murder in the name of true love?

Sales Points

- WON IN A SIGNIFICANT PRE-EMPT AT THE FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR 2023: We pre-empted this novel at lightning speed ahead of FBF 2023. Rights have sold in the US, Israel, and several other territories, and there is significant film and TV interest, too.
- HILARIOUS, ORIGINAL PROTAGONIST: Julie Tudor is a middle-aged office worker; often over-looked, who is convinced that her younger colleague, Sean, is in love with her. It's fabulous to see an older protagonist given a real voice in this laugh-out-loud debut novel.
- DARKLY FUNNY HUMOUR: This is perfect for readers who loved HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY by Bella Mackie, SWEETPEA by CJ Skuse, and THE MURDER AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE by Katy Brent. Serial killing female protagonists are hugely popular right now and this is a wonderful, unique example of the genre.

Reviews

- 'I absolutely loved it! Murder has no right to be this funny. Imagine Hannibal Lecter as written by Victoria Wood. **Perfect for fans of Caroline Kepnes and CJ Skuse**' - Erin Kelly
- 'Jennifer Holdich delivers a wickedly funny and darkly compelling debut. **A masterful blend of humour and suspense that kept me hooked from start to finish**' - Joanna Wallace

Author Biography

Jennifer Holdich obtained an MA in Scriptwriting in 2014, won the Cardiff Writers' Circle Short Story competition in 2021 and has had multiple short stories and pieces of flash fiction published. *Julie Tudor Is Not A Psychopath* is her debut novel.

Market

Perfect for fans of Bella Mackie, CJ Skuse and Katy Brent.

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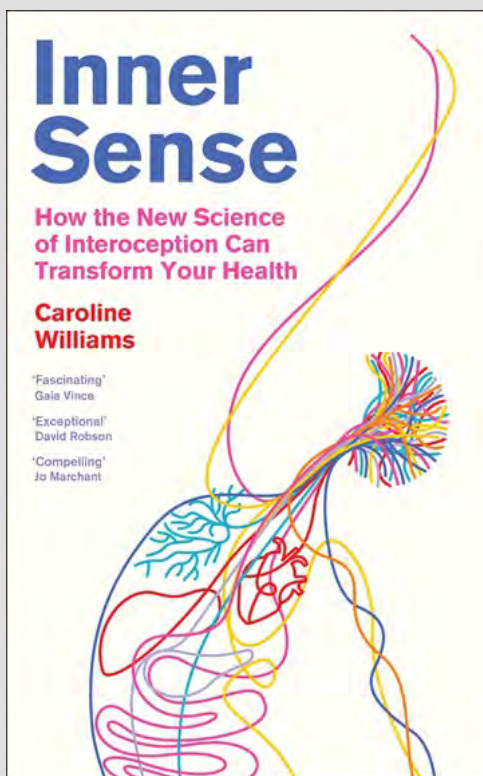
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‘A fascinating and deeply researched guide to the embodied mind’ - Gaia Vince, author, *Nomad Century*

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Inner Sense

How the New Science of Interoception Can Transform Your Health

CAROLINE WILLIAMS

KEYNOTE

A pathbreaking exploration of interoception, the 'inner sense' governing our mental health, physical wellbeing and stress management

SALES POINTS

- Interoception is a fast-growing new area of health, which is poised to explode in popularity: for readers of *The Body Keeps the Score* and *Thinking Fast and Slow*
- Caroline Williams built on her renown as a science journalist for the hardback launch, writing regularly for the *New Scientist* and *Guardian* and appearing across the airwaves
- Williams' previous book, *Move!*, received widespread acclaim and was a *New Scientist* Book of the Year

DESCRIPTION

'Science writing at its absolute best' Guy Claxton

Interoception is one of our most important - and most mysterious - senses. It's how our bodies tell our brains what we're feeling - when we're hungry, when we're cold, how we should respond to stress and panic.

In *Inner Sense*, Caroline Williams uncovers a field that's poised to revolutionise health, and explores groundbreaking new techniques that can improve our mental and physical wellbeing. Combining science, medicine, mindfulness and physical therapy, *Inner Sense* is the first book to bring this exciting new field of medicine to a general readership.

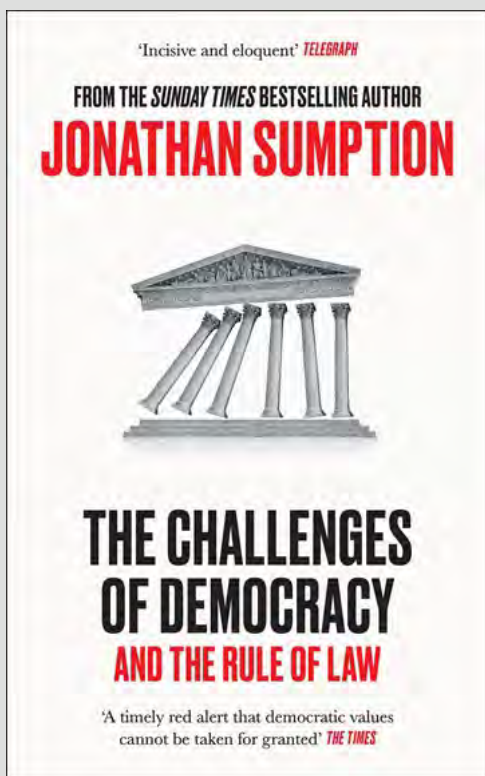
AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Caroline Williams is a writer for the *New Scientist* who researches the links between the mind and body. The author of *Override* and *Move!*, which was a *New Scientist* Book of the Year, she has written for the *Times*, the *Telegraph* and the *Guardian*, and has appeared on BBC radio.

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REVIEWS

'It would be hard to find a better primer on what ails the transatlantic democracies' - *Financial Times*

'A brilliant collection of essays... We are fortunate indeed to have Sumption making the case for democracy's defence' - *Spectator*

'Well-written and thought provoking... confirms its authors status as one of the most interesting figures in British public life' - *Times Literary Supplement*

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The Challenges of Democracy

And The Rule of Law

JONATHAN SUMPTION

KEYNOTE

A provocative series of essays from the former Supreme Court judge and *Sunday Times*-bestselling author

SALES POINTS

- Sumption's previous books *Trials of the State* and *Law in a Time of Crisis* have sold more than 30,000 copies for Profile
- Winner of the 2009 Wolfson History Prize for his *Hundred Years War* series, which sold over 25,000 copies
- Lord Sumption is never far from the news, being a hugely influential commentator as well as a former Supreme Court judge

DESCRIPTION

'A timely red alert that democratic values cannot be taken for granted' *The Times*
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Across the globe, democracy is in crisis - in the UK alone, it has been rocked by Brexit, the pandemic and successive attempts by governments to bypass legal norms. But how did this happen, and where might we go from here?

Jonathan Sumption cuts through the political noise with acute analysis of the state of democracy today - from the vulnerabilities of international law to the deepening suppression of democracy activism in Hong Kong, and from the complexities of human rights legislation to the defence of freedom of speech. Timely, incisive and wholly original, *Challenges of Democracy* applies the brilliance of 'the cleverest man in Britain' to the most urgent and far-reaching political issue of our day.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Jonathan Sumption is a British judge and historian, who served as a Supreme Court Justice from 2012 - 2018. He is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Trials of the State*, *Law in a Time of Crisis*, and *Divided Houses*, which won the 2009 Wolfson History Prize.

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REVIEWS

‘Praise for *Exhausted*: A fascinating new book that guides us through the causes of burnout and how to avoid it’ - *New Scientist*

‘Antidotes to our exhausting modern life’ - *Sunday Times*

‘Satisfying ... Engaging ... Useful’ - *TLS*

‘Sensible wisdom for finding emotional support, combating stress and embracing rest’ - ‘Best Books for 2024’, *Stylist*

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The Story Solution

Change Your Toxic Self-Stories and Thrive

ANNA KATHARINA SCHAFFNER

KEYNOTE

An essential guide to breaking negative patterns, rewriting your self-story and unlocking a happier future

SALES POINTS

- From the celebrated burnout coach, a transformative guide to rewriting our six most common and harmful self-stories and empowering readers to fulfil their goals in 2026
- For readers on a therapeutic journey of healing, including readers of Brené Brown's *The Gift of Imperfection* (62k TCM), Vex King's *Good Vibes, Good Life* (500k TCM), and The Holistic Psychologist's *How to Do the Work* (47k TCM)
- Offers a powerful tool to therapeutic and healing communities, where the topic of 'self-stories' has gained traction - millions are familiar with 'main character syndrome' and ideas of delusion and accountability

DESCRIPTION

Trapped in toxic narratives?

Rewrite your self-story | Edit away negativity | Step into happiness

Have you ever told yourself one of these?

I'm stupid... I'm ugly... I'm bad...

I'm the best... I'm a victim... I'm different...

We all tell ourselves stories to make sense of our place in the world and why we are the way we are. Sadly, the most damaging ones often dominate and hold us back.

In *The Story Solution*, coach Anna Katharina Schaffner identifies the six core self-blaming and world-blaming stories, revealing how to break free from these self-sabotaging scripts and release yourself from their grip.

Mixing psychological insights, case studies and practical guidance, this empowering guide will help you to rewrite your self-story in five accessible steps and learn how to grow, thrive and prosper.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Anna Katharina Schaffner is a burnout coach, clinical hypnotherapist and cultural historian. She is the author of *The Art of Self-Improvement: Ten Timeless Truths*, *Exhausted: An A-Z for the Weary* and a novel, *The Truth About Julia*. She has written for the *TLS*, the *Guardian* and *Psychology Today*.

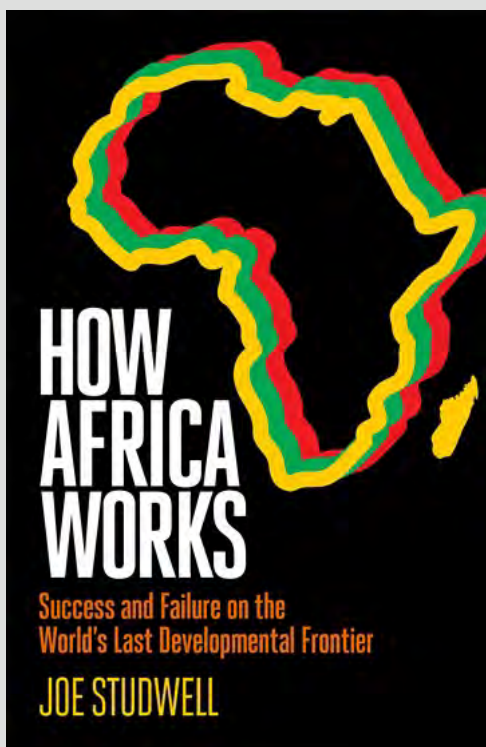
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REVIEWS

‘Challenges outdated narratives and makes a compelling case for the continent’s economic potential’ - Bill Gates

‘An essential read... vividly demonstrates that economic growth is not a far-fetched dream’ - Justin Yifu Lin, Former Chief Economist, World Bank

‘Refreshingly nuanced’ - Andrew Mitchell, former Minister for Development

‘A different, optimistic case... his account weaves a hopeful narrative’ - Professor Dani Rodrik, Harvard University

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How Africa Works

Success and Failure on the World's Last Developmental Frontier
JOE STUDWELL

KEYNOTE

A radical reassessment of one of the most pervasive myths of our time: that the African continent is uniquely ill-suited to economic development

SALES POINTS

- Studwell's collected titles have sold more than 50,000 copies; *How Asia Works* was longlisted for the Goldman Sachs Award
- A intricately researched analysis respected academic who has worked at Cambridge, the UN, and with the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation
- Engages with contemporary debates about development and colonialism, for fans of Dambisa Moyo's *Dead Aid* or Bronwen Everill's *Africonomics*

DESCRIPTION

The birth of new nations, independent democracies, the unprecedented growth of cities from Lagos to Cairo; the African continent is booming. So why do myths about underdevelopment, unproductive land and overpopulation remain?

In a groundbreaking new study of Africa's developmental history, economist Joe Studwell debunks long-held views about the continent's presumed resistance to growth, charting monumental changes in government, demography and asset management.

Considering everything from settler colonialism to soil conditions, mineral extractivism to disease development and eradication, Studwell persuasively argues that the seizing back of land, people and states across Africa, has also been the seizure of mass economic development.

From slavery to independence and beyond, this is the definitive account of the world's second largest continent - and an optimistic look to its future.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Joe Studwell is a journalist and academic. He is the Senior Visiting Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute in London, and holds a PhD in global business and development from the University of Cambridge. Previous titles include *How Asia Works* and *The China Dream*.

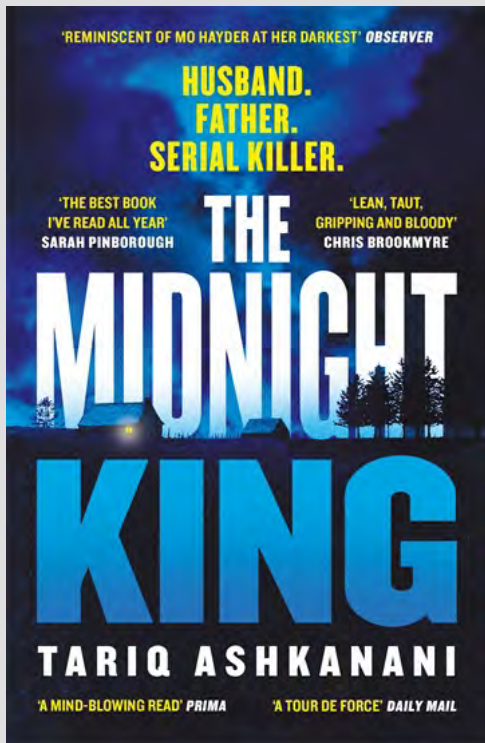
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REVIEWS

'Reminiscent of Mo Hayder at her darkest' - *Observer*

'This dark, twisted thriller will keep you gripped until a finale that will leave you reeling. Breathtakingly good' - *Daily Express*

'Reads like true crime, but it is, in fact, very dark fiction... A tour de force with two superb dramatic twists' - *Daily Mail*

'A clever and powerfully plotted, terror-inducing, propulsive read with a haunting presence that lingers long after the last page' - *Sunday Post*

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The Midnight King

Winner of the McIlvanney Prize

TARIQ ASHKANANI

KEYNOTE

From the award-winning author of *Welcome to Cooper* comes a dark thriller about family, trauma and the secrets we hide within

SALES POINTS

- The gripping new standalone thriller from the author of *Welcome to Cooper*, winner of the Bloody Scotland Debut Award 2022
- Full of twists that pack an emotional punch, this book touches on themes of police negligence and family trauma that will have readers talking
- Perfect for fans of Chris Whitaker, S.A. Cosby and Ian Rankin

DESCRIPTION

* WINNER OF THE MCILVANNEY PRIZE FOR SCOTTISH CRIME BOOK OF THE YEAR *

'A tour de force with superb dramatic twists' - *DAILY MAIL*

'If you're a fan of Thomas Harris you must read this' - *PRIMA*

'The best book I've read all year' - SARAH PINBOROUGH

'This is a work of fiction. This is not a confession.'

Lucas Cole is a bestselling writer, a quiet, unassuming man and a beloved celebrity in his small town. Lucas Cole is also a serial killer.

Nathan Cole has always known the truth about his father. But it isn't until Lucas is found dead that Nathan discovers *The Midnight King*, his father's fictionalised account of his hideous crimes, hidden in a box of trinkets taken from his victims. Trinkets that include a ribbon belonging to a missing girl who disappeared only days before Lucas's death.

Now, Nathan must deal with the consequences of keeping his father's secret. But *The Midnight King* holds Nathan's secrets as well as Lucas's, and he is not the only one searching for the truth...

Full of unexpected twists and heartrending turns, *The Midnight King* is a gripping thriller perfect for fans of Chris Whitaker, S.A. Cosby and Ian Rankin.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Tariq Ashkanani is a solicitor, co-host of the writing podcast Page One, and the author of four novels. His debut novel, *Welcome to Cooper*, won the Bloody Scotland Debut Award 2022, as well as being shortlisted for both the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger and Capital Crime Fingerprint Award. His fifth novel, *The Hollow Boys*, will be published by Viper in 2026. He lives in Edinburgh with his wife and two sons.

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'Brilliance is on display' Percival Everett, praise for *The Material*

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REVIEWS

'Praise for Camille Bordas' - :

'Brilliance is on display' - Percival Everett

'Funny, humane and slyly philosophical' - Zadie Smith

'Funny, intelligent and has much to say about how we live now' - *Financial Times*

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CAMILLE BORDAS

KEYNOTE

Sharply observed portraits of contemporary life and family for readers who love Curtis Sittenfeld

SALES POINTS

- Bordas' previous work, *The Material*, was praised by the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Financial Times* and *Independent*, among many more
- High-profile fans and endorsers include Zadie Smith, Percival Everett and George Saunders

DESCRIPTION

'Camille Bordas is an invaluable new voice' George Saunders

A young woman takes stock following a burglary. A teenager becomes obsessed with the obituaries in a weekly magazine. Grandchildren mourn the grandparents who loved them and the ones who didn't. Painters and almost-painters try to distinguish Good Art from Bad Art. People grapple with life-altering illness, unrequited love and promises they have every intention of keeping. Some win the lottery. Some don't.

In this prismatic new collection, Camille Bordas's complex, wry, sometimes dark and always self-aware stories open a window onto the truths and misapprehensions of our shared, flawed humanity.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Camille Bordas is the author of *The Material*, *How to Behave in a Crowd* and two prize-winning French novels. Her short stories regularly appear in the *New Yorker*. Born in France, raised in Mexico City and Paris, she currently lives in Chicago.

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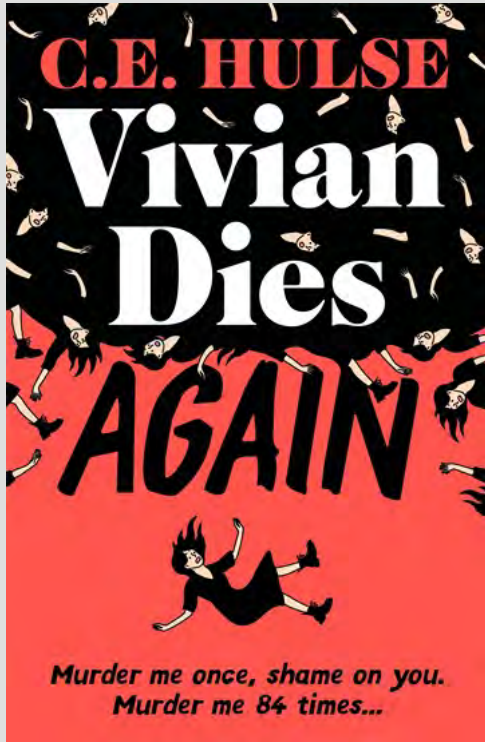
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REVIEWS

'Vivian Dies Again is perfect for fans of Groundhog Day and Russian Doll. It's big, bold, beautifully bonkers, with heaps of heart and a family tree of killer characters. It's time to get ready for the smart, sassy crime caper of the year' - Janice Hallett, author of *THE APPEAL*

'I loved this book... The perfect blend of bathos and pathos with the most sympathetic unsympathetic character I've read in a very long time. Not to mention the fact that it's really clever, too' - Harriet Tyce, author of *BLOOD ORANGE*

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Vivian Dies Again

C.E. HULSE

KEYNOTE

How to Solve Your Own Murder meets *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* in this genre-bending, time-looping mystery

SALES POINTS

- A modern twist on the classic locked room mystery, with time loops, humour and a flawed protagonist that will leave readers charmed
- Perfect for fans of *How to Solve Your Own Murder* (59.6k TCM), *Over My Dead Body* (5.4k TCM) and *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* (26.7k TCM)

DESCRIPTION

'Move over Fleabag, there's a new hot mess in town' - LIZZY BARBER

'Sharp, funny and well observed. *Vivian Dies Again* made me properly laugh' - LAURA MARSHALL

'Devilishly dark. I fell head over heels for this hapless heroine' - HEATHER CRITCHLOW

Time heals all wounds. Except blunt force trauma.

Vivian Slade is a cautionary tale. The wrong side of thirty, she's no longer the life and soul of the party - she's a party of one. But she's determined to turn over a new leaf, even if that means going to a family gathering where everyone hates her.

Turns out, someone *really* hates her - enough to push her off a balcony to a very messy end. But then Vivian wakes up! Only to be murdered again. And again. Stuck in a baffling time loop, Vivian's only ally is a sleep-deprived waiter who just wants to finish his shift. Will Vivian be able to solve her own murder? Only time will tell..

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

C.E. Hulse lives in Manchester with her husband and a small controlling dog. She is the author of four books under the name Caroline Hulse: *The Adults*, *Like a House on Fire*, *All the Fun of the Fair*, and *Reasonable People*. Her work has been published in fourteen languages and optioned for television. *Vivian Dies Again* is her debut crime novel.

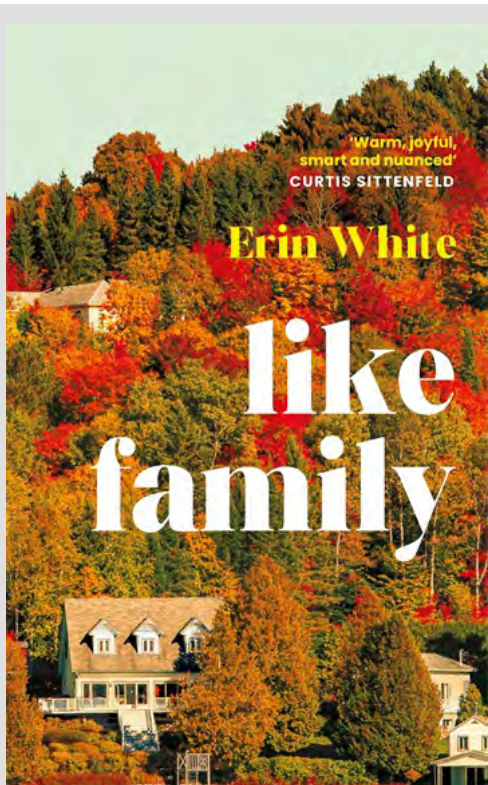
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REVIEWS

'Its depiction of friendship and middle age and marriage and the beautiful messiness of life feel familiar in the best ways, but also fresh in the best ways... I can't wait to share it with everyone I know' - Curtis Sittenfeld, author of ROMANTIC COMEDY

'Once I entered the world of *Like Family*, I didn't want to leave... it is an answer to and an answering of the questions of this moment' - Ann Napolitano, author of HELLO BEAUTIFUL

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Like Family

ERIN WHITE

KEYNOTE

A moving debut about secrets and chosen family for fans of Elizabeth Strout and Lucy Caldwell

SALES POINTS

- A powerful coming-of-middle-age novel that celebrates rural communities, chosen families and female friendship for fans of *Oh, William!* (77K TCM), *Night Swimmers* by Roisin Maguire (13K TCM) and Curtis Sittenfeld's *Show Don't Tell* (5K TCM)
- A literary debut from a widely published writer and essayist whose work has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Kenyon Review* and several anthologies

DESCRIPTION

'Warm, joyful, smart and nuanced' CURTIS SITTENFELD, author of *Romantic Comedy*

'This novel is a gift' J. COURTNEY SULLIVAN, author of *The Cliffs*

What if everything you wanted is no longer enough?

Meeting for an autumnal swim in an idyllic pond, Caroline's friend Ruth tells her about a family secret that has recently been exposed. Caroline was looking forward to a celebration they'd been planning together with her sister-in-law, Tobi, but suddenly everything seems complicated.

Tensions that have long been buried are bubbling to the surface. These three couples, who have so much to enjoy in their lives - growing children, affectionate marriages, work they love - must confront the truths they've never shared. More than that, they will have to reconcile the lives they've built with the ones they desire: the old dreams both fulfilled and denied, and the new ones that appeared right when they thought they had all they'd ever hoped for.

Weaving an exquisite portrait of parenthood, partnership, love and loyalty, Erin White captures what it really means for friends to become *Like Family*.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Erin White is the author of the memoir *Given Up for You*. Her writing has been previously published in the *New York Times*, the *Kenyon Review*, and elsewhere. She lives in Minnesota with her wife and daughters.

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Book Description: Following his dramatic escape entrance at the airport, Dostoyevsky's first act is to pierce the dying Fukuchi with the two skill-infused blades lying at his feet, triggering a massive singularity! What emerges is the Divine One, a being who transcends space and time. As Tanizaki and the other members of the agency fall one by one, can Atsushi find a way out of this hopeless situation?!

Key Selling Points

- A consistent best-seller in the shonen (young boys) manga category.
- Perfect for fans of *Durarara!!* and *Darker than Black!*
- The 24-episode anime adaptation premiered in spring 2016 and is available for streaming on Crunchyroll.

Author Info

Author History

05/25 — *Bungo Stray Dogs, Vol. 25* — Asagiri/Harukawa (9798855415285, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 180 pgs)
·8,914 (Gross), 8,912 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

08/24 — *Bungo Stray Dogs, Vol. 24* — Asagiri/Harukawa (9798855401998, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 172 pgs)
·16,091 (Gross), 14,002 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

11/23 — *Bungo Stray Dogs, Vol. 23* — Asagiri/Harukawa (9781975379018, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 180 pgs)
·18,427 (Gross), 17,741 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

01/23 — *Bungo Stray Dogs, Vol. 22* — Asagiri/Harukawa (9781975361709, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 180 pgs)
·27,552 (Gross), 27,043 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

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Key Selling Points

- From the author of *Blood Sucker: Legend of Zipangu* comes another brilliant horror manga, *Hinatsugimura!*
- Sensuality and horror blend into one with *Hinatsugimura*, a horror manga set in a treacherous remote village where escape may lead to one's death.
- Perfect for fans of folkloristic horror such as *Phantom Tales of the Night*.

Author Info

Author History

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01/25 — *Hell Is Dark with No Flowers, Vol. 1 (manga)* — Michio/ToDo (9781975370374, PB, Yen Press, \$15.00, 220 pgs)

·2,965 (Gross), 2,757 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

12/22 — *Another 2001* — Ayatsuji/Kiyohara (9781975336011, HC, Yen Press, \$25.00, 576 pgs)

·11,440 (Gross), 10,094 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

09/19 — *Phantom Tales of the Night, Vol. 1* — Matsuri/Goniwich (9781975385217, PB, Yen Press, \$15.00, 182 pgs)

·46,722 (Gross), 45,861 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

07/18 — *Ibitsu* — Ryo/Starr (9781975353315, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 418 pgs)

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Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN004050) East Asian Style / Manga / General, (Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN004030) Fantasy / General		
Pricing	\$13.00 (US Price) / ₹1099 / \$17.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025	Pub Date: 01/20/2026	

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Title Notes

Sales Handle:

Book Description: Following in the footsteps of the Silver-Haired Thief Gang she so admires, Megumin has founded a thief gang of her own! So far, she's got a girl with no friends, a misfit Axis priestess, a princess in an unconvincing disguise, and a proper thief on board, and after quite a bit of frivolity, the time has finally come to take on their first job! How will this unlikely team of thieves handle themselves under pressure?

Key Selling Points

- Complete in four volumes, *Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!: An Explosion Bonus* is the manga adaptation of the light novel *Konosuba: An Explosion on This Wonderful World! Bonus Story*.
- *Konosuba: An Explosion on This Wonderful World! Bonus Story* focuses on Megumin, a fan-favorite character that is arguably the most popular in the series.
- *Konosuba* remains one of today's most popular anime properties.

Author Info

Author Residence	Local Bookstore
About The Author	Natsume Akatsuki is the author of <i>Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!</i>
Author Links	(Author Website), (Author Twitter), (Author Facebook), (Author Instagram) (Author Youtube) (Author Pinterest)

Author History

07/25 — *Konosuba: Even More Explosions on This Wonderful World!, Vol. 1 (manga)* — Morino/Akatsuki (9798855417746, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 196 pgs)
·1,860 (Gross), 1,860 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

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09/20 — *Konosuba: An Explosion on This Wonderful World! Bonus Story, Vol. 1 (light novel)* — Akatsuki/Mishima (9781975387068, PB, Yen Press, \$14.00, 192 pgs)
·5,605 (Gross), 5,354 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

06/19 — *Konosuba: An Explosion on This Wonderful World!, Vol. 1 (manga)* — Akatsuki/Morino (9781975357641, PB, Yen Press, \$13.00, 148 pgs)
·17,997 (Gross), 17,166 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

02/17 — *Konosuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!, Vol. 1 (light novel)* — Akatsuki/Mishima (9780316553377, PB, Yen Press, \$16.00, 184 pgs)
·51,604 (Gross), 49,980 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

Revenge of the Baskerville Bloodhound, Vol. 1

Series / Series #	Revenge of the Baskerville Bloodhound, #1		
By (artist)	S.arang,		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798400904530 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print		1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5.75 x 8.25 / 304 / 48	Age Range	13 & up
Team	(Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN021000) East Asian Style / Manhwa, (Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN004030) Fantasy / General		
Pricing	\$20.00 (US Price) / ₹1699 / \$26.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025	Pub Date: 01/20/2026	

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Title Notes

Sales Handle:

Book Description: The children of the Baskerville family are trained as loyal hounds from a young age, knowing nothing apart from a life of death and deception. After faithfully serving his family for forty years, Vikir Von Baskerville was rewarded with betrayal and execution by the hands of the man he called his father. But when he's given a second chance at life by being reborn with his memories of his past life intact, Vikir swears to have his revenge against the family he once served. Once again, he must survive the brutal life that awaits all the hounds of Baskerville, but this time he vows to bite the hand that feeds him.

Key Selling Points

- *Revenge of the Baskerville Bloodhound* is an action-fantasy manhwa following an illegitimate son seeking revenge against his family of assassins.
- Featuring a time-travel setup, merciless characters, and amazing battles accentuated by a wonderful art style, *Revenge of the Baskerville Bloodhound* is perfect for fans of the "getting stronger for revenge" plots as seen in *Solo Leveling* and *SSS-Class Revival Hunter*.
- First serialized on Tapas with over 2.7 million views as of June 2025.

Author Info

Author History

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10/24 — *SSS-Class Revival Hunter, Vol. 1* — Bill K/Neida (9798400902376, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 344 pgs)

•6,105 (Gross), 6,020 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

12/23 — *Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint, Vol. 1* — Sleepy-C(3B2S STUDIO)/UMI(REDICE STUDIO) (9798400901065, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 252 pgs)

•68,355 (Gross), 63,983 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

11/22 — *Tomb Raider King, Vol. 1* — 3B2S/SAN.G (9798400900075, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 272 pgs)

•34,248 (Gross), 17,468 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

11/22 — *The World After the Fall, Vol. 1* — Gamja(3B2S STUDIO)/singNsong (9798400900044, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 288 pgs)

•63,928 (Gross), 44,807 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

Semantic Error (novel), Vol. 1

Series / Series #	Semantic Error (novel), #1		
By (author)	Soori, J.		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798400903168 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print		1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5.75 x 8.25 / 328 / 48	Age Range	16 & up
Team	(Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats	Downloadable (Audio), Electronic Book		
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Fic) Fiction / (FIC011000) LGBTQ+ / Gay		
Pricing	\$16.00 (US Price) / ₹1399 / \$21.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025	Pub Date: 01/20/2026	

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Title Notes

Sales Handle:

Book Description: The heart-pounding novel that inspired the hit BL comic! Computer science major Sangwoo Choo lives by the following tenets: reason, routine, and rules. So when the rest of his groupmates flake on their class presentation, he deletes their names from the project without hesitation—inadvertently destroying one groupmate's plans to graduate and study abroad. That's got nothing to do with Sangwoo, though...or so he thinks, until he realizes that Jaeyoung Jang, the talented design major he was hoping to hire for his video game, is not only that very same classmate, but eager to get some payback! Will Sangwoo be able to debug this semantic error before it upends his entire life?

Key Selling Points

- *Semantic Error (novel)* is the source material for both the popular Boys Love K-drama and the webcomic of the same name.
- The *Semantic Error* webcomic was one of the most popular series originally serialized on the Manta reading app, where the bestselling title *Under the Oak Tree* was also originally serialized.
- *Semantic Error* is a must-read for Boys Love fans looking for a fun yet mature opposites-attract story with great pacing, gripping tension, and delicious chemistry.

Author Info

Author History

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03/25 — *Semantic Error (comic), Vol. 2* — Angy/Soori (9798400902642, PB, Yen Press, \$24.00, 296 pgs)
 ·10,034 (Gross), 9,665 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

11/24 — *Semantic Error (comic), Vol. 1* — Angy/Soori (9798400902628, PB, Yen Press, \$24.00, 328 pgs)
 ·12,184 (Gross), 11,737 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

11/24 — *Under the Oak Tree: Volume 1 (The Novel)* — Suji Kim (9780593871195, HC, Inklore, \$30.00, 496 pgs)
 ·45,409 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Similar source

07/20 — *Boyfriend Material* — Alexis Hall (9781728206141, PB, Sourcebooks Inc., \$14.99, 432 pgs)
 ·103,853 (Gross), Bookscan (Source) — Reason: Same genre

The Boxer, Vol. 12

Series / Series #	The Boxer, #12		
By (author)	JH,		
Format/Sub-format	Trade Paperback	Edition	
ISBN-13/ ISBN-10	9798400904363 /	Season	2026 Winter
Announced 1st Print		1st Serial / Bridges	No / No
Trim Size / Page Count / Carton Qty.	5.75 x 8.25 / 328 / 48	Age Range	13 & up
Team	(Editor) / (Marketer) / (Publicist)		
Other Formats			
Selling Territory	World Exclusive		
BISAC Category	(Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN021000) East Asian Style / Manhwa, (Cgn) Comics & Graphic Novels / (CGN000000) General		
Pricing	\$20.00 (US Price) / ₹1795 / \$26.00 (CAN Price)		
Dates	Order Cutoff Date: 12/15/2025	Pub Date: 01/20/2026	

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Title Notes

Sales Handle:

Book Description: As Yu rains down blow after blow on J, one question rings out in his mind—why? Why was he born into a living hell? Why did no one save him? Why is he alive? With K watching in twisted excitement and Carmen, Injae, and many more watching on in fear, Yu alone has the power to find his answer. And only J can deliver it unto him...if he doesn't die first.

Key Selling Points

- *The Boxer* is an action-packed sports drama that is one of the most popular and recognizable series on the WEBTOON platform.
- *The Boxer* boasts over 160 million views and over 1.5 million subscribers on WEBTOON as of July 2022.

Author Info

Author History

- 07/25** — *The Boxer, Vol. 11* — JH/Macalangcom (9798400900259, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 328 pgs) ·562 (Gross), 562 (Net), (Source) — Reason:
- 04/25** — *The Boxer, Vol. 10* — JH/Macalangcom (9798400900242, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 336 pgs) ·1,435 (Gross), 1,432 (Net), (Source) — Reason:
- 01/25** — *The Boxer, Vol. 9* — JH/Macalangcom (9798400900235, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 320 pgs) ·1,730 (Gross), 1,715 (Net), (Source) — Reason:
- 10/24** — *The Boxer, Vol. 8* — JH/Macalangcom (9798400900228, PB, Yen Press, \$20.00, 312 pgs) ·2,038 (Gross), 2,003 (Net), (Source) — Reason:

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