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## The Stepchild

**A completely gripping psychological thriller full of twists**

**Nicole Trope**

### Keynote

A completely unputdownable psychological thriller from international million-copy bestseller and the queen of domestic suspense, Nicole Trope. Anyone who loves Shari Lapena, Andrea Mara or Claire Douglas will be completely gripped!

### Description

**Three-year-old Millie Everleigh disappears on a crisp winter's day, and nothing is as it seems...**

My phone rings. It's my stepdaughter, **Shelby**, who is babysitting my three-year-old little girl **Millie**.

'I only went upstairs for a second,' she says through her sobs. 'She's gone.'

I race home to find my blue-eyed baby girl missing, and my heart ripped out of my chest. And when the police turn up, Shelby's story starts to unravel. What is she hiding?

Then I get a message saying, 'Your husband is not who you think he is.' Could he be lying?

Suddenly, my family feel like strangers. Everyone has a secret - even me.

**Once the truth comes out, and all of our lies are exposed, will it be too late to save my precious child?**

**A pulse-pounding psychological thriller about family secrets, shocking pasts and the lies we tell ourselves in order to survive. You'll lose sleep as you race through the pages until the final gasp-worthy twist! Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and *The Wife Between Us*.**

### Readers love *The Stepchild*:

**'WOW!!!! I couldn't put this book down, it was gripping from beginning to end... Had me on edge, I had to finish it the same day I opened it... A huge twist... WOW is the only thing after that last sentence I can say... It was too GOOD!!!'** Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

**'Grabbed me from the very first page and never let go... I loved this... Every time I thought I knew what was going to happen I was thrown an ever bigger curveball... Amazing... I never saw the ending coming!'** NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

**'WOW, WOW, WOW!!! My heart is still pounding! Amazing... Nail-biting thrill ride!... Absolutely unputdownable!! I read this in about 4 hours... I was on the edge of my seat.'** *Hockessin Book Reads*, □□□□□

**'Omg, wow... Just wow. There are not enough superlatives in the English dictionary to express how much I loved this incredible thriller... Very very highly recommended by little old me.'** *Nicki's Life of Crime*, □□□□□

**'Amazing amazing amazing. *The Stepchild* is brilliantly written. There is every kind of emotion that a person could feel within the plot... I adore Nicole Trope.'** NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

**'Wow, what a brilliant read this was!!!!...It had me shocked and jumping up with joy all at the same time... I got so immersed... Could do nothing else until I finished it. Time totally stops when I'm reading one of Nicole Trope's books.'** Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

### Sales Points

- Psychological thriller author Nicole Trope has sold 1.5 million copies globally.
- She is an Amazon UK top-five and Amazon US top-ten bestseller; a consistent top-tier bestseller for Bookouture, and a continual presence in our monthly top revenue performers.
- The *Stepchild* has sold over 50,000 units.
- Translation rights for Nicole have been sold in five countries.

### Author Biography

Bookouture.

<https://bookouture.com>



Nicole Trope went to university to study Law but realised the error of her ways when she did very badly on her first law essay because, as her professor pointed out, 'It's not meant to be a story.'  
She studied teaching instead and used her holidays to work on her writing career and complete a Masters' degree. In between raising three children, working for her husband and renovating houses, she has published six novels. She lives in Sydney, Australia.

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## Six Graves

**An absolutely heart-pounding and addictive crime thriller**

**Angela Marsons**

### Keynote

**An absolutely nail-biting mystery thriller from number one, multi-million-copy bestseller Angela Marsons that will have readers gasping out loud. Fans of Karin Slaughter, Mark Billingham and Robert Dugoni will love *Six Graves*.**

### Description

**Four bodies are found. Four graves are full. Who will be next?**

When **Detective Kim Stone** rushes to the scene of a house fire, she's shocked to discover two children and their parents are dead. But this tragedy is not so simple. All of them have been shot, and the mother is holding the gun.

Then Kim uncovers a tiny, vital clue that throws the investigation wide open. Could someone else have killed the Daynes family?

Just as Kim feels she's making progress, a deadly threat is made to her own life. Biting back her fear, she keeps digging. And when she learns a shocking secret, she realises that the rest of the family are in grave danger.

Kim is under pressure like never before, and the monster circling her is getting closer. **Can Kim find the killer and save herself before it's too late?**

**An absolutely nail-biting mystery thriller that will have you gasping out loud. You won't come up for air until you've reached the breathtaking final twist. Fans of Karin Slaughter, Mark Billingham and Robert Dugoni will love *Six Graves*.**

### See what everyone is saying about *Six Graves*:

'**OMG! OMG! OMG!** Angela Marsons, what on earth have you done to me?!... **Just OMG! Wow! Speechless!... utterly amazing... had me on tenterhooks.**' *Rachel's Random Reads*, □□□□□

'**Wow, wow, wow! Just inhaled this book in about 2 hours.**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'**Wow! My heart needs to rest now...** an absolutely blood-pumping ride that doesn't stop!!... **LOVED IT!!**' *The Fiction Cafe Book Club*, □□□□□

'**Amazing... phenomenal...** Warning: If you start this book in the evening **you will read all night because you won't be able to stop... Oh My Heavens...** unputdownable... **My heart was in my throat.**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'From first page to last this **had me totally gripped. It was like being on a rollercoaster... 5 stars are just not enough.**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'**I defy anyone to not feel goosebumps when you read THAT prologue!... a rollercoaster journey that will batter your emotions** and leave you feeling completely wrung out **before you even reach THAT ending!**' Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

'Heart-pounding, nail-biting... **I'm sure my heart rate was abnormally high throughout reading this book!**' *The Book Review Café*, □□□□□

'**Kept me up until midnight...** my heart rate is slowly coming back down... **wow, wow and wow!**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'**Wow!!! Wow!!!! Wow!!!!**... a total page-turner and will keep you guessing with every page... **BAM! The ending floored me.**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

'Oh **wow!!!!**... **I couldn't put the book down until I'd finished it in a day**... the most dramatic ending I've ever read... deserves **more than 5 stars!!!**' NetGalley reviewer, □□□□□

### Sales Points

- **SIX GRAVES** is sixteenth in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 145,000 copies.

<https://bookouture.com>



- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection Bancarella in Italy.
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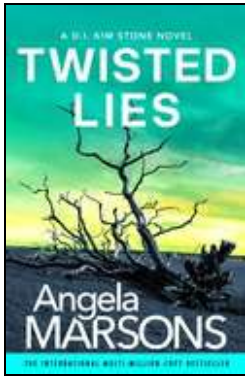
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## Twisted Lies

### An absolutely gripping mystery and suspense thriller

#### Angela Marsons

#### Keynote

**An absolutely jaw-dropping crime thriller from the number one, multi-million-copy bestselling author of the incredibly addictive Detective Kim Stone series.**

#### Description

**How can you catch a killer when everyone is lying?**

When **Detective Kim Stone** is called to the crime scene, what she sees leaves her speechless and she knows she's up against a truly twisted killer.

But when she breaks the devastating news to the victim's wife, Kim can't help feeling that something isn't quite right about her reaction. Twenty-four hours later, the whole family has disappeared...

Then a second body is found staked to the ground in a local nature reserve. But what links them is a fiercely guarded secret... one that the police are helping to hide.

Faced with deceit from those she should be able to trust, Kim is in deep water like never before. **Can she unlock the shocking truth and stop the killer before he strikes again?**

**An absolutely jaw-dropping crime thriller from the number one, multi-million-copy bestselling author of the incredibly addictive Detective Kim Stone series.**

#### See what readers are saying about *Twisted Lies*:

**'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO US ANGELA!!!! JUST WOW!!!!** Seriously love, love **LOVED this book!!!!**.. I was **on the edge of my seat, biting my nails** whilst feeling **my heart pounding** into the silly hours of the morning... **one of the best books I have ever read!!!** *Bookworm86*, □□□□

**'You won't want to put it down** until you've finished... **will make your heart beat faster** and keep you **hooked from the first page... Fab, fab, fab - what more can I say!!!** *Stardust Book Reviews*, □□□□

**'WOW! Just Wow!...** took me on an **emotional roller coaster... I've definitely given this book 6 out of 5.** *John's Book Shelf*, □□□□

**'You can't stop reading** it until the fantastic ending... **mesmerizing and riveting!** I find it insulting to even rate it giving between one to five stars, because **how many stars should you give to the sun?** *The World Is Ours to Read*, □□□□

**'I must have uttered WTF out loud** and in full many times... I read it one afternoon...**I devoured the pages, and couldn't get enough.** *Rachel's Random Reads*, □□□□

**'You are thrown straight into the action...I was invested in this book from the first page... gripping, thrilling... my favourite book of the year.'** NetGalley reviewer, □□□□

**'Gripping, clever, unputdownable, thrilling... deserves MORE THAN FIVE STARS.'** Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

**'Exceptional... I was hooked from the very first page... 1000% recommend.'** NetGalley reviewer, □□□□

**'You know it's a fantastic book** when you start it in the afternoon, hurry through all your normal "life chores" in a race to get into bed and continue reading... **totally worth a night of uninterrupted, heart-pumping reading!** *BookwormCatLady*, □□□□

#### Sales Points

- TWISTED LIES is fourteenth in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 150,000 copies
- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection Bancarella in Italy.
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## Stolen Ones

### A totally jaw-dropping and addictive crime thriller

#### Angela Marsons

#### Keynote

**An edge-of-your-seat thriller that will leave readers' hearts in their throats, from number one, multi-million-copy bestseller Angela Marsons.**

#### Description

**A little girl is missing... and the only way to save her is to play a killer's twisted game.**

One August afternoon, eight-year-old Grace Lennard vanishes into thin air. Rushing to the scene, **Detective Kim Stone** finds a chilling piece of evidence: the heart bracelet belonging to Melody Jones - a little girl stolen from a playground exactly twenty-five years ago.

Hours before, Steven Harte walked into Halesowen police station and claimed he could lead Kim to Melody. And he told her she'd have a more urgent problem to deal with first. Now Kim must do what he says if she's to find Grace alive.

With only twenty-four hours before she must release him, can Kim uncover the truth among Steven's lies, find Melody and save Grace? **Or will more innocent lives be lost?**

**An edge-of-your-seat thriller that will leave your heart in your mouth. You will be totally hooked on the utterly addictive, number one, multi-million-copy bestselling Detective Kim Stone series.**

#### See what everyone is saying about *Stolen Ones*:

'**OMG what a page turner. Heartbreaking, chilling and utterly compulsive... Hooked from the first to the last page, constantly holding my breath.**' NetGalley reviewer,

'**OMFG... Nail-biting, thrilling, and riveting... deliciously satisfying.**' NetGalley reviewer,

'**Wow... a cracker of a book... I just loved this... was hooked right from the start... brilliant... had me totally immersed.**' Goodreads reviewer,

'**Incredible.** I knew I would be hooked but this exceeded my expectations... **had me shaking my head and saying WTF... Absolutely loved every moment.**' Goodreads reviewer,

'**Wow - what a brilliant page-turner...** had me hooked from the first chapter and kept me invested throughout.' NetGalley reviewer,

'**Gripped me so deeply... I am 100% addicted...** read within 24 hours. Kim Stone is my idol... **Totally compelling, addictive.**'

'**Had me devouring this story long into the night...** brilliant... I was **completely hooked.**' NetGalley reviewer,

'**I absolutely loved... pulls you in straight away and doesn't let you go until the last page.**' Goodreads reviewer,

'**Genius... utterly compelling... will have you gripped to the end...** comes with **the mother of all twists!**' NetGalley reviewer,

'**Loved loved loved it!... I could not put this down.**' NetGalley reviewer,

'**I've not spoken to my husband in three days as this was far more important... perfect.** Clear your diary.' Goodreads reviewer,

#### Sales Points

- STOLEN ONES is fifteenth in the internationally bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. It has sold over 145,000 copies
- The Kim Stone series has sold 6 million copies across all formats.
- The series has been translated into 31 languages and regularly hits bestseller lists across Europe. The French edition of SILENT SCREAM was shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket "New Voices of Thriller" Award (Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar) in 2021, and in 2020, DEAD SOULS won the prestigious Prize Selection

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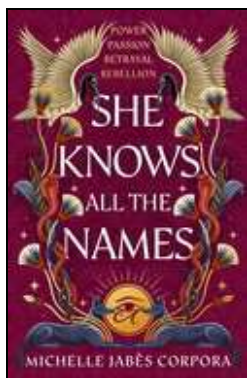
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#### Previous Titles

His Face is the Sun

## Throne of Khetara: She Knows All the Names Book 2

**Michelle Jabès Corpora**

#### Keynote

**THE RIVER HAS TURNED TO BLOOD. A NEW REIGN HAS BEGUN.**

The second book of the epic Throne of Khetara trilogy and sequel to the INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER *His Face is the Sun*, a lush Ancient Egyptian fantasy, simmering with romance, rebellion, magic and monsters. Perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Tahereh Mafi, and Sabaa Tahir.

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"A bold and opulent fantasy" - Emily Thiede, author of *This Vicious Grace*

**THE PRINCESS. THE PRIESTESS. THE REBEL. THE TOMB ROBBER. WHO WILL SIT ON THE THRONE WHEN THE BLOODSHED IS DONE?**

A merciless new king has ascended to the throne of Khetara and war threatens as rebellion against his rule grows. Hidden in the desert, far from the golden palace, Princess **Sita** must uncover the ancient secrets of a lost city and face an evil risen from the dead.

In a palace swarming with enemies, Priestess **Neff** secretly plots against the pharaoh's reign of blood, studying the forbidden art of Heka magic. Can she trust an unexpected ally?

Along the banks of the Iteru River, **Rae** leads a group of rebels on a perilous mission. To succeed, she must earn the trust of the king's closest advisor and place herself in the lion's den.

And in the Red Lands, tomb robber **Karim** grapples with the new life he's been given and his growing feelings for the sharp-witted princess. Will he face his destiny or run like a thief in the night?

#### Sales Points

- Multiple POV POC characters and incredible world-building in this richly imagined atmospheric fantasy sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *His Face is the Sun*
- A sumptuous, epic cover created by British Book Awards Designer of the Year 2022 & 2024, Micaela Alcaino
- The second book in this high-concept, accessible fantasy trilogy, perfect for a subscription box special edition HB with gorgeous finishes
- Based on Ancient Egyptian mythology, this fantasy series is ideal for fans of the Greek mythology YA BookTok trend
- The author has Egyptian heritage and is fascinated by its history and mythology - she speaks passionately about it and her grandfather was gifted a pendant by King Farouk, which has been handed down to her

#### Author Biography

Michelle Jabès Corpora was born in Washington DC, and grew up in Maryland, USA, where she still lives today. In addition to working as an editor and concept creator in the children's publishing industry for more than fifteen years, Michelle is the author of the Holly Horror series for young adults, as well as novels for middle-grade readers. Michelle has been training in the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu since 2017, and is currently a blue belt at Crazy 88 MMA. She lives with her husband, two daughters, a melodramatic dog, and two long-haired guinea pigs.

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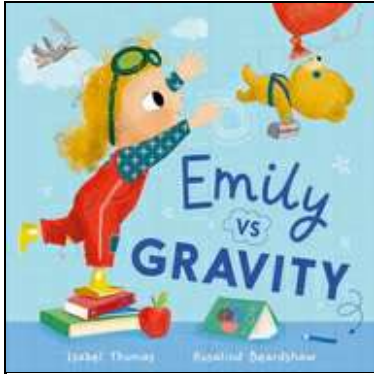
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## Emily Vs Gravity

**Isabel Thomas (Illustrated By Rosalind Beardshaw)**

### Keynote

When Bear falls from the sky it's up to Emily to get him back where he belongs, but to do so she must find a way to beat gravity in this delightful STEM picture book for children aged 4 and up.

### Description

What comes up must come down!

When Bear falls at Emily's feet, she is determined to get him back where he belongs. But Gravity keeps pulling Bear straight back down. So, Emily makes it her mission to defy Gravity and make the impossible, possible! She tries balancing him on a see saw, making him a pair of wings and even launching him into the air with a catapult. But how will she get him to stay in the sky?

This empowering picture book is about the forces that keep us grounded, and the equally powerful forces of determination, knowledge and human ingenuity that allow us to fly.

### Sales Points

- Science by stealth - it's never too early to teach kids about STEM and this text will engage kids as young as four, introducing them to key scientific concepts in an accessible storybook style.
- Isabel Thomas has written more than 150 books for children and young adults, winning the AAAS Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books 2020. and her books have been shortlisted for the English 4-11 Picture Book Awards, the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, The ASE Science Book of the Year, and the Blue Peter Best Book with Facts.
- Taps into soft skills such as problem solving, resilience and persistence.
- The first title in a new series covering topics such as the dark, friction, the weather and so on.

### Author Biography

#### Isabel Thomas (Author)

Isabel Thomas studied Human Sciences at the University of Oxford. She is a science writer and children's author who has been shortlisted for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, the ASE Science Book of the Year, and the Blue Peter Book Awards. Isabel also writes for children's science magazines Whizz Pop Bang and The Week Junior Science + Nature, and for science outreach projects. She is a primary school governor and parent of three young sons.

#### Rosalind Beardshaw (Illustrator)

Rosalind Beardshaw has illustrated many books for children. These include the award-winning Lulu series and the National Trust's A Walk in the Countryside series. She lives in York with her family.

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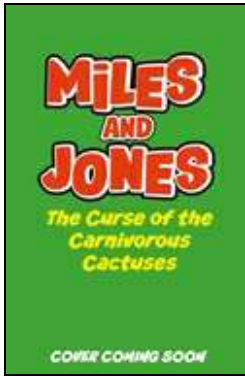
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CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Paperback B Format</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Miles and Jones</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex ANZ); EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>ANZ; Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>New Zealand</b>
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND Publisher	<b>Hachette New Zealand Ltd Publisher</b>

#### Previous Titles

Miles and Jones (1): The Anaconda Attack  
Miles and Jones (2): The Blizzard of Blobs

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## Miles and Jones: The Curse of the Carnivorous Cactuses Book 3

**Sam Smith (Illustrated By César Lador)**

#### Keynote

Best friends Amelia Miles and Shackleton Jones team up to save their park from the curses of Glam-Evil, an ultra-villain with a grudge.

A hilariously funny graphic novel series from writer and comedian Sam Smith and illustrator César Lador.

#### Description

*Sam: Nothing could be as bad as being covered in icky purple blobs . . . wait, what does 'carnivorous' mean again?*

Say goodbye to the rickety bridge . . . the perfect playground . . . the skyscraper tree - the BEST PARK EVER has just been cursed by an evil ultra-villain! It's up to best friends Amelia (Miles) and Shackleton (Jones) to save their favourite place, no matter what curious curses should strike along the way. But Glam-Evil has a few new tricks up her ultra-villainous sleeve . . .

A brilliant new graphic novel series by popular New Zealand comedian Sam Smith and artist César Lador, MILES & JONES is like THE BAD GUYS crossed with Indiana Jones - perfect for fans of BUNNY VS MONKEY.

#### Sales Points

- Readable, relatable and action-packed, with dyslexia-friendly fonts, the MILES & JONES series will delight even the most reluctant of readers (including grown-ups!)
- The solution to beat the curse in each story is something that primary school kids will also be discovering in real life, such as learning to whistle or to tie your shoelaces
- Graphic novels continue to be hugely popular in the 5+ market

#### Author Biography

##### Sam Smith (Author)

Sam Smith is a bestselling writer, comedian and former dentist. He pivoted from dentistry to comedy after an MS diagnosis caused him to lose part of his vision. Sam is a head writer on *7 Days*, a popular satirical comedy show in New Zealand, and creates the tasks for *Taskmaster NZ*.

##### César Lador (Illustrator)

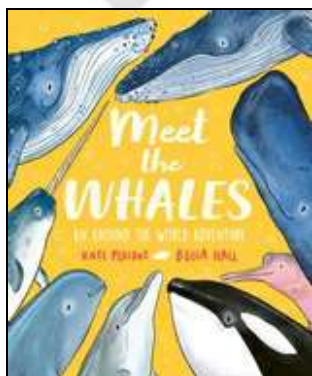
César Lador is an artist who is passionate about illustration, children's books and European comic books. His years studying, working and teaching in environmental engineering bring great authenticity to the details in his art.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Whales, dolphins and porpoises (YNNJ14) Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject Type	<b>Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Paperback 280x230</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Meet The...</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

**Previous Titles**

*Meet the Bears*  
*Meet the Cats*

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

**Meet the Whales**

**Kate Peridot (Illustrated By Becca Hall)**

**Keynote**

An around-the-world trip to meet eight species of whale and learn all about them and their habitats. Includes a map of the world showing whale hotspots and a size comparison spread!

**Description**

It's time to climb on board a submarine and delve below the ocean's surface to meet some of the most beautiful and diverse creatures on Earth: whales. From blue whales, the largest creatures to have ever lived on Earth, to the narwhals that can survive below sea ice, discover more about these amazing creatures in this brilliantly illustrated guide to eight species of whales.

Use the handy world map filled with whale hotspots to cross the continents, exploring the diverse habitats where these whales live. See how you size up against the whales with a comparison chart and use the fun fact files to become an expert on these watery wonders!

**Sales Points**

- Features fact files on eight amazing whales from around the world
- With a fun whale size comparison chart - so you can see how the world's whales compare!
- Includes a informative world map with whale migration paths

**Author Biography**

**Kate Peridot (Author)**

**Kate Peridot** is an author of both fiction and non fiction children's books who lives in the south of France. In 2014 her story, *The Elephant Carnival*, won a Walker Books Animal Stories competition. She studied creative writing at The London School of Journalism. In her spare time, Kate loves to hike, swim and explore the world.

**Becca Hall (Illustrator)**

**Becca Hall** is an illustrator living in Cornwall, UK. She graduated from the Manchester School of Art in 2014 with a first class honours degree, where she also won the Alumni Award for illustration. When she is not painting, Becca can be found surfing, walking her dogs, hunting for treasures or inside a cosy cafe with a cuppa and a cake.



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Thema 1.6	<b>Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Superheroes and super-villains (XQK) Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Fantasy, esoteric (XQM) Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Humorous / Funny stories (XQT) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: First / new experiences and life changes (YXW) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Paperback 210x148</b>
Extent	<b>224 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Unicorn Boy</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

## Unicorn Boy and the Slumber Party of Doom Book 2

**Dave Roman**

### Keynote

UNICORN BOY is a colourful, hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel series about a shy kid who unwillingly sprouts a unicorn horn and uses his newfound magical powers to help those in need! Perfect for fans of Jamie Smart or those moving on from *Dog Man*.

### Description

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**'One of the best comics I've read in a long time! Imaginative, thrilling, and with so many surprising twists, everyone should be reading Unicorn Boy!' - Jamie Smart, creator of BUNNY vs MONKEY on UNICORN BOY**

Brian always felt a bit different compared to other kids. Even *before* growing a unicorn horn, discovering a talking muffin and swallowing the ruler of the Underworld to save his BFF. So when he receives a mysterious invitation for a *Unicorn-Only Sleepover*, Brian wonders if these fellow magical creatures might help him make sense of his increasingly odd world!

But held in an enchanted castle in the clouds, not everything at this glitzy, glamorous party is as it seems . . .

Are the negative feelings in his gut just anxiety, or is something else at play?

### Sales Points

- Graphic novel sales are on the rise, with titles by Dav Pilkey and Jamie Smart continuing to hold a strong presence in the Bookscan charts, and recent success for our own Bumble and Snug. There is an appetite for graphic novel formats, especially for 7-11 year old readers which UNICORN BOY caters to really well
- The content of *Unicorn Boy* is naturally inclusive: it features a non-binary character as well as subverting gender expectations through a gentle male protagonist who becomes a unicorn superhero
- The series hook is clear, engaging and has long-running potential: *a shy boy unwillingly gains unicorn powers and has no choice but to become a hero as dark forces persistently target him and his friends*
- Dave Roman is an experienced writer and graphic novel artist so is comfortable with the publishing process and able to provide high-quality work to schedule
- *Unicorn Boy* was winner of the Week Children's Book Awards 2025, Graphic Novel of the Year

### Author Biography

Dave Roman is a New York-based author and illustrator who started drawing and self-publishing his own comic books in middle school (and never stopped!). When he's not coming up with adventures for an unwilling unicorn-horned superhero, he is currently a series editor for First Second's acclaimed Science Comics nonfiction graphic novels. You can find webcomics and draw-along games on his website: [www.yaytime.com](http://www.yaytime.com)

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## Lily Tripp: Diary of an Accidental Time Traveller

Amelia Tait

### Keynote

Meet accidental time traveller Lily Tripp as she bounces throughout history navigating friendship dramas, first love and family. It's LOTTIE BROOKS meets BACK TO THE FUTURE!

*'A laugh-out-loud, brilliantly funny story. . . Clever, time-bending, and irresistible'* HANNAH GOLD, author of *The Last Bear*

### Description

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*'A laugh-out-loud, brilliantly funny story that took me straight back to my teenage years and my own secret diary. Clever, time-bending, and irresistible. I can't wait to see where Lily goes next'* HANNAH GOLD, author of *The Last Bear*

*'All the heart and humour of Lottie Brooks and Georgia Nicolson with added time travel hijinks, Lily Tripp is sure to be your new favourite heroine'* ANNA JAMES, author of *Pages & Co.*

Every New Year's Day, Lily Tripp time travels and wakes up in a *new century*. She's lived in Roman times and the Victorian era and never knows where she'll end up next. Thank goodness her bestie, family and secret crush all time travel with her too . . . even if they don't know it.

But how will she live in a time before chicken nuggets were invented? Why are her brother's clothes so ridiculous in every era? And how on earth can she cope with being mean girl Georgia's *servant*?!

*'Hugely entertaining - time travel has never felt so funny'* ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, author of *Evenfall: The Golden Linnet*

*'A brilliant debut. Relatable, funny and filled with fascinating facts from the past, time travelling with Lily Tripp was pure joy!'* JEN CARNEY, author of *The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.*

### Sales Points

- Standout major new character-led voice in contemporary diary-format fiction. Perfect for the Katie Kirby audience, the fastest-growing author in 10+ contemporary middle-grade - aspirational but clean fun!
- This major lead launch will be backed by a comprehensive ground-breaking marketing and publicity campaign to establish Amelia as the breakout middle-grade debut of 2026.
- A clever timeslip concept that's delivered as effortless fun - this is *the* new contemporary fiction series readers will fall in love with and the strongest, smartest character-led voice not seen since GEEK GIRL.
- Focusing on well-known historical eras but with a wholly contemporary protagonist's perspective - this is history brought to life with heart, humour and relatable 'what ifs' for readers. Schools, educators and librarians will love this brilliantly fresh take on time travel for upper middle-grade readers.

### Author Biography

**Amelia Tait** was born in Bradford and grew up in Richmond, North Yorkshire. From the ages of 13 to 18, she recorded her life in nine diaries, inspired by her love of The Princess Diaries series and her overwhelming need to write poems about boys.

Amelia built her career as a freelance features journalist, exploring lifestyle, culture and trend stories for publications such as *The New York Times*, *Guardian*, and *The New Statesman*. She has also written humour for *McSweeney's* and *The New Yorker*. In 2020, she was named as one of *Forbes* 30 Under 30 in Europe.

*Lily Tripp: Diary of an Accidental Time Traveller* is her debut children's book.

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CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
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Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

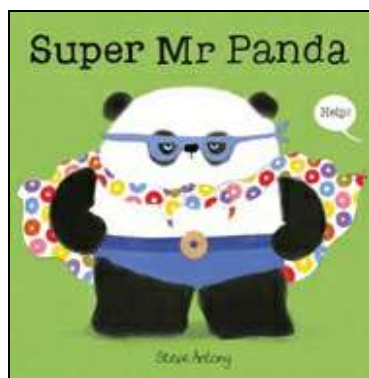
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Thema 1.6	<b>Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Friends and friendships (YXHB) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>265x260</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Mr Panda</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

Please, Mr Panda  
I'll Wait, Mr Panda  
Thank You, Mr Panda  
Goodnight, Mr Panda  
We Love You, Mr Panda  
Wash Your Hands, Mr Panda  
Mr Panda's Colours  
Mr Panda's Feelings

The Queen's Hat  
The Queen's Handbag  
The Queen's Present  
The Queen's Lift-Off

Green Lizards vs Red Rectangles  
Unplugged  
AMAZING  
Rainbowsaurus  
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: an illustrated children's classic

## Super Mr Panda

Steve Antony

### Keynote

The brilliantly funny seventh book in the ever-popular Mr Panda series from the award winning Steve Antony.

### Description

**The million-copy selling Mr Panda series is back with a SUPER new story!**

Mr Panda and his friends are preparing for a very special bake sale! Whenever anyone needs a hand, who do they ask?

SUPER MR PANDA!

But when Mr Panda himself gets into a sticky spot, who will come to his rescue?

The perfect story to help little ones remember that it's OK to ask for help . . . and it's SUPER to offer help. This latest book from award-winning creator Steve Antony is charming, funny and super sweet.

Look out for more books starring the grumpy (but loveable!) Mr Panda:

Thank You Mr Panda  
I'll Wait Mr Panda  
We Love You, Mr Panda  
Wash Your Hands, Mr Panda  
Goodnight Mr Panda  
Mr Panda's Colours  
Mr Panda's Feelings

### Sales Points

- This is the seventh book in the million-copy selling Mr Panda series
- The perfect story for helping children to understand that it's OK to ask for help - and super to help each other.
- Superhero fans will love this SUPER new Mr Panda story

### Author Biography

Since his 2014 debut, multi award-winning author-illustrator Steve Antony has so far written and illustrated 18 picture books and sold over one million copies worldwide, and 7 of his titles have been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal.

His *Mr Panda* series has sold over 1 million copies worldwide and was recently optioned for TV by Magic Light Pictures. His highly acclaimed *The Queen's Hat* (the first instalment of the Queen Collection) was adapted into a musical concert by the London Symphony Orchestra and won the Evening Standard's Oscars Book Prize. His *Queen's Hat* inspired Shaun the Sheep statue raised £15,000 for the Wallace and Gromit Children's Charity.

He plays an active role in his local community as Patron to Swindon Libraries Children's Services and recently designed their library card. He is an Ambassador for The National Literacy Trust, an active supporter of Beanstalk and a vocal advocate for more incidental inclusiveness in children's literature, having written several articles on the subject. Through his art, Steve has helped raise thousands for various UK charities including My AFK, BookTrust, Willow Foundation and Wallace and Gromit Children's Charity.

Steve's studied at Anglia Ruskin University after taking voluntary redundancy from a Swindon call centre. Steve was part-raised in New Mexico and now lives in Swindon UK with his husband and cat.



## Auntie's Bangles

### A moving, lyrical picture book about love and loss

Dean Atta (Illustrated By Alea Marley)

#### Keynote

A heartfelt picture book about love, loss and learning to live again from Dean Atta, the multi-prize winning author of *The Black Flamingo*, and award-winning illustrator Alea Marley.

#### Description

A heartfelt story about love, loss and the joy a person leaves behind, written by multi-prize winning poet Dean Atta and illustrated by the award-winning Alea Marley.

Auntie's bangles used to jingle-jangle as she laughed, read and made delicious dishes, and especially as she danced. But everyone is so sad since Auntie died. It feels . . . quiet.

Slowly, Theo and his cousin, Rama, learn to celebrate their memories of Auntie, even after she's gone.

This gentle and sensitive exploration of grief will open up important conversations and help little ones find their own way to remember and celebrate someone they've lost.

#### Sales Points

- The second picture book from poet Dean Atta, the multi-prize nominated author of *The Black Flamingo*.
- Illustrated by the award-winning Alea Marley - winner of the Lillian Shepherd Award for Excellence in Illustration
- A gentle introduction to grief with an uplifting message about celebrating the people we have loved and lost
- As well as navigating his own grief at losing a much-loved Auntie, Theo tries to support his little cousin through the loss of her mum
- Dean's picture books deal with significant moments of life - *Confetti* is a celebration of Pride, family and love in all its forms, and *Auntie's Bangles* celebrates love and life

#### Author Biography

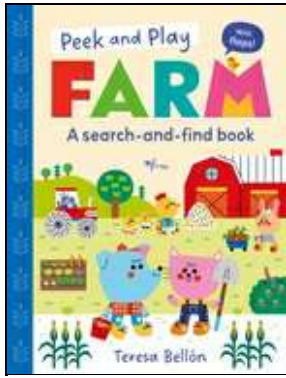
##### Dean Atta (Author)

Dean Atta is the author of YA novels-in-verse *The Black Flamingo* and *Only on the Weekends*. Named as 'one of poetry's greatest modern voices' (Gay Times). *The Black Flamingo* was a top-selling debut of 2020 and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, CILIP Carnegie Medal, The Jhalak Prize and The YA Book Prize. *The Black Flamingo* was also awarded the prestigious Stonewall Book Award and the Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Award 2020, and sold to the US in a five-way publisher auction.

##### Alea Marley (Illustrator)

Alea Marley is an award-winning illustrator of picture books. She loves creating whimsical scenes that are filled with patterns, texture, and bursts of colour! Alea's favourite mediums to work with are chunky pencils, watercolour crayons, and digital brushes. She was born in the UK with Barbadian roots.

Publication date	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹699
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Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Death and grief (YXG) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Families and family members (YXF) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)
CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	275x250
Depth	4mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
Confetti	
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



## Peek and Play: Farm

### A fun and interactive lift-the-flap search-and-find board book

**Pat-a-Cake (Illustrated By Teresa Bellón)**

#### Keynote

A search-and-find adventure trail for little ones, with sturdy flaps to peek behind on every spread!

#### Description

Sheepdog and Cat need YOUR help to get ready for the Farm Festival in this delightful search-and-find adventure with flaps to life and things to spot!

Look high, look low.  
Get ready . . . let's GO!

*Peek and Play: Farm* is jam-packed with farmyard friends, from baaing sheep to mooing cows, with lots of hidden details to find! Preschoolers will love exploring the big scenes, lifting the flaps and joining in with the interactive cues, from pulling a silly face to singing a song.

With bright, bold artwork from Teresa Bellón, a simple, engaging text and sturdy card flaps perfect for small hands, there is plenty for parents and children to talk about and return to again and again.

Don't miss *Peek and Play: City*

#### Sales Points

- Chunky search-and-find board books with a fun narrative, packed with hidden details to spot
- Each spread contains multiple flaps and interactive cues for little readers to join in with, from pulling a silly face to singing a song
- With bold, graphic and detailed artwork from Teresa Bellón, who has been translated into 7 languages

#### 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 . . .

##### Teresa Bellón (Illustrator)

Teresa Bellón was born in Albacete, Spain. She spent years exploring different paths before studying illustration in Madrid. She is influenced by Portuguese and Nordic children's book illustrators. Her drawings feature a naive style with limited colours and simple compositions. She seeks inspiration through travel, buying illustration books and walking around Madrid.

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Price	<b>£9.99 / ₹899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526384287</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's interactive and activity books and kits (YBG) Baby books (YBCB) For pre-school learning (4CA) Interest age: from c 24 months (5ABK)</b>

CBMC	<b>A3J79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Novelty Book</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	
Format	<b>245x185</b>
Depth	<b>14mm</b>
Extent	<b>10 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Peek and Play</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

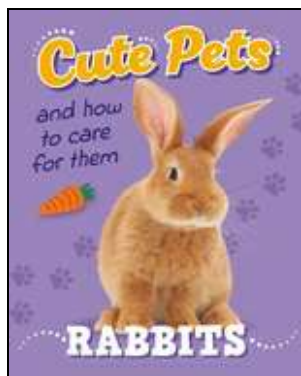
9781526384270 Peek and Play: City

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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Hardback 265x210</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
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#### Previous Titles

**Jan 2026**  
Cute Pets: Cats  
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## Cute Pets! And How to Care For Them: Rabbits

Judith Heneghan

### Keynote

**Find out all about adorable, playful rabbits and how to look after them**

### Description

**Find out all about adorable, playful rabbits and how to look after them**

Rabbits make great pets! Find out all about to look after them, from what to feed them to how to handle and groom them.

These friendly guides offer aspiring pet-owners - as well as children who just love to read about sweet, furry animals - all they need to know about looking after a new pet. From choosing the right pet, to giving it the right environment to live in, to grooming and playtime, each book offers sensible, age-appropriate guidance to young pet-owners. The text has been checked by a vet consultant.

Perfect for young animal-lovers aged 7 and up.

### Contents:

Is a rabbit the right pet for me?  
Get ready  
A healthy diet  
Warm and clean  
Holding your rabbit  
Running and hiding  
Keeping active  
Fur, teeth and nails  
Vet check  
Living outside  
Keeping safe  
Getting older  
Best friends

### Books in the series:

Cute Pets: Cats  
Cute Pets: Dogs  
Cute Pets: Guinea Pigs  
Cute Pets: Hamsters  
Cute Pets: Rabbits  
Cute Pets: Ponies

### Sales Points

- Will appeal to all kids who love animals, as well as aspiring pet-owners
- Features lots of very cute photos of pets in action
- Text has been checked by a vet

### Summary of Contents

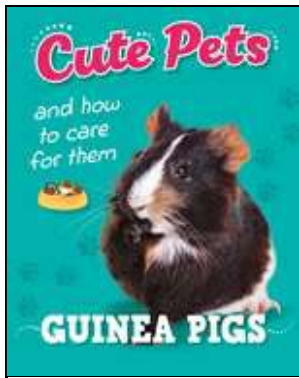
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### Author Biography

Judith Heneghan writes fiction and non-fiction for children. She runs the MA Writing for Children at the University of Winchester. Judith has four teenage children, a labrador, a snake and a gecko.

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## Cute Pets! And How to Care For Them: Guinea Pigs

### Ruth Percival

#### Keynote

Find out all about adorable, playful guinea pigs and how to look after them

#### Description

Find out all about adorable, playful guinea pigs and how to look after them

Guinea pigs make great pets! Find out all about to look after them, from what to feed them to how to handle and groom them.

These friendly guides offer aspiring pet-owners - as well as children who just love to read about sweet, furry animals - all they need to know about looking after a new pet. From choosing the right pet, to giving it the right environment to live in, to grooming and playtime, each book offers sensible, age-appropriate guidance to young pet-owners. The text has been checked by a vet consultant.

Perfect for young animal-lovers aged 7 and up

#### Books in the series:

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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
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Subject Type	<b>Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding Format	<b>Hardback 265x210</b>
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## Science Toons: Planet Earth

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Abby Bulmer)

### Keynote

Funny comic strips combine with facts to help children engage with the science of planet Earth

### Description

**Packed with comic strips, fun facts, and easy-to-understand diagrams, this book makes learning about planet Earth both educational and entertaining.**

Meet funny characters who explain what happens inside a volcano, what earthquakes are, how mountains form and more.

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

#### Tom Jackson (Author)

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

#### Abby Bulmer (Illustrator)

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

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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT)</b> <b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b> <b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)</b>
CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>284x216</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
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Series	<b>Science Toons</b>
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## Science Toons: Space

Tom Jackson (Illustrated By Abby Bulmer)

### Keynote

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

### Description

**Packed with comic strips, fun facts, and easy-to-understand diagrams, this book makes learning about space both educational and entertaining.** Meet funny characters who explain the structure of the solar system, how rockets work, how gravity works and more.

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

### Sales Points

- Author Tom Jackson is a well-known science communicator for children
- Covers the topics in the KS2 science curriculum and extends the learning for budding scientists
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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>284x216</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Science Toons</b>
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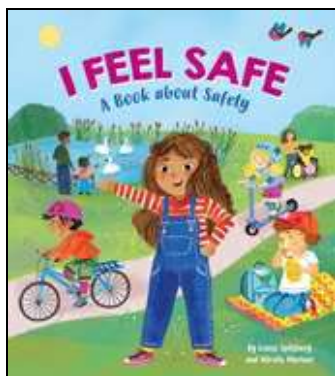


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CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x190</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

## I Feel Safe A book about safety

**Louise Spilsbury (Illustrated By Mirella Mariani)**

### Keynote

Simple explanations for young children about how to keep safe at home and outside

### Description

Written by the same author and illustrator team as for the bestselling title, 'It's My Body: a book about body privacy', this brightly coloured, illustrated title explains to children about how to keep safe, whether that's out home or while they're outside. From crossing the road to getting lost, stranger danger and safety near water, this book explains ways to keep safe.

Knowing what to do to keep safe can make children feel confident and happy

Suitable for children aged 4+

### Sales Points

- An important title for all children to read to help them understand how to keep safe and healthy
- Includes advice and guidance for parents and teachers
- Written by the same author and illustrator team as for the bestselling title, 'It's My Body: a book about body privacy'

### Author Biography

#### Louise Spilsbury (Author)

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

#### Mirella Mariani (Illustrator)

Mirella Mariani was born in a small and green village between Milano and Como and has been in love with drawing since she can remember. When she was a child she loved books and comics too, so it was quite easy to find what she wanted to be when she grew up. After artistic high school she graduated from an illustration school in Milano. Now she is a children's book illustrator and comics drawer, and is mostly interested in their humorous side. She also loves riding her bicycle, horse riding, swimming and scuba diving. She loves animals and drawing them!

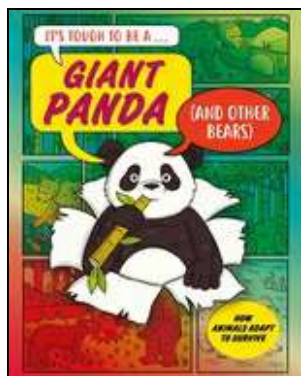
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## It's Tough to Be: A Giant Panda (and Other Bears)

John Townsend (Illustrated By Ruth Bennett)

### Keynote

Find out about the incredible ways giant pandas and other bears have learned to adapt to survive with hilarious cartoon strips

### Description

**Find out about the incredible ways giant pandas and other bears live and survive with hilarious cartoon strips.**

Giant pandas and other bears may be stars of many children's books, but in reality life as a bear can be tough! In this book, cartoon strips explore why giant pandas are always eating, how polar bears survive in freezing conditions, why sloth bears are not sloths and much more. Alongside the cartoon strips, we explore topics such as the variety of bear species, food chains, habitats and threats, to build a picture of life as a bear.

*It's Tough to Be* is a series of fun educational books that help children aged 7 plus understand how animals adapt to survive in different habitats. Each book features hilarious cartoon strips and incredible science facts.

**Titles in the series:** A Tiger (and other cats) / A Shark (and other sea creatures) / A Black Mamba (and other snakes) / A T-rex (and other dinosaurs) / An Eagle (and other birds) / A Giant Panda (and other bears)

### Sales Points

- Engaging way into science learning through comic strips and humour
- Includes science information that is covered in the national curriculum and beyond
- The author is a former teacher and recognised by the National Literacy Trust as a Reading Champion

### Author Biography

#### John Townsend (Author)

Born on the stroke of midnight in a little house in the ancient Roman town of Caesaromagus (Chelmsford), John grew up with a love of stories, the power of words and the magic of plays on the stage. John trained as a secondary school teacher and was first published in 1983. Oodles of years later, he became a full-time writer. He's well known for writing to encourage readers into books and has been named a 'Reading Champion' by the National Literacy Trust.

#### Ruth Bennett (Illustrator)

Ruth is an illustrator, character designer and animator from Norfolk, England. She loves creating fun quirky characters and stories that make children giggle.

Ruth primarily works digitally using bold lines and bright colours.

Her biggest inspiration comes from the people around her, Norfolk is home to lots of interesting personalities! As well as people watching she enjoys long walks along the coast and spending time with her two cats.

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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject Type	<b>Non-fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding Format	<b>Hardback 265x210</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
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Series	<b>It's Tough to Be</b>
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Jan 2026	A Tiger (and other cats) 9781526329547
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Mar 2026	A Black Mamba (and other snakes) 9781526329608
	A T-rex (and other dinosaurs) 978152632951629516
May 2026	An Eagle (and other birds) 9781526329677
	A Giant Panda (and other bears) 9781526329639



## It's Tough to Be: An Eagle (and Other Birds)

John Townsend (Illustrated By Ruth Bennett)

### Keynote

With funny cartoon strips, find out about the incredible ways eagles and other birds have learned to adapt to survive

### Description

**Find out about the incredible ways eagles and other birds live and survive with hilarious cartoon strips.**

Eagles may be incredible predators with few natural enemies but being one of the world's biggest birds can still be tough! In this book, cartoon strips explore what emperor penguins put up with for their offspring, the disgusting tricks vultures play, why other birds give pelicans a tough time and more. Alongside the cartoon strips, we explore topics such as the variety of bird species, food chains, habitats and threats, to build a picture of life as a bird.

*It's Tough to Be* is a series of fun educational books that help children aged 7 plus understand how animals adapt to survive in different habitats. Each book features hilarious cartoon strips and incredible science facts.

**Titles in the series:** A Tiger (and other cats) / A Shark (and other sea creatures) / A Black Mamba (and other snakes) / A T-rex (and other dinosaurs) / An Eagle (and other birds) / A Giant Panda (and other bears)

### Sales Points

- Engaging way into science learning through comic strips and humour
- Includes science information that is covered in the national curriculum and beyond
- The author is a former teacher and recognised by the National Literacy Trust as a Reading Champion

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	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT)</b>
	<b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
	<b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (Northern Ireland) (4Z-GB-NCJ)</b>

CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
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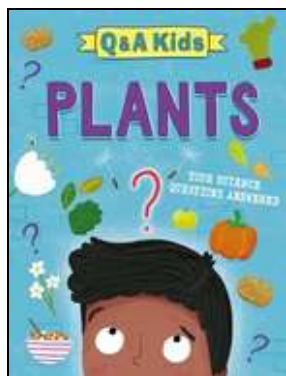
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## Q and A Kids: Plants

**Amy Chapman (Illustrated By Angelika Scudamore)**

### Keynote

Discover the science of plants with questions, facts, things to find and lots of fun

### Description

A fantastic resource for children aged 5-7, this book about the science of plants is perfect for curious young scientists and a great one-stop-shop for help with homework! For children working through book bands, the book is suitable for those reading at Book Band 12: Brown.

What are flowers for? What do roots do? Which plant eats insects? Find out about plants and learn how they grow and reproduce. Follow the life cycle of a plant, see how they make their own food and discover some of the most unusual plants in the world.

**Q and A Kids** books are full of interaction and fun: questions to engage the reader, things to find on the page and challenges to stretch young minds. Titles in the series: Electricity / Food Chains / Forces and Magnets / Light / Materials / Plants / Seasons / Sound / The Water Cycle / Weather.

### Sales Points

- The question and answer approach is great for inquisitive children
- Text level and design will appeal to nurseries and lower KS2
- A useful resource for homework projects

### Author Biography

#### Amy Chapman (Author)

Amy Chapman is a pseudonym of Izzi Howell. Izzi is the author and editor of over fifty children's books. She lives in East Sussex and enjoys learning languages, cooking and travelling around Europe.

#### Angelika Scudamore (Illustrator)

Angelika is an illustrator based in South London. She always loved drawing, and her earliest memory is drawing with her dad. She was obsessed with Beatrix Potter with her beautiful illustrations of cute, fluffy bunnies and animals as a child. Ever since she can remember, she always wanted to have the exact studio Beatrix had with her bunny sitting on her desk! Everywhere she goes, she carries around a sketchbook and jots down every idea that comes to her head. Before she became an illustrator, she taught yoga to young children, making up innovative stories through yoga. This was what later inspired her to illustrate children's books. Creating cute, fun characters is what she loves about illustrating.

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	<b>Interest age: from c 5 years (SAF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x190</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Q and A Kids</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Brighton</b>

### Previous Titles

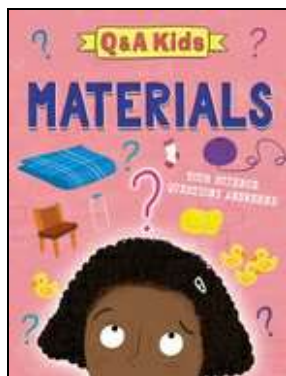
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## Q and A Kids: Materials

**Amy Chapman (Illustrated By Angelika Scudamore)**

### Keynote

Discover the science of materials with questions, facts, things to find and lots of fun

### Description

A fantastic resource for children aged 5-7, this book about the science of materials is perfect for curious young scientists and a great one-stop-shop for help with homework! For children working through book bands, the book is suitable for those reading at Book Band 12: Brown.

What is plastic made from? Why are electricity cables made from metal? Which materials let heat pass through them? Discover the materials used to make everyday objects. See where materials come from, learn about their properties and find out how we choose materials.

**Q and A Kids** books are full of interaction and fun: questions to engage the reader, things to find on the page and challenges to stretch young minds. Titles in the series: Electricity / Food Chains / Forces and Magnets / Light / Materials / Plants / Seasons / Sound / The Water Cycle / Weather.

### Sales Points

- The question and answer approach is great for inquisitive children
- Text level and design will appeal to nurseries and lower KS2
- A useful resource for homework projects

### Author Biography

#### Amy Chapman (Author)

Amy Chapman is a pseudonym of Izzi Howell. Izzi is the author and editor of over fifty children's books. She lives in East Sussex and enjoys learning languages, cooking and travelling around Europe.

#### Angelika Scudamore (Illustrator)

Angelika is an illustrator based in South London. She always loved drawing, and her earliest memory is drawing with her dad. She was obsessed with Beatrix Potter with her beautiful illustrations of cute, fluffy bunnies and animals as a child. Ever since she can remember, she always wanted to have the exact studio Beatrix had with her bunny sitting on her desk! Everywhere she goes, she carries around a sketchbook and jots down every idea that comes to her head. Before she became an illustrator, she taught yoga to young children, making up innovative stories through yoga. This was what later inspired her to illustrate children's books. Creating cute, fun characters is what she loves about illustrating.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781526324016</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT)</b>
	<b>Interest age: from c 5 years (SAF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF)</b>

CBMC	<b>B5N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x190</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
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Main Identifier	<b>9781445193120</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Content adapted or suitable for reluctant or struggling readers (children / teenagers) (5AR)</b>

CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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**Previous Titles**

April  
Kid Pirate: The Sea Monster  
Kid Pirate: The Skeleton Crew

May  
Kid Pirate: Monkey Trouble  
Kid Pirate: The Spider Queen

June:  
Kid Pirate: Pesky Parrot  
Kid Pirate The Golden Bottle

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

**Reading Champion: Graphics: Kid Pirate: The Spider Queen**  
**Book band Turquoise 7**

**Damian Harvey (Illustrated By Denis Cristo)**

**Keynote**

Expertly levelled first graphic readers, perfect for children learning to read

**Description**

Join Kid Pirate and his crew - Salty, Meg, Bo and Vane - marooned on a desert island with no ship. In this adventure, the crew make a hair-raising discovery whilst looking for diamonds inside a cave ...

Reading Champion Graphic readers is a new strand in the Reading Champion programme. Each story follows the adventures of the same set of characters in exciting comic book form, perfect for encouraging reluctant readers. The books have been book banded to support children's reading in the classroom. The Kid Pirate books have all been banded at book band 7 Turquoise.

**Sales Points**

- First graphic novels, perfect for developing reading confidence and encouraging reluctant readers or those that prefer reading comics
- Written in consultation with graphic novel literacy expert Dee Reid
- Contains a fun quiz and reading notes for guidance on how to use the book

**Author Biography**

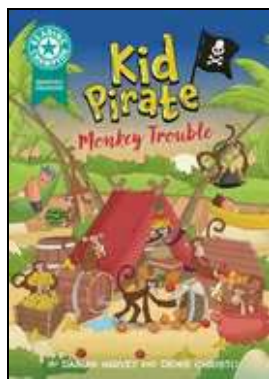
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Denis Cristo is an illustrator and web designer based in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Most of his illustrations are digital vector art.

He studied advertising, and worked for many years with an animation studio. Over the last few years he's been working as a freelance illustrator with the advertising and children's books markets.



## Reading Champion: Graphics: Kid Pirate: Monkey Trouble

**Book band Turquoise 7**

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Expertly levelled first graphic readers, perfect for children learning to read

### Description

Join Kid Pirate and his crew - Salty, Meg, Bo and Vane - marooned on a desert island. In this adventure, the crew notice their food supplies are going missing and a trail of banana skins are left behind ...

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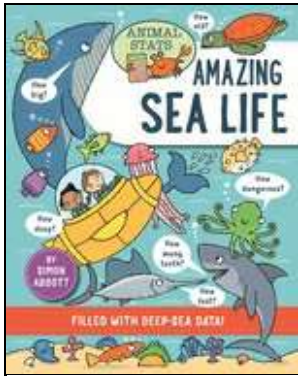
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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Price	<b>£9.99 / ₹899</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT)</b>
	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN)</b>
	<b>Interest age: from c 6 years (5AG)</b>
	<b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Animal Stats</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

## Animal Stats: Sea Life

**Simon Abbott**

### Keynote

A bright and colourful look at nature in numbers: jam-packed with facts and figures, making science and numeracy fun!

### Description

Do you think you're an oceans creature expert? Get the stats on the **BIGGEST**, the smallest, the *fastest*, the **LOUDEST**, and much more!

Packed with fascinating facts, stats and data, curious kids will be amazed to take a deep dive and learn about the wonders of life beneath the ocean's waves, as well as habitats, zones, animal adaptations and how to help protect our seas. Simon Abbott's fun characters draw in curious minds by answering the science and numeracy questions kids want to know, with the super-impressive answers found in nature!

The *Animal Stats* series features accessible text paired with bright, colourful artwork, ideal for readers aged 6+, and includes a creature quiz at the back of the book to test their knowledge. Other titles in the series include *Animals*, *Minibeasts* and *Dinosaurs*.

### Sales Points

- This series answers questions kids want to know in a digestible format perfect for reluctant readers
- Written and illustrated by bestselling author Simon Abbott, whose bright, colourful series are popular with young children

### Author Biography

Simon Abbott has been designing and illustrating children's books for fifteen years. Whether he is drawing astronauts, dinosaurs or monkeys swinging through trees, his bold colours and fun-filled characters are guaranteed to make children smile. Simon lives in Suffolk, with his partner Sally, and three sons Jack, Nathan and Alfie.

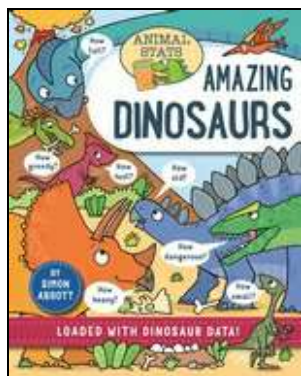
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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Animal Stats</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

## Animal Stats: Dinosaurs

**Simon Abbott**

### Keynote

**A bright and colourful look at nature in numbers: jam-packed with facts and figures, making science and numeracy fun!**

### Description

**Do you think you're a dinosaur expert? Get the stats on the BIGGEST, the smallest, the *fastest*, the LOUDEST, and much more!**

Packed with fascinating facts, stats and data, curious kids will be amazed to learn about the incredible prehistoric species that once roamed our planet, as well as early Earth's habitats, super dino adaptations and how we know so much about these ancient creatures. Simon Abbott's fun characters draw in curious minds by answering the science and numeracy questions kids want to know, with the super-impressive answers found in nature!

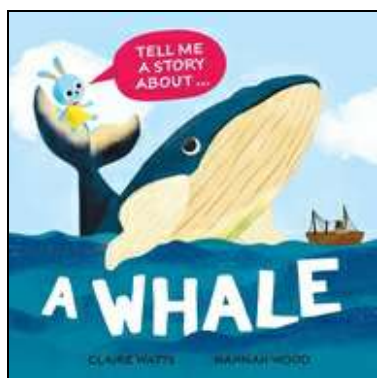
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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Wildlife and habitats: Oceans and seas (YNNB1) Children's picture books (YBC) Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)</b>

CBMC	<b>A5N79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>245x245</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Tell Me a Story About</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

A T. rex, 9781526329042  
The Sun, 9781526329011  
A Sunflower, 9781526329073  
A Spider, 9781526329110  
A Tractor, 9781526329165

## Tell Me a Story About: A Whale

**Claire Watts (Illustrated By Yayo Kawamura, Hannah Wood)**

### Keynote

Little Hop loves **stories**. And she asks a lot of **questions**. Her curiosity leads to some rather exciting adventures! Join her to learn about the world through beautifully illustrated stories.

### Description

Little Hop loves **stories**. And she asks a lot of **questions**. Her curiosity leads to some rather exciting adventures! Join her to learn more about the world through beautifully illustrated stories.

In *Tell Me a Story About: A Whale*, we join Little Hop to follow the journey of a blue whale and her calf and discover more about these enormous animals and their ocean habitat.

And don't miss Little Hop's super science investigations with her best friends, Catkin and Flip Flap!

The *Tell Me a Story About* series includes:

- *The Sun*, a story about our solar system
- *A T. rex*, a story about dinosaurs
- *A Sunflower*, a story about plants
- *A Spider*, a story about minibeasts
- *A Whale*, a story about animals
- *A Tractor*, a story about vehicles

### Sales Points

- Story-based, interactive books to encourage enquiry and excitement about science from a young age, written by experienced author and librarian, Claire Watts
- Covers a range of first science and technology topics, such as space, animals, plants and vehicles
- Includes interactive spreads led by Little Hop and friends, plus adult guidance and further suggestions at the end to extend understanding
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### Author Biography

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#### Yayo Kawamura (Illustrator)

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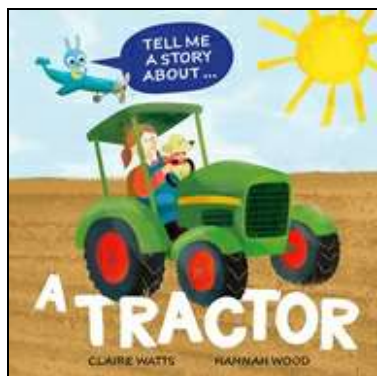
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CBMC	<b>A5N79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
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## The Silly Frilly Dress

Jake and Hannah Graf (Illustrated By Lucia Soto)

### Keynote

A joyful story of individuality, identity and celebrating who we really are

### Description

*Sunny LOVES birthdays. Sunny also loves singing and dancing and weddings!*

*But each time there's a frilly party dress to wear, Sunny's tummy gets all knotty. Sunny feels silly in dresses. Will Sunny find the courage to do things a little differently . . . ?*

*A joyful celebration of being true to yourself so you can SHINE.*

### Sales Points

- Debut picture book from Jake and Hannah Graf, the UK's most visible transgender couple and family

### Author Biography

Lucía Soto is an illustrator and graphic designer who loves Julie London and Art Deco and is afraid of pigeons. After working as an art director in advertising, Lucía decided to set up her own studio and make beautiful art. She lives with her husband and their tiny apple tree in London, UK.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£8.99 / ₹799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408370827</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: LGBTQIA+ (YXB) Children's / Teenage fiction: Family and home stories (YFN) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) Birthdays (5HKA)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>275x250</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

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## Vida the Vet: Copy and Colour

### Official Vida the Vet

#### Keynote

Get creative with *Vida the Vet* and this super fun colouring book featuring favourite characters and scenes from the hit Netflix and CBeebies series.

#### Description

Vida the Vet is a ten-year-old girl who cares for woodland creatures that live just outside her home. Whether it's a tiger with a toothache or a bear with a booboo, Vida is always ready to help an animal in need and will have her furry friends feeling better in one, two, three!

#### Sales Points

- Hit animated preschool series, launched on Netflix 2024. Now available on CBeebies and BBC iPlayer.
- New series from SpinMaster, producers of mega-hit franchises, PAW Patrol and Gabby's Dollhouse.
- Toy range launching 2025
- Core themes of kindness, friendship, family and nature.
- Nominee - Outstanding Children's Programming, 2025 GLAAD Media Awards

#### Author Biography

Vida the Vet is a ten-year-old girl who cares for woodland creatures that live just outside her home. Whether it's a tiger with a toothache or a bear with a booboo, Vida is always ready to help an animal in need and will have her furry friends feeling better in one, two, three!

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£6.99 / ₹650</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408376027</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's interactive and activity: drawing, colouring and painting (YBGC) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)</b> <b>Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>
CBMC	<b>A5L69</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Activity Book</b>
Character	<b>Character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Vida the Vet</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

#### Previous Titles

Other Vida the Vet titles publishing in 2025

#### Storybooks:

*Koa's Sweet Tooth*  
*Popcorn, The Best Assistant*  
*Sunny's Naptime Blues*

#### Activity books:

*Meet Vida! Activity Book*  
*Vida the Vet Search and Find*

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## Vida the Vet: Sunny's Naptime Blues

### Official Vida the Vet

#### Keynote

When Sunny has trouble sleeping at the clinic, Vida gathers all the comforts of home to help him feel more at ease.

Official books, based on episodes from the hit Netflix series *Vida the Vet*.

#### Description

Vida is a 10-year-old girl who cares for woodland creatures that live just outside her home. Follow Vida the Vet as she helps the animals feel better, whether it's a tiger with a toothache or a bear who's had a bump, Vida is always ready to help an animal in need. Based on episodes from the hit animated series, these are the official storybook companions to the series. Now available to watch on Netflix and CBeebies.

#### Author Biography

Vida the Vet is a ten-year-old girl who cares for woodland creatures that live just outside her home. Whether it's a tiger with a toothache or a bear with a boobo, Vida is always ready to help an animal in need and will have her furry friends feeling better in one, two, three!

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 Price **£8.99 / ₹799**  
 Main Identifier **9781408376010**  
 Thema 1.6 **Picture books:  
 character books  
 (YBCH)  
 Children's /  
 Teenage fiction:  
 Stories Inspired by  
 or adapted from  
 other media  
 (YFZV)  
 For National  
 Curriculum Early  
 Years (England and  
 Wales) (4Z-GB-  
 ACA)  
 Interest age: from  
 c 3 years (5AC)**

CBMC **A3M68**  
 Age **0-5 years**  
 Subject **Fiction**  
 Type **Picture Book**  
 Character **Character**  
 Tie In **TV / Film Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **245x245**  
 Extent **32 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **Vida the Vet**  
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw (ex ANZ); Ire;  
 UK**  
 Not for Sale **ANZ; Can; USA**

#### Previous Titles

Other Vida the Vet titles publishing in 2025:

Picture books:  
*Koa's Sweet Tooth*  
*Popcorn, The Best Assistant*

Activity books:  
*Meet Vida: Activity Book*  
*Vida the Vet: My Colouring Book*  
*Vida the Vet: Search and Find*

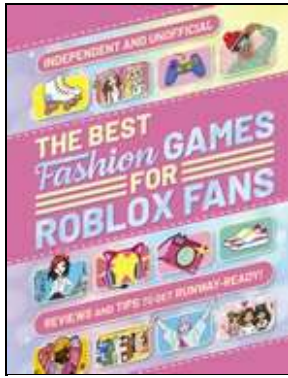
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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Computer and video games (YNVU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)</b>
CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>246x189</b>
Extent	<b>80 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am</b>

## The Best Fashion Games for Roblox Fans

### Liv Ngan

#### Keynote

Your exclusive ticket to the coolest fashion games on Roblox right now!

#### Description

Roblox is packed with fashion games... but how do you know which ones are fabulous and which ones totally flop? You need this stylish new guide, which cuts through the clutter and gives you the inside scoop on the very best fashion games to play right now. Inside, you'll discover a hand-picked collection of the most glam Roblox fashion experiences - from big hits like Dress to Impress and Fashion Famous, to hidden gems that could become your new go-to games. Each game profile includes ratings for style, creativity, fun factor and more, plus pro tips and fashion secrets to help you stand out on the runway. And with content specially designed for readers aged 8 and up, parents can feel confident that every game has been reviewed for fun and age-appropriate play.

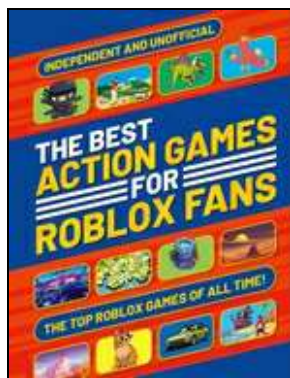
#### Sales Points

- As of 2024, Roblox has over 70 million daily active users worldwide, with about half of its users under age 13.
- Filled with glittery, glamorous line art throughout, for that fun fashion game feel.
- Content has been specially prepared by gameplay experts to ensure that none of the games featured contain inappropriate content for older children.

#### Author Biography

**Liv Ngan** is a freelance journalist with bylines at websites including Eurogamer and GamesRadar+. Her mission statement is to tell the stories of people who make video games and people who play them. Outside of writing about and playing games, she enjoys reading, going to live music, and crafts.





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CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>246x189</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>80 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am</b>

## The Best Action Games for Roblox Fans

**Liv Ngan**

### Keynote

The ultimate guide to the fastest, biggest and best action games on Roblox!

### Description

Roblox is full of crazy action games... but how do you know which ones are great, and which are a waste of time? You need this cool new book, which gets rid of the garbage and gives you the lowdown on the very best games to play right now. Inside, you'll find a hand-picked selection of awesome Roblox action games - from giant classics like Bed Wars, Brookhaven and Blox Fruits, to loads of smaller titles just waiting to become your new favourite game. Each profile features ratings for graphics, sound, gameplay and more, details on pro secrets, and tips to give you the winning edge. And with content specifically geared to 8+ readers, parents can be sure that every game has been reviewed and checked to be age-appropriate.

### Sales Points

- As of 2024, Roblox has over 70 million daily active users worldwide, with about half of its users under age 13.
- Content has been specially prepared by gameplay experts to ensure that none of the games featured contain inappropriate content for older children.
- Filled with line art throughout which evokes the thrills and spills of the greatest Roblox action titles.

### Author Biography

**Liv Ngan** is a freelance journalist with bylines at websites including Eurogamer and GamesRadar+. Her mission statement is to tell the stories of people who make video games and people who play them. Outside of writing about and playing games, she enjoys reading, going to live music, and crafts.

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CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>246x189</b>
Extent	<b>64 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

## Golden Songs: The Greatest K-Pop Tracks

**Hannah Cather**

### Keynote

The complete independent and unofficial guide to the very best K-Pop songs ever!

### Description

Dive into the world of K-Pop with this cool guide to K-Pop's top songs! Inside, you'll find the best ever tracks from bands including BTS, Blackpink, Stray kids, Katseye, and many more... as well as songs from *Kpop Demon Hunter's* Huntr/x and Saja Boys. Discover how each song was written and the trivia and easter eggs behind each hit. Some of these songs you'll know, and others might be cool new surprises-you'll find everything from the greatest ballads to K-Pop's biggest bangers inside.

### Sales Points

- K-Pop and K-Culture have a huge and growing appeal for tweens and teens in the US and Europe.
- This book is the perfect introduction to the wider world of K-Pop for kids who love BTS and Kpop Demon Hunters and are looking for their next big K-Pop obsession.
- Contains information, background stories and easter eggs for songs from some of the most famous K-Pop acts including BTS, Blackpink, and Stray Kids, and from the Kpop Demon Hunters soundtrack.

### Author Biography

**Hannah Cather** is an editor and author with a passion for getting a book out of the imagination and onto paper. Having predominantly worked in children's publishing, on everything from beautifully illustrated picture books to activity titles, Hannah has also worked with adult fiction and non-fiction, coffee-table books, wellbeing guides and more.

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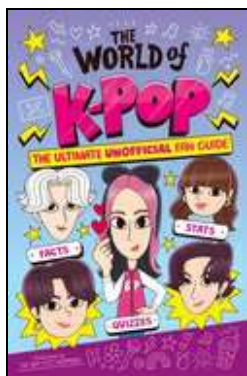
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CBMC **C5N79**  
 Age **7-9 years**  
 Subject **Non-fiction**  
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
 Character **Non-character**  
 Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **160 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Exclusively for Sale **World (ex USA, Can)**  
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**Previous Titles**

*The World of Mr Beast*  
*The World of Ariana Grande*  
*The World of BTS*

**The World of K-Pop**  
**The Ultimate Unofficial Fan Guide Packed with Facts, Stats and Quizzes**

**Catherine Saunders (Illustrated By The Boy Fitz Hammond)**

**Keynote**

Discover everything you need to know about the hottest K-Pop groups, solo artists and international stars, in this ultimate fact-filled guide, including profiles, facts, quotes and quizzes.

**Description**

**\*THE ULTIMATE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE HOTTEST AND UP-AND-COMING K-POP GROUPS\***

Welcome to the World of K-Pop!

Discover all the best K-Pop groups (and discover new ones!) in this ultimate guide full of facts, profiles, quotes and quizzes! Whether you're ARMY, BLINK, STAY or CARAT, there's something new for you here.

This book will teach you and test you about everything there is to know about becoming a K-Pop star, and which names to know, including:

BTS  
 BLACKPINK  
 Stray Kids  
 SEVENTEEN  
 and so many more!

Are you ready to enter the world of K-Pop?

**Sales Points**

- The ultimate unofficial fan guide to over a dozen of the hottest and up-and-coming K-Pop groups
- Easy affordable gift purchase and great stocking filler for children / grandchildren / nieces / nephews
- The third book in *The World Of* series, following on from BTS. This series focuses on the hot, big stars of the moment, publishing titles that are first to market or are timed with a big cultural moment where the stars will be everywhere
- Bold, modern and cool illustrations from The Boy Fitz Hammond

**Author Biography**

**Catherine Saunders (Author)**

**Catherine Saunders** is a writer and editor, specialising in non-fiction. She has written about everything from dinosaurs to Darth Vader. She is passionate about creating engaging content on high-interest topics for all ages and reading abilities. Catherine has two children and loves making up bedtime stories for them.

**The Boy Fitz Hammond (Illustrator)**

The Boy Fitz Hammond has worked with various clients including Oxfam, Shelter, BBC, Honda, Microsoft and the Barclays Premier League.

His illustrations have also been used by many editorial, educational and publishing clients across a diverse range of titles.

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## Cute-O-Pedia

**Caroline Rowlands**

### Keynote

A fun, fantastic compendium of everything cute, with tons of kawaii illustrations and fantastic photographs!

### Description

This is your ultimate encyclopedia of EVERYTHING cute! Enter a world full of the very cutest animals, including unicorns, axolotls, narwhals, sloths, puppies, kittens and many more. Other entries include plushies, candy, nail art, jewellery, cool cute characters, and sleepovers. As well as tons of cute pictures, the book is packed full of cool ideas for your own cute fashion and room makeovers. It's so cute, it's even got a shiny rainbow foil cover. In fact... it's the world's CUTEST book!

### Sales Points

- Bright, fun rainbow foil cover gives an eye-catching look to this all new compendium of cute stuff.
- Packed with photography of cute animals including puppies, kittens, penguins, sloths, and much more.
- Also includes lots of fun lifestyle tips for young readers on how to add a bit of kawaii to their day through nail art, room makeovers, and fun jewelry.

### Author Biography

**Caroline Rowlands** is a respected children's author with many titles to her name. She lives in Guildford, Surrey.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781804539699</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN)</b> <b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Supernatural and mythological creatures (YNXB)</b> <b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)</b> <b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>246x189</b>
Depth	<b>12mm</b>
Extent	<b>80 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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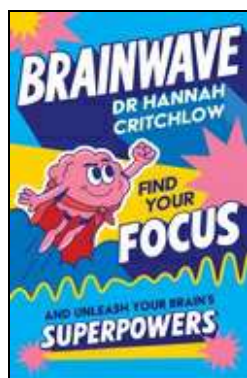
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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526368171</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Positive / good mental health (YXLD6) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Emotions, moods, feelings and behaviours (YXE) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 10 years (5AL)</b>
CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

## Brainwave

### Find your focus and unleash your brain's superpowers

Dr Hannah Critchlow

#### Keynote

Help your child to build up their concentration with this expert guide, packed with tools to help them focus at school and beyond.

#### Description

*Brainwave* is a **positive, accessible** and **practical toolkit** guiding young readers in how they can **improve their concentration** and **grow their resilience** in an ever-changing world.

From coping with school after COVID lockdowns to navigating a complicated and sometimes scary world, life for your child is more difficult than ever. But there are ways they can stay on top of these changes, develop stronger resilience and switch their mindset from can don't to can do.

Dr Hannah Critchlow uses neuroscience and her understanding of children's behaviour and emotions to guide the reader from easily distracted to fully focused with fun exercises for them to complete along the way. Your child will learn how to ride the concentration wave and become a focused student.

#### Sales Points

- Expert-led growth title addressing the need for books to help children concentrate better with a commercial and engaging package
- Nothing in this space for children but this topic is HUGE in the adult space with leading title *Stolen Focus* selling 72,000 copies since January 2023 and widely translated
- The average UK child can only concentrate for ten minutes at a time since COVID. There is a huge need for publishing that helps to focus better and cope in the classroom
- This book helps them to gradually build up their concentration with activities that help them improve their focus from 5 to 50 minutes.
- Targeting children heading into SATS season where it becomes increasingly difficult to concentrate

#### Author Biography

Dr Hannah Critchlow is an internationally acclaimed neuroscientist with extensive experience with science communication. She demystifies the human brain and behaviour on radio, TV, print and event platforms. Hannah has co-presented BBC's Tomorrow's World Live, BBC2 Family Brain Games and Channel 4's Secret Lives series. She has authored three books: *Consciousness: A Ladybird Expert Guide* (Penguin, 2018), *The Sunday Times Bestseller, The Science of Fate* (Hodder, 2019), *Joined-Up Thinking: The Science of Collective Intelligence and its Power to Change Our Lives* (Hodder, 2022) and judged the prestigious Wellcome Trust Science Book Prize.





## DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse: 5-Minute Stories 7 bedtime tales from Gabby and the Gabby Cats

### Official Gabby's Dollhouse

#### Keynote

A gorgeously illustrated hard-cover collection of bedtime stories based on the hit Netflix series, *Gabby's Dollhouse*.

#### Description

Do you love hearing a little story before bedtime, just like Gabby?

Snuggle up and drift off with Gabby and the Gabby Cats in this charming collection of seven bedtime tales, each specially written to be read in just five minutes.

Perfect for busy evenings, these bite-sized adventures feature all your favourite Gabby Cats, from Pandy Paws to DJ Catnip, MerCat and more. Each story is filled with warmth, gentle humour and a sprinkle of magic to make bedtime something your little one looks forward to every night.

Whether you're looking for a quick read before lights out, a comforting wind-down after a busy day or a cosy companion for quiet moments, this 160 page, beautifully illustrated hard-cover collection brings the wonder of *Gabby's Dollhouse* straight to your bedtime routine.

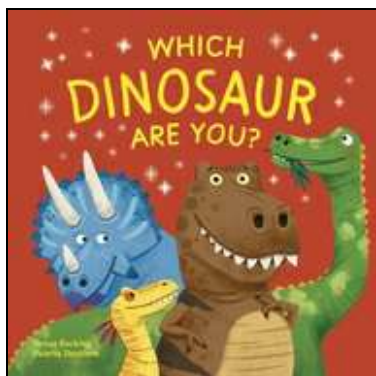
#### Sales Points

- Hardcover, giftable collection of seven Gabby's Dollhouse stories, based on episodes from the smash-hit animated series from DreamWorks Animation and Netflix.
- Major feature film released in cinemas October 2025, streaming 2026. Starring Kristen Wiig, Gloria Estefan and Laila Lockhart Kraner.
- Top-rated Netflix preschool series; top five global preschool brand.
- **4+ billion** global lifetime YouTube views; **250+ million** music streams; **32+ million** app downloads.
- Top-selling toy range from Spin Master - more than **4 million** Dollhouses sold, worldwide.

#### Author Biography

DreamWorks' **Gabby's Dollhouse** is a top-rated Netflix preschool show full of imagination, kindness and friendship. Gabby uses her kitty ears to get tiny and join her friends on a-meow-zing adventures in the dollhouse.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£14.99 / ₹1350</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408375853</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Picture books: character books (YBCH) Picture storybooks: bedtime stories, sleep and dreams (YBCS1) Children's / Teenage general interest: Dolls, figures and similar toys (YNVD1) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)</b>
CBMC	<b>A3M68</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Picture Book</b>
Character	<b>Character</b>
Tie In	<b>TV / Film Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x190</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse</b>
Not for Sale	<b>USA</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£8.99 / ₹799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781444986068</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Dinosaurs and prehistoric world (YNNA) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD)</b>
CBMC	<b>B5M79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Picture Book</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>245x245</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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## Which Dinosaur Are You?

**Grace Rockley (Illustrated By Valeria Danilova)**

### Keynote

Discover which dinosaur you are in this adorable book full of fun animal facts

### Description

**Discover which dinosaur you are in this adorable book full of fun animal facts.**

These fun, illustrated books introduce different animals, pulling out key behaviours for children to match to themselves, or their friends, and find out which creature they fit with best. It's a unique way to discover fantastic animal facts and learn through laughter.

If they love to eat their greens, they might be like a Triceratops, and if they're the tallest one of all their friends, they might be like a Spinosaurus! If they run really fast, they might be like a Velociraptor and if they play an instrument, they might have a lot in common with a Parasaurolophus.

Each book contains ten different animals, so kids can find the animal they match with best as well as fun facts, a quiz and information on how to dig for dinosaurs. It's a fun, simple way for readers to learn all about the animal world while learning about themselves.

### Sales Points

- Contains relatable traits and questions throughout to engage young readers
- Uses clear text to introduce each creature alongside humorous illustrations to make learning fun
- Full of information with extra facts on each animal, a quiz and explorations of relevant animal topics

### Author Biography

#### Valeria Danilova (Illustrator)

Valeria grew up in the South town on the river coast. Surrounded by specific steppe nature and bright local culture, she had a little explorer childhood. Her favourite books as a child were Geographic Atlas and Big Illustrated Encyclopaedia, and her dream to discover the World led her into the fascinating world of illustration, travels and imagination. After all, every new project is a thrilling adventure!

Currently based in sunny Turkey, Valeria's great inspiration are animals, quirky creatures (like her loyal assistant pug George) and boundless world of characters, with a good pinch of humour surely!

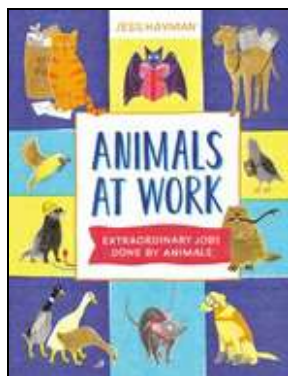
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## Animals at Work

Jess Hayman

### Keynote

An illustrated non-fiction book for 7-9-year-olds that explores all the ways that animals are engaged in the world of work - whether it's for themselves or to help humans!

### Description

Animals are better at certain jobs than we are. Did you know that ferrets can be employed by electricians to safely lay cables in inaccessible areas? Or that bats can live in ancient libraries protecting the books from insects and other pests? Would you hang up a painting by a pig?

Get to know the different jobs that animals can have, from helping people as therapy pets, to crafty spywork, as you meet photographer pigeons, geese guards, post office cats and much more.

### Sales Points

- Books about animals are perennially popular with kids, and this book takes a unique approach to the amazing things animals can do
- Full of heart-warming true animal stories from around the world
- This is Jess Hayman's debut book, making it eligible for The Waterstones Prize and the Klaus Flugge

### Author Biography

**Jess Hayman** is a graduate of the MA in children's book illustration at Anglia Ruskin and runs her own design and print company. She lives in London. You can see more examples of her work on Instagram @jesshaymanillustration

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹1860</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781510231672</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN)</b> <b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Birds (YNNK)</b> <b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Mammals (YNNJ)</b> <b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ)</b> <b>Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>250x190</b>
Extent	<b>64 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; Carib; S Am; USA</b>

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## Strange Science: How do Stars Turn into Spaghetti? The Strange Science of Space

**Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Tim Wesson)**

### Keynote

Discover the most weird, wonderful and wacky aspects of space with fun comic strips

### Description

**Discover the most weird, wonderful and wacky aspects of space with fun comic strips.**

Space is a most mystifying place - why is it even called space? Find out which planet is populated by robots, what happens when an astronaut plays a saxophone, and why it all started with a big bang! Join Professor Splat on his science adventures to learn all about the strangest things in space!

*Strange Science* covers an array of amusing and enticing science subjects through fun comic strip stories, supported by further explanation spreads to consolidate the learning. A useful glossary and fun quiz are also included.

Perfect for readers aged 7+ and all curious minds.

### Sales Points

- Combination of fun comic strips and further explanations bring the science to life, perfect for engaging reluctant readers with a visually-led approach to learning
- Written by award-winning science author Anna Claybourne and illustrated by comic strip expert Tim Wesson
- Key science learning is consolidated in the visual information spreads and a useful science glossary

### Summary of Contents

The silly science of space / It all started with a Bang! / What's it all about? / Ancient astronomy / The story of space science / Travelling without moving? / Spinning around / The biggest star / Secrets of the stars / Star spaghetti / Impossible holes in space / Poop on the loose! / Space toilets / Saxophones in space / Floating free / Robot world / No humans, no problem! / Satellites save the day / Eye in the sky / Is there anybody out there? / The search for life

### 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.

#### Tim Wesson (Illustrator)

As a young boy Tim was constantly doodling, finding any excuse to put pen to paper. Since turning his much-loved hobby into a profession, Tim has achieved success illustrating and authoring children books and working on commissions for clients, such as Habitat, Paperchase and the BBC. With influences ranging from Dr. Seuss, Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat, Tim's vibrant illustrations are full of humour and a sense of mischief, and you can always count on him to inject plenty of personality.

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Price	<b>£9.99 / ₹899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526328335</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Space, stars and the solar system (YNNZ) Children's / Teenage general interest: Humour: Funny cartoons and comic strips (YNUC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Strange Science</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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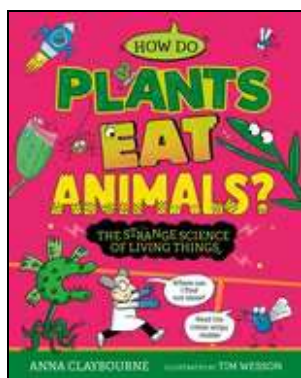
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## Strange Science: How do Plants Eat Animals? The Strange Science of Living Things

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Tim Wesson)

### Keynote

Discover the most weird, wonderful and wacky aspects of living things with fun comic strips

### Description

**Discover the most weird, wonderful and wacky aspects of living things with fun comic strips.**

This planet is full of all sorts of strange living things - from predatory plants and dazzling bird dancers to sneaky shape-shifters and animal astronauts! Find out who can disguise itself as a poop to survive, which creature will squirt you with slime, which trees can 'talk' and who might be living in your nose. Join Professor Splat on his science adventures to learn all about the strangest living things in our world!

*Strange Science* covers an array of amusing and enticing science subjects through fun comic strip stories, supported by further explanation spreads to consolidate the learning. A useful glossary and fun quiz are also included.

Perfect for readers aged 7+ and all curious minds.

### Sales Points

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### Summary of Contents

The Silly Science of Living Things; / Tardigrade in Space; / Space Survival; / Look at My Feet!; / Dancing to Survive; / Mimicking Monkeys; / Pass it on!; / Is it a Fish? Is it a Snake? No it's a ... / Masters of Disguise; / Slime Surprise; / Brave Biologists; / A Dolphin's Cunning Plan; / Clever Creatures; / What's for Lunch?; / Meat-Eating Plants; / Talking Trees; / Can Plants Talk?; / Mightily Muscles / Muscle Power; / Cosy Nose; / Cover it up!

### Author Biography

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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT) Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN) Children's / Teenage general interest: Humour: Funny cartoons and comic strips (YNUC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)</b>
CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>10mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Strange Science</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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**Reading Champion: Graphics: The Shrinking Twins:  
Pet Problem**

**Book band Purple 8**

**Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Valentina Bandera)**

**Keynote**

Expertly levelled first graphic readers, perfect for children learning to read

**Description**

Join the shrinking twins, Dev and Maya, in this graphic novel adventure as they shrink until they are no bigger than a little finger. In this story, Dev and Maya are looking after their neighbour's hamster when they shrink! How will they escape the giant Fluffy and get out of the hamster cage?

Reading Champion Graphic readers is a new strand in the Reading Champion programme. Each story follows the adventures of the same set of characters in exciting comic book form, perfect for encouraging reluctant readers. The books have been book banded to support children's reading in the classroom. The Shrinking Twins books have all been banded at book band 8 Purple.

**Sales Points**

- First graphic novels, perfect for developing reading confidence and encouraging reluctant readers or those that prefer reading comics
- Written in consultation with graphic novel literacy expert Dee Reid
- Contains reading notes for guidance on how to use the book

**Author Biography**

**Jackie Walter (Author)**

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

**Valentina Bandera (Illustrator)**

Valentina was born in 1980. Since her childhood she has loved drawing with pencils and she is a cartoon lover with great interest in arts and illustrations. She loves trying new tools and new techniques. Her website |entART| promotes all her creative services showing a collection of colour illustrations with various themes and subjects. |entART| is on Twitter and Instagram too...just follow her.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
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Main Identifier	<b>9781445193496</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Content adapted or suitable for reluctant or struggling readers (children / teenagers) (5AR)</b>
CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Reading Champion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

**Previous Titles**

- The Shrinking Twins: Lost in the Woods, 9781445193427
- The Shrinking Twins: The Supermarket Disaster, 9781445193458
- The Shrinking Twins: Car Wash Trouble, 9781445193526
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### Keynote

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### Description

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### Sales Points

- First graphic novels, perfect for developing reading confidence and encouraging reluctant readers or those that prefer reading comics
- Written in consultation with graphic novel literacy expert Dee Reid
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Thema 1.6 **Content adapted or suitable for reluctant or struggling readers (children / teenagers) (5AR)**

CBMC **C3N79**  
Age **7-9 years**  
Subject **Fiction**  
Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**  
Character **Non-character**  
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**  
Format **210x148**  
Extent **24 pages**  
Word Count  
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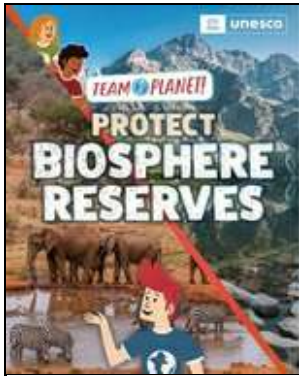
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## Team Planet!: Protect Biosphere Reserves

Louise Spilsbury

### Keynote

Created in partnership with **UNESCO**, this book follows 'Team Planet', a group of children who learn about different places around the world and why these areas need protecting

### Description

How would you like to join Team Planet, as they investigate some of the most awe-inspiring places in our world? Trek through rainforests in South America, canoe across gigantic lakes in Asia and get up-close to gorillas in Africa!

These are all UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, places which have special importance for everyone on our planet and they are protected by an organization called UNESCO. But these amazing Reserves are under threat - from people, pollution, climate change and natural disasters. Come on an expedition to discover what we can all do to help protect these incredible places.

Discover rainforest, mangrove lake, mountain, savannah and desert biosphere reserves.

Created in partnership with **UNESCO**, this book follows 'Team Planet', a group of children who learn about world heritage sites around the world and why these areas need protecting. Supports the geography and history curriculums at KS2.

Follow Team Planet in other titles in the series as they: Protect Cities; Safeguard Living Heritage; Protect Oceans; Protect Geoparks; Protect Biospheres

### Sales Points

- Produced in partnership with UNESCO, whose experts have checked and approved the text and photos
- Supports the geography and history curriculums at KS2
- Empowers children through knowledge, skills and values to protect the planet and help to sustainably preserve these sites now and in the future

### Author Biography

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

Publication date **Thursday, May 28, 2026**

Price **£9.99 / ₹899**

Main Identifier **9781445189994**

Thema 1.6 **Children's / Teenage social topics: Environment, sustainability and green issues (YXZG) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)**

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 **4mm**

Extent **32 pages**

Word Count

Series **Team Planet!**

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

Not for Sale **Can; USA**

### Previous Titles

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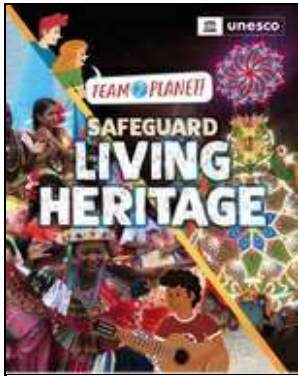
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## Team Planet!: Safeguard Living Heritage

Louise Spilsbury

### Keynote

Created in partnership with **UNESCO**, this book follows 'Team Planet', a group of children who learn about living heritage and why this needs protecting

### Description

How would you like to join Team Planet, as they investigate some of the most incredible people and places in our world? You can hear spooky stories in forests in Europe, join in with a colourful festival in Central America or see some beautiful textiles in Asia!

These are all part of our living heritage - the skills and the knowledge about how to care for our world passed on from generation to generation. These are safeguarded by an organization called UNESCO. But our living heritage is under threat - from evolving lifestyles, pollution, climate change and natural disasters.

Come on an expedition around the world with us, TEAM PLANET, as we find out more about some extraordinary people and skills! Then discover what we can all do to help safeguard them.

You can discover the Land-of-Legends in Sweden, Kwagh-Hir theatrical performances in Nigeria, the Festivity of Las Parrandas in Cuba, Beekeeping in Slovenia, Traditional weaving skills in Al Sadu, and traditional martial arts in Cambodia.

Created in partnership with **UNESCO**, this book follows 'Team Planet', a group of children who learn about world heritage sites around the world and why these areas need protecting. Supports the geography and history curriculums at KS2.

Follow Team Planet in other titles in the series as they: Protect Cities; Protect World Heritage; Protect Oceans; Protect Geoparks; Protect Biospheres

### Sales Points

- Produced in partnership with UNESCO, whose experts have checked and approved the text and photos
- Supports the geography and history curriculums at KS2
- Empowers children through knowledge, skills and values to protect the planet and help to sustainably preserve these sites now and in the future

### Author Biography

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

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£9.99 / ₹899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781445190013</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage social topics: Environment, sustainability and green issues (YXZG) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ)</b>

CBMC	<b>D5N79</b>
Age	<b>9-11 years</b>
Subject	<b>Non-fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Team Planet!</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Protect Cities; Protect World Heritage; Protect Oceans; Protect Geoparks; Protect Biospheres

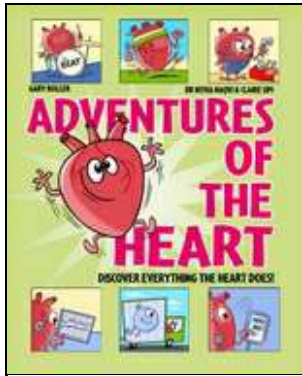
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## Adventures of the Heart

Dr Nitha Naqvi (Illustrated By Gary Boller)

### Keynote

Entertaining insight into the complex topic of the heart and circulatory system through a series of heart character comic strips

### Description

In *Adventures of the Heart* discover what the heart does, its role in pumping blood around your body and what the circulatory system is anyway.

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

Books in the series:

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

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

#### Nitha Naqvi (Author)

Dr Nitha Naqvi is a leading London paediatric cardiologist with more than 25 years of experience caring for thousands of children with cardiac conditions. She grew up living in hospitals while her parents were junior doctors, a unique upbringing that shaped her life. Her accolades include winning Asian Woman of the Year and The Top Doctors Award.

#### Gary Boller (Illustrator)

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

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£12.99 / ₹1150</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526328571</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science: The human body (YNTA) Children's / Teenage general interest: Humour: Funny cartoons and comic strips (YNUC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ)</b>

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

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>265x210</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Adventures of the Human Body</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

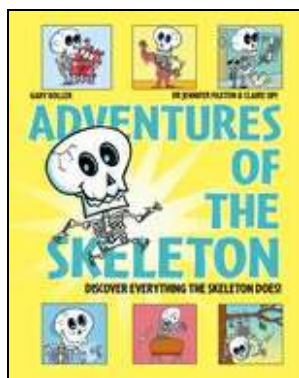
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## Adventures of the Skeleton

**Dr Jennifer Paxton and Claire Sipi (Illustrated By Gary Boller)**

### Keynote

**Entertaining insight into the complex topic of bones and the musculoskeletal system through a series of skeleton character comic strips**

### Description

In *Adventures of the Skeleton* discover how your 206 bones support your body, how they connect to muscles and what the musculoskeletal system is anyway.

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

Books in the series:

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

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

#### Jennifer Paxton (Author)

Jennifer Z Paxton is Senior Lecturer in Anatomy at the University of Edinburgh and Principal Investigator of the Paxton Lab, a tissue engineering laboratory. Jennifer has won the Wellcome Trust 'I'm a Scientist' competition twice (2013, 2018). She loves bringing the science of anatomy to a wider audience and working with primary schools to engage more children with the subject.

#### Gary Boller (Illustrator)

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

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£12.99 / ₹1150</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526328649</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Science: The human body (YNTA) Children's / Teenage general interest: Humour: Funny cartoons and comic strips (YNUC) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ)</b>

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

Binding Format	<b>Hardback 265x210</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count Series	<b>Adventures of the Human Body</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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## Journey Around the United Kingdom

Claudia Martin

### Keynote

**A friendly and accessible introduction to the United Kingdom for children, and the perfect companion for young geography learning**

### Description

**A friendly and accessible introduction to the United Kingdom for children, and the perfect companion for young geography learning**

Take a journey around the United Kingdom, discovering how it was formed, its different countries, capital cities, counties, landscapes, geographical features, people, climate, history and much more!

Simple maps enhance the learning and teach valuable map-reading skills.

**Welcome to the United Kingdom!** / Island home / Running the UK / UK wildlife / Lots of languages / **England** / London / The landscape / Working life / Getting around / Festivals / **Scotland** / Edinburgh / The landscape / Working life / Lochs / Sports / **Wales** / Cardiff / The landscape / Working life / National parks / Castles, bridges and homes / **Northern Ireland** / Belfast / The landscape / Working life / Ancient volcanoes / The coast / Glossary / Find out more / Index

### Sales Points

- The perfect companion to geography curriculum learning for 7-9 year-olds
- Contains simple, child-friendly maps of the United Kingdom
- Author Claudia Martin is an experienced travel writer

### Summary of Contents

Welcome to the United Kingdom! / Island home / Running the UK / UK wildlife / Lots of languages / England / London / The landscape / Working life / Getting around / Festivals / Scotland / Edinburgh / The landscape / Working life / Lochs / Sports / Wales / Cardiff / The landscape / Working life / National parks / Castles, bridges and homes / Northern Ireland / Belfast / The landscape / Working life / Ancient volcanoes / The coast / Glossary / Find out more / Index

### Author Biography

**Claudia Martin** has worked in book publishing for 17 years. She is the author of several books and websites for children and young people. Her favourite subjects are history, current affairs and technology.

Publication date **Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
Price **£9.99 / ₹899**  
Main Identifier **9781445192369**  
Thema 1.6 **Children's / Teenage general interest: Countries, places, cultures and national identity (YNMC) Children's / Teenage reference: Atlases and maps (YRW) United Kingdom, Great Britain (1DDU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ) 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**  
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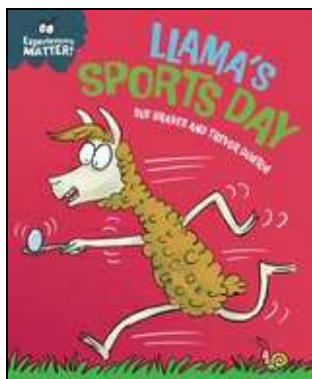
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## Experiences Matter: Llama's Sports Day

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

### Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to the experience of taking part in Sports Day for young children

### Description

**Llama's Sports Day offers a gentle introduction to the experience of taking part in Sports Day competitions for young children.**

This funny, charming story is the perfect way to introduce young children to the experience of Sports Day. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children reflect on their own experiences.

Everyone is excited about Sports Day. But Llama really doesn't like it, and he doesn't want to take part in any of the races. Koala helps him to practise and to see how he can enjoy Sports Day by cheering for his friends ...

The Experiences Matter series of picture books provide a gentle means of discussing experiences, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss values. Suitable for children under 5.

### Sales Points

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

### Reviews

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

### Author Biography

#### Sue Graves (Author)

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

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

#### Trevor Dunton (Illustrator)

Illustrator and musician Trevor Dunton has loved drawing animals since he was in short trousers. OK, he was wearing short trousers yesterday, but it was a warm day and anyway, it's a figure of speech.

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

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
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CBMC	<b>A3N79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>236x195</b>
Depth	<b>4mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>Full colour</b>
Series	<b>Experiences Matter</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Bear Misses Her Pet, 9781445191768  
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 Kangaroo Gets Glasses, 9781445192222  
 Wolf's Big New Family, 9781445191829  
 Grandpa Sloth Needs Help, 9781445192291



## Experiences Matter: Grandpa Sloth Needs Help

Sue Graves (Illustrated By Trevor Dunton)

### Keynote

Picture book story which offers a gentle introduction to seeking care for older relatives for young children

### Description

**Grandpa Sloth Needs Help offers a gentle introduction to the experience of an older relative moving to a care home for young children.**

This gentle, charming story is the perfect way to introduce young children to the experience of an older relative moving to a care setting. Also included are suggestions for activities and ideas to talk through together to help children reflect on their own experiences.

Grandpa Sloth loves cooking and his garden, but as he gets older, he finds it hard to manage. Sloth is worried when Grandpa moves to a care home, but he soon finds that Grandpa can still enjoy all the things he used to - with some help!

The Experiences Matter series of picture books provide a gentle means of discussing experiences, boosting self-esteem and reinforcing good behaviour. Supports the Personal, Social and Emotional Development Area of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is also suitable for use with children in KS1 and can be used to discuss values. Suitable for children under 5.

### Sales Points

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

### Reviews

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

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Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
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Main Identifier	<b>9781445192321</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP)</b> <b>Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Emotions, moods, feelings and behaviours (YXE)</b> <b>For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF)</b> <b>For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)</b> <b>For primary education (4CD)</b> <b>Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)</b>

CBMC	<b>A3N79</b>
Age	<b>0-5 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>236x195</b>
Depth	<b>6mm</b>
Extent	<b>32 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>Full colour</b>
Series	<b>Experiences Matter</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

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## The Parisian Chapter

From the bestselling author of *The Paris Library*

Janet Skeslien Charles

### Keynote

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Paris Library* and *The Librarians of Rue de Picardie* comes a charming and cinematic novel following a young woman from Montana who lands a job in the American Library in Paris, where she discovers the power of storytelling and writes her own Parisian chapter.

### Description

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Paris Library* and *The Librarians of Rue de Picardie* comes a charming and cinematic novel following a young woman from Montana who lands a job in the American Library in Paris, where she discovers the power of storytelling and writes her own Parisian chapter.

'Stirring and rich with detail' *New York Times* bestselling author Kristin Harmel

**Paris, 1995.** It's been five years since Lily Jacobsen and her best friend Mary Louise arrived from their small town of Froid, Montana. Determined to establish themselves as artists - Lily, a novelist, and Mary Louise, a painter - they share a tiny sixth-floor walk-up and survive on brie and baguette.

When Mary Louise abruptly moves out, Lily feels alone in the City of Light for the first time and is in need of a new way to support herself. She lands a job as the programs manager at the American Library in Paris, following in the footsteps of her French neighbour Odile, who infused her childhood with tales of heroic World War II librarians. Here in the storied halls of the ALP, Lily meets an incredible cast of characters - her favourite author, quirky co-workers, broke students, and high society trustees - each with their own stories...and agendas. Personal dramas sometimes take precedence over books and patrons.

Between her hard-nosed boss not letting up and her best friend letting go, Lily is stressed and bewildered. When it becomes clear that the Library is facing serious financial struggles and its future is uncertain, she must look beyond her own problems in order to protect the ALP and the precious memories it holds.

**This moving, propulsive story offers a panoramic view of a real historic institution, and revisits characters from both of Janet Skeslien Charles's beloved novels. Lily's story is a love letter to the artist's life, friendship, and leaving home only to find it again.**

### Sales Points

- **Bestselling author:** Janet Skeslien Charles is the author of the bestselling *The Paris Library*, which was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and a *New York Times* bestseller.
- **Foreign rights sales:** Janet's work has been translated into thirty-eight languages so far.

### Author Biography

**Janet Skeslien Charles** is the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *The Paris Library* and *The Librarians of Rue de Picardie*. Her work has been translated into thirty-eight languages.

Publication date **Tuesday, May 05, 2026**  
 Price **£14.99 / ₹1350**  
 Main Identifier **9781035441235**  
 Thema 1.6 **Second World War fiction (FJMS) France (1DDF) Historical fiction (FV)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**  
 Format **Royal**  
 Extent **240 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Illustrations **N/A**  
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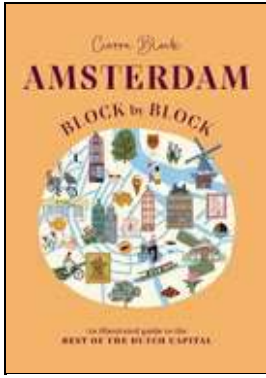
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## Amsterdam Block by Block

### An Illustrated Guide to the Best of the Dutch Capital

Cierra Block

#### Keynote

Vibrantly illustrated and packed with insider-knowledge on the most notable places to eat, what to see, where to walk and what to do, *Amsterdam Block by Block* is a guide like no other.

#### Description

**From its progressive politics and buzzing food scene to its dazzling arts and extreme night life - Amsterdam is one of the most vibrant and popular cities in the world.**

Vibrantly illustrated and packed with insider-knowledge on the most notable places to eat, what to see, where to walk and what to do, *Amsterdam Block by Block* is a guide like no other. Artist Cierra Block unlocks the secrets of the city from canals and coffee shops to Dutch tulips and Dam square - all illustrated with 50 of Cierra Block's distinctive, stunning maps, making it the perfect gift for seasoned locals and first-time visitors alike.

#### Sales Points

- An all-encompassing guide to Amsterdam and its neighbourhoods, whether you're a first-time explorer, a repeat visitor or a life-long local.
- With 50 hand-painted maps by artist Cierra Block, showing the locations of key places and capturing the character of each area.
- Highly giftable, whether planning the trip of a lifetime, a souvenir from a holiday or for an Amsterdam-loving friend.
- Cierra Block is an artist, illustrator and city lover. Her art is bold, eye-catching and instantly engaging. With 26k followers on Instagram and a successful website, London Block by Block, her popularity is continuing to grow.
- Six books in the series! *Tokyo Block by Block* (2026), *Barcelona Block by Block* (2025), *London Block by Block* (2022), *New York Block by Block* (2023), and *Paris Block by Block* (2024).

#### Author Biography

**Cierra Block** is an artist, illustrator and city lover. Her art is bold, eye-catching and instantly engaging. With 45k followers on Instagram and a successful website, London Block by Block, her popularity is continuing to grow. There are six books in the series: *Tokyo Block by Block* (2026), *Amsterdam Block by Block* (2026), *Barcelona Block by Block* (2025), *London Block by Block* (2022), *New York Block by Block* (2023), and *Paris Block by Block* (2024). She lives in Frome, Somerset.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Gift and novelty books / items (WZG) Travel and holiday guides (WTH) Amsterdam (1DDN-NL-A)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>185x135</b>
Extent	<b>176 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>23499 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>Over 100 colour line drawings supplied by author</b>
Series	<b>Block by Block</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>London</b>
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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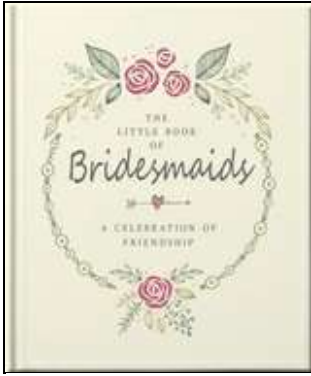
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Thema 1.6	<b>Gift and novelty books / items (WZG)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>137x113</b>
Extent	<b>192 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

## The Little Book of Bridesmaids

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### Keynote

The Little Book of Bridesmaids. From calming chaos to fixing heels - a joyful tribute to the bride's best crew!

### Description

Brimming with charming quotes, thoughtful tips and delightful snippets from history, literature and film, this little book honours the unique magic of bridesmaids - from dress fittings and hen parties to emotional pep talks, teary toasts and last-minute rescues.

Whether you're a bride reflecting on your closest crew or a bridesmaid in the thick of wedding season, this heartwarming collection captures the spirit of friendship, loyalty and shared joy that defines the role. It celebrates those behind-the-scenes heroines who offer calm in chaos, laughter in stress and unwavering support.

Packed full of humour and heart, *The Little Book of Bridesmaids* is the perfect keepsake - or gift - for anyone who's ever held (or caught) a bouquet, fluffed a veil, steadied some nerves or danced until dawn.

### Sample Content:

To follow.

### Sales Points

- **Weddings are big business**, and bridesmaids play a vital role - not just emotionally, but also as key contributors to the celebration.
- **A unique and heartfelt tribute** to the bridesmaid's role - blending timeless wisdom, modern advice, and inspirational quotes and sayings.

### Author Biography

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

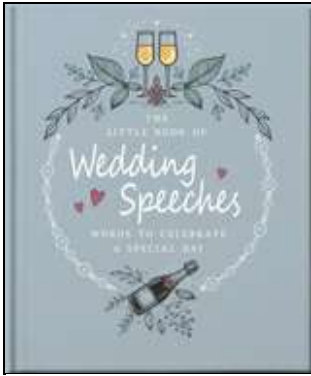
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Format	<b>137x113</b>
Extent	<b>192 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

## The Little Book of Wedding Speeches

OH

### Keynote

The Little Book of Wedding Speeches - A joyful celebration of the laughs, tears and unforgettable toasts of the big day!

### Description

From heart-stealing father-of-the-bride tributes to hilariously off-script best man moments, wedding speeches are where love, laughter and a little chaos collide. This charming little book celebrates the magic of those memorable mic moments - packed with iconic quotes, brilliant one-liners, touching toasts, surprising facts and cheeky advice along the way.

Whether you're nervously preparing for your place in the spotlight, cheering from the sidelines, or simply reliving the greatest hits, you'll find a treasure trove of speech snippets, practical tips, dos and don'ts, wise sayings and universal truths about weddings and words. With prompts to spark inspiration, stories to warm the heart and laughs to calm the nerves, it's part keepsake, part survival kit.

*The Little Book of Wedding Speeches* isn't just about crafting the perfect toast - it's a joyful celebration of the words that make weddings unforgettable.

### Sample Content:

To follow.

### Sales Points

- **A feel-good celebration of wedding-day words** - packed with real-life gems, classic quotes and light-touch advice.
- **Ideal gift for speech-givers**, newlyweds or anyone who loves a good toast - full of laughter, heart and helpful inspiration.

### Author Biography

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## Yardsticks For Failure Adventures in Friendship and Fluster: the hilarious debut from the Taskmaster Season 15 contestant

**Ivo Graham**

### Keynote

The debut book from comedian and *Taskmaster* breakout star, Ivo Graham.

### Description

'A hilarious and original voice' Josh Widdicombe

'Delightfully smart and impossibly charming' Dolly Alderton

'His writing is as unpredictable and brilliant as he is' Sophie Duker

'I've got nothing but love for Mr Ivo Graham' Frankie Boyle

Yardsticks For Failure is the story of the most frantic two years of Ivo Graham's already quite frantic life, 2022-2024, two years of tasks and tears and everything in between.

The amount of stuff Ivo packs into these two years will excite you and exhaust you, enthral you and appal you, and many more carefully choreographed pairs of verbs if you'd like this sentence to be even longer. There are some short sentences in this book, such as this one. And this one. But there are some long old sentences too, sentences that take you on whole thrilling adventures all by themselves, sentences that are rich in music and memory, mischief and mourning, sentences that bring you right alongside Ivo in his train-chasing, gamefacing, name-dropping, heart-stopping chaos of an existence. No one lives like Ivo does, and no one writes like him either. There are failures in his life but this book is not one of them. Come on in.

'Not a complete waste of his school fees' Jenny Eclair

'A trash man from a trash family' James Acaster

### Sales Points

- Ivo's star has really been on the rise over the last 12 months - he was the breakout star of *Taskmaster* last year (indeed his stint on the show has inspired the brilliant working title for this project *Yardsticks for Failure*). Like Fern Brady before him, *Taskmaster* is a tried and tested platform breaking out fresh comedy talent from the circuit to the mainstream with a hugely engaged audience of 2 million plus.
- Since *Taskmaster*, Ivo has and has done a wonderful job filling in for John Robbins on the hit *Ellis and John Podcast* / 5Live Show bringing him to a whole new audience. Ivo has 70k followers on Instagram and 80k on X.
- Ivo is currently on a UK and Ireland tour, playing major venues like Alexandra Palace, The Norwich Playhouse, Cheltenham Town Hall and The Liverpool Playhouse.
- Comparative titles include Fearn Brady's *Strong Female Character*, (28k HB 10k PB) James Acaster's *Classic Scrapes* (12k HB 53k PB) and Tom Allen's *No Shame* (15k HB 12k PB)

### Author Biography

Despite extensive grooming for more serious careers at Eton and Oxford, Ivo Graham has spent his entire adult life on the stand-up circuit, winning *So You Think You're Funny?* at aged 18 in 2009 and since establishing himself as, if not the UK's poshest, then certainly its most apologetically posh comedian. His 2019 show *The Game of Life*, received nominations for Best Show and Best Joke at the Edinburgh Fringe. He's appeared on TV comedies including *Have I Got News for You*, *QI*, *The Last Leg*, *Mock the Week*, and *Live at the Apollo*, quizzed with varying degrees of success on *Pointless*, *House of Games and University Challenge*, and toured the country with Fern Brady and Darren Harriott for Dave's six-part travelogue *British as Folk*. He's earned his parents' respect with appearances on Radio 4's *The Now Show*, *The News Quiz*, *Just a Minute*, and the drama *Unite*, and shoehorned Swindon Town references into many an episode of 5 Live's *Fighting Talk* and BT Sport's *The Football's On*.

2023 saw Ivo appear as a contestant on the fifteenth series of Channel 4's *Taskmaster*, and fans of his chaotic energy on that show can see it live, first on the concluding leg of his *My Future, My Clutter* tour, before August sees Ivo travel to Edinburgh and then nationwide with his new show, *Organised Fun*.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>UK</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
Author living in	<b>UK</b>

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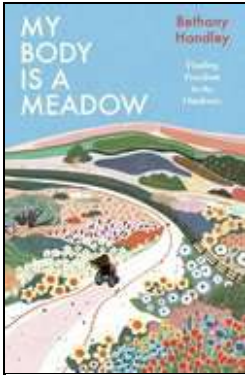
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# My Body is a Meadow Finding Freedom in the Outdoors

**Bethany Handley**

## Keynote

A powerful manifesto meets memoir calling readers to work together to make nature open to all.

## Description

**'Urgent and beautiful, this book shows how our treatment of disability mirrors our treatment of nature. Essential reading' – Katherine May, author of *Wintering***

**'A passionate call for an inclusive countryside - nature for all and all for nature' – Jack Cornish, author of *The Lost Paths***

Since childhood, Bethany Handley has always felt most at home out in the wilds of the Welsh countryside. This all changed when Bethany became a full-time wheelchair user in her twenties and suddenly found herself padlocked out of the landscapes she belonged to.

Today, nearly one in four people are Disabled in the UK. Yet, public rights of way are blocked in 32,000 places across England and Wales. *My Body is a Meadow* writes into this troubling landscape. Passionate and political, it delivers a galvanising call for us to rethink how we live among nature and each other. Lyrical and personal, Bethany invites readers to wheel alongside her as she explores ableism, climate justice and what nature means to her.

On this journey we discover the feral boar of the Forest of Dean, and one of the first places in Britain to industrialise; how the metal and rubber of a wheelchair can become just as much a part of your body as skin and bone; why swifts rarely land and how maps tell a story of exclusion. Unearthing parallels between land ownership and privatised healthcare, loss of biodiversity and social marginalisation, Bethany explores the lessons nature can teach us about inclusion and interdependence. This is a rallying cry for us to stop gatekeeping nature and work together to make it open and equal to all.

Praise for *Cling Film*:

**'Cling Film is a collection that lifts many veils and lets in much-needed light and air' Carol Rumens, *Guardian***

**'Opens our eyes and minds to new ways of seeing and being' Owen Sheers, author of *Skirrid Hill***

**'Be careful, these poems will change the way you see the world' Kim Moore, author of *All the Men I Never Married***

**'For anyone who values life' Joshua Jones, author of *Local Fires***

**'Glorious, necessary reading' Polly Atkin, author of *Some of Us Just Fall***

**'I laughed for an hour alongside Bethany Handley and, while I was laughing, I forgot about my pain' the Cyborg Jillian Weise, author of *Common Cyborg***

**'Breathtakingly raw and beautiful' Connor Allen**

## Sales Points

- **Urgent new voice in nature writing:** there has been a real boom in this genre recently and Bethany's writing style fits this trend while her focus on accessibility and diversity in nature adds a much-needed new perspective to the genre.
- **Author with growing profile:** Bethany has been at Hay festival this year as well as South Bank Centre's London Literature Festival 2023. Her work has been featured across a broad range of media including *Country Living*, *BBC 5 Live*, *BBC News* and *Metro*.
- **Award winning author:** Bethany won the Creative Future Gold Prize for Creative Non-fiction 2023. Beth also made the 2024 Shaw Trust Disability Power 100 List.
- Buzz Magazine one to watch for 2026.

## Author Biography

Bethany Handley is an award-winning writer, poet and disability activist from South Wales. Named one of the UK's ten most influential disabled people in politics, law, and media by the Shaw Trust 2024, she campaigns for disability rights and better access to nature. An ambassador for *Country Living's* Access for All, Wales Coast Path, and Ramblers Cymru, her debut poetry pamphlet *Cling Film* was published by Seren in 2025. Bethany co-edited *Beyond / Tu Hwnt*, a ground-breaking bilingual anthology of Welsh Deaf and disabled

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Wales, Forest of Dean</b>
Author born in	<b>Wales</b>
Author living in	<b>Monmouth, Wales</b>
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writers. Her work has been featured by BBC One, BBC Radio 1, BBC Radio 4, *the Poetry Foundation*, *Country Living*, *The Guardian* and more.

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## Just One Look At You

### 'There is nothing like a Jill Mansell book to make the world feel better' Milly Johnson

**Jill Mansell**

#### Keynote

The most heart-warming novel you'll read this year, from bestselling Jill Mansell, the Queen of Feelgood Fiction

#### Description

'Stunning, utterly beautiful . . . Jill at her absolute best. One of the most beautiful love stories I've ever read' Jo Thomas

#### Venice. The perfect setting for romance, and for secrets to be shared.

Fen can't believe her luck. A luxury holiday with her beloved grandmother Disa - what could be more delightful? It doesn't cross her mind that she might fall in love. Or that love can bring complications . . .

Jamie can't help it that women always fall for him, rather than for his kind-hearted friend Leon. Nor that only one of them got the looks (that would be Jamie). But how will he feel if the girl he's drawn to only has eyes for Leon?

Disa has a secret. A few weeks ago, an old letter in a file revealed a shocking truth about her late husband. She's come to Venice to find out more.

There's news on the way that will reverberate through all their lives, as Jill Mansell's joyful, heartbreaking new novel takes readers on a roller coaster ride of emotion - and makes us believe in love again.

#### Sales Points

- **JILL MANSELL HAS A FANTASTIC BESTSELLER TRACK RECORD.** *An Almost Perfect Summer* was a *Sunday Times* paperback bestseller in 2025, and went to No. 14 on the hardback list in January of that year.
- **AN AMAZING SALES HISTORY. Headline net sales 11.1 million copies.** 15 million copies of Jill's novels sold worldwide. 2.7 million Headline ebooks sold.
- **AN AUTHOR BELOVED IN EBOOK.** Jill's novels are regular digital bestsellers, with *An Almost Perfect Summer* going to the Kindle No. 1 position in 2025.
- **54% INCREASE IN SUBSCRIBER NUMBERS TO JILL'S NEWSLETTER BETWEEN 2024 AND 2025.** Now at 8k+.

#### Reviews

- 'Heartachingly gorgeous . . . Will stay with you long after you've turned the last page. This is one of the most beautiful love stories I've ever read' - Jo Thomas

#### Author Biography

'The queen of witty, heart-warming, feel-good love stories' *Red*; 'One of my favourite writers' Katie Fforde

Jill Mansell started writing fiction while working in the NHS, after she read a magazine article that inspired her to join a local creative writing class. Since then she has written over twenty-five *Sunday Times* bestsellers. Her acclaimed novels include *An Almost Perfect Summer*, *The Wedding of the Year*, *Should I Tell You?*, *And Now You're Back*, *It Started with a Secret* and *You and Me, Always*. Jill's books have sold over 14.5 million copies worldwide.

Jill lives in Bristol and for many years worked in the field of clinical neurophysiology. You'd think inventing characters and stories would be easier, but she can assure you it isn't.

You can follow Jill on X @JillMansell, Facebook /OfficialJillMansell and Instagram @JillMansell

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Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>368 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Book locale	<b>Venice, Bristol, Amsterdam</b>
Author living in	<b>Bristol</b>

#### Previous Titles

An Almost Perfect Summer (2025)  
The Wedding of the Year (2024)

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2nd Serial	<b>Headline</b>
Audio	<b>Headline</b>
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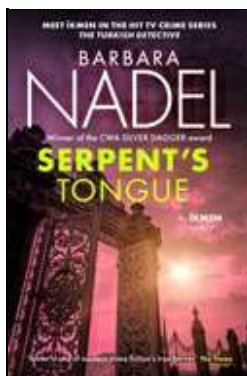
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## Serpent's Tongue (Ikmen Mystery 28) Meet Ikmen in THE TURKISH DETECTIVE, BBC Two's sensational TV series

**Barbara Nadel**

### Keynote

The 28th İkmén mystery from award-winning author Barbara Nadel, whose previous İkmén mysteries, set in Istanbul, are the inspiration behind *The Turkish Detective*, an eight-part TV series on BBC Two and available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

### Description

**The twenty-eighth mystery featuring Çetin İkmén and Mehmet Süleyman, stars of BBC Two's gripping crime drama series *The Turkish Detective*, available to watch on BBC iPlayer.**

When two women are found dead in Istanbul - one bitten by a snake in the slum quarter of Kuştepe, the other killed by a suspected terror attack in Teşvikiye - Inspector Mehmet Süleyman and his team cannot see an obvious connection between the two cases.

Ex-inspector Çetin İkmén isn't so sure. In Kuştepe, helping a friend place a collection of dazzling sculptures at one of the city's art galleries, İkmén discovers that one of the sculptures bears a startling resemblance to the Kuştepe victim. Did the deceased artist know her and, if so, in what capacity? And what, if anything, does the death of a devout Muslim woman in Teşvikiye have to do with an alleged terror plot aimed at undermining the security of the city?

Süleyman and İkmén soon discover there is more to this situation than meets the eye and they must uncover the truth in order to prevent more bloodshed . . .

### Sales Points

- The İkmén mysteries have been adapted into an eight-part TV series called *The Turkish Detective*, co-produced by Viacom and Miramax and released on BBC Two, and available on BBC iPlayer. *The Turkish Detective* has been longlisted for the National Television New Drama award.
- Barbara Nadel has won the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger Award which confirms her status as one of the best crime writers in the business - previous winners: PD James, Ruth Rendell, Colin Dexter and Donna Leon.
- Barbara Nadel has been shortlisted for the prestigious CWA Dagger in the Library Award and longlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year.
- Barbara Nadel has a strong social media presence on X @BarbaraNadel. She also regularly appears on panels at crime festivals and library events.

### Reviews

- 'Complex and beguiling: a Turkish delight' - Mick Herron
- 'İkmén is one of modern crime fiction's true heroes, complex yet likeable, and the city he inhabits - Istanbul - is just as fascinating' - *The Times*
- 'Barbara Nadel's distinctive Istanbul-set Inspector İkmén thrillers combine brightly coloured scene setting with deliciously tortuous plots - the resourceful İkmén is always struggling with intractable cases' - *Guardian*
- 'Inspector Çetin İkmén is one of detective fiction's most likeable investigators, despite his grumpy and unsociable character . . . think of him as the Morse of Istanbul' - *Daily Telegraph*

### Author Biography

Trained as an actress, Barbara Nadel used to work in mental health services. Born in the East End of London, she now writes full time and has been a visitor to Turkey for over twenty years. She received the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger for her novel *DEADLY WEB*, and the Swedish Flintax Prize for historical crime fiction for her first Francis Hancock novel, *LAST RIGHTS*.

To find out more, follow Barbara on Twitter @BarbaraNadel or visit her website [www.barbara-nadel.com](http://www.barbara-nadel.com)

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Thema 1.6 **Crime and mystery: police procedural (FFP) Classic crime and mystery fiction (FFC) Türkiye / Turkey (1DTT)**

Binding **Hardback**  
Format **Royal**  
Extent **336 pages**  
Word Count  
Illustrations **N/A**  
Series **The İkmén Mysteries**

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Not for Sale **Can**

Book locale **Istanbul, Turkey**  
Author born in **London**  
Author living in **Essex**

### Previous Titles

The Wooden Library; The Darkest Night; Double Illusion *and many more*

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## The King's Ransom

### An action-packed sequel to The Recovery Agent

Janet Evanovich

#### Keynote

**Gabriela Rose is back in this action-packed and steamy sequel to the instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Recovery Agent*.**

#### Description

**<h3>Janet Evanovich takes readers on a global hunt to track down missing masterpieces in this action-packed and steamy sequel to the instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Recovery Agent*. </h3>**

Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her gorgeous-but-infuriating ex-husband Rafer Jones. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble . . . big trouble.

As the president of a too-big-to-fail bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some of the world's most priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. It seemed like a low-risk, high-reward business move, so he jumped in with both feet. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing and worse, there's no paper trail of Harley being directed to make these risky investments. Unless the artwork can be recovered soon, it looks like Harley is going to be heading to jail as the fall guy for an ingenious crime.

Gabriela knows what she must do: travel around the world with Rafer to find the missing works of art, keep Harley out of jail, and save both his skin and his bank. Along the way, she'll encounter corruption, threats, murder, mysterious dark forces behind a global conspiracy to destroy the world's wealth, and a nefarious villain who will stop at nothing to bring the world to the brink of ruin.

#### <h3>Praise for Janet Evanovich:</h3>

**'Tense, suspenseful, funny and wise' Lee Child**

**'Continues to enliven the literary crime scene' *Sunday Times***

**'The most popular mystery writer alive' *New York Times***

**'Among the great joys of contemporary crime fiction' *GQ***

**'Janet Evanovich is the crown princess of detective fiction' *BookPage***

**'Prepare for twists, action, and one of the best books of the year' *Mystery & Suspense***

**'A blast of fresh air' *Washington Post***

#### Sales Points

- **JANET EVANOVICH is one of the world's bestselling brand authors, with over 200 million copies of her books in print worldwide**
- **3.8 MILLION Janet Evanovich books sold by Headline alone**
- **THE RECOVERY AGENT - the first book in the Gabriela Rose series - was an instant *New York Times* bestseller**

#### Reviews

- 'Readers are treated to Evanovich's laugh-out-loud humor, diabolically clever plotting, outlandish characters, unexpected twists, fiendish baddies, and even a bit of romance. Outstanding.' - *Kirkus Reviews*
- 'Gabriela is an ideal action protagonist: resourceful, daring, shrewd, and sexy. The result is a swift and enjoyable adventure that proves this series has legs' - *Publishers Weekly*

#### Author Biography

Over the last twenty-six years, Janet Evanovich has written a staggering forty-three *New York Times* bestsellers. Her bestselling Stephanie Plum novels include *Going Rogue*, *Game On*, *Fortune and Glory* and *Twisted 26*.

Janet has won several major crime fiction awards, including the CWA John Creasey Award, the Dilys Award and the Silver Dagger.

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## THIS IS ME A Reckoning Hayden Panettiere

### Keynote

**Heroes and Nashville star Hayden Panettiere reclaims her story in a remarkably candid memoir.**

### Description

Hayden Panettiere's career in entertainment began before she could talk. From her first gig as a Michelin baby to roles in cult classics like *Remember the Titans* and *Raising Helen*, as well as popular soap operas *Guiding Light* and *One Life to Live*, Hayden built an impressive resume by the time she entered middle school.

Throughout the early 2000s, she starred in millennial favourites like *Racing Stripes*, *Heroes*, and *Scream 4 & VI* and earned two Golden Globe nominations for her starring role of Juliette Barnes in *Nashville*. The squeaky-clean face of Neutrogena, she was Hollywood's girl next door and subjected to all the fame, attention, and expectations that came with it. In an era of relentless paparazzi with an appetite for celebrity breakdowns, naysayers were certain this young starlet would crash and burn. Not one to disappoint, she did.

In this irreverent, intimate, and inspiring memoir, Hayden holds nothing back. What started as a fun job for a child took a decidedly darker turn as she came of age. She exposes the pressure and exploitation young stars face before they're old enough to know themselves, and how easy it is for them to lose control of their own narrative and, ultimately, their lives. Hayden was the target of brutal tabloid headlines picking apart her body, and she performed storylines onscreen that mirrored her real-life trauma.

She suffered post-partum depression, addiction and recovery, domestic abuse, and the loss of her beloved little brother. Despite everything, Hayden managed to take these experiences, which she calls 'lifequakes', and emerge from them stronger, no longer afraid to use her voice or show her true self. She's played the part of a misfit hero, a superstar, a survivor, a cheerleader, and an all-American fresh face.

In THIS IS ME, Hayden stars in her most heart-wrenching and unforgettable role yet: herself.

This is her story, on her terms.

### Sales Points

- Hayden is a double Golden Globe nominee and has starred in two major cult shows - *Heroes* and *Nashville*. Her personal life has also received quite a bit of attention so she is well known here and covered extensively in the media.
- There are elements of trauma, addiction and childhood fame in her story which is reminiscent of authors like Matthew Perry, Britney Spears and Jeanette McCurdy.
- Hayden has just under 1m followers on Instagram with 9 percent in the UK and 5 percent in ANZ.

### Author Biography

Born and raised in New York, **Hayden Panettiere** seemed destined for superstardom from the moment she could walk. By the age of four she had already landed her first on-screen role, and the spotlight has never left her since, with a career spanning over 25 years. Hayden is likely best known for her roles as "Claire Bennet" on the NBC series HEROES and as "Juliette Barnes" in the ABC hit series NASHVILLE, which earned her two Golden Globe nominations. She was memorably seen starring in SCREAM 4 and recently reprised her role in the newest installment in the franchise, SCREAM VI. Hayden was the cover girl for Neutrogena's worldwide campaign and remained a brand ambassador for nearly ten years. Most recently, she was seen in Appian Way and Verdi Productions' 'Sleepwalker', in which she toplines.

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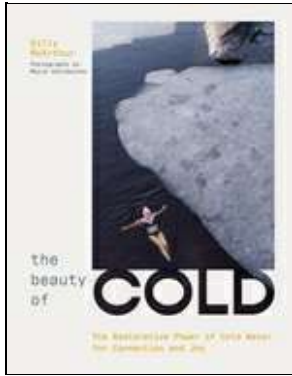
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# The Beauty of Cold The Restorative Power of Cold Water for Connection and Joy

**Gilly McArthur (Illustrated By Maija Astikainen)**

## Keynote

A photographic guide to the joy of cold water and how it can boost mental and physical wellbeing at every age and stage of life

## Description

'Brave, playful and full of heart, this book reminds us that in the cold, we find our true aliveness.'

**Easkey Britton, big wave surfer and author of *Saltwater in the Blood***

**Cold water swimming is one of nature's most powerful resets - a plunge into the wild that clears the mind and awakens the body.**

From reducing stress to improving sleep, the mental and physical health benefits of cold water swimming are well-known. But beyond the science, there's something more profound: a chance to silence the noise of everyday life and rediscover ourselves through the healing power of cold and the calming embrace of blue spaces.

Cold water coach Gilly McArthur delves into this elemental practice. She shares her passion for icy water and wild places, guiding us through some of her most treasured experiences including daily cold-water dips in winter, swimming in caves and rescuing wildlife. Every encounter or 'glimmer' offers a chance for reflection and renewal.

Whether you're seeking resilience, calm, community or simply the joy of being immersed in nature, *The Beauty of Cold* offers a life-affirming path back to yourself in simple, achievable and lasting steps.

## Sales Points

- Gilly has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *The Scotsman*, *Condé Nast Traveller* and the *National Geographic*. She has 18.6k followers on Instagram and a website: gillymcarthur.com.
- As a motivational speaker, her clients include Adidas, Women's Climbing Symposium, Kendal Mountain Festival, Berghaus Women in Adventure, Arc'teryx London speaker series, BBC radio "My Life" series
- Cold water therapy is still a strong trending topic, especially post Covid, and a simple low-cost way to boost health and well-being with new benefits being discovered all the time. Cold water therapy, including wild swimming and surfing, is now prescribed by the NHS. Gilly was a part of the study for the NHS on cold exposure and its benefits.
- The strong community aspect of cold water swimming makes it a great topic for serialisation and articles in lifestyle magazines and supplements.
- Cold water therapy has many celebrity devotees including Harry Styles, Helena Christensen, Fearne Cotton and Ed Sheeran. Gilly is at the forefront of this therapeutic past-time and is the go-to expert for David Beckham and Ian Wright, among many others.

## Reviews

- '*The Beauty of Cold* is a love letter to wild water and the fierce tenderness it awakens in us. Gilly doesn't just write about swimming - she writes about belonging to the body, the elements and the present moment. Brave, playful and full of heart, this book reminds us that in the cold, we find our true aliveness.' - Easkey Britton, *Big wave surfer and author of 'Saltwater in the Blood'*
- 'This is a beautifully written companion for anyone wishing to become truly connected to the magic of cold-water immersion. But it is so much more than that. I know Gilly well and this book lets you into her world - and that too is so, so beautiful. Highly recommend for anyone who loves a real journey into nature as her vignettes will take you there.' - Mike Geldard OBE, *retired Royal Marines officer and former head of Commando Training in the UK*
- 'Love is the beginning of the journey, it is the end, and it is the journey itself. I have met many people in my lifetime but not many people that embody this in the way that Gilly McArthur does. The interesting thing about Gilly, she is all warmth yet her superhuman power is cold. I followed her into the water and what I learned has stayed with me year after year. I know it will for you as well.' - Rachel Roy, *fashion designer, humanitarian and entrepreneur*
- 'Gilly's conversational tone and warmth shine through. I felt I had a trusted friend alongside to remind me why I love cold water and to coax me back in. And I realized I really had missed it! Thanks Gilly, this is the perfect companion - whether you end up taking the plunge or not. A beautiful ode to our connection with the natural world, each other and why this matters more than ever.' - Nemone Metaxas, *psychotherapist, broadcaster and DJ*

## Author Biography

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## Previous Titles

Maija Astikainen - *Sauna: The Power of Deep Heat*

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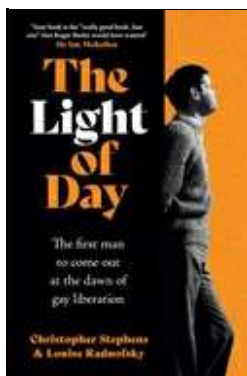
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Gilly is a cold water swim coach and free climber born in the north of Scotland. She has travelled the world in pursuit of these passions and has worked in the outdoor industry for over 20 years. Much of Gilly's work is strongly tied into mental wellbeing and nature connection and she passionately shares her love for cold water and nature with CEOs, charities, sportspeople, A-list actors, businesses and individuals. Her work has been profiled in the *National Geographic*, *Conde Nast Traveller* and on the BBC, and she has featured in various award-winning films, books and publications. She is also part of the coaching team working with Outside2, a UK-based university programme exploring the applications for outdoor swimming to help improve wellbeing for NHS patients, and is director of the Women's Trad Festival and founder of Blue Mind Men - a men's cold water swim club.

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# The Light of Day

## the moving true story of the first man to come out as gay

Christopher Stephens and Louise Radnofsky

### Keynote

The remarkable true story of the first man to come out as gay

### Description

'Your book is the "really good book. Just one" that Roger Butler would have wanted' - Sir Ian McKellen

'Absorbing and often very moving' - Peter Parker, *Spectator*

'Sir, we are homosexuals . . .'

So began the letter penned by Roger Butler and sent to several British newspaper editors - some of whom were so shocked they thought it was a hoax - in June 1960. Writing such a letter seven years before the decriminalisation of homosexuality was a radical and dangerous move. **It was a risk that set a major milestone in the fight for gay rights - one that has been almost entirely forgotten.**

**This is the story of the first man to come out voluntarily, using his own name, to the entire British public,** a decade before activists started petitioning gay people everywhere to 'come out proud'. Taking us through a criminalised underworld of gay pubs, parties and activist meetings, *The Light of Day* charts how Roger helped bring about the legalisation of homosexuality, but soon found himself marginalised from the movement he kickstarted after losing his sight in his early 30s.

Enter Christopher - a student asked to visit and read to an old, blind man at the beginning of a new century. As their intergenerational friendship bloomed, Roger came to trust Christopher with his most precious possession: memoirs of his revolutionary past, locked away in his home. After Roger's death, Christopher opened a series of unsent letters, left in a pink folder, addressed to him. They contained Roger's final wish, for Christopher finally to bring his remarkable, hidden story into the light of day.

**'Remarkable . . . a splendidly sprawling part biography, part autobiography, part history and part social commentary . . . the result, a true account, benefits greatly from a lightness, a candour untethered to any agenda or argument' - Times Literary Supplement**

'Faithfully and beautifully told' - *Mail on Sunday*

### Sales Points

- **Direct access to Roger's archive:** Christopher was next of kin to Roger Butler, inheriting Roger's extensive archive of writings and letter correspondences on his death. The documents remain in Christopher's ownership.
- **Comps include:** *One of them* by Michael Cashman, *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister*, *Gentleman Jack* by Anna Choma, *Alan Turing: The Enigma* by Andrew Hodges, *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* by Jeanette Winterson.

### Reviews

- **'Your book is the "really good book. Just one" that Roger Butler would have wanted'** - Sir Ian McKellen
- **'An engrossing, beautiful book** about a chance encounter and the unfolding story of a forgotten gay hero! Now, as the rights of people are increasingly under threat, this book is a **reminder of the sacrifices that have been made to achieve liberation'** - Lord Michael Cashman
- **'Miraculous. The Light of Day** reclaims a **forgotten hero** of the struggle for queer civil rights in a story that is a testament to courage, determination and love across generations. **Christopher Stephens and Louise Radnofsky write with tenderness, power and scorching honesty. I couldn't put it down'** - Will Tosh, author of *Straight Acting: The Many Queer Lives of William Shakespeare*
- **'Immersed as I have been in the twentieth century campaign for homosexual equality, I had never known about Roger Butler, nor met anyone else who knew. What he did was quite something, and that today we should be so surprised that it was a shock bears witness to the revolution he helped start. At times gripping, at times very personal, this remains an important piece of objective history, faithfully recorded and beautifully written'** - Matthew Parris, political writer, broadcaster and former politician

### Author Biography

#### Christopher Stephens (Author)

Christopher Stephens is an academic based in south west London. He is also CEO of an

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educational charity that promotes research into issues of importance to contemporary society. He has published on a range of topics, from ancient church history to language and practices relating to diversity and inclusion. Christopher's book *The Light of Day* made use of the extensive materials left to him by Roger Butler, the first man to come out as gay as a political act, and reflects on his shared life and friendship with Roger.

**Louise Radnofsky (Author)**

Louise Radnofsky is a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* in Washington, D.C., where she has covered healthcare, the White House, immigration and, currently, sports. She holds two degrees in modern history from Oxford, where she attended University College, and one from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She and Christopher have been friends for more than 20 years.

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## Witch's Orchard

### The magic and folklore of fruit, nuts and nature's sweet harvest

Sandra Lawrence

#### Keynote

The folklore and magical history of over 60 edible species

#### Description

**The magical use of edible plants - from the orchard and vineyard to the fig pit and hedgerow - is a tale as old as time.**

From Persephone's pomegranates in ancient Greek myth to dragon fruit being born of the mythical creature's fiery breath, and from hazel trees growing at the end of the world to breaking fast with dates, almost every ingredient in an ancient or modern orchard has been said to have powerful properties.

Featuring over 60 species, with dozens of fascinating entries from around the world, this informative and entertaining gift book is the latest in Kew's esoteric *Witch's Garden* series.

#### Sales Points

- Myth, magic and folklore haven't waned as trends - evolving from mythological retellings to new magical worlds in romantasy, these esoteric subjects are constantly at the forefront of pop culture. The fantasy genre bucked fiction trends in 2024 to grow 27%.
- SFF broke the £50m mark on Nielsen for the first time in 2023
- Modern witchcraft content flooded TV and cinema in 2024, with new creations *Domino Day*, *Sanctuary: A Witch's Tale*, *The Mayfair Witches* and *Rise of the Witches* joining existing series and of course *Wicked* to show that witches are going nowhere.
- Next *Wicked* instalment in November 2025 keeping witches at the forefront of pop culture for the foreseeable!
- Welbeck / Kew *Witch's Garden* series: total 110,120 English language shipped from the warehouse

#### Author Biography

##### Sandra Lawrence (Author)

**Sandra Lawrence** has written for all the British broadsheet newspapers and many magazines, including *Marie Claire*, *Britain*, *British Heritage*, *The English Garden* and *Kitchen Garden*. Her 19 books mainly focus on history, gardens and folklore; she is probably best known for her biography of horticultural maverick Ellen Willmott, *Miss Willmott's Ghosts*. She is the author of three esoteric titles with Kew, which have been translated into 10 languages - *Witch's Garden*, *The Magic of Mushrooms* and *Witch's Forest*. Her website is sandralawrence.com.

##### Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (Author)

THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW is a world-famous scientific organisation, holding an unrivalled position for its outstanding collections of plants and fungi, artefacts and art, world-class Herbarium as well as its expertise in plant diversity, conservation and sustainable development. From its beginnings as a small physic garden in 1759 it has grown to become a top international visitor attraction and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Kew's 132 hectares of stunning landscaped gardens and iconic glasshouses make it one of the world's best-loved gardens, a paradise for plant lovers, offering a wealth of ideas and inspiration to all.

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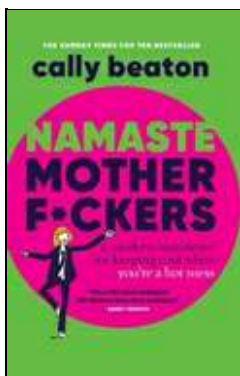
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## Namaste Motherf\*ckers

### A modern manifesto for keeping cool when you're a hot mess - THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES TOP 10 BESTSELLER AND HAPPY PLACE BOOKCLUB PICK

Cally Beaton

#### Keynote

A no bullsh\*t handbook for midlife reinvention where the worlds of comedy, boardrooms, self-help and womanhood collide.

#### Description

'What an absolute book this is!' - Dawn French

'This book is the perfect guide to show you how to live life to the max' - Fearné Cotton

'Do I want a Cally Beaton rebrand? Hell yeah.' - Sally Phillips

'This is the best writing by Mrs Beaton since that cookbook' - Sandi Toksvig

Part memoir, part stereotype-defying manifesto, *Namaste Motherf\*ckers* is a funny, empowering, practical book that takes an irreverent look at the author's own story of radical midlife reinvention - taking her from meetings in the boardroom to becoming a stand-up comedian - thanks to a chance conversation with the late, great Joan Rivers encouraging her to make change happen.

Sharing stories and experiences from her career, alongside lessons learned from the many celebrities and experts that have guested on her hit podcast of the same name, Cally challenges at every turn the age-old narrative that women become invisible when they cease to be fertile.

It's also a book about defying the bullsh\*t expectation that midlife women at best maintain (looks, career, relationships), at worst decline. With ambitious thinking and personal development takeouts from her time as a coach, Cally debunks many of the myths surrounding the female of the species and gives a fresh, funny and life-affirming look at what it means to be a middle-aged woman who is willing to take a chance, put herself out there and who is also willing to fail.

#### Sales Points

- **BESTSELLER:** The hardback entered the *Sunday Times* top ten the week of publication.
- **AUTHOR TOUR:** Cally is in the middle of a sold-out UK-wide stand-up comedy tour which started in summer 2025 and will continue through 2026. Also called *Namaste Motherf\*ckers*, it's based on the contents of the book and Cally does a book signing with a local bookseller after each show.
- **BOOKCLUB PICK:** Chosen as Fearné Cotton's Happy Place Bookclub pick in August 2025, Cally was interviewed by Fearné at the Happy Place Festival as well.
- **HIT PODCAST:** In 2021, Cally launched her podcast *Namaste Motherf\*\*kers*. With the help of celebrity guests and experts, she gets to the stories you've never heard before - uncovering not your normal life lessons, but some big ones nonetheless, bringing heart and humour into the worlds of work and wellbeing.

#### Reviews

- "What an absolute book this is' - Dawn French'
- "This is the best writing by Mrs Beaton since that cookbook.' - Sandi Toksvig'
- "Spins tales like Aisling Bea, has the hair and strength of Pippi Longstocking, and the punk edge of Debbie Harry. Do I want a Cally Beaton rebrand? Hell yeah.' - Sally Phillips'
- "This book is the perfect guide to show you how to live life to the max.' - Fearné Cotton'

#### Author Biography

Cally Beaton is a comedian, keynote speaker, awards host, business leader, podcaster, writer and entrepreneur. She has held senior management positions at some of the biggest media companies in the world. Early in her career she headed an independent television production company that was bought by ITV and became the youngest and only female member on the board. She left to set up an award-winning creative consultancy, Road Trip Media, and went on to do a ten-year stint as Senior Vice President at the US studio giant ViacomCBS. If you want someone to blame for bringing *South Park* and *SpongeBob SquarePants* to the world, you need look no further.

Cally was nudged into the sphere of performance after a chance conversation with the late, great Joan Rivers, then 81, and so it was that as a 45-year-old single parent, she

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first took to the stage. She made her debut appearance on the BBC's *Live at the Apollo* at the age of 53, cementing her position as one of the most exciting stand-ups in the country.

Cally is a regular panellist on BBC2's *QI* and *The Apprentice: You're Fired*, as well as featuring on *Countdown's Dictionary Corner*, *Richard Osman's House of Games*, *Pointless Celebrities* and *The Blame Game*. Cally is a regular contributor on BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio 5 Live, Times Radio, Scala Radio and BBC London. She has written for *The Guardian* and *The Financial Times* and has a Masters in Neuro Linguistic Programming.

In 2021 she launched her hit podcast 'Namaste Motherf\*ckers' with a star-studded roster of celebrity guests. including Miriam Margolyes, Sir Grayson Perry, Sally Phillips, Deborah Meaden, Kirsty Wark, Omid Djalili, Susie Dent, Esther Rantzen, Paloma Faith and the Reverend Richard Coles.

Her popular Instagram reels have amassed over 100 million views and counting.

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## Warlord of Britannia

### Rome's military commanders are watching every move as the tribes beyond the Empire battle for power

**Simon Scarrow**

#### Keynote

**AD 27 TO AD 43: CAN THE WARLORD CARATACUS UNITE THE BARBARIAN TRIBES BEFORE ROME INVADES?**

**AN EPIC NEW DRAMA FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER *TYRANT OF ROME***

#### Description

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The elders believe their island is impregnable. Caratacus is powerful enough to ignore their mockery, as he calls on thousands of men to enlist, and prepare to defend their homeland. But even Caratacus cannot be certain that an army of warriors and ragtag bands of farmers can be turned into a disciplined fighting force that can defy the mighty military machine poised to invade.

Caratacus and his men are preparing for the most deadly battle of their lives. The future of their world is at stake.

#### Sales Points

- **THE ENTHRALLING NEW ROMAN ERA NOVEL** from Simon Scarrow writing with T. J. Andrews, following **WARRIOR, PIRATA, ARENA** and **INVADER**
- **REVENGE OF ROME**, Simon's most recent *Eagles of the Empire* novel, was the latest in a long line of **Sunday Times hardback bestsellers** from the author
- **HEADLINE HAS SOLD OVER 6 MILLION** copies of Simon Scarrow's books
- **ARENA, INVADER** AND **PIRATA**, also co-written with T. J. Andrews, were all **Sunday Times bestsellers**
- **2 MILLION COPIES OF SIMON SCARROW'S NOVELS SOLD** in translation around the world

#### Author Biography

**Simon Scarrow is the acclaimed author of multiple *Sunday Times* bestsellers, including *Tyrant of Rome*, *Revenge of Rome* and *The Gladiator*.**

He is also the author of many other acclaimed novels including the *Sunday Times* bestseller *A Death in Berlin*. With T. J. Andrews he has co-written *Warrior*, focusing on the rebel chief Caratacus, and *Arena*, following the career of a gladiator hero, and more.

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**The Boleyn Secret**  
 the spellbinding new Tudor novel by the Sunday Times bestselling author

**Alison Weir**

**Keynote**

**From the bestselling author of SIX TUDOR QUEENS, a captivating new novel about two Boleyn cousins, close as sisters - and the truth that will change everything.**

**Description**

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'Vivid and utterly addictive... brings to life a fascinating woman who has remained in the shadows for too long' **TRACY BORMAN**

'Her story is as fascinating as it is gripping... a remarkable woman who had a ring-side seat to some of the most precarious and pivotal passages of history' **ELIZABETH FREMANTLE**

**A BOLEYN WOMAN IS NO STRANGER TO SECRETS...**

At twelve years old, Kate Carey attends her aunt, Queen Anne Boleyn, to the scaffold. Horrified by what she witnesses, Kate is convinced that King Henry VIII has sent an innocent woman to a terrible death.

As the Boleyns fall from favour, Kate serves her now motherless cousin, the young Lady Elizabeth. Bound by Boleyn blood, the two girls are like sisters, until Kate marries for love - and leaves a jealous Elizabeth behind.

At court, Kate cannot ignore the sly looks thrown her way, nor the whispers behind her back. Only when her mother, Mary, lies dying, does she learn the life-shattering truth that the Boleyns have been hiding for years.

It is a secret that will haunt Kate throughout her life, as her family flee into exile, only returning home when Elizabeth becomes queen. But the bond between the Boleyn cousins will never be the same again...

**PRAISE FOR ALISON WEIR'S TUDOR FICTION**

'History has the best stories and they should all be told like this' **CONN IGGULDEN**

'As always, Alison Weir is ahead of the curve - and at the top of her game' **SARAH GRISTWOOD**

'Alison Weir makes history come alive as no one else' **BARBARA ERSKINE**

'Weir is excellent on the little details that bring a world to life' **GUARDIAN**

'Profoundly moving... lingers long after the last page' **ELIZABETH FREMANTLE**

**Sales Points**

- **LEADING HISTORICAL NOVELIST:** Alison Weir is at the top of her game. Seven of her Tudor novels are Sunday Times Top 10 bestsellers and she is the bestselling female historian in the UK.
- **A ROYAL SCANDAL:** Kate was the daughter of Mary Boleyn, Anne's sister. Mary had an affair with Henry VIII before he married Anne, and was rumoured to bear his child. Alison's new novel asks what would have happened when Kate discovered this secret, that her father is the King? How would it have changed her relationship with her Boleyn cousin Elizabeth, who may have been her Tudor half-sister?
- **QUALITY AND AUTHENTICITY:** reader reviews praise Alison Weir's fiction for the quality storytelling underpinned with meticulous research: 'I've yet to find any other author that captures history quite so well. I always feel like I've slipped in time and I'm privy to some secret historical events'; 'Alison has a wonderful way of writing, making the characters come to life again'
- **MAJOR BRAND CAMPAIGN:** Extensive digital advertising, partnerships and extensive pre-order activity, blanket review, interview and feature coverage across national media, year-round programme of events, podcasts and live appearances, and endorsements from key historical novelists.

**Reviews**

- 'Wolsey leaps from the page in all his brilliance, complexity and humanity' - Tracy

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- 'As always, Alison Weir is ahead of the curve - and at the top of her game' - Sarah Gristwood on HENRY VIII: THE HEART AND THE CROWN
- 'This series is a serious achievement' - *The Times* on SIX TUDOR QUEENS
- 'Thrilling, captivating... unforgettable' - Kate Williams on MARY I: QUEEN OF SORROWS

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### Author Biography

Alison Weir is a bestselling historical novelist of Tudor fiction, and the leading female historian in the United Kingdom. She has published more than thirty books, including many leading works of non-fiction, and has sold over three million copies worldwide.

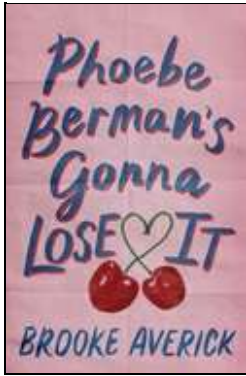
Her novels include the Tudor Rose trilogy, which spans three generations of history's most iconic family - the Tudors, and the highly acclaimed Six Tudor Queens series about the wives of Henry VIII, all of which were *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

Alison is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an honorary life patron of Historic Royal Palaces.

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## Phoebe Berman's Gonna Lose It A modern-day Bridget Jones love story from BookTok's favourite romance fan!

**Brooke Averick**

### Keynote

From TikTok's favourite romance reader Brooke Averick, an honest, imperfect, laugh-out-loud funny love story - perfect for lovers of Abby Jimenez and Emily Henry - about coming of age and coming apart.

### Description

'A ridiculously charming debut' **Hannah Bonam-Young**

'Had me completely charmed from the first page' **Annabel Monaghan**

'Heartfelt and funny . . . a love story for the ages - or at least for the anxious' **Emily Austin**

'Witty, relatable and unflinchingly honest . . . truly effervescent' **Lyla Sage**

From podcaster - and TikTok's favourite romance reader - Brooke Averick, an honest, imperfect, laugh-out-loud funny love story about coming of age and coming apart - perfect for fans of Abby Jimenez, Curtis Sittenfeld and Emily Henry.

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### Phoebe Berman's Guide to Losing Her Virginity In 30 Days: A Checklist

&#11088; Redownload Hinge

&#11088; Pet a dog with a cute owner

&#11088; Find the cutest guy on the plane to help with my luggage

&#11088; Identify a suitable target behind the wheel of a car, rear end him, and get his number

&#11088; Advertise myself on Craigslist

All Phoebe Berman has ever wanted is a whirlwind romance. And yet, she keeps getting in her own way. She has no idea what has caused her long and messy history of failed dating attempts - the panic attacks, cold sweats and projectile vomiting.

But she does know two things:

1. She's going to be thirty in a month.
2. She's still a virgin. This, though, she's determined to change.

Armed with a romance-novel-inspired to-do list, Phoebe's giving herself thirty days to lose her virginity. No backing out this time.

She's even got some promising options lined up: there's charming new fellow teacher Finn; long-distance texting pen pal Matthew; and, of course, dreamy Jonathan, her long-time best friend and roommate.

**With the clock ticking and a checklist as chaotic as her inner monologue, if Phoebe Berman wants to lose it, she might just have to find herself first.**

### READER RAVES FOR PHOEBE BERMAN:

'This is **my new favourite book ever**. For ONCE I can relate to the main character of a romance novel!'

'The **most relatable, endearing, and loyal character I have ever met**... It's Phoebe's world and I'm just living it'

'One of **my new favourite fictional characters**'

'Through faultless friend groups, endless word game, and failed flirtations, this novel is a **romance worth giggling and kicking your feet over**... a debut you won't want to miss!'

'Time should probably be labelled as **BPB and APB (before Phoebe Berman & after Phoebe Berman)** from here on out'

### Sales Points

- **ONE OF BOOKTOK'S BIGGEST NAMES:** Brooke Averick is **one of TikTok's top literary tastemakers with over 1 million followers on TikTok** and 339k followers on Instagram, where she shares romance book reviews and hilarious, relatable lifestyle content. She is also **the #17 most followed person on Goodreads globally** and has a **long-standing partnership with Book of the Month's subscription box**.
- **MAJOR FILM/TV OPTION TO A HIGH-PROFILE STREAMING PLATFORM** - in a highly competitive multi-company auction. Currently confidential, but details to be announced.
- **HIGHLY-ENGAGED AUDIENCE:** Brooke's **audiences over-index in books-related interest diagnostics** - including 'women's books' (13x) and 'romance' (11x). Aside

- from her main Instagram account, which has almost 300,000 followers, **Brooke's book club Instagram @brookeshelfllc has another 24k engaged followers.**
- **PERFECT PODCAST PLATFORM:** Brooke is also the host of Brooke and Connor Make a Podcast and the Obsessed podcast, **with over 15 million combined downloads and a Youtube reach of over 100k subscribers.** Brooke is currently **working with Audible on a new YouTube series about spicy romantasy** - each episode featuring an author, narrator or influencer.
  - **RISING COMEDY STAR:** Recently named **alongside Bowen Yang and Amy Poehler on Variety's 2025 Comedy Impact Report and named one of Variety's '50 Hottest Influencers on the Planet'**, Brooke's star is on the rise in the comedy and podcasting spheres.

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### Reviews

- 'A ridiculously charming debut filled with humor and sincerity. This one is for all of us over-thinkers and hopeless romantics who want relatable characters and grounded story telling. Readers will be rooting for Phoebe every step of the way.' - Hannah Bonam-Young
- 'Witty, vulnerable, and emotionally astute, Phoebe Berman's *Gonna Lose It* had me completely charmed from the first page' - *Annabel Monaghan*
- 'Heartfelt and funny. This has everything romantic comedies need: projectile vomiting, checklists, and an easy-to-root-for, endearing protagonist. A love story for the ages - or at least for the anxious' - Emily Austin
- 'Witty, relatable, and unflinchingly honest - an absolutely stunning story about love, family, intimacy, and the space where they overlap. I laughed (a lot), I cried (more than expected), I swooned (the perfect amount), and I looked into the metaphorical camera, wondering if this book was actually about me. Brooke Averick's debut is truly effervescent' - Lyla Sage

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### Author Biography

Brooke Averick is best known for her podcast, Brooke and Connor Make a Podcast, where she speaks candidly and humorously about her struggles with OCD, anxiety, and depression, as well as her latest celebrity crushes, all while trying to convince her co-host to appreciate the magic of musical theatre. She's amassed a social media following of over 1.5M across numerous platforms. She studied Early Childhood Education at Boston University, and currently lives in Los Angeles with her two cats, Jonathan and Robert. *Phoebe Berman's Gonna Lose It* is her first novel.

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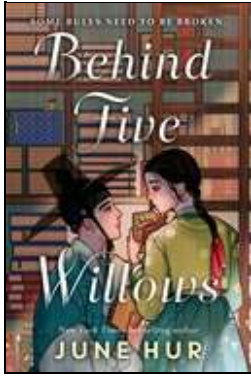
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## Behind Five Willows

Jane Austen reimaged in Korea - from the NYT bestselling author of *A Crane Among Wolves*

June Hur

### Keynote

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Crane Among Wolves* and *The Red Palace* comes a historical romance set in the Joseon dynasty about forbidden books and those willing to risk their lives for their craft and each other.

### Description

From the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *A Crane Among Wolves* comes a warm and romantic homage to Jane Austen set in historical Korea, about a reader and a writer who secretly fight against government book banning and find themselves irresistibly drawn together.

As the dutiful second daughter of a poor family, **Haewon** is expected to marry well. Instead, amid harsh censorship and rampant book bans, she secretly works as an illegal book transcriber - dangerous work she loves, especially when copying the writings of her favourite author, the elusive Black Lotus.

When her older sister begins courting a wealthy young man, Haewon is dragged along as chaperone - forced to endure the company of his arrogant, insufferable best friend.

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As the only son of a noble, **Seojun** is expected to embody wealth, status, and propriety. No one can know that he secretly writes fiction - or that the only thing keeping him going under pressure from his overbearing father are the warm, insightful letters from his transcriber, 'Magpie'.

But when his best friend falls for a girl far below their social rank, Seojun must join their chaperoned outings - alongside her sharp-tongued younger sister. Yet the more time Seojun and Haewon spend together, the more they realize how wrong their first impressions were . . .

### Sales Points

- **THE JOSEON DYNASTY'S LITERARY HISTORY:** In true June Hur fashion, this novel is inspired by her historical research about how Joseon was a kingdom that had a huge appreciation for literary culture. For example, when books were destroyed during a war and other adverse events, they were restored using the national capacity to the fullest, as a way to overcome the devastation of war.
- **JANE AUSTEN HOMAGE:** When June was initially trying to get published, she was writing Jane Austen-era historical romances set in England. However, she was only successful in her publishing journey once she began exploring her own culture and history. This novel almost a fusion of the best of both worlds!
- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR: *A Crane Among Wolves* was an instant *New York Times* bestseller** and June's intentional profile continues to grow. She has **71.5k followers on Instagram** and **20.8k followers on TikTok**. Her books have been translated across the globe, as well as published in Korean.

### Author Biography

**June Hur** is a bestselling and Edgar Award-winning author of YA historicals, including *The Silence of Bones*, *The Forest of Stolen Girls*, *The Red Palace*, and *A Crane Among Wolves*. Born in South Korea, June spent her formative years in the USA, Canada, and South Korea before studying History and Literature at the University of Toronto, and working at the city's public library. Her work has been featured in *Forbes*, NPR, *The New York Times*, CBC, and KBS. June resides in Toronto with her family and can be spotted writing in coffee shops.

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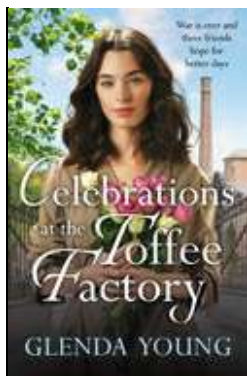
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## Celebrations at the Toffee Factory War is over and three friends hope for better days in the dramatic finale to this heartwarming trilogy

Glenda Young

### Keynote

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

### Description

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

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

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

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

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

### Praise for Glenda Young:

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

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

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

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

For updates on what Glenda is working on, visit her website [glendayoungbooks.com](http://glendayoungbooks.com) and to find out more find her on **Facebook/GlendaYoungAuthor** and X **@flaming\_nora**.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB) First World War fiction (FJMF) Relationships: friends / friendship and peer groups: advice, topics and issues (VFN)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>The Toffee Factory Trilogy</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

Book locale	<b>Chester-le-Street, County Durham</b>
Author born in	<b>Sunderland</b>
Author living in	<b>Sunderland</b>

### Previous Titles

Secrets of the Toffee Factory Girls  
The Toffee Factory Girls

1st Serial	<b>Headline</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline</b>
Audio	<b>Headline</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Headline</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Headline</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Headline</b>
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Publication date **Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
 Price **£10.99 / ₹999**  
 Main Identifier **9781035400461**  
 Thema 1.6 **Romance (FR) Humorous fiction (FU) Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD)**

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 **Johannesburg and Cape Town**  
 Author born in **South Africa**  
 Author living in **South Africa**

**Previous Titles**  
**Standalones:** WHAT HAPPENS ON VACATION; LOVE TO HATE YOU; LOVE YOU, LOVE YOU NOT; WHAT HAPPENS ON VACATION; LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT; THE EX-EFFECT

**In the Destination Love series:**  
 BURNING MOON; ALMOST A BRIDE, FINDING YOU; AFTER THE RAIN; THE GREAT EX-SCAPE

1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
Electronic	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Film and TV	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
Large print	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Podcast	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
Translation	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>The Bent Agency</b>
US	<b>The Bent Agency</b>

## Undercover Honeymoon

### A spicy and hilarious enemies-to-lovers escapist beach read!

**Jo Watson**

#### Keynote

The next hilarious rom-com from the author of *Love at First Flight*.

#### Description

The next hilarious action rom-com from the author of *Love at First Flight*, perfect for fans of *The Fall Guy* and *Mr and Mrs Smith*.

- Fake Dating
- Rivals-to-lovers
- Action rom-com
- Forced proximity
- Second-chance romance
- Gorgeous holiday read

When Lizzie is hired as a Private Investigator to look into a cheating spouse, the last person she expects to run into is Cam, her ex - who she dated for a grand total of 6 hours - and the reason she left the Police Academy.

Something Lizzie *definitely* isn't still bitter about it.

Cam, while investigating a man for money laundering, once again finds himself on the opposing side to Lizzie, his old flame. As their searches takes them to the romantic and glamorous Seychelles, the pair are forced to masquerade as a honeymooning couple in love to cover their tracks.

When they find themselves caught up in a criminal conspiracy bigger than they expected, Lizzie and Cam must pretend to a loving couple to get off the island alive - but as old feelings resurface, are they really just playing the part?

#### Reader's can't get enough of Jo's books!

'If this doesn't speak romcom perfection I don't know what does!'

'Wow! This book would make THE most amazing romantic movie'

'OMG!!! I absolutely love, LOVE, LOVED this absolutely gorgeous book!!! I must say it has got to be one of the best romances I have ever read!!!'

'A laugh-out-loud novel with unique and realistic characters'

'Why haven't I heard of Jo Watson before?!! Such a brilliant read and one that totally and utterly broke my star rating system!'

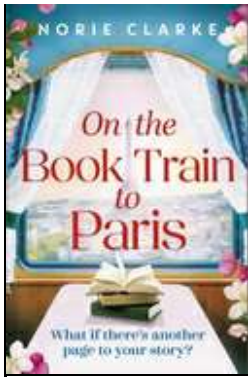
#### Sales Points

- **ETERNAL'S ROM-COM QUEEN:** After catapulting to Wattpad stardom in 2014 and becoming an ebook bestseller by 2018, Jo has continued to shine. **Headline Eternal has sold over 600,000 copies of her titles. No one makes you laugh like Jo Watson, whose gift for humour and heart is unmatched.**
- **INCREDIBLE VOICE:** Jo's writing is smart, high-concept, funny and engaging. Her characters jump off the page, her storylines are larger than life, and her charming romances will sweep readers off their feet.
- **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 mood.

#### Author Biography

**Jo Watson** is a bestselling author of romantic comedies, including *Love to Hate You* which has sold over 100,000 copies. She's a two-time Watty Award winner with over 50 million reads on Wattpad and 85,000 followers. Jo is an Adidas addict and a Depeche Mode devotee. She lives in South Africa with her family.

Visit her website [www.jowatsonwrites.co.uk](http://www.jowatsonwrites.co.uk) for exclusive extras and follow her on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: [@JoWatsonWrites](https://www.instagram.com/JoWatsonWrites).



## On the Book Train to Paris

The most charming and uplifting novel for 2026 and the perfect gift for book lovers!

**Norie Clarke**

### Keynote

A warm-hearted, romantic and uplifting novel, following three women of different generations, who embark on a journey on a book train to Paris and rediscover their *Joie de vivre*.

### Description

**<h2>Could Paris be the place to turn a new page? The heartwarming and uplifting new novel from the author of *The Library of Lost Love*.**</h2>

'A gem of a read, the perfect escape for book lovers!' **Faith Hogan**

'All aboard the book train to Paris, filled to the brim with a fabulous story!' **Sue Moorcroft**

**Carly** longs to make-over the family's Edinburgh bookshop, but her father is resisting change.

Upstairs, **Fran** is stumped by her next novel - and with how to fix her marriage.

In the flat below, **Elsa** cares for her husband, in need of a short breather to gather her strength.

So when a customer drops in and asks for help at his book festival on a train to Paris, it's the chance of a *petit* escape. And when a book mysteriously appears in the shop that Fran inscribed to a lover in Paris years ago, it seems too serendipitous to ignore. Boarding the train with Carly and Elsa, Fran wonders if revisiting her past will help her move forward.

But there are plot twists ahead. Could the book train to Paris be a passport to *joie de vivre*?

**<h2>Readers ADORE *On the Book Train to Paris*...**</h2>

- 'I really wanted to be on the train and experiencing Paris with them all'
- 'An absolute joy. I read this in one sitting because I didn't want to leave it'
- 'I loved this story. Great ending. I could not put it down'
- 'A warm hug in book form. The ultimate comfort read'
- 'I absolutely loved this book. Highly recommended'
- 'A warm, cosy, feel-good read'

### Praise for Norie Clarke's writing:

'The warmest, most completely charming story to sink into' **Jenny Colgan**

'A wonderful tale proving change is always possible' **Katie Fforde**

'One of the sweetest love stories I've ever read' **Sue Moorcroft**

### Sales Points

- **HOT TITLE for foreign rights sales - the journey from Edinburgh to Paris is perfect for translation markets**
- **SCOTTISH AUTHOR BASED IN SCOTLAND - and the Edinburgh bookshop is irresistible for lovers of all things Scottish**
- **THE PERFECT BLEND OF INGREDIENTS for readers who love the life-affirming novels of authors like Sally Page and Evie Woods, and later in life romances**

### Author Biography

Norie Clarke lives in a beautiful village by the sea with her husband, son and dogs. When not writing, Norie can be found in her studio at the bottom of her garden playing the piano and trying, not very well, to draw.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781035434442</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Romance: wholesome / clean (FRF) Romance (FR)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

Book locale	<b>Edinburgh, Paris, London</b>
Author living in	<b>Anstruther, Fife, Scotland</b>

### Previous Titles

The Library of Lost Love

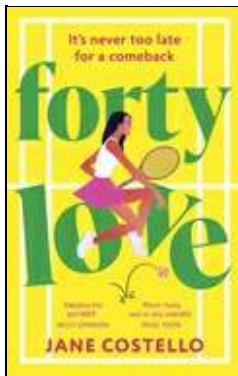
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## Forty Love

the **BRAND NEW** hilarious, uplifting and relatable mid-life rom-com, perfect for fans of Alexandra Potter and Milly Johnson

Jane Costello

### Keynote

The hilarious and poignant new novel from the author of *It's Getting Hot in Here* - about a woman who joins her local tennis club to try to combat her menopausal anxiety.

### Description

**It's never too late for a comeback!**

Single mum Jules lives next to a tennis club, but has no plans to play. Especially when her old school crush, handsome doctor Sam Delaney, returns thirty years after he left and is now displaying a killer forehand in direct view of her bedroom window.

But when she's hit by an unprecedented wave of anxiety - brought on by her 19-year-old daughter's solo trip around the world - she's in urgent need of a distraction and rashly agrees to join an amateur women's tennis team. They are desperate for players. The fact that she doesn't really play doesn't seem to matter . . .

As rallies are hit and friendships are formed, Jules is astonished to find herself in the grip of a passionate, all-consuming relationship . . . and not only with the tennis. But will these sexy encounters she keeps stumbling into with Sam put her on course to a devastating double fault?

### Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING TRACK RECORD:** combined sales of Jane Costello books exceed 1.5 million copies.
- **CLEAR TARGET AUDIENCE:** perfect for readers who bought *Menopausal*, or who enjoy fiction by Katy Brent, Alexandra Potter and Harper Ford.
- **STRONG RIGHTS SALES:** with six territories sold so far including a major US deal with Zibby Books.

### Reviews

- 'Feisty, funny, fantastic!' - *Debbie Johnson*
- 'Middle-aged women everywhere will be punching the air' - *Lucy Diamond*

### Author Biography

Jane Costello is a Sunday Times bestselling author of romantic comedies. She also writes as Catherine Isaac.

Jane was a newspaper journalist before she became an author, working on the *Liverpool Echo*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Liverpool Daily Post*, where she was Editor.

She continues to write for newspapers and magazines and has contributed articles to the *Guardian*, *Marie Claire*, *Prima* and *The Times*, among others.

Publication date	<b>Tuesday, May 05, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399739504</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Humorous fiction (FU) Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Tennis (SFTA) Manchester (1DDU-GB-ENLM)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Manchester</b>
Author born in	<b>Liverpool</b>
Author living in	<b>Liverpool</b>

1st Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Hodder</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Hodder</b>
Film and TV	<b>Curtis Brown</b>
Large print	<b>Hodder</b>
Podcast	<b>refer to publisher</b>
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## Rules for the Summer

### An absolutely addictive forced proximity, enemies-to-lovers summer romance

**Meghan Quinn**

#### Keynote

A steamy new standalone romcom from the romance TikTok sensation: an enemies-to-lovers, forced-proximity, sweet and spicy summer romance . . .

#### Description

**He clicked "yes" on a dare.**

**She bought a failing candy shop.**

**Now they're neighbors for the summer - and neither is ready for what comes next.**

**Renley Gossage** has one shot to prove she's more than Cape Meril's favorite cautionary tale: restore her favorite candy shop before the town writes her off like they did her father. No help, no shortcuts, and definitely no rich men wielding engagement rings and making things messy.

**Theo Williams** never planned on ending up in Cape Meril. A drunken game of truth or dare turned into a botched online engagement, and now he's across the ocean, escaping his father's control with nothing but designer shoes, misplaced confidence, and a rental next door to Renley.

She's practical, stubborn, and covered in paint. He's posh, persistent, and willing to use a sander if it means earning her trust.

Between collapsing drywall, gossiping neighbors, and the chaotic schemes of Renley's aunt, their forced proximity turns into something dangerously close to real.

Except Renley's future depends on standing on her own two feet, and Theo's past isn't done with him yet. **By the time the candy shop doors open, they'll have to decide if this is just a summer fling - or the happily ever after neither of them saw coming.**

#### Sales Points

- **Huge bestselling author:** Meghan Quinn has published nearly 30 previous books (both self-published and traditional), all of which are regularly in the top #100 Kindle charts. Now, we are breaking her out in the UK and introducing her to a whole new readership.
- **Exactly what readers in this space are looking for:** Ticking off a whole host of tropes, and also incredibly steamy, this is exactly what readers are looking for from a romance book. This is a marriage-of-convenience, forced-proximity romance that takes the tropes in a whole new direction.
- **Exclusive paperback content:** This edition includes illustrations exclusive to the paperback, as well as an extended epilogue, only available in certain editions in the US, and not available in the ebook.
- **Engaged fanbase and pre-existing platform:** Author already has a brilliantly engaged fanbase, proven by her 140k newsletter subscribers as well as a huge following on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and TikTok.
- **Brilliant reader reviews:** High levels of five-star reviews on all previously published books: 'Meghan is one hell of an author!'; 'Never laughed out loud at a book as much in my life . . . plus the steam. Holy smokes'; 'Anything by Meghan Quinn is a solid five stars and above for me!'; 'Sweet, spicy and banter to boot'

#### Author Biography

#1 Amazon and *USA Today* bestselling author, wife, adoptive mother, and peanut butter lover. Author of romantic comedies and contemporary romance, Meghan Quinn brings readers the perfect combination of heart, humour, and heat in every book.

Publication date	<b>Tuesday, May 05, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£9.99 / ₹899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399759229</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Romance (FR) Romantic comedies (FRB) Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Romance: workplace (FRE) Romance: sports (FRN) Romance: the rich / famous / powerful (FRR)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>576 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Colorado, USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

##### Bridesmaid for Hire Series

Bridesmaid for Hire  
Bridesmaid Undercover  
Bridesmaid By Chance

##### Standalones

Till Summer Do Us Part  
Just for the Cameras  
How My Neighbour Stole Christmas  
Merry Christmas, You Filthy Animal

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



## The Pistachio Lover's Baking Book

Sam Dixon

### Keynote

**A collection of irresistible, deliciously addictive bakes inspired by internet's favourite little green nut.**

### Description

Delectable recipes for pistachio-lovers everywhere - this little green nut packs a big punch and elevates every bake!

*The Pistachio Lover's Baking Book* brings 60 deliciously simple, standout and moreish recipes straight to your kitchen, perfect to impress family and friends, enjoy as a weekday treat or indulge at a special occasion.

From addictive cookies and traybakes to foolproof cakes and no-bake desserts, this stunning cookbook is filled with pistachio-themed recipes for anyone to make at home - for experienced and novice bakers alike!

### Recipes include:

Chocolate Chip + Pistachio Stuffed Cookies  
Viral Dubai Chocolate  
Pistachio Stuffed Churros  
Pistachio and Raspberry Cream Cake  
Lemon Ricotta + Pistachio Drizzle  
Chewy Pistachio Macaroons  
& many more!

### Sales Points

- **HUGE GROWING TREND:** This cookbook will tap into the huge pistachio craze which has inspired a huge range of food products of late. Pistachios have been named the flavour of the year, with global searches for pistachio cream, in particular, currently sitting at **655K** a month, **up 218%** since last year - and Google projects that searches will continue to grow. #Pistachio has **2.3M posts** on Instagram and pistachio-flavoured chocolates, desserts and cremes have become sell-out products across major supermarkets and brands inc M&S, Aldi, Lidl, Waitrose and Lindt.
- **THE PERFECT GIFT FOR HOME BAKERS + NON-TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR GIFT:** Complete with a stunning, highly giftable package and bespoke photography throughout, the cookbook will be the perfect present for the pistachio lover or passionate home baker in your life.
- **SUCCESSFUL COMPS:** There have been a number of 'single ingredient' cookbooks that have performed well including *The Avocado Cookbook* (**29.5k**) and *The Halloumi Cookbook* (**19k**), as well as brand partnered collabs like *Nutella* (**70.5k**) and *Mini Eggs* (**39k**).

### Author Biography

**Sam Dixon** is a food stylist for editorial, film and TV, with a background in baking. Sam started her career at Violet bakery in East London, where she developed a love for seasonal ingredients and honed her creativity and aesthetic. Since then, she has written a number of cookbooks including *Brownie and Blondies*, *Broke Vegan* and *A Very Vegan Christmas* and worked with the likes of *The Guardian*, *GQ* and *The Telegraph*. She is also the co-creator of Studio Feast, a food photography studio in Hackney, London.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£18.99 / ₹1799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399756488</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>General cookery and recipes (WBA) Cookery / food by ingredient / food groups (WBT) Baking (WBVS) Gift and novelty books / items (WZG)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Depth	<b>20mm</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>Photography</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
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## And Then There Was You

A hilarious, heartwarming and strikingly original rom-com

Sophie Cousens

### Keynote

A hilarious new rom-com with a twist, for fans of *Mhari Macfarlane*, *Beth O'Leary* and *Lindsey Kelk*

### Description

Chloe Fairway has found the perfect man . . .

Stuck in a Production Assistant job and living at home with her parents after a painful breakup, it's fair to say that thirty-one-year-old Chloe isn't where she wants to be in life.

The last thing she needs is to face the people who once voted her "most likely to succeed" at her upcoming ten-year college reunion. And she definitely doesn't want to see her former best friend, Sean Adler, who is now a hotshot film director living the life Chloe dreamed of.

Desperate to make a splash - and to save face in front of the man who might be the one that got away - she turns to a mysterious dating service.

Enter Rob, her handsome, well-read, and charming match, the perfect plus-one to take to her reunion. The more she gets to know him, the more perfect he appears to be.

. . . Except, of course, for the catch

### Sales Points

- **INCREDIBLE EARLY READER REVIEWS** from over 3,000 readers on Goodreads and Netgalley.
- **FROM A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Sophie Cousens' *This Time Next Year* hit the bestseller lists and continues to be widely beloved by rom-com fans. It was also made into a Netflix series.
- **FUNNY, REAL, RELATABLE CHARACTERS** that readers see themselves in.
- **FOR FANS OF:** warm, hilarious and contemporary rom-coms, like *Mhari Mcfarlane*, *Lindsey Kelk* and *Beth O'Leary*.
- **WRITERS LOVE SOPHIE COUSENS**, with those who have already given *And Then There Was You* stellar endorsements including the likes of *B.K. Borison*, *Kirsty Greenwood*, and *Meg Shaffer*.

### Reviews

- 'Another **sharp, delicious, romantic** read from Sophie Cousens' - *B. K. Borison, New York Times bestselling author of First-Time Caller*
- 'Funny, tender, and **with a lovable and oh-so-human heroine**' - *Meg Shaffer, author of The Wishing Game*
- 'Cousens has a lot of fun with her premise, and it's easy to root for Chloe to find true love. **Readers will be charmed**' - *Publishers Weekly*
- '**Cousens proves that she can elevate a traditional rom-com to the next level**' - *Booklist*

### Author Biography

Sophie Cousens worked in TV in London for over twelve years, producing shows such as *The Graham Norton Show*, *Big Brother* and *Russell Howard's Good News*. She now lives in Jersey, where she balances her writing career with taking care of her two small children. Her debut novel, *This Time Next Year* has been sold into seventeen territories and was an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

### Market

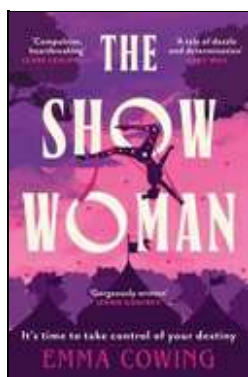
Mhari McFarlane, Lindsey Kelk, Beth O'Leary - smart, funny rom-coms with lots of heart.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Narrative theme: love / relationships (FXD) Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Contemporary lifestyle fiction (FQ)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Oxford</b>
Author born in	<b>London</b>
Author living in	<b>Isle of Wight</b>
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
Is She Really Going Out With Him?	
The Good Part	
This Time Next Year	
Before I Do	
Just Haven't Met You Yet	
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

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Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399737432</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Historical fiction (FV) Historical romance (FRH) Scotland (1DDU-GB-S) c 1910 to c 1919 (3MPBF)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>N/A</b>
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Glasgow</b>
Author born in	<b>Glasgow</b>
Author living in	<b>Glasgow</b>

1st Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Hodder</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Hodder</b>
Film and TV	<b>Maven</b>
Large print	<b>Hodder</b>
Podcast	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Maven</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Maven</b>
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## THE SHOW WOMAN

### The compulsive and unforgettable new historical novel

**Emma Cowing**

#### Keynote

**Set in the dazzling and dangerous world of the circus, this is a breathtakingly rich, immersive and original work of historical fiction, centred squarely on the lives of ordinary women living in extraordinary circumstances.**

#### Description

**FOUR WOMEN. A MILLION DREAMS.**

Scotland, 1910. Born into the world of the circus, Lena now stands at a crossroads. With the sudden death of her father, she faces a stark choice: get married or get a job. The fairgrounds are no place for a woman to go it alone.

Until flame-haired Violet, known to all as 'the greatest trapeze artist that ever lived', suggests they do exactly that. With her outspoken ways and her refusal to marry, Violet is as much an outcast as Lena. What do they have to lose?

Recruiting new performers including bareback horse-rider Rosie and acrobat Carmen, the four women take charge of their own show, their own finances and their own destinies.

But the fairgrounds are a dangerous place: misogyny is rife, violence a continual threat, and buried secrets are beginning to threaten all they hold dear. Together, they must forge their own path to freedom.

**FOR THEY ARE THE SHOW WOMEN. AND THE SHOW MUST GO ON.**

#### Sales Points

- **INCREDIBLE AUTHOR REVIEWS** from the likes of international million-copy bestseller Claire Leslie Hall, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The List of Suspicious Things* Jennie Godfrey, and international bestseller C. J. Cooke.
- **GLOWING PRESS REVIEWS** from *The Daily Mail* and *Stylist*.
- **STUNNING READER REVIEWS:** with review upon review flagging Cowing's ability to delivery complete sensory immersion, keeping them gripped to the very last page.
- **BASED ON A TRUE STORY:** Emma's real-life Great Aunt, Violet, was a trapeze artist who ran her own show, handled money and was head of her household during a period of history where this was virtually unheard of.
- **FOR FANS OF IMMERSIVE HISTORICAL FICTION THAT CENTRES WOMEN'S LIVES,** from *The Whalebone Theatre* to *The Miniaturist* to *The Dictionary of Lost Words*.

#### Reviews

- **'Compulsive, heartbreaking'** - *Clare Leslie Hall, author of million-copy-bestselling Broken Country*
- **'Gorgeously written, with twists and turns worthy of a circus trapeze'** - *JENNIE GODFREY*
- **'Beautifully written, engaging plot and thoroughly researched'** - *STYLIST*
- **'Sequins and spite collide in this gorgeous novel . . . A tale of dazzle and determination [. . .] Cowing is sure-footed on the tempestuous dynamics of their friendships and the dark secrets that drive their ambition'** - *DAILY MAIL*

#### Author Biography

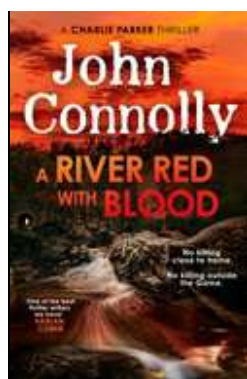
**Emma Cowing is an award-winning journalist and writer.** She has written for a wide number of publications including *The Sunday Times*, *Mail on Sunday*, *Guardian Weekend Magazine*, *Spectator* and *Scotsman*.

Emma is a former Feature Writer of the Year at the Scottish Press Awards, and two-time Interviewer of the Year. She holds an Ochberg Fellowship in Journalism and Trauma at Columbia Journalism School in New York, for her work covering the war in Afghanistan, and its aftermath.

Emma was shortlisted for the 2023 Cheshire Novel Prize, and longlisted for the 2023 Bath Novel Award and Blue Pencil First Novel Award. *The Show Woman* is her first novel.

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## A River Red With Blood the spellbinding new Charlie Parker novel

**John Connolly**

### Keynote

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

### Description

**The players call it *The Game*. There are just two rules:**

**No Killing Close to Home.  
No Killing Outside the Game**

**But what happens when those rules get broken?**

When the drowned body of a troubled teenager is recovered from a river in Maine's Kennebec Valley, and a young woman disappears from a small rural town, they draw the attention of the private investigator named Charlie Parker.

Now Parker will be forced to confront a band of men without morality and without loyalty, not even to one another, in a place where the very darkness is alive.

Because something has emerged from the shadows, something very bad.

And it wants revenge.

### Sales Points

- **TOP TEN BESTSELLER:** The Charlie Parker series is highly acclaimed across the world and every book has been a *Sunday Times* bestseller.
- **EXTENSIVE AND ALWAYS-ON BACKLIST ACTIVITY:** targeting the series entry titles to bring new readers to John's body of work.
- **CONSUMER INSIGHT DRIVING GROWTH:** market research has informed a change in packaging and a focus on attracting a female crime readership.
- **MAJOR TV DEAL:** Village Roadshow has optioned the series, with Colin Farrell as the producer and star.

### Reviews

- 'To my mind, Connolly is Ireland's Stephen King' - *Matt Nixson, Express*
- 'One of the best thriller writers we have' - *Harlan Coben*
- 'Connolly grips like a vice and he's an extraordinary storyteller' - *Crime Time*
- 'Marvellously creepy and typically page-turning' - *Mirror*

### Author Biography

John Connolly is author of the Charlie Parker mysteries, *The Book of Lost Things*, the Samuel Johnson novels for young adults and, with his partner, Jennifer Ridyard, co-author of the *Chronicles of the Invaders*. John Connolly's debut - EVERY DEAD THING - introduced the character of Private Investigator Charlie Parker, and swiftly launched him right into the front rank of thriller writers. All his subsequent novels have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers. He was the winner of the 2016 CWA Short Story Dagger for *On the Anatomization of an Unknown Man (1637)* by Frans Mier from NIGHT MUSIC: Nocturnes Vol 2.

In 2007 he was awarded the Irish Post Award for Literature. He was the first non-American writer to win the US Shamus award and the first Irish writer to win an Edgar award. BOOKS TO DIE FOR, which he edited with Declan Burke, was the winner of the 2013 Anthony, Agatha and Macavity awards for Best Non-Fiction work.

### Market

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Stephen King and Catriona Ward.

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Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹1599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399758475</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF) Horror, ghost stories and supernatural fiction (FK)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>Charlie Parker Thriller</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Maine, USA</b>
Author born in	<b>Dublin</b>
Author living in	<b>Dublin</b>

### Previous Titles

The Children of Eve  
The Instruments of Darkness

1st Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Hodder</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Hodder</b>
Film and TV	<b>Darley Anderson</b>
Large print	<b>Hodder</b>
Podcast	<b>refer to publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Darley Anderson</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>refer to publisher</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Speculative fiction (FD) Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives (FFS)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Author born in	<b>New York</b>
Author living in	<b>New York</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Girl in the Lake

### A haunting and suspenseful new mystery from bestselling author Lauren Oliver

**Lauren Oliver**

#### Keynote

A young girl who claims to remember a past life draws a psychologist into a decades-old mystery in a haunting novel of suspense by New York Times bestselling author Lauren Oliver.

#### Description

Kate Willis, a psychiatrist and researcher for unexplained extraordinary human experiences, is called to investigate the case of a six-year-old Massachusetts girl who claims to remember details of a past life.

As usual, Kate expects to find a simple explanation. Instead, she is shocked to discover that the child seems to know eerie details about Kate's childhood friend, Becca, who vanished one summer fifteen years ago.

Forced to confront her own memories of that fatal summer evening, Kate must piece together two mysteries that threaten to overcome her...

#### Sales Points

- **There is tremendous excitement already for the film/ TV rights, which have been acquired in a very big deal by Amazon MGM studios:** <https://deadline.com/2024/10/scarlett-johansson-the-girl-in-the-lake-movie-lauren-oliver-1236132381/>
- Lauren Oliver has had a series of *New York Times* bestsellers with the spellbinding *BEFORE I FALL* and the gripping three books in the *DELIRIUM* trilogy, selling almost 200,000 physical copies across all her books.
- Lauren Oliver has over 100K followers across her social media channels and a very loyal fanbase who are extremely engaged with her books and projects.

#### Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR BESTSELLING AUTHOR LAUREN OLIVER'**
- **'Beautifully written, compelling and poignant, a truly memorable read'** - *Closer*
- 'A startling piece of writing that is utterly believable and beautifully told... If you only read one book this year, it should be this one' - *Bookbag*
- **'A sharp and harrowing mystery for the digital age . . . An immersive and captivating reading experience. I inhaled this book like a gulp of fresh air after a long swim'** - Lauren Thoman, acclaimed author of *I'll Stop the World*

#### Author Biography

Lauren Oliver is a screenwriter, media entrepreneur, and author of multiple *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Delirium*, *Pandemonium*, and *Requiem* in the *Delirium* trilogy; *Before I Fall*, which was adapted into a feature film; *Panic*, which was adapted into an Amazon Prime series for which Lauren wrote every episode and served as executive producer; and the *Replica* duology. Lauren founded the IP company StoryGiants, helping to package and edit nearly one hundred other novels. She also cofounded Incantor AI, devoted to ethical treatment of IP in artificial intelligence technologies for media and entertainment. Raised in Westchester, New York, Lauren attended the University of Chicago and got her MFA from NYU. She now divides her time between Maryland and Los Angeles.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy (FM) Urban fantasy (FMX)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Fantasy</b>
Author born in	<b>N/A</b>
Author living in	<b>London, UK</b>

#### Previous Titles

*Mindbreaker*  
*Mindwalker*  
*Until We Shatter*

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## Before We Collide

Kate Dylan

### Keynote

**A new fantasy standalone from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Until We Shatter*, with an enemies-to-lovers romance, a disgraced seer, and a cultist's plot threatening to destroy the world.**

### Description

**A forbidden power. An impossible prophecy. Two hearts destined to collide.**

Raya Wryvern was supposed to be a prodigy. As the daughter of two powerful Shades - world-renowned for seeing the future - she was expected to graduate the Academy at the top of her class. Instead, she's failing. And the cost of failure is having her magic bound.

Desperate, Raya asks the future a forbidden question. But instead of an answer, it shows her the end of all magic and the death of her kind. And at the heart of the vision is Ezzo, the boy it claims she's destined to love.

Except Ezzo's not just a boy, he's an illegal half-Shade who's spent the last year drinking away his past, and he's not interested in the future - his or hers.

With time running out on a prophecy only she can see, Raya must convince Ezzo to help her decipher the vision - before it's too late to steer (their) fate onto a different path.

### Sales Points

- **COMMERCIAL AND PACY:** with a gripping narrative voice, breathless action and a unique, and immersive magic, system, this is a romping young adult fantasy that carries the reader along at breakneck pace. With a plot that could doom the world, a unique colour-based magic system, an enemies-to-lovers romance, a disgraced seer, and a prophecy dooming her to failed love, this is a fun, action-packed story sure to delight crossover fantasy readers.
- **ACTION-PACKED FANTASY:** Perfect for fans of immersive adventures like *Six of Crows*, alternative cities like *Witherward* and *A Darker Shade of Magic* and action-packed fantasies like *Bone Crier's Dawn*.
- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** *Until We Shatter* was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller.

### Reviews

- 'UNTIL WE SHATTER submerges the reader into worlds unknown alongside characters I would die for. I flew through the pages, matching the thrilling and captivating rhythm of the plot. A heist, enemies to lovers and a hidden realm - need I say more?' - *Saara El-Arifi*, #1 *Sunday Times Bestselling author of Faebound*
- '*Until We Shatter* catapults the reader into a story full of twists and turns that will leave you reeling. The world is full of magic and fraught with danger, and at its heart we have a found family who will stop at nothing to save each other. Dylan's writing crackles with spark and wit while dragging the stakes higher, bigger, sharper until the story explodes in a roar of colour. This book will take you for a ride and shatter you to pieces, then make you whole again' - *Hannah Kaner*, #1 *Sunday Times bestselling author of Godkiller*
- 'Kate Dylan proves she can dance between genres with this bold leap into fantasy - a kaleidoscope of rainbow magic, gripping intrigue, and the heart-pounding action that made *Mindwalker* such an adrenaline rush, all set in a vivid and dangerous world. Cemmy and her motley crew will steal your heart' - *Samantha Shannon*, #1 *Sunday Times bestselling author of A Day of Fallen Night*
- '*Until We Shatter* is a thrilling firework of a heist novel, sparkling with a ride-or-die found family, an explosive romance, and nail-biting twists that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page' - *Georgia Summers*, *Sunday Times bestselling author of The City of Stardust*

### Author Biography

Kate is a video editor by day, science fiction and fantasy author by night. Her love for creating new worlds is fuelled by a steady diet of coffee, books, and Marvel movies, and when she's not telling stories, you can find her haunting London cafes like an over-caffeinated ghost.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Psychology: sexual behaviour (JMU) Sociology: family, kinship and relationships (JHBK)</b>
Edition Type	<b>Reissue number2</b>
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## **Mating in Captivity** **How to keep desire and passion alive in long-term relationships**

**Esther Perel**

### **Description**

**THE PHENOMENAL INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER FROM THE HOST OF HIT PODCAST 'WHERE SHOULD WE BEGIN'**

"Esther Perel is magic...What she knows about relationships, love, sex and everything in between will...inspire you and help you unlock all the answers you've been looking for." - **Steven Bartlett**

"Esther Perel's greatest gift is her intuitive insight into the human heart and mind, she really blows me away." - **Oprah Winfrey**

### **A bold, provocative new take on intimacy and sex in modern romance**

World-renowned psychotherapist and relationship expert Esther Perel looks at the story of sex in committed couples, exploring the complex interplay between love and desire in long-term relationships. Can we desire what we already have? What does it take to keep lust alive?

Drawing on over thirty years' experience counselling couples, Perel reconciles the erotic with the domestic, offering practical insights and advice for reigniting the spark that may have faded over time. Through case studies and lively discussion, Perel shows us how we can foster and unlock the key to more exciting, playful and even poetic sex in long-term relationships.

Smart, witty and explosively original, *Mating in Captivity* will transform the way you live and love.

"*Mating in Captivity*...articulates a poignant and unacknowledged modern crisis for the first time." - **The Evening Standard**

"Perel's ideas are like the chorus of a really good pop song - instantly familiar because they resonate deeply." - **Observer**

### **Sales Points**

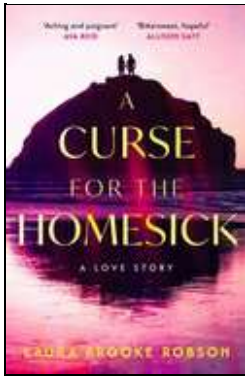
- 'If sex - or rather, the lack of sex - in marriages and long-term relationships isn't a hot topic, it's because *no one* dares talk about it. Until now' **Observer**
- '*Mating in Captivity* ... articulates a poignant and unacknowledged modern crisis for the first time' **Evening Standard**
- Blanket media coverage. Esther Perel will be over in the UK, promoting the book at festivals and in the press.

### **Reviews**

- "An elegant sociological study, complete with erudite literary and anthropological references" - **Daily Telegraph**
- "Reads like a cross between the works of Jacques Lacan and French Women Don't Get Fat" - **The New Yorker**
- "At precisely the same moment that you're being shocked by her, you're also acknowledging the validity of her ideas. Perel's ideas are like the chorus of a really good pop song - instantly familiar because they resonate deeply. It's all rather terrifying in its intuitiveness and its pure rightness" - **Observer**

### **Author Biography**

Psychotherapist and *New York Times* bestselling author Esther Perel is recognised as one of today's most insightful and original voices on modern relationships. Fluent in nine languages, she helms a therapy practice in New York City and serves as an organisational consultant for Fortune 500 companies around the world. Her celebrated TED Talks have garnered more than 30 million views and her international bestseller *Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence* is a global phenomenon that has been translated into nearly 30 languages. Her newest book is the *New York Times* bestseller *The State of Affairs: Rethinking Infidelity*. Esther is also an executive producer and host of the popular podcasts *Where Should We Begin?* and *How's Work?* Learn more at [EstherPerel.com](http://EstherPerel.com) or by following @EstherPerelOfficial on Instagram.



## A Curse for the Homesick

The sweepingly romantic, high-concept love story, named one of the best fantasy novels of 2025 by BookPage

Laura Brooke Robson

### Keynote

A beautiful, emotional and hugely romantic high-concept contemporary love story set on a fictional island, exploring how you can love someone if you know you might destroy them.

### Description

There is a remote island just north of Scotland that harbours a dangerous curse. It has torn families apart and ripped people from their homes.

And now it is threatening to destroy Tess Eriksson's life, too. Unwilling to wake up every day knowing the truth, Tess is desperate to leave the island behind. She would go in an instant - but the love of her life, Soren, is determined to stay and live out his days in the only home he has ever known . . . even if that means cutting his life short.

Is Tess willing to walk away from everything she knows and loves? How far can love really go?

### Sales Points

- **Achingly romantic and beautifully written:** this is an incredibly accessible, but also very well written romance, with a high-concept twist. Set over ten years, it explores the story of two people who cannot resist each other, yet cannot find a way to be together, pushed apart by the curse that shrouds their home, their own struggles to communicate, and the very different things they are seeking from life.
- **High-concept twist:** the exploration of the Skeld season, the Medusa-like power that only affects women on the island, adds a fiercely feminist angle to the story. The friendships between the female figures feel raw, real and powerful.
- **Perfect for fans of:** weepy romantic fiction, forbidden love, star-crossed lovers. Think *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid meets *One Day* - on a moody, mist-drenched cursed island.

### Reviews

- 'A lyrical, melancholy, and deeply moving story about the people we love and the places we long for, even when we know we shouldn't. Aching and poignant' - *Ava Reid, #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Study in Drowning*
- 'A thoroughly modern love story set against a backdrop of ancient mythology, it evokes perfectly that feeling of, at long last, finding the only place in this world that is home. Deeply atmospheric, profound, and beautiful' - *James Goodhand, author of The Day Tripper*
- 'With her signature atmospheric prose and incisive eye for detail, Robson will make you yearn for a place you've never been. A bittersweet, hopeful tale about what it means to belong to a place - and how love is a risk worth taking' - *Allison Saft, New York Times bestselling author of A Far Wilder Magic*
- 'Star-crossed lovers, a remote island, a deadly curse...A Curse for the Homesick is an emotionally-charged rollercoaster that is as sexy as it is haunting. You won't want to put it down, but you might have to once in a while just to catch your breath.' - *Ruth Emmie Lang, author of The Wilderwoman*

### Author Biography

Laura Brooke Robson grew up in the mountains of Oregon and studied English and Creative Writing at Stanford. She now lives in New York, where she enjoys drinking too much coffee and swimming in places she's not supposed to swim.

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Extent	352 pages
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Thema 1.6	<b>Self-help, personal development and practical advice (VS) Geography (RG) Social impact of disasters / accidents (natural or man-made) (JBFF) Behavioural economics (KCK)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>N/A</b>
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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Book locale	<b>N/A</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Come What May

### An uplifting guide to navigating hard times from the UK's leading expert on recovery

Lucy Easthope

#### Keynote

Life-changing lessons on recovery learnt through a life working in disaster - from the UK's top emergency planner.

#### Description

**An uplifting guide to navigating hard times from the bestselling author of *When the Dust Settles***

'A shining beacon of sense and wisdom. We can all benefit from reading this brilliant book about how to respond with resilience.' RACHEL CLARKE

'An unlikely superhero' *SUNDAY TIMES*

'An amazing woman' JAMES O'BRIEN

We all experience uncertainty, change and loss. How can we weather the storms, and cope with whatever comes next?

No one can answer this better than Lucy Easthope, an emergency planner whose job is to support survivors of major disasters. Time and again she has watched how people rebuild: the work, the pitfalls and the fragile joy. In *Come What May*, she distils for us what she has learned about how to carry on and come back stronger.

Through poignant stories and hard-won wisdom, she offers a roadmap for resilience in the face of adversity. She explains what shape the recovery journey might take, how to triage your life, how to plan for 'the slump' (also known as the lasagne phase), and what good (and bad) help looks like.

**This is a book for all of us who want not just to survive, but to live and unleash strengths we never knew we had.**

#### Sales Points

- **HIGH-PROFILE LEADING EXPERT** - Lucy has established herself as the go-to expert in disaster planning and recovery with more than 20 years of experience. She has been involved in the recovery after every major disaster (from 9/11 and the war in Ukraine to Grenfell and COVID) and is in demand for broadcast and radio appearances.
- **SIGNIFICANT MEDIA INTEREST** - Lucy's memoir *When the Dust Settles* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller (we've sold 44k copies across all editions), got rave reviews and has been optioned for a major TV drama. Lucy was the subject of a *New Yorker* profile entitled 'How a Disaster Expert Prepares for the Worst'. This book will include new experiences in more recent disasters and will be in demand with the media. She promotes tirelessly and will do a full tour of events. Fans of Lucy's include James O'Brien, Caitlin Moran and Sue Black.
- **CLEAR PROPOSITION FOR THE READER** - structured around lessons in recovery that we can all benefit from, the book is widely relevant with a promise for the reader, while also leaning in to Lucy's expertise. Will appeal to readers of Julia Samuel's *This Too Shall Pass* (31k TCM).
- **STAND OUT WRITING WITH CRITICAL ACCLAIM** - She writes with real flair for an expert and the text is vivid and surprising. *When the Dust Settles* received book of the year round ups and rave reviews across the board (described as 'Enthralling' by the *Observer*, 'Riveting' by the *Telegraph*, and 'Gripping' by the *Sunday Times*).
- **ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM** - She has 30k followers on X/Twitter (@lucygobag).

#### Reviews

- 'Lucy Easthope is a shining beacon of sense and wisdom. None of us can avoid life-changing upheavals - but we can all benefit from reading this brilliant book about how to respond with resilience.' - Rachel Clarke
- 'We all NEED this book! An essential guide to navigating the disasters each of us will have to face, written with the brilliant wisdom of a leading expert with the insightful compassion of a survivor.' - Gaia Vince

#### Author Biography

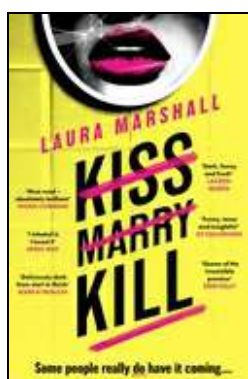
**Lucy Easthope** is the UK's leading authority on recovering from disaster. She has been an advisor for nearly every major disaster of the past two decades, including the 2004 tsunami, 9/11, the Salisbury poisonings, Grenfell, the Covid-19 pandemic and most recently the war in Ukraine. She challenges others to think differently about what comes next after tragic events, and how to plan for future ones. Lucy grew up in Liverpool and has a degree in law, a PhD in medicine and a Masters in risk, crisis and disaster



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## Kiss Marry Kill the gripping new thriller from the #1 bestseller

Laura Marshall

### Keynote

A gripping, fresh new thriller from the #1 bestselling author - guaranteed to keep you up all night...

### Description

Keep your friends close...You never know when you might need them!

**Angela** runs a dating agency aimed at discerning over fifties.

**Sara** forces herself to go speed-dating after losing her husband.

**Helen** lives with her controlling partner, Brian - but hides a terrible secret.

One day, Brian has a shocking accident - and all three women happen to be there. Sure, all three of them might like him dead. But it's sheer coincidence. Isn't it?

**Every marriage has a choice. It's kiss, marry, or kill...**

A fresh, darkly comic novel from the #1 bestseller Laura Marshall.

### Sales Points

- #1 ebook and Sunday Times bestseller: Laura Marshall was previously published by Little, Brown where her debut, *Friend Request*, sold over half a million copies. She has a strong fanbase that are desperate for more from her!
- A well-connected author - Laura is a staple of the crime and thriller festivals and has fantastic quotes from almost every big contemporary thriller name out there. She is popular and well-respected within the community, and her more recent fans include Holly Willoughby. Laura was originally shortlisted for the Lucy Cavendish Prize.
- Strong digital potential - Laura's most recent book, *MY HUSBAND'S KILLER*, was a staple of the top 100 for weeks and has sold almost 18,000 ebooks and counting with Little, Brown.
- There is a space on our list for thrillers that cross into dark women's fiction - Adele Parks meets Jane Fallon via Liane Moriarty - dark, twisty books that also have an element of fun and have real, 3D women at their heart.

### Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR KISS MARRY KILL:'**
- 'Three women (of a certain age) come together in this **funny, twisty, dark and clever page-turner. I inhaled it. I loved it.** And I want a best friend like Angela. **Laura Marshall is on fire.**' - *Nikki May*
- **'Murderously funny**, KISS MARRY KILL sees Marshall at the **top of her game**. If this book was a dating acronym, it would surely be MRAB: **MUST READ - ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT'** - *Fiona Cummins*
- **'If you enjoyed *Bad Sisters* you will absolutely love this.** A brilliant blend of laugh out loud funny combined with a horrifying expose of coercive control. Brian is one of the most unpleasant characters I have ever encountered in a book!' - *Nikki Smith*

### Author Biography

**Laura Marshall** is the *Sunday Times* Top Ten and Kindle No. 1 bestselling author of psychological thrillers. Her books *Friend Request*, *Three Little Lies*, *The Anniversary* and *My Husband's Killer* have sold over half a million copies in the UK and been translated into twenty-five languages. She grew up in Wiltshire, studied English at the University of Sussex and currently lives in Kent with her family. *A Good Place To Hide A Body* is her fifth novel. You can find her online at [www.lauramarshall.co.uk](http://www.lauramarshall.co.uk).

### Market

For fans of Bella Mackie and Katy Brent, Adele Parks and Jane Fallon.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
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Author born in	<b>Kent</b>
Author living in	<b>Kent</b>

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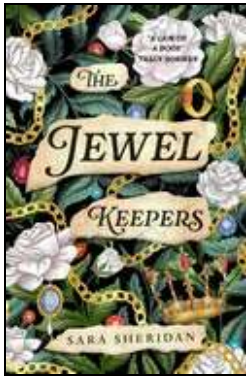
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Thema 1.6	<b>Historical adventure fiction (FJH) Subject matter intended specifically for women and/or girls (5JA) Historical fiction (FV) Edinburgh (1DDU-GB-SCE)</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>368 pages</b>
Word Count	
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Author born in	<b>Edinburgh</b>
Author living in	<b>Edinburgh</b>

#### Previous Titles

The Fair Botanists  
The Secrets of Blythswood Square  
On Starlit Seas

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Film and TV	<b>Jenny Brown</b>
Large print	<b>Hodder</b>
Podcast	<b>refer to publisher</b>
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## The Jewel Keepers

### Gripping and immersive historical fiction, from the author of *The Fair Botanists*

Sara Sheridan

#### Keynote

**A rich and compelling new treasure hunt through history from the acclaimed author of *The Fair Botanists*.**

#### Description

**Men would kill for this treasure.**

**The McKenzie women will guard it with their lives.**

**London, 1837.** When 25-year-old Araminta McKenzie-Moore is summoned from Richmond to her great aunt's deathbed in Edinburgh, it's the first time she's met her extended family. The McKenzie women, however, have been keeping a close eye on her. For they have a long, secret and dangerous history as Jewel Keepers to the Scottish Crown and they need Araminta to play her part to solve a puzzle which stretches back generations.

But the McKenzies are not alone in this high-stakes treasure hunt through history. They're being pursued. The last of her line, if Araminta succeeds, she will uncover something more valuable than mere jewels - a secret that will change the lives of all women living on this, the cusp of the Queen Victoria's rule.

**Featuring real historical events and places amid its fiction, *The Jewel Keepers* is an immersive, evocative story tinged with romance and brimming with intrigue.**

#### Sales Points

- **ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF THE FAIR BOTANISTS:** which was Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year in 2022.
- **CRITICS LOVE SARA SHERIDAN** with the likes of *The Scotsman*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Independent* lining up to praise her storytelling.
- **VITAL YET UNTOLD STORIES** *The Jewel Keepers* focuses on the overlooked yet utterly awe-inspiring story of the lives of women, whose actions are crucial to a pivotal moment in history yet who have been omitted from many accounts of it.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF IMMERSIVE HISTORICAL FICTION**, like *The Whalebone Theatre* and *The Miniaturist*.

#### Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR THE FAIR BOTANISTS' - -
- "Compelling, fascinating . . . **A cracking good read**" - *Val McDermid*
- "An **evocative**, enjoyable portrait of 1820s Edinburgh" - *Sunday Times*
- "**Lush, seductive**" - *Daily Mail*

#### Author Biography

Sara Sheridan has written more than 20 books including novels, non-fiction, TV tie ins, and ghost writing. Her work has been the First Minister's Summer Pick at the David Hume Institute, shortlisted for the Saltire Prize, the Wilbur Smith Prize and the CWA Dagger in the Library, and she has also won a Scottish Libraries Award. Her novel *The Fair Botanists* was the Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2022 and featured in series seven of the Queen's Reading Room. Sara has also written two plays for BBC Radio 4 and has reported from both Tallin and Sharjah for Radio 4's Our Own Correspondent.



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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Fantasy (FM) Romance: fantasy and paranormal (FRT) Mythical creatures: Fairies, elves and similar elf-like, fairy-like or magic-like beings or folk (VXQM4) Mythical, legendary and supernatural beings, monsters and creatures (VXQM) Residential educational institutions (JNLQ)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>480 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>The Seamere College Duology</b>
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Author born in	<b>Malaysia</b>
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#### Previous Titles

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## Strange Familiars

### Keshe Chow

#### Keynote

***Strange Familiars* is Sunday Times bestselling author Keshe Chow's adult debut: a dark academia fantasy where two scholars of magical veterinary science must put aside their lust and loathing to save the world in the first installment of this whimsical, romantic, dark academia duology.**

#### Description

**All's fair in love and magic.**

Gwendolynne Chan just needs to get through her final year. At Seamere College of Magical Veterinary Sciences, she spends her days using her powers to heal companion animals while her nights are spent studying for exams. As the star pupil of the magical familiars stream, she is on track to graduating top of her class - as long as the pretentious Harrisford Briggs doesn't beat her to it.

Harrisford Briggs was born into privilege. His father, the Chief Financial Officer of Magecorp, a major global distributor of magic, expects nothing less than the best from him. Harrisford, though, can't help but notice that his father has been acting odd. Really odd. And there are strange whisperings, too. Rumours of uncontrollable surges of excess magic, which Magecorp has been trying to cover up, as well as rampant corruption within the Magical Ministry itself.

When these magical surges begin to rock their way through London, causing chaos and explosions and familiars going feral, Gwen and Harrisford find themselves without a reliable source of magic, putting both of their academic careers at risk. To fix this, they must put aside their duelling feelings of lust and loathing, and - along with Gwen's snarky cat familiar - team up to diagnose the problem. If they fail, not only is their education at stake, but also the fate of the magical world.

#### Sales Points

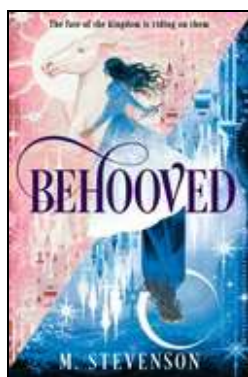
- *Sunday Times* bestselling author Keshe Chow's adult debut
- A new direction from a Hodderscape author: contemporary fantasy with loads of spice, dark academia, magical animals, and a fight for justice against a corrupt corporation
- The first book in a duology that combines the magical romance of **The Ex-Hex**, the rivals-to-lovers spice of **The Hating Game** and the academic vibes of Naomi Novik's **A Deadly Education**
- The author actually trained as a vet - so perfect person to write a book about magical vets! Practically every fantasy novel involves magical animals, but have you ever wondered who they call when their dragon gets ill?

#### Reviews

- '*Strange Familiars* is my exact brand of catnip, featuring brilliant academic rivals, magical university, and cheeky animal sidekicks stealing every scene. And let's talk about the romantic tension between Gwen and Harrisford - sizzling, with gorgeous ebbs and flows between wanting and hating, sacrifice and treachery. Chow's world-building is fabulous and imaginative, with a frighteningly accurate exploration of what magic might look like in our late stage capitalism world. Animal lovers will adore the familiars and the accuracy of the veterinary medicine scenes. Percy stole my heart. An absolute delight!' - *Brigitte Knightley*
- 'I completely adored this book and its delightful cast of characters--human, animal, and mythical. This has it all: found family, a dark edge of mystery, wondrous enchantments, and banter that will make you snort into your tea. The ideal read for everyone who fell in love with magical schools as a child and wished for a version for adults. With a rivals-to-lovers romance that crackles with tension, a fantastical veterinary school, and your new favorite fictional feline, *Strange Familiars* is sure to become your next fantasy obsession!' - *M. Stevenson*
- 'I loved *Strange Familiars*! This is a true comfort read--fun and magical, with a delightful academic rivals-to-lovers romance, whimsical worldbuilding and heart-pounding stakes (and my new favourite character, a sardonic cat named Percy!) Don't miss this one!' - *Vanessa Len*
- '**Keshe Chow brings something fresh and fun to the genre with her unique take on a contemporary fantasy romance. Between the burning enemies-to-lovers tension, the incredible world-building, and loveable creatures-of both the human and four-legged variety--readers will find themselves utterly charmed by *Strange Familiars*. A must-read for any lover of animals and angst**' - *Nisha J. Tuli*

#### Author Biography

Keshe Chow is a #1 Sunday Times bestselling author and a specialist feline medicine veterinarian, which means her life basically revolves around books and cats. She lives in Melbourne, Australia with her husband, two kids, one cat, and way too



## Behooved

M. Stevenson

### Keynote

**A charming slow-burn romantasy featuring a duty-bound noblewoman with a chronic illness, a prince who would rather be in a library than on a throne, and a magical ride through a world of cosy enchantment**

### Description

**The fate of the kingdom is riding on them.**

Bianca knows her duty comes before her heart. So when the threat of war looms, she agrees to marry the neighbouring kingdom's heir. But not all royal weddings are a fairytale, and Prince Aric, Bianca's betrothed, is cold, aloof, and seems to hate her on sight. To make matters worse, on their wedding night, an assassination attempt goes awry - leaving Aric magically transformed into a horse. Bianca does what any bride in this situation would do: she mounts her new husband and rides away to safety.

Sunset returns Aric to human form, but they soon discover the assassination attempt is part of a larger plot against the throne. Worse, Bianca has been framed for Aric's murder, and she's now saddled with a husband who is a horse by day and a frustratingly attractive man by night.

As an unexpected romance begins galloping away with their hearts, Bianca and Aric must rely on each other to unravel the curse and save the throne.

### Sales Points

- Hits sweet spot in the market: romantasy x cosy fantasy, with loads of spice, brilliant worldbuilding, and a healthy dose of humour. A heartwarming romp of a romantasy - think sexy main characters and Shrek adventure vibes.
- Full of hot tropes such as arranged marriage, enemies-to-lovers slow-burn romance, bookish male hero, stabby heroine
- For readers of: *Can't Spell Treason without Tea/Rebecca Thorne, Nettle & Bone/ T. Kingfisher, The Spellshop/Sarah Beth Durst, The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy/Megan Bannen, Diana Wynne Jones*
- An #ownvoices novel featuring a chronically ill protagonist and queer main characters

### Reviews

- 'Arranged marriages, mischievous magic, and families lost and found. This quirky, charming fantasy romp is so much fun. A cozy fantasy romance to cuddle up with. A delightful debut' - T. Kingfisher, New York Times bestselling author
- 'Cinematic and engaging, sparkling and joyous. You'll fall in love just like I did. This was a ridiculous amount of fun' - Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author of *Every Heart a Doorway*
- '*Behooved* is bewitchingly charming, a romantic fairytale adventure that will sweep you off your feet (or hooves)!' - Sarah Beth Durst, New York Times bestselling author of *The Spellshop*
- '*Behooved* is a refreshing, enchanting journey of self-discovery - but also, for the horse girls in all of us, a witty romp of a fairy tale romance that will have readers chomping at the bit' - Julie Leong, author of *The Teller of Small Fortunes*

### Author Biography

M. Stevenson (she/her) is a writer, educator, and naturalist with degrees from Brown University (B.A., Geology-Biology) and the University of Idaho (M.Ed., Environmental Education). An avid swing dancer, she's often found dancing lindy hop or wandering the woods talking to plants and birds. She is a dual US/Irish citizen and is based in the Fingerlakes region of New York.

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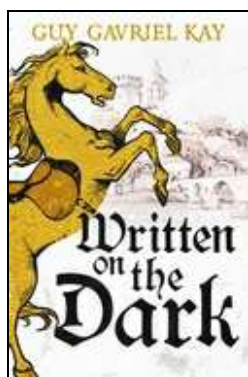
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## Written on the Dark

From the bestselling author of the groundbreaking novels *Tigana* and *Under Heaven*

Guy Gavriel Kay (Edited By Molly Powell)

### Keynote

A sweeping new novel of love and war that brilliantly evokes the drama and turbulence of medieval France from the internationally bestselling author of *Tigana*, *All the Seas of the World*, and *A Brightness Long Ago*.

### Description

**Both epic and intimate, *Written on the Dark* is an elegant tour de force about power and ambition playing out amid the equally intense human need for art and beauty, and memories to be left behind.**

Thierry Villar is a well-known - even notorious - tavern poet, intimately familiar with the rogues and shadows of that world, but not at all with courts and power. He is an unlikely person, despite his quickness, to be swept into the deadly contests of ambitious royals, assassins, and invading armies.

But he is indeed drawn into all these things on a savagely cold night in his beloved city of Orane. And so Thierry must use all the intelligence and charm he can muster as power struggles merge with a decades-long war to bring his country to the brink of destruction.

As he does, he meets his poetic equal in an aristocratic woman and is drawn to more than one unsettling person with a connection to the world beyond this one. He also crosses paths with an extraordinary young woman driven by voices within to try to heal the ailing king - and help his forces in war. A wide and varied set of people from all walks of life take their places in the rich tapestry of this story.

### Sales Points

- **AUTHOR:** Guy Gavriel Kay is the World Fantasy and Prix Aurora award-winning author of historical fantasy novels that will delight fans of George R.R. Martin and Scott Lynch. He is beloved by big names in fantasy, including Brandon Sanderson and Robin Hobb.
- **WORLDBUILDING:** set in a world that is a reimagining of medieval France.
- **CHARACTERS:** Guy successfully creates complex and engrossing characters that will stay with readers long after putting the book down.

### Reviews

- 'An absolutely astonishing novel about poetry, and war, and what it means to be human, by our greatest living writer of the fantastic. *Written on the Dark* shines with its own unearthly light: Guy Gavriel Kay has given us, quite simply, a masterpiece' - *J.M. Miro, international bestselling author of Ordinary Monsters and Bringer of Dust*
- '**Kay is a genius. I've read him all my life and am always inspired by his work**' - *Brandon Sanderson, #1 New York Times bestselling author*
- 'Guy Gavriel Kay has a wonderful talent. He tells stories in an invented world that is so rich in historical echoes that I found myself smiling with pleasure as I heard the echoes, while engrossed in the story. Warmly recommended' - *Edward Rutherfurd, New York Times bestselling author of Sarum*
- '**Tragic, stirring, romantic, meticulous, comic, rueful, worldly-wise, and written in the intimate, deceptively nonchalant voice of a storyteller offering up his great gift, *All the Seas of the World* is classic Kay, and to his reader, at least, there can be no higher praise**' - *Michael Chabon, Pulitzer prize-winning author of The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*

### Author Biography

Guy Gavriel Kay has published 13 novels which have been translated into 30 languages and have appeared on bestseller lists around the world. He is also the author of the acclaimed poetry collection, *Beyond This Dark House*. His most recent work is *Children of Earth and Sky*. Before beginning his career as a novelist, Kay was retained by the Estate of J.R.R. Tolkien to assist in the editorial construction of *The Silmarillion*, the first and best-known of the posthumously published Tolkien works. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1980, he has also been principal writer and associate producer for the CBC's award-winning crime-drama series, *The Scales of Justice*. Kay has twice won the Aurora Award, is a multiple World Fantasy Award nominee, and won that award in 2008 for *Ysabel*. He has also won France's Prix Elbakin for both *Under Heaven* and *River of Stars*, and is the recipient of the International Goliardos Prize, presented in Mexico City, for his contributions to the literature of the fantastic.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781399747073</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Historical fantasy (FMH) Historical fiction (FV) Historical adventure fiction (FJH) c 500 BCE to c 1500 CE (Italian ancient and medieval period) (3K-IT-B)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

*Tigana*  
*All the Seas of the World*  
*A Brightness Long Ago*

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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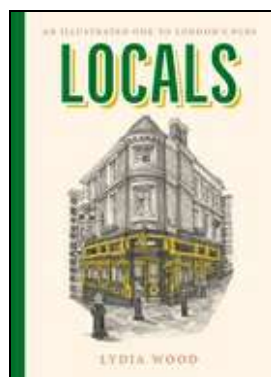
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## Locals

### An Illustrated Ode to London's Pubs

#### Lydia Wood

#### Keynote

A beautiful, illustrative celebration of all the things that make London pubs celebrated and cherished the world over, from social media sensation Lydia Wood

#### Description

'Shall we go to the pub?'

Pubs are where we meet our friends and family, colleagues and first dates, where strangers mingle happily, pints in hand and crisp packets spread open. Where brisk Londoners relax and tourists experience a different side of the city. Where landlords chat to regulars and conversation is accompanied by live music, TV sport or the clink of glasses. They are a place where anyone can become a local.

From historic landmarks and iconic boozers to intimate family establishments, there are pubs on the river, pubs down twisting alleyways, pubs in the shadows of skyscrapers. There are over 3,500 pubs in the capital and illustrator Lydia Wood is on a quest to draw them all.

*Locals* is a collection of over sixty of her favourites and their stories: an artist's celebration of their beauty and their charm, their idiosyncrasies and their histories, their landlords and their locals. (Also, their cats.)

**This is London and its beloved pubs - come on in.**

#### Sales Points

- **BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO A CULTURAL INSTITUTION:** Pubs are a national treasure in the UK and Ireland, and Lydia's illustrations are a gorgeous tribute to their architecture, quirks and history. **Lydia's own Instagram account (80k followers)** and others like @londondeadpubs are indicative of how important pubs are to our culture and how we celebrate and hold dear our locals.
- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** Tourists are drawn to the UK and Ireland's pubs, with imitations to be found across the world. *Locals* is the perfect gift for anyone looking for a slice of home life while living overseas.
- **TRADE (& NON-TRADE) SALES OPPS:** Perfect for museums, gift shops, galleries and indies, as well as the popular London/tourism shelves in central London stores. *Locals* will appeal to readers of Brandon Stanton's *Humans of New York*, Jack Cheshier's *London: A Guide for Curious Wanderers* and fans of M. Sasek or David Gentleman.
- **GREAT MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:** Lydia has already been interviewed by the BBC and The Times and has had international print and broadcast interest - appearing on the front page of The New York Times and in Italian and French press

#### Author Biography

**Lydia Wood** is a pencil artist who is currently on a mission to draw every single pub in London. She shares her drawing process and pub adventures across her social media channels and the project has been featured in a number of news outlets including the BBC, *The Times* and the *New York Times*.

The pub project began in 2021 and, with there being over 3,500 pubs in London, it could take a minimum of 10 years to finish.

Lydia was born in Ealing, West London, and studied Fine Art at Goldsmiths University. She then went on to teach children art across schools in South London before focusing on her own practice. She now lives in South East London.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
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Main Identifier	<b>9781399756334</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Gift and novelty books / items (WZG)</b> <b>City of London (1DDU-GB-ESLF)</b> <b>Travel tips and advice: general (WTD)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>216x153</b>
Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>Black and white pencil line drawings</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>London, inc. Peckham, Blackfriars, Soho, Shoreditch, Putney, Ealing, Covent Garden, Camberwell, Kentish Town, Hoborn, Islington, Greenwich, Mayfair, Notting Hill, Richmond, Hampstead</b>
Author born in	<b>West Ealing, London</b>
Author living in	<b>Catford, London</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## If Only You Knew

### The instant bestselling memoir from British pop icon Lulu

**Lulu**

#### Keynote

Relatable, vulnerable and honest: this is Lulu finding her voice as never before.

#### Description

**THE SENSATIONAL, INSTANT *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER: READERS ARE CALLING IT 'FROM THE HEART, HONEST AND REVEALING'; 'PERFECT'; 'A BRILLIANT BOOK'**

Pop legend Lulu looks back over her astonishing life with fresh eyes, reflecting on all she has learnt.

From the tenements of Glasgow to the Royal Albert Hall and the glittering lights of Hollywood: Lulu's journey to fame and fortune is like no other British pop star. When she was 14 years old, she was invited down to London to sing, and the rest is history. She stepped into a part she played for the next 60 years. A part she played so well that she gradually lost who she was, becoming the version of herself she thought others wanted to see.

The book charts the highs and the lows of one of the longest running shows in British rock and roll history. It is the story of one woman's determination to stay real, relevant and happy, and one which ultimately reveals a woman who is far stronger and far braver than anyone knew.

This is a pop memoir like no other.

#### Author Biography

Scottish music legend Lulu has transcended generations with a lifetime of global success. Her career boasts varied accolades including being a *Eurovision* winner, a Bond theme singer ('The Man With The Golden Gun', 1974), releasing the biggest selling record in the US ('To Sir With Love', 1967), and one of the first ever pop artists to perform behind the Iron Curtain in Poland. There's been an OBE, too, and opening the closing ceremony for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in her hometown of Glasgow. She is still going strong as a captivating live entertainer, touring regularly.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399744294</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Memoirs (DNC) Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP) Music industry (KNTF) Addiction and therapy (MKZR)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>N/A</b>
Author living in	<b>St John's Wood, London</b>
1st Serial	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
Audio	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
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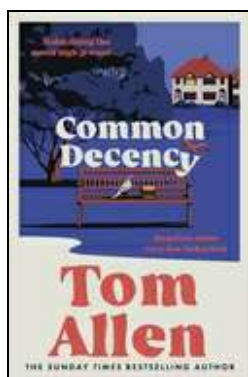
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## Common Decency

The hilarious, smart debut novel from the beloved comedian - perfect for your next book club read!

Tom Allen

### Keynote

**\*\*The darkly comic fiction debut from beloved comedian and presenter Tom Allen\*\***

### Description

**It may be quiet in the suburbs, but it's far from peaceful . . .**

Oak Drive nestles tidily in an unassuming English town. Its uniform gardens overlook a small common and grand oak tree, which the street's residents survey with smug pride.

It's a place where it pays to sweat the small stuff. Bins should be placed back in position in a timely fashion, noise kept to a minimum past 9 pm. Sometimes, however, big problems come a calling - and all hell can break loose in sleepy suburbia.

Common Decency chronicles the lives and interactions of these neighbours, as they band together to save their tree from destruction at the hands of developers. As tensions rise and repressed resentments seep out, the secrets of Oak Drive threaten to shatter the well-ordered veneer, revealing some rather more surprising truths. . .

### Sales Points

- **BELOVED AUTHOR:** Tom is a hugely popular star on TV, radio and stage, well known for presenting *The Great British Bake-Off: An Extra Slice* and *The Apprentice: You're Fired*, and for his Sunday lunchtime slot on Virgin Radio. Socials following
- **A GIFTED WRITER:** Tom's two memoirs, *No Shame* - a *Sunday Times* bestseller - and *Too Much*, are suffused with his trademark wit, sardonic humour and eye for all things camp, as is *Common Decency*
- **A RELATABLE BRITISH STORY:** *Common Decency* is set in an unnamed British suburb at the edge of a city, with a setting and colourful cast of characters recognisable to a huge chunk of the population.

### Reviews

- 'A fantastic frothy read about suburbia with all Tom Allen's great style, teasing but tender-hearted. Make it a sit com!' - Jacqueline Wilson, international bestselling author
- 'A deliciously witty suburban comedy of manners with real bite, shot through with Tom Allen's trademark humour. A brilliant debut novel!' - Terry Deary, international #1 bestselling author
- 'Absolutely fantastic, I love Tom Allen' - Sara Cox, SUNDAY TIMES bestseller
- 'Genuinely charming, and so well-written. With Tom Allen in charge of the narrative you know you will be held from the first page to the last. I kept coming back to this book just to enjoy the sheer richness of these ordinary lives' - Jeremy Vine, SUNDAY TIMES bestseller

### Author Biography

With his signature acerbic wit and riotous storytelling, Tom Allen has cemented himself as a household name and star on both stage and screen. He's best known as the hilarious co-host of *Cooking with the Stars* alongside Emma Willis and is a regular on *Bake Off: An Extra Slice*.

He's the author of two critically acclaimed memoirs: *No Shame*, which was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, and *Too Much*. *Common Decency* is his debut novel.

Tom's sold-out *Completely* tour of 2023 and 2024 was extended multiple times, selling over a hundred and fifty thousand tickets. He co-hosts the hit podcast *Like Minded Friends* alongside Suzi Ruffell, and can also be seen and heard hosting his brand-new visualised podcast *Pottering*, where he invites you into his garden for a chat and a stroll, alongside some very special guests.

### Market

For readers of Armistead Maupin, Ruth Jones and Jane Fallon

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£15.99 / ₹1499</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781529397512</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Contemporary lifestyle fiction (FQ)</b> <b>Relating to LGBTQIA+ people (5PS)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Suburban London</b>
Author born in	<b>Bromley, London</b>
Author living in	<b>Chislehurst, Kent</b>
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
No Shame (2020)	
Too Much (2022)	
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Hodder &amp; Stoughton</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## One Last Thing

The funny and heartfelt mother-daughter family drama perfect for summer

Katy Birchall

### Keynote

A laugh-out-loud, witty and heartfelt novel with two complex women at the centre - perfect for fans of Milly Johnson and Sophie Kinsella

### Description

Megan has a holiday coming up in the south of France with her beloved dad - it's just a shame he will be joining her in an urn, rather than wheeling a suitcase. He has left a long list of wishes for Megan after his death, and the last request was for Megan to scatter his ashes in his favourite place. So here she is.

Little does she know that her estranged mother Dawn also has a holiday planned. To the south of France. At the request of her late ex-husband. *Also* to scatter his ashes.

The two women haven't spoken for years, ever since Dawn seemingly abandoned their family and cut all ties with her daughter. Forced together after all these years, can the two women repair what has been broken for so long? Is there one last chance for honesty, love and - above all - happiness?

### Sales Points

- **A NEW LAUGH-OUT-LOUD COMEDY FROM AN ESTABLISHED AUTHOR:** The new, upbeat and emotional women's fiction comedy from Katy Birchall, author of *THE WEDDING SEASON* and *THE SECRET BRIDESMAID*
- **A STAR ON THE RISE:** In addition to her adult novels, Katy Birchall has written several laugh-out-loud young adult novels, including the official tie-in books for the hit Netflix show *Sex Education*.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Sophie Kinsella, Marian Keyes, Sophie Cousens, Ruth Jones

### Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR KATY BIRCHALL'**
- **'Filled my heart with joy'** - PAIGE TOON
- **'Hilarious and heartwarming'** - HEIDI SWAIN
- **'This is the perfect beach read!'** - CATHERINE WALSH

### Author Biography

Katy Birchall is a journalist and the author of several romantic comedies, including *The Secret Bridesmaid*, *The Wedding Season* and *The Last Word*. She has written a retelling of Jane Austen's *Emma* for the *Awesomely Austen* series and the Netflix spin-off novel *Sex Education: The Road Trip*. She also writes under various pseudonyms, penning romantic sports fiction as Katharine Reilly, romantic fiction for young adults as Ivy Bailey, romantic comedies as Katrina Logan, and young adult and teen novels under her own name. Katy lives in London with her husband, daughter and rescue dog.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399705929</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Romance (FR) Humorous fiction (FU)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

Author born in	<b>Surrey</b>
Author living in	<b>London</b>

### Previous Titles

THE LAST WORD  
THE SECRET BRIDESMAID  
THE WEDDING SEASON

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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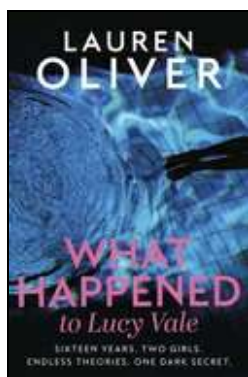
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## What Happened to Lucy Vale

### The twisty new mystery from bestselling author of **BEFORE I FALL**

Lauren Oliver

#### Keynote

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *BEFORE I FALL*, comes a spellbinding mystery of two mother-daughter relationships separated by time but intertwined by tragedy, told through a modern day Greek chorus of the residents of their small town.

#### Description

**'A sharp and harrowing mystery for the digital age . . . I inhaled this book like a gulp of fresh air after a long swim'** LAUREN THOMAN

#### FROM THE NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *BEFORE I FALL*

When true-crime writer Rachel Vale and her daughter, Lucy, move into the abandoned Faraday House at the end of Lily Lane, they already know its tragic history . . . That's why they came. Rachel hopes that untangling the muddled case of the Faradays might help her solve another puzzle: her daughter.

But the small Midwestern town of Granger remembers the Faradays, and the residents do not take well to strangers pulling apart their mysteries. They will do whatever it takes to protect their own.

As Rachel ignores the threatening notes on the doorstep and her daughter's increasingly erratic behaviour, she unwinds a case of old money, historic rivalries and online abuse. But soon it becomes clear that she might be investigating the wrong story after all . . .

#### Sales Points

- Lauren Oliver has had a series of *New York Times* bestsellers with the spellbinding *BEFORE I FALL* and the gripping three books in the *DELIRIUM* trilogy, selling almost 200,000 physical copies across all her books.
- Universal Pictures bought the rights to Oliver's novel *Panic* before it was even released, and *Before I Fall* made \$19million at the box office worldwide. Amazon studios also adapted *Panic* into a series.
- Lauren Oliver has over 100K followers across her social media channels and a very loyal fanbase who are extremely engaged with her books and projects.
- Readers will love the opportunity to read some Halloweeny fiction, as well a family mystery with feminist themes, highlighting modern issues such as online abuse and gender based violence.

#### Reviews

- **'A sharp and harrowing mystery for the digital age . . . An immersive and captivating reading experience. I inhaled this book like a gulp of fresh air after a long swim'** - Lauren Thoman, acclaimed author of *I'll Stop the World*
- **'A brutally funny satire with a dark mystery nestled in its core.** A Lauren Oliver novel is always a page-turner, but this one is **uniquely ambitious, complex and comic'** - E. Lockhart, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Were Liars* and *Genuine Fraud*
- **'Formally inventive, swimming in the murky waters of the Discord server and the true crime podcast, this novel will have you thinking twice about girls who disappear. This book is absolutely not to be missed'** - Hayley Scrivenor, internationally bestselling author of *Dirt Creek*

#### Author Biography

Lauren Oliver is a screenwriter, media entrepreneur, and author of multiple *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Delirium*, *Pandemonium*, and *Requiem* in the *Delirium* trilogy; *Before I Fall*, which was adapted into a feature film; *Panic*, which was adapted into an Amazon Prime series for which Lauren wrote every episode and served as executive producer; and the *Replica* duology. Lauren founded the IP company *StoryGiants*, helping to package and edit nearly one hundred other novels. She also cofounded *Incantor AI*, devoted to ethical treatment of IP in artificial intelligence technologies for media and entertainment. Raised in Westchester, New York, Lauren attended the University of Chicago and got her MFA from NYU. She now divides her time between Maryland and Los Angeles.

Publication date **Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
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 Main Identifier **9781473672765**  
 Thema 1.6 **Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives (FFD) Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF) Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives (FFS) True crime: serial killers and murderers (DNXC3) Thriller: serial killers (FHS) Speculative fiction (FD)**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **448 pages**  
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 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

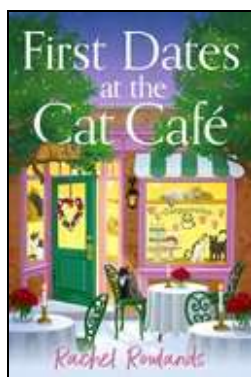
Author born in **New York**  
 Author living in **New York**

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
 2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
 Audio **Refer to Publisher**  
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## First Dates at the Cat Café

An absolutely uplifting and cosy romantic comedy to warm your heart

Rachel Rowlands

### Keynote

Get ready for a summer of first dates, fake dates and stolen kisses under a blanket of stars - with your favourite feline friend on hand for emotional support at all times! This romantic read is perfect for fans of Laurie Gilmore, Lucy Jane Wood and Sarah Morgan.

### Description

Love is in the air at the cat café... Will everyone find their purr-fect match?

Grace adores her job as a barista at the café, but dreams of one day setting up her own matchmaking agency to help pet lovers find true love.

When Catpurrcino partners with a dating festival for the whole of August it seems like it is meant to be.

The last thing on Grace's mind is her own love life.

Until she is matched with musician **Nathan**, who is only at the festival so he can perform.

Grace knows from the very first moment that Nathan is not the man of her dreams.

But no one is going to take romantic advice from someone who can't even get through one successful date. So Grace and Nathan make a pact: **they will pretend to be smitten with each other until the end of festival.**

The more time Grace and Nathan spend playing the perfect couple, the more Grace wonders if her fake feelings are becoming real... Could Nathan ever feel the same?

### Tropes

Matchmaking  
Fake Dating  
Enemies to Lovers  
Small town  
Found family

### Sales Points

- **EVERYTHING READERS WANT FOR SPRING/SUMMER:** This beautiful book delivers everything readers could wish for in a spring/summer romance, with a unique setting, undeniable chemistry and many twists and turns along the way!
- **A STUNNING ILLUSTRATED COVER:** Our beautifully illustrated cover was commissioned from the same illustrator behind *The Pumpkin Spice Cafe* and captures the location and atmosphere of the cafe itself, and places this firmly at the forefront of the seasonal romance market.
- **CLASSIC ROMANCE TROPES WITH A TWIST:** Full of classic romance tropes readers know and love such as matchmaking, fake dating and enemies to lovers - all with the added bonus of some cheeky feline friends thrown in!

### Reviews

- "As cosy and heartwarming as a lap full of kittens!" - *M.A. Kuzniar*
- "Purrfect, feel-good... I absolutely loved it!" - *Donna Ashcroft*

### Author Biography

Rachel Rowlands lives in Manchester, England, with her husband and two cats. She grew up devouring any book she could get her hands on, and after earning her degree in English and Creative Writing, she built a career as a freelance editor while working on her own stories in her spare time. When she's not writing or editing, she enjoys playing video games and crying over romance Kdramas.

You can find her on Instagram @racheljrowlands and at racheljrowlands.com.

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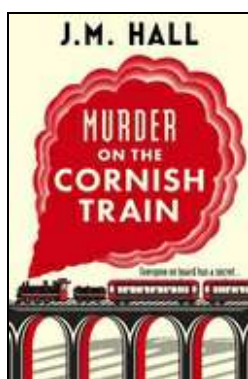
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## Murder on the Cornish Train

### A totally gripping British cosy murder mystery

**JM Hall**

#### Keynote

**A totally gripping and page-turning British cosy mystery set on the misty coastline of Cornwall. Fans of Janice Hallett, *Murder on the Orient Express* and Tom Hindle will be hooked from the very first page.**

#### Description

**One missing passenger. One dead body. Is it murder on the Cornish train?**

It is a dark and stormy night when **Jeff** boards the Cornish sleeper train at Paddington station.

As they make their way down the dark British coast, waves crash over the carriages and the wheels rattle in the gale.

Arriving in Cornwall the next morning, Jeff discovers one passenger has vanished into thin air.

**The next day, another is found dead on a windswept beach.**

Jeff can't accept these are coincidences.

**Could he hold the clue to catch the killer who boarded the Cornish train?**

#### Sales Points

- **OVER 100,000 COPIES OF J.M. HALL COSY CRIME NOVELS SOLD THROUGH UK TCM:** 116,000+ copies of JM Hall's cosy crime titles sold through UK TCM.
- **J.M. HALL'S FIRST STANDALONE MYSTERY:** The first of two new Cornish-set standalone murder mysteries from the bestselling author of *A Spoonful of Murder*. This novel will give fans of the genre everything they love with the added hooks of a mysterious disappearance on a sleeper train and the atmospheric and eerie Cornish cliff-top setting.
- **MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS FOR 2026:** A fresh twist in classic Golden Age crime tropes for the modern age. Fans of classic crime and cosy crime will love all the twists and turns and this new riff on classics of the genre.
- **CORNISH SETTING:** We know readers love both cosy romance and cosy crime set in Cornwall and this novel has it all! From a mysterious cliff-top hotel, wild and windswept beaches, theatres overlooking the ocean and people vanishing into the mist...

#### Reviews

- "The ingredients for the perfect modern cosy crime: intrigue, characters you care about and a good dollop of humour" - *Ian Moore, author of Death and Croissants*
- "Warm characters and wonderful writing... It's steeped in Yorkshire like a mug of hot, strong tea... I loved it" - *SJ Bennett, author of The Windsor Knot*
- "An immersive and really satisfying mystery" - *Faith Martin*
- "As an iced drink in a heatwave ... These characters and their families feel like old friends... Fantastic" - *Fiona Leitch*

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Thema 1.6	<b>Crime and mystery: cosy mystery (FFJ) Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives (FFD) Classic crime and mystery fiction (FFC) Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF)</b>
	<b>Cornwall (1DDU-GB-EWC) Trains and railways: general interest (WGF)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>The Cornish Murder Mystery Series</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Book locale	<b>UK</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

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## The Second Home

**An addictive, page-turning psychological thriller with a killer twist**

**Kathryn Sharman**

### Keynote

**The dream summer getaway or the setting for the perfect crime?**

### Description

**Lottie** has saved all year for her family vacation by the sea with her husband and young son. But as soon as they arrive at their rental it is clear they have made a huge mistake coming here...

Next door, **Olivia** looks like just another wealthy out-of-towner buying up local property, only to leave it empty for ten months of the year. But Olivia has a secret plan for her second home...

When one of the houses goes up in flames, and a body is pulled from the ashes, the secrets both Lottie and Olivia have been keeping threaten to destroy their families.

**How far would one of them go to keep the truth locked behind closed doors?**

### Sales Points

- **REAL ESTATE THEMED THRILLER:** Tapping into our collective obsession with real estate, especially houses we could never own. Kathryn Sharman sets her dark and twisty tale in a small coastal town where the tensions between the wealthy buying up second homes and the local community are at boiling point...
- **GLOBAL CAMPAIGN:** We will publish simultaneously in all English language markets with digital marketing campaigns targeting UK and US readers from publication to drive all three formats.
- **A KILLER TWIST YOU WON'T SEE COMING:** Kathryn Sharman is the master of twists that give her readers whiplash. With glowing 5 star reviews from readers for her debut *The Family at No 23*, this second novel delivers even more of the gasp out loud moments Kathryn's readers love.

### Reviews

- "This layered and insightful novel is a dark glimpse into the haves and have nots in a seaside town. The complex web of lies and deceit kept me guessing throughout. Thoroughly enjoyable." - *Chris Bridges*
- "I absolutely devoured *The Second Home*! Sharman is a master of making settings seem idyllic yet claustrophobic at the same time, grabbing you from the first page then ratcheting up the tension with perfect pace. I can't wait to read whatever she writes next." - *Sam Frances*
- "Clever, compelling and pulsing with suspense, *The Second Home* is a sweltering firecracker of a page-turner. Sharman's writing is sublime and her characters leap off the page- she's a crime writer to watch." - *Naomi Williams*
- "A propulsive domestic noir set during a heatwave on the British coast, where simmering tensions, class divides and long buried secrets rise to the surface. A delicious summer read - sharply observed and hugely addictive." - *Rebecca Bainbridge*

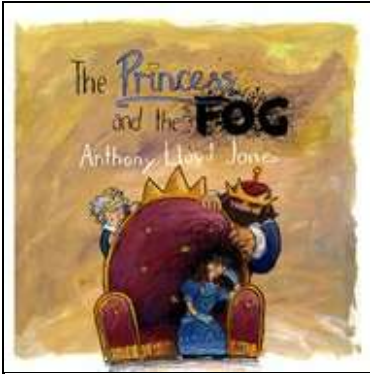
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## The Princess and the Fog A Story for Children with Depression

**Anthony Lloyd Jones, With a contribution by Melinda Edwards MBE and Dr Linda Bayliss (Illustrated By Anthony Lloyd Jones)**

### Keynote

A vibrantly illustrated story to help children learn about and cope with depression

### Description

Bronze Medal Winner in the Picture Books, Early Reader category of the 2015 Foreword Reviews' INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards

Once upon a time there was a Princess. She had everything a little girl could ever want, and she was happy. That is, until the fog came...

*The Princess and the Fog* is picture book to help sufferers of depression aged 5-7 cope with their difficult feelings. It uses vibrant illustrations, a sense of humour and metaphor to create a relatable, enjoyable story that describes the symptoms of childhood depression while also providing hope that things can get better with a little help and support. The story is also a great starting point for explaining depression to all children, especially those who may have a parent or close family member with depression.

With an essential guide for parents and carers by clinical paediatric psychologists, Dr Melinda Edwards MBE and Linda Bayliss, this book will be of immeasurable value to anyone supporting a child with, or affected by, depression, including social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, arts therapists, pastoral care workers and school staff, as well as parents and carers.

### Sales Points

- A unique resource on a subject that is growing in recognition and importance
- Includes a guide for parents and carers by clinical paediatric psychologists, Dr Melinda Edwards MBE and Linda Bayliss
- Unique, full colour illustrations throughout

### Awards

Runner-up of the 2015 INDIEFAB Book of the Year Award  
Winner of the 2015 ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year

### Reviews

- 'This is a creative and entertaining book that tackles a serious topic/issue that sometimes authors and writers shed away from or don't want to deal with. But depression is real and not only do adults deal with it but so do children and teenagers...I think this would be a great book to have in not only a special education classroom but also general education classrooms... Overall a great book.' - Dive InTo Books blog
- 'This is a delightful picture book covering the sensitive subject of childhood depression... The author uses lively and colourful illustrations to chart the princess's journey through this personal crisis and reassures the reader that this can happen to anyone... The reader is provided with links to professional support services as well as advice for coping at home. This is a helpful resource for parents and for schools and approaches the subject in a child-friendly format.' - Mary Mountstephen, author, editor, *SEN Magazine*
- 'The book is beautifully illustrated with the fog/depression prominent throughout and showing how she comes back out of it (and sometimes sinks back in - and I think that is an important note). The end of the book even includes information specifically for the parent/guardian figures about child depression and sadness and how to help in a productive way... I found this children's book both informational and appealing to the eye.' - Cover2Cover Blog

### Author Biography

Lloyd Jones is a silly man with a silly beard who lives in the south of England. More of his work can be seen at [www.lloydjonesillustration.com](http://www.lloydjonesillustration.com). Lloyd has a first class honours degree in Illustration from the University of Portsmouth, an MA in Sequential Design and Illustration from the University of Brighton and he is currently working on a PGCE FE from the University of Southampton. He has learned to live with his fog, rather than suffer from it.

### Market

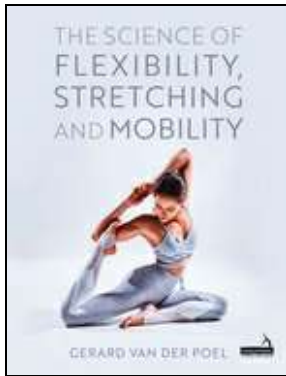
social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, arts therapists, pastoral care workers and school staff, as well as parents and carers.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage: Personal and social topics (YX) Child, developmental and lifespan psychology (JMC)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3M79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Picture Book</b>
Character	<b>Non-character</b>
Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>240x240</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>1320 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>Full colour illustrations throughout</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>London, United Kingdom</b>

### Previous Titles

9781839975417 The Elf, the Princess and the Impossible Shoe  
9781787754164 The Nervous Knight  
9781849056557 The Princess and the Fog  
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## The Science of Flexibility, Stretching and Mobility

Gerard van der Poel

### Keynote

A professional guide to flexibility, stretching, and mobility techniques and exercises to improve or regain performance, and myth busting about injury prevention.

### Description

Flexibility is a key part of all forms of exercise, extending reach and allowing freer movement and increased mobility. But what are the factors influencing our flexibility and what are the optimal flexibility exercises, methods, duration and dosage to increase our flexibility?

This comprehensive guide answers all of these questions and more, considering research from over 2,500 studies to convey a thorough understanding of how flexibility, mobility, and stretching affect exercise. It explores the mechanics of flexibility and mobility - what causes differences between individuals, and how a person's level of flexibility can change over time and through directed effort. It also compares a wide variety of techniques to improve performance, to treat limited mobility or recover from injury.

Essential reading for any movement professional, from personal trainers to movement and physical therapists, this book will revolutionise your understanding of movement and show you how to effectively improve your clients' performance and injury recovery.

### Sales Points

- **Research in the field of stretching has developed substantially over the last 20 years** - this book will be a summary and update of existing research
- **Based on over 2,500 studies** to give a comprehensive overview of the state of the art
- **Broad readership** - flexibility is essential for all forms of physical exercise, so professionals across the spectrum of movement disciplines will benefit from this book

### Author Biography

**Drs. Gerard van der Poel** is a Human Movement Scientist and Exercise Physiologist. He is the owner and CEO of Infomotion and is a teacher, author and consultant in the field of exercise and physical training. He runs professional continuing education courses in the Netherlands, on the subjects of exercise physiology and training principles, exercise testing, sports analysis, and clinical exercise physiology.

### Market

Professionals working in physical therapy or complementary therapy, including yoga teachers and massage therapists, Pilates instructors, fitness instructors, strength and conditioning trainers, athletic trainers, personal trainers, and students in these fields.

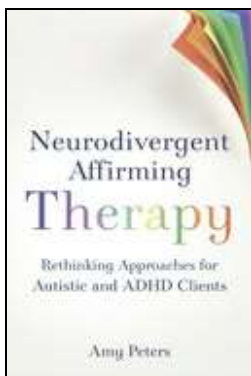
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Thema 1.6	<b>Biomechanics, human kinetics (MFGV) Sports injuries and medicine (MKW) Exercise and workouts (VFMG)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>229x152 (6x9")</b>
Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>63000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>30 tables, figures, graphs and illustrations, and photos</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>Netherlands</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder (MKJA) Psychotherapy: counselling (MKMT5) Coping with / advice about autism spectrum disorder (VFJR1) Coping with / advice about ADHD (VFJR2)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>229x152 (6x9")</b>
Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>65000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>6 b/w figures</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Author living in	<b>Canterbury, Kent</b>
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## Neurodivergent Affirming Therapy Rethinking Approaches for Autistic and ADHD Clients

**Amy Peters**

### Keynote

The definitive guide to neurodivergent affirming therapy, from an Autistic/ADHD therapist, designed to challenge, reframe and reshape how we support neurodivergent clients.

### Description

**Radically rethink how you work with Autistic and ADHD clients with this comprehensive and compassionate guide to neurodivergent affirming therapeutic practice.**

Drawing on Amy Peters' lived experience and professional insight, this book explores how traditional therapeutic models can misinterpret or pathologize neurodivergent ways of being and offers a practical and affirming alternative.

Written with professionals in mind, this book introduces several original models developed by the author, which guide practitioners through neurodivergent experiences of trauma, emotional regulation and burnout. Reflection points, client insights and case studies invite readers to reflect on how this work can be integrated authentically into their current modality.

To support everyday practice, it also includes practical alternatives to deficit-based, neuronormative advice on common challenges such as anxiety, communication and motivation. These tools are grounded in an understanding of how neurodivergent minds work and are ready to be used directly with clients.

Each chapter closes with a unique section specifically for neurodivergent therapists, offering support and reflective prompts that help neurodivergent professionals understand how their identity shapes their work.

### Sales Points

- **Lived experience:** Amy is neurodivergent herself and leads a team of neurodivergent counsellors.
- **Market interest:** Similar title *The Autistic Survival Guide to Therapy* (9781839977312) has sold over 14,500 copies across formats.
- **Rising demand:** 'For the Neurodivergent Therapist' sections target growing demand for resources that acknowledge the background of mental health professionals.
- **Under-published area:** Combats the mainstream view of neurodivergent therapy as a specialist, medicalised area, directly addressing current deficit-based approaches with neurodivergent-affirming adaptations.
- **Successful resources:** Amy is also the creator of Neuro Cards®, a tool to explore neurodivergence in therapy sessions, which have sold over 2500 units since 2023.

### Author Biography

**Amy Peters** is an Autistic/ADHD therapist, supervisor, trainer and the founder of Newglade Counselling ([www.newgladecounselling.co.uk](http://www.newgladecounselling.co.uk)) - a UK-based therapy practice offering neurodivergent-affirming therapy for children and adults. Amy's training and workshops have been commissioned by local authorities, NHS-adjacent services and specialist CPD platforms. Find her on Facebook and Instagram @newgladecounselling and on TikTok @neurodivergent\_newglade. She lives in Canterbury.

### Market

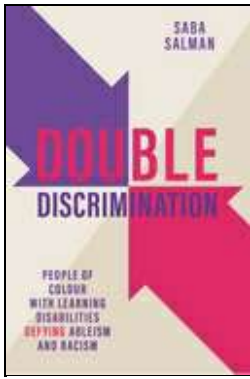
Therapists, counsellors, coaches and other mental health professionals working with neurodivergent clients

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## Double Discrimination People of Colour with Learning Disabilities Defying Ableism and Racism

Saba Salman

### Keynote

Vital resource about the layers of discrimination faced by learning disabled people of colour.

### Description

Whilst white privilege, unconscious bias and institutional discrimination have become high profile issues, learning disabled people of colour continue to be excluded from the conversation.

Responding to this crucial need to investigate the inequalities faced by learning disabled people of colour, *Double Discrimination* shines a bright light on the consequences of ignoring the combined impact of racism and ableism. From author, editor and award-winning social affairs journalist, Saba Salman, this book introduces the historical context of attitudes towards learning disability and race whilst also featuring people's experiences of multiple marginalisation from childhood to adulthood. Building on these perspectives, chapters showcase organisations and individuals leading the fight against racism and ableism, providing readers with opportunities to tackle limiting systems and support the growing momentum for change.

With human experiences at its core, this book reveals the importance of including learning disabled people of colour within the empowerment agenda, forming a powerful call for collective action.

### Sales Points

- - Fills a gap in the market - No other book within professional or public health and social care spheres has explored the layers of prejudice experienced by learning disabled people of colour.
- - Trusted author - Saba Salman is an award-winning journalist who brings both a personal and professional perspective to this book, making it readable and reliable.
- - Widespread reach - there is wide scope for coverage within social care and health media as the author has previously appeared on multiple podcasts and radio programmes including Radio 4's Today programme, World at One and BBC Breakfast. She also is an active speaker at conferences.
- - The book features lived-experience perspectives making this book attractive to health and social care practitioners as well as individuals engaged in promoting social justice.

### Author Biography

Saba Salman is a British Asian author, editor and award-winning social affairs journalist writing on diversity, learning disability and autism. Her youngest sister, Raana, has the learning disability fragile X syndrome and influences her work. Saba's first book *Made Possible* was published in 2020. Her journalism appears in *Private Eye*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent* and *Byline Times*, including reports on the inequalities faced by disabled people of colour. Saba won a National Press Award in 2020 in the reporting diversity category, and she was shortlisted in the British Journalism Awards, Asian Women of Achievement Awards, the European Diversity Awards. Saba edits the learning disability magazine *Community Living*. She chairs the charity *Sibs*, the national charity for disabled people's siblings.

### Market

Health and social care practitioners

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Thema 1.6	<b>Social welfare, social policy and social services (JKS) Autism Spectrum Disorder (MKJA) Racism and racial discrimination / Anti-racism (JBFA 1) Relating to people on the autism spectrum (5PMH)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>229x152 (6x9")</b>
Extent	<b>192 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>59000 words</b>
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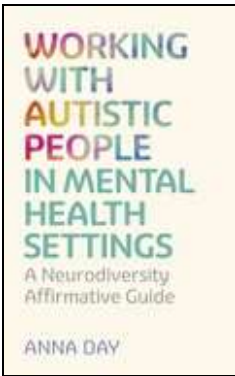
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## Working with Autistic People in Mental Health Settings A Neurodiversity Affirmative Guide

Dr Anna Day

### Keynote

A neurodiversity-affirmative guide to working with Autistic clients in mental health settings.

### Description

Mental health services support many Autistic people - whether or not they are formally identified - and have a vital opportunity to embrace neurodiversity-affirmative approaches that truly meet their needs. Too often, traditional therapies, even when well-intentioned, can overlook Autistic ways of thinking, feeling, and being, repeating deficit-based narratives that do more harm than good.

Integrating clinical expertise, contemporary theory, and lived experience, this definitive book empowers professionals to deliver truly neurodiversity-affirmative care. Exploring key aspects of Autistic experience including interoception, masking, monotropism, and double empathy, this book offers practical strategies for adapting therapy, assessment, and service delivery.

Through reflective exercises and practice insights, this book bridges theory and practice to support authentic, respectful clinical relationships. It offers mental health professionals a compassionate roadmap for genuine support and redefines what effective mental health support for Autistic people can, and should, look like.

### Sales Points

- **Authentic Expertise:** Written by an autistic clinical psychologist with lived and professional experience.
- **Neurodiversity-Affirmative:** Moves beyond deficit-based models toward strengths-based, inclusive care.
- **Bridges Theory and Practice:** Practical tools for therapists, psychologists, and service providers.
- **Essential Topics:** Covers interoception, masking, double empathy, and neuroqueering.
- **Successful subject matter:** The Adult Autism Assessment Handbook: A Neurodiversity Affirmative Approach has sold over 9,000 copies with a revenue of over £160,000.

### Author Biography

Dr Anna Day is an Autistic and ADHD Principal Clinical Psychologist at The Adult Autism and ADHD Practice, Dublin. She co-authored *The Adult Autism Assessment Handbook* and *The Neurodiversity Affirmative Child Assessment Handbook* and advocates for neurodiversity-affirmative practice within mental health care and education.

### Market

Mental health professionals, psychologists, counsellors, and therapists supporting autistic adults. Secondary market: autistic readers seeking to better understand and advocate within mental health services. Primary market UK; also suitable for Ireland, ANZ, and North America.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Care of people with mental health conditions (JKSM)</b>
Binding Format	<b>Trade Paperback 216x138 (5.43x8.5")</b>
Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>Hove, UK</b>

### Previous Titles

Hartman et al., *The Adult Autism Assessment Handbook: A Neurodiversity Affirmative Approach*, Feb 2023 (ISBN 9781839971662), 9,021 copies

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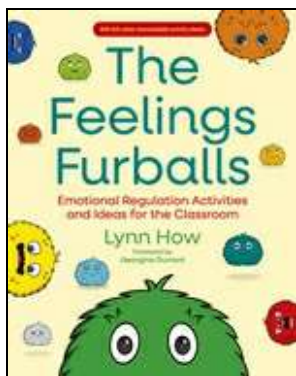
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Price	<b>£24.99 / ₹2399</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781805017721</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Teaching of students with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties or disorders (JNSL)</b> <b>Teaching of students with learning difficulties or disorders (JNSG)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>279x216 (8.5x11")</b>
Depth	<b>12mm</b>
Extent	<b>144 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>10000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>40 black and white activity sheets.</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>Essex, UK</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Feelings Furballs Emotional Regulation Activities and Ideas for the Classroom

**Lynn How**

### Keynote

Activities and ideas using the 'feelings furballs' characters to aid emotional regulation for children with SEMH needs.

### Description

Meet Angry Addi, Furious Fyla, Frustrated Fenn, Wobbly Wabe, Anxious Amiq, Restless Rav, Motivated Mart, Relaxed Reni, Calm Cal, Bored Bebe, Tired Tamm and Miserable Mave, the feelings furballs!

With her approachable and adorable 'feelings furballs' characters, experienced SENCo Lynn How provides teachers and other childcare workers with a variety of activities to help children better understand, express and regulate their emotions. The furballs complement other popular classroom regulation strategies.

With easy-to-read theory about emotional regulation and why it needs to be supported, you'll learn how to apply these lessons both in the classroom and one-to-one.

### Sales Points

- Similar title *Creative Ways to Help Children Manage BIG Feelings*(9781785920745) sold 18,280 copies
- Lynn has direct connections to the teacher market through her Facebook page and newsletter (10.6K and 3K respectively) and runs training sessions (she has trained over 500 SENCos so far)
- The 'furballs' model complements widely used 'zones of regulation' model
- Also fits in with the government's 'whole school' approach to mental health

### Reviews

- '*The Feelings Furballs* is a gem! It **combines relatable, likeable characters with therapeutic, evidence-based activities that build emotional literacy and regulation**. Lynn's approach normalizes all emotions and extends vocabulary through creative, engaging tasks. It's a book that feels both professionally sound and personally supportive.' - Dr Ali D'Amario, Educational Psychologist and co-author of *The School Mental Health Response Handbook*
- 'Packed with playful ideas and relatable characters, *The Feelings Furballs* provides educators with fun and meaningful ways to help children develop emotional awareness and regulation.' - Dr Fiona Zandt, Clinical Psychologist and author of the *Creative Child Therapy* series

### Author Biography

**Lynn How** has 24 years of primary teaching SLT and SENCo experience. She holds an MA in Education, NASENCO, and NPQH and specialises in wellbeing, SEND, children's mental health, leadership, and mentoring. Her popular wellbeing blog can be found at [www.positiveyoungmind.com](http://www.positiveyoungmind.com)

### Market

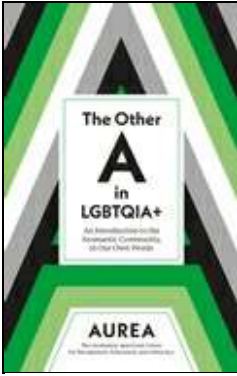
Primary school teachers, particularly SENCos, LSAs and those working with primary age (elementary school) children

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## The Other A in LGBTQIA+ An Introduction to the Aromantic Community, in Our Own Words

### The Aromantic-spectrum Union for Recognition, Education, and Advocacy (AUREA)

#### Keynote

A deep-dive into the emerging global community of aromantic people.

#### Description

Do you ever feel alienated by the way society presents love? Maybe you find the idea of romantic relationships off-putting, or maybe it's just 'not your thing'. Sound familiar? Aromanticism is a spectrum of identities where people have little to no interest in romance, or only feel attraction under certain circumstances.

This essential book weaves together insights and perspectives from aromantic people across the world, sharing their stories of self-discovery and community. Chapters explore how aromanticism interacts with mental health, dealing with stigma or dismissive attitudes, intersection with different cultural expectations, and more.

Whether you're new to an aromantic identity, have been part of the community for years, or just want to know more, this book will help you understand what aromanticism is and what it means for you.

#### Sales Points

- **International contributors** - the book includes voices from a wide variety of backgrounds, offering insights from numerous perspectives and cultures
- **Well-connected organisation** - AUREA is one of the largest and most well-known global organisations for aromantic people, and is regularly invited to speak at conferences etc.
- **Needed by the community** - in a 2020 study by AUREA, books about diverse perspectives on different aspects of aromanticism and '101'-type books scored highly in a question about what arospc readers needed (Aro+Census+2020+Report.pdf)

#### Author Biography

AUREA, the Aromantic-spectrum Union for Recognition, Education, and Advocacy, is an volunteer-run organization with a diverse set of members from all over the world. It exists to further the recognition and education of aromanticism internationally by compiling information about aromanticism on the internet, and now in this book. This publication is AUREA's latest project to spread awareness, share aromantic experiences, and educate both aromantic individuals and their allies.

#### Market

LGBTQIA+ adults and allies, libraries, teachers

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Price	<b>£18.99 / ₹1799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781805012856</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Sex and sexuality, social aspects (JBFW) LGBTQIA+ Studies / topics (JBSJ) Dating, relationships, living together and marriage: advice, topics and issues (VFVG) Relating to asexual or aromantic people (5PV)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>216x138 (5.43x8.5")</b>
Extent	<b>240 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>62000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>2 B&amp;W diagrams</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

#### Previous Titles

N/A

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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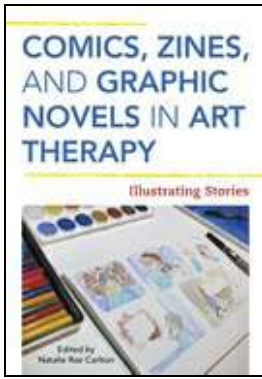
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Main Identifier	<b>9781787750791</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Creative therapy / Expressive therapies (MQTC) Comic book and cartoon artwork (AKLC)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>246x173 (6.8x9.7")</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>45000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>132 colour illustrations</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
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Author living in	<b>Philadelphia, USA</b>
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## Comics, Zines, and Graphic Novels in Art Therapy Illustrating Stories

**Edited by Natalie Rae Carlton**

### Keynote

Creatively structured with comics, zines, and graphic novel elements, this is the first book on how incorporating sequential art forms can support art therapy practice including applications from education, media, and comics studies.

### Description

With illustrations and graphic narratives throughout, this edited book reveals the potential benefits of using graphic novels, zines, and comics in art therapy practice, education, creative engagement, and social advocacy.

Organised into three parts, the book begins by exploring the meaningfulness of comics and graphic novels. Part Two demonstrates how art therapists have used graphic novels and art therapy in practice, discussing process and structure to support you to integrate graphic novels and comic books in your own practice. Lastly, Part Three presents five short comics chronicling art therapist's experiences as a form of reflective practice.

### Sales Points

- **Full colour, with graphic novel, zine, and comic elements;** sets the book apart from other art therapy titles, becoming a visual commodity to own along with its practicality.
- **Only book on the market focusing on how to use graphic novels, zines, and comics in art therapy practice and education.**
- **Relevant to art therapy MA and Ph.D courses,** especially for art therapy research, contemporary practices and media and materials classes.

### Author Biography

**Dr Natalie Rae Carlton** is an Associate Professor of Art therapy and Arts-based research in the Creative Arts Therapies Department at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Market

Art therapists, art therapy students, and art therapy educators.

Secondary: Academics and researchers in creative arts therapies, graphic medicine, media and comics studies, and other mental health practitioners interested in using graphic narrative techniques.

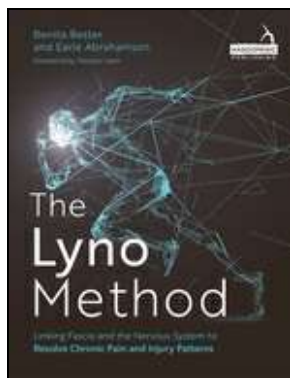
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Thema 1.6	<b>Coping with / advice about chronic or long-term illness or conditions (VFJB9) Pain and pain management (MKAL) Musculoskeletal medicine (MJE)</b>
Binding Format	<b>Trade Paperback 246x189 (7.4x9.7")</b>
Depth	<b>16mm</b>
Extent	<b>192 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>50000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>60 photos and 20 illos</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Book locale	<b>N/A</b>
Author born in	<b>N/A</b>
Author living in	<b>Kirstenhof, Hertfordshire</b>

#### Previous Titles

Earle Abrahamson and Jane Langston, *Muscle Testing: A Concise Guide*, October 2019 (9781912085651), 962 copies sold

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## The Lyno Method Linking Fascia and the Nervous System to Resolve Chronic Pain and Injury Patterns

**Benita Bester and Earle Abrahamson. Foreword by Torsten Liem**

#### Keynote

This book explains the Lyno Method and its effectiveness in resolving chronic injury patterns, through assessment of fascia mobility and restrictions, engagement of the autonomic nervous system, and through movement, breathing and body awareness.

#### Description

**"A must-read for all those practitioners seeking to extend their knowledge and skill in holistic assessment and treatment of neuromuscular dysfunction."**

Chronic pain is often misunderstood, reduced to mechanistic explanations, or inadequately addressed in mainstream practice. *The Lyno Method* reframes chronic pain and injury patterns as a complex interaction of fascia and the nervous system rather than a purely mechanical issue. A distinct technique for releasing fascia, the Lyno method stands apart from conventional manual approaches by engaging the autonomic nervous system through movement, breathing and body awareness. Instead of providing temporary relief, it eliminates chronic symptoms permanently.

In clear language and with professional depth, Benita Kropman, founder of the Lyno method, and Earle Abrahamson, Head of Anatomy for the Hertfordshire University Medical School, weave together insights from therapeutic practice, science, and holistic philosophy.

Raising thought-provoking questions through authentic case studies, *The Lyno Method* highlights the intricate relationship between emotional and physical trauma, the autonomic nervous system and its role in contributing to fascia restrictions. This book signifies a paradigm shift in the understanding and resolution of chronic musculoskeletal issues.

#### Sales Points

- not only introduces a practical method but also **seeks to spark a wider conversation and inspire research** into about how we approach chronic pain
- both authors have significant **expertise and a scientific outlook** and understanding of the topic
- written with both **professional depth and accessibility** in mind, ensuring it appeals to practitioners, students, and holistic therapists alike
- forges a **unique connection** between two crucial fields: the role of fascia in musculoskeletal immobility and the impact of the autonomic nervous system on mobility within the realm of neuroscience

#### Reviews

- 'This is a must-read for all those practitioners seeking to extend their knowledge and skill in holistic assessment and treatment of neuromuscular dysfunction.' - *Colm Gregory, D.O., MSc., FHEA., BASRaT (Associate Member) Course Director, Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation*
- 'Whether you are a clinician, a therapist, or someone navigating your own healing path, this book offers a powerful, practical, and compassionate framework for transformation.' - *Torsten Liem, Practising Osteopath and Pioneer in Psycho-somatic Osteopathy*

#### Author Biography

Earle Abrahamson holds qualifications in applied human and sport sciences, clinical psychology and pedagogy. He is a professor in the scholarship of teaching and learning, a National Teaching and Principal fellow of Advance HE, and head of anatomy for the Hertfordshire Medical School at the University of Hertfordshire (UK). Additionally, he is former chair of the GCMT and an Associate Director to the CNHC. He has over 30 years of experience in education and clinical practice and leads programmes and curriculum development in clinical anatomy and sports therapy.

Benita Kropman is a physiotherapist with over four decades of clinical experience. She began developing the Lyno Method in South Africa in 1996 while working with professional athletes, aiming to uncover the root causes of chronic and recurring injuries. Her work led her from fascia release to exploring how nervous system dysregulation drives fascia restrictions and chronic symptoms. In 2010, she developed the Lyno certification course and established the Lyno Academy, offering the practical course in South Africa before expanding it to the UK, Germany, South Korea, and India. The course is CPD-accredited worldwide. Benita now lives in Dubai, where she continues to teach and work with clients in her private Lyno practice.

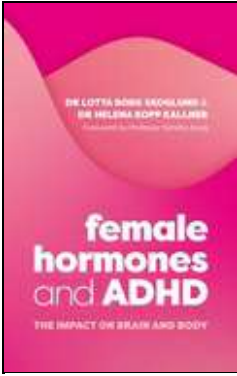


## Market

Movement educators, clinicians, manual therapists and researchers, students and soft tissue practitioners.

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## Female Hormones and ADHD The Impact on Brain and Body

**Lotta Borg Skoglund and Helena Kopp Kallner**

### Keynote

This groundbreaking book explores the link between ADHD and female hormones, drawing on both scientific research and lived experience.

### Description

Women and girls with ADHD are often left feeling misunderstood and inadequately supported by health care. This comes as no surprise when research has historically almost exclusively been conducted on boys and men, leading to a lack of understanding around female specific ADHD challenges.

For the first time, this book from two experienced doctors and ADHD experts, connects the latest science on ADHD and the influence of sex hormones, to the everyday lives of women and girls with ADHD. Chapters provide vital knowledge on the ADHD brain and female sexual and reproductive development whilst also introducing five fictional women at different hormonal phases of their lives from puberty through to post-menopause to give insight into the lived experience of ADHD. Readers are also introduced to an 'ADHD 24/7 language' which provides a tailored approach to self-care for ADHD women and girls, allowing them to better advocate for themselves and enabling those supporting them to understand the challenges they face.

Exploring everything from ADHD and common cooccurring conditions like anxiety, eating disorders and PCOS, to hormonal treatments and contraception, this book moves us one step closer to a world where the health and wellbeing of women and girls is prioritised.

### Sales Points

- The sales for JKP's list of titles for ADHD women have been growing (Maskell, ADHD an A-Z, 16,840 copies sold; Steer, Understanding ADHD in Girls and Women, 2021, 19,808 copies sold).
- Lotta Borg Skoglund's recent book published by JKP (9781805010548 ADHD Girls to Women: Getting on the Radar) has sold incredibly well with 7,369 copies sold since November 2023.
- This resource combines science on ADHD with accounts of ADHD women's real-life challenges, giving this book wide appeal for both professionals and ADHD women.
- Both authors are ADHD experts conducting ongoing research in this field.

### Reviews

- 'Truly insightful and timely, this book puts female hormones directly on the map in ADHD with a dedicated focus on girls and women right across the reproductive lifespan and beyond, with poignant fictional accounts that really bring the book alive.' - Julie Gamble-Turner, *Professor and JKP Author*
- 'This is the book we've been waiting for. At last, women and girls with ADHD are seen, heard, and deeply understood. In this powerful and compassionate guide, Lotta Borg Skoglund shines a spotlight on the female ADHD experience across the lifespan. It's a must-read for every woman with ADHD-and every provider who wants to truly support her.' - Kathleen Nadeau PhD, *Clinical Psychologist and Author*
- 'A much-needed guide to ADHD and female hormones. Insightful, practical, and empowering, it offers understanding, self-care strategies, and important guidance around medication. Essential reading for women and their support networks.' - Dr Jo Steer, *ADHD and Autism Specialist and Author of 'Understanding ADHD in Girls and Women'*

### Author Biography

Lotta Borg Skoglund is a certified specialist in family practice and psychiatry/addiction and the medical director of SMART Psychiatry, specializing in treatment and assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders. Lotta is a frequent guest on Swedish TV, radio shows and an active advocate for patient autonomy in social media and the press, and an internationally recognized ADHD expert.

Helena Kopp Kallner is senior consultant at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Danderyds Hospital and senior lecturer at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm Sweden. Her research focuses on sexual and reproductive health and safe contraceptive methods to prevent sexual transmitted diseases, abortion, and unplanned/unwanted births. She is president of the family planning working and reference group of the Swedish Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and former president of the European Society for Contraception and Reproductive Health. She is also a current member of the Committee on Contraception at the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and has a media profile advocating for equal standard of care, gender informed policy making, women's health and women's rights.

### Market

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Price	<b>£19.99 / ₹1899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781805012771</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Coping with / advice about illness and specific health conditions (VFJB) Coping with / advice about physical impairments / disability (VFJD) Teaching of students with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties or disorders (JNSL) Psychology (JM)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>216x138 (5.43x8.5")</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>87000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>Stockholm, Sweden</b>

### Previous Titles

Lotta Borg Skoglund, ADHD Girls to Women: Getting on the Radar, November 2023 (9781805010548) 7, 369 copies sold.

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Jessica Kingsley Publishers</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£12.99 / ₹1150</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399833523</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Roman Catholicism, Roman Catholic Church (QRMB1) Christian life and practice (QRMP) Spirituality and religious experience (QRVK)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>224 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>Don't Forget...</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Don't Forget the Holy Spirit Personal Reflections on Baptism in the Holy Spirit

**Fr Matt Anscombe**

### Keynote

A personal and powerful testimony of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Fr Matt Anscombe, and a call for us to be open to a fresh outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit in our lives.

### Description

#### A personal journey. A bold invitation. A renewed hope.

When Fr Matt Anscombe encountered the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, everything changed. In this compelling and heartfelt testimony, he invites you into his story showing how he discovered in the Spirit a voice, a comforter, and a call beyond himself.

But it's not just his story. Drawing on Scripture, tradition and real-life moments of transformation, Fr Matt explores how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives today - in quiet moments of surrender and in the messy places of doubt - and leads us to a profound encounter with Jesus.

Exploring the dynamic action of the Holy Spirit and the lasting impact of spiritual renewal, Fr Matt's story is a call to discover, or rediscover, the gifts of the Spirit and to open our hearts to a fresh outpouring of grace.

This a powerful reminder that the Holy Spirit is very much alive and active in our world today. All we need to do is to say, 'Yes!' to the call of the Holy Spirit.

### Sales Points

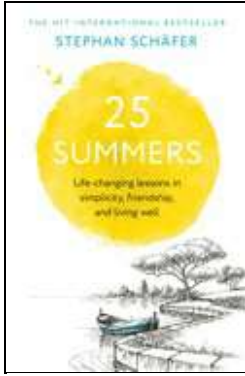
- An easily accessible primer on baptism in the Holy Spirit explaining Catholic doctrine but also Fr Matt's reflections from his experience as a parish priest.
- Contains reflections and discussion points for readers to utilise in Bible study / personal reflection.
- Previously published by the UK-based Catholic bookshop and publisher, Goodnews Books, the author used this book as the basis for a ministry he developed across the country, often paired with a well-known series of seminars in the Catholic Church called Life in the Spirit.

### Author Biography

**Fr Matt Anscombe** is a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Clifton, in the south west of the UK. Ordained as priest in 2010 at the age of thirty-eight, he has served in parishes in Gloucester and Bristol and has been full-time University Chaplain. Since Ordination, Fr Matt has been a supporter of Catholic Charismatic Renewal and has led mission and Spirit-led ventures within the diocese and further afield. Fr Matt is currently in South America, working with the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle, exploring a call to mission among the poor of Perú.

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## 25 Summers

### Life-changing Lessons in Simplicity, Friendship, and Living Well

Stephan Schäfer

#### Keynote

A modern fable for midlife reflection, *25 Summers* is the hit bestseller of the summer from Germany. It's a heartwarming story of a man learning life's most profound lessons from an unexpected friendship with a humble potato farmer. It's the self-help *Before Sunrise*.

#### Description

*25 Summers* by Stephan Schäfer is a delightful, uplifting self-help fable that has been the success story of German publishing this summer - a surprise bestseller which has sold over 130k copies since its release in March 2024.

In a simple yet deeply impactful narrative, the book tells the story of a man whose formal and career-driven life is transformed through an unexpected meeting - and fast developing friendship - with a potato farmer named Karl. Their enthusiastic and charming conversations, set against the pastoral backdrop of the German countryside, are rich with real-life wisdom and inspire the central character to slow down, live in the moment, and reconnect with life's most important values.

Reminiscent of warm, uplifting philosophical fables like *The Alchemist* and *Tuesdays with Morrie* - this story is resonating strongly with readers of all ages, from young female readers to personal development readers in midlife, offering a gentle reminder to find peace, connection, and joy in the everyday.

#### Sales Points

- **Massive Success:** With over 130k copies sold in Germany since March 2024, *25 Summers* is a proven bestseller which shows no signs of slowing. It has been going strong in the Top 10 of the Spiegel Bestseller list all summer.
- **International Appeal:** Translation rights have already sold in major markets such as Korea (which is a huge market for fables and where there was a big auction), Italy, the Netherlands, France and Slovenia with more offers pending.
- **Philosophical & Life-Wisdom:** Like *The Alchemist* and *Tuesdays With Morrie*, this book taps into the universal appeal of a simple, wise, feel-good story about living with purpose and appreciating life.
- **Self-Help Audience:** Though this is fiction, the lessons learned by the protagonist make this book of deep interest self-help readers. Readers looking for inspiration and life guidance will be drawn to its gentle, thoughtful messages.
- **Unique Male Friendship Narrative:** It offers a rare depiction of a deep, emotional male friendship without romantic entanglements, appealing to readers who seek genuine, heartfelt storytelling.

#### Author Biography

**Stephan Schäfer** is a debut author from Germany whose novel *25 Summers* has struck a chord with readers worldwide. The book has been critically acclaimed in the German press, with major publications like *Die Zeit* and *NDR Kulturjournal* praising it for its heartwarming message and emotional depth. Schäfer's charming, simple writing style has resonated with audiences of all ages, and his book continues to top bestseller lists in Germany.

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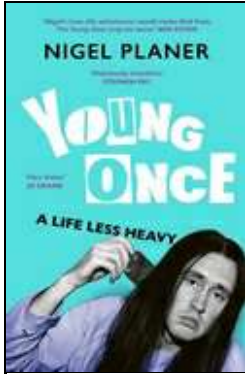
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## Young Once A Life Less Heavy

**Nigel Planer**

### Keynote

**The hilarious and heart-warming memoir of actor and comedian Nigel Planer.**

### Description

**Aged twenty-five, dressed as Che Guevara, Nigel Planer answers an ad for a room and his life changes for ever.**

Both a memoir and a love story, *Young Once* follows his journey, from bell-ringer to gravedigger, from university dropout to long-term patient of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and all the other bizarre events that shape him, until the day he meets Alexei Sayle, Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson in a former strip club and the 1980s Comedy Revolution is born . . .

Often mistaken (even by his mother) for Neil, the hippy character he creates, by 1986 Nigel has become so well-known he often has to leave the house via the kitchen window. It's lucky that he has always had a talent for seeing the funny side of things: whether it's dealing with 20-foot-éclair-related injuries or being cajoled into Band Aid by Bob Geldof; gatecrashing a rave with Robin Williams or crashing into the set on Top of the Pops; becoming a grandfather at twenty-nine or being rescued from disaster by musical theatre.

Against a backdrop of squats, Glastonbury and roller discos, with a supporting cast that includes Lemmy, a stony-faced Robert de Niro and French and Saunders, *Young Once* is a wildly entertaining and gloriously sideways glimpse into a remarkable life and career. It's also an object lesson in why you should never give up looking for your Happy Ever After. It might well turn out to be right in front of you.

### Author Biography

Nigel Planer is a comedian and actor, best known for the characters Neil the hippy in *The Young Ones* and Nicholas Craig of the 'Naked Actor' *Masterclass*. Starring in many TV shows and West End musicals, he has won *Mastermind* and a BRIT award, hovered at No.2 for six weeks in the pop charts (damn you, Frankie Goes to Hollywood!) and been nominated for Olivier, TMA, WhatsOnStage, and BAFTA awards. He has also written novels, plays and poetry and voiced Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* books.

He lives in London with his wife, Roberta. Between them they have four children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

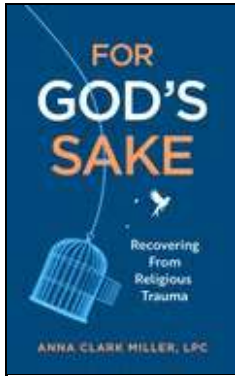
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## For God's Sake Recovering from Religious Trauma

Anna Clark Miller

### Keynote

As a survivor of religious trauma, Anna Clark Miller knows the toll of religious trauma and your obstacles in recovery. *For God's Sake* takes a completely neutral stance on religion, so you can focus on your healing journey without bias and leave behind the fear, shame, grief and anxiety to thrive in your life outside of rigid rules.

### Description

**"I feel guilty all the time, even when I'm not doing anything wrong..."**

Are you navigating fear, shame, and isolation in the aftermath of harmful experiences in religion? Are you so used to suppressing your own needs and emotions, that you don't know how to express them anymore?

Author, therapist, and religious trauma survivor, Anna Clark Miller has been where you are. The descendant of two generations of missionaries, Anna grew up feeling spiritually inadequate, terrified of unseen threats, and ashamed of her discontent as a missionary kid. When, in adulthood, she started reckoning with the religious harm she'd experienced, it was terrifying at first. But instead of experiencing deeper suffering, she found incredible restoration.

*For God's Sake: Recovering from Religious Trauma* offers language to help you understand what you've experienced, process your hurt and anger, and start healing on your own terms. You'll learn how to turn your self-judgement into curiosity, and your shame into self-compassion. Each chapter includes multiple inventories, checklists, and personal reflection prompts to help you connect more deeply with yourself and gain insight into how religious trauma has impacted you.

Grounded in research and counseling experience, Miller takes a religiously neutral approach to healing. She knows from experience that many religious trauma survivors are understandably anxious about perceived hidden agendas, particularly those tied to religion and spirituality. So whether you're looking to leave religion completely or seek a new, healthier relationship with your faith, *For God's Sake* can help you recover and explore who you are beyond religious trauma.

### Sales Points

- Takes a neutral stance on religion itself
- Written by a therapist who experienced religious trauma herself growing up with missionary parents in an extremist sect of Christianity
- Addresses unique challenges of neurodivergent, queer, and BIPOC readers who struggled to reconcile their identities with their religion
- People with religious trauma often distrust therapists and other authority figures after leaving their religious group, especially if it relied on a cult of personality, so they are more likely to find help online and in traditional media like books
- Teaches readers how to cope with feelings of shame, anxiety, fear, and relationship dysfunction.

### Author Biography

Anna Clark Miller is a licensed counselor, author, speaker, and trainer who specializes in recovery from religious trauma, spiritual abuse, and cults. Her passion for healing from high-control religion started with her own experiences in a fundamentalist belief system. She was raised overseas by evangelical missionaries, educated in religious universities, and worked in religious organizations for 10 years before recognizing the signs of religious trauma. After getting a degree in mental counseling, she started her career in trauma recovery with a focus on adverse experiences in high-control religious groups. She facilitates clinical training for therapists and social workers treating religious trauma and speaks at retreats and conferences for survivors.

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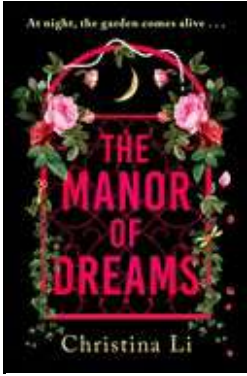
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## The Manor of Dreams

### A totally addictive gothic page-turner

Christina Li

#### Keynote

**Mexican Gothic meets *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* in this unputdownable gothic, sapphic novel about the dangerous secrets that lie in wait in a crumbling mansion in the Hollywood Hills and the intertwined fates of the two Chinese-American families fighting to inherit it.**

#### Description

**They say what you don't know can't hurt you. But they're wrong. Silence can be deadly.**

Vivian Yin is dead. The trailblazing starlet was the first Chinese actress to win an Oscar - but at what should have been the peak of her career, she became a recluse, her life shrouded in mystery.

Now, her daughters, Lucille and Renata, and her granddaughter, Lily, are gathered for the reading of her will, expecting to inherit the sprawling California garden estate Vivian hadn't left in years.

Instead, thanks to a last-minute change to her will, the house is passed on to someone else: Elaine Deng and her daughter Nora. Lucille and Renata are shocked - they haven't spoken to Elaine for decades. Not since the tragedy that fractured all of their lives.

Vying for the estate, both families move into the crumbling, vine-covered manor. As Vivian's daughters sift through the remnants of her life looking for clues about her death, they discover they are being haunted by something far more sinister than their memories...

Will the families uncover the truth before it's too late to save the next generation? Or will the manor of dreams - and its deadly secrets - finally lay claim to its owners?

***The Manor of Dreams* is full to the brim with romance, betrayal, ambition and sacrifice; an addictive page-turner that examines how families pass down the cost of silence. This atmospheric gothic page-turner is *Mexican Gothic* meets *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.**

#### Sales Points

- **WUNDERKIND AUTHOR AND TIKTOKKER:** At the age of 23, *The Manor of Dreams* is Christina M. Li's adult debut, but it will be her fourth published book since she signed with her agent at the age of 19. She is prolific, ambitious and social media savvy. She has already been teasing this novel to her fans and writerly community with gorgeous compilation videos on TikTok and Instagram, and she's a natural at making off-the-page content. She's a Gen Z author speaking to Gen Z readers and she will be an enormous asset when it comes to early buzz-building.
- **GOTHIC MURDER MYSTERY WRAPPED IN BOOK CLUB FICTION:** Who killed Vivian Yin? What happened in the garden? What secrets does the manor of dreams hold? Why did this loving, starry-eyed, family full of dreams fall so disastrously apart? Romance (x4). Glamour. Secrets. Lies. Betrayal.
- **OF-THE-MOMENT GENRE:** Horror continues to seep into the mainstream, especially when it's based on social issues. This is not sleep-with-the-lights-on-horror, but it is a classic haunted house story, perfectly in line with hits like *Mexican Gothic* and *The Hacienda*. It's spooky and gothic and meant to provoke conversation about the horrors that can be caused by unfettered greed or unmitigated silence. There is also a sapphic love story making it even more of-the-moment.
- **TIMELESS THEMES OF BELONGING:** Vivian is a Chinese actress struggling to make it in an exclusive movie industry helmed by white men, where her only options are stereotypical bit parts. In both timelines, teenage girls struggle to come to terms with their sexualities and budding queer romances that their parents disapprove of. As always, mothers and daughters fail to communicate with one another and the consequences of their misunderstandings are painful and sometimes tragic.
- **DUAL TIMELINES AND A GLITZY MILLIEU:** The book is told in dual timelines: 1970s and 80s Hollywood and the present day. In the 70s and 80s, Vivian and her husband are rising stars in Hollywood, their mansion has been renovated to the height of elegance, and they are constantly running to awards show decked out in designer evening-wear. It's got *Evelyn Hugo* vibes. In the present, think haunted *Grey Gardens*.

#### Reviews

- **'A true modern classic.** *The Manor of Dreams* is beautiful, eerie and woven with enough intrigue to hold all who enter captive. Christina Li remains unmatched in breathing characters to life - and the hauntings thereafter' - *Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of Immortal Longings*
- *The Manor of Dreams* peels back the promises of the American Dream to reveal something more painful, more heartbreaking, and ultimately, more true. **An**

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**ambitious, evocative meditation on the hurts passed down across generations - and how we heal'** - *Grace D. Li, New York Times bestselling author of Portrait of a Thief*

- 'Richly imagined... **Fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia's Mexican Gothic ought to take note of this beautiful and haunting novel.'** - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'Packed with gothic plot, gushing blood, choking clods of dirt, and angry ghosts - a smorgasbord for devotees.' - *Kirkus*

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### Author Biography

**Christina Li** is the award-winning author of children's books *Clues to the Universe*, which was a *Washington Post* summer book club pick, and *Ruby Lost and Found*, which was an NPR and New York Public Library Best Book of the Year and recognised for the Asian Pacific American Librarians' Award for Best Children's Literature. She is also the author of YA title *True Love and Other Impossible Odds*. She graduated from Stanford University with degrees in Economics and Public Policy. She grew up in the Midwest and California but now calls New York home. *The Manor of Dreams* is her adult debut.

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## The Darkest Tide

### When memories wash up, things can get deadly

**Peter Hanington**

#### Keynote

A thrilling and page-turning new crime series set in Brighton that draws on the city's dark past.

#### Description

**'A compelling mystery with a breathtaking twist - an irresistible slice of Brighton noir'**  
**M.J. Arlidge, bestselling author of *Into the Fire***

**'A race against time, in every sense. A beautifully written crime thriller set against an atmospheric Brighton backdrop'** **Elly Griffiths, bestselling author of *The Killing Time***

Arthur Cotton is losing his once sharp mind to dementia. But when a body washes up on Brighton beach, fragments of his dangerous past begin to surface. Fifty years ago, he kept the books - and the secrets - of Brighton's criminal underworld. Retirement came with one rule: to keep his mouth shut.

Susan Cotton thought she knew her father. She was wrong.

Now, old enemies are paying attention to Arthur. And Susan's busy yet predictable life caring for others - her elderly patients, her adult daughter Ruby - is about to unravel.

To protect Arthur, Susan must turn detective and discover a Brighton she barely recognises. A city of gangsters, hidden violence and explosive lies, with every revelation pulling her family closer to danger.

**Taking the reader from the smoky nightclubs of 1960s Brighton to the bustling tourist city of today, *The Darkest Tide* is a gripping thriller about family, memory and the deadly cost of long-buried secrets.**

#### Sales Points

- The first in a fantastic new Brighton-set series from the critically acclaimed author of the William Carver novels. With a story with roots in the 1960s, it's the perfect meeting of Elly Griffiths' historical Brighton series and Peter James' contemporary Roy Grace novels.
- Both page-turning and steeped in the atmospheric history of Brighton, *The Darkest Tide* introduces a fun and relatable series lead, Susan Cotton, a carer for the elderly.
- Includes poignant and topical themes, including aging parents and dementia, which are written from the author's personal experience of a parent with the condition, something his research for this book helped him better understand.
- The 1960s gangsters and crimes take inspiration from cases covered by the author's father, a prominent journalist on Brighton's Evening Argus at that time.

#### Reviews

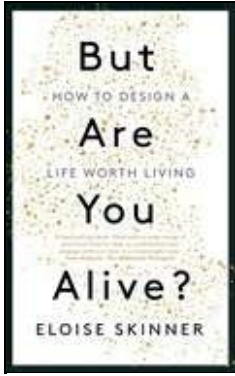
- **'Praise for Peter Hanington--'**
- **'Hanington has true talent'** - *The Times*
- **'This adrenaline-laced adventure packs a mighty punch.'** - *Irish Independent*
- **'Smart and topical.'** - *Financial Times*

#### Author Biography

**Peter Hanington** is a writer and journalist. His critically acclaimed William Carver thrillers begin with *A Dying Breed* and star the eponymous old-school radio journalist against a backdrop of high-stakes international espionage. He is also the author of the Susan Cotton series of crime novels, which are set in Brighton and begin with *The Darkest Tide*.

Peter worked as a radio journalist for over twenty-five years including stints at Radio 4, the BBC World Service, The World Tonight and sixteen years on the Today Programme. He lives in London with his wife and has two grown-up children living in Glasgow.

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**But Are You Alive?  
How to Design a Life Worth Living**

**Eloise Skinner**

**Author Biography**

Eloise Skinner is a lawyer, author, therapist and dancer who devotes her life to helping people find meaning, purpose and direction.

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Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
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## Oldenland A Journey in Search of the Good Last Years

**Roger Clough**

### Keynote

A beautifully written and philosophical journey through the natural landscape of old age - what it means to age, to be old, and to still be you.

### Description

**'Discover the secret to thriving in old age' *Telegraph***

*'In front of me is an adventure with old age as my companion, my shadow and confederate, maybe my friend.'*

Old age is a country, and we need to learn to walk through it. And that's just what Roger Clough, former Professor of Social Care, lifelong hill walker, and current resident of 'Oldenland' spends his time doing. Where he used to study the terrain of ageing like a scientist, now he understands it as a farmer might, walking its contours every day from his retirement village in the Peak District, while still negotiating the physical peaks and troughs of the area.

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**Written over 25 years and innumerable journeys, *Oldenland* is a unique and moving companion to the experiences of old age, and how to make it count.**

**'Profound and reflective . . . a truly valuable addition to the conversation about ageing in our greying society' *Country Squire***

'Courageous, beautiful and very moving' Jamie Jauncey, author of *Don Roberto*

### Sales Points

- A vast and growing population: In the UK, 11 million people - (almost 1 in 5 of us) are aged 65 or older. This book speaks directly to them.
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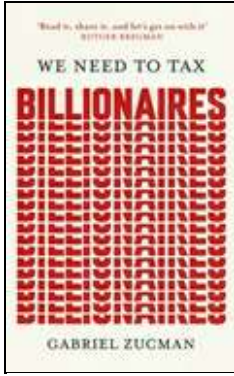
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Format	<b>A Format</b>
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## We Need to Tax Billionaires

**Gabriel Zucman**

### Keynote

**A bold, accessible pamphlet on the global wealth-tax movement that is shaking up capitalism, from one of the most influential economists in the world.**

### Description

**The solution to inequality that is at the vanguard of the new political debate.**

While ordinary citizens pay around half of their income in tax, billionaires pay often close to zero income tax - because they earn almost all their income through companies. The solution is the 2% "Zucman tax": a minimum tax on the ultra-rich themselves, advocated by economist and global expert on the taxation of wealth Gabriel Zucman. We need to tax billionaires, and this game-changing book shows us why now is the moment.

### Sales Points

- **CLASSIC CONVERSATION STARTERS:** Bought as part of a two-book deal, these are books for a world exhausted by with the failures of globalisation and its nationalist backlash. What's the fix?
- **A RADICAL SOLUTION:** Zucman calls for entirely new global institutions to combine the power of nations to rebalance globalisation around equality, democracy, and planetary sustainability. The rich must pay, and here's how we'll make them.
- **INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED THINKER:** Gabriel Zucman is the architect of the global wealth-tax movement. His 2% model for taxing multinational firms and billionaires anywhere (AKA The Zucman Tax) is shaking up capitalism. France officially has 'Zucmania'.
- **STIRRING REAL CHANGE:** France's richest man Bernard Arnault hates it. They are debating whether to roll it out in California which is why Peter Thiel hates it. Musk hates it and says he'll move to Texas. Jensen Huang thinks it's ok. Gary Stevenson loves it. There's a proper conversation to be had about it in a British context - and this book can be the trigger.
- **HUGE INTERNATIONAL SALES:** The book has already sold 60,000 copies in France, and is being published in 9 territories, including the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Germany, Korea, Denmark, Portugal, Türkiye and Brazil, with more offers pending or under option in Greece and Japan.

### Reviews

- 'This is economics at its most useful. Read it, share it, and let's get on with it' - Rutger Bregman, bestselling author of MORAL AMBITION

### Author Biography

Gabriel Zucman is a professor at the École normale supérieure - PSL and director of the European Tax Observatory at the Paris School of Economics. His research focuses on the accumulation, distribution, and taxation of wealth and has renewed the economic analysis of globalization. In 2023, he received the John Bates Clark Medal from the American Economic Association.

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## Summer of Fire and Blood The German Peasants' War

Lyndal Roper

### Keynote

**A definitive history of the German Peasants' War, the greatest popular uprising in Western Europe before the French Revolution, by award-winning historian Lyndal Roper.**

### Description

**The definitive history of the sixteenth-century uprising that revolutionized Europe.**

The German Peasants' War was the greatest popular uprising in Western Europe before the French Revolution. In 1524 and 1525, it swept across Germany with astonishing speed as thousands of people massed in armed bands to demand a new and more egalitarian order. The peasants took control of vast areas of southern and middle Germany, torching and plundering the monasteries, convents, and castles that stood in their way. But they would prove no match for the forces of the lords, who put down the revolt by slaying somewhere between seventy and a hundred thousand peasants in just over two months.

In *Summer of Fire and Blood*, the first history of the German Peasants' War in a generation, leading historian Lyndal Roper uncovers the far-reaching ramifications of this doomed rebellion. Though the victors portrayed the uprising as naive and chaotic, Roper's deeply researched account reveals instead a coherent mass movement inspired by the radical principles of the Protestant Reformation. Told through the voices of and beliefs of the people themselves, this is the thrilling, tragic story of the peasants' fight to change the world.

### Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** The first history of the German Peasants' War for over thirty years, this book tells the story of a massive uprising that developed a theology of freedom, and that saw creation as God's gift to all men, not just the few. Their fight for freedom and for the shared use of the earth's resources has much to teach us - and to inspire us - today.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Roper is a multi-award winning historian, and the first woman to hold the Regius Chair in History at the University of Oxford. She is a valuable addition to the Basic Books history list.
- **PUBLICITY:** Roper is a well-connected academic, and the Gerda Henkel Foundation, Leverhulme Trust and British Academy sponsored research on this book.

### Reviews

- 'I knew very little about the history told here. Extremely well told. It's great for history fans.' - David Hockney
- 'An extraordinary and brilliant book. In Lyndal Roper's evocatively beautiful, crystal-clear prose, the complex landscapes of early sixteenth-century Germany - physical, psychological, spiritual, social and political - unfold before our eyes. She shows us the dreams and deeds that shaped the Peasants' War, the greatest popular revolt in western Europe before the French Revolution, and the ways in which that war shaped the future that followed. This is a profound account of an attempt to change the world, a sensational narrative that is both human and humane, illuminating, resonant and unsettling' - Helen Castor, author of SHE-WOLVES
- 'A riveting account of a seismic event in German history which conveys a real sense of why so many ordinary people thought they could change the world. Lyndal Roper writes beautifully and displays a compassionate understanding for the protagonists on both sides of this complex and bloody struggle' - Peter Wilson, author of THE THIRTY YEARS WAR
- 'Beautifully and sensitively written, *Summer of Fire and Blood* tells the forgotten trauma of the 16th century - when thousands of ordinary people risked all they had in the hope of ushering in a new world. It takes the stories of our unlettered, peasant ancestors from the sidelines of history and, recentring them, restores their full humanity. And it warns us that the questions they posed are the very urgent questions that confront us again now' - Suzannah Lipscomb, author of WHAT IS HISTORY, NOW?

### Author Biography

Lyndal Roper is Regius Professor of History at the University of Oxford. Her previous books include *Martin Luther* and *Witch Craze*. She is a fellow of the British Academy, a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, and a fellow of the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften. She lives in Oxford, South Wales, and Berlin.

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Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Demy</b>
Extent	<b>544 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>x28 B&amp;W images</b>
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Author living in	<b>Brecon, Wales</b>

### Previous Titles

Living I was Your Plague: Martin Luther's World and Legacy, Princeton UP 2021; Lebend war ich Deine Plage, 2021; Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet, Random House, 2016 (592 pp); Der Mensch Martin Luther, Fischer 2016; Der feiste Doktor, Luther, sein Körper und seine Biographien, Wallstein Verlag, 2012, 2nd edn 2016 (short pamphlet, about 40 pp); The Witch in the Western Imagination, 250 pp, University of Virginia Press, 2012; Witch Craze, Yale, 2004, 362 pp; paperback 2006, (German translation, C.H.Beck 2007; also published in Simplified Chinese); Oedipus and the Devil: Witchcraft, Sexuality and Religion in Early Modern Europe, Routledge 1994.264 pp (hardback and paperback; reprinted 1995); (Ödipus und der Teufel. Körper und Psyche in der Frühen Neuzeit, Fischer Verlag, Frankfurt 1995, paperback). (Parts of the Introduction have been anthologized.); The Holy Household: Women and Morals in Reformation Augsburg, Oxford University Press, 1989, 296 pp (Paperback, 1991; reprinted 1993); Das fromme Haus. Frauen und Moral in der Reformation Campus Verlag, Frankfurt 1995.)

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Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
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#### Previous Titles

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## Burn This Letter

### Love and Trouble in a Marriage of Four

#### Susan Pedersen

#### Keynote

The secret history of an aristocratic Edwardian husband swap - inside the family of the Prime Minister Arthur Balfour - set against a vivid backdrop of seances, politics and the birth of the supposed new Messiah. The long-awaited new book from prize-winning historian Susan Pedersen.

#### Description

**'BURN THIS!' Why did so many letters between Lady Frances and Lady Betty Balfour begin this way? What did they have to hide?**

Alike in so many ways - political, passionate, argumentative and deeply intelligent. It's no surprise that once Frances and Betty became sisters-in-law, they became close friends. There was just one problem. Frances was in love with Betty's husband. Their unconventional solution they found was an 'experiment in living', a ménage à quatre. Setting up homes on the same street, they shared everything: money, meals, governesses, and husbands.

When Susan Pedersen discovered their amazing cache of letters, she was spellbound.

**'We tend to see elite women of this era romantically - we wonder whom they will marry and track that marriage plot - but we don't always follow them into their marriages, as they struggle to live consequential lives. Marriage isn't the end of women's lives. It can be, as it was for Frances and Betty, the catalyst to political activism.'**

Her book follows their extraordinary friendship as both women seized every freedom afforded to them by the changing times, leaving their drawing rooms for the streets and the soapbox, joining the fight for the women's vote.

This is the untold story of two women - radicals, rivals, sisters - who carved a path together through an elite male world, sharing their ideals, their heartbreaks, and most of all, their secrets.

#### Sales Points

- **MÉNAGE À QUATRE:** An unforgettable view into the private loves and loves of the Edwardian Prime Minister's family.
- **A MUST-READ FOR HISTORY-LOVERS,** from *The Rest is History* to *Downton Abbey*, tapping into our perennial fascination with the unexpected behaviour of the upper classes
- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Susan Pedersen is Gouverneur Morris Professor of British History at Columbia University, and winner of history's biggest prize, the Cundhill Prize for her last book. This is her passion project.
- **UNMISSABLE PR CAMPAIGN:** Blanket review coverage and quotes from Peter Frankopan, Hallie Rubenhold and Caroline Criado Perez expected.
- **ANOTHER POTENTIAL PRIZE-WINNER FOR SUSAN PEDERSEN**

#### Reviews

- 'Praise for THE GUARDIANS' - :
- 'The first **indispensable** book written on a critical subject in fifty years! Far-minded, hard-hitting and readable. *The Guardians* is **magnificent**, telling a complex yet compelling story' - *Wall Street Journal*
- '**Richly detailed and genuinely revelatory**' - *Guardian*

#### Author Biography

Raised in Japan to Canadian missionary parents, Susan Pedersen was surprised to become a professor at Harvard and then Columbia universities, teaching British, European and international history. Her books have sought to explain how welfare states shape families, how international organizations handle empires, and how women come to challenge political inequality and domestic subjection. Her children now grown, she divides her time between London and New York. She writes regularly for the *London Review of Books* and is the author of several acclaimed books. Her most recent book *The Guardians* was awarded the 2015 Cundill Prize for Historical Literature.

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## A Queen Crowned in Flames

**Hazel McBride**

### Keynote

The rightful queen and her fire-breathing dragon must fight against corruption and overcome the betrayal of the man she loved in the searing conclusion to the Celtic-inspired fantasy romance duology that began with *A Fate Forged in Fire*.

### Description

**The rightful queen and her fire-breathing dragon must fight against corruption and overcome the betrayal of the man she loved in the searing conclusion to the Celtic-inspired fantasy romance duology that began with *A Fate Forged in Fire*.**

Aemyra Daercathian is a queen on the run. Having failed to take Àird Lasair and betrayed by her husband-whom she grew to trust and 'and was beginning to fall for during her time in captivity-Aemyra is forced to retreat with a raging desire for revenge. But before she can settle the score and fulfill a sacred promise to kill Fiorean, her forces must rest and replenish their strength.

No one can know the truth.

Even though Aemyra has a fierce dragon and a large army of elemental wielders called Dùileach standing behind her, she has lost what's most important to her-her fire magic. Haunted by her love for her enemy, and unsure if she is even goddess-blessed anymore, Aemyra vows to do right by her people. Even if that means she must make a new kind of alliance, one that could mean winning back her kingdom. At a cost to her heart...

From the ashes, Aemyra must emerge a new kind of queen, but will she be the dawn for her people or the fire that burns everything to the ground?

### Sales Points

- **INTERNATIONAL APPEAL:** This was a competitive three-way auction in the UK and received an early six-figure preempt in Germany. It's currently making the rounds in US to much enthusiasm.
- **A NEW MARKET FOR RENEGADE:** This is such a great fit for Renegade, especially as we break into the fantasy genre: the authorship is wonderful and the story is immediately engaging and wholly original. This would introduce us to a ton of new, varied readers in the fantasy space, which is a loyal and engaged audience
- **CLEAR ROUTE TO MARKET:** There is already a defined audience in this space - it is sure to be a hit with the trade, and we'd design a bespoke campaign to activate support from across the market and ensure this book is everywhere on release. We'd also take a two-pronged approach with TikTok, which could be hugely supportive because of Hazel's existing audience and work on the platform.
- **ENGAGED AUTHOR:** Hazel has over 56k followers on tiktok, 13k followers on instagram, and over 340k hits on her work on the popular fanfiction site, AO3. She's an active booktoker with strong connections in the fantasy space and she's been attending fantasy conventions with other booktokers and readers. She's an excited and engaged author who already has a detailed social media strategy for her own platforms to promote her book, so we can work closely with her to reach the broadest online audience possible.

### Author Biography

Hazel McBride is a Scottish author currently living in The Netherlands. After gaining her BSc in Psychology at the University of Glasgow, she moved to the Dominican Republic. Switching the laid-back Caribbean for the sun-drenched Canary Islands a year later, she then moved to the South of France and is now fluent in three languages. She is a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and having diverse and queer characters feature prominently in her novels is hugely important to her.

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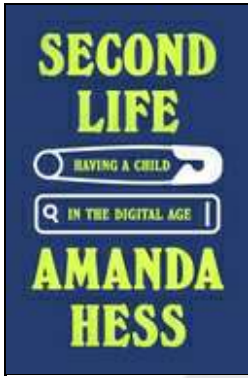
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## Second Life 'Unexpected, funny, beautiful' Claire Dederer, author of *Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma*

**Amanda Hess**

### Keynote

A moving, wry and thought-provoking memoir about having a baby with a rare genetic disorder - and how the internet has changed everything

### Description

**'Acutely empathetic, thoroughly researched, funny, irreverent and moving' *Observer***

**'What a book!' Marianne Levy, author of *Don't Forget to Scream***  
**'I loved it' Lucy Jones, author of *Matrescence***

In *Second Life*, Hess tells her deeply personal story of a pregnancy that falls outside the fêted category of 'normal'. But this is also a story about all of us. For as she made her way through a bizarre digital world of pregnancy apps, prenatal genetic tests, gender reveal videos, rare disease Facebook groups, 'freebirth' influencers and hospital reality shows, Hess realised that ideas of eugenics, surveillance, ableism and hyper-individualism are being sold through shiny technologies to a new generation of parents.

### Sales Points

- **A BRILLIANTLY TALENTED AUTHOR:** Amanda Hess has 58k followers on X, has won awards for her journalism and is known for her witty voice and perceptive insights
- **MOVING PERSONAL MEMOIR:** Amanda writes with heartbreaking clarity and honesty about the experience of her son being diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder while in utero
- **THOUGHT-PROVOKING, MIND-ENHANCING INSIGHTS:** Amanda's exploration of how capitalism and technology are transforming some of our most essentially human experiences will appeal to fans of Jia Tolentino's *Trick Mirror*; Naomi Klein's *Doppelganger*
- **ENTERTAINING AND EYE-OPENING REPORTAGE:** Amanda's dispatches from the whackier fringes of the parenthood culture wars will appeal to fans of Jon Ronson or Marcel Theroux

### Reviews

- 'Acutely empathetic, funny, irreverent and moving' - *Observer*
- 'Second Life is not only a book for parents; it's for anyone intrigued (and concerned) by the ways in which our digital footprints impact the circle of life itself' - *Elle*
- 'Interrogates new lands of contemporary parenthood with nuance, curiosity, smarts and heart' - Lucy Jones, author of *Matrescence*
- 'Captures the anxiety and weirdness of reproduction in our modern screen-based, app-oriented culture. Insightful ... very funny' - *Wall Street Journal*

### Author Biography

Amanda Hess is a critic at large for the *New York Times*. Her writing has received multiple awards, including a National Magazine Award for Public Interest (for her *Pacific Standard* article about online harrasment of women), a Sidney Award for an outstanding piece of socially-conscious journalism, a Mirror Award for best traditional article on the media industry, and a Newswomen's Club Front Page Award for criticism.

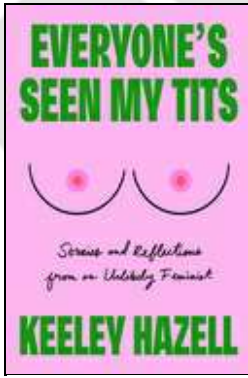
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## Everyone's Seen My Tits Stories and Reflections from an Unlikely Feminist

Keeley Hazell

### Keynote

A powerful, funny, high-spirited, coming-of-age memoir and manifesto.

### Description

A moving, genuine, and hilarious collection of essays about fame, glamour, infamy, and the power of writing your own story, from Page 3 model turned writer Keeley Hazell.

For much of her life, Keeley Hazell has been labelled and pigeonholed. Growing up in a poor working-class family made her a certain kind of person (the kind who scrounged for chicken and chips money and once set a car on fire). Becoming a topless model after winning the *Sun* newspaper's 'Page 3 Idol' competition made her a certain kind of person (one with big boobs and few thoughts, to hear anyone else tell it). And as glittery as being one of the UK's most successful glamour models may seem, Keeley's fairytale success quickly turned into a nightmare. After becoming a victim of revenge porn and a particularly disastrous interview with a high brow British newspaper, Keeley began re-examining her life. She learned about feminism, objectification, and systemic misogyny on a wonderful journey of personal growth, and with a flick of her hair, quit modelling, walked away from a fat pay check, and moved thousands of miles away from everything she had come to know. Reinventing herself as an actress and writer, she starred in award-winning short films, as well as horrors, dramas, and comedies before facing her most challenging job on the massive hit series *Ted Lasso* - rewriting what it means to be Keeley both on-screen and in real life.

*Everyone's Seen My Tits* is a powerful, funny, high spirited essay collection. From growing up on a council estate and her tumultuous relationship with fame to overcoming adversity, finding feminism, and finding herself, these essays chronicle one woman's coming-of-age and coming into herself. A personal journey with universal appeal as girls worldwide continue to battle how they are perceived, who they really are, and what they can be.

### Sales Points

- Keeley has a strong social following with 217K followers on Instagram and 35K on Twitter
- With the success of titles such as Emily Ratajkowski's *Body* and Jennette McCurdy's *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, there's a proven appetite for feminist coming-of-age memoirs.
- Hazell is a staff writer for the critically acclaimed TV show, *Ted Lasso* (she also acts on the show).

### Author Biography

**Keeley Hazell** began her career as a model before transitioning into acting and writing. She studied at the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute and has appeared in films including *Horrible Bosses 2* and *Like Crazy*, as well as the television series *The Royals*. She was a writer and actress on Apple TV+'s award-winning series *Ted Lasso*, where the character Keeley is named and based on her. *Everyone's Seen My Tits* is her first book.

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Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
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Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA Publisher</b>
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2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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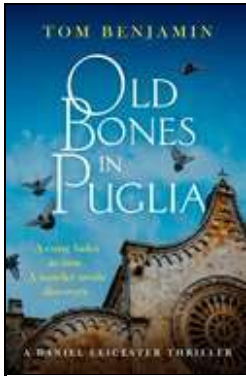
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## Old Bones in Puglia

### A thrilling detective novel set in the stunning wilds of Italy

Tom Benjamin

#### Keynote

The seventh atmospheric crime thriller in the Daniel Leicester series, set in the historic Italian city of Puglia. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin and Philip Gwynne Jones.

#### Description

***A curse bides its time. Murder awaits discovery.***

English detective and Bologna resident Daniel Leicester has been summoned by a dying relative to the wildest corner of Puglia, home to revered saints, fearsome mafia clans, hidden catacombs and sinister ceremonies.

As Daniel discovers that his Italian family's history runs deep in the veins of Puglia, old grudges resurface and life is breathed into ancient superstitions. He is enchanted by the mysteries of the region and joins a search for stolen antiquities, but when a contact is gruesomely murdered by mobsters, it's clear that mafia rule is more powerful than local mysticism.

Lured by magic but trapped by the mob, Daniel finds himself unable to return to his beloved Bologna. His family is bound to Puglia more tightly than he ever imagined, and powerful people want answers he can't give. And when Daniel's daughter is snatched during a Holy Week procession, he sees first-hand just how far they're prepared to go . . .

**Discover Puglia's bewitching Gargano region with the seventh Daniel Leicester mystery, the most propulsive yet.**

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**Praise for Book 6 in the Daniel Leicester series, *The Bologna Vendetta*:**

**'A galloping and topical read'** - *The Florentine*

**'Evocative, easy to read, and immersive... Old and new mysteries come together in a satisfying, and moving finale. Highly recommended.'** - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□

**'There's plenty of Bologna, lots of mystery and conspiracy, and even some heartbreak via Daniel's past. Highly recommended!'** - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□

**'I have read all this series and loved every single one... I really didn't want to put it down and read it in only a couple of days'** - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□

**'A real treat. One of the few series that I've read throughout and this is the best of the lot. Beautifully drawn characters, a wonderful evocation of Bologna, a twisty plot and a genuinely moving and clever callback to an earlier event. Oozes class.'** - Trevor Wood, author of the *DCI Jack Parker* series

**'This brilliant series is consistently unmissable and *The Bologna Vendetta* is no exception; intriguing, intelligent and thoroughly compelling, it's the best yet!'** - Karen Cole, *Hair Past Freckle* book review blog

#### Sales Points

- This is upmarket, intelligent crime fiction for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin and Philip Gwynne Jones.
- In the tradition of crime novels set in beautiful European city locations.
- Sharp, intelligent crime writing with a vivid, exotic setting. This is a holiday in a book, transporting you to the beautiful city of Puglia.
- The author lives in Bologna and writes about the city and Italian culture like an expert.

#### Author Biography

**Tom Benjamin** grew up in the suburbs of north London and began his working life as a journalist before becoming a spokesman for Scotland Yard. He later moved into public health, where he developed Britain's first national campaign against alcohol abuse, Know Your Limits, and led drugs awareness programme FRANK. He now lives in Bologna.

*A Quiet Death in Italy* is the first novel in his Daniel Leicester crime series.

Find Tom on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at [tombenjaminsays](https://www.tombenjaminsays.com).

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>80000 words</b>
Series	<b>Daniel Leicester</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

Book locale	<b>Puglia, Italy</b>
Author born in	<b>London, UK</b>
Author living in	<b>Bologna, Italy</b>

#### Previous Titles

The Daniel Leicester series:

1. *A Quiet Death in Italy*
2. *The Hunting Season*
3. *Requiem in La Rossa*
4. *Italian Rules*
5. *Last Testament in Bologna*
6. *The Bologna Vendetta*

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Bill Goodall Ltd</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Bill Goodall Ltd</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Bill Goodall Ltd</b>
Translation	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
US	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>



## Our Secrets Are The Same Friendship & Fame at the Heart of Simple Minds

Jim Kerr, Charlie Burchill & Graeme Thomson

### Keynote

The long-awaited memoir by Simple Minds frontman, Jim Kerr, and his consigliere, Charlie Burchill.

### Description

**A ROUGH TRADE AND UNCUT BOOK OF THE YEAR 2025**

'Brilliantly entertaining' *MOJO*

'A rollercoaster tale' *Classic Pop*

'Endlessly vivid' *i Paper*

'A beautifully candid bromance . . . the shared vision and the strength of their bond is palpable on every page of a book that even casual fans should devour' *Record Collector*

'A bruised but brilliant story' *God Is in the TV*

'Burchill and Kerr take it in turns to tell the story of the band and the story of their friendship. The result feels very Simple Minds, full of ambition, steeliness and proper humour' *Herald, Music Books of the Year 2025*

**The long-awaited memoir from Simple Minds' founder members and lifelong collaborators, Jim Kerr and Charlie Burchill**

A candid, moving and kinetic story of self-realisation through the power of music, *Our Secrets Are The Same* is the remarkable joint memoir by Simple Minds' founder members, Jim Kerr and Charlie Burchill. It not only reveals the inner workings of one of the most innovative and successful British bands of the past half-century, but the deeply personal tale of an extraordinary friendship which powered teenage dreams into visionary action.

Exploring key songs, places, years and events in the Simple Minds story, and told in the distinct voices of both men, *Our Secrets Are The Same* explores a bond which has encompassed stratospheric highs and humbling lows, marriages and divorces, fatherhood, fickle fame, tricky inter-band dynamics, the occasional explosive bust up, and a ruthless streak to rival the Sicilian Mafia.

Their connection is grounded in shared experiences and a set of values and codes so deeply ingrained they don't need to be spoken. For *Our Secrets Are The Same* is not just the story of two rock stars, but of two sons, brothers, partners and parents who have never forgotten where they come from. Two men who have remained deeply bonded to their roots and each other, while fulfilling a teenage dream to form a world-class live band and take their music around the globe.

Fascinating and funny, evocative and inspiring, this unforgettable memoir captures a unique journey through life and music, and a friendship like no other.

### Sales Points

- Simple Minds have had five UK number one albums, sold over 60 million records and continue to record hit albums and play to huge audiences worldwide.
- They have a huge social following (below).

Twitter: 40.6K  
Insta: 119K  
Facebook: 910K

Spotify: 9M monthly listeners  
Spotify: 1.8M followers

- A Paramount+ documentary on the band is imminent, followed by a world tour in 2024.
- Collaborating with Graeme Thomson, author of the acclaimed *Themes for Great Cities*, the recent history of the band's early years which has continued the process of re-establishing Simple Minds critical status as shape-shifting pioneers, Jim and Charlie cover terrain familiar to readers of works such as *Just Kids* (Patti Smith) and *Mayflies* (Andrew O'Hagan).

### Author Biography

Jim Kerr and Charlie Burchill formed Simple Minds in 1977 and have been the band's only original members and core songwriters throughout its 46-year history. One of the biggest,

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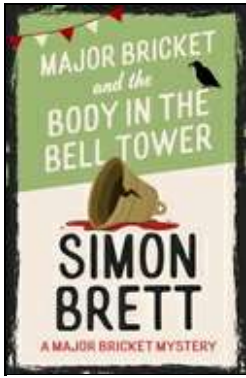
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Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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most influential, eclectic and pioneering groups of the past half century, Simple Minds emerged from Glasgow's post-punk scene, transitioning from restless art-rockers to electro futurists and passionate pop contenders before becoming, finally, a global rock behemoth. Their critically acclaimed run of records between 1979 and 1985 are cited as a key influences by artists as diverse as Primal Scream, Mogwai, Manic Street Preachers, Moby, Peter Gabriel, Horrors and Chvrches. Their numerous global hits include 'Alive And Kicking', 'Promised You A Miracle', 'Waterfront', '(Don't You) Forget About Me', 'Belfast Child', 'Sanctify Yourself', 'She's A River' and 'Let There Be Love'.

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>70000 words</b>
Series	<b>The Major Bricket Mysteries</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Book locale	<b>Suffolk</b>
Author living in	<b>Arundel, West Sussex</b>

#### Previous Titles

##### Major Bricket series:

Major Bricket and the Circus Corpse (2025)

##### Blotto and Twinks series:

Blotto, Twinks and the Phantom Skiers (2024)  
and many more

**Mrs Pargeter series** (published by Severn House):  
Mrs Pargeter's Patio (2023)  
and many more

##### Fethering series

(published by Severn House):  
Death in the Dressing Room (2025)  
and many more

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Coombs Moylett Maclean Literary</b>

## Major Bricket and the Body in the Bell Tower A cosy crime mystery set in an English village

**Simon Brett**

#### Keynote

**The second mystery in the Major Bricket crime series - a new cosy mystery series set in a colourful Suffolk village, by award-winning crime writer Simon Brett, OBE.**

#### Description

**'Few crime writers are so enchantingly gifted'** *Sunday Times*

**'One of British crime's most assured craftsmen . . . Crime writing just like in the good old days, and perfect entertainment'** *Guardian*

For Major Bricket, attending church in his village of Stunston Peveril in Suffolk is a good way to keep up with the village gossip. Having only recently retired from a career where he was privy to many international secrets, the Major likes to stay in the know.

Events take a turn one Sunday though when, after the morning service, Major Bricket notices the door to the bell tower open... and finds a body at the bottom of the stairs.

The dead man is dressed in a suit and dog collar. But who is he? And could someone in Stunston Peveril have killed him?

Perhaps predictably, most of the village residents seem more concerned with the Parish Council flower arranging rota than the mysterious corpse.

Major Bricket will have to rely on his long-nurtured detection skills, and his trusted friends Nga Luong and Rod, to solve the case.

**A new cosy mystery series featuring a not-so-amateur sleuth in a peaceful English village with an alarmingly high death rate! Perfect for fans of Richard Osmand, Janice Hallett, Robert Thorogood and M. C. Beaton.**

Praise for Simon Brett:

'Murder most enjoyable' **Colin Dexter**

'A delightful, thoroughly English whodunnit' **Daily Mail**

'Like a little malice in your mysteries? Some cynicism in your cozies? Simon Brett is happy to oblige' **New York Times**

'A new Simon Brett novel is an event for mystery fans!' **P.D. James**

'Simon Brett writes stunning detective stories. I would recommend them to anyone' **Jilly Cooper**

'The wittiest around' **Antonia Fraser**

#### Sales Points

- **AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Simon Brett is one of the world's favourite crime writers and has been praised by everyone from Colin Dexter to Jilly Cooper. He was awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger in 2014, and in 2016 was made an OBE for Services to Literature. He is the author of multiple classic crime series: Fethering, Mrs Pargeter, Blotto and Twinks, and Charles Paris.
- **A FRESH CRIME SERIES:** This is the second novel in a new cosy crime series from hysterically entertaining Simon Brett. It introduces readers to not-so-amateur sleuth Major Bricket - a retired man with a mysterious past in the British Government - and the eccentric cast of characters in the village of Stunston Peveril in Suffolk where he lives - another peaceful English village with an alarmingly high death rate!
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Richard Osmand, Janice Hallett, Robert Thorogood, Ian Moore and M. C. Beaton.

#### Reviews

- 'Praise for Simon Brett'
- **'Few crime writers are so enchantingly gifted'** - *Sunday Times*
- **'One of British crime's most assured craftsmen . . . Crime writing just like in the good old days,**

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• *and perfect entertainment' - Guardian*  
*'Murder most Enjoyable' - Corn & Dexter*

### Author Biography

SIMON BRETT is the author of over one hundred books, many of them crime novels, including the Charles Paris, Mrs Pargeter and Fethering series. Educated at Dulwich College and Wadham College, Oxford, Simon was chairman of the Crime Writers Association from 1986 to 1987 and of the Society of Authors from 1995 to 1997. He was also President of the Detection Club and was awarded the 2014 CWA Diamond Dagger. In 2016 he was awarded an OBE for services to literature. He lives near Arundel in West Sussex and is married with three grown-up children and six grandchildren.

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Book locale	<b>New Orleans</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Boston, Massachusetts, USA</b>

#### Publishing History

Published in the USA in 2024 by Zando. Distributed in the UK in ebook and paperback formats only by Zando prior to Constable's acquisition.

#### Previous Titles

##### Dr. Wren Muller series:

1. *The Butcher and the Wren* (PRH, 2022)

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (UK) Limited</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (UK) Limited</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (UK) Limited</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (UK) Limited</b>
Translation	<b>William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (UK) Limited</b>

## The Butcher Game

**The No. 1 New York Times bestselling serial killer thriller from the co-host of true crime podcast MORBID**

**Alaina Urquhart**

#### Keynote

**Instant *New York Times* #1 bestseller! The second instalment of the gripping Dr. Wren Muller series from the co-host of the MORBID true crime podcast, told from the duelling perspectives of a notorious serial killer and a forensic pathologist seeking justice.**

#### Description

**'WOWZA!!!! Dark, gripping, tense, pulse pounding and hard to put down . . . a fantastic page turner!' - Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□**

**No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller! The second instalment of the Dr. Wren Muller series by co-host of chart-topping true crime podcast *Morbid*.**

Destruction follows the ruthless serial killer, **Jeremy Rose**, the Bayou Butcher, as he heads north to evade capture for his horrific crimes. As he seeks safe harbor with a former friend, he remains focused on unfinished business with forensic pathologist **Dr. Wren Muller**, the only target who's ever escaped him-twice. But not this time. He's determined to make Wren suffer, and he's promised to make her play by his own twisted rules.

Still in shock over the harrowing encounter with her old nemesis, Wren is on forced medical leave in New Orleans, attempting to mend the deep scars of her traumatic past. But with growing evidence that Jeremy is leaving a fresh trail of mutilated victims across Massachusetts, Wren realizes the best way to heal is to renew her pursuit of this vicious killer. She sets her sights on Jeremy, only to discover that she may have walked directly into his trap. As their twisted cat-and-mouse game ratchets up to a violent clash of good versus evil, Wren prepares to sacrifice everything to bring Jeremy to justice.

#### Readers, writers and reviewers love the Dr. Wren Muller series!

**'OMG love this book and the book before and CANT WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'Hooked, completely and utterly. Never expected half the twists and turns!!!' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'Binge read the whole book today . . . The rapid acceleration of where it started with Jeremy to where it takes you and leaves you stunned, absolute perfection!!!! 100/100 recommend!' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'ALAINNAAAAAAA. Girl. I tell everyone I know about this book and I have no regrets' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'10/10 page turner . . . OMG I couldn't put it down' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'Amazing twists. Unputdownable' — Samantha Downing, author of *My Lovely Wife***

**'CAPTIVATING. The reader might want to shut their eyes, but the joust between the killer and the pathologist makes that impossible' — *Daily Mail***

**'Alaina Urquhart has set a new benchmark for the serial killer novel' — Margot Douaihy, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Scorched Grace* and *Blessed Water***

**'If you like Patricia Cornwell and have watched *Dexter* with undisguised glee (and a sped-up heart rate), this one is for you' - *Belfast Telegraph***

#### Sales Points

- **BESTSELLER:** Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller and sequel to bestselling *The Butcher and the Wren* (PRH, 2023)
- **MORBID PODCAST:** Alaina Urquhart is the host and creator of *Morbid*, ranked #128 in the UK for all podcasts (#10 in US) and #10 in UK for true crime podcasts. *Morbid* is a true crime podcast where former autopsy technician Alaina and her niece, Ash Kell, discuss the cases that haunt and intrigue them.

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• **THIS BOOK:** *The Butcher Game* is the perfect serial-killer sequel to the bestselling *The Butcher and the Wren*, taking readers beyond New Orleans and up to Salem, adding a new layer of intrigue to yet more cat-and-mouse games and expertly-crafted chilling scenes to make hearts pound and blood run cold.

### Author Biography

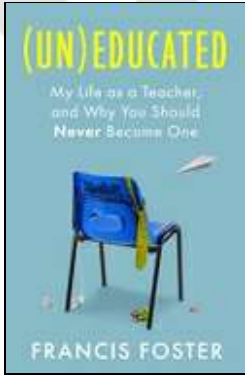
Alaina Urquhart is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel, *The Butcher and the Wren*. As the science-loving host of the *Morbid: A True Crime Podcast* and an autopsy technician by trade, she offers a unique perspective from deep inside the morgue.

Alaina hails from Massachusetts where she lives with her wonderful husband John, their three amazing daughters, her two Hell Hounds named Sidney Prescott and Blanche Devereaux and a ghost Puggle named Bubba. She is about 75% coffee and truly believes she and Agent Clarice Starling could be friends.

Before writing her first psychological horror novel, she received degrees in Criminal Justice, Psychology and Biology. When she isn't hosting *Morbid*, she hosts a podcast called *The ReWatcher* and a horror movie pod called *Scream!*. Her days are usually spent either recording, writing or eviscerating. The way she sees it, when she hangs up her microphone for the day, it's time to let the dead speak.

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## (Un)educated My Life as a Teacher, and Why You Should Never Become One

**Francis Foster**

### Keynote

The brutal and beautiful realities of being a teacher.

### Description

*The class weren't laughing with me, they were laughing at me and there is no lonelier place for a comedian or teacher to be in. The lesson was over and everyone knew it. I looked down and realised that my flies were undone.*

Welcome to teaching.

Welcome to the reality of what it's really like to be a teacher - the pure, unvarnished truth of what it means to stand in front of a group of thirty kids and try and get them to do some work. It's not the inspirational vision you see in government ads; rather it's breaking up fights between warring East End grandmas, figuring out which student defecated in the sink, and dealing with prepubescent sociopaths intent on annihilating lessons week after week.

In brutal, hilarious and gory detail, comedian Francis Foster lifts the lid on the indignities, humiliations, rare triumphs and devastating blows he experienced as a teacher in some of the most notorious schools around the country. But so much more than a teacher's memoir, *(Un)educated* shines a light on the problems in the UK education system in uncompromising fashion, exposing how the most vulnerable children in society are being failed. And if you're not listening? Well, turns out it's not only your own time you're wasting.

### Sales Points

- The author has a strong presence on social media, with over 1 million followers across all platforms for Triggernometry as well as 80K X (Twitter) followers and over 30K Instagram followers on his own personal accounts. He will utilise all to promote the book.
- He is well-connected in the media space, having been on the Joe Rogan podcast numerous times as well as other TV appearances such as GB News.
- He has opened for such comedians as Eddie Izzard, Paul Chowdhry and Jeff Garlin, from which he will ask for an endorsement for the book.

### Author Biography

Francis Foster is a stand-up comedian, teacher and co-host of the smash-hit culture and politics show Triggernometry. In this podcast, that has over 1.2m subscribers, he interviews guests about the important issues that are affecting our culture, including Richard Dawkins, Africa Brooke, Stephen Fry and Neil deGrasse Tyson. He also hosts the podcast Francis Foster Sorts Your Life Out and has a successful Substack. In Francis's career as a stand-up comedian, he's performed across the globe and opened for the likes of Eddie Izzard, Jeff Garlin and Paul Chowdhry, with a lot of his comedy focussing on his 'challenging' years as a teacher. He now lives in Crouch End, 'with all the other media tossers in London'.

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## Death Under the Slovenian Sun

### A thrilling, twisty mystery set on the sparkling Adriatic coast

Georgina Stewart

#### Keynote

**Detective Petra Vidmar is back! This is Georgina Stewart's second twisty, clever mystery set on the breathtakingly beautiful Slovenian coast. Expect more stunning scenery, lovable protagonists, clever twists and of course, a baffling murder. It's the perfect summer holiday read!**

#### Description

**It's high summer in Slovenia. The charming resort town of Portorož is swarming with holidaymakers, and Inšpektorica Petra Vidmar is losing her cool.**

Fresh from her success solving the baffling murder of a beloved colleague, Petra's been enjoying sunshine, ice cream and very little crime in her new home on the stunning Slovenian coast. Life is blissful . . . until a superyacht drifts into the harbour with a body sprawled on deck.

Steffi de Vries was a star on the social media scene, but her glittering career and picture-perfect life were brutally cut short. It seems that among her millions of followers, were many enemies: jealous boyfriends; ambitious rivals; illicit lovers and vengeful business partners. But who took their dislike beyond their phone screen and into real life?

**Petra and her assistant Policist Aleš Koren soon find themselves deep in the world of wealth, glamour, luxury and 'likes'. But not all is as it seems . . . can they prise off the filter of perfection to reveal the murderous truth?**

#### Praise for *Death on the Adriatic*:

**'I thoroughly enjoyed this book... the description of the Slovenian coast made me feel that I was there. Hopefully this is the first in a series as I would love to go again!' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

**'An excellent debut novel from a promising young writer... the setting is wonderful... and best of all, I didn't see the ending coming. I look forward the this novel becoming a series' - Amazon reviewer, □□□□□**

#### Sales Points

- A twisty destination thriller set on the sparkling, escapist Adriatic coastline.
- Perfect for fans of Tom Hindle, Robert Thorogood and Donna Leon.

#### Author Biography

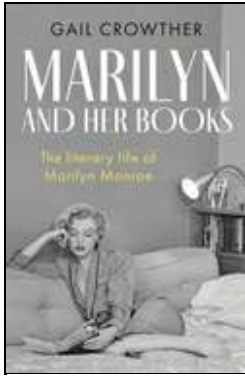
**Georgina Stewart** studied History at the University of Cambridge, specialising in medieval Europe. After resigning from her job, she spent a year living on the Slovenian coast, where she wrote the first draft of what would become *Death on the Adriatic*. She likes ruined castles, baking, and walking in the mountains with her husband.

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Book locale	<b>Portorož, Slovenia</b>
Author born in	<b>England, UK</b>
Author living in	<b>Cambridge, UK and Slovenia</b>

#### Previous Titles

**Inšpektorica Vidmar Mysteries**  
1. *Death on the Adriatic*

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## Marilyn And Her Books The Literary Life of Marilyn Monroe

**Gail Crowther**

### Keynote

**Coinciding with the 100th birthday of Marilyn Monroe, and with the full support of her estate, Gail Crowther examines the bookshelf and literary life of the icon and actress, revealing never-before-seen moments in the star's life.**

### Description

**Timed to the 100th birthday of Marilyn Monroe, and with the full cooperation of the Monroe estate, comes an investigation into the literary life of the iconic actress, from the author of THREE-MARTINI AFTERNOONS AT THE RITZ and DOROTHY PARKER IN HOLLYWOOD.**

Far from the spotlights of the Hollywood film sets and the flashbulbs of the press, Marilyn Monroe was a great reader and lover of books. And her association with writers did not stop at reading their words on the page. She was, of course, briefly married to one of America's best-known playwrights, Arthur Miller, and through him met a number of other writers who moved in his literary world. But she also met authors independently of Miller, many of whom were fans of her films and keen to meet her.

Through her deep research, Crowther delves into Marilyn's personal collection of books, and recounts some of these meetings, like the time Monroe shared an apartment with Shelley Winters in West Hollywood, where they invited and entertained Dylan Thomas and Christopher Isherwood for drinks (probably several drinks) after which Monroe arranged for Thomas to meet his childhood hero, Charlie Chaplin. Or when Life magazine arranged for Monroe to be interviewed by Dame Edith Sitwell at the Sunset Tower Hotel in the hope that Monroe would embarrass herself and Sitwell tear her to shreds. Their hopes were shattered when Sitwell was both charmed and blown away by Monroe's intelligence and they subsequently became friends later meeting in London and New York.

Marilyn And Her Books: The Literary Life of Marilyn Monroe will chart how Monroe, who left high school before graduation, embarked on an impressive and progressive program of self-education hungry for knowledge, and devouring books as an active and engaged reader. Her personal library reflects this enquiring mind. It is therefore fitting that in 1999, many years after her death, the sale of her books raised well over half a million dollars which was donated to Literary Partners, a non-profit organization in New York, dedicated to promoting adult literacy.

In 2026, for her centenary, this book will showcase Marilyn Monroe, the reader. Because at the end of her life, it was not her jewels or her furs, her shoes, or dresses that she cared about. It was her books.

### Sales Points

- **FULL SUPPORT OF THE MONROE ESTATE** - 2026 marks the 100th birthday of Marilyn Monroe, and her estate is planning a series of events, exhibitions, and promotions to celebrate.
- **MARILYN IS EVERGREEN** - The public's fascination with Marilyn Monroe remains large. Her films remain popular, and the American Film Institute ranks her as one of the top ten most important actresses of the twentieth century.
- **A NEW PICTURE OF AN ETERNAL ICON** - While other bestselling works on Marilyn have focused on the dramas of her life, *MARILYN AND HER BOOKS* hopes to give readers a different view of the icon by focusing on her most favorite role: that of a prolific, engaged, and intelligent reader.

### Author Biography

Crowther is a writer, researcher, and academic. She is the author of *Dorothy Parker in Hollywood*, *Three-Martini Afternoons at the Ritz: The Rebellion of Sylvia Plath & Anne Sexton*, *The Haunted Reader & Sylvia Plath*, and the coauthor of *Sylvia Plath in Devon: A Year's Turning and These Ghostly Archives: The Unearthing of Sylvia Plath*. Gail divides her time between the North of England and London. As a feminist vegan, she engages with politics concerning gender, power, and animal rights.

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## Dead Lucky

### A BBC Radio 2 Book Club Pick

#### Connor Hutchinson

#### Keynote

*Dead Lucky* is a debut dark comedy novel about the secrets of addiction alongside the eccentric realities of the funeral industry. A comic rollercoaster of joy and despair, friendship and love, life and death.

#### Description

**A BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB PICK!**  
**Shortlisted for The Gambling Book Awards 2025**  
**Longlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award 2026**

'Moving and shocking, and profoundly poetic' **Mike Leigh, film director**

'Almost unbearably compulsive . . . never less than rhapsodically funny' **Sunday Times**

'A wild ride' **Financial Times**

'Compelling' **Daily Mail**

'It's dark comedy meets toxic masculinity' **The Times**

'[A] sharp debut' **The Independent**

*Think of being on your deathbed and thinking about all them nights where you said no, just 'cause you were a bit short on money. That's not how I wanted to live.*

Jamie Fletcher should be the luckiest man in Manchester. His girlfriend Rebecca is out of his league, he has a best mate and drinking buddy in Trick, and he loves his job at a busy funeral home. Preparing the dead is not something Jamie takes lightly - whether it's choosing the right stockings for his old dinner lady, or playing the local butcher's favourite album to him before cremation.

But beneath his seemingly perfect life, Jamie has been keeping a big secret - one he reveals only to the dead. His gambling addiction has left him in eye-watering debt, and he's running out of ways to keep it hidden.

When Rebecca decides it's time for them to buy their first home together, he knows he has to do something to cover his tracks. Desperate, Jamie does what he knows best - he walks up to the bookies and places the biggest bet of his life.

How far will he go until his luck runs out?

*Tonight could be the night that changes everything. You just never know.*

#### Sales Points

- **A BBC Radio 2 Book Club Pick**  
**Shortlisted for The Gambling Book Awards 2025**  
**Longlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award 2026**
- Connor Hutchinson is an **incredibly well-connected author**. He works in publicity for Pan Macmillan in the UK and has a vast array of press and author contacts. He's great at events, or popping into bookshops.
- **Local interest.** The book is set in Manchester, where the author is from. Connor is well-connected in the city and has a great relationship with the indies, including Serenity Booksellers.
- **Michael Magee's *Close to Home* meets *Uncut Gems*.**

#### Author Biography

Connor Hutchinson is a writer from Manchester. Through the use of dark humour, his work often centres around the themes of masculinity and the working-class areas he was raised. He is also a portrait painter and works in Publicity for Picador, Macmillan.

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## Pig

### 'Unsettled me from the start and kept me engrossed to the end' Daily Mail

**Matilde Pratesi**

#### Keynote

**Shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Award, *Pig* is a razor-sharp, disturbing novel about toxic female friendship and manipulation, unlike any other. We follow Valentina, as she learns to turn her biggest challenge - a lifelong obsession with pigs - into a great strength.**

#### Description

**'I completely pigged out on Matilde Pratesi's compelling debut... utterly addictive' Alice Slater, author of *Death of a Bookseller***

*'Aksai Black Pied, American Yorkshire, Angeln Saddleback...'*

Pigs are Valentina's safe place. When she's feeling overwhelmed, she lists the breeds until her mind becomes quiet again.

Vale struggles to live life without order. Every morning, she reads the note that her flatmate Clara has pinned on the fridge telling her what to wear and what to eat, before leaving for her job at a bookshop.

Sometimes Vale's colleagues invite her to drinks, but she never goes. She knows that Clara wouldn't be happy if Vale socialised with others. As Clara's told her plenty of times - who else would put up with her weird pig facts?

But a chance encounter at the bookshop leads to an exciting opportunity. As Vale steps into the world of other people, Clara tightens her grip: she isn't yet ready to let go of her favourite prey.

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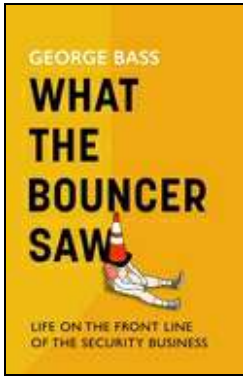
- Shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Prize 2023
- A bookish setting: the story is largely set in a failing indie bookshop in Twickenham, which starts serving overpriced flat whites to survive.
- For fans of Daisy Johnson, Fiona Mozley and *Convenience Store Woman*.

#### Reviews

- 'I completely pigged out on Matilde Pratesi's compelling debut. Exploring obsession, toxicity, and abuse in a bookshop setting, I'm all over *Pig* like a feral hog, and my heart hurts for Vale and her piggies. Written with wit, heart and warmth, Pratesi's approach is fresh, full of character and utterly addictive' - *Alice Slater, author of Death of a Bookseller*
- 'Heartwrenching and uplifting. In *Valentina*, Matilde Pratesi has created a character you will never forget - a shining innocent in the sty of the world' - *Neil DA Stewart, author of Test Kitchen*
- 'Love is a mystery, but friendship could be ever more obscure. In her subtle novel, Pratesi enlightens the dark side of sisterhood.' - *Veronica Raimo, author of Lost on Me*
- 'Toxic female friendships, obsessive compulsive disorders and the many, many varieties of pig, form the surprising central tenet of Pratesi's assured debut, which ultimately proclaims a timely message of the importance of being yourself.' - *Harper's Bazaar, the best novels to read this year*

#### Author Biography

**MATILDE PRATESI** grew up in Italy and moved to London in her early twenties. Since then, she has immersed herself in the city's literary scene, finding her writing community around pub tables, working men's colleges, online courses and the Creative Writing MA at Birkbeck University of London. *Pig* is her debut novel.



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## What The Bouncer Saw

### Life on the Front Line of the Security Business

George Bass

#### Keynote

George is a full-time security worker at a university, on the frontlines of the cost-of-living crisis. WHAT THE BOUNCER SAW is his engaging, relatable, and grounded response to the financial catastrophe many in the service industry are facing.

#### Description

**'Undoubtedly one of the most refreshing and vital books about England I have read in years' AMOL RAJAN**

**'A voice too rarely heard that relates to the hard graft of the everyday' LAURA KUENSSBERG**

George is a full-time campus security guard at a busy university. Working a shift pattern of four days on, four days off to protect the next generation of professionals, George earns just above the minimum wage to provide for his family.

From accidental kitchen fires to mental health crises, George and his team are always the first ones at the scene, working round the clock to keep students safe as they navigate university life. But what is it really like to safeguard the nation's young people?

In this engaging, unique firsthand account, George reveals the dark underbelly of security work and student life, taking us behind the curtain of what it really takes to keep the city safe, while also providing for your family.

**Quietly confrontational and consistently funny, *What The Bouncer Saw* is George's unique, compelling insight into what life is like on the front line of security, and also a response to the financial catastrophe that many in the service industry continue to face.**

#### Sales Points

- George's engaging and relatable style makes this a compelling read that will resonate with many amid the cost of living crisis

#### Reviews

- **'What The Bouncer Saw is undoubtedly one of the most refreshing and vital books about England I have read in years' . . .** George Bass chronicles the lives and livelihoods of millions of people who feel ignored, left behind, patronised or misunderstood. [He] writes as most of this forgotten England speaks, with real clarity, pace, fervour and compassion [...] **An astute observer of our anxious era' - Amol Rajan**
- **'A voice too rarely heard that relates to the hard graft of the everyday' - Laura Kuenssberg**

#### Author Biography

George Bass is a full-time licensed bouncer, campus security guard and self-taught feature writer. When he was twenty-three and working in a solder paste factory, he saved enough cash to buy a laptop of his own. After posting on music forums and writing about albums and films he enjoyed, he sent a pitch to *Total Film* magazine, who commissioned him to write reviews as a freelancer. He has written for the *Guardian*, the *New Scientist* and the *Washington Post*.

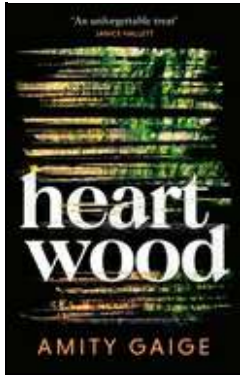
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
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Author living in	<b>Connecticut, United States</b>
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## Heartwood

### 'nearly impossible to put down' Jennifer Egan

### Amity Gaige

#### Keynote

HEARTWOOD is an enthralling literary mystery about a hiker lost in the woods, and the indomitable women who set out to find her, perfect for fans of Rebecca Makkai, Maggie Shipstead and Shelley Read

#### Description

'An unforgettable treat' JANICE HALLETT

'Beautifully written . . . moving and suspenseful' *TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT*

'Gripping . . . each strand adds tension and drama' *GOOD HOUSEKEEPING*

'One of my favourite recent reads' BARBARA KINGSOLVER, *GUARDIAN*

In the heart of the Maine woods, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. She is forty-two-year-old Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping.

At the centre of the search is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who managing the search on the ground. While Beverly is searching, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental.

'Fast-paced and full of grace . . . a memorable meditation on the forms of care' SARAH MOSS

'A powerful story of being lost in the wilderness' *SAINSBURY'S MAGAZINE*

'An absolute must-read' ELIN HILDEBRAND

#### Sales Points

- **US BUZZ:** The US had a strong hardback launch, and the book was a Read with Jenna pick. The paperback publication will amplify this.
- **REVIEW COVERAGE:** Alongside US press, the hardback was reviewed positively in the UK with good coverage.
- **GROWING AUTHOR:** The sales for this book have increased from Amity Gaige's previous book, *SEA WIFE*, leaving us in a good place for the paperback.

#### Author Biography

Amity Gaige is the author of four novels, including *Sea Wife* (Fleet, April 2020). She is the winner of a Fulbright Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship for Fiction. She teaches creative writing at Yale. Her short stories, essays, and book reviews have appeared in publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *Die Welt*, *Harper's Bazaar*, the *Yale Review*, *Slate.com*, *One Story*, *Ploughshares* and elsewhere. She lives with her family in West Hartford, Connecticut.

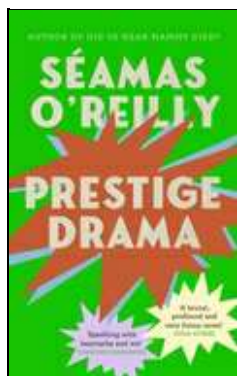
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Extent	<b>192 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>46591 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author born in	<b>Ireland</b>
Author living in	<b>Walthamstow, North London</b>

**Previous Titles**

Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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**Prestige Drama**

**Seamas O'Reilly**

**Keynote**

**The stunning debut novel from bestselling author of *Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?*, perfect for fans of Paul Murray and Roddy Doyle**

**Description**

**'A comedy about tragedy. Séamas O'Reilly has written a brutal, profound, and very funny novel'** NINA STIBBE

**'Sparkling with heartache and wit. I'm in love with every character in this novel'** CAROLINE O'DONOGHUE

**'Prestige Drama is bristlingly funny, richly humane . . . Séamas O'Reilly is a writer with a rare and vital comic gift'** MARK O'CONNELL

Derry is already abuzz with news that famous American actor, Monica Logue, has flown to the city and will be starring in a new series set during the Troubles. And then she goes missing . . .

All eyes are on Diarmuid, the flaky scriptwriter who was the last to see Monica alive. From budding young actors hoping for a role to grieving parent whose story forms the backbone of the narrative; newspaper editors covering the mystery to taxi drivers hearing all the news from their clients, *Prestige Drama* follows the city's cast as they all try to locate themselves in Monica's disappearance.

Séamas O'Reilly's debut novel is a comedy about dramatising tragedy, and the responsibilities of a teller to a tale. It brings to life the voices of a city, the people, families and communities who find themselves obsessed with, and terrified of, interrogating their past.

**'Séamas is one of my favourite living writers. Honestly - there is nobody else who could write a book like this about tragedy, loss and who gets to tell a story, with such deft and moving wit'** EVA WISEMAN

**'Prestige Drama is a hilarious and profound novel. Seamas O'Reilly has an acute ear for the rhythms of real speech, and for the lies we tell ourselves'** ED CAESAR

**Sales Points**

- **BESTSELLING BACKLIST:** *Did Ye Hear Mammy Died*, Séamas' memoir was a bestseller in Ireland and we've sold **over 60k copies across editions** - 18k of those in Ireland, over 10k HB, 14k PB, 13k ebook and 9k audio
- **GREAT AUTHOR PROFILE:** Séamas is an online superstar and well-connected journalist - his profile has only grown since we published *Did Ye Hear Mammy Died*. He has over **90k followers on Twitter**, and a regular parenting column in the *Observer*
- **STRONG CAMPAIGN PLANS:** Publication will be supported by a **bold, creative campaign** with early proofs and support from peer authors: we already have a great quote from Nina Stibbe and Mark Connell, and early heatbound proofs are out with Jo Unwin, Max Porter, Ed Park, John Phipps, Rob Delaney, Michael Magee, Colin Walsh, Jonathan Coe, Annie McManus, Kevin Barry, Kit de Waal, Sirin Kale and Sophie Heawood with plans for more outreach when proofs are in.

**Reviews**

- 'A comedy about tragedy. Séamas O'Reilly has written **a brutal, profound, and very funny novel'** - *Nina Stibbe*
- 'I laughed until I choked, I cried BUCKETS, I have NEVER been so charmed . . . **Seriously, this is a rare and beautiful book'** - Marian Keyes on DID YE HEAR MAMMY DIED?
- **'Exquisite . . . Séamas writes about his childhood and grief with such pathos and wit . . . A gorgeous memoir'** - Pandora Sykes on DID YE HEAR MAMMY DIED?
- **'Did Ye Hear Mammy Died is a delight. Both moving and funny in huge measure'** - Dara O'Briain on DID YE HEAR MAMMY DIED?

**Author Biography**

SÉAMAS O'REILLY is a writer and author who has worked as a columnist for the *Observer*, the *Irish Times* and the *Irish Examiner*. He is Features Editor of London satirical magazine, *The Fence* and his writing has appeared in *The Guardian*, the *New Statesman* and the *New York Times*. His memoir *Did Ye Hear Mammy Died* topped the *Irish Times* Bestseller List for seven weeks, and won Best Biography at the 2021 Irish Book Awards. Séamas currently lives in Walthamstow, London with his family.



## The Last Contract of Isako

### The samurai science fiction epic from the author of Jade City

Fonda Lee

#### Keynote

From World Fantasy Award-winning author Fonda Lee comes a searing science fiction epic in which a battleworn samurai's final mission thrusts her deep into a world of corporate espionage, dark secrets and tarnished honour. There, she will uncover a conspiracy that could upend society on an isolated colony planet.

#### Description

**Get ready to be blown away by this searing standalone science fiction epic where corporate samurai fight beneath merciless stars, and death is always a mere breath away.**

Isako is a legendary swordswoman, but every legend has to come to an end. When her long-time client unexpectedly retires, she plans to follow-to walk out into the frozen wasteland of their planet with her head held high and her family enriched by her legacy. But when a competitor offers her a final mission, it's one she can't refuse. Soon, she's thrust deep into a world of corporate espionage, duty-bound duels, and shadowy secrets. What she uncovers will change humanity's existence in the stars forever.

**The Last Contract of Isako is the sci-fi you didn't know you needed: corporate samurai... in space. This is the first adult science fiction novel from the award-winning author of Jade City.**

#### Sales Points

- Having won the **World Fantasy Award** for her adult debut *Jade City*, Fonda Lee turns her pen to space opera with a science fiction novel based on an utterly irresistible pitch: **CORPORATE SAMURAI IN SPACE**.
- Fonda herself has a black belt in martial arts; we can't wait to read her samurai action scenes, and our cover brief references media like SHOGUN and BLUE-EYED SAMURAI; this is going to be an incredibly zeitgeisty package.
- While fantasy remains dominant, we have noticed trends moving towards adult sci-fi recently - with subscription boxes opening sci-fi boxes, and Orbit readers, bloggers and influencers asking more and more for new sci-fi releases. As a successful fantasy author, Fonda is in a great place to write her first adult sci-fi novel.
- Fonda's Jade series (JADE CITY, JADE WAR, JADE LEGACY) won incredible acclaim and we are reissuing it with new artwork next year. 2025 will be the year of Fonda Lee at Orbit!

#### Reviews

- **'Fonda Lee's stories do not pull their punches.** They resonate with hard hits and fast revelations. At the same time, the bigger picture is always in view, and Lee's stories are firmly in the realm of deeply introspective, fast moving tales that will stay with the reader long after the book is done' - Fran Wilde
- **'OMG. Take my money. I have loved everything Fonda Lee has written and this new book has me salivating'** - Mary Robinette Kowal
- **'Corporate powers, semi-immortal elites, and disgruntled radicals clash over an uncertain future . . . Fonda Lee has once again written a tale full of intrigue, nuanced characters, unexpected surprises, and action that keeps you on the edge of your seat!'** - P. Djèlí Clark, award-winning author of *A Master of Djinn*
- **'A masterclass** in worldbuilding, characterization, and action' - Kate Elliott

#### Author Biography

Fonda Lee is an award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling fantasy and science fiction author. Her modern epic, the Green Bone Saga, has been translated into fifteen languages and named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time. She is also the author of the novella *Untethered Sky* and several young adult novels: *Zeroboxer*, the *Exo* duology, and, cowritten with Shannon Lee, the *Breathmarked* duology. Fonda is a winner of the World Fantasy Award and the Locus Award, as well as a six-time winner of the Aurora Award and a finalist for the Nebula Award and the Hugo Award. A former corporate strategist and black belt martial artist, she hails from Canada and the Pacific Northwest and currently resides in New England.

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JADE WAR	
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Thema 1.6	<b>Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>464 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>100000 words</b>
Series	<b>The Rakada</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Fantasy world</b>
Author born in	<b>Johannesburg, South Africa</b>
Author living in	<b>Vancouver, Canada</b>

#### Previous Titles

*The Girl Who Could Move Sh\*t With Her Mind,*  
*Random Sh\*t Flying Through the Air,*  
*Eye of the Sh\*t Storm,*  
*A Sh\*tload of Crazy Powers*

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Sisters of the Lizard

### A Rakada novel

Jackson Ford

#### Keynote

From Jackson Ford, author of *The Girl Who Could Move Sh\*t With her Mind*, comes a wild, edge-of-your-seat epic fantasy about a group of bone-clad raiders - perfect for fans of *Kings of the Wyld*, *The Grey Bastards* and *The Blade Itself*.

#### Description

**'AWESOME. MASTERFULLY EXECUTED. FREQUENTLY HILARIOUS'** Nicholas Eames, author of *Kings of the Wyld on The Bone Raiders*

**Following *The Bone Raiders* comes the next thrilling new novel set in the world of the Rakada: an edge-of-your-seat, action-packed epic fantasy series, where a wild band of raiders harness the power of gigantic, fire-breathing lizards to defend their homeland.**

All Sayana wanted was to enjoy her life in the rolling grasslands of the Tapestry. After she and her fellow Rakada managed to ride humongous fire-breathing lizards to face down the Great Khan's army, they should have been able to kick back a little for once. Not too much to ask, right?

Instead, the Tapestry is in turmoil - invading armies threaten, the other raider clans are at war, and inside his fortress city of Karkorum, the Khan broods and plots. What's more, the Rakada's giant lizards are getting sick, and they have no idea how to cure them. If they die, there's no telling what might happen to the Tapestry.

But then the Rakada receive a vision - apparently from the gods. A deep emerald pool surrounded by bone-white sands - one that may be able to heal their lizards. With no other option, the raiders set out on an epic quest across the mountains and into the desert.

But the danger that awaits them will be one greater than they've ever faced before. These guys really can't catch a break.

Praise for the Rakada novels:

**'A ton of fun. The premise is awesome, the found-family dynamic is masterfully executed, the dialogue is wicked-sharp and frequently hilarious'** Nicholas Eames, author of *Kings of the Wyld*

**'Ford begins this new series with quirky characters, loads of great action sequences, and his trademark brand of humour'** *Booklist*

**'The Bone Raiders is a relentlessly cheeky, oftentimes unserious, and undisputedly rip-roaring bit of fantasy that can only be written by Jackson Ford. Badass female protagonists, found family, and giant lizards - what more do you need? Add this one to your TBR. I fully guarantee you'll be entertained'** *FanFiAddict*

#### Sales Points

- A wild, edge-of-your-seat epic fantasy about a group of bone-clad raiders who, much to their own surprise, learn to tame giant fire-breathing lizards . . . which will prove very handy in battle. **This is fun, witty, frenetic epic fantasy that really packs a punch.**
- With a fast pace, great sense of humour and brilliant ensemble cast, this is perfect for fans of lively epic fantasy with attitude such as *Kings of the Wyld*, *The Grey Bastards*, *The Blacktongue Thief* and *The Blade Itself*. Also perfect for fans movies like *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves*.
- **Great author sales!** The author's Teagan Frost series, which starts with *THE GIRL WHO COULD MOVE SH\*T WITH HER MIND*, has now sold **over 100,000 copies**
- This is a bold, commercial new direction for this author - **epic fantasy fans are craving exciting new voices** in this area, and **we have a proven track record at Orbit with this kind of fantasy.**

#### Reviews

- **'A ton of fun. The premise is awesome, the found-family dynamic is masterfully executed, the dialogue is wicked-sharp and frequently hilarious'** - *Nick Eames, author of KINGS OF THE WYLD*
- **'THE BONE RAIDERS is a relentlessly cheeky, oftentimes unserious, and undisputedly rip-roaring bit of fantasy** that can only be written by Jackson Ford. **Badass female protagonists, found family, and giant lizards - what more do you need? Add this one to your TBR. I fully guarantee you'll be entertained'** - *FiFanAddict*

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- 'Ford begins this new series with quirky characters, loads of great action sequences, and his trademark brand of humour' - *BOOKLIST*
- 'In the Rakada series launch, Ford (the Frost Files series) crafts a gritty yet buoyant saga of raiders trading their horses for dragons . . . **Amid the relentless action, Ford draws from Mongol history to fully develop his Rakada protagonists, showing their moral quandaries and ethical uneasiness. This is a promising start**' - *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

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### Author Biography

Jackson Ford is a pseudonym for Rob Boffard, a South African writer currently living in Vancouver. He is the author of the critically acclaimed Frost Files series, about a government operative with telekinetic powers. He has released four science fiction novels under the name Rob Boffard, and was previously a journalist for over a decade, writing articles for publications and sites including *The Guardian*, *the BBC*, *Wired Magazine* and *io9*.

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Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>480 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>130000 words</b>
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Book locale	<b>Fantasy world</b>
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Author living in	<b>Dublin</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Hachette Book Group USA</b>
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**Previous Titles**  
LONG LIVE EVIL

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>New Leaf Literary &amp; Media, Inc.</b>
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**All Hail Chaos  
Time of Iron, Book 2**

**Sarah Rees Brennan**

**Keynote**

**All Hail Chaos is Sarah Rees Brennan's wicked, unmissable sequel to the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling Long Live Evil ('delicious, subversive' Leigh Bardugo).**

**Description**

**THE EMPEROR IS HERE. AND SHE MADE HIM WORSE.**

Rae is a fantasy reader who's been transported to her favourite fictional world of swords and sorcery, castles and monsters. Playing the villainess, she thought she could change the narrative, but this version of the plot is far more deadly than the one she knew.

Her friends are on the run: the Cobra shelters in an eerie manor haunted by dark secrets, while Emer and Lia stoke a revolution in the gutters. Undead armies roam the kingdom, raiders camp at the city gates, and the all-powerful Emperor - Rae's favourite character ever, now possibly the greatest monster in the land - wants *her* to be his evil queen.

Romantic in fiction, complicated in reality. What's a villainess to do? Time for wicked bargains and fake engagements, in a fantasy where the most dangerous thing you can do is believe in someone.

**All Hail Chaos is Sarah Rees Brennan's wicked, unmissable sequel to the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling Long Live Evil ('delicious, subversive' Leigh Bardugo).**

**Sales Points**

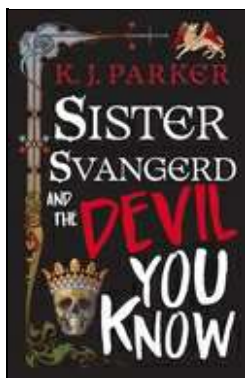
- **SEQUEL TO THE NO. 1 BESTSELLER** *All Hail Chaos* is the much-anticipated sequel to the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and *USA Today* bestseller: *Long Live Evil*. Book 1 was also a Barnes and Noble SFF Book of the Month and a FairyLoot monthly pick.
- **ROMANTIC FANTASY** Perfect for romantasy readers, booktokkers and fanfiction fiends: this is a zeitgeisty epic fantasy where a reader gets transported to the world of her favourite fantasy book: *Long Live Evil* already has a truly dedicated fanbase creating fanart, cosplay and more.
- **A VILLAINOUSLY BEAUTIFUL HARDBACK** *All Hail Chaos* will be another beautifully presented hardback with foil effects and gorgeous art by book 1 artist Syd Mills. This time the art will show 'the Emperor', a reader favourite villain that fans will be crushing on...
- **GREAT PUBLICITY** Sarah Rees Brennan is based in Dublin and travels regularly to the UK; she is a joy at launches, conventions and media events (including a TV appearance for book 1), her book tour for *Long Live Evil* was a big success and there will be more events planned around this second book. Get in touch if you would like to organise one!

**Reviews**

- 'Audacious, and **supremely satisfying**, *Long Live Evil* is the chosen one we've been waiting for. It succeeds as both a brilliant meditation on the pleasures and perils of fiction, and a **sweeping, romantic adventure** in its own right. Get ready to laugh out loud, cry in public, and cheer on the villains as S.R. Brennan smashes through tropes with witty, wild glee in this **delicious, subversive treat of a book**' - Leigh Bardugo, New York Times bestselling author of NINTH HOUSE
- 'Brennan's brilliant *Long Live Evil* harnesses clever banter, delightful turns of phrase, and epic backdrops in the service of exploring the nature of stories and **the freedom that comes with embracing being named a villain - and maybe actually becoming one**. Most of all, it introduces us to Rae, who uses her quick-thinking, loyalty, and ferocity to sidestep (and do the occasional musical number around) doom' - Holly Black, New York Times bestselling author of THE CRUEL PRINCE
- '**Utterly brilliant**. I can't stop thinking about *Long Live Evil*, which has **rocketed to the top of my list of all time favourite fantasy novels**. **Pick this up immediately**, S.R. Brennan will take everything you think you know about fantasy and turn it on its head' - C.S. Pacat, New York Times bestselling author of DARK RISE and CAPTIVE PRINCE
- '**A wild joyride** . . . surprisingly poignant but also made me laugh until people looked at me on the train' - Everina Maxwell, author of WINTER'S ORBIT

**Author Biography**

Sarah Rees Brennan was born in Ireland by the sea. After world travel and surviving stage 4 cancer, she settled there in the shadow of a 300 year old library. Writing young adult fiction, she was a Lodestar, Mythopoeic and World Fantasy finalist, Carnegie nominee and New York Times bestseller. *Long Live Evil* is her first adult work; it has been a no. 1 *Sunday Times* and no. 1 *USA Today* bestseller. Look out for the sequel!



## Sister Svangerd and the Devil You Know

**K. J. Parker**

### Keynote

**From World Fantasy Award-winning author K. J. Parker comes a fiendishly complex tale of ecclesiastical espionage and divine deceptions.**

### Description

When the Church of the Invincible Sun is looking for someone to do its dirty work, they call on Sister Svangerd and her priest. Stealing a book might sound like a relatively simple task, but this isn't any old book.

To get their hands on it, they must impersonate a legendary figure, create the world's most expensive letter of introduction, and sneak into the most heavily guarded library in the world. All in a day's work, but the machinations of the mysterious Loyal Opposition threaten to derail their best-laid plans.

### Sales Points

- World Fantasy Award-winning author.
- K. J. Parker has a style, humour, and voice like no other writer in fantasy fiction: intelligent and uncompromising, with the potential to reach beyond the core fantasy market.
- Perfect for fans of George R. R. Martin, Joe Abercrombie, and Scott Lynch.

### Reviews

- 'The central appeal of *Sister Svangerd and the Not Quite Dead* rests in that memorable narrative voice, and in the increasingly sharp and snarky banter between Desiderius and Svangerd... she's certainly among the most intriguing characters in Parker's recent fiction, which has no shortage of strong women characters, and I for one will be happy to follow her adventures through the next two volumes of the trilogy.' - *Locus on Sister Svangerd and the Not Quite Dead*
- 'Readers are ensured a good time and a barrel of laughs to boot' - *Publishers Weekly on How to Rule an Empire and Get Away With It*
- 'Parker's latest epic fantasy proves that all the world is, indeed, a stage, and Parker himself is a master impresario. Readers will enjoy his comedic take on how politics are comprised of equal parts lies, incompetence, and the foolishness of humanity-with just enough flashes of brilliance to save the day. Recommended for fans of Terry Pratchett' - *Library Journal on How to Rule an Empire and Get Away With It*
- 'Full of invention and ingenuity . . . Great fun' - *SFX on Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City*

### Author Biography

K. J. Parker is a pseudonym for Tom Holt. He was born in London in 1961. At Oxford he studied bar billiards, ancient Greek agriculture and the care and feeding of small, temperamental Japanese motorcycle engines. These interests led him, perhaps inevitably, to qualify as a solicitor and emigrate to Somerset, where he specialised in death and taxes for seven years before going straight in 1995. He lives in Chard, Somerset, with his wife and daughter.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>140000 words</b>
Series	<b>Loyal Opposition</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>Fantasy Location</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
Author living in	<b>Chard, Somerset</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Hachette Book</b>
Publisher	<b>Group USA Publisher</b>

### Previous Titles

*Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City*  
*Saevus Corax Deals with the Dead*  
*Sister Svangerd and the Not Quite Dead*

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9780356521121</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>105000 words</b>
Series	<b>The Sunken Archive</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA Publisher</b>

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## A Letter from the Lonesome Shore the enchanting and heart-warming magical academia romance!

**Sylvie Cathrall**

### Keynote

**The charming conclusion to the Sunken Archive duology, a heart-warming magical academia fantasy filled with underwater cities, romance of manners and found family, perfect for fans of *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.**

### Description

**'An underwater treasure-chest to be slowly unpacked, full of things I adore: nosy and loving families, epistolary romance, gorgeous worldbuilding, and anxious scholars doing their best to meet the world with kindness and curiosity'** Freya Marske, author of *A Marvellous Light*

**The charming conclusion to the Sunken Archive duology, a heart-warming magical academia fantasy filled with underwater cities, romance of manners and found family, perfect for fans of *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.**

Former correspondents E. and Henerey, accustomed to loving each other from afar, did not anticipate continuing their courtship in an enigmatic underwater city. When their journey through the Structure in E.'s garden strands them in a peculiar society preoccupied with the pleasures and perils of knowledge, E. and Henerey come to accept--and, more surprisingly still, embrace--the fact that they may never return home.

A year and a half later, Sophy and Vyerin finally discover one of the elusive Entries that will help them seek their siblings. As the group's efforts bring them closer to E. and Henerey, an ancient, cosmic threat also draws near. . .

Praise for Sylvie Cathrall:

**'With its gorgeous underwater setting and whimsical academic sensibility, *A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is a strange, epistolary wonder.'** Mary McMyne, author of *The Book of Gothel*

**'A shimmering, delicately crafted delight. . . Readers looking for heart warming romance and scholarly mystery against the backdrop of a wildly imaginative world will be charmed'** H.G. Parry, author of *The Magician's Daughter*

**'Cathrall's debut caught me up on a wave of whimsy and swept me away with its charm. A story to be cherished'** Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather So Black*

**'*A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is a fascinating and charming story told in a uniquely elegant voice. A watery wonder of a novel! I loved it.'** Louisa Morgan, author of *A Secret History of Witches*

**'*A Letter to the Luminous Deep* is like nothing I've read before. The heartfelt intimacy of the epistolary narrative, juxtaposed with the magnificent oceanic world-building, results in a novel that is at once deeply human and mind-bogglingly imaginative. Both the setting and the story are exquisite, but it was the lovingly crafted voices of the characters that kept me hooked from beginning to end'** Megan Bannen, author of *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*

### Sales Points

- **ROMANCE OF MANNERS & MAGICAL ACADEMIA:** This book has that sense of warmth and heart that seems to be resonating with readers looking for escape. It's a "romance of manners" in the vein of books like *A Marvellous Light*, and Orbit's forthcoming *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*, but it also addresses timely matters such as dealing with mental health issues that make it hard to navigate certain aspects of life. And, while it's not entirely set at a university, there is a "magic academia" vibe that will appeal to the current fantasy market.
- **STRONG SUB-BOX POTENTIAL:** This has huge subscription box potential, particularly with *Fairyloot*. We know they have gone for another of Orbit's penpal romances, *THE UNDERTAKING OF HART AND MERCY*, as well as *EMILY WILDE'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF FAERIES*, which has a similar joyful, academic magic feel.
- **GLOBAL PUBLISHING:** Orbit US will publish simultaneously in the US, and Sylvie will be part of the 2024 New Voices campaign.

### Author Biography

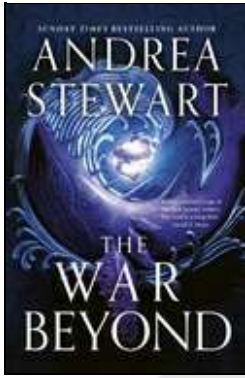
Sylvie Cathrall writes stories of hope and healing with healthy doses of wonder and whimsy. She holds a graduate degree in odd Victorian art and has handled more than a few nineteenth-century letters (with great care). Sylvie married her former pen pal and lives in the mountains, where she dresses impractically and dreams of the sea.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>512 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>175000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The War Beyond

### Book Two of the Hollow Covenant, a gripping epic fantasy of warring gods, feuding sisters and devastating magic

Andrea Stewart

#### Keynote

In this thrilling sequel to the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Gods Below*, loyalties will be tested, long-lost secrets will be revealed, and two sisters will face each other on the battlefield as the war between the gods ignites

#### Description

**In this thrilling sequel to the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Gods Below*, loyalties will be tested, long-lost secrets will be revealed, and two sisters will face each other on the battlefield as the war between the gods ignites**

Hakara risked her life to find her long-lost sister Rasha, only to lose her all over again. Now she and her Unanointed rebels hunt for the shapeshifter Lithuas, knowing that defeating her would strike a blow to the plans of the tyrant god Kluehnn.

Rasha once longed to be reunited with Hakara. No longer. Now she is a Godkiller and proud to serve Kluehnn's divine will. Yet she also harbours doubts about Kluehnn's teachings. When she is sent to destroy Hakara and her allies, Rasha will have to decide where her loyalty truly lies.

As the two sisters hurtle towards a bloody reunion, Sheuan continues her shadowy games of intrigue to uncover the secret that killed her father, while her cousin Mullaayne seeks the tomb of Tolemne. There, Mull believes he'll find the answers he desires.

Answers that could shatter the history of the world.

*Praise for the series*

**'An epic and heart rending struggle between gods and mortals, lovers and siblings . . . Stewart is a writer of genius and brilliance'** Hannah Kaner

**'Stewart's worlds are some of the most exceptionally inventive in modern fantasy. A must read!'**

Shannon Chakraborty

**'An outstanding read'** Fantasy Hive

**'Fast and furious'** British Fantasy Society

The Hollow Covenant

*The Gods Below*

*The War Beyond*

Other books by Andrea Stewart:

The Drowning Empire series

*The Bone Shard Daughter*

*The Bone Shard Emperor*

*The Bone Shard War*

#### Sales Points

- The first book in this series - *The Gods Below* - was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller
- The Hollow Covenant series offers fantasy fans everything they love to see: exciting action sequences, vicious political scheming, a highly distinct magic system, deep worldbuilding and lore, and memorable characters
- *The Bone Shard Daughter* was a major debut fantasy release in 2020, receiving rave reviews, and was shortlisted for two different Goodreads awards (best debut and best fantasy novel)
- Andrea Stewart is a Chinese-American writer who is highly popular on social media and has strong connections in the online publishing and writing community

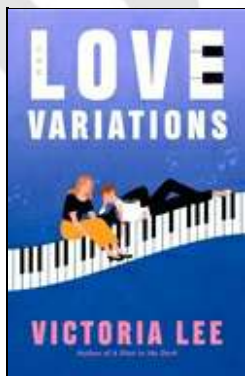
#### Author Biography

Andrea Stewart is the Chinese American daughter of immigrants, and was raised in a number of places across the United States. When her (admittedly ambitious) dreams of becoming a dragon slayer didn't pan out, she instead turned to writing books. She now lives in sunny California.

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## The Love Variations

Victoria Lee

### Keynote

**An emotional and empowering romance about two musicians healing their wounds and finding love, all the while competing to win a prestigious piano competition, from the author of A Shot in the Dark.**

### Description

**An emotionally powerful romance novel from the author of A SHOT IN THE DARK.**

Goldie Gensler has always wanted to be a concert musician like her parents-but after a devastating multiple sclerosis diagnosis, that dream feels more urgent than ever. The world's most prestigious international piano competition in Stockholm is coming up in two months-it's the perfect chance for Goldie to make her dream come true. But her competition will be stiff because Jamie Larson, with his perfect technique and derisive glare and gorgeous ocean blue eyes, is competing too.

Jamie has always resented Goldie for her easy road to professional musicianship, given her wealthy parents who were both first chair in the New York Philharmonic. Jamie spent hours and hours studying to make it from small-town Iowa to the best music school in New York City. But his technical precision is no match for the way Goldie's imperfect but emotionally resonant music makes audiences swoon. He's determined to prove that skill and dedication are what makes for a good musician, but after his brother's suicide three years ago, Jamie just doesn't love music like he used to.

Goldie and Jamie have their own reasons to win, but when unexpected events force them to practice-and live-together in Goldie's apartment over the holidays, they discover their passion for more than just music.

### Praise for A SHOT IN THE DARK:

'A sensual love story about art and passion . . . emotional and heart-aching'  
**ASHLEY POSTON**

'Victoria Lee aims straight for the heart, and pierces the centre without restraint'  
**KOSOKO JACKSON**

'A moving portrait of queer love, religion, recovery, art, and community'  
**MACKENZI LEE**

### Sales Points

- **ADULT NOVEL FROM A BESTSELLING YA AUTHOR:** Victoria Lee has a substantial fanbase as a YA author with a combined social media following of 30K, who will undoubtedly follow her into her adult writing.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Romance readers, TikTok readers, lovers of steamy queer romance, and lovers of angsty-romance (romangst) - readers who enjoy the emotional themes of mental health/addiction in **Colleen Hoover** as much as the yearning in **Tia Williams** or **Alexis Hall**.

### Author Biography

Victoria Lee grew up in Durham, North Carolina, where she spent her childhood writing ghost stories and fantasizing about attending boarding school. She has a Ph.D. in psychology, which she uses to overanalyze fictional characters and also herself. Lee is the author of *A Lesson in Vengeance* as well as *The Fever King* and its sequel, *The Electric Heir*. She lives in New York City with her partner, cat, and malevolent dog. Visit her online at [victorialeewrites.com](http://victorialeewrites.com) and follow her on Twitter and Instagram @sosaidvictoria.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>60000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>USA</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>USA</b>

### Previous Titles

A SHOT IN THE DARK

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Baror International Inc. Literary Agency</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Baror International Inc. Literary Agency</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Baror International Inc. Literary Agency</b>
Translation	<b>Baror International Inc. Literary Agency</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
US	<b>Baror International Inc. Literary Agency</b>



## These Summer Storms

Sarah MacLean

### Keynote

A sexy, sharp, big summer read about a hugely wealthy family forced together on a private island after the death of their patriarch. Succession meets Knives out, with big emotions and a bonus love story

### Description

Alice isn't like the other Storm siblings. While the rest stayed to battle for their parents' approval, attention, and untold billions, she left, building her own life beyond the family's name and influence. Nothing could induce her to come back, except the shocking death of her larger-than-life father. Now back on the family's private island, she plans to keep her head down, pay the last of her respects and leave the minute the funeral is over.

Unfortunately, her father had other plans. The eccentric, manipulative patriarch left his widow and their grown children a final challenge - an inheritance game designed to humiliate, devastate and unravel the Storm family in ways both petty and life-altering. The rules of the game are clear: stay on the island for one week, complete the tasks, receive the inheritance.

One week on Storm Island is an impossible task for Alice. Every corner of the sprawling old house is bursting with dysfunctional chaos: Her older sister's secret love affair. Her brother's incessant mansplaining. Her sister-in-law's unapologetic greed. Her younger sister's obsession with 'vibes'. Her mother's penchant for stirring up competition between her children. And all under the stern, watchful gaze of Jack Dean, her father's enigmatic, unfairly good-looking, second-in-command. It will be a miracle if Alice manages to escape the week unscathed.

A story about the transformative power of grief, love and family, this luscious novel is at once deliciously clever and surprisingly tender, exploring past secrets, present truths and futures forged in the wake of wild summer storms.

### Sales Points

- A big summer read in the vein of Taylor Jenkins Reid - rich people behaving gloriously badly on a private island
- Sarah Maclean is a worldwide bestselling author and this is her launch into summer bookclub fiction

### Author Biography

A life-long romance reader, Sarah MacLean wrote her first romance novel on a dare, and never looked back. She is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of historical romances, and the author of a monthly column at *The Washington Post* celebrating the best of the romance genre. She lives in New York City with her husband, daughter, dog and a ridiculously large collection of romance novels. She loves to hear from readers.

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Main Identifier	<b>9780349444802</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>80000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Romance: unlikely or unexpected lovers (FRL) Romance: friends to lovers (FRLC) Romance: unintentional or forced proximity (FRLH) Romance: the rich / famous / powerful (FRR) Romance: workplace (FRE)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>352 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>90000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Ibiza</b>
Author living in UNITED STATES	<b>Texas, USA</b>
Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA Publisher</b>
1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Audio	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

## Our Secret Summer escape to sunshine in this sparkling summertime romance

**R. S. Grey**

### Keynote

**Determined to complete her late sister's bucket list, Isabel escapes to Ibiza for the summer in this contemporary romance from *USA Today* bestselling author R. S. Grey, perfect for fans of Christina Lauren, Abby Jimenez and Meghan Quinn.**

### Description

**Escape to sunshine in this sparkling summertime romance, perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Abby Jimenez.**

### *What happens in Ibiza . . . could change everything*

I've spent years stuck behind a desk, always doing the practical, predictable thing. But when my sister's untimely death leaves me with her unfinished bucket list, I have no choice but to throw caution to the wind and hop on a flight to sunny Ibiza. Attempting to carpe my diem on the shores of the Spanish Mediterranean, I waste no time making new friends and finding work at a popular nightclub.

Living out my sister's dream summer shouldn't be hard with her bucket list as my guide:

*Go surfing?* Done.

*Get a tattoo?* If the list says so . . .

*Fall in love?* . . . Sorry, sis. No luck on that front.

That is, until I meet my surprisingly sexy boss Cristiano Moreno Winthrop. He's completely off limits, but we can't seem to stay away from each other. And between late-night talks, glittering parties on his yacht, and steamy stolen moments, I'm starting to think that I just might have found a way to finish that bucket list after all. But summer won't last forever. Is what Cristiano and I have just a fling, or will it last beyond the season?

### Why you'll love *Our Secret Summer* . . .

- sun-soaked romance
- one sparkling summer in Ibiza
- hot millionaire boss
- a mission to complete her late sister's bucket list
- all the feels

### Sales Points

- *Our Secret Summer* is a sun-soaked romance with a heartfelt centre, perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Abby Jimenez. Written by *USA Today* bestselling (self-pubbed) author R. S. Grey, at the centre of this delightful, commercially-written romp is a truly poignant sibling plot line, along with a beautiful grandmother connection, which adds layers of emotional resonance that we find in all of the best breakout romance hits. While readers are enjoying the sun and fun, they will also undoubtedly feel the tugging on their heartstrings as well.
- R.S. Grey is a *USA Today* bestselling indie author of over thirty novels. She is a star on the rise, a savvy and well connected author who has sold 8,000 paperback and 780,000 a la carte ebooks (self-reported) and has nearly a billion Kindle Unlimited Pages Read. Her titles all consistently rate 4 stars or higher and receive an average of 5K reviews on Amazon.

### Author Biography

**R.S. Grey** is the *USA Today* bestselling author of over thirty novels, including several *USA Today* and Amazon bestsellers, including *Not So Nice Guy* and *Scoring Wilder*. She lives in Texas with her husband and three daughters.



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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>100000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
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Author living in	<b>New York City, USA / Florence, Italy</b>
UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Gallery Books Simon &amp; Schuster LLC Publisher</b>

#### Previous Titles

Many historical romance series, including:  
Accidental Brides  
Would-Be Wallflowers  
Seduction  
Wildes of Lindow Castle  
Ladies Most Duet (with Julia Quinn)  
Desperate Duchesses  
Fairy Tales  
+ more

1st Serial	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
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US	<b>Abner Stein Ltd</b>

## The Last Lady B a brand-new witty historical romance with a gothic twist

**Eloisa James**

#### Keynote

**A brand-new standalone novel from the queen of historical romance! This thrilling novel brings all the wit and sensuality you expect from an Eloisa James novel, together with a fast-paced plot set in the Scottish Highlands.**

#### Description

**'Smart, stylist, sexy' JULIA QUINN, bestselling author of the Bridgerton series**

**A brand-new witty historical romance with a gothic twist from *New York Times* bestselling author Eloisa James**

***Lady B may have married Bluebeard; she may have fallen in love with a gorgeous, grumpy solicitor; she may have met a ghost and survived to tell the tale!***

In the depths of winter, Lady Genevieve Hughes, her pet piglet, and her septuagenarian husband travel to a haunted abbey in the Scottish Highlands. Evie is excited to meet a ghost (perhaps one of her husband's three previous wives), but didn't expect the funny, quirky guests to become the friends she's never had. And she certainly didn't imagine meeting Sir Godric Everly, a sardonic, witty solicitor who loathes her husband.

Yet as secrets and lies turn Evie's world upside down, Sir Godric becomes the one person whom she can trust. When ghosts, multiple wills, and a shocking marriage certificate bring Lord Burnsby's past crashing into his present, Burnsby promptly dies, leaving Evie free to remarry . . . though as a virgin wife, now a virgin widow, she is more unnerved by the marriage bed than a spectral visit.

More importantly, she has to figure out whose identity is false; whose vows are dishonorable; whose truths could destroy her reputation - and where her heart belongs.

**This thrilling stand-alone novel brings all the wit and sensuality you expect from an Eloisa James novel, together with a fast-paced plot set in the Scottish Highlands!**

#### Sales Points

- Eloisa James is writing in a slightly different style with a Gothic-adjacent historical romance inspired by Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*! It'll have all the same humour and sensuality readers love from her writing but with a fresh new look at the genre.

#### Author Biography

Eloisa James is a *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author of historical romance novels. Her books have been translated into twenty-six languages with sales worldwide of seven million. As Mary Bly, she is a Shakespeare professor at Fordham University. She lives in New York City and Florence, Italy. Find out more at [EloisaJames.com](http://EloisaJames.com).



## The Cherry Blossom Boathouse

Discover the perfect small-town romance full of heart, heat and a guaranteed HEA

**Laura Bloom**

### Keynote

**A brand-new sweet and spicy grumpy/sunshine romance bursting with small-town charm, quirky characters and second chances at love**

### Description

**Welcome to Solace Springs...**

Dumped and fired in the same week, Londoner Sophie Bennett decides she's done playing it safe. After one too many glasses of wine, she launches a crowdfunding campaign called "Help a Boring Girl Buy a Bookshop." When it goes viral, she trades city chaos for cherry-blossom season in Solace Springs, Washington, buying a rundown boathouse bookshop and a chance to start over.

Luke has spent years cultivating a quiet life by the lake, and the last thing he needs is an annoyingly attractive social media sensation disturbing his peace with her endless enthusiasm. Too bad fate - and the town residents - have other plans.

When Luke gets roped into Sophie's renovation project, sparks fly and soon his carefully constructed walls begin to crack. And as Sophie's sudden fame threatens the tranquility of Solace Springs, both must decide if they're willing to risk it all for a second chance at love.

**The Cherry Blossom Boathouse is a sweet and spicy grumpy/sunshine romance, filled with small-town charm, quirky characters, and a guaranteed happily-ever-after.**

- grumpy x sunshine
- renovation romance
- small town
- bookshop
- spice
- found family

### Readers can't get enough of Solace Springs . . .

- 'Beautifully written, gorgeous setting'
- 'An easy-to-read cosy romance'
- 'Such a cute, enjoyable, springtime story!'
- 'If I could move there and open a bookshop myself I would in a heartbeat!'

### Sales Points

- A brand-new sweet and spicy, escapist romance with tropes readers know and love: Grumpy x sunshine / Renovation romance / Small town / Bookshop / Spice / Found Family
- Perfect for fans of *The Pumpkin Spice Café* and *Gilmore Girls*, *The Cherry Blossom Boathouse* is book 1 of the new 'Solace Springs' series - steamy, escapist and heartwarming

### Author Biography

Laura Bloom is a British author who writes swoon-worthy stories full of heart, heart and a healthy dose of emotional chaos. When she's not wrangling characters on the page, she's wrangling construction jargon as a content and PR specialist for the building industry, meaning she spends a lot of time surrounded by burly men in hi-vis. She lives in the UK with her husband and daughter.

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Main Identifier	<b>9780349447841</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Romance (FR) Romance: cosy / cozy (FRDJ) Erotic romance (FRX) Romance: unintentional or forced proximity (FRLH)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>83000 words</b>
Series	<b>Solace Springs</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
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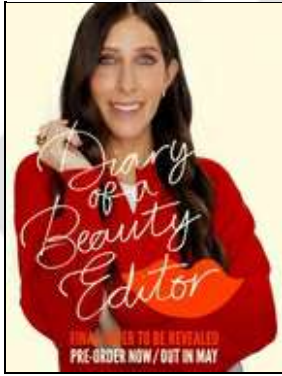
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## Diary of a Beauty Editor What works, what doesn't – from the woman who really knows

**Sarah Jossel**

### Keynote

A warm, witty and expert guide from industry influencer and *Sunday Times* columnist Sarah Jossel

### Description

'Our generation's trusted voice for all things beauty and skincare' **Charlotte Tilbury**

'I couldn't think of anyone more qualified to write this book' **Trinny Woodall**

'Sarah Jossel is THE beauty editor everyone trusts' **Bobbi Brown**

'Sarah Jossel is a beauty encyclopaedia . . . an industry icon and a true, trusted pro' **Jamie Genevieve, founder of Vieve**

*Your backstage pass to the beauty secrets that actually work*

If you've ever fallen down a 2am Google spiral - searching, 'How do I fix my skin?' - this book is for you. This is an unfiltered diary from a beauty editor who's tried every product, figured out what's worth the hype and made the mistakes so you don't have to.

Drawing on my LBB (Little Beauty Book) of world-class experts and A-list celebrities, in these pages I cut through the myths and the marketing fluff to tell you what's worth it - and where to save your money. I share my personal breakthroughs, including how I finally ended my bad-skin days, as well as my biggest beauty regrets. *Put. The. Tweezers. Down.*

Each chapter is packed with judgment-free advice, laugh-out-loud honesty and practical wisdom you can actually use. From cheat sheet glossaries to answering letters from tricky teens, new mums, menopause and beyond, I'm here to help you feel your absolute best in your own skin, at any age or stage of life.

*Diary of a Beauty Editor* is for anyone who has ever stared in the mirror and thought, 'Where do I even start?' Get ready to look at yourself, and your beauty routine, in a whole new light.

### Sales Points

- Sarah Jossel is one of the beauty industry's most recognisable and respected faces. As beauty director of *The Sunday Times Style* and resident beauty expert on *This Morning*, Sarah covers everything from no-nonsense makeup advice and how to tackle hair woes to the truth about cosmetic surgery and how to deal with acne.
- Sarah speaks regularly at beauty forums, leads trend forecasting summits, hosts live events and has clocked up millions of view for interviewing the world's biggest celebrities including Victoria Beckham, Drew Barrymore and Celine Dion.

### Reviews

- 'I am such a huge fan of Sarah - she has become our generation's trusted voice for all things beauty and skincare. She truly recognises the best quality products and true beauty innovation and has been a huge supporter of my brand from day one.' - Charlotte Tilbury, MBE
- 'Sarah Jossel is THE beauty editor everyone trusts because she does the homework for you. She asks the right questions and cuts through the noise. Sarah's no-nonsense beauty advice delivers the clarity and honesty women are looking for.' - Bobbi Brown, founder of Jones Road Beauty
- 'I couldn't think of anyone more qualified to write this book. Sarah is a fountain of well-earned knowledge, a guinea pig for every product and trend - and has a candid understanding that we all have different needs, budgets and thoughts on outcome. She brings together her years of knowledge in an honest, consumable brilliant book.' - Trinny Woodall
- 'Sarah Jossel is a beauty encyclopaedia. I have the upmost respect for her as an industry icon and a true, trusted pro.' - Jamie Genevieve, founder of Vieve

### Author Biography

Sarah Jossel is one of the most influential and trusted voices in the beauty industry today. With over a decade of experience, her much-loved weekly column in *The Sunday Times Style* and her social media platforms are go-to destinations for honest opinions, expert product recommendations, and entertaining, educational insight into what's hot - and what's not.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Cosmetics, hair and beauty (WJH) Fashion and beauty industries (KNSX) Self-help, personal development and practical advice (VS) Women's health (VFDW)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>216x153</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>60000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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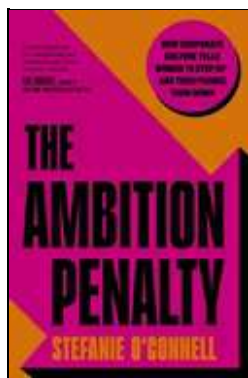
Known for her relatable, no-nonsense approach, Sarah's recommendations carry weight with both consumers and brands. That trust is built on credibility, transparency and an instinctive ability to cut through hype with clarity and authenticity.

Alongside her presenting role on ITV's *This Morning*, Sarah hosts a highly coveted interview video series, where she speaks candidly with global icons including Céline Dion, Victoria Beckham, Emilia Clarke, Dina Asher-Smith and Drew Barrymore.

Sarah's career spans television, print, radio, expert panels, podcasting and social media, cementing her reputation as one of the most recognisable and respected figures in beauty today. Her debut book brings together her trademark authority and warmth, shaped by years spent on the front row of the beauty industry.

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## The Ambition Penalty

Stefanie O'Connell

### Keynote

For women disillusioned by the failed promises of girl power, a data-driven guide that reveals the hidden forces still fuelling gender inequality at work

### Description

We spoke up. We took charge. We asked for more. But where has it actually left us? Not only are generations of women more burnt out than ever, but the gender pay gap has barely budged in decades.

In *The Ambition Penalty*, journalist Stefanie O'Connell presents a deeply researched and sometimes shocking look at the ways women remain passed over and excluded, not for a lack of ambition, but because of it. She calls it 'the ambition penalty' - the sum of the financial, personal, and professional costs women face for daring to want more.

*The Ambition Penalty* dismantles the myth that women are less ambitious than their male peers and debunks common claims - like women aren't confident enough and don't negotiate enough - used to justify stubborn gender gaps in power. This book reveals why decades of educational gains and empowerment messages have not translated into corresponding advances for women at work or at home.

*The Ambition Penalty* gives women the talking points they can use to call out these biases, and lays out proven practices for leaders and allies committed to cultivating environments where women's ambitions are supported, rewarded, and celebrated.

### Sales Points

- Through a combination of compelling storytelling, expert interviews, and surprising research, *The Ambition Penalty* is a roadmap for how workplaces, leaders, and allies can cultivate environments where women's ambitions can be expressed and rewarded.
- This will be a conversation-starting book for working women who have been sold the #girlboss dream and are facing a very different reality in their own careers.
- The author is the expert voice on 'the ambition penalty' - a term she coined via her regular column for Bloomberg.
- In the UK the gender wage gap among full-time employees still stands at 7 per cent. In Australia, the gender pay gap still stands at 21.8 per cent in the private sector.

### Reviews

- 'The book offers ambitious women a bold new framework - not by asking them to change who they are or what they want, but by working together to challenge the systems that punish them for it. *The Ambition Penalty* is not a self-help book, it is a cultural reckoning and an urgent call to action' - *Tiffany Aliche, author of New York Times bestseller Get Good with Money*
- 'Every woman I know is paying the ambition penalty right now. Most of us just don't know it. This book is going to change, even save, lives' - *Emma Pattee, author of USA Today bestseller Tilt*
- 'A testament to what's possible when women are liberated from keeping themselves small to make other people comfortable' - *Farnoosh Torabi, author of You're So Money, and host of the So Money podcast*
- '*The Ambition Penalty* is the book women have been waiting for. If you're tired of hustle culture and done feeling like your ambition is the problem, this book will set you free. It breaks down the real reasons women are still getting held back, at work and at home, and reveals what it really takes to overcome them. Every woman should read this, and honestly, every manager and leader should too' - *Jamila Souffrant, author of Your Journey to Financial Freedom, and host of the Journey to Launch podcast*

### Author Biography

Stefanie O'Connell is an award-winning journalist covering money, power, and ambition whose work has been published in *Slate*, *Bloomberg*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *Glamour UK*, *Business Insider*, and *CNBC*. She wrote, hosted, and coproduced *Real Simple* magazine's winning podcast *Money Confidential* and publishes the *Too Ambitious* newsletter. O'Connell lives in New York City.

Publication date	<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹1599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9780349448220</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Advice on careers and achieving success (VSC) International Women's Day (5HCH) Gender studies: women and girls (JBSF1) Subject matter intended specifically for women and/or girls (5JA) Careers guidance (JNR) Job hunting / changing careers (VSCB) Business and Management (KJ) Business ethics and social responsibility (KJG) Business communication, etiquette and presentation (KJP) Personal finance (VSB) Feminism and feminist theory (JBSF11)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>77000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
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## The Arcane Arts A Thrilling Dark Academia Romance of Magic and Forbidden Love

S. D. Coverly

### Keynote

A deliciously dark and twisted dark academia romance about an ambitious graduate student at an elite magic institute and the complicated, consuming relationship she develops with her advisor as they dive into a world steeped in magic, power and obsession.

### Description

In this thrilling and sensuous dark academia fantasy, an ambitious graduate student and her advisor dive into studying a taboo branch of magic, igniting a dangerous passion between them.

'Saltburn meets Babel . . . Dark academia, romance, and fantasy join forces in a gripping new book' *People*

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Tucked within an idyllic corner of New England, Newlyn University stands as a bastion for the academic elites. Inside its hallowed halls, students can pursue degrees in medicine, history, technology . . . or the Arcane Arts - the esoteric study of powerful magical forces. Enter **Ellsbeth Storer**: long determined to pursue a graduate degree in arcane mechanicals at Newlyn. Headstrong and driven, she convinces **Thaddeus Rawlins**, one of the field's most celebrated professors, to take her on as a student. Against his better judgment, but invigorated by Ellsbeth's ambition, Rawlins allows her to pursue a thesis on writ magic, the long-forbidden power to control and compel others.

While student and teacher both profess academic interest in the topic, each wants it for their own secret purpose. And they soon discover that Newlyn itself may be hiding the darkest secret of all . . .

As Rawlins and Ellsbeth undertake their clandestine research, their flirtation crosses into uncontrollable desire, which threatens to bloom into something even more troubling: love. But when their project begins to spin out of control, entangling them in a destructive web of lust and power, the question remains: can two people who are masters of manipulation ever trust each other?

### Sales Points

- **BREAKOUT STARS:** S. D. Coverly is the pen name for co-authors Dana Schwartz and Dan Frey. Dana Schwartz is the No.1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Anatomy: A Love Story* and *Immortality: A Love Story*, which has sold over 128,000 copies across all formats. Dan Frey is the critically acclaimed author of *The Future is Yours* and *Dreambound*. *The Arcane Arts* is their first novel together.
- **NEW DIRECTION:** *The Arcane Arts* is a thrilling dark academia fantasy, which is an exciting new direction for both Dana & Dan, and one that we think will be just as appealing to their fans. Featuring an atmospheric, dark academia setting and romance-heavy plot, this is one BookTok readers will be obsessed with!
- **READERSHIP/COMPS:** Perfect for fans of *NINTH HOUSE* by Leigh Bardugo, *GOTHIKANA* by RuNyx, *NOCTICADIA* by Keri Lake and *GALLANT* by V. E. Schwab

### Reviews

- "Saltburn meets Babel . . . Dark academia, romance, and fantasy join forces in a gripping new book" - *People*

### Author Biography

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Depth	<b>22mm</b>
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>480 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>120000 words</b>
Series	<b>Hollywood Renaissance</b>
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*Before I Let Go*  
*This Could Be Us*

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## Score

### the perfect steamy second chance romance from the bestselling author of **BEFORE I LET GO**

**Kennedy Ryan**

#### Keynote

**Award-winning and bestselling powerhouse author Kennedy Ryan is back with a compelling, emotional new novel**

#### Description

**'A scorching second-chance romance between a talented screenwriter and a phenomenal musician from "a fantastic storyteller and superb writer' NPR**

You never forget your first love. Isn't that what they say? Verity Hill knows this truth intimately. She didn't simply miss Wright "Monk" Bellamy when they parted ways in college. She's haunted by his touch. Every kiss, any lover since-a shadow of what they had.

Time heals all wounds. Isn't that what they say? Monk doesn't believe that for a second. He wasn't simply betrayed when he and Verity split. He was devastated, with parts of him left behind in the ruins of all that was destroyed.

More than a decade after their disastrous break up, Verity and Monk must work together on the set of an epic Harlem Renaissance biopic. With Monk, now a world-class musician creating the score, and Verity, an award-winning screenwriter penning the script, there's Oscar buzz before shooting even begins. This once-in-a-lifetime project could catapult them both to new heights, but can they can put the past behind them for the sake of the film...for the sake of something more?

#### WHY READERS LOVE KENNEDY RYAN . . .

- 'Breathtaking, gut-wrenching, viscerally romantic' **TALIA HIBBERT**
- 'SPECTACULAR!' **CHRISTINA LAUREN**
- 'A gorgeously poignant story of healing, family and love' **HELEN HOANG**
- 'Every page is perfection' **FARRAH ROCHON**
- 'Real, raw, magnificent' **COLLEEN HOOVER**

#### Sales Points

- Kennedy Ryan is a USA Today bestselling author and RITA® Award winner, and her realistic portrayal of Black characters has earned high acclaim from reviewers and readers alike.
- As per *Before I Let Go* and *This Could Be Us*, this steamy, emotional romance with complex characters will appeal to readers of *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover or *Seven Days in June* by Tia Williams

#### Author Biography

*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author **Kennedy Ryan** writes for women from all walks of life, empowering them and placing them firmly at the centre of each story and in charge of their own destinies. Kennedy and her writings have been featured in *NPR*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *USA Today*, *Glamour*, *Cosmo*, *Ebony*, *TIME*, and many others. The audio edition of her novel *Reel* received the prestigious Audie® Award, and her *Skyland* series is currently in development for television at Peacock. The co-founder of LIFT 4 Autism, an annual charitable book auction, Kennedy has a passion for raising Autism awareness. Dubbed the Queen of Hugs by her readers, she is a wife to her "lifetime lover" and mother to an extraordinary son.

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# Halyn Has Schizophrenia and That's OK An Illustrated Journey Through Understanding, Acceptance, Empathy and Living Well

**Matthew Johnstone and Lauren Kennedy West**

## Keynote

**A colour, fully illustrated introduction to what it means to have schizophrenia, co-written and illustrated by bestselling author Matthew Johnstone alongside lived experience advocate and influencer Lauren Kennedy West.**

## Description

*Halyn has Schizophrenia and that's OK* tells Halyn's story of understanding and acceptance of her schizophrenia diagnosis.

Schizophrenia is complex disorder that affects how a person thinks, feels and behaves, with symptoms such as delusions and hallucinations. It affects 1 in 300 people, and more than 24 million globally. It is a serious condition but can be managed effectively with early intervention, ongoing treatment and compassionate support.

This book is for anyone seeking to understand their diagnosis, or for friends and family hoping to support their loved one with schizophrenia. Through humorous and moving illustrations, it shows that it is possible to live a happy and fulfilling life with this condition, and promotes clarity, honesty and caring for those living with mental illness.

## Sales Points

- 1 in 300 people are affected, which is 24 million worldwide. Prevalence is low compared to some disorders we cover, but a very targeted approach should see lots of potential for sales.
- Publish in early May 2026, ahead of World Schizophrenia Day on the 24th May.
- New title from regular, bestselling., Robinson author Matthew Johnstone.

## Author Biography

**Matthew Johnstone** has written and illustrated several bestselling mental health and wellbeing titles such as *I Had a Black Dog*. Matthew's company Drawn from Experience develops creative/educational programmes, illustrations and videos on understanding mental health and resilience for schools, communities, eHealth and the workplace.

**Lauren Kennedy West** lives with a diagnosis of schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type, and brings a unique perspective to mental health advocacy. With experience both as a social worker within the mental health care system and as a patient navigating its challenges, Lauren reaches millions through her YouTube channel, Living Well After Schizophrenia.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£12.99 / ₹1150</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408783986</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Coping with / advice about depression and other mood disorders (VFJQ1)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>170 x 170</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>48 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>3000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>Full colour, fully illustrated</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author living in	<b>Sydney, Australia / Edmonton, Canada</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Dogs That Saved Me Everything Dog Training Taught Me About Life

Adam Spivey

### Keynote

An inspiring professional memoir, taking readers behind the scenes at Southend Dog Training, where dogs and their humans find hope, healing and second chances together.

### Description

**'A lot of people love us, a lot of people hate us, and that will probably never change. But they do know who we are.'**

When Adam Spivey first became obsessed with training his dog Sammie, he never would have guessed he would one day be at the helm of the world's leading online dog training community. From helping neighbours for mates' rates to drawing a crowd at Crufts, Adam has built his empire one pup at a time.

But with success comes pressure - soon Adam found himself falling into depression and addiction at the pressure of his greatest dream coming true. It was the dogs; always the dogs that brought him back to who he was. From gentle giant Honey to scrappy Arnold, join Adam on his journey through love, loss, life and dogs.

### Sales Points

- **Sales record:** Adam Spivey's three books with Little, Brown have already sold over 70k+ copies.
- **Following:** Southend Dog Training has amassed more than 4 million followers across its Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube channels.
- **New direction:** This is the book Adam's devoted fans want next: a BTS account of life as a dog trainer. It will appeal to readers of Noel Fitzpatrick, Niall Harbison and heartwarming dog memoirs, opening up the readership beyond just people who want to train their dog.

### Author Biography

Adam Spivey began training dogs in 2012 and very quickly built up an amazing reputation. His straight-talking approach to training and no-nonsense attitude has won him legions of fans and clients.

In December 2019, Adam met Evan (actually, Evan called on Adam to help him with his dog) and one thing led to another. Between them they decided to partner up and develop an online training platform, with more than 4 million followers and 12,000 members worldwide.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£22.00 / ₹2099</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408783399</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Memoirs (DNC) Dogs as pets (WNGD) Dog obedience and training (WNGD1)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>70000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## London Clubland A Companion for the Curious

Seth Alexander Thévoz

### Keynote

A fascinating, comprehensive tour of London's private members' clubs as they are today, spanning the old, the new and, of course, the singularly eccentric traditions and quirks within them. This will be a Lonely Planet guide to Clubland meets *Schott's Miscellany*.

### Description

**A fascinating, exhaustive guide to London's private members' clubs - both old and new - and their culture.**

In this comprehensive tour of London's clubs, every question you've ever had about Clubland will be answered by a consummate insider, grounded in a 'real world' perspective of how these secretive institutions are seen. By turns knowing and insightful, while also affectionately funny, *Clubland* offers an warts-and-all survey of private members' clubs, spanning the old, the new and, of course, the singularly eccentric traditions and quirks within them.

### Sales Points

- This will be a Lonely Planet guide to Clubland meets *Schott's Miscellany*.
- Seth Thévoz is the leading historian of London's private members' clubs. He is invited to speak on the subject at clubs all over the world
- His first book, *Behind Closed Doors*, told the story of Clubland's history. This book is about the present day.

### Author Biography

Dr Seth Alexander Thévoz is a freelance historian and journalist. He holds degrees from the Universities of Cambridge, London and Warwick, and is a former research associate of the History of Parliament Trust and Nuffield College, Oxford. He has variously been shortlisted for the Whitfield Prize for his first book, *Club Government*, and a British Journalism Award for his investigative work with openDemocracy. He has been working on the history of London clubs for 14 years and was librarian of a major London club for over 10 years, and has been a speaker and consultant in clubs across four continents.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£12.99 / ₹1150</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781472149992</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Social groups: clubs and societies (JBSY) London, Greater London (1DDU-GB-ESL) Yearbooks, annuals, almanacs (GBCY) Social and cultural history (NHTB)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>448 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>80000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>Some b/w line drawings and maps, exact number TBC but thinking 20-30</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>

Author born in	<b>Switzerland</b>
Author living in	<b>London</b>

### Previous Titles

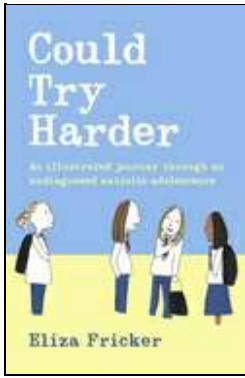
Behind Closed Doors (Robinson, 2022)

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Could Try Harder

### An illustrated journey through an undiagnosed autistic adolescence

Eliza Fricker

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£15.99 / ₹1499</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781472150097</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Relating to people on the autism spectrum (5PMH) Autism Spectrum Disorder (MKJA) Coping with / advice about autism spectrum disorder (VFJR1) Relating to adolescence / teenage years (5LF)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>144 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>5000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>c. 200 black and white integrated illustrations</b>

Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

Author living in	<b>Hove</b>
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1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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#### Keynote

**A raw and empathetic illustrated memoir tracing the hidden cost of masking, the depth of autistic girlhood, and the quiet resilience demanded for survival in a world that never seems to notice you're struggling and where you always feel just out of step.**

#### Description

**You just need to stay calm. You should be able to manage. You should have grown out of that by now. You could try harder.**

Eliza Fricker spent her adolescence being told all of these things, until her autism diagnosis as an adult revealed why she may not have met the expectations of others so easily. Equally, the world didn't seem to live up to the expectations she had of it.

Following on from her earlier book *Thumbsucker*, this graphic memoir narrates the complexities of Eliza's teenage years through to the beginnings of adult relationships; exploring the key stages of life from secondary school to college and then work.

It was only as an adult that Eliza heard autism being talked about and wondered about getting diagnosed. She met others who identified as neurodivergent. They shared similar stories and struggles, and so, with her own eventual diagnosis, she started to process her experiences and write about it. And while diagnosis doesn't bring all the answers, it has allowed her to look back on her younger self with a bit more understanding and compassion - something she now wishes for others.

As more young people explore their neurodivergence, this book will encourage readers to take an empathetic look back at their experiences and honour the identity they have created for themselves, in response to their problematic experiences.

#### Sales Points

- Illustrated memoir from a *Sunday Times* bestselling author, delivering a deeply personal illustrated journey through undiagnosed autistic adolescence. Her unique combination of visual storytelling and memoir makes this an accessible and emotionally powerful read that stands out in the autism literature market.
- Eliza's following is a guarantee of a bestseller. She has 16,000 followers on Twitter/X, 48,000 on Facebook and 8,365 on Instagram. She hosts monthly webinars on parenting with Dr Naomi Fisher which have between 500-1000 online attendees. These sold over 8,600 tickets in total in 2023. Her website is [www.missingthemark.co.uk](http://www.missingthemark.co.uk)
- There's a demand for this kind of book - illustrated personal tales on meaningful topics, and books for teens specifically, so it has a lot of potential, and Eliza's involvement should generate sales automatically. *The Teen's Guide to PDA*, which she illustrates only, got into the top 200 on Amazon on release in June 2024 just because of her name.
- Essential reading for parents, educators and healthcare professionals. With a foreword by Laura James and afterword by Dr Emma Offord, this book provides invaluable insights into the often-overlooked experience of autistic girls. It's a practical resource for understanding masking, burnout and the real meaning behind 'difficult' behavior - making it essential for anyone working with or raising neurodivergent young people.

#### Author Biography

**Eliza Fricker** is an illustrator and author whose deceptively simple illustrations give way to endearingly perceptive and detailed observations, which are often irreverently humorous and highly emotional. She writes about autism and education with beautiful artistic expression of difference in today's society. Her work serves as a thought provoking and valuable contribution to visibility, acceptance and support. Her publications act as a way to communicate difficult circumstances with teachers, educators, social workers, other parents and friends of those also experiencing these issues, with the hope of providing a drop more humanity in the world. She is the author, co-author and illustrator of several popular books including her graphic memoir *Can't Not Won't*, which was a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408722824</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF) Thriller / suspense fiction (FH) Comical (humorous) crime and mystery (FFK) Humour (WH) Mexico (1KLCM)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>272 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>78000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Mexico</b>
Author living in UNITED STATES	<b>Los Angeles, USA</b>
Publisher	<b>HarperCollins Publishers LLC Publisher</b>

**Previous Titles**  
*Bonfire* (Cornerstone)

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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**Retreat**  
**the addictive rollercoaster thriller**

**Krysten Ritter**

**Keynote**

**A PLAYFUL, TWISTY ROLLERCOASTER OF A THRILLER: HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY WITH A MEXICO SETTING AND A HINT OF THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY**

**Description**

**'The Talented Mr Ripley meets How to Kill Your Family. Sharp, funny and has a twist you won't see coming'** Eve Kellman

**Even for a con artist, Liz is about to take things way, way too far . . .**

Liz has always had a knack for charming people and gaining their trust. That's what makes her such a talented con artist. But lately the pressure's rising - Liz's past crimes have started snapping at her heels. So she leaps at the chance to escape to the Mexican coast to decorate a socialite's new villa, planning to lie low, enjoy paradise, and behave herself for once.

When Liz is mistaken for her absent employer, Isabelle, she can't help getting drawn into this glamorous seafront community. But dangerous secrets lurk beneath the surface, and it's not long before Liz realises that this time, she might be in over her head . . .

**Spoiler: it's going to be carnage.**

**'Sexy, breakneck, full of surprises. A wild ride'** Mary Kubica

**'Written with enormous verve, this effervescent story featuring the resourceful - if amoral - Liz glitters like the diamond on her finger'** *Daily Mail*

**'Try not to drop it in the pool at the jaw-dropping twist'** Ellery Lloyd

**'A fiendish tale of trouble in paradise. Expertly paced, tightly plotted'** *LA Times*

**'This book was a great read. Who doesn't love a well-written bad girl?'** \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader Review

**'Razor-sharp'** Wendy Walker

**'This book was so much fun to read! One big twist and turn after another'** \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader Review

**'A dynamite read'** Rachel Sargeant

**'A whirlwind. I read it over the course of a few hours'** \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader Review

**'Seductive and satisfying'** Vikki Patis

**Sales Points**

- **AN ADDICTIVE ROLLERCOASTER READ:** Readers who loved *How to Kill Your Family* (722.6k PB TCM), *How to Kill Men and Get Away With It* (94k PB TCM) and *The Talented Mr Ripley* will not be able to put this twisty, darkly funny book down.
- **AN AUTHOR WITH PLATFORM:** Krysten Ritter is best known for starring in *Jessica Jones*, *Breaking Bad* and *Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23*, and has **1.8 million followers on Instagram**. Krysten's creation of Liz is as fierce, vulnerable and funny as her best-known roles.
- **A BOLD, CREATIVE LAUNCH:** Building on the marketing and publicity campaign for *Retreat's* first formats, the paperback launch will highlight the book as **the ideal escapist summer read** for 2026.

**Reviews**

- **'PRAISE FOR RETREAT'** - -
- 'Multitalented Krysten Ritter is back with a **sexy, breakneck thriller** that immerses readers in the sometimes-glamorous and sometimes-deadly life of a con artist. **Full of surprises and edge-of-your-seat scenes, Retreat is a wild ride'** - MARY KUBICA, author of *SHE'S NOT SORRY*
- **'Smart, sexy and wickedly fun: this is everything you want in a sun-drenched thriller.** Ritter can *really* write - you'll race through *Retreat* in a day, rooting for its sparky anti-heroine (**just try not to drop it in the pool at the jaw-dropping twist**)' - ELLERY LLOYD, author of *THE CLUB*
- **'The Talented Mr Ripley meets How to Kill Your Family;** this is **sharp, funny** and has a **twist you won't see coming'** - EVE KELLMAN, author of *HOW TO KILL A GUY IN TEN WAYS*
- 'Written with **enormous verve**, this **effervescent story** featuring the resourceful - if



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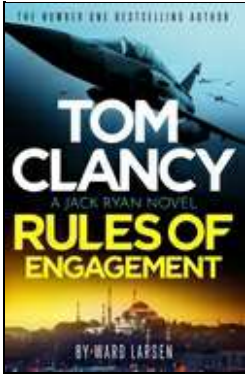
### Author Biography

**Krysten Ritter** is an actor, a director and the author of the internationally bestselling novel *Bonfire*, which received a *Publishers Weekly* starred review and which Gillian Flynn called 'a beautiful, haunting debut'. She's best known for starring in Marvel's *Jessica Jones*.

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## Tom Clancy Rules of Engagement

### Ward Larsen

#### Keynote

Jack Ryan returns in a blockbuster new novel of action, thrills and intrigue that represents the greatest ever threat to the Presidency he's ever faced, in the world created by master storyteller Tom Clancy

#### Description

Coordinated terrorist attacks around the world challenge President Jack Ryan in the latest shocking entry in this #1 New York Times bestselling series.

The western world is stunned when coordinated terrorist attacks blaze up around the globe. While President Jack Ryan works from the Oval Office to organize international response to this threat, John Clark and the Campus team follow a lead to the malignant presence who has orchestrated this strike.

But the deeper they dig, the higher the threat level becomes. This isn't just a series of atrocities, it's a designed battle plan that could lead to the destruction of Jack Ryan's presidency.

#### PRAISE FOR TOM CLANCY

'Constantly taps the current world situation for its imminent dangers and spins them into an engrossing tale'  
*NEW YORK TIMES*

'Exhilarating. No other novelist is giving so full a picture of modern conflict'  
*SUNDAY TIMES*

'A brilliantly constructed thriller that packs a punch'  
*DAILY MAIL*

'Heart-stopping action . . . entertaining and eminently topical'  
*WASHINGTON POST*

#### Sales Points

- Over two million Tom Clancy books have been sold in the UK (TCM), half a million in Australia (ABM), and eighteen of his novels were no.1 *New York Times* bestsellers.
- Tom Clancy is the original king of the action thriller, and this novel is perfect for fans of high-octane, blockbuster authors like Lee Child and David Baldacci
- Clancy's brand includes seven feature films and a hit Amazon series: Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan, starring John Krasinski (now going to a fourth series). His books have been adapted into 43 high-profile videogames to date, and sold over 76 million copies, making him one of the most successful brands in entertainment history
- Since taking over the publishing of Clancy titles at the end of 2022, Sphere has sold quarter of a million Clancy novels.

#### Author Biography

Ward Larsen is a *USA Today* bestselling author and a five-time winner of the Florida Book Award. A former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew over twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He has also served as a federal law enforcement officer, airline captain, and is a trained aircraft accident investigator.

Publication date	<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹1599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408732922</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Technothriller (FHK) Espionage and spy thriller (FHD)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>448 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>100000 words</b>
Series	<b>Jack Ryan</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>G.P. Putnam's Sons Penguin Random House LLC Publisher</b>
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408726709</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>448 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>85000 words</b>
Series	<b>London Hearts Series</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>ANZ; Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
AUSTRALIA Publisher	<b>Hachette Australia Pty Ltd Publisher</b>
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1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Player's Promise

Tierney Page

### Keynote

**From chart-topping TikTok sensation Tierney Page comes a spicy, forbidden romance about second chances, secrets and lies. Perfect for fans of Ana Huang and Liz Tomforde.**

### Description

**It was supposed to be one night. But fate had other plans...**

**Anna's** not looking for love. Fresh from a divorce, she needs an escape. One reckless night of fun - and the gorgeous Irishman who buys her a drink at the bar promises exactly that. No last names, no strings, just fireworks.

**Liam's** used to hiding behind his game face. But after a brutal betrayal and an even messier bust-up, he's lost everything: his football career, his team, and his reputation. A one-night stand with a stranger? Just the distraction he needs.

He never expected to see Anna again...Until she turns out to be his son's new teacher. And Anna knows she shouldn't get involved with a student's father - especially not *him*.

**But Liam's not the man the tabloids say he is. He's everything she thought she wasn't ready for - which might be worse...**

**From TikTok sensation Tierney Page comes a spicy, forbidden romance about second chances, secrets and lies. Perfect for fans of Ana Huang and Liz Tomforde.**

### Tropes:

- Single dad
- Football romance
- One night stand
- Opposites attract
- Forbidden romance
- Spice

### Praise for the London Hearts series:

'I love this book. Gemma, Anna and April are the kind of friends I need, especially if one of them comes with a hot brother like Max'

'Great characters, excellent spice and a gorgeous love story'

'OMG!!!! Bravo Tierney. Keep it going girl you ROCK! I hope time goes fast because I want Anna's story so bad. Come on May 2026'

'Could not stop reading this! Best book I've read in a while!! Even better than the first book!! Cant wait till May for Anna's story!'

'Just as good as the first book. So relatable. I hope Anna's story is next!

please make this serious continue'

'Tierney you did not disappoint!! Just wow!! It captivated me'

'Absolute perfection! I loved every second of this book'

'I am SO excited for Anna's story, because she deserves the world and more!!!'

'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 780k TikTok followers and 225k 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 over 10k Amazon reviews. In the Australian paperback market, Tierney is the #1 romance author and charted at #7 in the overall chart coming only behind Ali Hazlehood, Chloe Walsh and Emily Henry.
- **CONTINUING AN IRRESISTIBLE ROMANCE SERIES WITH ALL THE RIGHT TROPES:** *The Player's Promise* is the third book in the *London Hearts* series which can also be read as a standalone. This book focuses on Anna (a returning character from *The Other Brother*) who enters into a forbidden romance with Irish football player and bad boy Liam, who also happens to have a son in Anna's class.
- **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. In the US, the sales team were such huge fans of Tierney that they convinced Walmart to take special, exclusive editions of the first two books in the London Hearts series.
- **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

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### 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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## Bailey's Cafe

### Gloria Naylor

#### Keynote

A wise, moving and magical modern classic about a Brooklyn diner that offers its patrons a place of refuge and reinvention, from a trailblazing Black American writer.

#### Description

**WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY IRENOSEN OKOJIE**

**'Gloria Naylor is gifted with timeless wisdom, bottomless empathy, and limitless language. Her novels will shine a light for readers and writers for generations to come'** TAYARI JONES

**'A virtuoso orchestration of survival, suffering, courage and humour'** *New York Times Book Review*

In postwar Brooklyn, on a quiet backstreet, there's a little place that draws people from all over - not for the food, and definitely not for the coffee. An in-between place that's only there when you need it, Bailey's Cafe is a crossroads where patrons stay for a while before making a choice: Move on or check out?

There's Sadie, the ladylike alcoholic with a mania for cleanliness; Sweet Esther, who caters to unspeakable appetites in a nearby 'boarding house', taking payment only in white roses; and Mariam, the Ethiopian child who may be the bearer of a miracle. Naylor's breath-taking novel is an enthralling fusion of lives whose courage, mystery and humour suggest nothing less than a blues tapestry of America.

**'Gloria Naylor was one of the greatest novelists who ever lived. She holds a hallowed place in the canon, and also in hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits'** ROBERT JONES, Jr., author of *The New York Times* bestselling novel, *The Prophets*

#### Sales Points

- REDISCOVERY OF AN IMPORTANT LITERARY VOICE: Gloria Naylor was a trailblazing, bold writer in the Black American canon, a contemporary of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker. She won the National Book Award for her debut, *The Women of Brewster Place*. Her books have not been issued in the UK since they were first published, and are ripe for rediscovery.
- PERFECT BOOK GROUP NOVEL: Naylor will appeal to both commercial and literary readers. Her books are compelling page turners, but they are also beautifully written, and don't shy away from difficult subjects such as racism, poverty and abuse. They also feature wonderful female relationships, and are written with warmth, humour - and a fair amount of magic.
- INTRODUCED BY IRENOSEN OKOJIE: The VMC editions of *Bailey's Cafe* and *Linden Hills* include a brilliant new introduction by the award-winning author of *Nudibranch*, and quotes from Tayari Jones.

#### Reviews

- 'Gloria Naylor is gifted with timeless wisdom, bottomless empathy, and limitless language. Her novels will shine a light for readers and writers for generations to come.' - Tayari Jones, author of *AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE*
- 'Told in contrasting shades of harsh, comic and magic realism ... Crackles with passion and wit ... An unforgettable successor to Ellison's metaphor of the invisible man, and as incandescent' - *Los Angeles Times*
- 'A virtuoso orchestration of survival, suffering, courage and humour' - *New York Times Book Review*
- 'A cantata sung by several voices. This mix of myth, history and mysticism ... offers a sensibility as rich in potential as that of the Latin American magical realists ... Moving and memorable' - Gail Caldwell, *Boston Globe*

#### Author Biography

Gloria Naylor (1950-2016) was born in New York City. She received her B.A. in English from Brooklyn College and her M.A. in Afro-American studies from Yale. Her books include *The Women of Brewster Place*, which won both the American Book Award and the National Book Award for first novel and was also adapted into a film by Oprah Winfrey; *Linden Hills*; *Mama Day*; *Bailey's Cafe* and *The Men of Brewster Place*. She taught writing and literature at George Washington University, New York University, Boston University, and Cornell University.

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## Linden Hills

Gloria Naylor

### Keynote

For the Black citizens of the exclusive neighbourhood of Linden Hills, the road to hell may well be by following the white American dream. A rediscovered twentieth-century classic that blends social criticism with magical realism, this is a masterpiece by one of the giants of Black American literature.

### Description

**WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY IRENOSEN OKOJIE**

**By the bestselling author of *The Women of Brewster Place***

With its showcase homes and manicured lawns, an address in the wealthy Black American neighbourhood of Linden Hills is a symbol that you've made it. The ultimate achievement: a home on prestigious Tupelo Drive. Making your way downhill to Tupelo is irrefutable proof of your worth. But the farther down the hill you go, the emptier you become and the price of success may well be a journey down to the lowest circle of hell.

As two young friends - poets from the wrong side of town - look to earn extra money doing odd jobs in Linden Hills, their warmth, humour and disbelief exposes the hypocrisy of life on the 'right' side of the tracks. Exploring a microcosm of race and social class, Gloria Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of Linden Hills.

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**'Naylor's skill in weaving together culture, heartbreak, joy, magic, terror, laughter, pain, and love - which is to say, life - is extraordinary'** Robert Jones, Jr., author of *THE PROPHETS*

**'Naylor has produced an ambitious novel that aspires to be nothing less than a contemporary reading of Dante's 'Inferno' . . . One is quickly beguiled . . . so gracefully does Naylor fuse together the epic and the naturalistic, the magical and the real'** Michiko Kakutani, *New York Times*

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- **INTRODUCED BY IRENOSEN OKOJIE:** A true fan of Naylor's work, Irenosen Okojie has written a beautiful introduction drawing out the novel's interrogation of the American dream, and its tenderness for the marginalised and oppressed.

### Reviews

- 'Gloria Naylor is gifted with timeless wisdom, bottomless empathy, and limitless language. Her novels will shine a light for readers and writers for generations to come' - Tayari Jones, author of *AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE*
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- 'Naylor's humour, both sad and satiric, is distinctive; Willie and Lester are vital, earthy, boisterously irreverent guides . . . this is a haunting homiletic-with a cohesive strength of statement concerning Black aspiration within a tarnished American Dream' - *Kirkus*
- 'Irrefutably, Gloria Naylor was one of the greatest novelists who ever lived. Naylor's skill in weaving together culture, heartbreak, joy, magic, terror, laughter, pain, and love - which is to say, life - is extraordinary.' - Robert Jones, Jr., author of *The New York Times* bestselling novel, *THE PROPHETS*

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## The Little Black Book of Gin Cocktails

### A Pocket-Sized Collection of Gin Drinks for a Night In or a Night Out

#### Keynote

A pocket-sized collection of 50 must-try, classic gin cocktail recipes for all occasions. This is the perfect gift for all gin enthusiasts.

#### Description

**"When life hands you lemons, make a gin and tonic." - Anon**

The impeccable G&T is the elixir of life to gin connoisseurs, but gin is the true star of the show when it comes to cocktails. There are hundreds of different cocktails to choose from, however, a good gin cocktail plays with flavours, ensures balance and relies on quality ingredients that compliment the distinctive character of the spirit. But there are classics such as the Martini, Corpse Reviver, Tom Collins, Negroni and French 75 that have one luscious ingredient in common: gin.

Whether you are in the mood for a Gin Fizz, Singapore Sling, Gimlet or a Southside, here in *The Little Black Book of Gin Cocktails* you'll find a collection of your favourite classic and contemporary gin cocktails that are a must-try for any g-inthusiasts.

#### Content includes:

[Martinis](#)  
[Coupettes & Flutes](#)  
[Rocks & Wine Glasses](#)  
[Highballs](#)  
[Jugs & Bowls](#)  
[Bar Basics & Techniques](#)

**Part of a series that includes:** *The Little Black Book of Classic Cocktails* and *Drink Pink*

#### Sales Points

- According to Google Trends, interest in gin has grown significantly over the past 5 years and is most popular in the UK.
- With a brightly foiled cover and presented in cute and gifty format, this glamorous little cocktail book will do well as a stocking filler or spontaneous gift.
- With over 50 recipes, there's a gin cocktail to suit every taste and occasion
- Comparative titles: *Gin Made me Do it* by Jassy Davis (Harpercollins), 2018, £12.99 - LT TCM 38K, *Gin the Mood* (Ryland Peters \* Small), 2019, £9.99 - LT TCM 12K, *Gin and Bear It* (Summersdale), 2017, £6.99 - LT TCM 2K

#### Author Biography

**Hamlyn** has a rich history of publishing smart, popular books for everyday living. With food, drink, home, garden, health and parenting at its core, Hamlyn continues to be a dependable and trusted voice for readers and families of all shapes and sizes.

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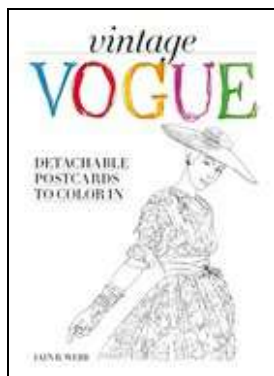
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## Vintage Vogue Detachable postcards to colour in VOGUE & Iain R. Webb

### Keynote

Fashion aficionado Iain R. Webb celebrates the glamour of British VOGUE in the 1950s with this adorable book of 24 beautifully elegant postcards to colour in.

### Description

Colour in these gorgeous postcards from VOGUE and immerse yourself in a glamorous world of cocktail dresses and luxurious ballgowns, smart suits and elegant hats.

This book of hand-drawn postcards has been created by the award-winning writer, fashion editor, curator and Royal College of Art Professor, Iain R Webb. The artworks are inspired by iconic images from British VOGUE in the 1950s and feature a glamorous dream wardrobe from key designers including Christian Dior, Balenciaga, Givenchy and Chanel.

Each postcard is detachable, so you can enjoy colouring them in yourself or send them to a fashion-savvy friend. These postcards make the perfect present for all those who love vintage fashion.

### Sales Points

- VOGUE currently has a readership of 1,205,000 and is bought by fashionistas of all ages - from teenagers to grandmothers. *Vintage Vogue: Detachable Postcards* should have a similarly wide appeal.
- From the publisher of the internationally acclaimed *VOGUE The Gown* by Jo Ellison and *VOGUE Colouring Book*, also by Iain R. Webb.
- Hand-drawn artworks are inspired by iconic images from British VOGUE in the 1950s and feature a glamorous dream wardrobe from key designers including Christian Dior, Balenciaga, Givenchy and Chanel.

### Author Biography

IAIN R. WEBB is an award-winning writer and Professor of Fashion and Design at Kingston School of Art. He is also an associate lecturer at Central Saint Martins and Bath Spa University. During his career he has been fashion editor of *BLITZ*, the *Evening Standard*, *Harpers & Queen*, *The Times* and *Elle*, while contributing to various publications including *NME*, *The New York Times* and *Vogue*.

He is the author and illustrator of the bestselling *Vogue Colouring Book*, and has written several other books including *Bill Gibb: Fashion and Fantasy*, *Postcards from the Edge of the Catwalk*, *As Seen in BLITZ: Fashioning '80s Style*, *Invitation Strictly Personal* and *Foale and Tuffin: The Sixties*. His latest book, *Marc Jacobs Unseen*, is published in September 2018. He also works as a curator and projects include 'We're Not Here To Sell Clothes' at the ICA, 'You're Ugly and Your Mother Dresses You Funny' at Paul Smith, Mayfair, 'See Me, Feel Me' at the MoBA Biennale Arnhem and 'Invitation Strictly Personal' at Somerset House.

He now lives in Bath where he consults for the Fashion Museum, makes 'things to hang on your back and your wall' and muses over his life in frocks on Instagram ([hopeandglitter](#)).

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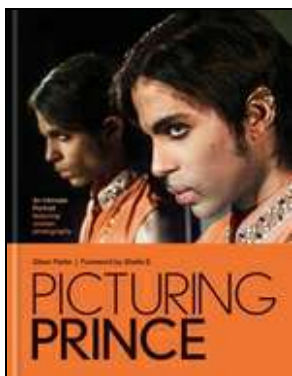
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## Picturing Prince An Intimate Portrait

Steve Parke

### Keynote

Featuring a mix of never-seen-before and rare photographs of Prince, alongside written vignettes about working at Paisley Park with the icon, Steve Parke's book is essential for Prince fans

### Description

**PICTURING PRINCE** sees the late icon's former art director, **STEVE PARKE**, revealing stunning intimate photographs of the singer from his time working at Paisley Park. At least half of the images in the book are exclusively published here for the first time; most other images in the book are rare to the public eye.

Alongside these remarkable images are fifty engaging, poignant and often funny written vignettes by Parke, which reveal the very human man behind the reclusive superstar: from shooting hoops to renting out movie theatres at 4am; from midnight requests for camels to meaningful conversations that shed light on Prince as a man and artist.

**STEVE PARKE** started working with Prince in 1988, after a mutual friend showed Prince some of Steve's photorealistic paintings. He designed everything from album covers and merchandise to sets for Prince's tours and videos. Somewhere in all of this, he became Paisley Park's official art director. He began photographing Prince at the request of the star himself, and continued to do so for the next several years. The images in this book are the arresting result of this collaboration.

### Sales Points

- **MUSIC LEGEND:** In the week after Prince's passing, 20 of his albums charted on the Billboard 200, and he posthumously became the first and only artist ever to have 5 albums simultaneously in the Billboard top 10.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Steve Parke is in talks with multiple galleries in the LA, New York and London for tie-in exhibitions on publication. He has also been asked to give a Google Talk about the book on publication.
- **UNSEEN PHOTOGRAPHS:** At least half of the photos are being published for the first time in this book, and the rest have rarely been seen before.

### Author Biography

Steve Parke started working for Prince in 1988, after a mutual friend showed Prince some of Steve's photorealistic paintings. As Steve learned Photoshop and other design programs, Prince asked him to design everything from merchandise and album covers to sets for tours and videos. Eventually Steve became Paisley Park's official art director and spent a week out of every month in Minneapolis, often working through the night with Prince in a near-empty studio.

In the late 90s, Prince asked Steve if he could use a camera. For the next several years, Steve took hundreds of shots of Prince, most of them in or around Paisley Park. What is unique about Steve is that he not only worked with Prince so intimately and for so long—the way very few other people did—but that, of the very few people who did, he's one of the only ones with photos.

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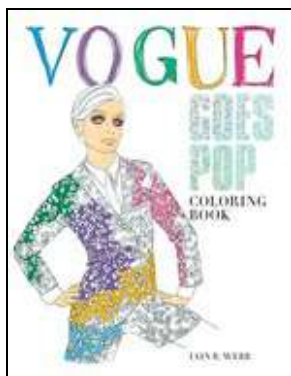
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## Vogue Goes Pop Colouring Book

**VOGUE & Iain R. Webb**

### Keynote

**The second in the bestselling VOGUE Colouring Book series, from one of the world's most powerful fashion brands.**

### Description

Following the phenomenal success of the *Vogue Colouring Book*, award-winning writer and fashion editor Iain R. Webb has created beautiful hand-drawn artworks inspired by iconic images from British VOGUE in the Swinging Sixties. Original captions taken from vintage VOGUES from the 1960s add an entertaining period flavour.

From Twiggy and Mary Quant to The Beatles and Peter Blake, the '60s were the years fashion, music and art collided in a colourful, effervescent youthquake. As one VOGUE cover line from 1960 read: 'Young Ideas, Young looks, YOUNG!' The defining mood of the decade was an effortless cool attitude - breezy, carefree and always looking for the next party.

Now is your chance to join the party. This is the decade of the mini-skirt, Op Art prints, the discotheque dress and wild colour combinations. Go crazy with your crayons. Become your own fashion designer and make your designs POP!

### Sales Points

- Follows on from the success of *Vogue Colouring Book* - more than 100,000 copies sold
- Features original captions taken from vintage Vogues from the 1960s, adding an entertaining period flavour
- VOGUE GOES POP Colouring Book is published in Vogue's centenary year when the brand will be every-where, including a major exhibition, *Vogue 100: A Century of Style* at the National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar Square

### Reviews

- 'Even in monochrome, the *Vogue Colouring Book* is a masterful creation, transporting you back to the billowing layers, long gloves and poised hats of the 1950s' - *Stella Magazine*
- 'Would-be-designers can indulge their fashion fantasies with the arrival of *The Vogue Colouring Book*

' - *The Financial Times*

### Author Biography

IAIN R. WEBB is an award-winning writer and Professor of Fashion and Design at Kingston School of Art. He is also an associate lecturer at Central Saint Martins and Bath Spa University. During his career he has been fashion editor of *BLITZ*, the *Evening Standard*, *Harpers & Queen*, *The Times* and *Elle*, while contributing to various publications including *NME*, *The New York Times* and *Vogue*.

He is the author and illustrator of the bestselling *Vogue Colouring Book*, and has written several other books including *Bill Gibb: Fashion and Fantasy*, *Postcards from the Edge of the Catwalk*, *As Seen in BLITZ: Fashioning '80s Style*, *Invitation Strictly Personal* and *Foale and Tuffin: The Sixties*. His latest book, *Marc Jacobs Unseen*, is published in September 2018. He also works as a curator and projects include 'We're Not Here To Sell Clothes' at the ICA, 'You're Ugly and Your Mother Dresses You Funny' at Paul Smith, Mayfair, 'See Me, Feel Me' at the MoBA Biennale Arnhem and 'Invitation Strictly Personal' at Somerset House.

He now lives in Bath where he consults for the Fashion Museum, makes 'things to hang on your back and your wall' and muses over his life in frocks on Instagram (hopeandglitter).

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Main Identifier	<b>9781846016639</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Fashion and textile design (AKT) History of art (AGA) Handicrafts, decorative arts and crafts (WF) Fashion and style guides (WJF)</b>

Binding	<b>Jacketed Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Other</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>96 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Author living in	<b>Bath, UK</b>
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### Previous Titles

*Vogue Colouring Book* (9781840917215)  
*Vintage Vogue: detachable postcards to colour in* (9781840917307)

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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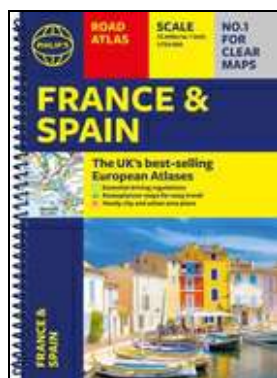
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## Philip's France and Spain Road Atlas

### Covers the whole of France, Spain and Portugal, alongside Belgium, Andorra and Luxembourg

#### Philip's Maps

#### Keynote

The *Philip's France and Spain Road Atlas*, in an easy to use spiral A4 format, is the must-have atlas for anyone travelling around these countries, with the added bonus of Portugal, Belgium, Andorra and Luxembourg.

#### Description

**The latest edition of *Philip's France and Spain Road Atlas*, in an easy to use spiral A4 format, is the must-have atlas for anyone travelling or driving in these and the adjacent countries including Belgium, Luxembourg and Portugal.**

- \* Includes **Up-to-date driving regulations, including speed limits;**
- \* **Route-planning maps** which enable journeys of over 800 miles to be planned without turning a page;
- \* **Clear, detailed road maps, with scenic routes highlighted and toll, toll-free and pre-pay motorways** all clearly marked;
- \* **Large-scale urban-area maps;**
- \* **City-centre plans marking historic buildings and tourist attractions**, as well as car parks, head post offices and other facilities;
- \* Listings for **ski resorts and top visitor attractions** in each of the main countries.

From the market leaders in European Road Mapping, in addition to the main maps at 1:750,000, the road network is shown at three supplementary scales from 1:250,000 to 1:3M, with ultra-clear detailed maps for urban areas, so that you can navigate in this part of Europe with ease.

Scenic routes are highlighted on the road maps, with theme parks and World Heritage Sites also clearly shown. The maps highlight towns with low-emission zones and show motorway rest/parking areas, not forgetting handy listings of top sites to visit and useful ski resort information.

#### Sales Points

- **COMPREHENSIVE road atlas with LARGE-SCALE** detailed approach maps and city-centre plans for easy travelling.
- **COVERS THE WHOLE OF FRANCE, SPAIN and PORTUGAL**, alongside Belgium, Andorra and Luxembourg
- **VITAL DRIVING REGULATIONS, SKI RESORTS and not-to-be-missed TOP SIGHTS** section for each country
- **HIGHLIGHTS SCENIC ROUTES**, theme parks and World Heritage sites.
- **FROM THE MARKET LEADERS** in European mapping

#### Author Biography

Philip's has been at the forefront of creating maps and atlases since 1834. Whether a local street map or a fact-packed World Atlas, we use the most up-to-date technology, expertise and our global network to ensure our customers have all the information they need.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Travel maps and atlases (WTR) Travel and Leisure maps (WTRM) France (1DDF) Spain (1DSE) Portugal (1DSP)</b>

Binding	<b>Spiral bound</b>
Format	<b>297mm x 212mm</b>
Extent	<b>88 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Philip's Road Atlases</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Book locale	<b>France, Spain and Portugal</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
Author living in	<b>UK</b>

#### Publishing History

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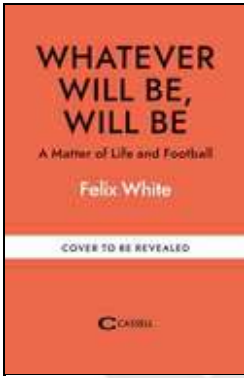
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# Whatever will be, will be A Matter of Life and Football

Felix White

## Keynote

A personal and unique road trip style journey through the FA Cup campaign of the 2024/25 football season by bestselling author Felix White - from the first non-league rounds of the tournament to the final at Wembley.

## Description

'A book so beautiful that it finally made me understand what football means. An exceptional writer.'

- **Bella Mackie**

'So much more than a book about football. A book about aging, community and memory. Rich in detail and great jokes. I wish I had written it.'

- **Josh Widdicombe**

'Mesmerising and unputdownable, like Fever Pitch meets The Sportswriter. I commend it in the highest terms.'

- **Amol Rajan**

**From the Sunday Times bestselling author of *It's Always Summer Somewhere* comes a moving and often hilarious journey through the 2024/25 FA Cup - from the first muddy preliminary round in Penrith to a glorious sunny day at Wembley.**

On the brink of turning 40, Felix White sets out to watch a match from every round of the Cup, meeting fans, players and dreamers at every level of the English game. As he travels the country, football becomes a way to explore memory, identity, grief and joy. While he reflects on his own lifelong obsessions, his story becomes a unique expression of how the game communicates something vital, both literal and internal, between a child and an adult.

**Told with lyrical wit and heartfelt honesty, *Whatever Will Be, Will Be* is more than just a story about football - it's about growing up, holding on and the strange ways sport connects us all.**

## Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Felix White's previous book *It's Always Sunny Somewhere*, was a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week, and a Sunday Times Bestseller - selling over 14,000 copies in the UK alone.
- **UNMATCHED POPULARITY AND HERITAGE:** The FA Cup is the oldest football competition in the world, with a history dating back to 1871. It has become a cornerstone of British sporting culture, attracting over 9 million viewers in the UK.
- **COMPARATIVE TITLE:** *The Mixer: The Story of Premier League Tactics*, from *Route One to False Nines* by Michael Cox has sold over 34,000 copies in the UK.
- **GLOBAL APPEAL:** The FA Cup's appeal goes beyond the UK, resonating with football fans across Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

## Author Biography

Felix White is a musician, broadcaster and co-founder of independent record label, Yala! He has also, for as long as his conscious memory extends, been in love with the game of cricket. Neither of his parents - from Lebanon and the Isle of Wight - were into the game, so it is a slight mystery to everyone that he took to it as much as he did. He co-presents BBC podcast Tailenders with Greg James and England's most successful ever fast bowler Jimmy Anderson, which has proved a 'safe space' in which to channel his enthusiasm for it regularly. The Maccabees, the band for whom he is renowned, released four studio albums and split at their commercial peak after 14 years together, off the back of a UK number one album and major festival headline shows. He lives in South London where he continues to work on numerous musical projects, including film scores, and has still not overcome his rational fear of a cricket ball.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781788405607</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Autobiography: sport (DNBS1) Sport: general (SC) Association football (Soccer) (SFBC) Sporting events and management (SCB)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
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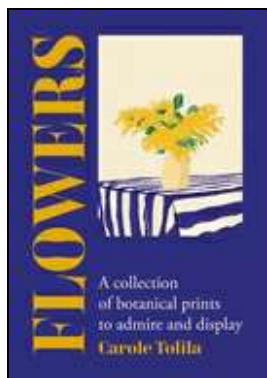
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## Flowers

**A collection of botanical prints to admire and display**

**Carole Tolila**

### Keynote

**A beautiful collection of 30 detachable art prints of flowers, created by 30 artists from around the world, with information about each flower and artist.**

### Description

**An ode to the beauty of the floral world, FLOWERS is a collection of 30 detachable art prints, each created by a contemporary artist from around the world.**

In this beautiful book, gardener and journalist Carole Tolila has selected 30 of her favourite flowers. Not only is FLOWERS unique in form, being a book you can both admire and display, but it's unique in content: this is a collective work, made up of gorgeous artworks created by illustrators from across the globe. The pages of the book house a multitude of artistic techniques, ranging from watercolour to collage, linocutting to digital drawing. On the reverse of each detachable print, you'll find a little natural history to accompany each flower, along with information about each artists, the techniques they used and how the botanical world sparks inspiration for them.

Whether you're decorating your own home or looking for a thoughtful gift for a friend, FLOWERS is the perfect way of letting a little nature and poetry into your life. Simply pull a print out of the book, grab a frame or some washi tape, and display it on your wall.

### Sales Points

- **UNIQUE PRODUCT:** Unlike anything else on the market, FLOWERS is an unusual gift product that is both a book and a set of art prints, making it the perfect gift for the flower lover or budding artist in your life.
- **LUXURIOUS PACKAGE:** FLOWERS is a textured Wibalín hardback, giving it a wonderfully tactile feel. Each artwork is printed on thick, creamy card, and the pages are glued together so that they can be detached without any perforation or tearing.
- **PERENNIAL TOPIC:** Flowers are consistently popular as a topic in gardening books, but also in the gift space. This clever product marries the two, being the perfect present for anyone in your life who loves these treasures of the natural world.

### Author Biography

**Carole Tolila** is a French journalist and co-host of *Silence ça pousse !*, the popular TV gardening show. Well-known on social media, with more than 90k followers, she hosts *La Pyjama Thérapie*, live videos about interior design. A lover of the natural world, Carole is the author of *FLOWERS*, a beautiful book of floral prints to admire and display.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, March 26, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£25.00 / ₹2399</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781846016707</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Illustration (AKLB) Flower arranging and floral crafts (WFW) Prints and printmaking (AFH)</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>300x210</b>
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## Atmosfloric Flower colour in home and garden

Sean Pritchard

### Keynote

The hotly anticipated second book from designer Sean Pritchard, author of *Outside In*, exploring the impact of colour in the garden and how it can be displayed indoors.

### Description

'I love how I can enjoy the seasons through Sean Pritchard's joyously seductive and inspiring arrangements. Glorious!' John Derian

'*Atmosfloric* is an absolute feast! Not only totally beguiling and full of practical insights but it opens the doors on some of England and France's most beautiful places.' Sophie Conran

'Sean's approach to colour is utterly refreshing, his words and photos are luxurious and sumptuous. He moves beyond the hackneyed approaches to colour and explores botanical palettes which create distinct atmospheric experiences of romance, energy and reflection. A true inspiration.' Jo Thompson

'All hail Sean Pritchard! His displays are full of wit, stunning colour, singular authenticity - and just damn joyous.' Joely Richardson

'I wish I could do the flowers like Sean does. Like all good artists he makes it seem effortless and easy - but the beauty and spontaneity he conjures is grounded in his intelligent study of how colour theory works - and this new manual for flowers is his testimony to us. If you use it properly it is bound to be transformative.' Ruth Guilding, *The Bible of British Taste*  
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Sean Pritchard's hotly anticipated new book, *Atmosfloric: Flower colour in home and garden* explores how to grow flowers for colour and bring them indoors for visual impact and atmosphere.

The garden allows us to play with colour. Unlike the colours in our interiors, colour in the garden is fleeting and fickle, and with that comes an exciting opportunity to experiment with a changing performance of colour month after month and to bring those colours indoors for constantly changing displays.

Colours are considered in three mood-based chapters: Romantic, Energetic and Reflective. For each chapter Sean reveals his favourite flowers to grow (with plant lists and inspirational planting plans) and shows them in a range of inspirational gardens and interiors.

As with *Outside In* the photography is by the author, who has photographed some highly sought-after gardens and interiors in England and France including the iconic Charleston Farmhouse and Kettle's Yard, plus the homes of Richard E Grant, Sam McKnight, Marin Montagut, Butter Wakefield, Isabel and Julian Bannerman and Anthony Watson of Atelier Vime.

Sean also takes a personal look at colour theory and explores the relationship that gardeners and gardener-artists have had with colour through history.

Praise for Sean Pritchard's first book, *Outside In*:

'I devoured this sumptuously British step-by-gorgeous-step guide to when to seed, plant and pluck in a single sitting.' - Richard E. Grant

'*Outside In: A Year of Growing & Displaying* is that rare thing - the most ridiculously beautiful coffee-table book that is also a mine of useful information when it comes to what to grow when for year-round cut flowers. His interiors aren't too shabby, either.' - India Knight

'*Outside In* is not only stuffed full of practical advice and tips on nurturing a garden and displaying plants and flowers in the home, it is also a thing of romantic beauty. Sean's overflowing, colourful arrangements have put a smile on my face countless times: he has a natural ability to put together flowers, books, fabrics and assorted treasures in a way that feels effortless, charming and deeply personal.' - Luke Edward Hall

'Armed with flower-whisperer Sean A. Prichard's new book, mom can bedeck her home with backyard-blooms year-round-or just luxuriate in the pretty pictures while sipping a nice cuppa.' - *Wall Street Journal*

Publication date **Thursday, May 07, 2026**  
Price **£30.00 / ₹2799**  
Main Identifier **9781840919356**  
Thema 1.6 **Interior design, decor and style guides (WJK)  
Gardening: flowers and ornamental plants (W MPC)  
Gardening (WM)**

Binding **Hardback**  
Format **hardback**  
Extent **224 pages**  
Word Count **42023 words**  
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**  
Not for Sale **None**

Book locale **Britain**  
Author living in **England**

### Previous Titles

*Outside In*

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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'Inventive, considered, and thoughtful design.' - *House & Garden*

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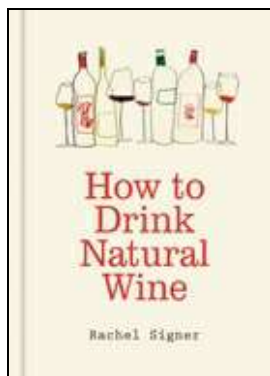
- **STRONG FOLLOWING:** A visually glorious second book from designer and RHS medalist Sean Pritchard, who has 157k very engaged followers on Instagram.
- **FRESH TAKE ON POPULAR TOPIC:** Colour in gardening is a perennially popular theme and Sean Pritchard brings a fresh and original vision to the subject.

### Author Biography

**Sean A Pritchard** has a garden design studio based in London and Somerset. He came to his career in garden design with a background in fine art and brand strategy. Before setting up his design practice, Sean graduated with Distinction from the Garden Design School in Bristol. Sean has designed show gardens at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival and, in 2025, he designed The ODD Pavilion at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. He divides his time between London and Somerset - where he lives in a 300-year-old farm labourer's cottage on the Mendip Hills, overlooking the Somerset Levels. He applies much of his garden design philosophy to the decoration of the cottage, which he shares on his popular Instagram account, @sean\_anthony\_pritchard Sean's first book *Outside In: A Year of Growing and Displaying* was published in April 2024.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781840919813</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Wines (WBXD1) Food and drink: alcoholic beverages (WBXD) Food and beverage technology (TDCT)</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Z (210x149)</b>
Extent	<b>224 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>33731 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Book locale	<b>Global</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Australia</b>

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## How to Drink Natural Wine

Rachel Signer

### Keynote

**Everything you ever needed to know about super-trendy natural wine, from acclaimed natural wine journalist and winemaker Rachel Signer.**

### Description

Natural wine has entrenched itself in the bistros and bars of global cities. A movement founded on organic farming, artisanship, and minimalism in the cellar, it is a complex world of colorful, modern labels and surprising blends.

Through stories and photography from vineyards across the world, journalist and winemaker Rachel Signer introduces readers to the wild, global journey of natural wine:

Discover the established styles of natural wine from orange wine to pét-nat, and the iconic producers you should try.

Learn how natural wine is made and why it's so special.

Explore how to taste, store, and serve natural wine, as well as how to pair it with food.

Be inspired to taste natural wines in the vineyard and discover the bars and fairs you should visit around the world.

### Praise for Rachel Signer

**'An engaging writer whose story will certainly make you thirsty for a bottle of natural wine.'**

*New York Times*

### Sales Points

- **GLOBAL GROWING TREND:** The market for natural/organic wine is set to triple by 2030, expected to grow from US\$9.84 billion to USD\$25.07 billion. Natural wine bars and shops span the globe, from Sydney to New York, San Francisco to London, Paris to Berlin, Milan, Tokyo and beyond.
- **THE SOURDOUGH OF WINE:** Natural wine is made as wine was originally made centuries ago, just as sourdough is how bread was made pre-industrialisation; like sourdough, natural wine is made organically in small batches without pesticides and handcrafted by individual producers; and similar to sourdough, it has purported health benefits as a result. All of this makes it an artisanal product - fitting into a global trend of eating and drinking "better" and more mindfully.
- **WRITTEN BY THE AUTHORITY ON NATURAL WINE:** Based in Australia, Rachel Signer is a natural winemaker, natural wine journalist and founder of cult natural wine magazine *Pipette*, which has been distributed into 30 different territories including Australia, the United States, Canada, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany and Greece. Her first book, *You Had Me At Pet-Nat* was named one of the *New York Times*' best wine books of 2021.
- **PRESTIGIOUS ILLUSTRATOR:** The book features beautiful illustrations by Angelo Dolojan, who has illustrated for the *New York Times*, Soho House and Chanel.

### Author Biography

**Rachel Signer** is an acclaimed author and natural wine journalist. She has written *You Had Me at Pét-Nat: A Natural Wine Soaked Memoir*, named by the *New York Times* as one of 2021's best wine books. She is founder of cult natural wine magazine *Pipette*, distributed in more than 30 territories including Canada, the USA, Italy and Germany. Originally from the USA, Rachel now lives in Australia, where she has also made natural wine for six years. She leads annual boutique natural wine tours in Italy and regularly teaches food-and-drink-writing workshops. Follow on Instagram @rachsig

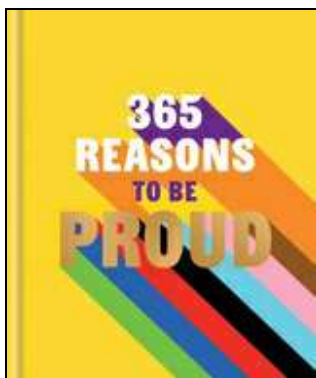
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## 365 Reasons to be Proud

### A little book of perfect words to celebrate every colour of the rainbow

#### Keynote

An amusing, uplifting and thought-provoking collection of inspirational quotes and everyday wisdom that celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community. The perfect gift for celebrating Pride month.

#### Description

**"If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities - the expression of love - then life itself loses its meaning."**  
- Harvey Milk

It all started in 1970 in New York City. Pride started out as a form of political resistance, advocating for the rights of LGBTQIA+ people, but now it's a celebration of queer life and sexuality. We need Pride both to celebrate queer identity and culture, and also to show how resilient the queer community is.

Whether you're thinking about how to come out, have just taken that brave first step, or have been an out-and-proud member of the LGBTQIA+ community for some time, this collection of 365 inspirational quotes and snippets of rainbow-powered wisdom is the perfect book to celebrate you, the people you love and your place in a sometimes challenging world.

*365 Reasons to be Proud* is beautifully designed inside and out, packed full of uplifting words that champion everything LGBTQIA+ in a joyful and uniquely queer way, and includes an introduction by award-winning television writer Russell T. Davies.

#### Highlights include:

- Be a king. Be a queen. Be anything in-between
- Today is an awfully good day to be queer
- Use pronouns that define YOU
- Every day is just another opportunity to be fabulous

**Also available in the series:** *365 Reasons You're the Perfect Mum* and *365 Reasons You're the Perfect Dad*

#### Sales Points

- Timed to publish ahead of UK, US and Australian Pride Month (June) 2026, this book will also be a year-round gift purchase suitable for birthdays and Christmas, as well as any time you simply want to show some love for the LGBTQIA+ people in your life.
- This is highly giftable, and will be Amazon-led, but will also sit in retailers such as Card Factory and the Works, along with specifically LGBTQIA+ independents.
- Beautifully designed inside and out, and packed full of uplifting words that champion everything LGBTQIA+ in a joyful and uniquely queer way.
- Comparative titles: *Little Book of Pride* (Welbeck), 2020, £6.99, HB - LT TCM, 5.2K, *Little Book of LGBTQ+* (Summersdale), 2021, £6.99, PB - LT TCM, 1.9K, *Little Book of Pride* (Ryland, Peters & Small), 2020, £7.99, HB - LT TCM, 5.6K

#### Author Biography

**Hamlyn** has a rich history of publishing smart, popular books for everyday living. With food, drink, home, garden, health and parenting at its core, Hamlyn continues to be a dependable and trusted voice for readers and families of all shapes and sizes."

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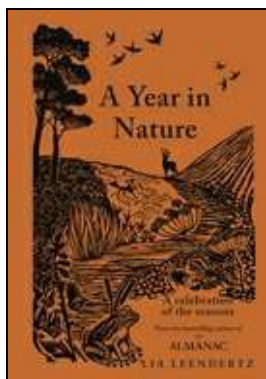
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## A Year in Nature A Celebration of the Seasons

Lia Leendertz

### Keynote

Drawn from Lia Leendertz's bestselling *The Almanac* comes a beautifully packaged look at the countryside that surrounds us and the wildlife that inhabits it.

### Description

***A Year in Nature* is a captivating journey across the countryside through the seasons.**

A delightful voyage through the seasons, each page sparkles with wonder and gentle surprises. From spring's first blossoms dancing in the breeze to winter's quiet hush beneath a blanket of snow, *A Year in Nature* celebrates the magic woven into each month, where birds chatter like storytellers, leaves whirl in secret ballets, and raindrops compose lullabies on mossy stones. With this beautiful collection, you are invited to wander meadow paths, pause beneath starlit skies, bring nature into your home and marvel at the tiny miracles often overlooked. It's a joyful reminder that nature's calendar is always full of enchantment.

This is a book to treasure all year, every year, and the perfect companion to *A Year in Story and Song* and *A Year of Feasting and Festivities*.

### Highlights include:

- **January:** In the ancient meadow, the hedgerow in January and inside a beehive in January
- **February:** A nature table for February, toad migration and winter rainbows
- **March:** The vernal/spring equinox, garden wildlife in March and bird of the month
- **April:** The pond in April, brimstone butterflies and flower on the month
- **May:** Garden and weather folklore, 'The feast of Beltane' and May dew
- **June:** Nature weaving, the hedgerow in June and Midsummer
- **July:** Flower of the month, summer hailstorm and inside the beehive in July
- **August:** Flower and leaf mandalas, dragonfly migration and the grasshopper chorus
- **September:** Corn dollies, autumn equinox and daddy-longlegs
- **October:** Make Halloween nature wands, preparing for hibernation and the moon illusion
- **November:** Making a space for November, preserving leaves and mellow mists
- **December:** Mark the winter solstice, types of frost and "cherry tree carol"

### Sales Points

- *The Almanac* series remains hugely popular, with the eighth instalment underway. Reviewed by the likes of Sir Bib Geldof and *The Observer* as 'indispensable' and 'the perfect Christmas present'.
- Collectively, *The Almanac* series has sold more than 300K copies via TCM
- Lia has an active social media profile with more than 25k followers across her platforms.
- Following the success of *A Year in Story and Song* and *A Year of Feasting and Festivities*, Lia returns with a month-by-month guide that celebrate the best of what each season in nature has to offer.
- Comparative titles:  
*A Year in Story and Song* by Lia Leendertz, Gaia (2024), LT TCM sales - 5.6K (vol)  
*Wonderland: A Year of Britain's Wildlife* by Brett Westwood and Stephen Moss, John Murray (2018), LT TCM sales - 12.2K (vol)

### Author Biography

Lia Leendertz is an award-winning garden and food writer based in Bristol. She presents a monthly podcast, 'As the Season Turns', about what to look out for in the month ahead and writes a free monthly newsletter, 'Lia's Living Almanac', which you can sign up for at the address below. Her reinvention of the traditional rural almanac has become an annual must-have for readers eager to connect with the seasons, appreciate the outdoors and discover ways to mark and celebrate each month.

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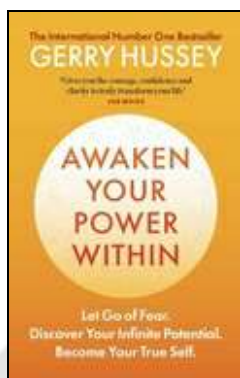
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## Awaken Your Power Within Let Go of Fear. Discover Your Infinite Potential. Become Your True Self.

Gerry Hussey

### Keynote

A powerful and transformative guide to self-discovery from the new star of self-help and #1 international bestseller

### Description

**CHOSEN BY WOMAN&HOME AS ONE OF THEIR 30 BEST SELF-CARE BOOKS FOR 2022**

**'You are an infinite being with infinite potential. All you need to do is open yourself to a new consciousness, a true vision of who you really are and awaken to the power within'**

From leading health and performance coach, Gerry Hussey, comes a powerful guide to transforming your mind, body and soul.

In *Awaken Your Power Within*, Gerry tells an open, honest and mind-blowing story of self-discovery that takes us inside the heart and mind of a young boy who dared to ask deeper questions about the mind and soul. Bringing together insights from psychology, neuroscience, gut health, quantum physics, mindfulness and philosophy, the book shows you how to break free from limiting and self-destructive habits and reclaim your inner world, so that you can live as your truest and most powerful self.

From letting go of the fear of not being enough to opening up a deeper level of consciousness, *Awaken Your Power Within* is a life-changing introduction to the limitless possibilities of which you are capable.

### Sales Points

- **PHENOMENAL BEST-SELLER:** At the time of writing, after 20 weeks' sale, *Awaken Your Power Within* has sold over 23,000 copies in Ireland.
- **NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER:** 4 weeks as #1 bestselling non-fiction book, 2 weeks as overall #1 bestseller in Ireland and in the top 10 paperback non-fiction bestsellers for four months, so far...
- **COMP:** *The Chimp Paradox* - by consultant psychiatrist and sports performance coach Professor Steve Peters - has sold over 750,000 copies in paperback.
- **STRONG PERSONALITY FOR PUBLICITY:** Gerry is an engaging communicator and has built up strong and wide-ranging publicity coverage in Ireland, with the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, *Irish Mail on Sunday* and broadcast and online media.

### Author Biography

Gerry Hussey is a performance psychologist who has been working in the fields of health and performance for almost twenty years. He is the co-founder of Soul Space, an empowering movement that focuses on integrative mind, body and soul programs, speaking engagements and events.

At the forefront of building high-performance teams and individuals, Gerry leads teams for success at high-profile competitions such as the Olympic Games, Heineken Cups, World Cups, and World and European championships. He also works with corporate organisations along with one-on-one sessions for individuals.

Gerry brings an unrivalled wealth of honesty, experience and infectious passion to everything he does, and has the ability to awaken, unlock and connect people in a truly powerful manner.

Find Gerry at [www.soulpace.ie](http://www.soulpace.ie) or on Instagram @gerry\_hussey or @soulpace\_the\_experience

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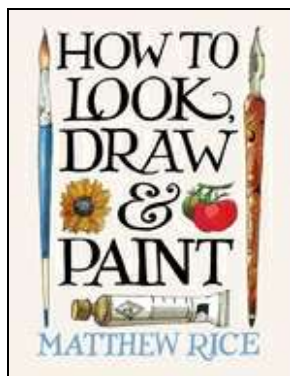
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## How to Look, Draw & Paint

Matthew Rice

### Keynote

Explore the building blocks of drawing and painting and engage with the visual world around you, with the first practical art book from renowned artist, author and designer, Matthew Rice.

### Description

Learning to draw needn't be complicated or expensive, nor does one need a particularly spectacular subject to draw.

In this, his first practical art book, artist Matthew Rice encourages readers to look at and draw the scenes around them - the desk they are sitting at, the view out the window, a bowl of produce from the supermarket. And it is by truly sitting with and engaging with our everyday world that drawing skills can be learnt and strengthened, confidence built, and a new mindful creative activity developed.

A bunch of spring onions can be a starting point when thinking about shading and form. The view from your kitchen window becomes an exercise in perspective and measuring lines. A vase full of flowers is the perfect subject to develop your skills in detailed drawing and three-dimensional structure.

Little by little, by following the ten step-by-step exercises in the book, readers will build the skills and techniques to approach drawing any scene with confidence and ease.

"To know how to draw, you need to think about how to look, because to draw is to look and report in on what you have seen. As we learn to draw better we also learn to understand better: to analyze, explore and comprehend our world and its inhabitants. The exercise is more than an expression of a desire to decorate, to kill time or amuse. It is in fact a vital and near universal mode of communication that allows us to speak to those with whom we share no other common language." - Matthew Rice

### Sales Points

- **EXPERT & BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Matthew Rice is a talented artist and author, best-known for his pottery business partnership with Emma Bridgewater. *Rice's Architectural Primer* has sold more than 30,000 copies via TCM, and *Rice's Language of Buildings* more than 17,000.
- **ILEX DRAWING TITLE SUCCESS:** Ilex has had great success with practical drawing titles, which backlist strongly - *You Will Be Able to Draw by the End of This Book* by Jake Spicer has more than 200,000 copies in print across all languages.
- **ACCESSIBLE FORMAT:** The step-by-step design of the projects in this book, coupled with the author's friendly tone, make it approachable for complete beginners.

### Author Biography

Recording all that surrounds him, from heritage apples to Venetian rooftops, **Matthew Rice** has documented a lifetime of memories and moments in pen and watercolour. He has designed and illustrated Emma Bridgewater pottery for three decades, and has created illustrations for magazines such as *Country Life*, as well as for his own books on architecture, including the bestselling *Rice's Architectural Primer*.

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## My dog thinks he's human!?

### Practical advice for dog lovers

**Peter Wedderburn (Illustrated By Per José Karlén)**

#### Keynote

A quirky, fun and practical guide to finding the right pet for you, as well as tips and tricks on how to deal with some of their unique characteristics.

#### Description

**Dogs share our homes and our lives in a much closer way than any other pet.** A dog becomes one of the family, included in photographs, outings and stories. In fact, people so often treat their dogs like humans, it is no wonder that they sometimes act like one!

Whether they're becoming a picky eater, a couch potato or simply thinks they're the 'man of the house', *My Dog Thinks He's Human!?* can help. With 50 tips and tricks on all aspects of caring for your dog, from your choosing a puppy to them dragging their bottoms on the floor, this book will show you the best ways to ensure that you and your pampered pooch learn to co-exist contentedly - all while you remain top dog.

#### Contents include:

- A dog's dinner
- From mangy mutt to pampered pooch
- Canine crimes
- A walk in the park
- Dog Gone!
- Sick as a dog

**Also available in the series:** *My Cat is Ignoring Me!?*

#### Sales Points

- Colourful, pocket-sized guide with over 40 quirky illustrations and a good price point make this book an affordable self purchase or an ideal gift for first-time pet owners.
- *My Dog Thinks He's Human!?* presents serious topics in a humorous and engaging manner that makes them a perfect self purchase or a suitable gift for pet owners.
- There are approximately 13.5 million dogs as pets in the UK, with 36% of households owning a dog
- Comparative titles: *What a Dog Wants* (Bloomsbury), £12.99, HB, 2021 - LT TCM sales 13K, *Dog Owner's Survival Guide* (Summersdale), £7.99, HB, 2022 - LT TCM sales 8K, *Little Instruction Book for Dog Parents* (Summersdale), £8.99, HB, 2024 - LT TCM sales 5K

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**Cats are renowned for being independent creatures content to do their own thing, in their own time.** They can be aloof, distant and independent - yet many of us adore our cats, and wonder if we could do more to make them return our affection and attention.

*My Cat is Ignoring Me!?* answers 50 frequently asked questions about how to choose, care for and live with your cat. Boy or girl? Long haired or short? And when they've taken over the sofa, the kitchen and the bed, is the house their place or yours? Follow these simple steps to ensure you create the best possible lifestyle for your cat, and they'll never ignore you again! Probably...maybe.

#### Contents include:

- Pick of the litter
- Kitty little and cat naps
- Fat cats and picky pets
- Hissy fits
- Feline fun
- Looking after their nine lives

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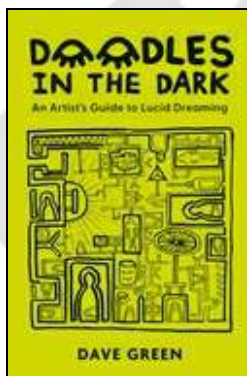
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## Doodles In The Dark An artist's guide to lucid dreaming

**Dave Green**

### Keynote

Everything you've ever wanted to know about lucid dreaming and how to harness it to awaken your creative power

### Description

**A mind-expanding look into the 'art' of lucid dreaming, *Doodles In The Dark* shows you how to use your dreams to awaken your creativity.**

Have you ever been aware that you were dreaming, and used that awareness to influence the course of your dream? If so, you've experienced lucid dreaming.

In *Doodles In The Dark*, renowned artist and comedian Dave Green takes us on a genre-bending journey through the history, science, philosophy and spirituality of the dreaming mind. By sharing copies of otherworldly doodles that he first conceived inside his own lucid dreams, he shows us just how much our dreaming brains are capable of imagining.

Much more than your average creative guidebook, *Doodles In The Dark* teaches us *how* to lucid dream and how to make artwork - not *of* our dreams but *within* the dream state itself. Part memoir, part scientific caper and part meditation on the nature of reality, this is a book for artists, oddballs and anyone interested in the creative power of their nocturnal reveries.

Your dreams are waiting. It's time to wake up inside them.

### Sales Points

- The subject of sleep and dreams is perennially popular, with articles on the topic in *British Psychological Society* (March 2024), *VeryWellMind* (Feb 2024), *Forbes* (Feb 2024) and *Psychology Today* (Feb 2024) to name a few. With *Doodles In The Dark*, Dave aims to bring the subject of lucid dreaming out of the esoteric and into the mainstream
- Author Dave Green has been featured in publications such as *BBC Science Focus*, *proto-life* and *DreamTime Magazine*. He has lectured about his work at Tate Modern and was the subject of a 2021 documentary by The World Science Festival called 'The Dreaming Pen'.
- Comparative titles include *Why We Sleep* by Matthew Walker (over 380,700 copies sold via TCM as of November 2024), *The Dream Dictionary from A to Z* by Theresa Cheung (over 32,500 copies sold via TCM as of November 2024) and *Into the Uncanny* by Danny Robbins (over 13,800 copies sold via TCM as of November 2024)

### Author Biography

Dave Green is an artist from London who creates simple line drawings in his lucid dreams, which he re-creates upon waking up. His art has been featured in *BBC Science Focus* and *DreamTime magazine*. He has lectured about his work at Tate Modern and is the subject of a documentary by The World Science Festival called 'The Dreaming Pen'. In 2022, he was the winner of the award for artistic merit presented to him by the International Association for the Study of Dreams.

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## Heatwave The Summer of 1976 – Britain at Boiling Point

John L Williams

### Keynote

A rich examination of the cultural and political upheaval in Britain in the boiling hot summer of 1976

### Description

'A teeming chronicle of those scorching months. Superbly researched.' *THE TIMES*

'Scorching, animated and essential reading. Superb.' *THE MAIL ON SUNDAY*

'Grippingly captures the three months that shook Britain's cultural landscape' *PAULINE BLACK*

'Scorching, seething and scintillating, *Heatwave* conjures a slow-burning collage of a country on the brink. I lived through those cruel months, and Williams recreates them with intense skill' *SIMON GARFIELD*

'An absolute joy' *PETE PAPHIDES*

'Engrossing...powerful...goes way beyond nostalgia' *DAVID KYNASTON*

**With temperatures soaring to 35°C, severe water shortages and a sunburned population queuing at the standpipes, the summer of 1976 was always remembered as Britain's hottest.**

**But the wave that hit the UK that year was also cultural and political, with upheaval on the streets, in parliament, on the cricket pitch and on the radios and TV sets of a nation at a crossroads.**

Before this blistering summer, Britain seemed stuck in the post-war era, a country where people were all in it together - as long as you were white, male and straight. In July, Tom Robinson writes a song called *Glad to be Gay*, and by August bank holiday, Black youth are making the police run for their lives in the almighty riot at the Notting Hill Carnival. But with the Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson suddenly quitting, the pound sinking and the economy tanking, a restless immigrant population and increasing dissatisfaction in the old world order, the weather seemed to boil up the country to the point where the lid blows off.

Weaving a rich tapestry of the news stories of the year, with social commentary and dozens of first-person interviews with those that were there at the time, Williams's reappraisal of the summer of '76 is an evocative, sometimes nostalgic but always an unflinching read. *Heatwave* takes us back to relive the events of that summer and asks - have we really moved on as much as we would have liked?

### Sales Points

- **ANNIVERSARY TIE IN:** Published for the 50th anniversary of the summer of '76. The anniversary will provoke TV, press and media coverage, and our paperback will be perfectly timed to capitalise on that.
- **SUCCESSFUL COMPS:** Dominic Sandbrook's *Seasons in the Sun* (5.6k hardback and 23.5k paperback) and Andy Beckett's *When the Light Goes Out* (4.7k hardback and 22k paperback) both overindexed in pb format.
- **CURRENT LANDSCAPE:** The recent riots, rising weather temperatures and climate crisis debates dominating headlines time this sharp and thought-provoking book perfectly for readers questioning how far our country has come.
- **AUTHOR TRADE PROFILE:** As well as an experienced author, John L. Williams is co-founder and literary director of the Laugharne Festival and is well connected in the book world. We have a wealth of great quotes to use for the paperback too.

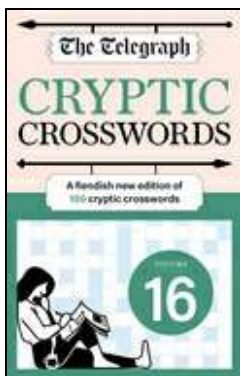
### Author Biography

**John L Williams** is a biographer, novelist, and crime writer from Cardiff. His non-fiction includes his much-acclaimed biography of the Trinidadian polymath CLR James, and his account of the Cardiff Three miscarriage of justice case, *Bloody Valentine* ('A bloody good book' - Benjamin Zephaniah), as well as his enduringly popular portrait of urban America as seen through the prism of crime fiction, *Into The Badlands*. His biography of his fellow Cardiffian Shirley Bassey was proclaimed the music book of the year by *The Times*. He is the crime fiction reviewer for *The Mail on Sunday*. He is the co-founder and literary director of the Laugharne Weekend Festival in west Wales. The one single recorded by his punk band, The Puritan Guitars, is surprisingly collectible.

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## The Telegraph Cryptic Crosswords 16

### A new edition of 100 cryptic crosswords

The Telegraph

#### Keynote

A fiendish new edition of 100 cryptic crosswords.

#### Description

**Dive into this fiendish new edition of 100 cryptic crosswords!**

Test your lateral thinking with these cryptic crosswords, straight from the pages of The Telegraph.

With 100 challenges to choose from, this collection will provide hours of entertainment for lovers of quality cryptic puzzling.

#### Sales Points

- **COMP TITLES:** *The Telegraph Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords 9* has sold over 6,000 copies and *The Telegraph Big Book of Quick Crosswords 8* has sold over 9,000 copies.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** *The Telegraph* has a daily circulation of 350,000 readers.
- **A NATION OF PUZZLERS:** 63% of UK adults do puzzles at least once a week.

#### Reviews

- 'Excellent quality and very good value for money.' - Adrian Reynolds
- 'Been buying these for years for the wife, she loves them!' - John Cambridge

#### Author Biography

The Telegraph is the one of the UK's most popular daily broadsheets, with a daily circulation of over 350,000 readers. It was the first quality newspaper in the UK to publish a daily crossword, in 1925.

The new Telegraph Puzzles site is at <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/puzzles/>, offering access to their archive of over 17,000 puzzles.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Crosswords and word games (WDKC) Hobbies, quizzes and games (WD) Puzzles and quizzes (WDK) Trivia and quiz questions (WDKX) Sudoku and number puzzles (WDKN)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>240 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>The Telegraph Puzzle Books</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Book locale	<b>Global</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
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#### Publishing History

**The Telegraph Cryptic Crosswords 14**  
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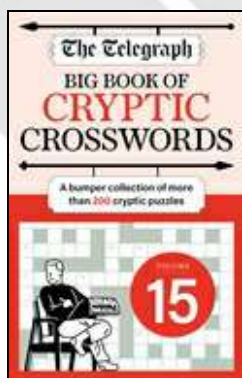
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## The Telegraph Big Book of Cryptic 15 A bumper collection of more than 200 puzzles

The Telegraph

### Keynote

A bumper collection of more than 200 cryptic puzzles.

### Description

**A bumper collection of more than 200 cryptic puzzles.**

Flex your mental muscles with these cryptic crosswords!

Put your lateral thinking skills to the test with this bumper edition of cryptic crosswords from the pages of The Telegraph. Whether you're looking to sharpen your analytical skills, or simply pass the time on a quiet Sunday morning, this is the ultimate puzzling companion.

### Sales Points

- **COMP TITLES:** *The Telegraph Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords 9* has sold over 6,000 copies and *The Telegraph Big Book of Quick Crosswords 8* has sold over 9,000 copies.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** *The Telegraph* has a daily circulation of 350,000 readers.
- **A NATION OF PUZZLERS:** 63% of UK adults do puzzles at least once a week.

### Reviews

- 'A great challenge. Great quality and good value for money' - Adrian Reynolds
- 'These books are always great value for money. Keeps the old brain ticking over.' - EAP Keirle

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Thema 1.6	<b>Puzzles and quizzes (WDK) Sudoku and number puzzles (WDKN) Hobbies, quizzes and games (WD) Crosswords and word games (WDKC)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>464 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>

Book locale	<b>Global</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
Author living in	<b>UK</b>

### Publishing History

**The Telegraph Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords 13**  
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## Daily Mail Quick Crosswords Volume 8 200 new puzzles from the Daily Mail

### Daily Mail

#### Keynote

**200 brand new quick-fire crosswords from the pages of the Daily Mail.**

#### Description

**Seeking some quick brain stimulation?**

**Want to test your analytical skills?**

The *Daily Mail* is back with a brand new collection of 200 quick-fire crosswords across a wide range of difficulties.

Whether you're on your commute, or simply looking for an activity to pass the time, these fiendish puzzles are guaranteed to entertain any crossword fan.

#### Sales Points

- **SALES FIGURES:** The *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.
- **PUZZLE POPULARITY:** Over 1.2 million readers complete a *Daily Mail* puzzle each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

#### Reviews

- 'Nice relaxing crosswords New words to learn. Could not imagine being without a Daily Mail Quick crossword book.' - M. Sedgwick
- 'Helps to keep one's mind active.' - Tony Golland

#### Author Biography

The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

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Thema 1.6 **Puzzles and quizzes (WDK)  
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Crosswords and word games (WDC)**

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Extent **240 pages**

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Book locale **Global**  
Author born in **UK**  
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#### Publishing History

**Daily Mail Quick Crosswords Volume 6**  
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**Daily Mail Big Book of Quick Crosswords Volume 7**  
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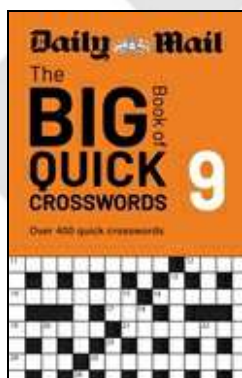
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## Daily Mail Big Book of Quick Crosswords Volume 9 A compilation of 400 puzzles

Daily Mail

### Keynote

A bumper edition of over 400 quick crosswords from the *Daily Mail*.

### Description

Flex your mental muscles with these fast and fiendish crosswords, straight from the pages of the *Daily Mail*.

Packed with over **400 puzzles** across a wide range of difficulties, this bumper edition is the perfect way to enjoy some spare time and exercise your brain muscles.

Whether you're looking to test your analytical skills or simply unwind at the end of a busy day, *The Daily Mail Big Book of Quick Crosswords Volume 8* is the ideal companion for any crossword enthusiast.

### Sales Points

- **SALES FIGURES:** The *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.
- **PUZZLE POPULARITY:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

### Reviews

- 'Just right for when you wish to sit down and relax. The crosswords are not too hard - and not too easy!' - Mrs. K. M. Hunt
- 'Got this as a stocking filler for my husband at Christmas. He loves a crossword and these seem suitable for him and there's ample in the book.' - Alison

### Author Biography

The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day, and the *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.

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## Daily Mail Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords Volume 5 Over 200 cryptic crosswords

Daily Mail

### Keynote

A bumper edition of 200 cryptic crosswords from the Daily Mail.

### Description

Pit your wits against this bumper edition of 200 cryptic crosswords from the Daily Mail.

Solve the clues and navigate your way through this fiendish collection of cryptic crosswords, straight from the pages of the Daily Mail.

Whether you're a beginner or a puzzle expert, this compilation will provide the ultimate entertainment for any spare moment in the day.

### Sales Points

- **SALES FIGURES:** *Daily Mail Cryptic Crosswords Volume 3* sold almost 4,000 copies, and *Daily Mail Big Book of Cryptic Crosswords Volume 2* sold over 9,000 copies.
- **DEDICATED READERSHIP:** Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day.
- **ESTABLISHED BRAND:** *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

### Reviews

- 'A great book of crosswords, really good for people who do them all the time.' - Mrs Carol Gray
- 'Brilliant. The crosswords are hard enough to test you and maybe stretch you a little, but not so hard that you've no chance whatsoever! If you're into cryptic crosswords this one is definitely worth it.' - Pamela D

### Author Biography

The *Daily Mail* is one of the UK's most popular daily newspapers. Its website, *MailOnline* is one of the world's largest English-language news websites, and in December 2018, it had 302 million visits.

Over 1.2 million readers do the *Daily Mail* puzzles each day, and the *Daily Mail's* quick crossword series has sold over 450,000 copies to date.

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Main Identifier **9781788406949**  
Thema 1.6 **Trivia and quiz questions (WDKX) Hobbies, quizzes and games (WD) Puzzles and quizzes (WDK) Crosswords and word games (WDKC)**

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### Previous Titles

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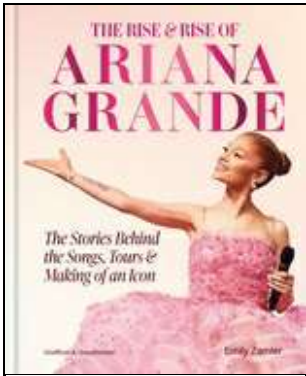
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# The Rise and Rise of Ariana Grande

## The Stories Behind the Songs, Tours and Making of an Icon

Emily Zemler

### Keynote

The definitive, untold story of Ariana Grande's artistic revolution, from musical theatre starlet to global pop icon.

### Description

**STEP INTO THE SHIMMERING WORLD OF ARIANA GRANDE WITH THIS ULTIMATE INSIDER'S GUIDE.**

This is the complete, unfiltered story of Ariana Grande, exploring the songs, tours, acting roles and style of pop's most iconic voices. From her Broadway beginnings and breakout role as Cat Valentine on *Victorious* to her celebrated portrayal of Glinda in *Wicked*, this guide chronicles Ariana's journey from teenage dreamer to global phenomenon.

Packed with rare photos, stunning illustrations, and behind-the-scenes insights, this vibrant book is your behind-the-scenes look at the artistry, triumphs, and challenges that have fuelled Ariana's rise. Discover the stories behind chart-topping hits like "7 Rings", "Thank U, Next" and "Problem", her albums from *Yours Truly* to *Eternal Sunshine*, as well as the creative inspirations behind her tours.

From memorable onscreen roles to groundbreaking performances, see how Ariana has shaped global pop culture while staying true to her vision. With intimate insights into her personal journey, this book reveals how she has navigated loss, public scrutiny, and the pressures of fame with resilience and skill.

**This is the ultimate backstage pass into the world of Ariana Grande.**

### Sales Points

- **TOURING IN 2026:** Ariana Grande returns to the stage with **The Eternal Sunshine Tour** - her first major arena tour in seven years, featuring 41 electrifying shows across North America, Canada, and the UK from June 6, 2026 - September 1.
- **EXPLOSIVE GROWTH:** Between December 7 and December 14, 2024, Ariana gained 251.9K new Spotify followers, a 50.4% increase over her average weekly growth, showing her fanbase is expanding rapidly.
- **LOYAL FANBASE:** Ariana Grande's Arianators are among the most engaged fanbases globally. With over 380 million Instagram followers and over 55 million YouTube subscribers, her fans actively drive streaming campaigns, award votes, and viral trends. In 2023, her album *Eternal Sunshine* surpassed 500 million Spotify streams in under a month.
- **WICKED BUZZ:** Ariana's role as Glinda in the highly anticipated *Wicked* film adaptation has captured global attention.

### Author Biography

**Emily Zemler** is a freelance writer and journalist. Her work has appeared in print in *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Allure*, *ELLE*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Rolling Stone*, *American Way*, *Nylon*, *Billboard*, and *The Hollywood Reporter*, among others. She is the author of three film books, *The Art and Making of Aladdin*, *Disney Princess: Beyond the Tiara*, and *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas: Beyond Halloween Town*. Her last book *Farewell Yellow Brick Road: Memories of My Life on Tour* was a collaboration with Elton John.

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Binding	<b>Hardback U (235x190)</b>
Format	<b>240 pages</b>
Extent	<b>49192 words</b>
Word Count	<b>Stories Behind The Songs, Tours and</b>
Series	<b>Rise of an Icon</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
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Book locale	<b>Global</b>
Author born in	<b>UK &amp; US</b>
Author living in	<b>UK &amp; US</b>
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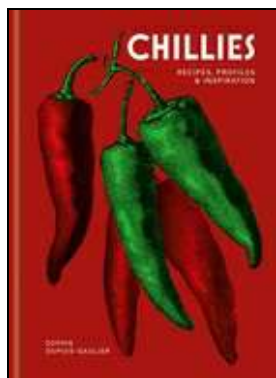
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## Chillies Recipes, profiles & inspiration

**Sophie Dupuis-Gaulier**

### Keynote

Spice up your life with *Chillies* - the latest in the beautifully packaged cookbook series with decorative sprayed edges.

### Description

Dive into the bold, vibrant world of chilli peppers with *Chillies*, the ultimate guide for spice lovers and culinary adventurers alike. Discover over 20 varieties of chillies, each carefully classified according to the Scoville scale, from mild to fiery hot, and learn how to incorporate their unique flavours into your cooking.

Featuring nearly 80 irresistible recipes, this book offers a range of dishes to suit every spice tolerance - from the mild warmth of Basque-style piperade to the fiery heat of sausage rougail. Whether you're a fan of subtle heat or crave an explosive kick, *Chillies* will bring new depth and excitement to your meals. Perfect for those who love to experiment in the kitchen and explore the diverse flavours of this incredible ingredient.

### Sales Points

- **NOT JUST A COOKBOOK:** *Chillies* offers fascinating insights into the origins, uses, and culinary possibilities of this vibrant ingredient, making it a must-have for any spice lover's collection.
- **GIFTY, BEAUTIFUL COOKERY BIBLE:** The latest in the high-spec, sprayed edge cookery Bible series, *Chillies* features sprayed red edges plus embossed foiled chillies on the front cover.
- **HUGE INTERNATIONAL VARIETY:** Features over 20 varieties of chilli peppers, categorized by their heat levels using the Scoville scale.
- **CHILLIES ARE HOT:** see the rise in hot sauce brands, including celebrity brands.

### Author Biography

**Sophie Dupuis-Gaulier** is a successful cookbook author and food stylist who has worked with the likes of *Elle France*, pioneering cookbook publishing house *Alain Ducasse Edition*, and *Saveurs* magazine. She has also collaborated with brands such as Mastrad, Darégal and Leader Price, and has produced several cooking videos for the Leroy Merlin group and Moroccan television.

She lives and works in Paris, and her cooking and styling are deeply inspired by her travels.

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## So Good Express Quick, nutritious food for a busy life

Emily English

### Keynote

The 2x no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *So Good* and *Live to Eat* is back with a new collection of delicious recipes that make eating well even easier

### Description

**PRE-ORDER THE BRAND NEW BOOK FROM EMILY ENGLISH**

**Simple, nutritious recipes for when time is of the essence.**

Bringing together delicious and easy-to-follow recipes with the sound advice of a fully qualified nutritionist, number one bestselling author Emily English shows us that good food can make you feel amazing *and* bring you joy, every single day.

Blending her nutrition expertise with a love of simple, fresh food, Emily redefines healthy eating for real life. The result is over 80 fast and flavourful recipes designed to fuel your body, lift your mood and fit effortlessly into your busy life.

With delicious recipes including:

- Crispy Chilli Egg Smash
- Banana Bread Protein Pancakes
- Prawn Quesadillas with Garlic Yogurt Dip
- Express Salmon Poke Bowl
- Chicken & Date Koftas with Garlic Yogurt and Butter Bean Tomato Salad
- Gnocchi Lasagne
- Honey & Greek Yogurt Basque Cheesecake
- Dark Chocolate Truffles

With energising breakfasts you can whip up before work, easy-to-prepare lunches, quick midweek dinners and simple and satisfying snacks and sweets, *So Good Express* will soon become your go-to for nutritionally-balanced, speedy solutions that you'll turn to time and time again, because they're just *so good*.

### Sales Points

- **THE MOST EXCITING NEW VOICE IN FOOD & DRINK:** Emily English is the most exciting new brand in food & drink. Her first book, *So Good*, was an instant No. 1 bestseller in the UK and Ireland, selling over 35k TCM in the opening week and 165k TCM (and counting) to date. *So Good* was the bestselling cookery debut of 2024. Her second title, *Live to Eat* was also a No. 1 bestseller and has sold 70k TCM to date. *Live to Eat* is the second bestselling cookery title of 2025 (behind Jamie Oliver).
- **HUGE & FAST-GROWING PLATFORM:** Emily English has a rapidly growing following on social media, with over 2m followers on Instagram (up from 300k in April 2023) and 865k followers on TikTok. She will be launching longer form content on YouTube in 2026. Her accounts gain thousands of followers each day and continue to generate high and consistent engagement.
- **AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN PLANS:** *So Good Express* will be supported by a major marketing & PR campaign that includes a high impact announcement, strong digital campaign pre- and post-publication, stunt activity on launch, high-profile brand partnerships, unmissable broadcast and print coverage, and dynamic and engaging video content for online audiences.
- **ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE RECIPES:** Emily's recipes are incredibly user-friendly, with easy step-by-step guides that actually work and deliver delicious, colourful and nutritious meals every time. The ingredients for her recipes are easy to source from a range of supermarkets, making her dishes affordable for those on any budget. *SO GOOD EXPRESS* is the perfect follow-up to *SO GOOD* - Emily's signature style of food, but even more express, quick and simple.
- **QUALIFIED NUTRITIONIST:** Emily is a fully qualified nutritionist with a degree from Kings College London. Using her knowledge of cooking, nutrition and human physiology, her realistic and achievable approach to healthy eating has struck a chord with audiences far and wide, as well as delivering incredible results in her private London clinic.

### Reviews

- 'Move over, Nigella and Jamie. Meet Emily English, Gen Z's foodie.' - *The Times*
- 'Emily offers recipes that will make your mouth water and your skin glow' - *Woman and Home*
- 'The new face of nutrition' - *London Standard*
- 'Emily English is making healthy eating fun again' - *Woman's Health*
- 'One of TikTok's favourite nutritionists' - *Cosmopolitan*

### Author Biography

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Depth	24mm
Extent	240 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can
Author living in	London SW6

### Previous Titles

So Good; Live to Eat

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Emily is a fully qualified nutritionist with a degree from Kings College London. Her passion began from an early age through her family of cooks and chefs. Spending her childhood summers in the kitchen, with her school terms in the chemistry lab, Emily's curiosity grew for both what was on her plate and what was going on inside our bodies.

She continued her academic journey at the prestigious university Kings College London, ranked number 1 in the UK for nutritional sciences, where she flourished and discovered the true depth of the subject. With her extensive knowledge of cooking, nutrition and human physiology she is a trusted voice and passionate advocate of the benefits of a joyful and balanced approach to eating.

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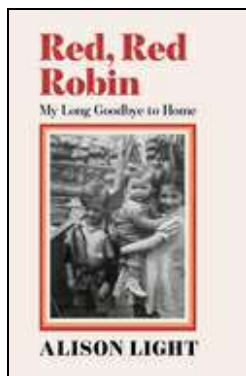
**Market**

Deliciously Ella; Bored of Lunch; The Good Bite; Poppy Cooks; Soph's Plant Kitchen, Rhiannon Lambert

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## Red, Red Robin My Long Goodbye to Home

Alison Light

### Keynote

A fresh take on family history by the prizewinning author of *Common People* and *Mrs Woolf and the Servants*

### Description

In *Red, Red Robin*, Light puts herself into history, conjuring her girlhood from the 1950s to the 1970s, growing up in an extended family in Portsmouth, a blitzed city with its collective memory of war. Drawing on the souvenirs of her childhood - from her doll's house to her infant and teenage diaries, her comics and schoolbooks - she uses her own story to tell a richly-textured social history of post-war England: its popular culture and music, its language and humour.

Warm, witty and often moving, Light recalls the all-singing, all-dancing little girl who becomes a grammar-school snob; the street kid turned fashion-conscious teenager, searching for the ideal boy, navigating a rapidly modernising world and a family life equally transformed. Going to university, she asks: what does it mean to leave home - and do we ever truly leave?

Beautifully crafted and deeply pleasurable, *Red, Red Robin* is an exploration of the making of an English girl and of her sense of self. It asks whether we can retain a strong attachment to our place of origin - honouring our histories and beliefs - while resisting both nostalgia and disavowal. In this lyrical, analytical and politically astute memoir, one of our most compelling writers evokes a child's eye view of the past through the lens of her adult reflections, querying too how we document that past and the nature of memory itself.

### Sales Points

- **PRIZEWINNING AUTHOR:** Alison is highly respected as the author of her own unique brand of social history. *A RADICAL ROMANCE* (2019) won the Pen Ackerley prize for memoir, while *COMMON PEOPLE* (2014) was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize (now the Baillie Gifford)
- **RESONANT SUBJECT:** As the sickening nationalist violence of August 2024 has shown, the question of 'what it means to be English' is deeply charged with political implications that can be manipulated in the service of violence and hate. This book is a sensitive and learned exploration of national identity that is alive to those dangers
- **HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** Alison's endorsers include Claire Tomalin, Margaret Drabble, Penelope Lively, Marina Warner and Hermione Lee
- **WIDESPREAD REVIEWS EXPECTED:** A regular contributor to the *LRB* as well as a frequent book reviewer, Alison is well known to the media and widespread review coverage is guaranteed. All of her previous books have received glowing reviews

### Reviews

- 'Disarmingly frank, unfailingly perceptive, and crammed with evocative social and cultural detail, Alison Light's *Red, Red Robin* joins the very front rank of memoirs of post-war Britain' - DAVID KYNASTON
- 'A winning blend of personal memories, evoked with startling clarity, and fascinating social history' - CLARE CHAMBERS, author of *Small Pleasures*
- 'A beautifully wrought book. Rich in personal, social and cultural detail. Shows us the complexity, strangeness and beauty of an individual life being created in a world still haunted and scarred by war. Honest, moving, optimistic' - DAVID ALMOND

### Author Biography

Alison Light is a writer and critic. Her book *A Radical Romance* won the PEN Ackerley prize for memoir. Her other books include the much-acclaimed *Mrs Woolf and the Servants* and *Common People: The History of an English Family*, which was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize. She is an Honorary Fellow in History and English at Pembroke College Oxford, a Fellow of the British Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

### Market

Readers of social history, family history, British history, memoir and criticism. Fans of Claire Tomalin, Kathryn Hughes, Clair Wills, David Kynaston and Hermione Lee

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 Thema 1.6 **Social and cultural history (NHTB) Memoirs (DNC) South and South East England (1DDU-GB-ES)**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **Royal**  
 Extent **336 pages**  
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Book locale **Portsmouth**  
 Author born in **Portsmouth**  
 Author living in **Oxford**

### Previous Titles

*Mrs Woolf and the Servants* (2007);  
*Common People* (2014); *A Radical Romance* (2019)

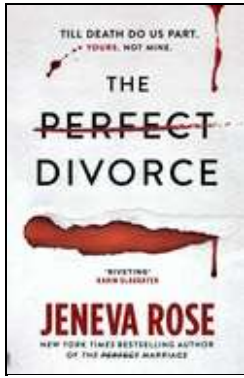
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Thema 1.6	<b>Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>288 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Chicago</b>

**Previous Titles**

You Shouldn't Have Come Here  
Home Is Where the Bodies Are  
The Perfect Marriage

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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**The Perfect Divorce**  
**The gripping #1 New York Times bestseller that everyone's talking about**

**Jeneva Rose**

**Keynote**

The sequel to the absolutely unputdownable and JAW-DROPPINGLY TWISTY multi-million-copy bestseller, from TikTok sensation and instant New York Times bestseller, Jeneva Rose. Perfect for fans of Freida McFadden.

**Description**

'Well hot dang!!!!... **Absolutely Exquisite.** Just gripping!!!!... I seriously could not put it down... **GET THIS ON YOUR LIST, YESTERDAY.**' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

**From the multi-million-copy bestselling author and global sensation, Jeneva Rose.**

**Till death do us part. Yours. Not Mine.**

It's been eleven years since high-powered attorney Sarah Morgan defended her husband, Adam, against the charge of murdering his mistress. Sarah has long since moved on, starting a family with her new husband, Bob Miller, and changing careers. Her life is back to being exactly how she always wanted ... or is it?

After discovering Bob engaged in a one-night stand, Sarah wastes no time filing for divorce. However, amid their ugly separation, new DNA evidence is uncovered in the case against Adam, forcing the police to reopen the investigation and putting Sarah right back in the spotlight. Everyone wants to know what really happened, most of all former Deputy Hudson, who is hell-bent on finding the truth.

But when the woman Bob slept with is reported missing, he and Sarah start to fight dirty, and a high-stakes game of cat and mouse ensues. Filled with page-turning suspense and Jeneva Rose's signature twists and turns, this sequel will have readers wondering: Can Bob and Sarah achieve the perfect divorce? Or will it be "'til *death* do us part"?

**The Perfect Divorce is a thrilling read that can be enjoyed as a standalone, but a note for those intending to read The Perfect Marriage that this story reveals twists from that book.**

**What everyone is saying about The Perfect Divorce:**

'**Even better than The Perfect Marriage!**' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'**This book was so ridiculously good!**... I thought it was even better than the first. Dark, fast paced with **constant twists** that kept me on the edge of my seat. Sarah is one savage character and I'm here for it!' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'**If I could give it 6 stars, I totally would.** This has been my favourite read in a very, very long time!' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'**AHHHH!!** I don't even know where to begin because **this book was everything I could have wanted and more**... Did I think I had it all figured out? Oh yes. Was I even close? Nope.' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'One word: **SAVAGE!**' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'Jeneva knocked this one out!!! I normally do not like the second books as much as the first, but this one I couldn't put down. **Complete binge in one sitting. Wow!!!**' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

'**INCREDIBLE**' Reader Review, □□□□□□□□□□

**Sales Points**

- INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - Jeneva immediately hit the NYT bestseller list on first-format release for latest thrillers HOME IS WHERE THE BODIES ARE and YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.
- TIK TOK SENSATION - Jeneva has over 300 million views on her @JenevaRoseAuthor page on Tik Tok.
- MILLIONS OF COPIES OF THE PERFECT MARRIAGE SOLD - Jeneva has sold over 2 million copies of The Perfect Marriage alone.
- FUTURE FILM SUCCESS - Picture Perfect Federation and Zurich Avenue have acquired film rights. The film will be directed by Sigal Avin (Losing Alice), and the script is by Oscar-nominated scribe William Broyles (Apollo 13 and Cast Away). The film will be produced by Patrick Wachsberger, who's coming off Best Picture for Coda

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- ENDORSEMENT FROM QUEEN OF COMMERCIAL FICTION - Colleen Hoover is a fan and has provided a rare but ringing endorsement for Geneva, calling her 'the queen of twists'.

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### Reviews

- 'A riveting he said/she said thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat right from the very first page.' - *Karin Slaughter, New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling author*
- 'The swift pacing and effective red herrings will keep readers guessing.' - *Publishers Weekly*

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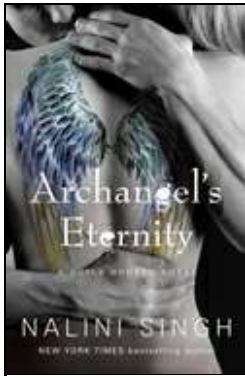
### Author Biography

**Jeneva Rose is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels, including *Home Is Where the Bodies Are*, *You Shouldn't Have Come Here*, *The Perfect Marriage*, *One of Us Is Dead*, and *The Perfect Divorce*. Her work has been translated into more than two dozen languages and optioned for film and television. Originally from Wisconsin, she currently lives in Chicago with her husband, Drew, and her stubborn English bulldogs, Winston and Phyllis.**

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Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
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Series	<b>The Guild Hunter Series</b>
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Author living in	<b>New Zealand</b>
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## Archangel's Eternity

### The spellbinding conclusion to the genre-defining Guild Hunters series!

**Nalini Singh**

#### Keynote

From *New York Times* bestseller Nalini Singh comes a spellbinding conclusion to the Guild Hunter series

#### Description

**THE STUNNING CONCLUSION TO THE GUILD HUNTER SERIES BY NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR NALINI SINGH**

*Elena and Raphael return for the hauntingly poignant conclusion to New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh's genre-defining Guild Hunter series.*

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But change is coming-of a magnitude they could have never imagined-and it will forever alter the trajectory of their existence.

Even as they grapple with the cataclysmic shift in their personal lives, the Cadre of Ten, which has maintained a hard-won peace for centuries, begins to simmer with dangerous fault lines. The spectre of madness looms in one archangel, the promise of war burns between two others, and in darkness far from mortal and immortal eyes stirs an ancient, slumbering power.

Suddenly, the future is terrifyingly uncertain . . . at the very moment that Elena and her archangel need to protect a treasure infinitely more precious than eternity.

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#### READERS LOVE NALINI SINGH

'Nalini Singh masterfully blends action, suspense, and character development, creating a riveting story that keeps readers engaged until the very end'  
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'Any book from the Guild Hunter series is an auto-buy!'  
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'The series gets better and better. Nalini is an amazing author. With an unmatched imagination that drags you into every book'  
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#### Sales Points

- **FERAL FANS:** Nalini has a dedicated fan base that keep coming back for more!
- **HUGE BOOKTOK POTENTIAL:** with the rise of paranormal romance and romantasy, Nalini Singh really is THE ORIGINAL fantasy romance girly and TikTok audiences would eat her series up
- **UNSUNG HERO OF THE LIST:** Nalini's sales are year on year growing, with new books out yearly

#### Author Biography

**Nalini Singh** was born in Fiji and raised in New Zealand. She spent three years living and working in Japan, and travelling around Asia before returning to New Zealand now - although she's always plotting new trips. She has worked as a lawyer, a librarian, a candy factory general hand, a bank temp and an English teacher, not necessarily in that order. Some people might call that inconsistency, but she calls it grist for the writer's mill.

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## But First, Dinner Food for Our Real Lives

Eleanor Steafel

### Keynote

**A hilarious and heartfelt narrative food book blending memoir with over 50 mouth-watering recipes**

### Description

This is a book for people who spend most of their time thinking about what to have for dinner.

For people who communicate big feelings through food.

And for people who know that a bowl of pasta is never really *just* a bowl of pasta.

From crispy gnocchi with hot and sour tomatoes and grated halloumi to chubby ricotta basil dumplings, from spatchcocked chicken with pepper sauce to salty coconut granola, this is a book bursting with over fifty mouthwatering recipes for every occasion. Because in our real lives, we need all kinds of dinners. Food to keep our hands (and brain) busy, lap dinners for tired souls, batch cooks for busy days ahead and emergency treats, because sometimes we just need emergency treats.

**Weaving together recipes, memories, essays and Strong Feelings about supermarket cheddar, female friendship and food we eat when we're alone, *But First, Dinner* is Eleanor Steafel's hilarious and heartfelt manifesto on how to answer the dinner question - no matter what sort of day we are having.**

### Sales Points

- **STAR AUTHOR:** Eleanor Steafel is a successful food writer who wrote for the *Daily Telegraph* for over a decade and is now Lifestyle Director for *House and Garden*. Her previous book *The Art of Friday Night Dinner* was a Waterstones Book of the Year and was shortlisted for the Fortnum and Mason Award for food writing
- **OVER 50 MOUTH-WATERING RECIPES:** from crispy, mayo-fried rice with sticky soy tomatoes to ice cream with hot fried dates, tahini and salt; orange and cardamom tomorrow morning buns to roasted chicken au poivre; deep fried gougères to sour cherry dark chocolate scones - this book is bursting with unique recipes for every occasion
- **IRRESISTIBLE WRITING:** Eleanor's writing has the warmth, texture and energy of Laurie Colwin or Ella Risbridger. 'Imagine if home cookery royalty Nigella Lawson and the Nora-Ephron-of-our-time Dolly Alderton had a baby - that's about where Steafel's sumptuous writing hits home' *The Caterer* on *The Art of Friday Night Dinner*
- **UNIQUE CONCEPT:** this book harnesses the concept of list-making in cooking - concocting a dinner party menu on your iPhone notes app, scrawling messy shopping lists - to write brilliantly and big-heartedly about how and why we choose what we eat, and the creative act of pulling a meal together

### Author Biography

**Eleanor Steafel** is a food writer and journalist. She was a feature writer at the *Daily Telegraph* for over a decade and is now Lifestyle Director for *House & Garden*. Her first book, *The Art of Friday Night Dinner*, was shortlisted for the Fortnum and Mason Award for debut cookbook.

### Market

**FOR READERS OF:** *Home Cooking* by Laurie Colwin, *Midnight Chicken* by Ella Risbridger, *Small Fires: an Epic in the Kitchen* by Rebecca May Johnson, *The Secret of Cooking* by Bee Wilson

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Author living in **London, UK**

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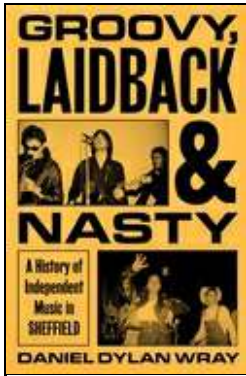
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## Groovy, Laidback and Nasty A History of Independent Music in Sheffield

Daniel Dylan Wray

### Keynote

An exploration of Sheffield's immense musical legacy, told through its independent artists, scenes and spirit.

### Description

Spanning seven decades and with over 150 new interviews, including Richard Hawley, Arctic Monkeys, Self Esteem, ABC, Pulp, Def Leppard, The Human League, Toddla T, Cabaret Voltaire, Warp Records, Clock DVA, Heaven 17 and many more

From dazzling electronic futurism to pioneering post-punk, via pop, metal, bassline, bleep techno and generation-defining indie rock, Sheffield has long been a crucible for world-leading music.

Some artists have excelled on the fringes, others have achieved global success, but all remain connected through a fervently independent ethos. In Sheffield, creativity flourished in the face of isolation, economic decline and bleak political circumstances, resulting in some of Britain's most groundbreaking and singular music. But the region's ingrained humility and dogged stoicism means it has never been documented or celebrated to the level of more hubristic cities.

In *Groovy, Laidback and Nasty*, acclaimed Sheffield journalist Daniel Dylan Wray sets out to remedy this, telling the story of the city's DIY spirit and the musical visionaries and innovators who helped build its inimitable legacy.

Both a compelling cultural study and an unapologetic love letter to the city, this - finally - is the definitive musical history Sheffield so richly deserves.

### Sales Points

- **NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE:** there are countless books on the music scenes and artists of cities like Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow, but nothing exists on Sheffield, despite its incredibly rich music heritage. This is finally the definitive story the region deserves.
- **RISING STAR AUTHOR:** Daniel Dylan Wray has lived in Sheffield for over twenty years and is one of the brightest emerging music and culture writers in the business. He primarily writes for the Guardian, where his work is regularly amongst the most read features on their site.
- **TRULY DEFINITIVE:** meticulously researched, it features over 150 interviews from across Sheffield's musical spectrum, including with all the key players - the likes of Jarvis Cocker, Richard Hawley, Self Esteem and Matt Helders of the Arctic Monkeys, as well as members of The Human League, Cabaret Voltaire, Moloko and ABC.
- **A THRIVING CULTURAL AND LITERARY SCENE:** Sheffield is one of the most exciting and innovative cities in the UK when it comes to music and literature, with a vast and highly engaged local readership.

### Author Biography

Daniel Dylan Wray is a music and culture writer who lives in Sheffield. Primarily writing for the *Guardian*, he has also written for outlets including the BBC, the *Independent*, *Pitchfork*, *The Times*, *New Statesman*, *Uncut*, *The Quietus* and more. *Groovy, Laidback and Nasty* is his first book.

### Market

For readers of books on UK music cities and scenes by the likes of Simon Reynolds, Stuart Maconie, David Hepworth and Paul Morley, as well as fans of all the key artists featured, such as Pulp, Arctic Monkeys, Self Esteem, the Human League and Richard Hawley.

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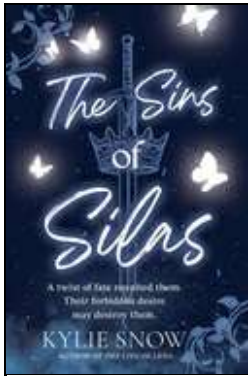
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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Dark romance (FRV) Romance (FR) Romance: fantasy and paranormal (FRT) Magic, spells and alchemy (VXWM) Romance: enemies to lovers (FRLE)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>784 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
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<b>Previous Titles</b>	
<b>THE OTACIAN CHRONICLES</b>	
The Lies of Lena	
The Sins of Silas	
1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Electronic	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Film and TV	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

## The Sins of Silas

The deliciously dark second instalment of BookTok favourite, The Otacian Chronicles series!

**Kylie Snow**

### Keynote

The sequel to *The Lies of Lena*, a dark and delicious romantasy from BookTok sensation Kylie Snow, featuring forbidden magic, plenty of spice, morally grey royals and secrets that could ignite a revolution...

### Description

**\*\*\*The first print run of the UK hardback features stunning illustrated endpapers and illustrated foil hardcover, available only while stocks last\*\*\***

**A SECRET MAGE. A VENGEFUL PRINCE. WILL FORBIDDEN LOVE UNITE THE REALM - OR BURN IT DOWN...**  
*\*please check trigger warnings before diving in*

Five years ago, Silas La'Rune lost everything: his mother, his home and his love, Lena Daelyra. Grief turned into rage, and rage to purpose. Now known as the Slayer of Witches, Silas wages a brutal campaign against Magekind. But during a raid on a Mage village, he finds Lena alive, hiding a secret darker than betrayal: she is a Mage herself. Torn between fury and forbidden desire, Silas can't help but show mercy when faced with the eyes of his lost love.

Amid a Kingdom on the brink of war, with no one else to turn to, the pair form a fragile alliance to topple the tyrant King of Otacia - Silas' own father, Ulric La-Rune. Yet another shadow looms, a rising necromancer is beginning to terrorise the land they once called home.

Forced to hide their past, every stolen glance reignites a fire they cannot tame. As rebellion ignites and old loyalties fray, Silas can't decide what will destroy him first: her lies or his sins...

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### READERS LOVE THE OTACIAN CHRONICLES

'Like a movie... intense, cinematic, and an emotional rollercoaster!'  
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'Kylie is going to wreck me in book two, and honestly? I'm ready'  
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'Couldn't eat, sleep or function while I read this book...'  
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'The plot was PLOTTING HARD! The ending had my jaw ON THE FLOOR'  
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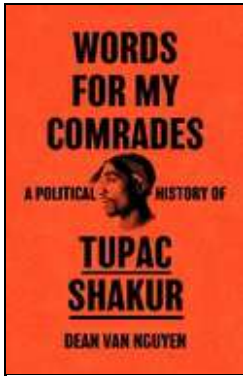
### Sales Points

- **SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKTOK SENSATION:** #theotacianchronicles started to take off on BookTok in June 2025 and has continued to grow, with an 7k reviews, average 4.7 stars on Amazon and 14k ratings, 4.2 stars on GoodReads!
- **DARK ROMANCE SFF MARKET:** this explosive dark romantasy debut has resonated with readers, from the unique magic system, political intrigue, multiple POV's, plenty of plot twists and sensitive handling of darker themes. Perfect for fans of ROSE IN CHAINS, QUICKSILVER and METAL SLINGER!
- **A MAJOR GLOBAL EVENT:** US & UK rights were pre-empted in a significant 6-figure deal, with auctions for international rights underway as of now!

### Author Biography

**Kylie Snow** is a dark romantasy author from Illinois who writes stories laced with tension, conflict, and dark themes. Kylie started writing stories when she was ten years old and has always loved character creation (and has spent many hours doing so by playing Sims over the years).

Growing up, she played a variety of horror and fantasy video games and still does to this day. She is also an artist and has been drawing her whole life. When she is not writing, she is raising her two rambunctious little girls with her husband, reading an endless number of fantasy and dark romance novels, drawing, gaming, going to concerts, or planning her next tattoo.



## Words for My Comrades A Political History of Tupac Shakur

Dean Van Nguyen

### Keynote

A biography of the legendary American rapper Tupac Shakur, his personal politics and position as a symbol for revolution

### Description

Featured on *NPR's Books We Love 2025*

'An astounding achievement' **MARCUS J. MOORE**  
'Learned [and] compassionate' **THE TIMES**  
'A must-read' **IRISH TIMES**

Before his murder at twenty-five, Tupac Shakur rose to staggering artistic heights as the pre-eminent storyteller of the 1990s. He recorded several platinum-selling albums, starred in major films and became an activist and political hero known the world over. In this extraordinary cultural history, Dean Van Nguyen reckons with Tupac's coming of age, fame and influence and how the political machinations that shaped him as a boy have since buoyed his legacy as a icon.

Drawing upon conversations with the people who bore witness, *Words for My Comrades* tells the story of how the energy of the Black political movement was subsumed by consumer culture - and how America produced, in Tupac and his Black Panther mother Afeni, two of its most iconic revolutionaries.

### Sales Points

- **POPULAR SUBJECT:** Tupac is a figure of massive cultural importance. He has an enormous audience who will be eager for a new take on the legendary artist
- **THRILLING SCOPE:** This is as much a book about late-twentieth-century American politics as it is a biography of Tupac himself, with fascinating insights into the Black Panther party and how radical Black politics came to be subsumed by mainstream consumer culture
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED & WELL CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Dean's previous book, *Iron Age*, won praise from the likes of *Irish Times*, Jeff Weiss, *Grip Grand* and Miles Marshall Lewis, and he has written for publications ranging from the *Independent*, to the *Guardian*, *Pitchfork*, *Jacobin* and more.

### Reviews

- 'An astounding achievement' - *Marcus J. Moore, author of High and Rising (A Book About De La Soul)*
- 'Words for My Comrades is about freedom - it is freedom at work' - *Saeed Jones, award-winning author of How We Fight For Our Lives*
- 'A richly researched biography that honours his subject's bold, deeply textured life and art' - *Walter Thompson-Hernández, author of The Compton Cowboys*
- 'Moves confidently . . . Fresh interpretations of a foundational hip-hop narrative' - *Kirkus Reviews*

### Author Biography

**Dean Van Nguyen** is an Irish-Vietnamese writer, journalist, and critic covering music, culture, identity, race relations, and left wing politics. He has written for *Irish Times*, the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, *Pitchfork*, *The Atlantic*, *Uproxx*, *Wax Poetics*, *Jacobin* and more. He writes a monthly music column for the *Dublin Inquirer* and a column on new reissues for *Bandcamp Daily*. In 2019, he published *Iron Age: The Art of Ghostface Killah*, a collection of essays on New York rapper that blends music criticism, cultural examination, and personal appreciation.

### Market

**FOR READERS / FANS OF:** for fans of Tupac Shakur's music, and hip-hop + rap more generally; for readers of books like Questlove's *Hip Hop is History*, Rick Rubin's *The Creative Act: A Way of Being*, the *Beastie Boys Book*; for readers of more political writing by writers like Bernie Sanders, Grace Blakely, Owen Jones, Adam Rutherford and Emma Dabiri

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Thema 1.6	<b>Biography: arts and entertainment (DNBF)</b> <b>Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP)</b> <b>Narrative theme: politics / economics (FXP)</b> <b>Politics and government (JP)</b> <b>Political science and theory (JPA)</b> <b>Political ideologies and movements (JPF)</b> <b>Political activism / Political engagement (JPW)</b> <b>Rhythm and blues, R'n'B (6RH)</b> <b>Biography: philosophy and social sciences (DNBM)</b>
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Main Identifier	<b>9781399617079</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Social and cultural history (NHTB) Popular culture (JBCC1) Social groups: alternative lifestyles / subcultures (JBSW) History of music (AVM) Urban communities / city life (JBSD) Urban arts (AGTS)</b>

Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	
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## Up All Night A History of Going Out

### Imogen Willetts

#### Keynote

From Edo Japan to 2000s LA, via the invention of the discotheque in Nazi-occupied Paris, *Up All Night* chases the forgotten thrills that created the modern world

#### Description

**There is a specific energy to it. Cafes and shops close their shutters. Darkness descends. 'The air begins to tingle', wrote John Dos Passos of twenties New York. 'It's tonight if you drink enough, talk enough, walk far enough, that the train of magical events will begin.'**

Barely four centuries ago, music, fashion, sex, architecture, art and booze first fused to create what we now call nightlife. It happened, strangely enough, in 17th-century Japan, in a remote marshland outside the shogun's capital. This den of hedonism and iniquity became a breeding ground for new ideas - and while the venues have changed, nightlife has been at the frontier of cultural innovation ever since.

*Up All Night* is the story of the good times and the great ones. Who invented jazz? What did 18th-century Londoners do for entertainment? Why was Detroit the birthplace of techno? Who built Las Vegas? And what, in our increasingly online lives, are we missing when we pass up the chance of a big night out?

Join party historian Imogen Willetts for a guided tour of history's wildest nights out - piecing together tantalising ephemera and foggy reminiscences from shogunate Japan to noughties Hollywood, and every iconic scene in between.

#### Sales Points

- **BRILLIANTLY ORIGINAL:** Placing the Hacienda in the same breath as the seventeenth-century Yoshiwara in Edo, Japan - this is an rollicking, irreverent tour of the party scenes that become the most important cultural incubators in history.
- **TIMELY AND ENGAGING:** At a time when nightlife is under threat, this is a vivid tapestry stretching back over the centuries that makes a case for its vital importance. *Up All Night* is at once a joyous paean to nightlife and a call to take ownership of a history that belongs to us all, and increasingly risks becoming the stuff of myth.
- **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:** The perfect gift for the music lover, party animal, and/or cultural historian in your life. Will appeal to fans of Jeremy Atherton Lin, Simon Reynolds, Olivia Laing and Sukhdev Sandhu.

#### Reviews

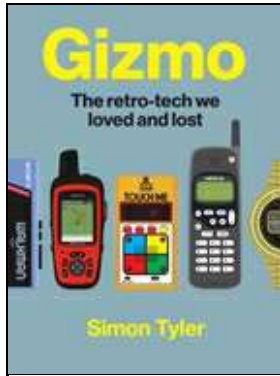
- 'A sparkling cultural history . . . Immersive, intoxicating and full of surprises' - MIKE JAY, author of *PSYCHONAUTS*
- 'Willetts's thoroughly researched history of nightlife gives us a fizzy chronology of fine partying, with an emphasis on the expression, rebellion and escape that clubs and bars have always provided' - MICHAEL MUSTO, legendary cultural critic and chronicer of New York
- 'The research and detail is sublime: the perfect celebration of the place where the best of life happens' - AMY ZING, co-founder of queer club collective *SINK THE PINK*

#### Author Biography

Imogen Willetts is a creative producer and lecturer. Having worked at the Royal Academy of Arts for several years, where she launched the 'RA Lates', a sell-out series of immersive parties that reimagined the nightlife of seminal artistic movements, she now works as a Lecturer at Kingston School of Art.

#### Market

Sweeping social histories by the likes of Andy Beckett and Dominic Sandbrook, visionary cultural criticism like Simon Reynolds, revisionist art history in the spirit of Claire Dederer and Katy Hessel.



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 Thema 1.6 **History of Computing, digital and information technologies (UBB) Computer game art (AKLF) Product design (AKP)**

Binding **Hardback**  
 Format **255mm x 191mm**  
 Extent **224 pages**  
 Word Count **32000 words**  
 Illustrations **290**  
 Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**  
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Author living in **Hastings, UK**

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## Gizmo The retro-tech we loved and lost

Simon Tyler

### Keynote

A nostalgic visual guide to the gadgets that have shaped our lives.

### Description

We live in a world where many aspects of late twentieth century science fiction have become technological reality. As gadgets and technology in general have become more miniaturised, sleek and capable, so too has an appetite for the sort of quirky, retro tech that wistfully reminds us of earlier times. Nintendo has enjoyed great success with the re-release of their console systems from the 1980s, and US brand Analogue has created a hardware emulator for Sega's classic Mega Drive games. Audio formats such as vinyl records and cassettes have seen a resurgence, along with the devices that can play them.

This book sets out to provide a comprehensive survey of electronic and time-saving gadgets and devices, their evolution and genealogy, revealing where they come from, and how they are developed. In charting the diverse spectrum of gizmos by type and purpose, it uncovers the sometimes unexpected connections between them. Finally, we discover how these technologies have become the nexus of our interaction with each other and the world around us, shaping creativity and culture, storing memories, helping, guiding and, increasingly, thinking for us.

### Sales Points

- SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED ILLUSTRATIONS. Nearly 300 painstakingly created illustrations of the tech that we all grew up with
- TECH ICONS REMEMBERED. Everything you thought you had forgotten from the JVC Boombox to the Sony Walkman, from the Western Electric telephone to the Nokia 3210, along with toys such as the Tomy Omnibot
- NOSTALGIC VISUAL GUIDE. The 80s/90s and analogue tech are huge trends - this book will appeal to the cool kids of today
- PERFECT FATHER'S DAY GIFT. Ideal book for every tech lover

### Author Biography

Simon Tyler is an author and illustrator, based in Hastings, UK. His first book - *Bugs* - was published in 2017. He followed that with *Adventures in Space* in 2018, and *Adventures on Earth* in 2019. In 2020, Faber & Faber published *Emergency Vehicles*, a non-fiction picture book for a younger audience. His work has been sold around the world, featuring in *The Times*, *Telegraph*, *Mail Online*, *The Guardian*, *Independent*, *Elle Decoration*, *It's Nice That*, and others.

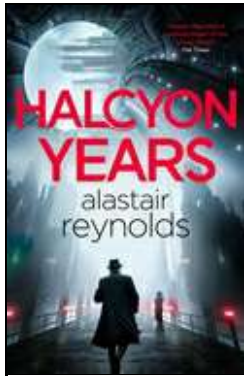
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Author born in **Wales**  
Author living in **Wales**  
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## Halcyon Years

**A gripping new murder mystery set on a spaceship from the million-copy bestselling 'mastersinger' of science fiction**

**Alastair Reynolds**

#### Keynote

A superb new noir/science fiction fusion from the 'mastersinger of space opera' (*The Times*) and the creator of the beloved Revelation Space universe, Alastair Reynolds returns with a gripping murder mystery.

#### Description

A superb new noir/science fiction fusion from the 'mastersinger of space opera' (*The Times*) and the creator of the beloved Revelation Space universe, strap in for a gripping murder mystery.

Yuri Gagarin is a private investigator, who picks up small cases from his local community, runs into trouble with the local police, and generally ekes out a living as best he can. He's aboard the *Halcyon* - a starship, hurtling through space, carrying thousands of passengers with thousands more sleeping the journey away.

Only his usual investigative work - catching cheating spouses, and small time con artists - is about to take a turn. He's hired by a mysterious woman called Ruby Red to look into a death in one of Halcyon's most elite families . . . and then warned off the case again by a second mysterious woman called Ruby Blue. Caught between the two, he's about to be embroiled in a murder mystery in which - at any moment - he could be the latest victim.

Gripping, fast-paced fun this is a classic noir mystery with a science fiction twist, which will keep you guessing, and on the edge of your seat, to the end.

'A hugely entertaining film noir pastiche set on a generational spaceship' - *SFX*

'Alastair Reynolds is a genre adventurer . . . *Halcyon Years* is a novel composed of nested mysteries and riddles' - *Locus*

#### Sales Points

- Alastair Reynolds is **one of the world's finest writers of far future space opera**, lauded by mainstream and genre press alike.
- Alastair Reynolds is **a million-copy selling author** whose first novel, REVELATION SPACE, has sold **more than 100,000 copies** in the UK alone.
- Reynolds has **won the BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION AWARD**, been shortlisted three times for the **ARTHUR C. CLARKE AWARD** and has been shortlisted for the **WILBUR SMITH AWARD**.
- This exceptional new stand-alone novel is **a brilliant detective novel**, set aboard a generation ship hurtling towards its new home among the stars.
- A clever and gripping mystery, HALCYON DAYS explores issues including generational wealth and privilege; AI; social dysfunction and the dangers of technology

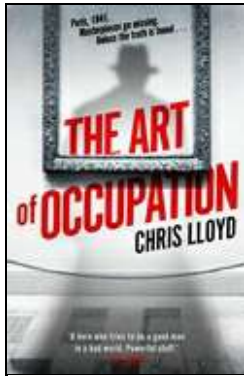
#### Reviews

- 'A mastersinger of the Space Opera' - *The Times*
- 'Reynolds is easily one of the modern masters of science fiction... addictive, page-turning stuff' - *Starburst*
- 'Full of peril and high-jinks . . . this is a novel that's elegantly plotted, full of surprises and, as first time round, rip-roaring fun' - *SFX MAGAZINE on Eversion*

#### Author Biography

Alastair Reynolds was born in Barry, South Wales, in 1966. He studied at Newcastle and St Andrews Universities and has a Ph.D. in astronomy. He stopped working as an astrophysicist for the European Space Agency to become a full-time writer. REVELATION SPACE, PUSHING ICE and HOUSE OF SUNS were shortlisted for the ARTHUR C. CLARKE AWARD; REVELATION SPACE, ABSOLUTION GAP, DIAMOND DOGS and CENTURY RAIN were shortlisted for the BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION AWARD and CHASM CITY won the BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION AWARD.

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Thema 1.6 **Historical crime and mysteries (FFH)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**  
Format **Royal**  
Extent **448 pages**  
Word Count  
Exclusively for Sale **World (ex USA, Can)**  
Not for Sale **Can; UK; USA**

Author living in **South Wales**

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## The Art of Occupation

Chris Lloyd

### Keynote

Set in 1940s Occupied Paris, this is the latest gripping murder mystery in an award-winning, critically acclaimed historical crime series. Perfect for fans of Philip Kerr, Manda Scott, Alan Furst and David Faulks.

### Description

**<h2> 'Fantastic! A must read for fans of Philip Kerr' STEVE CAVANAGH</h2>**

**<h2> 'An excellent historical series' VASEEM KHAN </h2>**

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In the city of light, some deals are only made in the shadows.

When a corrupt art dealer is killed, Detective Eddie Giral descends into an underground world of stolen paintings, forged identities, and whispered deals with Nazi Occupiers.

As Eddie discovers links to a wealthy Jewish family's missing collection, the trail leads him to Paris's Jeu de Paume, where looted masterpieces have vanished - and where guarded curator Rose Valland gives nothing away.

But in Eddie's efforts to win her trust he forgets - can he trust her?

With Parisians turning against their neighbours to survive, and the different factions of the city's Occupiers entangling Eddie in their power struggles, the answers he needs lie in the museum's most secretive collection...

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### PRAISE FOR CHRIS LLOYD'S OCCUPATION SERIES:

'Ranks alongside Alan Furst and Philip Kerr ... Powerful stuff'  
**SUNDAY TIMES**

'A thoughtful, haunting thriller'  
**MICK HERRON**

'Such a powerful and morally nuanced crime novel. Both a gripping murder mystery and a vivid recreation of Paris under German Occupation'  
**ANDREW TAYLOR**

'It's up there with luminaries such as Philip Kerr, Sebastian Faulks and Manda Scott - in fact, it's probably better than all of those'  
**DAVID YOUNG**

'A haunting and eye-opening portrayal of life under occupation'  
**ADELE PARKS**

'Lloyd does a masterly job of conjuring a hungry, defeated Paris. Eddie is a convincing protagonist; a flawed man trying his best to be a good one'  
**THE TIMES**

### Sales Points

- **THE BEST OF HISTORICAL CRIME FICTION:** A gripping murder mystery and a beautifully drawn portrait of 1940s Paris under Nazi Occupation, with compelling and conflicted hero Detective Eddie Giral at its heart.
- **POPULAR SUBJECT:** Readers can't get enough of stories set in Paris under Occupation, with books by everyone from Alan Furst to Kate Mosse, and recent successes including *While Paris Slept* and *The Paris Library*.
- **PRIZE-WINNING:** The first book in the series, *The Unwanted Dead*, won the HWA Best Historical Novel award and was shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger. This is outstanding historical crime.
- **BRILLIANT QUOTES/REVIEWS:** The author's fans include Mick Herron, Vaseem Khan, Katherine Stansfield and Andrew Taylor. The previous book received glowing reviews in *The Times* and *The Sun*.

### Author Biography

Straight after graduating in Spanish and French, Chris Lloyd hopped on a bus from Cardiff to Catalonia and stayed there for over twenty years. He has also lived in Grenoble - researching the French Resistance movement - as well as in the Basque Country and



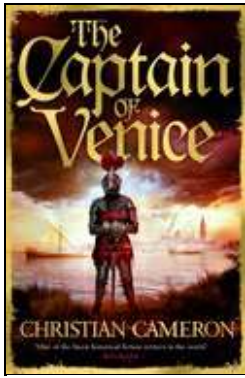
Madrid, where he taught English and worked in educational publishing and as a travel writer. He now lives in South Wales and is a translator and novelist.

Paris Requiem is his second novel set in Paris, featuring Detective Eddie Giral. The first, The Unwanted Dead, won the Historical Writers' Association Gold Crown Award for best historical novel of the year, and was shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Historical Dagger Award.

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## The Captain of Venice

Christian Cameron

### Keynote

The final book in Christian Cameron's epic CHIVALRY series

### Description

**The next instalment in the *Chivalry* series from a master of historical fiction.**

The Chivalry series follows William Gold, who runs away from London to follow the Black Prince, from the killing fields of France, through life as a routier and criminal, and to redemption with the Knights of Saint John, further disillusion and an eventual career as a professional soldier and knight. Rich in the details of life in the High Middle Ages, the series also deals with modern issues about the role of violence in society, rules of conflict and war, and the price that people pay for using violence.

After a hard campaign without pay for the Pope and as a pawn in the games between Venice and Genoa, William Gold had considered retiring from military life. But letters intimating the truce between France and England, and the potential uprising of the state of Florence draw him back into the fray. An offer of captaincy from his old commander, and the chance of reuniting with the beautiful noblewoman he had travelled with on his last campaign, bring him back into action.

**'One of the finest historical fiction writers in the world'** BEN KANE

**'The master of historical fiction'** SUNDAY TIMES

**'A storyteller at the height of his powers'** HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY

### Sales Points

- **THE VERY BEST HISTORICAL FICTION:** Cameron is beloved for writing the most authentic, entertaining historical fiction. His books are meticulously researched - both academically and via his military background and passion for battlefield archaeology - and always entertaining. His latest book received hundreds of 5\* reviews.
- **A FLOURISHING GENRE:** Christian Cameron sits alongside authors like Simon Scarrow, Conn Iggulden and Ben Kane (who refers to Christian as 'one of the finest writers' in this genre). There is a huge and ever-growing demand for immersive historical fiction which is reflected in the bestseller charts.
- **POPULAR WITH FANS:** Christian is well-connected to his audience, and receives incredible engagement from his thousands of followers. He has a popular series of 'Writing Fighting' videos, and organises battle re-enactments with thousands of participants around the world.

### Reviews

- **'One of the finest historical fiction writers in the world'** - Ben Kane
- **'The master of historical fiction'** - *Sunday Times*
- **'A storyteller at the height of his powers'** - *HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY*

### Author Biography

Christian Cameron is a writer and military historian. He participates in re-enacting and experimental archaeology, teaches armoured fighting and historical swordsmanship, and takes his vacations with his family visiting battlefields, castles and cathedrals. He lives in Toronto and is busy writing his next novel.

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>464 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Toronto</b>

### Previous Titles

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The Green Count  
The Sword of Justice  
Hawkwood's Sword  
The Emperor's Sword

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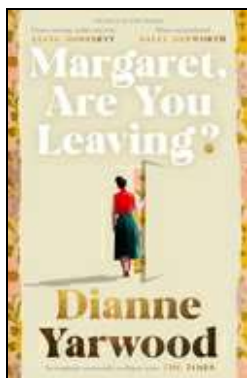
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Author living in	<b>Sydney, Australia</b>

## Margaret, Are You Leaving?

**Dianne Yarwood**

### Keynote

**An uplifting and life-affirming novel about family lost and found, from the author of Australian bestseller *The Wakes***

### Description

**'An insightful, emotionally intelligent writer' *The Times***

Sydney, 2001. Now in her forties, Maggie Reid has built a good life for herself, surrounded by good people. She has an adorable but needy dog and a new relationship. She has tried hard to leave her painful past behind her, but when her beloved brother Lucas calls with news of their adopted mother's death, he also delivers a bombshell about Maggie's birth mother.

So begins an uncertain, bumpy journey to trace her mother's identity, a quest that brings fresh heartbreak but also unexpected joy. Maggie's spent her whole life leaving, but now, for the first time, will she find a reason to stay?

Deeply empathetic, uncommonly witty and wise, *Margaret, Are You Leaving?* celebrates the messiness of family and the beauty of life in all its heartache and wonder.

### Sales Points

- **THE WAKES TV SERIES** : Screen rights to *The Wakes* have been optioned by the producer of *Gone Girl* and *Big Little Lies* and a 6-8 part TV series is currently in development
- **INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS**: *The Wakes* was a word-of-mouth hit in the author's native Australia and won the hearts of readers and reviewers in the UK, with rapturous review coverage and social media buzz.
- **FAMILY NOVEL INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS**: A moving and uplifting exploration of the ties that bind, from adoptive parents to chosen family, perfect for readers seeking emotionally rich, feelgood character-driven stories. It was inspired by the life of the author's close friend and written with her blessing.

### Reviews

- 'Few people can write about food and heartbreak like Nora Ephron - that was until Dianne Yarwood' - *Harper's Bazaar* (on *THE WAKES*)
- 'An uplifting novel about friendship, death and how the joy of living can be found in the most unexpected places' - *Observer* (on *THE WAKES*)
- 'A truly delightful debut . . . Funny, moving, tender and wise' - *Liane Moriarty* (on *THE WAKES*)
- 'A funny, clever novel about love and loss and midlife, executed with the lightest touch. I can't remember when I last read a book that captures so well the sheer sensory joy of being alive' - *Marianne Levy* (on *THE WAKES*)

### Author Biography

Dianne Yarwood worked in corporate roles in both London and Sydney. At the age of forty, with three young children, a brush with mortality gave her the courage to do what she always wanted to do - write. She is the author of acclaimed debut novel *The Wakes* and lives in Sydney with her husband.

### Market

For fans of *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman, *The Weekend* by Charlotte Wood, *Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny and *All My Mothers* by Joanna Glen.

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## Running the Light

### 'The best novel I've ever read about comedy' Megan Nolan

Sam Tallent

#### Keynote

A 'thrilling, nauseating and painfully real' (MEGAN NOLAN) novel that follows struggling stand-up comedian Billy Ray Schafer over seven spun-out days in the American Southwest

#### Description

'THE BEST NOVEL I'VE EVER READ ABOUT COMEDY' Megan Nolan

'GLORIOUSLY DEPRAVED' Geoff Dyer

'LIT UP MY PLEASURE CENTRES AND LEFT ME STUNNED' Rob Doyle

*'Billy Ray Schafer stepped off the plane in Amarillo, Texas, with twenty-six hundred dollars tucked down the leg of his black ostrich-skin cowboy boot. He walked to baggage claim slowly, jelly-legged and nearing lucidity, coming out from under the Xanax he snorted before the flight...'*

Debauched, divorced and courting death, Billy Ray Schafer is a comedian who has forgotten how to laugh. Over the course of seven spun-out days, he travels from hell gig to hell gig across the American Southwest in search of a reason to keep living. Trapped in the wreckage of his wasted career, Billy Ray is the answer to a tragic question: What happens when opportunity never arrives? Or - worse - when it comes and goes?

**'Exceptional . . . Running the Light is Dante as gag artist, trapped in a Diabolical Comedy. Or maybe, in the end, a disgraced Odysseus searching for a way back home to contrition and forgiveness. Read it and weep'**  
*IRISH TIMES*

**'Nothing I've read hits the psycho-chemical abyss of road life turned horribly wrong quite like this'** LIAS SAUDI

#### Sales Points

- **HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** *Running the Light* was a hit with the UK and Irish literary / music scene on first publication. Rob Doyle called it a 'feat of greatness', Geoff Dyer admired its 'gloriously depraved' protagonist, while Richard Russell proclaimed it 'the best novel I've read in years'
- **SELF-PUBLISHED SUCCESS:** The author sold tens of thousands of copies of the novel in its self-published form while gigging across America. It has a devoted fanbase and its readers are evangelical (nearly 1.5k positive reviews on Amazon)
- **THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL IS BACK:** Sam is a highly literary writer in the lineage of Hemingway, Bret Easton Ellis and Charles Bukowski. There is an under-served market for literary fiction by young, male authors which this hits perfectly

#### Reviews

- 'Thrilling, nauseating and painfully real . . . the best novel I've ever read about comedy' - *Megan Nolan*
- 'A feat of greatness that lit up my pleasure centres and left me stunned' - *Rob Doyle*
- 'Anyone wondering where The Great American Novel went: this is it on bail' - *DBC Pierre*
- 'The obvious point of comparison is Martin Amis's *Money*, but relative to Tallent's gloriously depraved protagonist, John Self is strolling to a chai latte after his Pilates class' - *Geoff Dyer*

#### Author Biography

**Sam Tallent** is a comedian. For the last decade he has performed more than 45 weekends per year across America, Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. His writing has appeared in *Birdy Magazine* and on VICE.com. *Running the Light* is his first novel.

#### Market

**FOR READERS OF:** Adult readers of literary fiction written by men, particularly in the American tradition of Hunter S. Thompson, Bukowski, Kennedy Toole, Easton Ellis; readers of literary fiction in the vein of Taddeo, Moshfegh, Eliza Clark, Rachel Kushner, with dark stories and flawed protagonists

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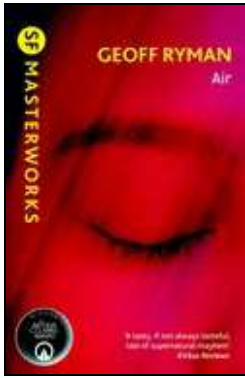
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## Air

### Geoff Ryman

#### Keynote

Winner of the BSFA Award 2005, the James Tiptree Award 2005, and the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2006

#### Description

**"AIR is wonderful...Ryman is a true, graceful writer and this is a novel you move into and inhabit for as long as you can make it last"** - Kit Reed

**"This book constantly surprised me ... great for a lot of seriously original ideas and a deep dive into the consequences"** - Goodreads Reviewer

Mae Chung lives in the rice-farming village Kizuldah, in Karzistan. She's a self-styled fashion expert, guiding the village women in dress, make-up and hairstyle, which makes her an informal village leader.

When the UN decides to test Air - a radical new technology that works without power lines or machines - Mae finds herself with the memories of a deceased village elder, Mrs Tung. Struggling with information overload, the resentment of much of the village, and a complex family situation, Mae works fiercely to learn what she needs to ride the tiger of change.

Geoff Ryman's triumphant return to science fiction is a powerful, evocative story of information technology in a changing world.

#### Sales Points

- Based on an award-winning short story, and shortlisted for the Philip K. Dick Award. Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the James Tiptree Award, and the BSFA Award in 2006 - an astounding rack of awards
- Selected as one of the Books of the Year by Publishers Weekly and Locus
- One of the few authors to feature in both the SF and the Fantasy Masterworks lists, with THE CHILD GARDEN and WAS respectively.

#### Awards

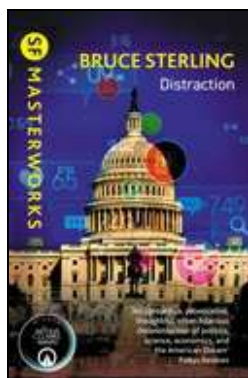
Shortlisted for the 2004 Philip K. Dick Award  
 Shortlisted for the 2005 John W. Campbell Memorial Award  
 Winner of the 2005 BSFA Award  
 Winner of the 2006 Arthur C. Clarke Award

#### Reviews

- 'One of recent science fiction's acknowledged masterworks. Enthralling.' - *Matt Coward*
- 'Ryman makes a triumphant return to science fiction in this superbly crafted tale. Besides being a treat for fans of highly literate SF, this intensely political book has important things to say about how developed nations take the Third World for granted.' - *Publishers Weekly (starred review)*
- 'Ryman fills it with intimate, emotional scenes of love and jealousy as well as such surreal events as a calm exchange on cosmology with a talking dog. Enthralling.' - *Booklist (starred review)*
- '[Ryman's] description of the mental effects of AIR are astounding. Mae is an impressive heroine, and the text is full of sharp commentary and vivid characters, containing many a worthy insight about how the world will be dragged further into the Information Age, like it or not.' - *Kirkus*

#### Author Biography

Geoff Ryman is a Canadian living in the United Kingdom. His first book based on events in Cambodia was published in 1985, the award-winning *The Unconquered Country*. *The King's Last Song* was inspired by a visit to an Australian archaeological dig at Angkor Wat in 2000. He has been a regular visitor since, teaching writing workshops in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap twice, and publishing three further novellas set in Cambodia. In Britain he produced documentaries for Resonance FM, London, on Cambodian Arts. He has published nine other books and won fourteen awards. He teaches creative writing at the University of Manchester.



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## Distraction

### Bruce Sterling

#### Keynote

Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2000

#### Description

"This is a very smart, very funny book" - Locus

"Enthralling and subversive" - SF Commentary

"An excellent piece of future-gazing" - Amazon Reviewer

A Dutch Cold War is in full swing. The US is a shadow of its former self - its infrastructure is failing, and nomadic tribes roam freely among the states, living by no rules but their own.

Oscar Valpariso - always impeccably dressed - is only half human, but he's master political strategist to potentially the next president. If he can straighten out his love life, gain control of a high-tech scientific facility, and solve a worldwide crisis that only he's noticed, America should be ripe for the taking . . .

#### Sales Points

- Regularly picked out as one of the important writers of SF working today
- Hugo Award 1997 for BICYCLE REPAIRMAN
- John W. Campbell Memorial Award 1989 for ISLANDS ON THE NET
- One of science fiction's must read authors, innovation on a par with William Gibson
- Biotechnology meets MAD MAX meets THE PLAYER

#### Awards

Shortlisted for the 1999 John W. Campbell Memorial Award  
 Winner of the 2000 Arthur C. Clarke Award

#### Reviews

- 'This is a very smart, very funny book' - Locus
- 'Enthralling and subversive' - SF Commentary
- 'The world must and will develop into what Sterling has predicted' - Science Fiction Age

#### Author Biography

Bruce Sterling burst onto the SF scene with the birth of Cyberpunk and co-authored THE DIFFERENCE ENGINE with his colleague William Gibson. His biggest UK success was with THE HACKER CRACKDOWN. He lives in Austin, Texas.

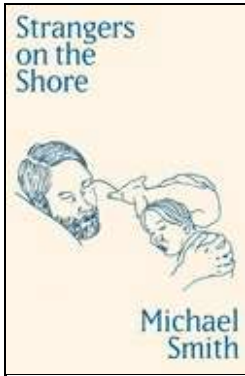
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## Strangers on the Shore

**Michael Smith**

### Keynote

**A genre-blending work of autofiction and memoir in which the cult author explores the experience of becoming a father and the grief of leaving his youth behind**

### Description

In *Strangers on the Shore*, Michael Smith - author of cult classic *The Giro Playboy*, which captured the arty demi-monde of Shoreditch gentrifying into a hipster hellscape - stays one step ahead of the property developers as he stumbles through the uncanny psychic landscape of Hastings, in an astonishing work of autofiction that explores the experience of becoming a father and the disarming grief of leaving your youth and its dreams behind.

The flâneuring Michael at the centre of the book has moved down to the 'dogshit capital of the South Coast,' started a family and opened a bar. He finds himself pouring wine in a 'drinking town with a fishing problem,' philosophising, procrastinating, morbidly obsessed with Aleister Crowley, who died in poverty in a BnB in this shabby seaside resort full of artistes and occult morris dancers.

A book about what it is like to live on the margins, sliding into a precarious middle age in turbulent times, both giving up and starting a-new, *Strangers on the Shore* is deeply and unashamedly romantic, whilst also angry about the dystopian Britain we've sleepwalked into. Revered by Andrew Weatherall as 'the acid house Montaigne' and *The Idler* as 'Rimbauld on the dole,' Michael Smith has written an endlessly moving book of transcendent beauty about fathers and songs and the pleasures of an introspective life.

### Sales Points

- **BELOVED CULT AUTHOR:** Michael Smith burst onto the scene with *The Giro Playboy* ('a masterpiece in gutter romanticism' - *Tatler*) back in 2006, which has gone on to become a cult classic. He frequently collaborated with late acid house DJ, Andrew Weatherall, and is revered for his journalism, filmmaking and other writing ventures
- **OCCULT THEMES:** The book explores the strange magic of a seaside town via the central character's absorption in the 'magick' of Alesteir Crowley. In this way, it will appeal to readers interested in mysticism, folklore, ritual and magic
- **SENSE OF PLACE:** The book is in part a love letter to St Leonard's, a seaside town near Hastings on the south coast of England. This makes it perfect for coastal booksellers and those who understand the unique 'shabby magic' of British seaside towns

### Reviews

- 'A British beat classic for the twenty-first century' - praise for *The Giro Playboy*, *ESQUIRE*
- 'Beautifully crafted prose: a luxurious drift of words to nourish the soul' - praise for *Unreal City*, *THE QUIETUS*

### Author Biography

**Michael Smith** is a writer and filmmaker. The author of two novels and a novella published by Faber (*The Giro Playboy*, *Unreal City*, *Shorty Loves Wing Wong*), his work has also featured in *The Guardian*, *Esquire*, and *Dazed & Confused*. He has written and presented BBC4 documentaries (*Citizen Smith*, *Drivetime*) and had a regular slot on BBC2's *The Culture Show*. Recently, he has focused on directing independent "video-poems" that have screened at places like the Barbican and the NFT. He also collaborated with Andrew Weatherall on a spoken word album of *Unreal City*. Michael is currently the only person he knows who chooses not to have a mobile phone.

### Market

**FOR READERS OF:** experimental literary fiction by male writers in the vein of Max Porter, David Keenan, Richard Milward, Michael Bracewell, etc; auto-fiction by writers like Knausgaard, Sheila Heti, Rachel Cusk, Ben Lerner



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Author living in	<b>London, UK</b>

## Father Figure

### Natalie Portman's November Book Club pick

#### Emma Forrest

#### Keynote

The compulsive coming-of-age novel about longing and London from the author of *Your Voice in My Head* and *Royals*

#### Description

'Literary, thrilling, hugely funny, with a massive heart' SARA PASCOE  
'So wild and gripping' DAVID NICHOLLS  
'I tore through it' NUSSAIBAH YOUNIS  
'A ferocious coming-of-age story' EMMA JANE UNSWORTH  
'A truly beautiful story about longing and London' DAISY BUCHANAN

Gail is in trouble at school. Saint Saviours, the exclusive private girls school that she attends on a scholarship, cannot contain her. Impulsive, bored and looking for someone to adore, she is at that dangerous age when you want to be picked up by men and then driven home by your mother.

Ezra is rich, powerful and at the top of his game. His comfortable middle age is tainted only by the knowledge that, in his heady youth, he'd loved new wave music and had people killed - and by his crushing anxieties about his teenage daughter, Agata.

When Agata starts at Saint Saviour's, Gail and Ezra's paths cross, and with an unstoppable momentum, their lives intertwine in ways more dangerous than either could ever predict.

#### Sales Points

- **HIGH PROFILE FANS:** Nigella Lawson, Dolly Alderton, Bryony Gordon, Marian Keyes, David Nicholls, Florence Welch and Elizabeth Gilbert are just some of the authors who are fans of Emma Forrest's writing.
- **STAR AUTHOR:** Emma has been writing books since she was very young - her first novel was published when she was 21. Her fiction and memoirs have been widely reviewed, and are adored across the literary and cultural spheres. She is an extraordinary writer with many fans, and is ripe to become one of the voices of her generation.
- **IRRESISTABLE PITCH:** Emma Forrest writes glamorous, romantic, juicy books, and this novel is no exception. *Father Figure* is a short, plotty novel set in a London girls' school, starring a teenage girl and a middle aged man. It's a thrilling story about an oligarch meeting his match in the lawless energy of a teenage girl.

#### Reviews

- 'A very funny coming of age story, rife with political, sexual, and emotional angst' - Natalie Portman, Nat's Book Club Pick
- 'Bristling with sexual, political and emotional angst, this finely tuned coming-of-age tale thrives on the grey areas of adolescence' - *Guardian*
- 'Literary, thrilling, hugely funny, with a massive heart. The perfect read' - Sara Pascoe

#### Author Biography

Born in London, Emma Forrest began her writing career as a teenage columnist on a national newspaper. By thirty, she had published three novels and exited journalism to work in Hollywood as a screenwriter. Her memoir *Your Voice In My Head* is a classic of the genre. Emma wrote and directed her first feature *Untogether*, which premiered at the Tribeca Film festival. Her most recent novel, *Royals*, was the Radio 2 Book Club pick.

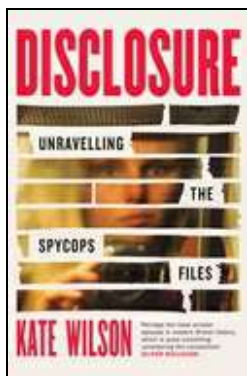
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## Disclosure Unravelling the Spycops Files

**Kate Wilson**

### Keynote

The searing true story of the woman who took on Britain's secret police in court, and won

### Description

**'It was exciting when it started, then comfortable and domestic, and over time we grew apart. If it had been real, our relationship wouldn't have made a chapter in a memoir. But Mark was a fictional character, contrived by the British state to violate me and undermine the values I held dearest. And the entire time, EN31 was sitting around the corner, writing it all down, watching our lives unfold.'**

In 2003, British police infiltrated a group of idealistic young environmental activists, forming sexual relationships and spying without warrant on hundreds of innocent civilians.

Kate Wilson fought back. She took the Met to court, at times battling alone without funding or legal representation, enduring bullying, psychological intrusion and further state surveillance. It took her nearly twenty years to uncover the eerie truth about Britain's secret political police.

In her own words, and those of the officers who documented her every move, this is Kate's story.

### Sales Points

- **SHOCKING EXPOSÉ:** Reveals in chilling detail the psychological toll of the systemic misogyny and sexual abuse inflicted on the women deceived into relationships with undercover police
- **GRIPPING COURTROOM NARRATIVE:** This book is about so much more than one betrayal. It's the story of how one woman took on the Met **and won**, exposing a colossal institutional scandal and raising urgent questions about the role of the police in society
- **UNFORGETTABLE VOICE:** This is an exceptionally crafted memoir that alternates powerfully between the first and third person to evoke both the love story as she experienced it and the sinister reality of what it was later revealed to be

### Reviews

- 'A compelling piece of literature . . . both formally inventive and bracing to read' - Stuart Jeffries, *Observer*
- 'A gripping account of an activist who discovered her former boyfriend was a police spy - and how she turned the tables' - Olivia Laing, *Guardian*
- 'The British police thought it could use and discard Kate Wilson, but it messed with the wrong woman. Her courage, determination, clarity and insistence on justice are absolutely awe-inspiring' - Oliver Bullough, author of *BUTLER TO THE WORLD*
- '*Disclosure* gives us some of the deepest insights yet into the inner workings of Britain's secret political police. It is a gripping, very personal but highly measured, account of shocking police oppression and corruption, deployed against people trying to make the world a better place' - Dave Morris, the *McLibel Two*
- 'This story of the betrayal of a brave eco-activist is a searing page-turner. The criminalisation of Kate Wilson and her fellow campaigners was truly shameful. *Disclosure* firmly places the British police on the wrong side of history' - Peter Hain, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

### Author Biography

Kate Wilson is a life-long campaigner and now works as a nurse. Her landmark victory in the trial 'Wilson v the Commissioner' established that the British undercover police operations targeting her movements were unlawful and unnecessary in a democratic society, and consistently violated basic human and political rights.

### Market

Readers of memoir with a political/campaigning angle e.g. Chanel Miller, Chimene Suleyman

Readers of exposés of political scandals/cover-ups and gripping courtroom narratives e.g. Philippe Sands, *The Great Post Office Scandal*



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 Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction (FFL)  
 Street fiction / urban fiction (FBAN)**

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## The Widows

Anna Smith

### Keynote

The first book in a gripping new gangland thriller series, perfect for fans of Kimberley Chambers, Martina Cole and Jessie Keane

### Description

**ONE FALSE MOVE COULD GET THEM KILLED**

Ruby, Bella and Cissy are used to the high life. Married to gangland bosses at the top of their game, the riches of Costa del Sol are at their fingertips, the world at their feet.

But when Cissy's husband is brutally murdered, everything changes. With his lifelong friend - the notorious drug lord Tommy Mallon - hellbent on revenge, the three women are forced to go on the run.

Soon they find themselves caught up in an explosive struggle for money and power. A new life awaits - but only if they can outrun the one they've left behind . . .

### Praise for Anna Smith's Kerry Casey series

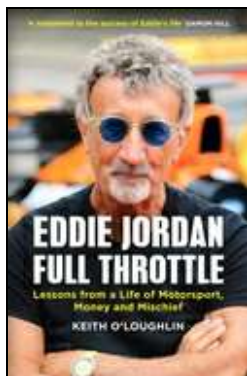
'Martina Cole fans will love this' *Daily Mirror*

'Will keep you reading into the wee small hours' *The Sunday Post*

'Gritty, hard-edged, not for the faint-hearted' *Sunday Mirror*

### Sales Points

- Anna consistently gets great reader reviews and continues to preorder well, particularly in eBook.
- Anna sells well through supermarkets, and usually gets slots in ASDA and Morrisons.
- Perfect for fans of tough, gritty urban thrillers and authors such as Marnie Riches and Martina Cole.



## EDDIE JORDAN: FULL THROTTLE

### Lessons from a Life of Motorsport, Money and Mischief

**Keith O'Loughlin**

#### Keynote

Eddie Jordan's inspirational life lessons.

#### Description

'A testament to the success of Eddie's life' DAMON HILL

*Full Throttle* is a high-octane guide to business, leadership and resilience - told through the extraordinary life and lessons of Formula One legend Eddie Jordan.

A maverick team boss and fearless entrepreneur, Eddie built Jordan Grand Prix from scratch, discovered world champions like Michael Schumacher, and turned bold risks into billion-pound successes. Along the way, he inspired everyone around him to back themselves and defy convention.

At its heart lies The Jordan Code - 25 powerful principles for entrepreneurs, leaders and ambitious thinkers who want to win against the odds. Each is brought to life through stories and reflections from Eddie's friends and peers, including Bono, Richard Branson, David Coulthard, Jake Humphrey, Roger Taylor, Mark Webber, and many more. Perfect for business leaders, founders and innovators, *Full Throttle* shows how courage, instinct and creativity can fuel lasting success.

All author profits go directly to The Eddie Jordan Foundation, empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs, athletes and changemakers.

#### Sales Points

- Eddie Jordan was a much-loved F1/motorsport personality.
- Foreword by Damon Hill.
- Full backing of the Jordan family.
- Integral part of the Eddie Jordan Foundation.
- Significant special sales potential.

#### Author Biography

Keith O'Loughlin is an entrepreneur, strategist and storyteller whose career spans technology, sport and investment. A long-time friend and business partner of Eddie Jordan, Keith worked closely with Eddie across a number of ventures and shared his instinctive belief in backing people, moving fast and trusting energy over convention. A passionate cyclist, Keith spent many hours on the road with Eddie, where conversations ranged from life and business to mischief, ideas and belief.

Keith is the founder of Everlough Group, an investment and operating platform built around creativity, resilience and long-term thinking, and co-founded JKO Capital alongside Eddie Jordan. Following Eddie's passing, Keith was a founding trustee of The Eddie Jordan Foundation, established together with Eddie's wife Marie and his family to carry forward Eddie's spirit of opportunity, mentorship and belief in the next generation.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>464 pages</b>
Word Count	
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## 100 Things They Don't Want You To Know The World's Greatest Conspiracy Theories

**Daniel Smith**

### Keynote

Uncover the world's greatest mysteries, disappearances, unsolved crimes, cover-ups and conspiracy theories

### Description

Who was Jack the Ripper? Where did the Nazis stash their gold? Who are the real Men in Black? Did aliens send the 'WOW' signal? And how will the world end?

*100 Things They Don't Want You to Know* sets out to uncover the truth behind the world's most mysterious cover-ups and unexplained events that have been shrouded in secrecy for generations.

From suspicious deaths and disappearances to enigmatic identities, from Cold War cover-ups to puzzling paranormal phenomena and from ancient artefacts to coded documents, *100 Things They Don't Want You to Know* takes you on a quest to solve the greatest mysteries, strange disappearances, suspicious cover-ups and conspiracy theories.

**Including:** Black Dahlia, the Marfa Lights, the Turin Shroud, Spontaneous Combustion, Lost Literature of the Mayan Civilisation, Disappearance of Jean Spangler, Shakespeare's True Identity, the Turin Shroud, the Easter Island Glyphs, the Death of Lee Harvey Oswald, the Mothman, The Flying Dutchman, the Secret Mission of Ruldolph Hess, the 'WOW' signal, Lewis Carroll's Lost Diaries, the Man in the Iron Mask and the Beast of Bodmin Moor.

### Sales Points

- New edition of a popular backlist title, part of a bestselling series
- Perfect for fans of conspiracy theories and fascinating, unexplained events
- International appeal, covering wide range of conspiracies worldwide

### Author Biography

Daniel Smith is the bestselling author of *100 Places You Will Never Visit*, which has been translated into eight languages. He has written more than fifteen books, on subjects as diverse as Sherlock Holmes, cockney rhyming slang and the WWII Dig for Victory campaign. Daniel is also a long-time contributor to *The Statesman's Yearbook*, an annual geopolitical guide to the countries of the world. He lives in London.

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True crime (DNXC)  
History: specific events and topics (NHT)**

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Format **B Format**  
Extent **272 pages**  
Word Count **76000 words**  
Illustrations **N/A**  
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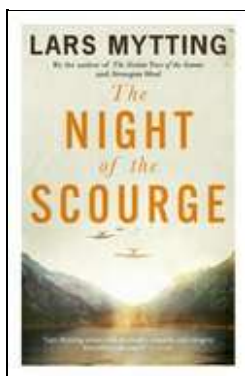
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## The Night of the Scourge The Sister Bells Trilogy Vol. 3

Lars Mytting

Translated by Deborah Dawkin

### Keynote

**A gripping historical novel of resistance and betrayal in German-occupied Norway - the final book in Lars Mytting's acclaimed and bestselling Sister Bells trilogy**

### Description

**A riveting and epic family drama set in WWII-era Norway, award-winning author Lars Mytting's *The Night of the Scourge* is the final novel in the internationally bestselling Sister Bells trilogy**

**Butangen, Norway, the years before WWII:** Astrid Hekne has inherited the fighting spirit and hypersensitivity of her grandmother, who was a protector of the mythic Sister Bells that had once hung in the village's centuries-old stave church.

The once-traitorous priest Kai Schweigaard, now in his eighties, is wondering how his death, prophesied in a centuries-old tapestry, will come to pass. He delves into the myths about the Night of the Scourge, which, according to old village beliefs, is when the known world will fall and the Earth will be scraped down to bare rock.

Then Norway is occupied by the Nazis. Astrid joins the Resistance, and Kai is thrown out of his own church. Betrayal within Astrid's own family unites the Sister Bells in Dresden. Special effort and sacrifice, not only from the Hekne family, will be needed to combat the postwar rumours and mistrust.

This family drama, set in the tumultuous times of WWII, beautifully completes the Sister Bells trilogy. But while it connects to the previous books in surprising and thrilling ways, it can also be read as a standalone, a grand and epic novel that intertwines Norwegian folklore and myths with a rich story of hardship and passion.

**Translated from the Norwegian by Deborah Dawkin**

**Praise for *The Bell in the Lake* - a *Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Month**

"A beautiful example of modern Norwegian folklore" ***Guardian***

"Lyrical, melancholy and with beautifully drawn characters" ***Daily Mail***

"Mytting's cleverly crafted story heads inexorably to a moving conclusion" ***Sunday Times***

### Sales Points

- 300,000 copies of Lars Mytting's books sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide
- More than 75,000 copies of Mytting's novel *Sixteen Trees of the Somme* sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide - it was a Waterstones Fiction Book of the Month in 2018
- Some 30,000 copies of the previous books in the Sister Bells trilogy sold in MacLehose Press editions worldwide
- Mytting is the author of *Norwegian Wood* and worldwide phenomenon and a dark-horse bestseller of Christmas 2015

### Author Biography

Lars Mytting, a novelist and journalist, was born in Fåvang, Norway, in 1968. His novel *The Sixteen Trees of the Somme* was awarded the Norwegian National Booksellers' Award and has been bought for film. *Norwegian Wood* has become an international bestseller, and was the Bookseller Industry Awards Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2016. His novel *The Bell in the Lake* was a number one bestseller in Norway and nominated for the Norwegian National Bookseller's Award 2018.

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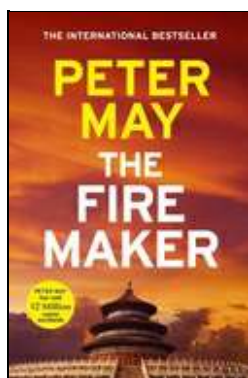
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>560 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Series	<b>China Thrillers</b>
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**The Firemaker**

**The explosive crime thriller from the author of The Enzo Files (The China Thrillers Book 1)**

**Peter May**

**Keynote**

The first of Peter May's China thrillers featuring Beijing detective Li Yan and American pathologist Margaret Campbell, reissued in paperback.

**Description**

**THE 12 MILLION COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE LEWIS TRILOGY AND THE ENZO FILES**  
**AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF THE CWA DAGGER IN THE LIBRARY 2021**

'Peter May is one of the most accomplished novelists writing today.'

*Undiscovered Scotland*

'No one can create a more eloquently written suspense novel than Peter May.'  
*New York Journal of Books*

*The first of Peter May's China critically acclaimed thrillers featuring Beijing detective Li Yan and American pathologist Margaret Campbell.*

**LI YAN**

A grotesquely burned corpse found in a city park is a troubling mystery for Beijing detective Li Yan. Yan, devoted to his career as a means of restoring the respect his family lost during the Cultural Revolution, needs outside help if he is to break the case.

**MARGARET CAMPBELL**

The unidentified cadaver in turn provides a welcome distraction for forensic pathologist Margaret Campbell. Campbell, married to her work and having left America and her broken past behind, throws herself into the investigation, and before long uncovers a bizarre anomaly.

**THE FIREMAKER**

An unlikely partnership develops between Li and Campbell as they follow the resulting lead. A fiery and volatile chemistry ignites: exposing not only their individual demons, but an even greater evil - a conspiracy that threatens their lives, as well as those of millions of others.

**LOVED THE FIREMAKER? Read the second book in the series, THE FOURTH SACRIFICE**

**LOVE PETER MAY? Buy his new thriller, THE BLACK LOCH**

**Sales Points**

- Reissued with brand new series style and with new introductions from author.
- The other novels in the China series: *The Fourth Sacrifice* (September 2016), *The Killing Room* (November 2016), *Snakehead* (April 2017), *The Runner* (September 2017) and *Chinese Whispers* (November 2017) to follow.
- Peter May is the only westerner to be made an honorary member of the Chinese Crime Writers' Association.
- In 2014, Quercus brought into print May's Enzo Files, which have since sold over 125,000 copies through the UK TCM.
- Quercus's combined sales for Peter May are approaching 2 million copies across all editions.

**Reviews**

- 'Stunningly original, highly topical and extremely well-written.' - *Scotland on Sunday*

**Author Biography**

Peter May was born and raised in Scotland. He was an award-winning journalist at the age of twenty-one and a published novelist at twenty-six. When his first book was adapted as a major drama series for the BBC, he quit journalism and during the high-octane fifteen years that followed, became one of Scotland's most successful television dramatists. He created three prime-time drama series, presided over two of the highest-rated serials in his homeland as script editor and producer, and worked on more than 1,000 episodes of ratings-topping drama before deciding to leave television to return to his first love, writing

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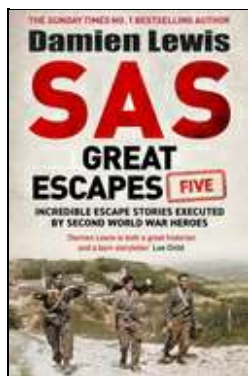


novels.

In 2021, he was awarded the CWA Dagger in the Library Award. He has also won several literature awards in France, received the USA's Barry Award for *The Blackhouse*, the first in his internationally bestselling Lewis Trilogy; and in 2014 was awarded the ITV Specsavers Crime Thriller Book Club Best Read of the Year award for *Entry Island*. Peter now lives in South-West France with his wife, writer Janice Hally.

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## SAS Great Escapes Five

Damien Lewis

### Keynote

The newest instalment of the bestselling *Great Escapes* series written by internationally bestselling author Damien Lewis.

### Description

In the spirit of previous volumes, Damien Lewis reveals the untold stories of the war's most daring and audacious escapes as executed by the world's most famous fighting force, the SAS.

Reaching back into the earliest origins of the SAS legend, and Operation Colossus, the volume opens with a series of death-defying escapes in Italy, where bluff, deception and audacity win the day. It moves on to an epic solo escape across the sun-blasted Sahara desert, as one man, long given up for dead, achieves the seemingly impossible. It goes on to chronicle one of the most successful raids by the SAS deep behind enemy lines, and how a terribly injured veteran of that mission used the secret escape lines of the Vatican to make it back to Allied lines, in a tale replete with cloak-and-dagger intrigue.

From there, the reader is plunged into a series of daring POW-rescue missions, laced with Robin-Hood-style assassinations and robberies, plus a breathtaking getaway at mission's end. And finally, we learn of how one patrol's desperate, close-quarter battle to take an enemy-held fortress, led to tragic loss but an equally daring getaway. Working with the family members of those portrayed, and relying upon unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, war reports and more, this is gripping narrative history at its finest, delivered in typical Damien Lewis edge-of-the-seat style.

### Sales Points

- By acclaimed *Sunday Times* No.1 bestseller Damien Lewis
- Building on established success of the SAS GREAT ESCAPES series - over 70,000 copies sold through TCM

### Reviews

- 'Daring SAS escapes of WW2 a triumph of the human spirit . . . Five incredible stories brought to life by author Damien Lewis' - *Sunday Express*
- 'Damien Lewis has once again crafted a gripping, historically accurate and deeply touching narrative about men who are often misunderstood' - *BFBS Forces New*
- 'Untold stories by bestseller Damien Lewis, on the most extraordinary escapes by the SAS in WW2 . . . highlighting lesser known heroes' - *Times Radio*

### Author Biography

Damien Lewis is a number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into over forty languages worldwide. For decades he worked as a war and conflict reporter for the world's major broadcasters, reporting from across Africa, South America, the Middle and Far East and winning numerous awards. His books include the World War Two classics *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*, *SAS Nazi Hunters*, *SAS Ghost Patrol*, *SAS Band of Brothers* and *SAS Forged in Hell*. A dozen of his books have been made, or are being made, into movies or TV drama series and several have been adapted as plays for the stage. *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* has recently been released as a Guy Ritchie movie of the same name. He has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charitable concerns connected with his writings.

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Thema 1.6 **Psychological thriller (FHX)  
Crime and mystery: police procedural (FFP)  
Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**  
Format **Royal**  
Extent **448 pages**  
Word Count **N/A**  
Illustrations **Leah Hutch Series**  
Series **Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire**  
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#### Previous Titles

*Innocent Guilt*

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## Just Kill a twisting, addictive crime thriller that will keep you guessing

**Remi Kone**

### Keynote

**The new novel by Remi Kone and the second instalment in the DI Hutch series - pre-order now!**

### Description

**London during a blistering heatwave.** A man wakes in the middle of the night, hearing noises from downstairs. He assumes it's a burglar - nothing prepares him for what he finds.

Across the city, DI Leah Hutch and DS Benjamin Randle are called to a murder scene outside their jurisdiction. A woman has been killed - the only suspect, a friend from Leah's past who refuses to speak to anyone but her.

Meanwhile, fourteen-year-old Zed Okoro's mother has vanished. He will do anything in his power to find her - even if it means risking his own life.

As Leah and Randle investigate, they discover a conspiracy with roots far from home.

### Three incidents. One connection. What secrets make people kill?

#### **EVERYBODY LOVES REMI KONE'S THRILLERS**

'Watch out for Remi Kone - she's a startling new crime writing talent!' **Peter James**

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'DI Leah Hutch is a new detective to die for' **MJ Arlidge**

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### Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR:** fans of Tana French, Dennis Lehane and *Line of Duty*
- **STAR AUTHOR:** Remi Kone is a British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer who has worked on shows including *Killing Eve* and *Luther*
- **ADDICTIVE CRIME SERIES:** this is the second novel starring DI Leah Hutch as she investigates across London

### Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR REMI KONE:** Watch out for Remi Kone - she's a startling new crime writing talent!' - *Peter James*
- 'An exciting and powerful voice in dramatic storytelling' - *Patricia Cornwell*

### 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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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹999</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Thriller / suspense fiction (FH) Classic crime and mystery fiction (FFC) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
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## So Happy Together

### An unrelentingly twisty, darkly hilarious thriller you won't be able to put down!

Olivia Worley

#### Keynote

**A twisted thriller with a dark sense of humour. Perfect for fans of *You*, *Katy Brent* and *C. J. Skuse*.**

#### Description

'**Terrifically twisted . . . I'm obsessed**' KATY BRENT

**Jane and Colin are soulmates. He just doesn't know it yet.**

For twenty-four-year-old Jane, finding love in New York City is even harder than making it as a playwright. So, when Jane meets Colin, a sweet software engineer, she can't believe her luck: they're perfect for each other. Even when Colin breaks off their blooming relationship after six dates, Jane is certain that this is just a stumbling block. She'll get him back. She knows she will.

That is, until Colin starts dating Zoe, a perfect, luminous, up-and-coming Brooklyn artist. Even worse, she's actually kind of *nice*. But Zoe doesn't have what it takes to love Colin. She'd never stay with him through thick and thin. All Jane has to do is prove it, and she and Colin will be so happy together.

But when Jane sneaks into Colin's apartment, she makes a shocking discovery - one that will ensnare them all in a complicated web of lies, secrets, and murder.

**Unrelentingly twisty and utterly compelling, *So Happy Together* is an unputdownable, shattering read for fans of *You*, *Katy Brent* and *C. J. Skuse*.**

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#### Praise for *So Happy Together*

'**Reads like your most unhinged friend's secret diary**' ASHLEY WINSTEAD

'**Dark, juicy and addictive**' JENNY HOLLANDER

'**Laced with humour . . . with an ending that will leave you breathless**' LIV CONSTANTINE

'**You won't know who to trust in this spine-tingling psychological thriller**' SARAH PEKKANEN

'**A twisty, obsessive thriller**' CAMILLA STEN

#### Sales Points

- Publishing simultaneously with St Martin's Press in the US and acquired in a competitive auction.
- Perfect for fans of *You*, *Katy Brent* and *C. J. Skuse*.
- An unputdownable thriller with a dark sense of humour. This novel has an unforgettable voice and delivers twist after twist.

#### Reviews

- 'I devoured this book! Obsessive love and self-delusion **laced with humor and sharp wit** make every page a **juicy delight**. *So Happy Together* is **as addictive as it is entertaining with an ending that will leave you breathless.**' - *Liv Constantine, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Mrs. Parrish*
- 'You won't know who to trust in this **spine-tingling** psychological thriller. Obsession and betrayal collide so spectacularly on the pages **it's impossible to stop turning them.**' - *Sarah Pekkanen, #1 New York Times bestselling author*
- '**A twisty, obsessive thriller where you're never quite sure who is the predator and who is the prey.** *So Happy Together* is both **unbearably tense and uncomfortably relatable** - a psychosexual thriller for the Tinder age.' - *Camilla Sten, author of The Lost Village and The Resting Place*
- 'I couldn't get enough of this book. **Dark, juicy, and addictive**, *So Happy Together* introduces readers to the love triangle unlike any they've seen before. With a protagonist that makes Joe Goldberg look dull, and **twists and turns in every chapter, I flew through this book to get to the ending—and let me tell you, it was worth it.**' - *Jenny Hollander, author of Everyone Who Can Forgive Me Is Dead*

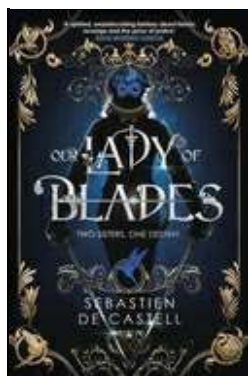


### Author Biography

Olivia Worley was born and raised in New Orleans. A graduate of Northwestern University, she now lives in New York City. Her young adult debut, *People to Follow* was published in 2023.

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## Our Lady of Blades A Court Of Shadows Novel, Perfect For Fans Of Joe Abercrombie, Scott Lynch and Richard Swan

Sebastien de Castell

### Keynote

The third installment in the Court of Shadows series introduces an all-new, very mysterious and extremely deadly swordsperson . . . *The Three Musketeers* meet *The Borgias* in this spectacular fantasy by the author of *THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN!*

### Description

**Blood Week may have been banned in Rijou, but the streets still run red - and now murder is being sanctioned by the courts. Only a reckless fool would believe they can beat the system. But then, the Greatcoats have always been more than a little reckless . . .**

Rijou's notorious Court of Blades is as corrupt as it is cutthroat, destroying lives with impunity. Now the city's all-powerful Ascendant Houses have started buying and selling verdicts to enslave and even execute those who oppose them.

Into this depraved world of licensed death comes a mysterious duellist who dares to foil the intrigues of the city's elite. They call her Lady Consequence, but years ago she had a different name, until her family was slaughtered and she was consigned to the hellish prison known as the House of Tears.

Lady Consequence means to rescue her idealistic younger brother, restore their House and wreak vengeance upon those who betrayed them. But a far more dangerous game is unfolding in the shadows, one which threatens the freedom of the entire nation.

### Sales Points

- The next books in The Greatcoats series (the first novel of which, *Traitor's Blade*, reached no.3 in the charts and was shortlisted for a David Gemmell Award)
- For fans of *The Three Musketeers*, Joe Abercrombie, Scott Lynch, Peter V Brett and Mark Lawrence.
- With over 250,000 copies of his Arcadia books in print (and over a million across all his publishers worldwide), Sebastien is one of our top-selling authors.
- Each novel in the Court of Shadows series is completely stand-alone and can be read in any order, so every one is a great introduction to the series!

### Reviews

- 'Brilliant and vivid world-building . . . riveting' - *Chad Stahelski, director of JOHN WICK, on THE MALEVOLENT SEVEN*
- 'The twists and turns of a story where theater genuinely *is* magic had me turning pages perhaps a little faster than I should have - but it was such a thrill to encounter sophisticated world-building mingled with nerve-wracking adventure and truly satisfying swordplay. De Castell's women are genuinely witty and intelligent, as well as hot as blazes . . . and I'm a sucker for any story with truth and friendship at its heart. Bravo, maestro! I eagerly await the next one' - *Ellen Kushner, author of SWORDSPPOINT*
- 'A complex and enthralling 500 pages of fantasy novel . . . expansive and full of verve . . . I can't wait to find out what will happen next' - *GeekDad*
- 'Swashbuckling, dark magic, and a mule. I was hooked from page one' - *Miles Cameron, author of The Red Knight, on CRUCIBLE OF CHAOS*

### Author Biography

Sebastien de Castell had just finished a degree in Archaeology when he started work on his first dig. Four hours later he realised how much he actually hated archaeology and left to pursue a very focused career as a musician, ombudsman, interaction designer, fight choreographer, teacher, project manager, actor and product strategist. His only defence against the charge of unbridled dilettantism is that he genuinely likes doing these things and that, in one way or another, each of these fields plays a role in his writing. He sternly resists the accusation of being a Renaissance Man in the hopes that more people will label him that way.

Sebastien's acclaimed swashbuckling fantasy series The Greatcoats was shortlisted for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Fantasy, the Gemmell Morningstar Award for Best Debut, the Prix Imaginales for Best Foreign Work and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. His YA fantasy series *Spellslinger* was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and is published in more than a dozen languages.

Sebastien lives in Vancouver, Canada with his lovely wife and two belligerent cats.

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Author living in **Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

### Previous Titles

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Tyrant's Throne: The Greatcoats Bk 4  
Play of Shadows: Court of Shadows Bk 1

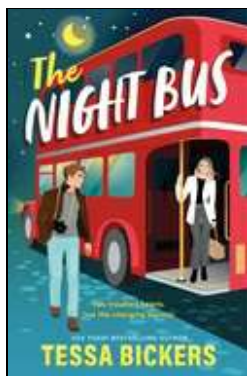
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## The Night Bus

Tessa Bickers

### Keynote

Two troubled hearts. One life-changing journey. From the USA Today Bestselling author of THE BOOK SWAP comes THE NIGHT BUS: a feel-good love story set against the magical backdrop of London at night

### Description

**TWO TROUBLED HEARTS. ONE LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY.**

'A gorgeous, moving love story about coming to terms with your past and deciding what you want for your future' **Emily Stone, author of *A Winter Wish***

'A delight. I came for the literary intrigue and stayed for the sizzling chemistry' **Laura Pearson, author of *The Last List of Mabel Beaumont***

'What a delightful and heartfelt read!' **Allison Raskin, author of *Save the Date***

Daisy Douglas has spent her life behind the scenes: at work, in her relationships, and now, in planning a wedding she isn't sure she even wants. As an entertainment journalist, she can spot the start of a story a mile away. So when her routine 4 a.m. bus ride to the newsroom takes a surprising turn, she notices.

For months, the same man has boarded at the same stop, reading the same tattered copy of Virginia Woolf's Orlando over and over as if his life depends on it. When a broken-down bus and a shared walk through the quiet early-morning London streets finally throws them together, Tom reveals the heartbreaking truth as to why he can't be without his novel.

Determined to help him find the answer to the riddle hidden in its pages, Daisy joins Tom on his strange literary quest-one that leads them to places neither of them ever expected. But as their friendship deepens, she starts to wonder if what they're both looking for might not be in the book after all.

### Sales Points

- A gorgeous London-set love story for readers who fell for Beth O'Leary's THE FLAT SHARE, Laura Jane William's OUR STOP, Josie Silver's ONE DAY IN DECEMBER and Dolly Alderton's GOOD MATERIAL, and for those who love books with that 90s rom-com vibe. Perfect for fans of Beth O'Leary, Laura Jane Williams and Sarah Morgan.
- Tessa is a USA Today Bestselling author and THE NIGHT BUS has an addictive combination of everything that really works in the women's fiction space: a hooky one-line pitch, heartwarming feel, interesting sub-plots and side characters and writing that really draws you in and make you *feel* things
- A joint publication with MIRA Books, a part of Harlequin, publishing in the US simultaneously. MIRA have secured a special edition with subscription box, LitJoy Crate.

### Author Biography

Tessa Bickers studied journalism at Bournemouth university, and went on to co-present a breakfast radio show in the South West. Moving into celebrity news, she's interviewed some of the biggest names in show business, including Leonardo DiCaprio and the cast of Sex and the City. Tess started her creative career as a singer-songwriter and after a few failed X Factor auditions she went on to perform at Glastonbury Festival, and Secret Garden Party with her band Tess and the Tellers. These days she's replaced her guitar with a keyboard, and songs for books. THE BOOK SWAP is her debut novel, publishing in 2024.

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## The Kings' List

Jade Presley

### Keynote

A woman's search for her missing sister instead brings her four powerful princes of chaos in this steamy, why-choose romantasy by TikTok author Jade Presley.

### Description

A woman's search for her missing sister instead brings her four powerful princes of chaos in this steamy, why-choose romantasy perfect for fans of *Bonded by Thorns*, *Gild* and *The Serpent and the Wings of Night*.

They said the trials were over. **They were wrong.**

I survived the Choosing. I claimed my mates. I became immortal. But the kings weren't finished with us yet.

Four princes. Four thrones. And a final season designed to decide if we're worthy to rule. Every task is a test. Every smile a lie. The people judge. The council votes. And the kings are waiting for us to fail.

I was never meant to be queen. I was an Ashlander who broke into a palace searching for her sister. Now I stand beside the Legends of Chaos, holding power the kingdom fears and love fierce enough to burn it all down.

To win the crowns, we'll have to survive the Kings' List.

Failure isn't an option.

Because this time, we're not just fighting for the throne-we're fighting for each other.

### Sales Points

- The first in a steamy, why-choose romantasy series featuring all of the best tropes - enemies-to-lovers, he falls first, who hurt you and more!
- *The Never List* is being published by Red Tower, the same team behind Rebecca Yarros's *Fourth Wing*, in North America
- Jade Presley is incredibly popular on BookTok, with her self-published series *The Scattered Isles* already earning her a dedicated fan base for why-choose romantasy

### Author Biography

Jade Presley is a pen name created to write romantasy stories that pair rich world-building with characters that will make you blush and leave you thirsting for more. When not writing, Jade goes on epic quests during game night or hangs with her family and Irish Wolfhound in her Colorado mountain home.

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Thema 1.6 **Contemporary horror, ghost stories and supernatural fiction (FKM) Psychological thriller (FHX) Relating to late adulthood / old age (5LKS)**

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Format **Royal**  
Extent **400 pages**  
Word Count  
Illustrations **N/A**  
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## The Dorians The Terrifying New Body Horror Spectacular Set On A Remote Island

**Nick Cutter**

### Keynote

**The sensational new horror novel that asks the question "how far would you go to cheat death?" by the bestselling author of THE TROOP.**

### Description

**The all-new novel of terror from 'one of the hottest horror authors on the planet' (Paste) and writer of the #HorrorBookTok sensation THE TROOP!**

**Five dying people:** On a remote island in the Canadian wilderness, five elderly volunteers are offering themselves up to an extraordinary secret experiment: they'll take a miracle drug, one that promises to stall the human biological clock or even reverse it, to restore lost youth. The chance to put death on pause, perhaps forever.

**One miracle cure:** By harnessing an ancient and extraordinary biological agent, scientists can turn back time for their five patients. But this real-world fountain of youth is derived from the DNA of something with no heart, no mind and no conscience, something possessed with a single-minded purpose: the will to survive, whatever it takes.

**What could possibly go wrong:** And as the experiment takes on a terrifying life of its own, those few who are able to fight back will have to use everything they've got just to stay alive . . . and human.

**A terrifying descent into mayhem, murder and madness from the twisted mind behind THE TROOP and THE DEEP.**

### Sales Points

- **A horror masterpiece:** a claustrophobic horror novel set on a remote island, asking trenchant questions about our eternal quest for youth.
- **Horror has never been bigger:** the horror genre is having a massive resurgence right now and THE DORIAN is a brilliant example of the kind of gory body-horror that readers are flocking to.
- **A modern horror maestro:** Nick Cutter's novels have received praise from Stephen King and Clive Barker, among many other horror luminaries, and his writing goes from strength to strength.
- **A Quercus investment:** Quercus has picked up all of Nick Cutter's backlist and developed a series style for his books, making them an excellent proposition for booksellers looking for clear positioning and excellent horror.
- **Frankenstein x Jellyfish:** Nick Cutter is famous for his gooey insectoid horror, and THE DORIAN doesn't disappoint (although the evil invertebrates here are medusa jellyfish!)

### Reviews

- **'Utterly terrifying'** - *Clive Barker on THE DEEP*
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- **'A grisly squirmfest...'** Cutter drives it to a crackling finale that unfolds, appropriately, during a dark and stormy night. Horror fans with a taste for the gruesome will not be disappointed' - *Publishers Weekly*
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### Author Biography

Nick Cutter is the author of the critically acclaimed bestseller *The Troop* (which is currently being developed for film), *The Deep*, *Little Heaven*, *The Handyman Method*, co-written with Andrew F. Sullivan, and *The Queen*. Nick Cutter is the pseudonym for Craig Davidson, whose much lauded literary fiction includes *Rust and Bone*, *The Saturday Night Ghost Club* and, most recently, the short story collection *Cascade*. His story 'Medium Tough' was selected by author Jennifer Egan for The Best American Short Stories 2014. He lives in Toronto, Canada.



## The Longest Walk Home

### The epic 2,000 mile escape of a WWII POW, in his own words

Ray Bailey with David Wilkins (Edited By David Wilkins)

#### Keynote

The recently discovered gripping escape memoir of WWII POW Raymond Bailey

#### Description

In 1940, Private Raymond Bailey, a 21-year-old Vauxhall motors apprentice, was captured in northern France, becoming a Nazi prisoner of war. But he wouldn't remain one for long...

*The Longest Walk Home* is the incredible account of his daring 2,000 mile escape across Europe and over the Pyrenees, to the safety of British Gibraltar, and home in time for Christmas. Along the way Ray has nerve-shredding encounters with German soldiers and the Spanish Civil Guard. Often he is exhausted and starving. All that keeps him going is his youthful energy, unfailing optimism, and the kindness of strangers who risk their own safety to help him.

Ray's escape is remarkable, but so too is his memoir. It was written within a year or two of the events it describes, when Ray was just 22, and despite Ray's obvious writing talent it was lost for decades until it was discovered at auction in an unmarked box of WWII memorabilia by David Wilkins. Ray's is a true unheard voice, and one of the last from this time.

#### Sales Points

- Solid area of the market - comps are: *No Picnic on Mount Kenya*: (HB 2,806 pb 33,786) *The Last Fighting Tommy*: (HB 5,215) *Tommy's War*: (HB 11,774) *The Christmas Truce*: (6,117)
- There's a dwindling number of first-hand accounts of WWII, for obvious reasons, and this is a brilliant one - a true unheard voice
- David Wilkins is a great public speaker and already has podcast experience - the big history podcasts can move the dial on titles like this, and the material is fresh and new
- Opportunity to break out beyond the history market; the story is cinematic and gripping, and reads more like a novel
- Quercus are known for our history publishing, and Ray's story is a brilliant addition to this stable

#### Author Biography

Raymond Bailey was born in 1919, the son of a miner. He left school aged fourteen and began work as an apprentice lathe operator at the Vauxhall Car Works in Luton. In 1939 he was in the first wave of young British men called up to fight in the Second World War. After basic training, Ray's battalion was posted to France and thrown into some of the bloodiest fighting of the entire conflict. In June 1940, just a few weeks after arriving in France, Ray found himself among the thousands of British soldiers captured at the catastrophic Battle of St Valery.

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Thema 1.6	<b>True war and combat stories (DNXM) True stories of heroism, endurance and survival (DNXP) Second World War (NHWR7)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
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## SAS The Great Train Raid The Most Daring SAS Mission of WWII

**Damien Lewis**

### Keynote

The SAS's boldest mission is Damien Lewis's new bestseller.

### Description

A WARTIME MISSION UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Autumn 1943: the SAS hijack a train, raid deep into enemy territory, and liberate a concentration camp. A mission so extraordinary, yet so secret, that barely any record exists.

Via first-hand testimonies and long-hidden files, Damien Lewis has unearthed the incredible details, bringing to life an astonishing tale of bravery, daring and determination which showcases the SAS at their very finest.

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PRAISE FOR SAS THE GREAT TRAIN RAID

'A staggering feat of bravery kept secret for decades, but now the SAS train raid on a concentration camp during the Second World War is detailed in an incredible new book' SUNDAY EXPRESS

'Long-hidden files and unseen personal accounts reveal a daring rescue mission from an Italian concentration camp' DAILY TELEGRAPH

'There is an enduring appeal about the SAS in Britain, the United States and beyond, in an age when we need heroes who were fighting the good fight more than ever' SUNDAY TIMES

'In autumn 1943 the SAS pulled off one of the most audacious missions of the Second World War. And yet the Great Train Raid to liberate Pisticci concentration camp has been relatively unknown until now' TIMES RADIO

'Fittingly titled as it features a train and was totally crazy. An unbelievable mission deep into enemy territory to free prisoners from arguably the first concentration camp to come to the attention of the allies... I've read the book cover to cover and it's absolutely astonishing what these people did' TONY LIVESEY, BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

### Sales Points

- The new book from number one bestseller and one of the nation's 'twenty favourite authors' (*World Book Day*), Damien Lewis
- Draws on never-before-seen classified archive material
- Damien Lewis has numerous major film and television projects in development

### Author Biography

Damien Lewis is a number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into over forty languages worldwide. For decades he worked as a war and conflict reporter for the world's major broadcasters, reporting from across Africa, South America, the Middle and Far East and winning numerous awards. His books include the World War Two classics *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*, *SAS Nazi Hunters*, *SAS Ghost Patrol*, *SAS Band of Brothers* and *SAS Forged in Hell*. A dozen of his books have been made, or are being made, into movies or TV drama series and several have been adapted as plays for the stage. *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* has recently been released as a Guy Ritchie movie of the same name. He has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charitable concerns connected with his writings.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781529441185</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Autobiography: historical, political and military (DNBH1) Second World War (NHWR7) Military history (NHW)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
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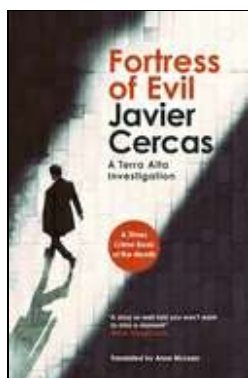
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## Fortress of Evil The Times Crime Book of the Month

**Javier Cercas**  
Translated by Anne McLean

### Keynote

The third Terra Alta Investigation - the final novel in the acclaimed crime series by one of Europe's leading writers

### Description

**A father's worst nightmare - Melchor Marín's teenage daughter has disappeared.**

Years have passed since Melchor took revenge for his mother's murder and at last found peace with his daughter Cosette in the sleepy backwater of Terra Alta.

But their idyll is shattered when one day Cosette, now seventeen, discovers that her father has been concealing the truth of *her* mother's death- that she was killed in a hit-and-run "accident" intended to scare Melchor off a case.

Angry and betrayed, Cosette disappears to Mallorca with her friend Elisa. And that's the last Melchor hears of her. His texts and calls go unanswered, and when she returns alone, Elisa can only say Cosette needed "space to think".

Now the former policeman has no choice but to travel to Port de Pollença, where his daughter was last seen alive, and enter the dark, looking-glass world of Swedish-American billionaire Rafael Mattson.

Translated from the Spanish by Anne McLean

**PRAISE FOR EVEN THE DARKEST NIGHT - WINNER OF THE CWA DAGGER FOR CRIME FICTION IN TRANSLATION**

"A gem of a book, easily the best I've read this year" **M W Craven**  
"A wonderful novel. I look forward to many more Melchor stories" **A N Wilson, Tablet**  
"Promises to be an excellent series" **Guardian**

### Sales Points

- The first novel in the trilogy, *Even the Darkest Night*, was the winner of the CWA Dagger for Crime Fiction in Translation and the Planeta Prize
- Javier Cercas is the author of *Soldiers of Salamis*, *The Impostor* and *Lord of All the Dead*

### Author Biography

Javier Cercas was born in 1962. He is a novelist, short-story writer and columnist, whose books include *Soldiers of Salamis* (which sold more than a million copies worldwide, won six literary awards in Spain and was filmed by David Trueba), *The Tenant and The Motive*, *The Speed of Light* and *The Anatomy of a Moment*. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages. He lives in Barcelona.

Publication date **Thursday, May 21, 2026**  
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Thema 1.6 **Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF)  
Fiction in translation (FYT)  
Spain (1DSE)  
Catalonia (1DSE-ES-J)**

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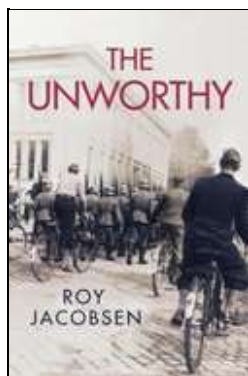
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## The Unworthy

Roy Jacobsen

Translated by Don Bartlett, Don Shaw

### Keynote

**A gang of working-class boys in occupied Oslo gets caught up with the enemy regime when a secret map falls into their hands - a new standalone novel from the iconic Booker-shortlisted Norwegian author**

### Description

**"Jacobsen can make almost anything catch the light . . . One of Norway's greatest writers on the working class" Times Literary Supplement**

They're a gang without a name - Olav, Carl, Roar, Jan and Vidar - teenage boys growing up in a working-class area of Oslo under the shadow of Nazi occupation. They live in poverty but earn a crust by creatively swindling their fellow citizens, falsifying documents and stealing like magpies. And they don't shy away from targeting the Enemy, either.

But everything changes when Carl's father hands him a secret map and a German password, just hours before he's taken away by the Quisling police - only to return in a coffin. And when Olav's father also disappears, the gang come to see that they are caught up in something far more serious than their usual petty crimes.

Taking in love, death, betrayal and tragedy, *The Unworthy* is the latest masterpiece from Roy Jacobsen, author of the International Booker-shortlisted *The Unseen*. It shines a light on a brutal aspect of the war rarely explored in fiction, and every sentence is imbued with decades of accumulated wisdom from a writer who had his own brushes with the law in his youth.

Translated from the Norwegian by Don Bartlett and Don Shaw

### Sales Points

- By the author of *The Unseen* - shortlisted for the International Booker Prize and the Dublin Literary Award, with 30,000 copies sold in MacLehose Press editions. Also a solid backlist title.
- Will appeal to readers of translated fiction related to the second world war, including *A Meal in Winter* by Hubert Mingarelli, *To Die in Spring* by Ralf Rothman and *All for Nothing* by Walter Kempowski, which have all sold between fifteen and thirty thousand copies through the UK TCM

### Reviews

- 'A brutal war novel . . . Roy Jacobsen is, as always, a master' - *VG*
- '*The Unworthy* has to be one of Roy Jacobsen's best novels' - *Klassekampen*
- 'Jacobsen does not glorify nor damn his characters, all of whom . . . feel authentically human, never ciphers to carry an idea. **[This] makes for a book whose exacting worm's eye verisimilitude is altogether convincing.**' - *The Jewish Chronicle*
- '**A testament to luck, tenacity and friendship, rough in expression, beautiful in execution.**' - *Financial Times*

### Author Biography

Roy Jacobsen has twice been nominated for the Nordic Council's Literary Award: for *Seierherrene* in 1991, and *Frost* in 2003, and in 2009 he was shortlisted for the Dublin Impac Award for his novel *The Burnt-Out Town of Miracles*. *The Unseen*, the first in a bestselling historical series, was shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize in 2017

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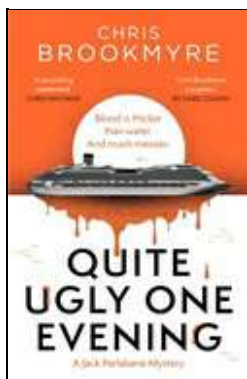
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Thema 1.6	<b>Thriller / suspense fiction (FH)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
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Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
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## Quite Ugly One Evening

### Jack Parlabane is back in this ingenious locked-room mystery

**Chris Brookmyre**

#### Keynote

**Jack Parlabane is back in this gripping, devilishly entertaining locked-room mystery from award-winning author Chris Brookmyre**

#### Description

**'The plot is breathtaking, the setting beautiful and the characters are written with genuine depth. And smack bang in the middle of this *Succession*-meets-*The Traitors* novel is Brookmyre's most iconic character: the monumental Jack Parlabane. Irrepressible, acerbic and positively rubbing this hands with glee. Absolutely brilliant' M. W. Craven**

**'Brookmyre at his twisted best... Laugh out loud and perfectly conceived. What a bloody triumph' Helen Fields**

**An Atlantic voyage. A family at war. A secret worth killing over.**

Reporter Jack Parlabane thrives on chasing stories in unlikely places, and where could be less likely than a fan convention on a cruise liner celebrating a contentious Sixties TV series? But unlike the media family exploiting their show's renewed relevance, he's not there to stoke controversy: he's there to solve a murder.

Already in deep water with his employer, Jack desperately needs a win, and solving this decades-old mystery could be it. Problem is, he's in the middle of the Atlantic, and someone onboard has already killed once to keep their secret.

And that's not even the tricky part. No, the tricky part is definitely the dead body locked in a stateroom with him, covered in his blood. Now Jack has to solve *two* murders, otherwise the only way he's getting off this ship is in handcuffs - or in a body bag.

***Quite Ugly One Evening* is a zeitgesty locked-room mystery that sees the return of rogue journalist Jack Parlabane thirty years after his first appearance in *Quite Ugly One Morning*.**

#### Praise for Chris Brookmyre:

'Chris Brookmyre is a genius' Richard Osman

'In the pantheon of great crime writers' Elly Griffiths

'There's nothing he can't do' Mick Herron

'Chris Brookmyre is a storytelling mastermind' Chris Whitaker

#### Sales Points

- **30TH ANNIVERSARY:** *Quite Ugly One Evening* will see the return of fan-favourite journalist Jack Parlabane in 2026, which marks 30 years after his first appearance in Brookmyre's debut novel *Quite Ugly One Morning*.
- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Chris Brookmyre's previous novel *The Cracked Mirror*, published in 2024, won the McIlvanney Prize for Best Scottish Crime Book of the Year and has been shortlisted for the 2025 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award. He has previously won Theakston prize for *Black Widow*, in the same series as *Quite Ugly One Evening*, and the CWA Dagger in the Library, as well as receiving numerous nominations.
- For fans crime fiction with a unique sense of place such as *A FATAL CROSSING* by Tom Hindle (3,105 HB TCM, 84,886 B TCM) and *EVERYONE ON THIS TRAIN IS A SUSPECT* by Benjamin Stevenson (1,895 HB TCM, 12,282 B TCM), and for fans of the Jack Parlabane series, including *WANT YOU GONE* (2017 - 7,267 HB, 26,726 B) and *BLACK WIDOW* (2016 - 8,356 HB, 53,803 B).
- Chris Brookmyre's books, both under his own name and as Ambrose Parry, have sold two million copies in the UK

#### Author Biography

##### Chris Brookmyre (Author)

Chris Brookmyre was a journalist before becoming a full-time novelist with the publication of his award-winning debut *Quite Ugly One Morning*, which established him as one of Britain's leading crime writers. His 2016 novel *Black Widow* won both the McIlvanney Prize and the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award. Brookmyre's novels have sold more than two million copies in the UK alone.



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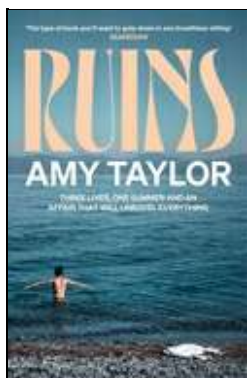
### Author Biography

**S.A. BARNES** works in a high school library by day, recommending reads, talking with students, and removing the occasional forgotten cheese stick as bookmark. Barnes has published numerous novels across different genres under the pen name Stacey Kade. She lives in Illinois with more dogs and books than is advisable and a very patient husband.

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## Ruins

### The hot summer read 'you'll want to gulp down in one breathless sitting' (Guardian)

Amy Taylor

#### Keynote

A simmering and provocative novel about a couple whose affair with a young Greek woman over the course of a summer in Athens threatens to crack their relationship wide open

#### Description

**IN DEVELOPMENT AS A FEATURE FILM STARRING VANESSA KIRBY AND SEBASTIAN STAN**

**'The type of book you'll want to gulp down in one breathless sitting . . . A summer in Athens? Check. Millennial malaise? Check. A steamy affair that upends everything? Check' GUARDIAN**

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At a crossroads in their relationship, Emma and Julian agree to house-sit for a friend in Athens over the course of an oppressive summer. Their plans take an unexpected turn when they meet Lena, an enigmatic young Greek woman who presents an opportunity for them to explore their relationship in uncharted and thrillingly risky ways. But as the heat in the city grows stifling, Emma and Julian find themselves far more entangled in Lena's life than they'd bargained for. What follows is a highly-charged three-way struggle for control, as Emma, Julian and Lena are suddenly faced with consequences far greater - and far more dangerous - than they could have predicted.

#### Sales Points

- **EXCITING FILM NEWS:** film rights have officially been acquired by Miramax, Scott Free (Ridley Scott's production company) and Aluna Entertainment (Vanessa Kirby's production company). Vanessa Kirby and Sebastian Stan are attached to star and produce
- **SEXY SUMMER THRILLER:** the perfect upmarket summer read that transports you to sweltering Athens and Corfu in Greece
- **FOR FANS OF:** THE LEMON GROVE by Helen Walsh, THE LOST DAUGHTER by Elena Ferrante, THE END OF SUMMER by Charlotte Philby and THE PAPER PALACE by Miranda Cowley Heller

#### Author Biography

Amy Taylor is a writer based in Melbourne. She is the author of *Ruins* and *Search History*, which was shortlisted for the Readings Prize for New Australian Fiction and named as one of the *Guardian's* Top Australian Books of the Year. Both of her novels are currently in development to be adapted for the screen.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Thriller / suspense fiction (FH) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Greece (1DXG)</b>

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## The Palace Beneath the Sea the atmospheric retelling of the Mermaid folktale

Lauren Wiesebron

### Keynote

From the author of *The House of Frost and Feathers* comes this atmospheric retelling of the legendary lost city Ys, where a rift between lovers tears apart the connection between two mirrored palaces - one on land and one beneath the waves.

### Description

□□□ **A GREAT LOVE. A PALACE BENEATH THE SEA. A DEVASTATING BETRAYAL.**□□□

***A doomed love story created the city of Ys, it's fitting that another one would end it . . .***

Nolwenn is sure that her life's purpose is to defend her beloved city of Ys as a lighthouse keeper. But when a dangerous tide threatens Ys, the queen instead tasks Nolwen with collecting enough rare seasilk to shield the city from deadly sea monsters.

Determined to fulfill her task, Nolwenn recklessly puts her life in danger and is attacked by sea monsters. She's saved by Morvan, who is a korrigez, and has the torso of a human and the tail of a fish. Against her will, Morvan drags her deep beneath the sea to the coral palace of Below-Ys. Although terrified and homesick, Below-Ys is strange and beautiful - and so is Morvan. The more time Nolwenn spends below the surface, the less she is sure she wants to leave.

As danger draws ever nearer and Ys remains precariously unprotected, Nolwenn must decide between her heart and her home.

### Sales Points

- **Achingly beautiful writing:** With atmospheric writing, and gorgeously detailed descriptions of the dreamy underwater palace, and the race against time to save a city, Lauren has crafted a spellbinding fantasy novel that has evergreen appeal.
- With continued **growth in interest in folklore**, there is an appetite for more fiction in this area.
- **Author is a marine biologist:** THE PALACE BENEATH THE SEA has intricate worldbuilding, and the well-researched and detailed descriptions of the corals and spectacular sea creatures will transport the reader to its ethereal world.

### Reviews

- **'\*\*PRAISE FOR LAUREN WIESEBRON\*\*'**
- 'Sweeping and lyrical, rich with folk magic, House of Frost and Feathers is an otherworldly dream of a read. Combining the wonder and beauty of magical winter landscapes with the creeping dread of relentless pursuit and the darkness between doorways, Wiesebron's transporting debut is the perfect book to curl up with on a chilly night' - *Jules Arbeaux, author of Lord of the Empty Isles*
- **'The House of Frost and Feathers is a dark enchantment with a beautiful heart. Its narrative spell is rich and poignant and will sweep you away like a chicken-legged house on skis. A frosty folktale to devour on a winter's night'** - *M.A. Kuzniar, author of Midnight in Everwood*
- 'The House of Frost and Feathers is an enchanting Slavic fairytale of dark whimsy, magic, and a touch of romance. Perfect for a cold winter's night, you'll fall in love with Baba Zima's chicken-legged house and all its inhabitants, from a sensitive violinist to a prickly assistant, very literal helping hands - and more! If you enjoyed Howl's Moving Castle and Uprooted, you'll love this' - *Georgia Summers, Sunday Times bestselling author of THE CITY OF STARDUST*

### Author Biography

Lauren Wiesebron is a fantasy author, writing adventures for characters who do not yet know they need them. She grew up in France and is now an itinerant academic studying sea creatures. When not writing, you can find her acquiring yarn and naming houseplants. She has also been known to pick up cats even when they don't want to be picked up.

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Main Identifier **9781399723220**  
Thema 1.6 **Folklore studies / Study of myth (JBGB) Fantasy (FM) Romance: fantasy and paranormal (FRT)**

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Word Count  
Illustrations **None**  
Exclusively for Sale **Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)**  
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Book locale **Eastern Europe Fantasy**  
Author born in **Levallois-Perret, France**  
Author living in **Netherlands**

### Previous Titles

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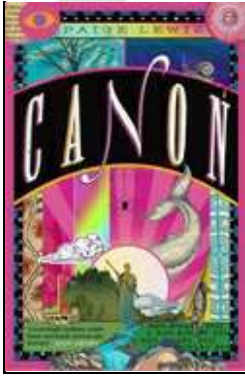


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Format	C Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	480 pages 70000 words
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
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Author born in	Florida
Author living in	Iowa
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## Canon

Paige Lewis

### Keynote

Recasting the biblical Book of Deborah, in *Canon* two unlikely heroes embark on quests to win God's favour in this outrageously entertaining, profoundly heartfelt novel of mind-bending imagination and scope that announces an ingenious new voice in the tradition of *Chain-Gang All-Stars*, *No One Is Talking About This*, and *Martyr!*

### Description

'I promise that you have never read a book like *Canon*. It's a scorchingly brilliant, wildly funny, and deeply moving epic. I loved it so much that upon finishing *Canon*, I immediately began rereading it' - JOHN GREEN

'The funniest, most immersive book I have read in a long time . . . Truly original, brimming with humour, beauty, heartbreak, magic and sharp language that will strike you deep down in your soul' - DANEZ SMITH

'An unprecedented page-turner . . . keenness, kindness, associative brilliance, storytelling authority, and crow-black humour make every line of this utterly singular novel a surprise and a delight . . . *Canon* filled me with overwhelming joy, joy that such an extraordinary story exists' - KAREN RUSSELL

'I did not know how badly I needed a funny epic in my life, didn't know how both funny and epic a novel could be. This book is why I love novels, why I love reading. It is not only structurally pristine and brilliant, but a page turner, and a profound meditation on the meaning of this human journey we are on alone, together. It is truly and thoroughly hilarious, and tender, and beautiful' - TOMMY ORANGE

'I keep staring at the words I've written to try and describe this novel; words like *warm* and *hilarious* and *earnest* and *gorgeous* and *deeply weird*. But none of them really capture its unique brand of magic or Lewis' singular voice. Perhaps it's hard to find the language because that's what *Canon* does: gives us new language' - CARMEN MARIA MACHADO

### This is a story of two prophets.

Yara can't comprehend why God has chosen them to slay Dominic, the ruthless leader of the army of Bad Guys. Cast out by their family and reeling from a destructive relationship, Yara has never felt weaker; but with nothing to lose, they reluctantly strike a deal and Yara embarks on a perilous odyssey designed to prepare them for the daunting mission ahead.

Meanwhile Adrena, a disillusioned prophet with a terrifying secret power, is determined to become the hero of this story. Desperately seeking the glory of God's approval and the promise of heaven, Adrena must first persuade Harpo, the leader of the army of Good Guys, that her plan is God's will.

As their journeys unfold in a series of unforgettable adventures, Yara and Adrena are propelled toward each other and transformative revelations about life, death, and destiny in this intensely captivating, irreverent epic from a singularly brilliant new voice in fiction.

### Sales Points

- Vividly imaginative, funny, compelling, thrilling, a page-turner perfect for readers of *Chain Gang All Stars*, *Martyr!*, *No One Is Talking About This* and authors such as Susanna Clarke, David Mitchell, Anthony Doerr
- Paige Lewis is an acclaimed poet and the partner of Kaveh Akbar: their debut novel is bound to attract interest from poets and novelists alike
- *CANON* is grown from the seed of the Song of Deborah, one of the oldest Biblical texts and the rare epic that features two female protagonists: **meeting the hunger for contemporary, imaginative retellings of ancient stories**

### Reviews

- 'The funniest, most immersive book I have read in such a long time . . . Truly original, brimming with humour, beauty, heartbreak, magic, and sharp language that will strike you deep down in your soul. Lewis has taken the hero's journey and breathed new life, new wit, and new possibility into the genre and just like the best epics, you will make away bewildered by the prose but maybe have learned something necessary about living. **In my house this is an instant classic**' - Danez Smith
- 'I promise that you have never read a book like *Canon*. It's a scorchingly brilliant, wildly funny, and deeply moving epic. I loved it so much that upon finishing *Canon*, I immediately began rereading it' - John Green



• 'I wish I could spend a thousand more pages with the narrator of *Canon*, whose keenness, kindness, associative brilliance, storytelling authority, and crow-black humour make every line of this utterly singular novel a surprise and a delight. Lewis excels at translating the unspeakable dimensions of our living into language . . . [An] unprecedented page turner [e]ven at its most painful moments, *Canon* filled me with overwhelming joy . . . I have never read a novel like *CANON* - no one has' - Karen Russell

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### Author Biography

Paige Lewis (they/them) is the author of the poetry collection *Space Struck* (Sarabande Books, 2019) and co-editor of *Another Last Call: Poems on Addiction and Recovery* (Sarabande Books, 2023). Lewis co-created and curated the YouTube channel Ours Poetica with authors John Green and Sarah Urist Green. Lewis teaches at the University of Iowa.

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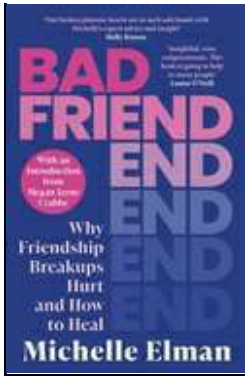
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Readers of Ferdia Lennon, Susanna Clarke, Ruth Ozeki, David Mitchell, Kaveh Akbar, Patricia Lockwood

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## Bad Friend

### Why Friendship Breakups Hurt and How to Heal

**Michelle Elman**

#### Keynote

Bad Friend removes the stigma from friendships breakups and sparks a much-needed conversation around friendships, making us question everything we have been taught about them.

#### Description

We live in a society that heroises romantic love over platonic love, yet despite the attempts to revolutionise Valentines to Galentines and even Malentines, we still prioritise romantic relationships over friendships. Just look at the language we have for each stage; from seeing each other to dating, committing to one another to getting engaged and married. We even have multiple options for the same meaning, whether it's fuck buddies, non-exclusive, no strings attached, friends with benefits or a casual relationship. But when a person will have on average seven to ten romantic relationships in their lifetime and twenty-nine friends, why is it that the conversation on love is far greater than the conversation on friendship? And when only six of these friendships will stand the test of time, this means that the average person will experience the ending of twenty-three friendships in their lifetime - that's three times the amount of romantic breakups.

As someone who has gone through a dozen friendship breakups, Michelle began to think she was A Bad Friend. She grieved in silence, shrouded by shame and secrecy, because when society doesn't make room for a conversation about friendship breakups, you learn not to either. Just like a romantic break up, have one too many and society starts poking flaws in why your relationships keep ending. But what if you aren't the problem? What if the problem is the way we think about friendship breakups?

Bad Friend will remove the stigma from friendships breakups. It will spark a much-needed conversation around friendships, making us question everything we have been taught about them. It will help the reader identify what they're looking for in a friendship, explore friendship during life changes, help the reader heal from fractures in friendships, and give advice on how to end a friendship, rules for better friendships and how to make new friends. Bad Friend is the book for anyone who has ever been hurt by a friend but it's also the book to read to know that you are not one.

#### Sales Points

- Social media star: Michelle is a social media queen. With 270k Instagram followers and 215k TikTok followers, she's will be promoting the heck of *Bad Friend* online.
- Expert author: Michelle is the perfect author to write about this topic; she's an experienced life coach who's known online as the 'queen of boundaries' for her straight-talking, no-nonsense and practical approach.
- Media favourite: Michelle is a regular on This Morning, ITV's daytime show, as their resident life coach. She's a firm media favourite, with regular coverage in *Glamour*, *Stylist*, *Grazia*, *The Daily Mail* and *Cosmopolitan*. She recently went massively viral after discovering that her fiancé was cheating on her on the day he proposed - she was everywhere off the back of this; both online and in print.
- Hot topic: Whilst friendship books are having a real moment, and this area of the market is getting saturated, there is barely anything on friendship breakups. Research shows that the average person will experience the ending of twenty-three friendships in their lifetime - yet there is so much stigma about friendship break-ups, and it's rarely discussed. *Bad Friend* sets about to fix this.
- The definitive book on friendship break-ups: *Bad Friend* leaves no stone unturned. Accessible, relatable and practical, it covers: myths about friendship; the difference between male and female friendships; insecurities in friendship; friendship groups; navigating social media; life changes in friendship; friends vs colleagues, how to break up with a friend; the aftermath of a friendship break-up - plus much much more.

#### Author Biography

Michelle Elman, also known as the "Queen of Boundaries", is a five-board accredited life coach, author, broadcaster and public speaker. Michelle is often praised for her straight-talking approach and has appeared on ITV daytime show, This Morning as their resident life coach. Along with her three best-selling books, Am I Ugly? (2018), The Joy Of Being Selfish (2021) and The Selfish Romantic (2023), Michelle's debut children's book, How To Say No (2023), sparked a crucial conversation between teens and boundaries. Michelle's popularity continues to grow with her books being sold in 16 countries and amassing an online following of over 250k on Instagram and 200k on TikTok. A firm media favourite and core industry spokesperson, Michelle is celebrated by the likes of Glamour, Stylist and Grazia, with Cosmopolitan naming The Joy of Being Selfish as one of the best books to read on mental health.



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## Sweet Heat

### The heart-melting new romcom from the bestselling author of Honey & Spice

**Bolu Babalola**

**Keynote**

The much-anticipated hilarious, spicy and addictive second novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Bolu Babalola - the follow up to Reese's Book Club and TikTok Book Club pick, *Honey & Spice*.

**Description**

'Hilarious, hot and heartfelt' MEG CABOT  
'Romantic, sexy, fun, delicious and important' MARIAN KEYES  
'A triumph' BETH O'LEARY

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<h3>The most hotly-anticipated romcom of 2025, from the author of Reese's Book Club Pick and TikTok Book Awards winner *Honey & Spice*...</h3>

Not every relationship makes it out of university. But Kiki and Malakai were supposed to be forever. Everything was perfect, until it all went up in flames.

Three years after their epic break-up, Kiki's worked hard to forget her first love. But just as she thinks she's got her life under control - jumping into the distractions of her romance-by-calendar-invite boyfriend, and plans for her best friend, Aminah's, wedding - Kiki's career implodes, the family business teeters on collapse, and Malakai returns . . .

As Malakai takes up his role as Best Man opposite her Maid of Honour, suddenly Kiki can think of nothing else: their simmering chemistry, what went wrong, and why it is now impossible to act normal around each other.

Juggling a new job, the prospect of her parents' restaurant being sold, and keeping her best friend from going full bridezilla, dealing with The Ex is the last thing she needs. But somehow the spark between them is only getting hotter - and threatening to ruin everything.

They just have to get through the wedding, so why does it feel like playing with fire?

Heart-melting, hilarious and completely addictive, Kiki and Malakai return in this standalone second novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Bolu Babalola.

□ LOVE FOR BOLU BABALOLA'S WRITING □

'Rarely is love expressed this richly, this vividly, or this artfully' CANDICE CARTY-WILLIAMS

'Bolu understands desire better than anyone else' ANNIE LORD

'Incisively funny' ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

'Absolutely intoxicating' CASEY MCQUISTON

'Everything you could ever want from a romance and more - the vibes are simply immaculate' ZOELLA

'Babalola's writing shines' NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

'Breathes new life into the genre with its vibrant characters and sexy, authentic voice' RED

'Romance will never be dead, as long as Bolu is writing it' JESSIE BURTON

**Sales Points**

- **BOOKCLUB FAN FAVOURITE:** Bolu's debut romcom *Honey & Spice* was a **Reese's Book Club** and **TikTok Book Club pick** - and was named the **first ever TikTok Book Awards Book of the Year in 2023**. *Love in Colour* made Babalola a ***Sunday Times* bestseller**, was featured on **BBC2 Between the Covers**, and **shortlisted for the Waterstones Book of the Year 2020**.
- **ENGAGED ONLINE COMMUNITY:** Bolu has **147.5k X followers** and **36.8k Instagram followers**, where she is a **leading voice on pop culture and the romcom genre**. A **former television and film columnist for *Dazed***, Bolu's writing can also be read in ***Vogue*, *Paper* magazine, *Vice*, *GQ*, *Cosmopolitan*, *NYPMag* and *Bustle***, among others. In 2021, she appeared on the **Forbes 30 under**

**30 list for Media and Marketing** in Europe.

- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Bolu is an extremely well-connected journalist, cultural critic and screenwriter, with contacts including Jenny Han, Meg Cabot, Candice Carty-Williams, Nimesh Shukla, Raven Leilani, Ayo Edebiri, The Receipts Podcast, Nicola Coughlan and more. The pilot episode of television show *Big Age*, which Bolu created, wrote and executive produced, was broadcast on Channel 4 in 2021.

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### Reviews

- 'Gorgeously written and heart-meltingly romantic. Kiki and Malakai have a rare, extraordinary, sizzling chemistry which has you rooting for their love story from the very first moment they cross paths. A triumph of a novel' - Beth O'Leary
- 'This book had me screaming from page one! Bolu understands desire better than anyone else and in *Honey & Spice* it prickles under every word. This book is so addictive it had me reading it even after I'd got off the bus' - Annie Lord
- 'Bolu is one of the laugh-out-loud funniest and sharpest of writers working today. I fell in love with Kiki and the whole line-up of loveable characters. It's smart, sexy, energetic and sums up the realness of being attracted to someone you didn't necessarily expect. I'm excited for everyone to read this book' - Emma Gannon
- 'Divine summer reading. Hilarious, hot, and heartfelt' - Meg Cabot

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### Author Biography

Bolu Babalola is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling and Waterstones Book of the Year shortlisted collection, *Love in Colour* and the Reese's Book Club Pick and TikTok Book of the Year novel *Honey & Spice*. She is a London based writer of books, scripts, culture pieces and retorts, specialising in stories of dynamic women with distinct voices who love and are loved audaciously.

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## Heartbreaker A Memoir

Mike Campbell

### Keynote

Mike Campbell, Tom Petty's co-captain, reveals his extraordinary life, through an unexpectedly candid lens.

### Description

Outside of his extensive career, not much is known about Mike. We of course know and love him for his time with the Heartbreakers and his solo career, which includes co-writing Refugee, Here Comes My Girl, Stop Draggin' My Heart Around, Runnin Down A Dream and many more with Petty, co-writing The Boys of Summer with Don Henley, co-writing, recording and touring with Bob Dylan, touring with Fleetwood Mac after Petty's tragic death, and eventually, forming his own band, The Dirty Knobs. But along with his abounding success, Mike experienced his share of hardship, including bouts with near homelessness, bankruptcy, betrayal, and more. Skirting close to poverty in 1960s Cold War-era Jacksonville, FL, drifting through high school as an aimless loner, Mike's trajectory was far from a given until one morning, his single mother surprised him with a beat-up Harmony guitar. From there, he mastered it, constantly itching to take his playing to the next level. A few years later, he's tapped to play guitar for a band named Mudcrutch, led by a twenty-year-old, Tom Petty. Instantly, Tom declared Mike his guitarist for life, and they remained bandmates, songwriting collaborators, and best friends up until Tom's tragic death in 2017.

HEARTBREAKER (written in cooperation with Ari Sudoval) will roll back the veil, exploring one of the greatest American bands of all time from the perspective of its lead guitar player Mike Campbell, one of the all-time greats in his own right. We'll follow the rags to riches story of the unassuming Northern Florida boy who ended up co-writing some of the most iconic rock songs of the past 40 years while realizing his dream of playing and collaborating with his heroes.

### Sales Points

- The audience for Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers is huge: 3.4 million Facebook; 363K Instagram; 6.1 monthly listeners on Spotify.
- As we've seen from the success of Patti Smith, Debbie Harry, Brian Johnson and Flea, the appetite for big hitting music autobiographies is still very much present in the market
- Ben Schafer in HBG has acquired US rights - so we'll be able to work closely on one, big-hitting global campaign for the book to make the most of each other's activity.

### Author Biography

Mike Campbell is an American guitarist. He was a member of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and co-wrote many of the band's hits with Petty.

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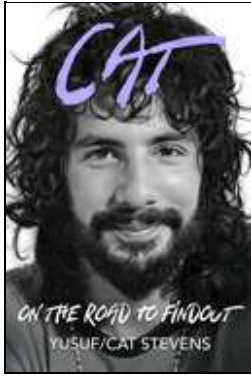
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## Cat On The Road To Findout The Official Autobiography

Yusuf/Cat Stevens

### Keynote

The long-awaited memoir from the legendary Yusuf/Cat Stevens: music icon, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer and humanitarian.

### Description

In the whirlwind of 1960s London, Cat Stevens rose to fame almost overnight. Sharing stages with the likes of Jimi Hendrix, he became a household name with pop hits like 'Matthew and Son' and 'The First Cut Is the Deepest'. A near-fatal bout of tuberculosis in his early twenties became a turning point, propelling him into a lifelong quest for meaning. Emerging from illness with a new sense of purpose, he evolved into one of the defining singer-songwriter troubadours of the 1970s. Heartfelt songs like 'Wild World', 'Father and Son' and 'Peace Train' made him a generational voice in the quest for peace, ecological consciousness and global change. Then, at the peak of his fame, another brush with death - a near-drowning - led him to a massive transformative commitment to the Omniscient Power which miraculously saved him. After being gifted a copy of the Qur'an, he embraced Islam in 1977, then walked away from music, becoming Yusuf Islam, and dedicating his life to faith, family and humanitarian work.

*Cat on the Road to Findout* is the uncensored story behind the headlines. Told in Yusuf's own words and through hand-drawn illustrations, with raw honesty and poetic insight, he reflects on his triumphs and trials - finally shedding light on all those hidden 'in-betweens'.

### Sales Points

- Yusuf/Cat Stevens has sold over one hundred million records, been streamed billions of times, and is a member of both the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame.
- His online presence is huge: 1.7 million Facebook followers; 190K X followers; 270K Instagram followers; 10.2 million monthly listeners on Spotify
- This is the very first time he'll be sharing his story in detail, covering the dreams that drew him to the limelight, repelled him away from it and compelled him back again, as well as his controversial choices in the past.

### Author Biography

Yusuf/Cat Stevens is a globally renowned singer-songwriter and humanitarian. His 1970s albums, *Tea for the Tillerman* and *Teaser and the Firecat*, featuring classics like 'Wild World', 'Father and Son' and 'Peace Train', became defining works of their era. Yusuf/Cat Stevens has sold over one hundred million records, been streamed billions of times, and is a member of both the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame. After embracing Islam in 1977, he established the UK's first government-aided Muslim faith schools and founded numerous charitable organisations. He is a recipient of the Man of Peace Award, the World Social Award and multiple honorary doctorates. In 2025 *Tea for the Tillerman* entered the Grammy Hall of Fame. He is married with five children and twelve grandchildren.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Memoirs (DNC) Pop music (6PB) Popular music (AVLP) Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>592 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>130000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>b/w image section at end of book - prints on text paper</b>
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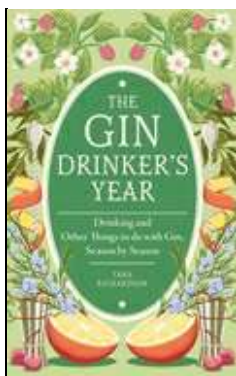
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## The Gin Drinker's Year Drinking and Other Things to Do With Gin; Day by Day, Season by Season - A Recipe Book

**Tara Richardson**

### Keynote

The gin drinker's day-to-day guide - featuring 30 gin-laced food recipes, 150 gin cocktail and gin-fusion recipes, snippets of gin-eral knowledge, plus games and crafts.

### Description

***The Gin Drinker's Year* is a celebration of all things gin and packed full of cocktails, food and g-infused recipes.**

With everything from 150 gin cocktails and gin-infusions, plus 30 delectable gin-spiked food recipes such as Gin Penne and Minty G&T Lollies, to heartfelt tributes to Snoop Dogg's 'Gin & Juice', the sozzled wit and wisdom of renowned gin soak Dorothy Parker and the rules of Gin Pong and Ten-Gin Bowling, there's an entry for every day of the year.

You'll also discover fascinating snippets of gin-eral knowledge such as the history of vermouth, the birthday gift that the beefeaters of the Tower of London are given every year, and why you most definitely should be celebrating National Gingerbread Day.

So let the festivities be-gin. This is every gin lover's handbook to the best year ever.

### Highlights include:

- January: New Year's resolutions, Burns Night, Al Capone and a celeriac gin-fusion
- February: Spin the Bottle, National Toast Day, Pancake Day and the Leap Day Cocktail
- March: Gin Snap, White Day, St Patrick's Day, Earl Grey and some rather questionable poetry
- April: Shakespeare's birthday, National Raisin Day and a Great Gatsby inspired Gin Rickey
- May: Dick Bradsell's birthday, a Delft Donkey, a little opera and International Tea Day
- June: Strawberry Fields, World Gin Day, Father's Day, a load of cobblers and floral foraging
- July: Independence Day, genever, National Pi a Colada Day and garden games
- August: Lychees, Dorothy Parker, Ogden Nash, World Oyster Day and Dubonnet
- September: Hedgerows, Florida, International Talk Like a Pirate Day and directions to Park Lane
- October: International Gin & Tonic Day, the Beer Flood, spooky concoctions and Sake
- November: Albert Camus, National Espresso Day and the anniversary of Casablanca
- December: Humphrey Bogart's birthday, Roald Amundsen, Gin Pong and fizzy bubbles

### Sales Points

- Gin is still proving popular in the market, and this is a fun and quirky take on the trend. It is a great self-purchase for gin lovers, as well as the perfect gift for the other gin lovers in your life.
- This title includes a huge range of gin-related material - from games and trivia to food and drink recipes. It is the perfect book for revisiting year after year, making it an essential addition to every gin lover's bookshelf.
- This title is warm and funny in tone, making it the perfect title for dipping into every day. It also features beautiful illustrations making for a very beautiful package that will look great in bookstores and gift retailers.
- Comparative titles: *Gin Made me Do* it by Jassy Davis (Harpercollins), 2018, £12.99 - LT TCM 38K, *Gin the Mood* (Ryland Peters \* Small), 2019, £9.99 - LT TCM 12K and *Recipe for Every Day of the Year* (Hamlyn), 2024, £20 - LT TCM 2K

### Author Biography

**Tara Richardson is a writer and editor based in south London, where she lives with her partner and about forty houseplants. She writes (and edits) books on well-being, gardening, food and drink, and all the other little things that make life a bit shinier.**

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>A Format</b>
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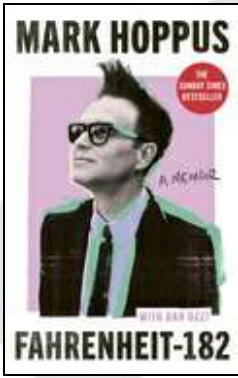
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## Fahrenheit-182

### the Sunday Times bestselling memoir from blink-182 founding member Mark Hoppus

**Mark Hoppus**

#### Keynote

A smart, funny, anarchic and gripping memoir from Mark Hoppus, the vocalist, bassist, and founding member of pop-punk band blink-182.

#### Description

**\*An instant Sunday Times bestseller\***

**A smart, funny, anarchic and gripping memoir from Mark Hoppus, the vocalist, bassist, and founding member of pop-punk band blink-182.**

This is a story of what happens when an angst-ridden kid who grew up in the desert experiences his parents' bitter divorce, moves around the country, switches identities from dork to goth to skate punk, and eventually meets his best friend who just so happens to be his musical soulmate.

Bassist, songwriter, and vocalist for renowned pop-punk trailblazers blink-182, Mark Hoppus, tells his story in Fahrenheit-182. A memoir that paints a vivid picture of what it was like to grow up in the 1980s as a latchkey kid hooked on punk rock, skateboards, and MTV; Mark Hoppus shares how he came of age and forms one of the biggest bands of his generation. Threaded through with the very human story of a constant battle with anxiety and Mark's public battle and triumph over cancer, Fahrenheit-182 is a delight for fans and also a funny, smart, and relatable memoir for anyone who has wanted to quit but kept going.

#### Sales Points

- This is an excellent book. Its self-deprecating charm, its anarchic feistiness, its intelligence and honesty, and its gripping behind the scenes look at a life lived in music, elevates it to be among the very best in the genre, right up there with Anthony Kiedis' *Scar Tissue* and Dave Grohl's *Storyteller*.
- Mark has a big social reach of 4.4 million across his channels and blink-182 has a total reach of 27.4 million. Mark also has a thriving merchandise store. The US announcement saw huge engagement, all of which points towards a passionate audience we can sell books to.
- Mark will be coming to the UK in 2024 (dates TBC but should be around publication). He is funny, smart and engaging and we know will do brilliant events and attract great publicity.
- The book gives fans exactly what they want - a look at the founding, and various iterations of, blink-182, behind the scenes of their biggest successes and Mark's take on their most challenging moments. But the book also offers plenty for music fans more broadly, with insight into touring life, balancing personal and professional lives, and the realities of the punk-rock scene.

#### Author Biography

As a founding member of blink-182, +44, and Simple Creatures, **Mark Hoppus** has survived three decades of the ever-changing alternative music scene. From small punk clubs to skyrocketing fame in the TRL era, Mark, alongside blink-182, catapulted pop-punk into the mainstream and has sold over 50 million albums and gained billions of streams worldwide. Hoppus also honed in his hosting skills with his Fuse TV show, Hoppus on Music, and in 2020, launched a weekly radio show with Apple Music. In 2023, blink-182's latest album, *One More Time...*, debuted at #1 on the US Billboard album chart and further cemented their enduring cultural relevance. The band have just ended their biggest tour to date selling out arenas, stadiums, and headlining festivals all over the world. Mark lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Skye and his son, Jack.

Dan Ozzi is a highly regarded music journalist. A New York-raised, Los Angeles-based writer, he is the author of *Dey Street's Sellout: The Major Label Feeding Frenzy* that Swept Punk, Emo and Hardcore, a national bestseller and an NPR Book of the Year. Along with *Against Me!'s* Laura Jane Grace, he co-authored 2016's *Tranny: Confessions of Punk Rock's Most Infamous Anarchist Sellout*, which was listed in Billboard's "100 Greatest Music Books of All Time." He has contributed to *The Guardian*, *SPIN*, *Billboard*, *The Fader*, and others. For more than five years, he was a staff writer at Vice's music website, *Noisy*.

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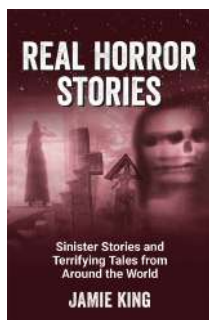
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## Real Horror Stories Strange Happenings and Terrifying Tales from Around the World

Jamie King

### Description

**Discover tales of ghosts, demons, monsters and more in this terrifying-but-true compendium of real-life horror stories**

What was The Enfield Monster?  
What happened at The Cecil Hotel?  
Was Annabelle the doll really haunted?

The world we inhabit is filled with strange happenings that we might never fully understand. While it may seem that stories of hauntings, exorcisms and killer clowns are the domain of horror fiction, the terrifying truth is that such sinister events can happen anywhere, at any time.

This creepy compendium takes a closer look at some of the world's most bloodcurdling mysteries. From demonic possessions and curses to axe murderers and cultists, the events within are as fascinating as they are frightening, each one providing a glimpse into the dark and eerie side of our reality. So, if you dare step into *Real Horror Stories*, make sure you find a safe and comfortable seat, switch the light on, and keep an ear out for things that go bump in the night.

### Sales Points

- Packed with terrifying tales of ghosts, monsters, demons and more, this book is a must-read for horror fans.
- A similar Summersdale title, *Conspiracy Theories* (ISBN: 9781787835658), has sold over 82,000 copies.
- Other titles in this series include: *Paranormal Stories* (ISBN: 9781800071896); *Aliens* (ISBN: 9781837995035); *Stories of the Occult* (ISBN: 9781800079342); *True Crime Stories* (ISBN: 9781837990078); *Serial Killers* (ISBN: 9781837991228).

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## Thundery at Times Loss, Hope and an Unfinished Kayaking Adventure – A Memoir

**Katie Carr**

### Description

**The hopeful, honest and humorous story of one woman's attempt to finish the challenge left to her by her brother: to sea kayak in every area of the Shipping Forecast**

Katie had never been in a sea kayak, but when her brother Toby died in the middle of his challenge to paddle in every area of the Shipping Forecast, she decided to honour his memory by completing his adventure. On a journey that takes her from the monotonies of motherhood in urban Barcelona to the far reaches of the Shipping Forecast through the wilds of the British Isles, Katie is forced to face her past and question her present, exploring the loss of her family members as well as her own identity. After two years of inelegant paddling and potentially worse parenting, can she finally cross the finish line?

*Thundery at Times* is not a story of battling high seas or completing daring tasks, but one of making your own rules and living life to the full. It is about finding joy and hope in nature, motherhood and middle age, in nurturing your own adventures and embracing connection and peace. It is a story of female resilience in the face of adversity; of staring down grief and asking, what's possible from here?

As seen on the BBC *Travel Show*.

### Sales Points

- Katie Carr was the co-author of *Moderate Becoming Good Later* (ISBN: 9781800076105), which told the story of her brother Toby Carr's Shipping Forecast adventure up until his untimely death, and which has sold over 10,000 copies since its release in 2023.
- An inspiring story of female resilience in the face of overwhelming grief, as Katie learns to kayak in order to complete her brother's interrupted adventure, which will appeal to fans of *The Salt Path* and *Wild*.
- The UK sea kayaking community is one of the most active in the world due to the variety of geological conditions, tidal features, exposed coastlines and accessible wilderness. The British Canoe Union (BCU), the national governing body for kayaking in the UK, has over 30,000 members and 625 affiliated clubs around the country.

### Author Biography

**Katie Annice Carr** is a leadership lecturer, coach and author based in Barcelona. Between training executives to embrace storytelling and self-reflection and wrangling her two young boys, she enjoys art, nature and challenge. She wrote her first book, *Moderate Becoming Good Later*, from her late brother Toby's notes, telling his story in his voice; now she tells her own.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026</b>
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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
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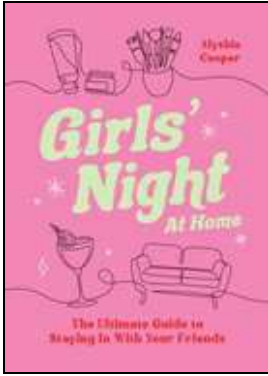
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## Girls' Night At Home The Ultimate Guide to Staying In With Your Friends Summersdale Publishers

### Description

**Grab your fluffiest blanket, light those candles and get your girl gang together to create unforgettable memories with this book filled with fun ideas for the ultimate girls' night**

A feel-good guide, packed with at-home date night ideas to enjoy with your best girls in your living room, kitchen, garden, or even bathroom, making your home the ultimate hangout spot for all your friends.

Be it a cosy spa night filled with skincare and DIY face masks, a paint and sip party, a candle-lit book club session or even a murder documentary binge-watch, this book has you covered.

With ideas to suit all kinds of interests, this book will make every girls' hangout fun and exciting. Inside you will find:

- Themed chapters, each with a unique vibe and collection of activities
- A checklist to help you remember the items you'll need
- Powerful quotes about female friendship

And much more! *Girls' Night* is all about connection, comfort and creating a little bit of sparkle and joy in your everyday life. Because who says staying in can't be fun?

### Sales Points

- Creative date night ideas to do with your group of besties in the comfort of your home.
- The trend comes from #girlhood, which has over one million posts on TikTok, and #girlsnight, which has over 60 million posts, and the joys of female friendship as celebrated in the movie *Barbie*.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *How to Romanticize Your Life* (ISBN: 9781837994663); *Strong Woman Era* (ISBN: 9781837994922); *Girls Support Girls* (ISBN: 9781800073982).

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BIC 2.1	<b>Gift books (WZG) Parties, etiquette &amp; entertaining (WJX) Beverages (WBX) Cooking for parties (WBR) Indoor games (WDM)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>154 x 111</b>
Extent	<b>144 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>8000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>27 line illustrations throughout the book</b>
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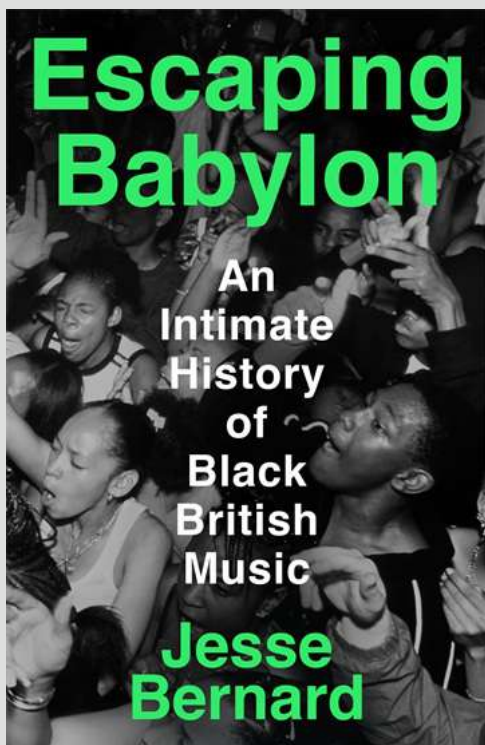
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‘In those illegal raves, pirate radio sessions in a kitchen somewhere, lock-ins, shoobs, gatherings, get togethers, hall parties and glad tidings, that's where the music was born and created, where we danced to, loved and fought to and cried with joy when the DJ reloaded it’ - *Escaping Babylon*

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# Escaping Babylon

An Intimate History of Black British Music

JESSE BERNARD

## KEYNOTE

How thirty years of Black music reshaped Britain, from 1989 to the present

## SALES POINTS

- The first major history of Black British music, *Escaping Babylon* will appeal to fans of *Afropean* by Johny Pitts, *Terraformed* by Joy White and *England's Dreaming* by Jon Savage
- Jesse Bernard is a well-connected writer, filmmaker and DJ, with strong links across relevant media and communities
- A timely celebration of Black Britain today and the Black diaspora's strong roots across the UK and overseas

## DESCRIPTION

Shapeshifting, collaborative, endlessly inventive and robustly empowering: Black music has transformed British culture and society, and gifted generations of Black Britons a powerful means to reject misrepresentation and find freedom and joy in sound.

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## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Jesse Bernard** is a writer, DJ, music researcher and filmmaker. He has written for publications including *GQ*, the *Guardian*, *NME*, *Esquire* and *Vinyl Factory*. He is tour DJ for the British MC Lord Apex and hosts a monthly radio show, *Home Comforts*, on Voices Radio. His most recent documentary, *COMO VOCÊ*, explores the links between the grime scene in Brazil and London.

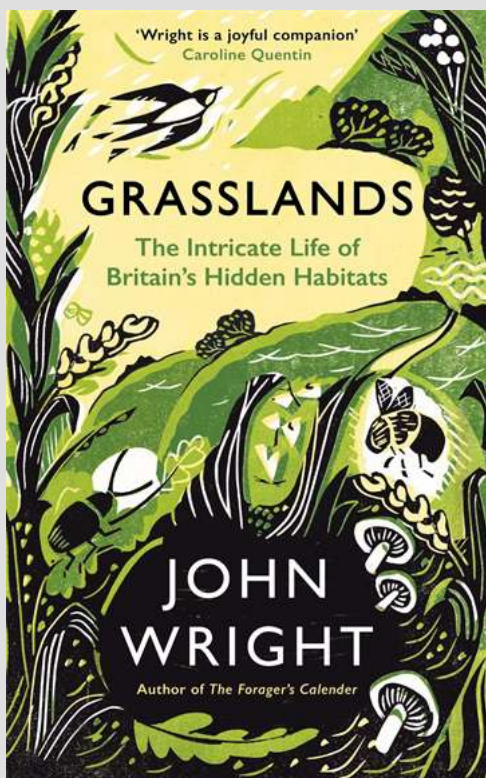
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'After reading John Wright's book, you will never look at another 'patch of grass' in the same way again. Even for someone like me, who thinks he knows a thing or two about grasslands, the idea that from the point of view of a mycorrhizal fungus, a rockrose is just another tree, was both new and surprising. And linking the antiquity of anthills to the Starkadders of *Cold Comfort Farm* is so clever, I wish I'd thought of it myself. **Fascinating and revelatory**' - Ken Thompson, author of *Common or Garden*

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# Grasslands

The Intricate Life of Britain's Hidden Habitats

JOHN WRIGHT

## KEYNOTE

Discover the fascination and joy of grasslands with the bestselling author of *The Forager's Calendar*

## SALES POINTS

- John's books have sold over 350,000 copies TCM; *The Forager's Calendar* is a regular bestseller, and *A Natural History of the Hedgerow* has sold over 35,000 copies
- Written by one of Britain's best-known naturalists and full of his characteristic wit and humour - for fans old and new alike
- A fascinating and strikingly original approach to the rich variety of Britain's grasslands
- Tells the endlessly fascinating tale of Britain's natural history in a way that makes every delicate detail sparkle with life

## DESCRIPTION

'A wonderful leap, with a wise guide, into the green we thought we knew'  
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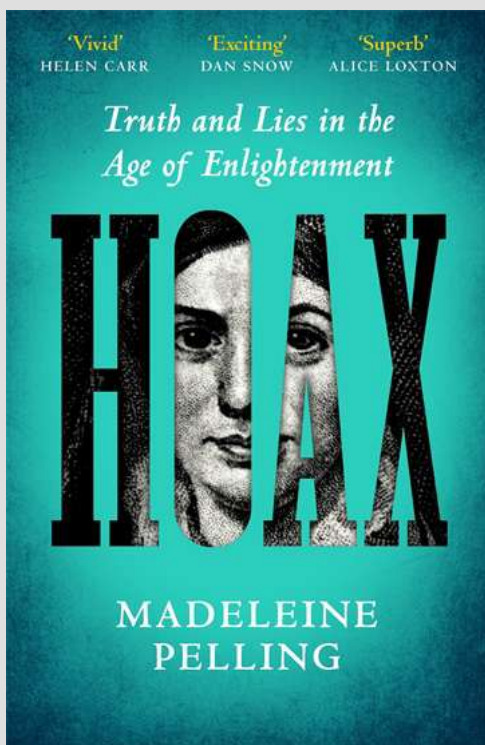
A sparkling green field. A dull and scrubby patch of grass. One is the sanitised evidence of monoculture, the other a world teeming with more life than you could ever imagine.

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## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**John Wright** is one of Great Britain's best-known naturalists and leading experts on fungi. His books include *A Spotter's Guide to the Countryside*, *A Natural History of the Hedgerow* and the bestselling *The Forager's Calendar*. He lives in Dorset, near the glorious grassland of Hog Cliff.



## REVIEWS

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# Hoax

Truth and Lies in the Age of Enlightenment

MADELEINE PELLING

## KEYNOTE

The *History Hit* presenter's spellbinding history unpicks the stories of three incredible eighteenth-century hoaxes

## SALES POINTS

- **COMPELLING SUBJECT:** a lively story of three female hoaxers - **a ghost, a witch and a princess** - with a satisfying, rich narrative that also draws comparison with contemporary Britain and questions of who is believed in a post-truth age
- **BROAD AUDIENCE APPEAL:** spans true crime, social history and cultural commentary; Pelling's *After Dark* podcast on Dan Snow's *History Hit* has 800k monthly listeners. For readers of Hallie Rubenhold (*The Five*, TCM 148k) and Malcolm Gaskill (*The Ruin of Witches*, TCM 46k)

## DESCRIPTION

**Here lies Fanny Lynes**, whose whispers from beyond the grave set London alight with scandal.

**Here swings Mary Bateman**, who lived a life of lies - and died a prophetess and murderer.

**Here stands Mary Willcocks**. Or is it Anne Burgess? Or Princess Caraboo, from the distant island of Javasu?

**A ghost. A witch. A princess. This is a story of those who lie. And of those who choose to believe them.**

The discoveries of the Enlightenment unsettled as much as they excited. New truths challenged longstanding beliefs. Rationalism jarred with superstition. Which voices would be heard in this ferocious battle for certainty?

From the chaos, three women and their hoaxes rose as symbols of terror and fascination. But were the lies surrounding Fanny Lynes, Mary Bateman and Mary Willcocks entirely of their own making? Why were the public transfixed?

Questioning culpability and complicity, Pelling's engrossing history of this great age of the hoax reveals a veiled world of moral panic, tall tales and true crime, and holds a mirror to our own turbulent relationship with truth.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Madeleine Pelling** is co-host of *History Hit*'s popular *After Dark* podcast and author of *Writing On the Wall*. She is an award-winning cultural historian, author and broadcaster. A regular contributor for television and radio, she also writes for the *Guardian*, *Independent*, *BBC History Magazine* and *History Today*, amongst others.

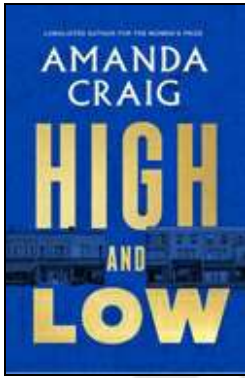
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## High and Low

'The most mischievous take imaginable on the way we live now' Francis Spufford

**Amanda Craig**

### Keynote

**A fabulous new novel by Amanda Craig, author of *The Lie of the Land* and *The Golden Rule***

### Description

In the worst day of the year, and on the twelfth day of Christmas, a group of people come under siege in Cross St, North London.

A gang is hunting for a child who has been drawn into crime with tragic results; there is a riot outside the church where asylum seekers have been sleeping, and many cities have descended into fierce protests.

Inside the Literary Cafe, a group of writers, bakers and shopkeepers are sheltering. Their petty feuds and past quarrels must be forgotten if they are to survive a gang armed with knives and a gun.

Over a few hours, the divisions between high and low, old and new, haves and have-nots are thrown into violent contrast. Are they going to try to save themselves, or each other?

### Sales Points

- Amanda Craig's journalism regularly appears in the *Observer*, *Independent*, *Telegraph*, *Mail* and elsewhere
- Abacus has sold over 180k copies of Amanda Craig's novels

### Author Biography

Amanda Craig is a British novelist, short-story writer and critic. After a brief time in advertising and PR, she became a journalist for newspapers such as the *Sunday Times*, *Observer*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Independent*, winning both the Young Journalist of the Year and the Catherine Pakenham Award. Her novels *Hearts and Minds* and *The Golden Rule* were both longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction and *The Lie of the Land* was chosen as book of the year by the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Telegraph*, *New Statesman*, *Evening Standard*, *Sunday Times* and *Irish Times*.

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