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## The Sisters

### 'It's full of life, it's a triumph' - The Times

**Jonas Hassen Khemiri**

#### Keynote

An astonishing family drama of the highest order, addictively entertaining and utterly unforgettable

#### Description

**SELECTED AS A BOOK OF THE YEAR BY *THE TIMES* AND *NEW YORK TIMES***

**LONGLISTED FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION**

**'It's been a while since we were stunned by an ambitious family saga'**  
*The Times*

**'One of this summer's most buzzed-about novels'**  
*Financial Times*

#### MEET THE MIKKOLA SISTERS: INA, EVELYN, AND ANASTASIA.

Ina is tall, serious, a compulsive organizer. Evelyn is dreamy, magnetic, a smooth talker. And Anastasia is moody, chaotic, quick to anger.

Following them from afar is Jonas. Like the sisters, he's Swedish Tunisian, raised in Stockholm but yearning for so much more. His life intersects with theirs across decades and continents, from Tunis to Berlin and New York. And when Evelyn goes missing, it's Jonas who tracks her down - and helps break the curse that has loomed over the Mikkolas for years.

**'One of those books you live inside and miss when it's over'**  
Isabella Hammad, author of *Enter Ghost*

**'If you welcome this novel into your mind, it will warm and transform you'**  
Tess Gunty, author of *the Rabbit Hutch*

**'Astonishing . . . every character - every sentence - is startlingly, indubitably alive'**

Katie Kitamura, author of *Audition*

#### Sales Points

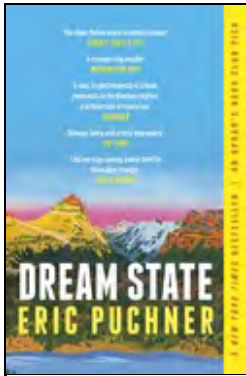
- **THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DEBUT FROM A GLOBAL LITERARY STAR.** Jonas Hassen Khemiri's Swedish-language novels have all been bestsellers and have won him the August Prize (the Swedish Booker), with two further nominations. In translation, *The Family Clause* was a National Book Award finalist and won the Prix médicis Étranger. His work has been translated into 35 languages.
- **AN ADDICTIVELY READABLE FAMILY DRAMA .** *The Sisters* is perfect for readers of *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen, *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray, and *Three Daughters of Eve* by Elif Shafak.
- **FASCINATING AUTHOR PROFILE.** Jonas Hassen Khemiri's Swedish is also a successful playwright, and he is the first Swede to have fiction published in the *New Yorker*. A 2013 open letter he wrote became Sweden's most-shared article ever, and was translated and re-published worldwide. He now lives in New York.

#### Author Biography

Jonas Hassen Khemiri is the author of six novels, including *The Family Clause* and *Everything I Don't Remember*, seven plays, and a collection of short stories and essays. Khemiri is the recipient of a Cullman Fellowship at the New York Public Library, and his work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, and numerous other publications. *The Sisters* is his first book to be written in English. He lives in Brooklyn with his family and teaches in the creative writing program at New York University.

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 Last Day on Earth (2017)

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## Dream State 'The Paper Palace meets Jonathan Franzen' Sunday Times Style

**Eric Puchner**

### Keynote

**A love triangle. A family story. A book about the magnetic pull of friendship.**

### Description

**An Oprah's Book Club Pick and an instant *New York Times* bestseller**

**A Book of the Year for *The Times*, *Guardian* and BBC Culture in 2025**

'[A] brilliantly panoramic tale of family ties' ***Guardian***

'Moving, funny and utterly engrossing' ***The Times***

'A totally involving and moving literary page-turner' **Clare Chambers**

'I did not stop reading *Dream State* for three days straight' **Jessie Burton**

'I loved it. I read it so so fast and I think if you like, for example, Jonathan Franzen or books where people love, love, love a place so much, you too may find yourself longing to jump in a lake' **Ella Risbridger**

Cece is in love. She has arrived early at her in-laws' beautiful lake house in Salish, Montana, to finish planning her wedding to Charlie, a cardiac anaesthesiologist with a brilliant life ahead of him.

When Charlie asks Garrett, his best friend from college, to officiate the ceremony, Cece can't imagine anyone less appropriate; but as she spends time with him and his gruff mask slips, she grows increasingly uncertain about her future. Spanning fifty years after that fateful summer, *Dream State* is a profoundly moving saga of friendship, marriage and the ways we make meaning out of loss.

### Sales Points

- **READING-GROUP PERFECTION:** Big, bold, moving, often funny, surprisingly political and never not entertaining. The kind of book you'll want to take with you on a beach holiday - and then cherish forever.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Ann Patchett, Jonathan Franzen, Miranda Cowley Heller's *The Paper Palace*, Nathan Hill's *The Nix*, Claire Lombardo and Ann Napolitano.
- **A PERSONAL STORY:** *Dream State* was inspired by a real location in Montana, where the author's in-laws own a house by the lake. *Dream State* is not just an entertaining family saga, but also an elegy to a breathtakingly beautiful corner of America.
- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** *Dream State* was selected by Oprah Winfrey for her Book Club and became an instant *New York Times* bestseller. We have now sold over 25,000 copies across our editions (pre-paperback).
- **MAJOR FILM AND TV DEAL:** Rights were acquired by superstars A24, the company behind hits including *The Brutalist*, *Babygirl* and *We Live in Time*.

### Reviews

- **'A family history that feels monumental . . .** The book's effect is hypnotically telescopic, a vision of people we come to know across decades. . . We book reviewers don't get to say much about endings, but Puchner's final chapter is **one of the most touching and satisfying I've read in years.** I see you teetering there between choosing to read *Dream State* or not. **Jump in!** - Ron Charles, *Washington Post*
- **'A gloriously baggy epic to savour line by line'** - Best Books of 2025, *The Times*
- **'For a big, immersive American saga,** deeply pleasurable yet tinged with melancholy, you could do no better than *Dream State* by Eric Puchner. . . It begins against a glorious Montana backdrop with an apparent golden couple poised to wed, then unspools over half a century through complications, children and existential crises, with the depredations of the climate crisis and our relationship with the natural world coming increasingly to the fore.' - Best Books of 2025, *The Guardian*

### Author Biography

Eric Puchner is the author of the novel *Model Home*, a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award and winner of a California Book Award, and two collections of short stories. He has received an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and is an associate professor in the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University. He lives in Baltimore with his family.

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## The Lowe Job

### The sensational book club debut of 2026 that everyone is talking about!

**Grace Alexander**

#### Keynote

Sensational, page-turning and provocative, **The Lowe Job** is the story of a young woman, Lily Lowe, who is caught in a 'compromising' position with a notable politician in the back of a car. Perfect for fans of *The List* by Yomi Adegoke and *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors.

#### Description

'Vanity Fair meets *The Kardashians* in this razor sharp, compelling and keenly observed novel about fame, family and feminism' **SARRA MANNING**

'Whip-smart yet surprisingly tender, prepare yourselves to meet a family you won't forget in a hurry!' **JENNIE GODFREY**

'Outrageously fun, irreverent and sexy. A true guilty pleasure!' **ELLIE EATON**

'A hilarious, drama-packed story of fame and scandal' **GRACE FLAIVE**

'Scandalously funny, *The Lowe Job* is a brilliantly deft family drama' **BOBBY PALMER**

'A rollicking tale of sisterhood that packs a feisty punch - glitzy and glamorous, it brims with verve, sass and wit' **VERONICA HENRY**

**"You don't want to go down in history as his mistake, darling. You want him to go down as yours."**

When Lili Lowe is caught in a compromising position with her boss, married politician Teddy Landen, she suddenly finds herself thrust into the centre of a media frenzy.

She turns, as most daughters would, to her mother. Yet Lydia Lowe is a former talent agent, and it's not long before the whole world knows the name Lili Lowe.

As the spotlight brightens on Lili, and her three sisters Stevie, Iris and Katie, the women's lives are changed in ways they could never have predicted.

And it's soon clear that fame, and fortune, comes with a price...

**Perfect for fans of *The List* by Yomi Adegoke and *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, Grace Alexander's sensational, page-turning and provocative book club debut explores the fallout of a jaw-dropping political scandal with deliciously dark humour and a lightness of touch.**

**\*\*Readers are already obsessed with *THE LOWE JOB*\*\***

'A sharp, witty, and wildly entertaining debut!'  
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'Packed with juicy drama that had me laughing, gasping, and shaking my head'  
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'Obsessed! Absolutely stunning' &#11088;&#11088;&#11088;&#11088;&#11088;

'Entertaining and cheeky' &#11088;&#11088;&#11088;&#11088;&#11088;

#### Sales Points

- **MAJOR BOOK CLUB POTENTIAL:** Appealing to fans of big book club reads such as *Yellowface* as well as the HUGE reality TV audience (*Keeping up with the Kardashians* fans will spot striking similarities!), this is perfect fodder for books clubs, unafraid to delve into darker themes (with a lightness of touch) that will set conversations alight!
- **WHIP-SMART, INTELLIGENT WRITING:** It's impossible not to get swept up in the exceptional quality of Grace Alexander's narrative, as she seamlessly weaves together the lives of the four sisters - and their matriarch, Lydia. With snappy one-liner after snappy one-liner, Grace's razor-sharp wit makes this one of those very rare books that you just don't want to end - and recommend to everyone afterwards.
- **SISTERHOOD/MOTHERHOOD:** At its heart, *The Lowe Job* explores the chaotic family dynamics of the Lowe family, with incredible warmth and depth. It will appeal to fans of *Blue Sisters* - or even *Bad Sisters* - in that 'blood is thicker than water' bond that can conquer any adversity when put to the test. Just like with the Kardashians, you might not love everything they get up to - but you certainly love to hate them.

- • **COMPULSIVE LOVE STORY THREAD:** And yes, there's a deeply romantic, will they/won't they love story to get sucked into too - with four sisters to cover, and their mother, there's five plot strands that all carry the story with equally powerful weight!

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### Author Biography

**Grace Alexander** is a London-based writer. She has spent the last decade working in private equity and wrote *The Lowe Job* whilst on maternity leave, during her daughter's short and sporadic naps. With two sisters, four nieces, and too many female cousins to count, she was excited to write about a family full of women.

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### Market

*Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, *Good Material* by Dolly Alderton, *The List* by Yomi Adegoke



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## The Changing Game

### What today's managers need to know, by one of football's greats

**Martin O'Neill**

#### Keynote

**An inside look at the managers, tactics and teams that have defined football, from legend of the game Martin O'Neill.**

#### Description

**A WATERSTONES SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR 2025**  
**SHORTLISTED FOR THE IRISH BOOK AWARDS: SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR 2025**

*This is a book about the development of football in the last half century. Changes in life are inevitable. So why not football? And I have witnessed many changes in the professional game, some good, some not so good.*

In *The Changing Game* stellar manager Martin O'Neill offers his unique perspective on the events, managers and teams that define football. Bringing his sharp instincts and intellect through his tenures as a manager for Nottingham Forest, Leicester City, Celtic and the Republic of Ireland, fans will enjoy the first-hand anecdotes of how to prepare for and play against the titans of the game. Martin explores every aspect of contemporary football at the highest levels, including speaking truth to the powers-that-be, how teams deal with injuries, foreign influences on the British game, the changing roles of managers, coaches and agents and the effect of social media and wage structures on players.

Charting the evolution of the top levels of professional football from the beginning of O'Neill's career in 1971 all the way to the present day, you'll enjoy O'Neill's unvarnished take on the inside story of the changing game.

#### Sales Points

- **High-profile author:** Martin O'Neill is a legend of the game, having won European Cups and captaining his country at a world cup as a player, and having huge success as a manager, winning cups and leagues at big clubs.
- **Strong track:** Martin's previous book, his autobiography *On Days Like These*, sold more than 30k hardbacks (TCM), plus an additional 5k in Ireland.
- **Broad appeal:** *Changing the Game*, in looking at teams, managers and tactics across the history of the sport, will appeal to a range of fans, who read titles like *Inverting the Pyramid* (82k TCM) and *The Mixer* (35k TCM).
- Previous success with similar books such as *How to be a Football Manager* by Ian Holloway.
- Continued recognition in the commentary space: Martin is currently the Chair of League Managers Association and hosts a football tactics podcast with Clive Tyldesley, as well as being a regular pundit for the BBC and ITV.

#### Author Biography

Martin O'Neill returned to management at Celtic FC in a dramatic mid-season appointment on 28 October 2025. O'Neill started his career in Northern Ireland, but spent most of his years as a player with Nottingham Forest, with whom he won the European Cup twice, in 1979 and 1980. He was capped sixty-four times for the Northern Ireland national football team, also captaining the side at the 1982 World Cup. His career as a manager encompassed teams including Norwich City, Leicester City, Celtic, Aston Villa and Sunderland. He guided Leicester City to the Football League Cup Final three times, winning twice. As Celtic manager between 2000 and 2005, he led that club to seven trophies including three Scottish Premier League titles and the 2003 UEFA Cup Final. After joining Aston Villa, he achieved three consecutive sixth-place finishes in the English Premier League and guided them to the 2010 Football League Cup Final. O'Neill became Republic of Ireland manager in 2013 and led them to qualification for the 2016 UEFA European Championship for the third time in the nation's history, beating the reigning world champions in the process.

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## The Girl in the Striped Dress

**A completely heartbreaking and gripping World War 2 page-turner, inspired by a true story**

**Ellie Midwood**

### Keynote

**This unforgettable novel, inspired by a true story, brings to life history's most powerful tale of forbidden love and will restore your faith in humanity, and make you believe in hope even where hope should not exist...**

### Description

**Helena** steps off the cattle train onto the grounds of Auschwitz, scheduled to be killed tomorrow, for a crime she didn't commit.

When an officer marches towards Helena and pulls her away, she fears the worst. Instead, he tells her that it's one of the guard's birthdays and orders her to serenade him.

After she sings to the guard, **Franz**, he orders her life to be saved, forever changing the course of her fate.

**What follows is a forbidden love story that saved both of their lives - and hundreds of others.**

**Fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Choice*, and *The Orphan Train* will be utterly entranced by this unputdownable page-turner. This completely heartbreaking yet beautifully hopeful novel shows that love can survive anything and grow anywhere.**

**This book was previously published as *Auschwitz Syndrome*.**

### Readers love *The Girl in the Striped Dress*:

"**Wow. Wow, wow, WOW.** I almost have no words. **This was an incredible, heart-wrenching read... Insanely captivating... I cried buckets** reading this story... **Wow... What a tale.** I **seriously can't get over this** and I'm so glad I was able to read it." Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

"**Wow!! Time to clear your schedule** for the afternoon, **coffee pot on and phone turned off--you won't want to put this one down.**" *Avid Reader*, □□□□□

"**I loved this... Wow!** This stopped me in my tracks and made me **shed a tear.** We must never ever forget... **Stunning.**" *Nicki's Book Blog*, □□□□□

"Once in a while, a book comes along your way that breaks your heart. *The Girl in the Striped Dress* is one such book that **broke me from within, tore me apart and left me shattered.**" *Next On Reading List*, □□□□□

"**Everyone needs to read this book!**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

"**Amazing novel!...** This was a **fantastic story!** And one that **will stay with me** for some time! The story is hard-hitting, dark and **simply wonderful. Heartbreaking,** horrifying, unimaginable and **tear-worthy, you won't be able to put it away!...** Ellie couldn't have done a better job writing this. It was **mind blowing** at times!... **One that I will most definitely be taking about!**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

"**Had me in tears** and I **had to put the book down on a number of occasions to compose myself... Have plenty of tissues handy.**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□□

"**Tremendous...** The book was **unputdownable... Guaranteed to make you cry.** The story was **so beautifully written... A heartbreaking, tear jerking** and emotional book, **one that will not let you put the book down... You will remain hooked** into the story until the end!" *Tropical Girl Reads*, □□□□□

### Sales Points

- Ellie Midwood is a *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author.
- THE GIRL IN THE STRIPED DRESS has sold just under 40k copies, and Ellie has sold over 450k copies overall.
- THE VIOLINIST OF AUSCHWITZ is inspired by the unforgettable true story and is perfect for readers of heartbreaking stories such as *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*.
- Ellie Midwood's books have sold in over 20 languages.

### Author Biography

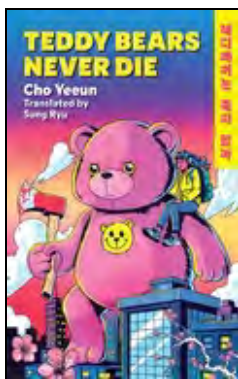


Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. She owes her interest in the history of the Second World War to her grandfather, Junior Sergeant in the 2nd Guards Tank Army of the First Belorussian Front, who began telling her about his experiences on the frontline when she was a young girl. Growing up, her interest in history only deepened and transformed from reading about the war to writing about it. After obtaining her BA in Linguistics, Ellie decided to make writing her full-time career and began working on her first full-length historical novel, *The Girl from Berlin*.<sup>1</sup> Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents.

In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie lives in New York with her fiancé and their Chihuahua named Shark Bait.

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# Teddy Bears Never Die

## The action-packed Korean revenge story of girl meets bear!

**Cho Yeeun**  
Translated by **Sung Ryu**

### Keynote

**A genre-defying blend of horror and revenge (with a dash of romance!), where a young girl and a teddy bear team up to investigate a mass poisoning event, from the author of *The New Seoul Park Jelly Massacre*.**

### Description

**The horrormance genre mash-up you've been waiting for - from the award-winning Korean author Cho Yeeun comes a new novel where a young girl and a teddy bear team up to enact revenge!**

**A poisoned city - A grieving daughter - A boy trapped in a bear's body.**

When the fledgling coastal town of Yamu is rocked by a mass-poisoning attack at The Seaview Parc, the luxury high-rise meant to revitalise the city, Hwayoung is one of many who lost family members. Except, she has never believed that her mother was poisoned. Now, fuelled by grief and a desire for revenge, Hwayoung spends her time hustling to save every penny and bring those responsible to justice.

Across town, Doha wakes up in a teddy bear and realizes something sinister has taken his body. When fate brings Hwayoung and Doha together, the two team up for a revenge quest that will shake the city's shiny façade to its rotten core.

**This time, revenge is not just personal - it's supernatural.**

**\*\* Translated from the Korean by Sung Ryu \*\***

### Sales Points

- **HORROR/REVENGE THRILLER GENRE MASHUP:** This novel provides a unique blend of supernatural horror elements and a revenge thriller (with a dash of romance!) - perfect for fantasy readers and fans of weird, whimsical translated fiction.
- **AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR:** Cho Yeeun won the Kyobo Book Award for her debut novel and has built a reputation for darkly captivating 'bubblegum' horror novels and genre mash-ups targeting a Gen-Z readership.
- **INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN: North American rights have sold to Orbit US** and Wildfire will be teaming up with them to create a splashy and creative international marketing campaign.
- **TRANSLATOR PROFILE: Sung Ryu, the translator, is part of the collective called Smoking Tigers**, along with Anton Hur and Sandy Joosun Lee. Her previous translation projects include *Shoko's Smile* by Choi Eunyoung (Penguin Books, 2021), *Tower* by Bae Myung-hoon (Honford Star, 2021), and *I'm Waiting for You: And Other Stories* by Kim Bo-Young ( Harper Voyager, 2021). **She is currently based in Singapore.**
- **WEBTOON ADAPTATION:** *Teddy Bears Never Die* has been adapted into a webtoon released online via Naver in 2025.

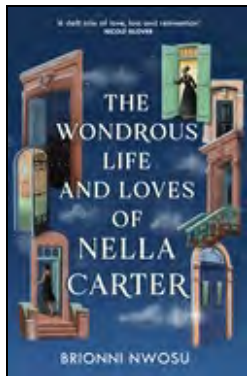
### Reviews

- **'The perfect mix of horror and heart.'** - *Kylie Lee Baker, author of BAT EATER and OTHER NAMES FOR CORA ZENG*
- **'Part buddy heist flick, part supernatural slasher revenge, *Teddy Bears Never Die* is a grotesque, hilarious and heart-felt romp.'** - *Bitter Karella, author of MOONFLOW*
- **'Cho Yeeun's ability to balance sheer bloody wackiness with genuinely touching moments of friendship against all odds is absolutely singular.'** - *Megan Bontrager, author of THE SEA HIDES ITS DEAD*
- **'A savagely entertaining revenge tale that charges forward on a knife's edge, *Teddy Bears Never Die* pairs brutal social satire with a charming yet tragic supernatural companion. Elevated by Sung Ryu's sure-footed translation, Cho Yeeun infuses her signature dark, grotesque imagination into Korea's sense of *han* to tell a story about violence that festers under unresolved injustice.'** - *Jinwoo Park, author of OXFORD SOJU CLUB*

### Author Biography

**Cho Yeeun** has enchanted the literary world since her notable debut which won the Kyobo Book Award, and subsequently published a series of spirited, yet darkly captivating horror/thrillers. Her standout short story collection, *Cocktails, Love, Zombies* not only soared in sales, exceeding 100,000 copies since its 2020 release but also crossed borders, being published internationally in Japan, China and Taiwan. Her first novel to be

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Price	<b>£14.99 / ₹599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781035431250</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Thriller / suspense fiction (FH) Horror, ghost stories and supernatural fiction (FK) Occult fiction /Paranormal Horror (FKW)</b>
	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
	<b>Demy</b>
	<b>304 pages</b>
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Extent	<b>N/A</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	
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>South Korea</b>
Author born in	<b>Seoul, South Korea</b>
Author living in	<b>Seoul, South Korea</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Hachette Book</b>
Publisher	<b>Group USA</b> <b>Publisher</b>
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
THE NEW SEOUL PARK JELLY MASSACRE (Honford Star, 2024)	
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
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US	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>



## The Wondrous Life and Loves of Nella Carter

Brionni Nwosu

### Keynote

An adult fantasy told across the span of centuries about a woman who makes a deal with Death: in exchange for letting her live, she must show him the beauty of human life and prove that humanity is worth saving

### Description

When Death comes to claim Nella May Carter, she catches His interest with her capacity to find beauty and love even amidst the hell of slavery. So Death - bored, disgusted by humanity, and believing the Earth would be greatly improved should humans no longer exist - lures Nella into a Faustian bargain: the chance at immortal life if she proves that Death is mistaken.

The price: Nella must entertain his fascination and challenge his beliefs until he is satisfied... or surrender herself - and the entire human race - to him forever.

Nella's solution is to never stop travelling and writing, documenting the beauty in every place and person she encounters - from writing in Victorian ladies' tattlers and reporting in Gilded Age New York, to penning bestselling novels and memoirs under countless noms de plume. Nella experiences joy and loss, passion and pain; she finds love in its many forms with friends, partners, and lovers.

All the while, Death is watching - and waiting for her to surrender.

Nella is almost ready to concede to Death when she meets a handsome professor. Tired of deception, desperate for a real connection, Nella begins to tell him her story - centred on her greatest romances over the centuries. And, in the telling, it becomes clear that Nella's own story might be the greatest love story of them all.

### Sales Points

- Sweeping historical romance with soft fantasy elements - has potential to break through to readers of uplift, women's fiction and bookclub
- Settings around the globe will appeal to an international readership
- Pitched as a Black version of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* - with similar cross-genre appeal

### Reviews

- *'The Wondrous Lives and Loves of Nella Carter* is unlike any novel I've ever read-and I say that with the utmost praise. Brionni Nwosu is a truly gifted storyteller and I can't wait to read what she writes next' - *Camille Pagán*, bestselling author of *Good for You*
- **'A deft tale of love, loss, and reinvention, Nella Carter will have readers eagerly turning pages to the very end. A stunningly lovely debut!' - Nicole Glover**, author of *The Conductors*

### Author Biography

Brionni Nwosu is a joyful creative based in the musical city of Nashville, where she enjoys making memories with her husband and three children and crafting compelling stories to share with the world. An educator by training, she's spent over a decade supporting students and teaching teachers how to teach, all while shaping her stories on the side. She was recognized as a 2021 We Need Diverse Books Mentee, working with the esteemed Rajani LaRocca. *The Wondrous Lives and Loves of Nella Carter* is her debut novel.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Historical fantasy (FMH) Romance: time travel / time slip (FRU) Romance: fantasy and paranormal (FRT) Black Speculative fiction (FDM) Speculative fiction (FD) Occult fiction / Paranormal Horror (FKW)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>384 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>Earth</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Nashville, TN, USA</b>



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 Thema 1.6 **Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Romance: fantasy and paranormal (FRT) Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB)**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **576 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Illustrations **N/A**  
 Series **Arcana Academy**  
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Author born in **Florida, USA**  
 Author living in **USA**

**Previous Titles**  
 9781399728881 Arcana Academy

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
 2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
 Audio **Refer to Publisher**  
 Dramatisation and documentary **Refer to Publisher**  
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## Arcana Academy the spellbinding #1 Sunday Times bestselling enemies-to-lovers fantasy romance

**Elise Kova**

### Keynote

**A woman who wields magical tarot cards lands herself in a false engagement to the headmaster of a mysterious academy in this first instalment of an enthralling fantasy romance series from the bestselling author of *A Deal with the Elf King*.**

### Description

Clara Graysword has survived the underworld of Eclipse City through thievery, luck, and a whole lot of magic. But when she is sentenced to a lifetime in prison for illegally inking tarot cards, it seems her luck has finally run out.

Until Prince Kaelis offers her an escape - for a price.

In exchange for her life, Clara must pose as Kaelis' bride-to-be and a student of the elite Arcana Academy. There, she and Kaelis will conspire to steal a powerful card from the king - and use it to bring his tyrannical rule to an end.

Clara soon discovers that the prince she swore to hate may not be what he seems. But can she risk giving him power over the world - and heart? Or will she steal the magic for herself?

### Sales Points

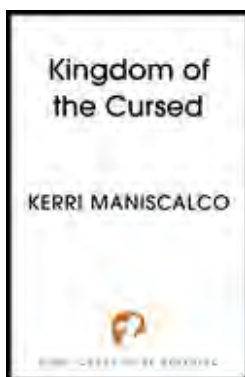
- **Elise Kova** is a self-published powerhouse, who has sold over 500,000 copies of one self-published series and over 1 million of another. Her writing is brilliantly romantic and she has legions of fans dying for more books. She is a USA Today and Amazon Top 10 bestselling author, and she has almost 70k followers on Instagram and 63.5k followers on TikTok, as well as a newsletter with 74k subscribers.
- **Dark academia meets romantic fantasy**: combining two of the most popular genres in fantasy of the moment, this is an absolute winner, with everything a fantasy reader could want. Tarot cards, a freed prisoner, a dark academy, an enigmatic prince, sizzling tension and dangerous magic.
- **Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Stephanie Garber, Kerri Maniscalco, Raven Kennedy, and Danielle L Jensen**
- **Major US campaign**: bought by Del Rey in a 7-figure auction, this will have a major US campaign, with huge buzz to jump behind

### Reviews

- 'A mysterious academy, uncertain alliances, and a unique spin on tarot make the perfect backdrop for a sexy romance - *Arcana Academy* is magical from nail-biting beginning to shocking end!' - *Danielle L. Jensen, New York Times bestselling author of A Fate Inked in Blood*
- '**Elise Kova is the queen when it comes to fantasy! *Arcana Academy* has a brilliant storyline, a unique and refreshing magic system, and a heart-stopping romance!**' - *Laura Thalassa, USA Today bestselling author of the Four Horsemen series*

### Author Biography

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



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Thema 1.6	<b>Historical fantasy (FMH) Fantasy (FM) Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Dark fantasy (FMT)</b>
Edition Type	<b>Reissue number2</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>36mm</b>
Extent	<b>480 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Kingdom of the Wicked</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>New York</b>
Author living in	<b>New York</b>
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA * Publisher</b>

#### Previous Titles

Kingdom of the Wicked  
Kingdom of the Cursed

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## Kingdom of the Cursed

the addictive and alluring fantasy romance set in a world of demon princes and dangerous desires

**Kerri Maniscalco**

#### Keynote

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kerri Maniscalco comes the *Sunday Times* bestselling sizzling and sweepingly romantic sequel to *Kingdom of the Wicked*.

#### Description

**One sister. Two sinful princes. Infinite deception with a side of revenge . . . Welcome to Hell.**

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kerri Maniscalco comes the *Sunday Times* bestselling sizzling and sweepingly romantic sequel to *Kingdom of the Wicked*.

With the **Prince of Wrath** at her side, **Emilia** sold her soul to become Queen of the Wicked and travelled to the Seven Circles to fulfil her vow of avenging her sister.

But the first rule of the Wicked? Trust no one. And it's soon clear that nothing in Hell is what it seems. Even Wrath may be keeping secrets about his true nature. But that suits Emilia just fine - she's got secrets of her own.

Faced with backstabbing courtiers, princes who delight in fear, luxurious palaces, dazzling galas, and conflicting clues, Emilia finds herself on a mission to unlock the mysteries of her own past and uncover the answers she craves.

**As long as her sins don't catch up to her first . . .**

**This scorching romantasy is perfect for fans of Stephanie Garber, Carissa Broadbent, Lexi Ryan, Lauren Roberts.**

#### Sales Points

- Kerri Maniscalco is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author for her series *Stalking Jack the Ripper*.
- We'll be publishing alongside the Jimmy Patterson imprint at LBYP, who will be running a major campaign.
- Kerri is a tireless self-promoter with 50,000 followers on Twitter and Instagram, as well as a frequently-updated blog and Facebook page.
- This darkly romantic young adult fantasy fits perfectly into the popular canon, compared to books such as *Serpent & Dove*, *The Beautiful, House of Salt and Sorrow* and *The Cruel Prince*.

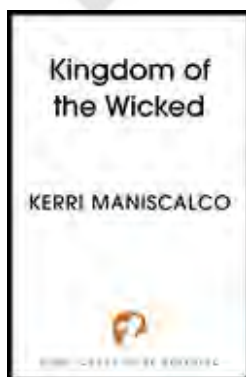
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- **'An intoxicating, tightly plotted feast for the senses'** - *Kirkus*
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Edition Type	<b>Reissue number3</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>30mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Kingdom of the Wicked</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>Italy</b>
Author born in	<b>New York</b>
Author living in	<b>Tennessee, USA</b>
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Hachette Book Group USA * Publisher</b>

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## Kingdom of the Wicked

**The addictive and intoxicating romantasy set in world of dark demon princes and spellbinding romance**

**Kerri Maniscalco**

### Keynote

**Two sisters. One brutal murder. A quest for vengeance that will unleash Hell itself. A new blockbuster series from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Stalking Jack the Ripper*.**

### Description

**Two sisters. One brutal murder. A quest for vengeance that will unleash Hell itself . . .**

**The start of an addictive, intoxicating and darkly romantic fantasy series from a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author.**

Emilia and her twin sister Vittoria are witches, forced to live their lives in secret to avoid persecution. Until one night, Vittoria doesn't come home . . .

Then Emilia finds her body, desecrated beyond belief. Devastated, she vows revenge at any cost: even if it means using forbidden magic - or summoning Wrath, one of the princes of the Wicked.

Deadly, handsome, and brooding, Wrath claims to be on Emilia's side, tasked with solving a series of murders on the island.

**But when it comes to the Wicked, nothing is as it seems . . .**

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### Reviews

- **'A delicious and intoxicating new fantasy by a master of murder and mayhem, not to be devoured on an empty stomach!' - Elizabeth Lim, author of *Spin the Dawn***
- **'A really enjoyable read filled with action, magic, intrigue and surprise . . . and just a bit of lust too!' - Booksnest**
- **'A fast-paced adventure steeped in a luscious and dark world. *Kingdom of the Wicked* envisions a gothic, magical Italy as you've never seen before, filled with creatures of the night trying to steal your heart-in more ways than one' - Chloe Gong, author of *These Violent Delights***
- **'Read the book! I thoroughly enjoyed every page. From the fascinating characters, to the magical story and the gorgeous writing. I don't see a reason to not read the book. Witches, Witch Hunters, Magic, Demons, Italian cooking. What more could you possibly want?' - Geek Galaxy**

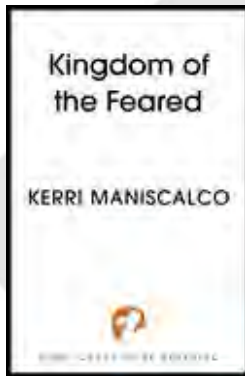
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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Historical fantasy (FMH) Fantasy (FM) Dark fantasy (FMT)</b>
Edition Type	<b>Reissue number2</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>38mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Kingdom of the Wicked</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>
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Author born in	<b>New York, USA</b>
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## Kingdom of the Feared the addictive and intoxicating fantasy romance finale to the Kingdom of the Wicked series

**Kerri Maniscalco**

### Keynote

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Stalking Jack the Ripper* series comes the dazzling conclusion to the *Kingdom of the Wicked* trilogy.

### Description

*'Right now, I want the demon, not the prince. Show me why they call you the Wicked. And don't you dare hold back.'*

**TWO CURSES. ONE PROPHECY. ALL HAIL THE KING AND QUEEN OF HELL.**

**THE UNFORGETTABLE CONCLUSION TO THE KINGDOM OF WICKED SERIES.**

Emilia yearns to claim her king, the seductive Prince of Wrath, in the flesh. She wants him, heart and soul - but that's something the enigmatic demon can't promise her.

When a high-ranking member of House Greed is assassinated, evidence points to *Vittoria* as the murderer. Now, Emilia will do anything to discover the truth of these accusations against the sister she thought she knew.

As Emilia and Wrath play a game of deception to solve the murder and stop the unrest brewing in Hell. When it comes to the *Wicked*, nothing is as it seems, but have the true villains been much closer all along?

**#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kerri Maniscalco delivers sizzling romance and unexpected twists in this unforgettable conclusion to the Kingdom of the Wicked series.**

### Sales Points

- The final book in the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling *Kingdom of the Wicked* series. *Kingdom of the Cursed* was a #5 *Sunday Times* bestseller, and the series is now a TikTok sensation, with over 28 million views of the #KingdomOfTheWicked hashtag.
- Kerri Maniscalco is a tireless self-promoter with 70,000 followers on Instagram, as well as a frequently-updated blog, Facebook and Twitter page.
- This darkly romantic series is perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas, Jennifer Armentrout, Holly Black and Shelby Mahurin, full of brooding princes of hell, intoxicating mysteries, and a love-hate relationship simmering with steamy tension.
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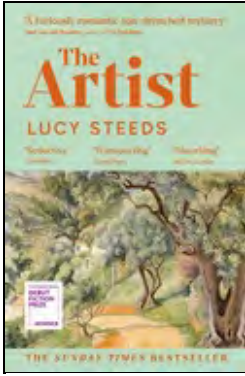
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex Can); EU; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Provence, France</b>
CANADA, PHILIPPINES, UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS Publisher	<b>Union Square Press Publisher</b>
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>
Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

## The Artist

### Winner of the Waterstones Book of the Year 2025

#### Lucy Steeds

#### Keynote

An intense summer of love, lies and the promise of freedom, set in Provence in 1920.

#### Description

**WINNER OF THE WATERSTONES DEBUT PRIZE 2025  
LONGLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION 2025  
A RADIO 4 BOOK AT BEDTIME  
A TELEGRAPH AND SUNDAY TIMES BOOK OF THE YEAR**

'A furiously romantic, sun-drenched mystery . . . *The Artist* will leave you yearning in every sense of the word' Yael van der Wouden, author of *The Safekeep*

'*The Artist* is a lush, impressive debut; the writing is rich and sensuous, especially in descriptions of food, the landscape and the act of creation. Lucy Steeds is one to watch' *Sunday Times*, **BOOK OF THE YEAR**

'Beautiful' *Daily Telegraph*, **BOOK OF THE YEAR**

'Dextrous and powerful . . . a hugely accomplished portrait of ambition and self-fulfilment' *Guardian*

'The year's most lauded debut novelist . . . A sultry, headily perfumed portrait of monstrous male egos and oppressed overlooked women . . . *The Artist* uncovers its secrets by stealth' *Telegraph*

'A blaze of a book, poetic, passionate and quietly powerful' *Daily Mail*

'This compelling, evocative debut will transport you to idyllic, sun-drenched Provence in 1920 . . . An absorbing, poetic read' *Mail on Sunday*

'Captivating . . . with imagery as lush as an oil painting' *Washington Post*

'Enthralling . . . the descriptions of the landscape, the meals they eat and the art created are so rich and evocative it's as if you're there' *Good Housekeeping*

PROVENCE, 1920

Ettie moves through the remote farmhouse, silently creating the conditions that make her uncle's artistic genius possible.

Joseph, an aspiring journalist, has been invited to the house. He believes he'll make his name by interviewing the reclusive painter, the great Edouard Tartuffe.

But everyone has their secrets. And, under the cover of darkness, Ettie has spent years cultivating hers.

Over this sweltering summer, everyone's true colours will be revealed.

Because Ettie is ready to be seen.  
Even if it means setting her world on fire.

'Lucy Steeds transports the reader with her sensuous depictions of food, art, and landscape . . . an assured and atmospheric debut' Sarah Perry, author of *The Essex Serpent*

'An intoxicating tale of creativity, possession and freedom. An impressively assured debut which asks questions about all those who are painted over by history' Joanna Quinn, author of *The Whalebone Theatre*

'I could not love this beautiful novel more . . . the final chapters left me with that delicious heart-bursting feeling, full of hope and delight' Florence Knapp, author of *The Names*

'Gorgeous . . . Steeped in the heat and atmosphere of 1920s Provence, this novel brims with intrigue, hope and yearning' Elizabeth Macneal, author of *The Doll Factory* and *The Burial Plot*

'Phenomenal . . . beautiful, pacey historical fiction, vividly realised. It drifts

with the scent of summer, the land lit up and throbbing, the food piled high and richly painted, the paint as thick and buttery as food. I wanted to eat it. Yes, I even wanted to eat the paint. Read this book!' Seth Insua, author of *Human, Animal*

## BEST BOOKS FOR 2025 from *Stylist* and *Good Housekeeping*

### Sales Points

- **PUBLICITY HOOKS AND READING GROUP CONVERSATION STARTERS:** Novel was inspired by a line in a history of art that claimed there were no female forgers. Lucy thought women could be brilliant forgers precisely because no-one was looking at them. Who decides what great art is? Who gets to create? A fictional response to THE STORY OF ART WITHOUT MEN.
- **FOR READERS OF:** Bestselling historical fiction like IN MEMORIUM, THE WHALEBONE THEATRE, THE MINIATURST and THE GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING. Set over three months in a crumbling farmhouse, it is a seductive, heady riot of colour, creativity, food and heat.
- **BEGINNING OF A BRILLIANT CAREER:** Lucy is twenty-nine and a graduate of the Faber Academy. The novel won and was shortlisted for various prizes pre-publication. Her second novel will be published in 2027.
- **SOLD IN 9 TERRITORIES:** US, Spanish, Italian, Turkish, French, German, Finnish, Portuguese, Polish

### Awards

Longlisted for the 2025 Women's Prize for Fiction

### Reviews

- '*The Artist* is a lush, impressive debut; the writing is rich and sensuous, especially in descriptions of food, the landscape and the act of creation. Lucy Steeds, a graduate of the Faber Academy, is **one to watch**' - *The Times, Best Historical Fiction of 2025*
- '**Vividly poetic . . . A seductive combination of romance, puzzle and poetry**, *The Artist* also offers a considered interrogation of the value of art: to open windows in human existence, to push against limits, to bring freedom, perspective and light' - *Guardian*
- '**A sultry, headily perfumed portrait of monstrous male egos and oppressed overlooked women . . . The Artist uncovers its secrets by stealth**' - *Telegraph*
- 'This **compelling, evocative** debut will transport you to idyllic, sun-drenched Provence in 1920 . . . **An absorbing, poetic read**' - *Mail on Sunday*

### Author Biography

Lucy Steed's debut novel, *The Artist* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, was longlisted for the Women's Prize and won the Waterstones Debut Fiction Award and the Waterstones Book of the Year Award. Lucy herself has synaesthesia and uses this to play with ways of translating images into words. She has a BA in English Literature, a Masters in World Literatures from the University of Oxford, and is a graduate of both the Faber Academy and the London Library Emerging Writers Programme. She currently splits her time between London and Amsterdam.

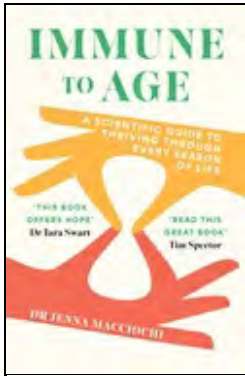
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## Immune to Age

### The game-changing science of lifetime health

**Dr Jenna Macciochi**

#### Keynote

**Immunologist Dr Jenna Macciochi explores the crucial role our immune system plays in longevity and reveals why understanding its impact on our health and how we age is the key to living longer, better.**

#### Description

**"TO AGE WELL, YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS THE KEY PLAYER YOU NEED TO HARNESS. READ THIS GREAT BOOK TO UNDERSTAND HOW."** Professor Tim Spector, Author and Nutrition expert at Zoe

**From gut health to brain health, inflammation to hormonal shifts, *Immune to Age* is the ultimate preventative care framework that equips readers with the knowledge and tools to reclaim control over their health and ensure every year is a good one.**

In an era of unprecedented longevity and personalised health information, we have more tools than ever to extend our lives. Yet, despite these advancements, few of us understand the hidden processes that shape our health, leaving many of us struggling to unlock the secrets of staying well and thriving at every life stage.

Long misunderstood as merely the body's first line of defence against disease, we are only now beginning to understand the crucial role that the immune system plays in how we age. This mind-bogglingly complex network - intricately woven throughout our entire being, from brain to big toe - drives everything from metabolic function to brain health, and it is the single greatest arbiter of our lifespan and, more importantly, our healthspan.

In *Immune to Age*, immunologist Dr Jenna Macciochi blends cutting-edge scientific expertise with beautiful storytelling and actionable advice to explore the importance of good immune health at every stage of life, from conception right through to our wintering years.

**This is a paradigm shift in the way we think about time, ageing, and being truly well.**

#### Sales Points

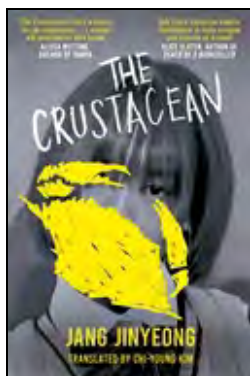
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Dr Jenna is an immunologist specialising in nutrition, movement and lifestyle. She holds a PhD from Imperial College London and is a senior lecturer at The University of Sussex. She regularly appears in the press to provide clear, reliable, scientific insight, and she shares her knowledge and practical advice to her engaged Instagram followers and her Substack subscribers.
- **UNIQUE TAKE ON A TRENDING TOPIC:** This is the first book to recognise the key role that our immune system plays in lifetime health and in longevity. *Immune to Age* offers a fresh and accessible perspective on the trending topic of longevity.
- **PERSONABLE AUTHOR WITH A GREAT PR TRACK RECORD:** Because this book takes us through the different 'seasons' of life, it overlaps with lots of other topics in the health space - menopause, gut health, dementia, fertility, allergens, cancer - which gives us multiple PR hooks. Our campaign targets include Lorraine, 5Live, Chris Evans, festivals such as Life Lessons, Happy Place, and health podcasts like Feel Better Live More, The Doctor's Kitchen, Just One Thing etc.
- **SOCIAL PLATFORM WE CAN GROW:** Kolsquare data on Dr Jenna's Instagram page shows an engaged (female, 90% UK & Com-based) audience. Dr Jenna is clearly very committed to and confident with her socials, but there's room to grow, particularly as she starts to talk about longevity (which she hasn't, yet).
- **PERFECT FIT FOR THE JM ONE LIST:** This book really will help you make the most of your one life by ensuring that life is long and healthy.

#### Author Biography

**Dr. Jenna Macciochi** is an immunologist specialising in understanding how nutrition, movement, and lifestyle interact with the immune system in health and disease. She holds a PhD from Imperial College London and is a senior lecturer at The University of Sussex, performance breathwork coach, and Director of Science + Innovation at Ancient+Brave. Known for blending scientific expertise with practical guidance and actionable lifestyle changes inspired by her Scottish farm-to-table roots and Italian Heritage, she can be found on Instagram and Substack. She regularly appears in the press to provide clear, reliable, actionable insight into our body's most misunderstood system.

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## The Crustacean

### The spiky revenge narrative from Lolita's perspective

#### Jang Jinyeong

#### Keynote

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

#### Description

'**THE CRUSTACEAN** isn't a novel, it's an obsession . . . I would kill and die for this book' ALISSA NUTTING, author of *TAMPA*

'**MY DARK VANESSA** meets *EARTHLINGS*. A truly unique gut-punch of a read' Alice Slater, author of *DEATH OF A BOOKSELLER*

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

*I only cared about love.*

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

*I made that up on my own."*

Chichirim is an ordinary, misunderstood, lonely schoolgirl. She's also in possession of a terrible secret.

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

Her sister hates them so much she wishes they were dead.

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

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

He tells her she is pretty.

Her tells her what to do.

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

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

**THE CRUSTACEAN** is an intricately crafted novella exploring memory, exploitation, and the lasting effects of adult abuse and betrayal, for readers of *MY DARK VANESSA* and *TAMPA*.

#### Sales Points

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

#### Author Biography

Jang Jinyeong began her literary career in 2019 by winning the New Writer Award from Jaem and Mo-eum. She has published several short story collections as well as two novels, including **THE CRUSTACEAN**, her first to be translated into English. To date, **THE CRUSTACEAN** has sold around 17,000 copies in Korea.

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## The Age Rebellion Supercharge the second half of your life

**Lyndsey Simpson**

### Keynote

Redesign your future or an alternative to traditional retirement and break free from outdated narratives about growing older

### Description

*'Retirement bad! Living good! Refreshingly salty, unapologetically un-woo-woo, and totally inspirational.'*

**- Ben Miller, Actor, comedian and bestselling author**

*'As Shakespeare might have said, "To retire or not to retire that is the question"! Lyndsey Simpson's book is the perfect primer for answering that question- and more importantly what to do about it! At age 91, it even gave me some new ideas!'*

**- Alan Patricof, American Venture Capital Investor**

*'We have added 30 healthy years to life expectancy in the last century alone.'*

Whether you're approaching retirement, navigating a career change, or simply wondering how to live a meaningful life in your later years, this book provides both the insight and the practical tools you need to thrive. It's not just about planning - it's about creating a life that defies expectations and maximizes the incredible potential of your most experienced years. **This book will empower you to reclaim control, make a new plan, and rewrite the rules of what's possible.**

*The Age Rebellion* is an inspiring, action-oriented approach to **breaking free from outdated narratives about growing older**, and through a refreshing blend of personal insight and practical advice, Reflecting a new global movement, this is a practical, inspiring book helping readers *find an alternative to traditional retirement* and redesign your future, your way. Showing how you can live a life of continued growth, productivity, and impact, no matter what your age.

Written by entrepreneur, public speaker, and corporate consultant Lyndsey Simpson, this book is for anyone approaching mid or later life and feels unsure about what the future holds for their life and work and is looking for inspiration. Lyndsey **invites the reader to challenge outdated myths about what it means to retire** - the retirement rainbow, as she calls it - and question society's expectations of us as we reach this pivotal point in our lives. By **teaching us how to plan for a future that we're excited about**, rather than fearful of, readers will feel confident in boldly stepping into a new, empowered chapter of their lives.

**Ready to join the Age Rebellion? Let's rewrite the narrative of what it means to grow older, together.**

### Sales Points

- **GLOBAL MEGA TREND:** There is a clear gap in the market for this book. Global life expectancy has increased. 'We have added 30 healthy years to life expectancy in the last century alone.' (Lyndsey Simpson, *The Age Rebellion*) On a global scale, people need guidance on how to be happy, healthy and fulfilled with these extra years, and *The Age Rebellion* boldly address and answers these questions.
- **TRUSTED EXPERT AUTHOR:** Passionate about changing attitudes towards the over 50s in the workplace, Lyndsey, through her company 55/Redefined has worked with some of the world's biggest companies from AXA to Amazon through to Barclays and Diageo enabling them to develop a new age strategy for over 50s talent and consumers alike. She has been widely quoted in the business press for her mantra: *"if you haven't got an age strategy, you haven't got a growth strategy."* Lyndsey has now become one of the world's leading experts on age in the workplace and in understanding what retirement really means to a new generation with a much longer life expectancy than ever before.

Lyndsey's high profile and experienced media presence make her a highly promotable author and advocate for the subject. She has been recognised as one of the UK's Top 35 Businesswomen by *Management Today* and *The Sunday Times* and is listed among the 'UK's 50 Most Inspirational Female Entrepreneurs' and this year she was shortlisted for the Veuve Clicquot Bold Future Award. She is a regular speaker and business commentator for the BBC, Sky, *The Times* and *The FT* - and often called on by the media to comment on over 50s talent and consumers, ageing populations, multi-generational workplaces and entrepreneurialism. Lyndsey is also very much in demand as a speaker for events and conferences worldwide gaining glowing testimonials from global audiences.

- **BACKED BY RESEARCH AND STATS:** The author has done extensive research on the subject and has included many stats throughout the book to back up her points.
- **SCOPE AND WIDE ACCESS TO AUDIENCE:** The author has a large database of our target audience, and she speaks directly to consumers, on an international level. We



may have opportunity to utilise her database and have a wider reach to our consumers, and therefore increase our readership and sales. There could also be a special sales opportunity to partner with her client companies.

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### Author Biography

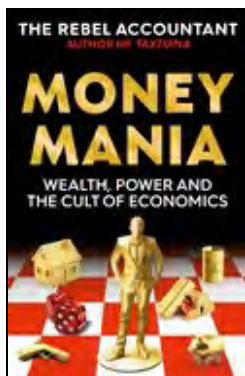
Lyndsey Simpson, CEO of 55/Redefined, is a driving force and powerful voice on one of the most urgent and under-debated topics of our time: widespread ageism in the workplace and an unrealistic expectation of retirement by the individual.

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## MONEYMANIA

### Wealth, Power and the Cult of Economics

#### The Rebel Accountant

#### Keynote

The author of *Taxtopia* blows apart the world of economics, wealth and power in his inimitable and entertaining way.

#### Description

'Pulls off the rare feat of making you laugh, think and feel like you happened upon a top secret dossier' GEOFF NORCOTT

'*MONEYMANIA* is a page-turner and a must read if you wonder why the world is so screwed up.' PATRICK ALLEY, author of *VERY BAD PEOPLE*

The anonymous author of *TAXTOPIA* takes us behind the scenes as he embarks on another part of his career, this time recruited as an economist into an industry that believes the world of money can be predicted with almost scientific accuracy. Instead, he discovers that economics has long been driven by vested interests, reckless predictions and a staggering lack of common sense.

In *MONEYMANIA* we find out why mortgages cost more because of a casual remark made in New Zealand in the '80s, and ask whether the Age of Austerity was due to a simple spreadsheet error. We also learn that if America behaved more like Iceland, they would have put 32,000 bankers in prison.

The Rebel Accountant strips away the complexities of economics, showing us how the profession is responsible for some of the greatest mistakes of all time - and leaves us wondering how they got away with it.

This is *MONEYMANIA*.

#### Sales Points

- **The next instalment from the bestselling author of *Taxtopia*:** The Rebel Accountant's first book *Taxtopia* sold 22.2k **HB/TPB**, **17.2k PB** and **18.6k** in digital. Tens of thousands of readers loved the way the RA used his career to explain complicated subjects. Now he takes on Economics.
- **Uncertain times creates demand for books about economics and money:** The Rebel Accountant's pithy and fun writing makes this a readable, myth-busting economics book. There is a demand for this type of expose of the financial world presented in a light-hearted, accessible package with books like *23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism (125k PB)*, *The Shock Doctrine (9.8k HB and 116.8k PB)* and *Doughnut Economies (11.3k HB and 73.3k PB)*.
- **Insider Knowledge:** The Rebel Accountant has decades of experience finance industry including several jobs as an Economist. He is the perfect person to take the reader behind the scenes and reveal the truth behind the madness.
- **Taps into important current debates:** Tackles the idea that capitalism and neo-liberalism have run their course. Books such as *Capitalist Realism: Is There No Alternative? (37.2k PB)* and *PostCapitalism: A Guide to Our Future (15.2k HB and 52.2k PB)* have already started to look at this.

#### Author Biography

THE REBEL ACCOUNTANT is a chartered tax advisor who has worked widely behind the scenes in London and Australia, everywhere from major accountancy firms to tiny start-ups. He chose his career because he loves to be creative.

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## Waiting on a Friend

Natalie Adler

### Keynote

**The summer of 1984, New York's East Village. Young men across the city are dying of a new, mystery disease known as AIDS. And Renata can see their ghosts...**

### Description

**East Village, summer of 1984.** Renata is a young dyke-about-town who has the ability to see ghosts, which has been happening more and more frequently as her friends have started dying of what has recently been named AIDS.

So, when her best friend Mark dies, she assumes she'll see him again. There's no way Mark wouldn't give her a chance to say goodbye, would he? But to her disappointment - and increasingly, her concern - Mark doesn't appear.

Renata has other problems, too. A mysterious, police-like force has begun ridding their East Village neighbourhood of anything abnormal or inexplicable. At first, she's sure they're scam artists, but it becomes clear they're actually trapping ghosts. With her band of lovably eccentric pals and lovers, Renata is determined to fight back against the erasure of her friends' memories and the sanitizing of her beloved New York.

**Both heartbreaking and healing, tragic and triumphant, *Waiting on a Friend* is a magical retelling of queer history and a celebration of youth and camaraderie. With pathos and humour, empathy and an edge, Natalie Adler freshly reimagines the past for a new generation, reclaiming the spirit of resistance and determination that would become one of the era's defining legacies.**

### Sales Points

- Vision for the book: That it will be seen as a classic of fiction set in New York and as a classic of fiction written by a LGBTQ+ writer. It has the potential to be listed for major literary prizes both here and in the US.
- For readers of Ottessa Moshfegh and Patricia Lockwood, for viewers of *It's a Sin* and *Tales of the City*.
- Major international launch as a leading title for Hogarth.

### Reviews

- '*Waiting on a Friend* is a fun, sexy, heartbreaking, inventive whirl of a novel. Renata has always seen ghosts, and when her best friend Mark dies, she wants nothing more than to see him again. This story is a beautiful study of friendship, of how loss unmoors us, and how if we keep turning towards love, anything is possible.' - Ann Napolitano
- '**A charming and innovative debut**, *Waiting on a Friend* is fresh and refreshing, both heartbreaking and uplifting. Such a pleasure to read. Natalie Adler has given us a gem' - *Rabih Alameddine, National Book Award finalist*
- 'A ghost story, a mystery, an ode to the New York City of the 1980s, a requiem for the early victims of AIDS, a celebration of queer friendship . . . **This book pulses with life and exuberance amid death and loss. A riveting debut by a writer of tremendous compassion and insight**' - *Helen Phillips, author of The Need, longlisted for the National Book Award*
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### Author Biography

Natalie Adler is an editor at *Lux* magazine. She was a 2022-23 Susan Kamil Emerging Writer Fellow at the Center for Fiction. She has an MFA in fiction from Brooklyn College and a PhD in comparative literature from Brown University. She is from New Jersey and lives in New York City.

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Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>368 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>80000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
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#### Previous Titles

The New Feminism  
Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism  
Before the Light Fades

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## Feminism for a World on Fire

Natasha Walter

#### Keynote

**In this timely book, Natasha Walter does not shy away from the challenges facing women in an age of misogyny, conflict and climate breakdown. But with clarity and courage she finds a thread of real hope in the dark.**

#### Description

**GLOBAL IN SCOPE, FEARLESS IN TONE AND DARING ABOUT WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN NEXT**

Across the world, women are facing backlash. Authoritarian states, online misogyny and climate breakdown are creating growing dangers for women, as their safety is being threatened and their freedoms are under attack.

Today, feminism is trapped in a cycle of consumerism and sold to women as individual empowerment. The result is that women are struggling to build connections with one another and with the world around them.

How can women defend their rights and freedoms in this dangerous world?

In the urgent *Feminism for a World on Fire*, Natasha Walter moves decisively beyond individualism to build a vision of a rooted feminism that can connect women's liberation to other movements for equality and environmental protection. A world where women can thrive together on a flourishing planet may sometimes seem like a distant dream - but it is still within our grasp.

With clarity and courage, in this passionate and compelling book, Natasha Walter finds a thread of real hope in the dark.

#### Sales Points

- **CLEAR MARKET:** A big, thoughtful, game-changing book that makes people wake up - aiming at the Naomi Klein/Rebecca Solnit readership
- **AUTHORITATIVE FIGURE:** Includes interviews with others but driven by Natasha's voice - as an influential feminist writer, the founder of the charity Women for Refugee Women, as well as a climate activist, Natasha is perfectly placed to write this book and move feminist and environmental debates forward
- **WELL-ESTABLISHED BACKLIST:** LIVING DOLLS has sold over 50k copies

#### Reviews

- **'This book marked a real feminist awakening for me . . . it might make you rage, but in a good, important way'** - Laura Bates on LIVING DOLLS, *Elle*
- **'Required reading for everyone who cares about our humanity, and that means all of us'** - *Irish Times* on LIVING DOLLS
- **'A must-read'** - *Guardian* on LIVING DOLLS
- **'Walter's wise, thoughtful memoir is both deeply affecting and unexpectedly inspiring . . . it's the perfect read for daunting times'** - Sarah Waters on BEFORE THE LIGHT FADES

#### Author Biography

Natasha Walter's books include *Living Dolls: the Return of Sexism*, *The New Feminism*, and *Before the Light Fades*. She has worked as a journalist for the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *Observer* and is the founder and former director of Women for Refugee Women. She has been Visiting Professor of Women's Rights at Cambridge University and is currently Honorary Professor at the Centre for Climate Crime and Climate Justice at Queen Mary University of London.

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## Ordinary Love 'A page-turning romance' (Guardian)

Marie Rutkoski

### Keynote

A sweeping love story about desire, friendship, mistakes and the possibility of second chances, for fans of *The Paper Palace* and *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*.

### Description

**A *STYLIST* BEST NEW RELEASE OF 2025**

'An exquisitely tender portrayal of enduring love' *OBSERVER*

'A sweeping, decades-spanning tale of queer desire' *MARIE CLAIRE*

'Profoundly moving' EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL, bestselling author of *STATION ELEVEN*

'Almost unbearably beautiful' EMILIA HART, bestselling author of *WEYWARD*

'Had me hooked from the first page' JENNIE GODFREY, bestselling author of *THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS*

**<H3>There's no such thing as an ordinary love story</H3>**

When Emily catches sight of Gennifer Hall at a party, she is transported back to the moment they fell in love as teenagers. Their connection was electric, and they thought it was forever.

Twenty years later, Gen is an Olympic runner, the career she strived for, while Emily is living a picture-perfect life: Manhattan townhouse, two young children and a wealthy husband, Jack. But Jack's controlling behaviour is spiralling, and Emily has lost sight of who she once was.

Now, despite Emily's fracturing marriage and the pressures of Gen's career, they are drawn back together by a magnetic attraction. After years of heartbreak, missed chances and misunderstandings, will they finally get a second chance at first love?

**A sweeping love story about desire, friendship, mistakes and the possibility of second chances, for fans of *The Paper Palace* and *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow***

'I'm obsessed with this novel. It demands obsession' HOLLY BRICKLEY, author of *DEEP CUTS*

'Funny and moving and sexy' J. COURTNEY SULLIVAN, bestselling author of *THE CLIFFS*

'A gorgeously written love story' *GOOD HOUSEKEEPING*

'I loved this moving, tender story about lost love and second chances' *RED*

'Immersive and insightful' LISA OWENS, author of *NOT WORKING*

'[A] raw, gorgeous debut' *THE i PAPER*

'A tender romance' *WOMAN & HOME*

'Shining with rare clarity' *SAINSBURY'S MAGAZINE*

### READERS ARE RAVING:

□□□□ 'So raw and so real . . . If there's one book you read this year, it should be this one'

□□□□ 'I absolutely devoured this . . . Clear your afternoon to read this one straight through'

□□□□ 'The characters were so real that I miss them now the book's over. This novel is one for the ages'

□□□□ 'Boy did this pack a punch, have a box of tissues by your side - you will need these'

□□□□ 'Sexy and sensual . . . I found myself not wanting to stop reading'

Publication date	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Price	£10.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9780349146904
Thema 1.6	Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Relating to LGBTQIA+ people (5PS) Relating to bisexual / pansexual / polysexual people (5PSB) Seasonal interest: Summer (SHRB)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	100000 words
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
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□□□□ 'So emotionally wrecked by this book [that I'm] still thinking about it obsessively months later'

□□□□ 'I fell in love with this story and these characters right from the beginning'

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### Sales Points

- \* Acquired in a significant pre-empt in 24 hours
- \* Virago and Little, Brown's lead literary fiction for 2025
- \* Publication will be backed by a year-long campaign to ensure this is THE literary blockbuster of 2025
- \* Pre-empted in the US by Jenny Jackson at Knopf, the US editor of Gabrielle Zevin
- A *New York Times* bestselling author

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### Reviews

- 'This is an almost unbearably beautiful love story. Emily and Gen feel completely real: on the rare occasion I managed to put this book down, I thought about them constantly. It broke my heart to let them go when I turned the final page. *Ordinary Love* is extraordinary.' - *Emilia Hart, bestselling author of Weyward*
- 'This novel is remarkable and profoundly moving. A beautifully written, intelligent, quietly hopeful story about being lost and found.' - *Emily St. John Mandel, bestselling author of Sea of Tranquility*
- '*Ordinary Love* sparkles with the excitement, danger and wonder of love in all its forms' - *Sophie Ward, Booker Prize longlisted author of The Schoolhouse*
- 'Once in a while one of those truly brilliant books comes along that takes over your life - and, for 2025, *Ordinary Love* is the book hitting the spot' - *Stylist*

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### Author Biography

Marie Rutkoski is a *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels for children and young adults. She grew up in Illinois as the oldest of four children, and has lived in Moscow, Prague, and Paris.

She holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Harvard University, and is now a professor of English literature at Brooklyn College, where she teaches Shakespeare, children's literature, and fiction writing. She lives in Brooklyn with her family and two cats, Cloud and Firefly.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Political economy (KCP)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>80000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author born in	<b>UK</b>
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#### Previous Titles

9780349009094 Radical Help  
9780349009070 Radical Help

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## The Work We Need 'An act of radical hope, radical listening and radical humility . . . I loved it' RORY STEWART

**Hilary Cottam**

#### Keynote

**Hilary Cottam, author of 'mind-shifting' *Radical Help* (New York Times), now turns a revolutionary eye to the subject of the future of work**

#### Description

**'Cottam is the humane revolutionary our turbulent century needs - and this book our roadmap to a better future'** JONATHAN FREEDLAND, author of *THE ESCAPE ARTIST*

**'Highly recommend - practical and full of human wisdom'** *FINANCIAL TIMES*

**'Brimming with ideas to transform the future'** KATE RAWORTH, author of *DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS*

We can create a work revolution. For decades, work has been debated and discussed as a narrow economic category. Instead, Hilary Cottam identifies work as a cultural force at the heart of good lives, strong communities and a sense of a shared national destiny. Crucially, in these dramatic times, she shows how we can shape this force to meet technological change, our ecological crisis and the challenges of the world's deep injustices.

Ambitious but rooted in the ideas of everyday experts - real workers from all walks of life - this is a realistic and hopeful book. Drawing on a fascinating range of sources (historians, trade unionists, business leaders, philosophers and most originally, hours of her imaginative workshops with workers), Hilary Cottam boldly asks: how can we redesign work?

**'So valuable . . . Hilary Cottam proposes a bold new vision of what the principles underlying "good work" might be'** MARIANA MAZZUCATO, UCL professor and author of *MISSION ECONOMY*

**'Timely . . . guides the changes needed'** CARLOTA PEREZ

**'Exposes what motivates workers today - not the things most business leaders think - and shows how new thinking would benefit us all. Compelling'** MARTHA LANE FOX

**'Urgent, compelling and ultimately hopeful . . . Necessary and Inspiring'** CAROLINE LUCAS, Green Party MP and author of *ANOTHER ENGLAND*

#### Sales Points

- Powerful, original thinking on one of the most important issues of our time
- Expert who brings unique research to her subject
- Author is hugely admired international speaker

#### Author Biography

Hilary Cottam is an internationally acclaimed social activist whose work in Britain and with communities around the world has focused on collaborative and affordable solutions to some of the greatest social challenges of our time. Her first book *Radical Help* was hailed as 'mind-shifting' by David Brooks in the *New York Times* and has been translated internationally. Awarded an OBE in 2019 for services to the welfare state, Hilary has been recognised by Fast Company in the US for her pioneering creativity and by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader. Hilary's TED talk has had close to a million views. [www.hilarycottam.com](http://www.hilarycottam.com)



## FIFA World Cup 2026 Kids' Handbook The Official Guide

Alex Rice

### Keynote

Official kids' companion guide to the FIFA men's World Cup 2026 - filled with tournament facts, team profiles, top players, stats, on-the-page activities and fill-in chart

### Description

As excitement builds in the run-up to the world's greatest football competition, the official 2026 FIFA World Cup Kids' Handbook provides the perfect World Cup companion for young football fans. This book is bursting with information about the host nations (USA/Canada/Mexico), providing an overview of the stadiums, FIFA World Cup facts, statistics, plus a rundown of top teams and star players and much more. As well as everything a young fan needs to know to become a World Cup expert, there are football puzzles, quizzes, games, wordsearches, dot-to-dots and other activities to keep them entertained. A fill-in progress chart lets young fans record match results as the tournament progresses, and makes this book a great personalized souvenir of the 2026 FIFA World Cup

### Sales Points

- The official guide to the 2026 World Cup. offers young fans aged 6+ the perfect fact-filled compendium as a companion to the most-watched football tournament in the world.
- Full colour, action-packed spreads give budding fans an integrated mix of bite-sized facts about the tournament and its history, as well as fun soccer puzzles, quizzes, and other on-the-page activities.
- Features an exciting players-to-watch section, profiling the stars who are predicted to light up the tournament
- Includes a fill-in chart for young fans to record the results in as the tournament unfolds, helping to keep them engaged during the 39-day festival of football

### Author Biography

**Alex Rice** is a former BBC journalist who now helps international sporting organisations develop innovative digital content. An excellent communicator, Alex was co-presenter of one of football's first successful podcasts, The Beautiful Game, from 2004-2006.

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CBMC	<b>C5N79</b>
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 Thema 1.6 **Children's / Teenage fiction: Relationship stories (YFM) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Dating, relationships, romance and love (YXHL)**

CBMC **E3N79**  
 Age **12+ years**  
 Subject **Fiction**  
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**Previous Titles**  
 We Used to be Magic

## Your Favourite Fake Girlfriend must-read dreamy romance - fake dating with a wedding twist!

**Bea Ingalls**

### Keynote

**Sweet and swoony fake-dating romance - because life's never perfect but pretending might be. A dreamy contemporary love story from the brilliantly talented author of *We Used to be Magic*.**

### Description

**Sweet and swoony fake-dating romance - because life's never perfect but pretending might be. A dreamy contemporary love story from the brilliantly talented author of *We Used to be Magic*.**

When her boy next-door first love breaks her heart, Dee is *devastated*. Wilf's been the boy of her dreams forever. . . till he moved to uni and made moves on his flatmate. But an unexpected offer from his awkward but hot uni neighbour, Arthur, brings a whole new spin with an invitation to a gorgeous week-long wedding celebration. Maybe Dee can get her sweet revenge and show Wilf exactly what he's missing? The fact that he loathes Arthur doesn't hurt either.

The only catch is, she's not there just to fill the guestlist, Dee's been invited as Arthur's 'long-term girlfriend', and Arthur just happens to be the brother of the bride. This wedding party's about to get complicated . . .

**A romantic slow-burn love story as fake-dating gets a gorgeous wedding twist. Perfect for fans of Lynn Painter, Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood.**

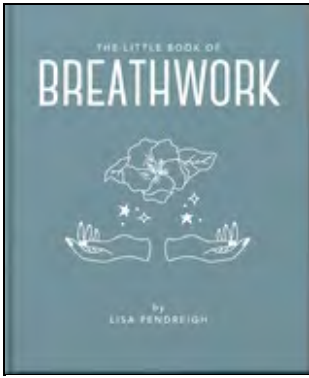
### Sales Points

- Dreamy contemporary romance for YA fans of Lynn Painter, Emily Henry, Ali Hazelwood and *One Day*.
- Aspirational real-life romance of British university students lovingly featuring classic rom-com tropes of fake dating, close proximity, flawed but hopeful protagonists and a gorgeously romantic wedding setting (brother of the bride!)
- Newly independent university-age students lead this 'closed-door romance' - there's hugely satisfying charged romantic tension and scenes of intimacy, but without new adult style explicit sexual content.
- For reader fans of all-time rom-com cinematic greats such as *When Harry met Sally* and *The Apartment*.

### Author Biography

**Bea Ingalls** is an English graduate based in Hertfordshire, UK. She is a debut author who writes contemporary young adult fiction inspired by her love of big, cinematic storytelling. Aside from writing, you can find her making playlists, working as a bookseller, re-watching BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* or spending time with her best friend, Charlie the dog.





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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>
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## The Little Book of Breathwork

**OH**

### Keynote

The Little Book of Breathwork - Your Pocket Guide to Calm and Clarity!

### Description

In a world that rarely stops, *The Little Book of Breathwork* is a pocket-sized invitation to pause and reconnect with the simplest, most powerful tool you have - your breath. Packed with calming quotes, practical guidance and easy-to-follow exercises, this gentle guide introduces the transformative power of conscious breathing - from easing stress and sharpening focus to restoring energy and lifting your mood.

Whether you're completely new to breathwork or simply want to breathe a little easier throughout your day, this book offers accessible techniques rooted in both ancient wisdom and modern science. No special equipment or experience needed - just the power of your own breath.

With inspiration on every page, it's a soothing companion for your bag, desk or bedside table - and a thoughtful gift for anyone seeking calm amidst the noise.

### Sample Content:

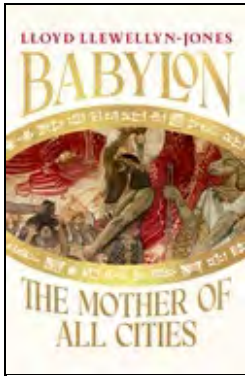
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### Sales Points

- **For centuries, breathwork has been used as a holistic practice** to promote physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- **Scientific studies show that slow, deep breathing can lower blood pressure**, reduce anxiety and improve mental clarity - all in just a few minutes a day.
- **Breathwork is growing in popularity** as a tool for wellbeing, mindfulness and emotional resilience - this little book makes it easy to begin, anywhere and anytime.

### Author Biography

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



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Main Identifier	<b>9781035416714</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Ancient history (NHC) Biography: historical, political and military (DNBH) Ancient Egypt (1QBAE)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>528 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>1x8 plate section</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; UK; USA</b>

Book locale	<b>N/A</b>
Author born in	<b>Wales</b>
Author living in UNITED STATES	<b>Cardiff, Wales</b>
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## Babylon the Mother of All Cities

Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones

### Keynote

From Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones, author of *Persians* and *The Cleopatras*, comes a fresh and exciting exploration of the world's first and most illustrious metropolis, famed in history and myth - the great city of Babylon

### Description

**Babylon** often appears more myth than history. Purportedly the site of the Hanging Gardens and the Tower of Babel, its infamous presence in the Bible has made it a byword for sinful decadence. But Babylon was a real place teeming with life, a bustling mega-city on the Euphrates where schoolteachers, artisans, priests, slaves, prostitutes and soldiers rubbed shoulders in maze-like streets and busy marketplaces.

The city was home to some extraordinary rulers, from Hammurabi the great lawgiver to Nebuchadnezzar II, the conqueror-king, under whose reign the city glistened in gold and lapis lazuli.

In *Babylon*, Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones brings the city vividly to life, tracing its foundation through to its world domination, and subsequent decline, fall and ruin into dust. From ribald drinking songs to acerbic letters between rival kings, the extraordinary ancient sources help inform what is both a stunning work of scholarship and a fascinating evocation of a long-lost world.

### Sales Points

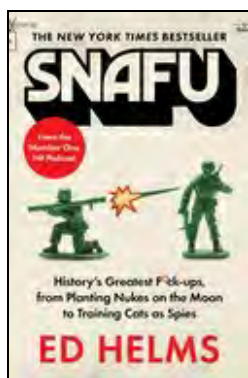
- **ACCESSIBLE EXPERTISE:** An authoritative and accessible history of the ancient city of Babylon by one of the leading academics in the field.
- **PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIAL:** Professor Llewellyn-Jones's emphasis is crafting the history from original sources rather than revisionist historical materials that have prevailed.
- **PUBLIC PROFILE:** Professor Llewellyn-Jones's work has appeared in *History Today* and *BBC History Magazine*, among others, and he has made numerous television and radio appearances including on the BBC and on Netflix.
- **FOR HISTORY BUFFS:** Perfect for fans of historians such as Tom Holland, Simon Sebag Montefiore and Peter Frankopan.

### Author Biography

Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones is Professor of Ancient History at Cardiff University. He has spent extensive time in Egypt, the Middle East and Iran and is a specialist in the histories and cultures of Near Eastern, Greek and Hellenistic antiquity and champions a global approach to the study of the ancient world and its reception. Lloyd has appeared on the BBC, Channel 4, Netflix, in *The Times* and other media outlets and in many popular podcasts. He is co-host of the Biblical Time Machine podcast and has worked closely with the British Museum on major exhibitions.

His previous books include *The Cleopatras: The Forgotten Queens of Egypt*, *Persians: The Age of the Great Kings*, *Ancient Persia and the Book of Esther*, *The Hellenistic Court*, *Sister-Queens in the High Hellenistic Period*, *Aphrodite's Tortoise: The Veiled Women of Ancient Greece*, and *Designs on the Past: How Hollywood Created the Ancient World*. He is currently writing a book on the Hittites of ancient Anatolia.

Born in Cefn Cribwr, Lloyd lives in Taffs Well, Wales.



## SNAFU: The Definitive Guide to History's Greatest Screwups the hilarious new book from The Office and Hangover comedian

Ed Helms

### Keynote

Brought to you by comedian Ed Helms, this is the definitive guide to history's biggest near misses, ultimate fails and just-about-averted disasters.

### Description

**From actor, comedian, writer, and host of the hit history podcast SNAFU, Ed Helms brings you an absurdly entertaining look at history's greatest screwups, complete with lively illustrations.**

History contains a plethora of insane screwups-otherwise known as SNAFUs. Coined during World War I, SNAFU is an acronym that stands for Situation Normal: All F\*cked Up. In other words, "things are pretty screwed up, but aren't they always?"

Spanning from the 1950's to the 2000's, Ed Helms steps in as an unofficial history teacher for a deep dive into each decade's craziest SNAFUs. From planting nukes on the moon to training felines as CIA spies to weaponizing the weather, this book will unpack the incredibly ironic decision-making and hilariously terrifying aftermath of America's biggest mishaps.

Filled with sharp humor and lively illustrations, SNAFU is a wild ride through time that not only entertains but offers fresh insights that just might prevent history from repeating itself again and again.

### Sales Points

- **AUTHOR PROFILE:** Ed is an actor and comedian best known for his roles in The Office US and the Hangover film trilogy. He has 1 million followers on X and 1.3 million on Instagram.
- **BASED ON THE HIT PODCAST:** SNAFU was #1 in the History charts on Apple Podcasts and # 17 overall. It was also the #2 podcast on Spotify.
- **CELEB SUPPORT:** guests include Conan O'Brien, Rachel Maddow, Rob Lowe, Anna Farris, Andy Richter, and more, who should also support the book.
- **FOR FANS OF LIGHT HISTORY:** such as Tom Phillips' HUMANS, 52 TIMES BRITAIN WAS A BELLEND and THE REST IS HISTORY.

### Author Biography

Ed Helms is an American actor, writer, producer, and comedian. He first gained national attention as a correspondent on Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart from 2002 to 2006. Helms is perhaps best known for his roles as Andy Bernard, the quirky paper salesman on NBC's hit sitcom The Office (2006-2013), and as Stu Price in The Hangover film trilogy. He also co-created and starred in the critically acclaimed Peacock comedy series Rutherford Falls alongside Mike Schur and Sierra Teller Ornelas. Helms has been recognized with six Screen Actors Guild Award nominations for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series, winning in 2008. Additionally, he received a Writers Guild of America Award for Best Writing for a Comedy or Variety Special for The Fake News with Ted Nelms. Helms also hosts SNAFU, an award-winning podcast about history's greatest screw-ups, which is currently in its second season.

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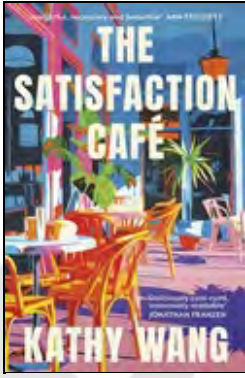
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## The Satisfaction Café

**'Insightful, necessary and beautiful' Ann Patchett**

**Kathy Wang**

### Keynote

**A deeply satisfying and enjoyable novel about the life of one woman - a Chinese immigrant living in California - from a writer Jonathan Franzen has called 'a born storyteller'**

### Description

Joan Liang's life is a series of surprising developments: she never thought she would leave Taiwan (and for all places, California), nor did she expect her first marriage to implode - especially as quickly and spectacularly as it did. She definitely did not expect to fall in love with an older, wealthy American and become his fourth wife and mother to his youngest children. Through all this she asks herself the question familiar to so many of us: what are we living for? And are we ever truly satisfied?

### Sales Points

- **BRILLIANTLY READABLE, STORY-DRIVEN FICTION** with wonderful characters, great lines and funny moments - it has the scope to get completely immersed in and is perfect to enjoy on holiday

### Reviews

- 'Kathy Wang's engaging character study [has] a cool, crystalline, lightly witty detachment ... One for fans of Ann Patchett and Anne Tyler' - *The Times*
- 'Beautifully observed ... vividly portrays both immense tragedy and quiet success in the trajectory of a single life with compassion, humour and wisdom' - *Hannah Beckerman, Observer*
- 'Captivating, beautiful, superbly told ... Just sublime!' - *Woman's Weekly*

### Author Biography

Kathy Wang is a writer based in Northern California, where she lives with her husband and two children. She previously worked at the intersection of technology and industrial design and is currently employed in the transportation industry.

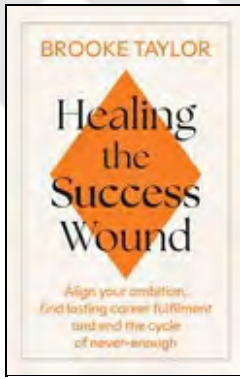
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## Healing the Success Wound

Brooke Taylor

### Keynote

A transformative guide to overcoming the pain of mistaking your success for self-worth, from top career coach Brooke Taylor.

### Description

**A revelatory five-step process to help women heal 'the success wound', the pain that comes from mistaking success for self-worth, to achieve both personal and professional health and success.**

Are you a **Grinder**, believing that the more you work, the more successful you will be? Or are you a **Hider**, afraid to leave your comfort zone and wishing you had the courage to pursue your dreams? Maybe you're a **Work Hard Play Hard**, afraid to slow down and stop the busy-ness that secretly shields you from looking at the real problem underneath. You could be a **Pleaser**, seeking approval from others often at the expense of your own needs, or a **Seeker**, hopping from job to job, city to city, with shiny object syndrome, thinking the next thing will fill the void inside or give your life direction.

If you are a successful woman, chances are you've been some or all of these archetypes. Because while women are still supposed to 'have it all,' being a successful woman still means sacrifice, and for many of us, a heaping scoop of self-doubt as we find ourselves equating our self-worth with our professional success - our success wound.

Brooke Taylor knows this all too well: her success wound nearly ruined her promising career at Google and devastated her sense of self. After taking a step back and honestly assessing her own beliefs, she developed a 5-step programme to help other women (1) diagnose their success wound (2) discern their toxic success wound strategies (3) heal their success wound (4) create a new, internally-guided definition of success and (5) take aligned action towards this vision.

Through utilising Brooke's proven practical advice, you'll be ready to adopt a new paradigm of success that she calls 'aligned ambition' and transform your work, relationships and personal life for the better.

### Sales Points

- Brooke is a top career coach with clients across major corporations like Google and Uber, and has contributed to Forbes, Women's Health UK, Entrepreneur, Hip & Healthy, and more.
- This can appeal to a wide age range of women from those who are just starting to climb the ladder in their careers or who are at the height of their success are looking to 'heal the success wound'.
- There is a good sales history for these types of business & self-help books aimed at women, and with Brooke's close contacts, this could be the next breakout book in this area.

### Author Biography

Brooke Taylor is a Career Coach, speaker, workshop facilitator, and former Marketing Lead at Google. She has earned titles like "The Career Coach to the Elite" and "a Top Career Coach to Follow" across global media like *Forbes*, *Entrepreneur*, *Women's Health*, and *Marie Claire*, where her work on the success wound has been featured as a solution to the burnt-out-overachiever's modern career concerns. As an in-house executive coach at Google and McKinsey, she has helped diverse and emerging talent to forward their leadership, with an increased retention rate of diverse talent by greater than 15%, at a time when female and diverse talent typically would leave the workforce altogether.

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Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
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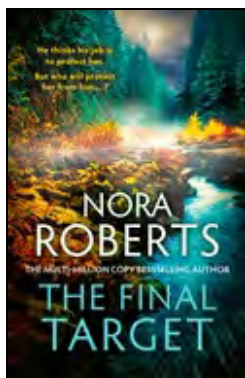
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Previous Standalone titles  
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## The Final Target

**Nora Roberts**

### Keynote

A young author becomes the object of a fan's desire-and rage-in the gripping new thriller by the **multi-million copy bestselling author Nora Roberts.**

### Description

**A young author becomes the object of a fan's desire-and rage-in the gripping new thriller by the Sunday Times bestselling author.**

He showed up at Arden Bowie's debut author appearance with a copy of her novel and an eager smile. He showered her with compliments and got her autograph. Then he came to her next event. And the one after that.

Dustin was just an aspiring writer who wanted advice, Arden reassured herself. But after giving in to one of his incessant invitations and chatting with him over coffee, she discovered that ignoring her inner alarm bell had been a terrible mistake...

He thinks his job is to protect her. But who will protect her from him?

### Sales Points

- Nora Roberts has sold over 500 million books worldwide and sells 1 million books in the UK EVERY YEAR
- Nora Roberts is in the Top 10 most borrowed author in UK libraries and she was the third author to sell more than 1 million Kindle books
- She has written over 200 books under both her own name and her pseudonym, J.D. Robb and her books are published in over 34 countries
- Over the last 30 plus years, an average of 27 Nora Roberts books were sold every minute
- Every Nora Roberts title features on bestseller lists around the world

### Reviews

- 'If you're after the perfect pick-me-up, take-me-away-from-the-world read, then she's your woman' - *Guardian*
- 'Nora Roberts is, quite simply, a one-woman phenomenon' - *Heat*
- 'I love Nora Roberts' - *Stephen King*

### Author Biography

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



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First published in 1969

**Previous Titles**  
Rebecca, My Cousin Rachel, Jamaica Inn, The King's General, Mary Anne, The Parasites, I'll Never Be Young Again, The Flight of the Falcon, Julius, The House on the Strand, The Scapegoat, The Loving Spirit, Hungry Hill, The Glass-Blowers, Frenchman's Creek, After Midnight

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## The House on the Strand

**Daphne Du Maurier**

### Keynote

In this intriguing tale of time travel, du Maurier interweaves past and present together in a novel that is as rich and imaginative as anything she ever wrote.

### Description

**FROM THE BESTSELLING WRITER OF REBECCA**

'Electric . . . a compelling thriller' BRIDGET COLLINS

'*The House on the Strand* is prime du Maurier' *NEW YORK TIMES*

*I realized at that moment, more strongly than hitherto, how fantastic, even macabre, was my presence amongst them, unseen, unborn, a freak in time, witness to events that had happened centuries past . . .*

When an old friend, Professor Magnus Lane, offers him his home in Cornwall for the summer, Dick Young is relieved to escape his troubles. But Kilmarth and its owner are concealing a secret: Magnus has been experimenting with a new drug that allows the user to slip back in time. Transported back to the fourteenth-century, Dick becomes an invisible witness to a history of intrigue, adultery and murder.

But with each dose of the drug, his addiction to the other world grows stronger - and his estrangement from reality ever more dangerous.

**Du Maurier's striking novel weaves together past and present into an addictive time-slip thriller.**

'The master of slow-burning menace' STACEY HALLS

'No writer has conveyed the sheer strangeness of being human as well as du Maurier' ANDREW MICHAEL HURLEY

### Sales Points

- **GORGEOUS NEW EDITIONS:** These new editions of du Maurier's timeless novels are publishing in thematic collections for a new generation of readers, with fresh quotes from fans including Alice Slater, Lucy Foley and Emerald Fennell, director of *Saltburn*. This quartet of Uncanny Thrillers brings together *The House on the Strand*, *The Scapegoat*, *Julius* and *The Flight of the Falcon*, celebrating the dark side of du Maurier's writing and her love of doubles, timeslip, and twisted families.
- **CLASSICS THAT FEEL CONTEMPORARY:** Striking, contemporary covers will appeal to a BookTok audience as well as a younger literary readership. Du Maurier's novels are still a major influence on writers and filmmakers today - she is the queen of unreliable narrators, atmospheric locations and heartstopping suspense.
- **MULTI-MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER:** Du Maurier's books have sold millions of copies worldwide, and she continues to be one of the best-loved novelists of the 20th century - *Rebecca* was #14 on the BBC's 'Big Read' and included in the '100 novels that shaped the world'. Her novels continue to be adapted for film and television, with a major Netflix version of *Rebecca* in 2020. She is Virago's bestselling author.

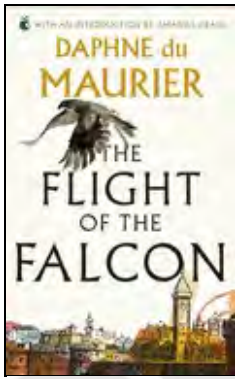
### Reviews

- '*The House on the Strand* is prime du Maurier. . . . She holds her characters close to reality; the past she creates is valid, and her skill in finessing the time shifts is enough to make one want to try a little of the brew himself' - *New York Times*
- 'No other popular writer has so triumphantly defied classification . . . She satisfied all the questionable criteria of popular fiction, and yet satisfied the exacting requirements of "real literature", something very few novelists ever do' - Margaret Forster
- 'She wrote exciting plots, she was highly skilled at arousing suspense, and she was, too, a writer of fearless originality' - *Guardian*

### Author Biography

Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989) was born in London, England. In 1931 her first novel, *The Loving Spirit* was published. A biography of her father and three other novels followed, but it was the novel *Rebecca* that launched her into the literary stratosphere and made her one of the most popular authors of her day. In 1932, du Maurier married Major Frederick Browning with whom she had three children.

Many of du Maurier's bestselling novels and short stories were adapted into award-winning films, including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* and Nicolas Roeg's *Don't Look Now*. In 1969, du Maurier was awarded the Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE). She lived most of her life in Cornwall and died there which is the setting for many of her books.



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## The Flight Of The Falcon

Daphne Du Maurier

#### Keynote

From the mistress of suspense, Daphne du Maurier comes a haunting thriller set amidst the backdrop of Italy.

#### Description

**FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF REBECCA**

'The indisputable queen of the sophisticated literary thriller' LAURA SHEPHERD ROBINSON

'Du Maurier pulls off several spectacular high-wire acts that other writers wouldn't' *GUARDIAN*

*Like Icarus, he flew too near the sun. Like Lucifer, he fell.*

When Armino Fabbio returns to his childhood town after years working as a tour guide in Rome, he discovers a sinister political movement simmering in its streets. Behind its picturesque Medieval walls, Ruffano hides a dark history: five hundred years ago it was ruled by a crazed tyrant known as the Falcon, whose life - and fateful death - still haunt the city.

Now, in the wake of the Second World War, someone is trying to redeem the Falcon's legacy. Could Fabbio's brother Aldo, believed to have been shot down in flames in the war, be at the centre of the conspiracy? And as past and present collide, is Ruffano doomed to repeat its violent history?

'[Her] most political novel . . . Temptation and guilt are what set du Maurier's imagination alight' AMANDA CRAIG

'A great gothic writer' KATE MOSSE

#### Sales Points

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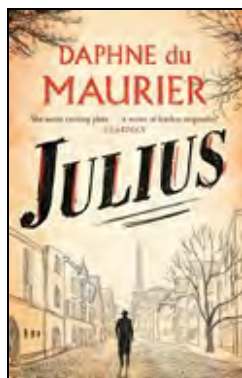
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- 'Daphne du Maurier is an **excellent storyteller** and can set in motion the most wornout mechanisms of melodrama in a way that doesn't irritate' - *Kirkus Reviews*

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Thema 1.6	<b>Classic fiction: literary and general (FBC) War, combat and military adventure fiction (FJM) Historical adventure fiction (FJH) Family life fiction / Stories about family (FS) Historical fiction (FV)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>0</b>
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Exclusively for Sale	<b>Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Paris, London and Algeria</b>
Author born in	<b>London, United Kingdom</b>
Author living in	<b>deceased</b>

#### Publishing History

First published in 1933

#### Previous Titles

Rebecca, My Cousin Rachel, Jamaica Inn, The King's General, Mary Anne, The Parasites, I'll Never Be Young Again, The Flight of the Falcon, Julius, The House on the Strand, The Scapegoat, The Loving Spirit, Hungry Hill, The Glass-Blowers, Frenchman's Creek, After Midnight

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## Julius

### Daphne Du Maurier

#### Keynote

A chilling story of ambition, Daphne du Maurier's third novel has lost none of its ability to unsettle and disturb.

#### Description

**FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF REBECCA**

**'This is a tale of such emotional brutality and moral dislocation that it feels as if it's been wrought by a master, someone who has seen, known and grappled with the world'** JULIE MYERSON

*He was his own god, he, Julius Lévy, and the power he made for himself. He was beholden to nothing and to no one and his destiny belonged to him.*

Julius Lévy learns early in life that kindness is a weakness and love is possession. He escapes his impoverished upbringing on the banks of the Seine, swindles his way through sun-drenched Algiers, and lands in London as a young man, ready to make his fortune.

Hungry for power, Julius becomes one of the wealthiest men in the country. Rich and ruthless, he cares for no one - until one day, he notices his daughter as if for the first time. From that moment on, she becomes his one weakness, and his suffocating obsession.

**'Amazingly well-done, powerful'** KIRKUS REVIEWS

**'A writer of fearless originality'** GUARDIAN

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#### Sales Points

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#### Advertising & Promotions

- \* Review and feature coverage across the national press and women's magazines
- \* Featured on the Virago website
- \* POS available



## Same Time Next Week? Living with anxiety in the modern world

Joshua Fletcher

### Keynote

**A therapist's heartfelt and honest guide to navigating anxiety in a wired, modern world**

### Description

"Wise, irreverent and hilariously astute, an essential read for our modern age."

**Catherine Gray, bestselling author of *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober***

"I loved this book so much. It is like a giant exhale in the face of our 'quick fix' culture, and one that reminded me deeply of the importance of human connection and the joy of imperfection. Oh, and it's funny, like really funny." **Jennie Godfrey, bestselling author of *The List of Suspicious Things***

***Same Time Next Week?* is an unflinchingly honest guide to living with anxiety in an age of constant optimisation, digital overload and curated calm.**

Millions now turn to AI for therapy before they turn to a human, often leaving them with more questions than answers. In this refreshingly human book, therapist Joshua Fletcher shares the stories of four brave clients who choose to bring their whole selves to his therapy room and learn to make space for the messy feelings that won't quite fit into an AI prompt box.

Alongside the stories of Miriam, Ruben, Liya Su and Magnus, Josh shares his experience of returning to practice after wrestling with his own mental health challenges. Through these hopeful stories, Josh offers invaluable insights on how to manage anxiety in our modern world and resist the overwhelming pressure to be *perfect*.

This is not a book about fixing yourself because you are not a problem to be solved. In this book you'll learn how to better understand your anxiety and, by slowing down and building the right support, find a way to live a fulfilling life alongside it.

### Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES TRACK:** This is the author's fourth book. His previous books have sold over 44k through the TCM
- **AUDIO SMASH HIT:** Josh's first book with Orion Spring AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? sold 13,197 copies in audio and we expect to see the same success with *Same Time Next Week* with Josh reading and telling four new stories in his signature style
- **WIDE NETWORK:** Josh is connected to many high profile authors and public figures who will support and endorse the book including Dr Alex George, Catherine Gray, Helen Marie, Africa Brooke, Shona Vertue, Amie McNee, Owen O'Kane and many more
- **ESTABLISHED PLATOFRM:** The author has a combined following of 330k across Instagram, Facebook and TikTok, plus a successful weekly podcast titled 'Disordered' with Drew Insalata

### Author Biography

Joshua Fletcher is a Manchester-based author, therapist and media personality specialising in anxiety. Having been diagnosed with several anxiety conditions, Joshua combines his professional knowledge with lived experience to educate and help others. Josh uses his personable, empathetic and witty approach to convey his knowledge through his social media pages (@anxietyjosh), bestselling self-help books, the *Disordered* podcast with Drew Linsalata and working with popular media.

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Price	<b>£15.99 / ₹799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781398713338</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Self-help, personal development and practical advice (VS)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Demy</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>

Author born in	<b>Manchester</b>
Author living in	<b>Manchester</b>

### Previous Titles

ANXIETY: Panicking about Panic (2014)  
 UNTANGLE YOUR ANXIETY (2021)  
 AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL (2024)

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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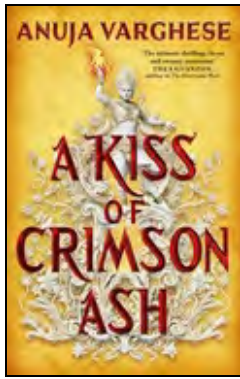
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Thema 1.6	<b>Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy (FMR) Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>120000 words</b>
Series	<b>Games of the Goddess</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
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Author living in UNITED STATES	<b>Canada</b>
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**A Kiss of Crimson Ash**

**Anuja Varghese**

**Keynote**

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**Description**

**Inspired by medieval India's most epic love stories, this debut romantasy blends rich storytelling, lush worldbuilding and spice of every variety.**

Nandapore is a city of secrets and spellcasters where seduction reigns and a power-hungry king is never satisfied. To stop him, an ancient goddess seeks out a newly crowned queen, a heartsick prince, a common thief, and a courtesan with magic in her blood.

Together, they chart a course through brothels, temples, taverns, and palaces, setting a trap for the empire's most powerful men. Linked by desire, destiny, and a dangerous foe, they each must decide what they are willing to risk for a weapon worth dying for, and a love worth living for?

**'A Kiss of Crimson Ash is the ultimate thrilling, clever, and swoony romantasy, following the epic journey of characters who feel as real as the rich and vibrant world that they move through . . . Anuja Varghese is an incredible storyteller'**

Thea Guanzon, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hurricane Wars*

**'A Kiss of Crimson Ash is a feat of richly layered storytelling . . . my new favourite fantasy book of the year'**

Aparna Verma, author of *The Phoenix King*

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Lyra Selene, author of *A Feather so Black*

**Sales Points**

- Romantasy is booming right now and this book combines epic worldbuilding, multi POV storytelling and high stakes with plenty of romance and spice
- Set against a lush, historical backdrop based on medieval South India, this book will appeal to readers looking for more diverse narratives. It sits alongside books like *The Jasad Heir* by Sara Hashem and *The Jasmine Throne* by Tasha Suri
- This is also a feminist epic fantasy that deals with themes of women rising above the oppression placed upon them and as such will appeal to fans of *Priory of the Orange Tree* by Samantha Shannon

**Reviews**

- 'Two words: beautiful chaos. And I'm here for every second of it! *A Kiss of Crimson Ash* is **the ultimate thrilling, clever, and swoony romantasy**, following the epic journey of characters who feel as real as the rich and vibrant world that they move through. Every page left me highly entertained and very much impressed. Anuja Varghese is an incredible storyteller with a knack for punching you right in the heart' - Thea Guanzon, *NEW YORK TIMES* bestselling author of *THE HURRICANE WARS*
- '*A Kiss of Crimson Ash* lures you close with a story as sleek and dangerous as a serpent's coils, then intoxicates you with vibrant characters and sensual beauty. **A smouldering debut!**' - Lyra Selene, author of *A FEATHER SO BLACK*
- '*A seductive and magical romantasy from a wonderful new voice - a truly vibrant epic and erotic read!*' - Tasha Suri, bestselling author of *THE ISLE IN THE SILVER SEA*
- '*A story of love, betrayal and divine fury* that grips cities and kingdoms across a great empire, *A Kiss of Crimson Ash* is a finely balanced book, by parts epic in scale and alluringly intimate, **filled with heat and magic!**' - Molly O'Neill, author of *GREENTEETH*

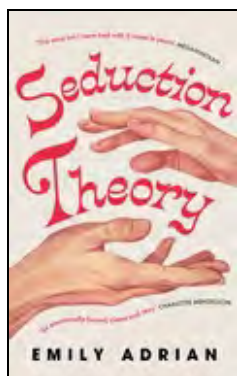
**Author Biography**

Anuja Varghese is a Pushcart-nominated writer whose work has appeared in many online journals. Her debut short story collection, *Chrysalis*, explores South Asian diaspora experience through a feminist, speculative lens. It has won the 2023 Writer's Trust of Canada Dayne Ogilvie Prize for LGBTQ2S+ Emerging Writers, the 2023 Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, was shortlisted for the 2024 Kobo Emerging Writer



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## Seduction Theory

### The smart, funny, delicious campus novel that everyone is talking about

**Emily Adrian**

#### Keynote

**Love and marriage - and infidelity. A smart, funny, delicious novel about a long marriage being derailed during a hot summer on a prestigious American campus**

#### Description

The long summer holiday has begun on the campus of Edwards University in upstate New York.

Simone is the star of the creative writing department, a renowned scholar, successful memoirist and campus sex icon.

Ethan, her devoted husband, is a lecturer in the same department, though he hasn't published a novel since he was twenty-six.

Their marriage is long, strong and happy.

But, over the course of that aggressively hot summer break, both will stray.

And, as others become involved, new sides to the story of this apparently flawless marriage will emerge.

Deliciously smart and biting funny, *Seduction Theory* is a novel about love and betrayal, truth and fiction, power and attraction.

#### Sales Points

- **UK DEBUT FOR POPULAR US AUTHOR:** Emily Adrian has never been published in the UK but has a growing platform and fanbase in the US
- **CAMPUS NOVEL:** takes place during one summer holiday on a prestigious university campus. It is a clever, funny, grown-up campus novel, with polished prose and a compelling plot, which will appeal to fans of *Vladimir* by Julia May Jonas and *Either/Or* by Elif Batuman
- **JUICY PLOT:** a novel about a couple who have been married for a long time. They both really, really love each other. But over the course of one summer holiday, they both - in some shape or form - have affairs . . .

#### Reviews

- 'A sharp, clever story of two misbehaving academics . . . Deeply enjoyable' - *Sunday Times*
- 'The most fun I have had with a novel in years' - Megan Nolan, author of *ORDINARY HUMAN FAILINGS*
- 'A sly, witty comedy of manners and sexual infidelity' - *Red*
- 'So classy, so cool and so funny' - Naomi Wood, author of *MRS. HEMINGWAY*

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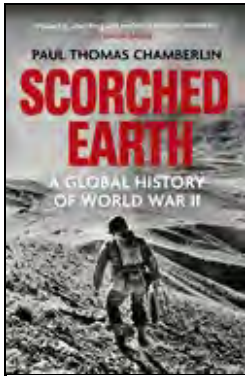
**Emily Adrian** is the author of *Daughterhood*, *The Second Season*, and *Everything Here Is Under Control*, as well as two critically acclaimed novels for young adults. Her novel *Seduction Theory* is forthcoming in August, 2025. Her work has appeared in *Granta*, *The Point*, *Joyland*, *EPOCH*, *Alta Journal*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and *The Millions*. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Emily currently lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

#### Market

**FOR FANS OF:** *FLEISHMAN IS IN TROUBLE* and *LONG ISLAND COMPROMISE* by Taffy Brodesser-Akner; *VLADIMIR* by Julia May Jonas; *THE IDIOT* and *EITHER/OR* by Elif Batuman

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>656 pages</b>
Word Count	
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## Scorched Earth A Global History of World War II

Paul Thomas Chamberlin

### Keynote

**A radical new history of history's most brutal struggle for survival between imperial powers.**

### Description

**A HISTORY TODAY BOOK OF THE YEAR**

**'Powerful, absorbing and endlessly thought-provoking' SINCLAIR MCKAY**

**A radical new history of history's most brutal struggle for survival between imperial powers.**

In popular memory, World War II was an unalloyed victory for freedom over totalitarianism, and democratic order over the age of empires. *Scorched Earth* dispatches the myth of World War II as a 'good' war. Instead, it reveals the conflict as a massive battle beset by vicious racial atrocities, fought between rival empires across huge stretches of Asia and Europe. The war was sparked by German and Japanese invasions that threatened the old powers' dominance, not by Allied opposition to fascism. The Allies achieved victory not through pluck and democratic idealism but through savage firebombing raids on civilian targets and the slaughter of millions of Soviet soldiers. The Soviet Union and the United States emerged as hyper-militarized new imperial powers, each laying claim to former Axis holdings across the globe before turning on one another and triggering a new forever war.

Dramatically rendered and persuasively argued, *Scorched Earth* shows that World War II marked the culmination of centuries of colonial violence and ushered in a new era of imperial struggle.

### Sales Points

- **STRONG CATEGORY WITH A BOLD NEW ARGUMENT:** An extremely popular genre, a panoramic and authoritative global history of World War II, with a fresh and provocative angle. Paul argues that much of what we thought we knew about the war is wrong, rather than being a conflict between democracy and fascism it was a colonial race war that forged new imperial powers.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Paul is an award-winning academic, an associate professor of History at Columbia University specialising in 20th century international history, US foreign relations and the Middle East, and the author of two books: *The Global Offensive* and *The Cold War's Killing Fields*.
- **COMPS:** For readers interested in global history, WWII, imperialism, colonialism, empire. Comps include: *All Hell Let Loose* by Max Hastings (115.8k HB, 112.4k pb), *The Second World War* by Antony Beevor (70.2k HB, 63.6k pb), *The Storm of War* by Andrew Roberts (23.4k HB, 14.7k pb) and *The Second World Wars* by Victor Davis Hanson.

### Reviews

- 'While historians have long identified World War II as a seminal influence on our contemporary era, none have effectively argued that colonialism in its varied versions was its ultimate legacy-until now. In previous work, Chamberlin contested Cold War realism; likewise, here he upends common assumptions about the Good War. He demythologizes in a way that eloquently covers this epic conflict in all its details-experts and war buffs will find a lot of battle descriptions that are fresh here-while provoking us to rethink our understanding of history itself. **Truly a tour de force!**' - Thomas W. Zeiler, author of ANNIHILATION
- 'A **well written, balanced, and provocative** account of the twentieth century's greatest and most destructive war. Paul Thomas Chamberlin covers all the major theaters of the war, smoothly integrating political and military developments. The author's unorthodox interpretation of the Second World War will challenge historians to reexamine long-standing assumptions and beliefs about the origins and nature of this critical conflict' - Ronald H. Spector, author of EAGLE AGAINST THE SUN
- 'What more is there left to say about World War II? A lot, it turns out, as Paul Chamberlin shows in his **brilliant, panoramic new history of the most colossal, catastrophic war in human history. New insights leap from every page**, introducing even seasoned readers to fresh perspectives on the war . . . **Chamberlin provides a breathtakingly new interpretation of World War II. A truly remarkable book!**' - Andrew Preston, author of TOTAL DEFENSE
- 'In a **sweeping and vivid narrative**, *Scorched Earth* challenges us to abandon the simplistic hero myths that have blinded us to World War II's devastating and continuing impact on our own time' - Drew Gilpin Faust, author of THIS REPUBLIC OF SUFFERING

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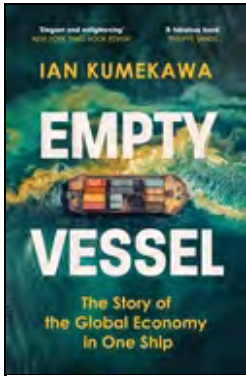
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## Empty Vessel

### The Story of the Global Economy in One Ship

**Ian Kumekawa**

#### Keynote

**A jaw-dropping microhistory of the global economy over the last fifty years told through the many lives of a single ship, from a brilliant young historian.**

#### Description

**'Thrilling, meticulous and wondrously original' PHILIPPE SANDS**

**A jaw-dropping microhistory of the global economy over the last fifty years told through the many lives of a single ship.**

At 94 meters long and 9,500 deadweight tonnes, once called the *Bibby Resolution*, is an unremarkable hulk, crossing the oceans unnoticed. And yet, the astonishing journey of this boat can tell us the story of the modern world.

First built as a Swedish offshore oil rig in the 1970s, it went on to become a barracks for British soldiers in the Falklands War in the 1980s, a jail off New York in the 1990s, a prison in Portland in the 2000s, and accommodation for Nigerian oil workers off the coast of Africa in the 2010s. It has been called *Safe Esperia*, HMP *The Weare*, even 'The Love Boat'. In each of its lives this empty vessel has been commanded by economic forces much larger than itself: private investment, war, mass incarceration, imperial interests, national sovereignty, inflation, booms, busts and greed.

Through its encounters with a world of island tax havens, the English court system, exploited labour forces, free banking zones or immigration politics, the ordinary boat at the heart of this story reveals our complex modern economy to us, connecting the dots of a dramatically changing world in the making, and warning us of its dangerous consequences.

#### Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** An engrossing and expansive account of the world economy over the last fifty years - all told from the perspective of a single ship.
- **RISING STAR AUTHOR:** Ian is a multiply talented young academic and natural writer. He is a Prize Fellow in Economics, History and Politics at the Center for History and Economics, with a PhD in History from Harvard and MPhil from Cambridge. This is his Trade debut.
- **INTERNATIONAL:** This is the story of globalism in one boat. We follow its journey around the world - from Sweden to the USA, from Germany to Nigeria - this book will appeal to international audiences due to its truly global scope.
- **COMPS:** *The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford (13.4k HB, 232k pb); *Edible Economics* by Ha-Joon Chang (10k HB, 12.7k pb); *Crashed* by Adam Tooze (9k HB, 10.7k pb)

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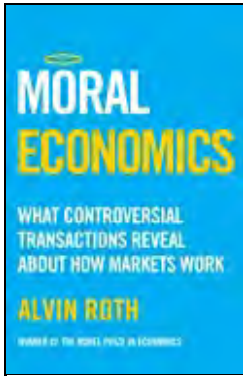
- 'A **thrilling, meticulous and wondrously original** journey, told with a flair and reverence for detail that captures all the joys, travails and horrors of life across time, place and water. A fabulous book' - Philippe Sands, author of *EAST WEST STREET*
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#### Author Biography

Ian Kumekawa is a historian at the Center for History and Economics at Harvard University. He is the author of *The First Serious Optimist: A. C. Pigou and the Birth of Welfare Economics* (2017), which was the co-winner of the Joseph J. Spengler Prize. He has taught at Harvard and MIT. He lives in Boston.



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## Moral Economics What Controversial Transactions Reveal About How Markets Work

**Alvin Roth**

#### Keynote

**Nobel Prize winner Alvin Roth argues that our most important and difficult decisions - about our most controversial issues - require a different calculation of what matters most.**

#### Description

**Nobel Prize winner Alvin Roth argues that our most important and difficult decisions - about our most controversial issues - require a different calculation of what matters most.**

Our intuitive and automatic thinking is influenced - in ways we don't always recognize - by strongly-held notions of repugnance. A transaction is repugnant if some people want to engage in it, and others think they shouldn't be allowed to. *You Can't Do That* explores how ideas about repugnance have changed drastically over time, and examines the causes and consequences of forbidding transactions in our most intimate relationships (such as sex, reproduction, or donating blood) and our commercial relationships (finance, labor, or data use).

Leading economist Alvin Roth turns his attention to a controversial set of markets to answer difficult questions about allowing, regulating or forbidding certain transactions. Should narcotics be legalised? Should we allow compensation for kidney donors, or let thousands of people die each year while waiting for an altruistic kidney? Should we allow physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients who desire death with dignity? Roth's goal is not to tell us what to think, but to give us a new framework for *how* to think - balancing the rights of people to pursue their individual and mutual goals with the need to protect society's most vulnerable members from harms that might arise from markets, including black markets, growing without boundaries.

This is about trade-offs, not moral absolutes. Combining Roth's expertise in market design with his skill in making complicated ideas accessible, *You Can't Do That* examines how to make those trade-offs in the most humane, beneficial, and efficient ways.

#### Sales Points

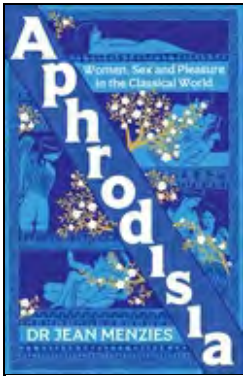
- **ORIGINAL PITCH:** A brilliantly sweeping - and brilliantly provocative - account of how repugnance plays out in every arena of life, from the most personal (conceiving or adopting a child) to the most public (payday loans and foreign supply chains) and how it shapes the social norms, laws and policies that affect us all.
- **STRONG CATEGORY:** The sort of "big ideas" book that turned *Thinking Fast and Slow* (24.2k HB, 799.9k pb), *Nudge* (11.8k HB, 137.5k pb), *Predictably Irrational* (9.1k HB, 57k pb), and *Freakonomics* (36.9k HB, 652.5k pb) into international bestsellers.
- **WIDE AUDIENCE:** Any book by a Nobel Laureate in Economics will have immediate appeal to the global audience of professionals and students in economics, but because this book applies economic thinking to a wide range of controversial topics it will command attention from those in a wide range of disciplines, including reproduction, health, finance, business, food policy, and public policy.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Roth won the Nobel Prize for his work as one of the founders of the new economic discipline of market design. He is the McCaw Professor of Economics at Stanford University (receiving his PhD at the age of 22). He is a world-leading expert in market design and game theory.

#### Author Biography

Alvin E. Roth, PhD, is the McCaw Professor of Economics at Stanford University and is one of the world's leading experts in the fields of market design and game theory. He was a corecipient of the 2012 Nobel Prize in economics. Roth received his Ph.D. at Stanford University at the age of 22 and was tenured at the University of Illinois by the age of 25. Before joining the Stanford faculty, he was the George Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration in the Department of Economics at Harvard University and in the Harvard Business School. Roth won the Nobel Prize for his work as one of the founders of the new economic discipline of market design, the subject of his 2015 book *Who Gets What - and Why? The New Economics of Matchmaking and Market Design*.

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## Aphrodisia Women, Sex and Pleasure in the Classical World

**Jean Menzies**

### Keynote

A lively history of women's sex, desire and pleasure in the classical world

### Description

Was Ovid a surprising champion of women's sexual pleasure? Or did he just want them to fake it? Where did the British Museum curators hide the most pornographic of frescoes? And what exactly was the phallic wooden object excavated in 90's Northumberland?

In **APHRODISIA**, Dr Jean Menzies dives into the hidden history of women's sexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome. The classical world stretched across the Mediterranean for more than a millennium, its people and cultures wide and varied and its sexual proclivities equally so. Yet so often when we read about sex in antiquity it is about the men folk first and foremost: which brothels they were visiting, how they balanced wives and lovers, and what they got up to in the gymnasium. Delving into the literature, art and artefacts of the ancient world, from sex toys to seduction tips to kink, Dr Jean Menzies instead centres women and their desire. In doing so, she uncovers the many faces of women's sexuality over the course of thousands of years, and asks intriguing, and sometimes provocative questions about women, sex and desire today.

### Sales Points

- **COMPS:** *Aphrodisia* is perfect for fans of Natalie Haynes (combined TCM across all books more than 300k), *Mythica* (3k hardback TCM since publication in April 2025), *A Curious History of Sex* (4.6k hardback and 17.3k paperback), *100 Nasty Women of History* (7.9k hardback and 6.7k paperback) and *A History of the Roman Empire in 21 Women* (5.4k hardback)
- **AUTHOR WITH GREAT CREDENTIALS:** Jean Menzies has a PhD in Classics from the University of Roehampton, specialising in violence against women and Greek mythology. She has spent more than a decade creating accessible content about Classics and in 2020 she won the BAMB Breakthrough Author award for her first children's non-fiction book, *Greek Myths* (18k hardback copies). Her debut fiction novel, *The Lady of the Lake*, will be published by Penguin Michael Joseph in 2025.
- **SCOTTISH BOOKSHOP APPEAL:** Jean is an Edinburgh based author and has years of experience giving talks on history and myths for all ages, so will be perfectly equipped to meet and entertain booksellers in Scotland and beyond. As a booktoker and winner of the bookseller-selected BAMB breakthrough award, she is well supported by the industry already.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Jean has 27.3k followers on Instagram (@jeansthoughts), 57k followers on TikTok (same @) and 89.3k subscribers on her Youtube channel.

### Author Biography

Dr Jean Menzies is an author and presenter. In 2020 she won the BAMB Breakthrough Author award for her first book, *Greek Myths: Meet the heroes, gods, and monsters of ancient Greece* and she is also the author of adult fantasy novel, *The Flames of Albiyon*, published in 2021. She has a PhD in ancient history with a specialism in the history of women in Classical Greece. She also produces the podcast *That's Ancient History*.

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## Dekonstrukturing the Kardashians

**MJ Corey**

### Keynote

A deep dive into the Kardashian dynasty, peeling back the layers of their rise to fame and the creation of their empire, ultimately answering a question much-repeated throughout the years - why are the Kardashians so famous?

### Description

**From the creator of the viral Kardashian Kolloquium comes a New Media manifesto for the TikTok age - blending theory, cultural analysis and history to explain the meteoric rise of the Kardashians and what their fame reveals about how media functions today.**

Since 2007, Kim Kardashian and her extended family have mesmerised - and scandalised - the American public. We've been immersed in their social lives, controversies and reality TV exploits, while witnessing the staggering ascent of their multibillion-dollar fashion, beauty and media empire. But the central question remains: *why* are the Kardashians so famous? And what does their enduring relevance tell us about the media systems that shaped - and were shaped by - them?

In *Dekonstrukturing the Kardashians*, MJ Corey, creator of the viral social platform Kardashian Kolloquium, delivers more than just the definitive cultural chronicle of the First Family of reality TV. She offers a probing exploration of how media has evolved in the internet age -and how it's reshaping our identities, our attention, and our understanding of reality itself. Part media theory, part cultural critique and part historical deep-dive, *Dekonstrukturing the Kardashians* weaves together fifty years of Western media history.

Corey shows that the Kardashians aren't just celebrities - they're a mirror of our media moment, offering a key to understanding fame, identity and reality in the digital age.

### Sales Points

- **Highly engaged audience:** MJ Corey is the creator of *Kardashian Kolloquium*, a viral social media project with 50K IG followers and 190K TikTok followers - known for smart, incisive analysis of the Kardashians through a media studies lens.
- **Timely and culturally relevant:** The Kardashians remain one of the most talked-about media dynasties, with ongoing public interest driven by Hulu's *The Kardashians*, constant media and social presence and major brand ventures (e.g. SKIMS, 818, etc.).
- **Unique blend of pop culture & academic insight:** Bridges cultural criticism, media theory and accessible storytelling - appealing to both academic readers and pop culture fans.
- **Authoritative and original voice:** Corey is recognised for elevating internet commentary into thoughtful, theory-informed critique. Her work has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *The Hollywood Reporter* and *Nylon*.

### Author Biography

MJ Corey, writer, and creator of the popular TikTok and Instagram accounts @Kardashian\_Kolloquium.

Having authored the viral social media presence *Kardashian Kolloquium* since 2018, Koury regularly brings critical thinking frameworks to the social media generation in bite sized videos, but has been tapped as a writer by traditional media outlets as well, penning a Kardashians recap column for *Vogue.com*, as well as online pieces for *The New Yorker*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and *Nylon*.

### Market

For fans of *Why Solange Matters*, *Poor Little Sick Girls* and *Trick Mirror*.

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## The Director Longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026

**Daniel Kehlmann**  
Translated by **Ross Benjamin**

### Keynote

An artist's life, a pact with the devil, a novel about the dangerous illusions of the silver screen.

### Description

**New Statesman Fiction Book of the Year 2025**  
**A Times Literary Supplement Book of the Year 2025**  
**A New York Times Notable Book of 2025**  
**A Telegraph Book of the Year 2025**  
**A Guardian Translated Book of the Year 2025**  
**An Observer Book of the Year 2025**

'Supple, horrifying and mordantly droll' *New York Times*

'Nothing short of brilliant' *Wall Street Journal*

'A subtle, often darkly funny novel about the relationship between art and power' *Sunday Times*

'A dazzling performance and a real page turner' *Salman Rushdie*

From 'one of the brightest, most pleasure-giving writers at work today' (Jeffrey Eugenides), a visionary tale inspired by the life of the 20th century film director G.W. Pabst, who left Europe for Hollywood to resist the Nazis and then returned to his homeland with his wife and young son and began making films for the German Reich.

An artist's life, a pact with the devil, a novel about the dangerous illusions of the silver screen.

G.W. Pabst, one of cinema's greatest, perhaps the greatest director of his era: when the Nazis seized power he was filming in France, to escape the horrors of the new Germany he flees to Hollywood. But under the blinding California sun, the world-famous director suddenly looks like a nobody. Not even Greta Garbo, who he made famous, can help him. And thus, almost through no fault of his own, he finds himself back in his homeland of Austria, which is now called Ostmark. The returning family is confronted with the barbaric nature of the regime. But Goebbels, the minister of propaganda in Berlin, wants the film genius, he won't take no for an answer and makes big promises. While Pabst still believes that he will be able to resist these advances, that he will not submit to any dictatorship other than art, he has already taken the first steps into a hopeless entanglement.

**Daniel Kehlmann's novel about art and power, beauty and barbarism is a triumph. *The Director* shows what literature is capable of.**

### Sales Points

- **Daniel Kehlmann is an internationally bestseller author, his books have been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize, and have received widespread acclaim both nationally and internationally.**
- *The Director* tells the story of G.W Pabst life through the Nazi occupation, exploring the dictatorship, Weimer-era cinema and the dynamic of one family's struggles through an oppressive regime.
- ***The Director* has sold over 180,000 copies in Germany.**

### Reviews

- 'Smartly entertaining...a marvelous performance - not only supple, horrifying and mordantly droll, but fluidly translated and absolutely convincing' - *The New York Times*
- '***The Director* has all the darkness, shapeshifting ambiguity and glittering unease of a modern Grimms' fairytale: it is Kehlmann's best work yet.**' - *Guardian*
- 'Daniel Kehlmann, the finest German writer of his generation, takes on the life of the eminent film director G. W. Pabst to weave a tragicomic historical fantasia that stretches from Hollywood to Nazi Germany, from Garbo to Goebbels, to show how even a great artist can make, and be unmade by, moral compromises with evil. A dazzling performance and a real page turner.' - *Salman Rushdie*
- 'Daniel Kehlmann is shockingly brilliant, a writer of extraordinary range and grace. At times absurdist, at times horrifyingly realist, *The Director* asks where the moral duty of the artist resides, and how the narcissism of the artistic project can bleed into

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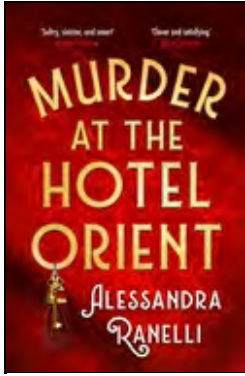


### Author Biography

Daniel Kehlmann was born in Munich in 1975 and lives in Vienna, Berlin and New York. He has published six novels: *Measuring the World*, *Me & Kaminski*, *Fame, F*, *You Should Have Left* and *Tyll* and has won numerous prizes, including the Candide Prize, the Literature Prize of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Doderer Prize, The Kleist Prize, the WELT Literature Prize, and the Thomas Mann Prize. *Measuring the World* was translated into more than forty languages and is one of the biggest successes in post-war German literature.

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## Murder at the Hotel Orient

**Alessandra Ranelli**

### Keynote

A spicy whodunnit with Golden Age style, set in a timeless location inspired by a real Viennese no-tell love hotel.

### Description

**'A clever and satisfying thriller in a wonderfully decadent setting. Sterling Lockwood is an unforgettable heroine'** *Elly Griffiths, author of [The Frozen People](#)*

**'Sultry, sinister and smart. Sterling Lockwood is going to steal your heart - just don't trust her with it'** *Stuart Turton, author of [The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle](#)*

In modern Vienna, the infamous Hotel Orient glitters at the heart of the city, luring lovers inside for an evening of debauchery. Behind its velvet curtain, cameras are forbidden, aliases are required, and every guest has something to hide.

For those seeking illicit liaisons, Sterling Lockwood is the perfect concierge. Sultry and poised, she's the ultimate keeper of secrets, including her own.

But when dawn breaks and two of the anonymous guests are found dead in their suite, Sterling must break the Orient's sacred code of discretion, turning detective to find a killer and clear her own name.

Alongside Fernando, her quick-witted friend and bellhop, Sterling steps beyond the hotel's stained-glass doors, venturing from grand coffee houses where power whispers between porcelain cups, to dimly lit bars where the curious seek rapturous oblivion, and risking everything to solve an impossible case.

### Sales Points

- **Acquired in a high-speed six-figure pre-empt, MURDER AT THE HOTEL ORIENT is Baskerville's lead debut for 2026 and the first in a new series.** It was also pre-empted in the US by Scout Press (S&S) where it is their lead title for 2026. Both releases will be backed by major marketing and publicity campaigns, which make the most of the author's highly creative world-building: [alessandraranelli.com](http://alessandraranelli.com)
- **A contemporary mystery with Golden Age style, set in a timeless location inspired by the real Viennese no-tell love hotel** where cameras are banned, aliases are required, and every anonymous guest has something to hide.
- **Exceptional world-building and series lead:** glamorous hotel concierge and 'keeper of secrets' Sterling Lockwood is original, sultry and highly lovable. The plot delivers all the thrills of a locked room mystery whilst allowing the reader the opportunity to inhabit the atmospheric Hotel Orient and to explore the city of Vienna and its society - be that high or low.
- **A spicy, charming and supremely fun read, packed with characters you will fall in love with** - it will appeal to fans of international bestseller THE MAID, readers of Lucy Foley and Tom Hindle (MURDER ON LAKE GARDA; DEATH IN THE ARCTIC) as well as fans of the films KNIVES OUT and THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL and TV series ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING.

### Reviews

- **'Sultry, sinister and smart. Sterling Lockwood is going to steal your heart - just don't trust her with it'** - Stuart Turton, author of [THE SEVEN DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE](#)
- **'A delightful treat of a novel, imaginative, classy, and utterly seductive. Concierge Sterling Lockwood is a total heartbreaker, and the timeless Vienna she inhabits is a masterclass in noir that Ranelli teases to life with consummate style and humour. A stunning and highly original debut from a talented author to watch'** - Gilly Macmillan, bestselling author of, [The Burning Library](#)
- **'A whole new spin on the whodunnit genre.** Golden Age Crime and Old Hollywood but with the scandal and sauciness dialled up to maximum. **Salacious goings on, razor-sharp humour, and an evocative setting. Think Agatha Christie but with Poirot, Hastings and Miss Lemon in a throuple.** This is a unique slice of joy' - Chris Bridges, author of, [Sick to Death](#)
- **'Murder at the Hotel Orient is one of the most assured and original debuts I've read in some time. If Natasha Lyonne did Only Murders in the Building it might look something like this. Sterling Lockwood is a wonderfully refreshing investigator,** and I look forward to seeing where her next case takes her' - Tariq Ashkanani, author of, [Welcome to Cooper](#)

### Author Biography

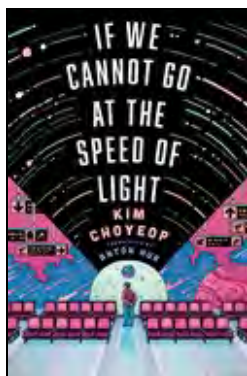
Alessandra Ranelli is an American author living in Vienna, Austria. Her work focuses on life's great passions: love, lust, and loss. As such, she's been known to kiss and tell.



Alessandra's crime writing is influenced by her love of old Hollywood glamour and Golden Age mysteries. It's a cocktail made from a generous pour of bourbon, an ounce of film noir, and a dash of bawdy humour - served in a rocks glass with red lipstick staining the rim. *Murder at the Hotel Orient* is her debut novel.

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## If We Cannot Go at the Speed of Light

**Kim Choyeop**  
Translated by Anton Hur

### Keynote

The debut short story collection from Korean Sci-Fi superstar Kim Choyeop - more than 400,000 copies sold in Korea

### Description

"A stunning collection that lingers in the mind and heart" Ruth Ozeki

"I've been yearning for the whole world to read Kim Choyeop and fall in love with her as I did"

Bora Chung, author of *Cursed Bunny* and *The Midnight Timetable*

Meet the alien species that put the humanity into human beings  
Discover the fate of Slefonia III once warp travel became obsolete  
Visit the Mind Library to commune with the dead  
Purchase sadness as a stone and anger as a paperweight

Kim Choyeop became an instant literary sensation in Korea with her debut short story collection. Each of these bitesize speculative masterpieces represents a journey into the unknown, guided by a writer blessed with a boundless imagination.

From alternative futures to distant alien planets, in the company of scientists, space explorers and ordinary citizens in extraordinary situations, she revels in making the impossible seem not only possible but somehow inevitable.

Traversing the bounds of imagination with an ethereal incisiveness, her stories dismantle the borders between normal and abnormal, material and abstract, earthly and otherworldly. With unforgettable inventiveness and pathos, *If We Cannot Go at the Speed of Light* heralds the arrival of an essential voice in contemporary fiction.

Translated from the Korean by Anton Hur

### Sales Points

- More than **400,000** copies sold in Korea. Choyeop's first novel *The Greenhouse at the End of the World*, has sold 150,000 copies in Korea and film rights have been sold to Studio Dragon, the production company behind Netflix k-drama hits "Vincenzo" and "Crash Landing on You".
- For readers of Bora Chung's speculative and horror short stories - also translated by Anton Hur - and the bestselling Dallergut Dream Department Store series
- Multi-award-winning author: Choyeop is the recipient of the Minumsa 2019 Writer of the Year Award and the Munhak Dongne 2020 Young Writer Award. This collection won two sci-fi literary awards in China: The Galaxy Awards and The Nebula Awards in the translation category.

### Reviews

- 'I've been yearning for the whole world to read Kim Choyeop and fall in love with her as I did' - Bora Chung, author of *Cursed Bunny*
- 'With nuance, delicacy, and psychological depth, Kim Choyeop conjures worlds that are different from ours -at once strange and poignantly recognizable. A stunning collection that lingers in the mind and heart' - Ruth Ozeki
- 'An astonishing and beautiful living thing - a line that I've stolen from this collection that captures it fully. Scientifically precise and endlessly curious, yet bursting with a love for humanity' - Silvia Park, author of *Luminous*

### Author Biography

Kim Choyeop has a master's degree in biochemistry from Pohang University of Science and Technology. She burst onto the Korean literary scene and immediately won the grand prize at the 2nd Korean Science Fiction Awards in 2017 (short story/mid-length novel category) for her short story "Lost on Premises".

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Thema 1.6	Science fiction: apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic (FLQ) Fiction in translation (FYT) South Korea (1FPKS)

Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Demy
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	N/A
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In-House Editor	Paul Engles

Book locale	Korea, distant planets, lunar space stations
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Author born in	Korea
Author living in	Korea

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Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Relating to LGBTQIA+ people (5PS)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>368 pages</b>
Word Count	
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## Ex Marks the Spot

### A hot and hilarious new academic-rivals-to-lovers romcom for fans of Casey McQuiston and Ali Hazelwood

**Eleanor Vendrell**

#### Keynote

Escape to the libraries of Oxford for a smart and sexy academic rivals-to-lovers romcom from Eleanor Vendrell - featuring a second chance romance, a lost manuscript, and a city-wide treasure hunt against the clock.

#### Description

**\*Pre-order the brand new enemies-to-lovers romcom from the author of *The Great Orchid Heist*.\***

**Two rival historians reluctantly team up to decipher an ancient treasure hunt, in this delightfully bookish enemies-to-lovers romcom with an action-adventure twist.**

'Fun, sexy hijinks' **Lex Croucher**

'A total joy' **Laura Kay**

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Librarian Evie has hit rock bottom: stuck on an endless mental-health break from her studies, she spends her days shelving books and giving tours of the university where she no longer truly belongs.

To make matters worse, she's just been assigned to help Oxford's insufferable new honorary professor: charming and chaotic social-media historian, Nic Morelli, who happens to be Evie's former rival - and ex.

So when Evie stumbles across something extraordinary in the stacks - an ancient manuscript with clues to a long-lost medieval treasure hunt - Nic is the last person Evie wants to tell.

But some would kill to find the treasure first, and as a shadowy group of treasure hunters close in, reuniting with Nic might be the only way to decipher the book's clues first.

As long as they can keep old feelings safely buried . . .

**Escape to the libraries of Oxford for a totally addictive second-chance sapphic romance, perfect for fans of Ali Hazelwood, Jo Segura and Casey McQuiston.**

- Academic rivals
- Second-chance romance
- A long forgotten manuscript
- A treasure hunt for the ages

#### Readers love Eleanor Vendrell:

'Witty, entertaining and has a lot of heart'  
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'I was totally captivated'  
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'Romance, real life, friendships and a great mystery! ... it's a brilliant book'  
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'Wrapped me up in a coziness I was not expecting... I loved every minute'  
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'Funny and joyful'  
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'Such a fun sapphic romance that kept me turning the pages'  
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'Lots of genuine laugh out loud moments and a gorgeous love story'  
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'Witty dialogue, simmering romance, and a dash of nail-biting suspense'

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## Sales Points

- **JO SEGURA MEETS CASEY MCQUISTION - EX MARKS THE SPOT** is another **enemies-to-lovers romcom with a fun action-adventure twist**. Eleanor's books are also **endorsed by, and perfect for fans of, Lex Croucher, Lily Lindon and Laura Kay**.
- **A LOCAL AUTHOR WITH GOOD BOOKSHOP CONNECTIONS** - El is based in Oxford, where *Ex Marks the Spot* is set, and is really excited to partner with and support local bookshops, which she has strong relationships with.
- **BOOKISH ROM-COM WITH A LIGHT ACADEMIA SETTING** - This fun academic rivals-to-lovers romcom is perfect for fans of bookish or STEM romcoms, with a escapist light academia Oxford college setting, a hidden manuscript in the archives, and a treasure hunt that takes our FMCs around the city's bookshops and libraries.
- **A NEW REPEAT NAME IN THE UK LGTBQ+ ROMCOM SPACE** - Eleanor Vendrell writes queer love stories that are funny, uplifting and feel-good, aiming for joyful representation in the romcom genre for everyone!

## Reviews

- 'I absolutely loved this second chance, enemies-to-lovers love story. Academic rivals Evie and Nic's hunt for medieval treasure through the spellbinding city of Oxford had me hooked from the first page, and Vendrell crafts their romance with wit, intelligence and empathy. Sizzling, warm-hearted and nuanced, it's the perfect romantic read' - Sophie Loxton

## Author Biography

**Eleanor Vendrell** is a writer and researcher interested in the easy topics of love, relationships, identity and the meaning of it all. A lifelong reader of books that make you laugh and sob, she enjoys nothing more than earnest discussions about the importance of joyful fiction and books that include kissing. She lives in Oxford with her partner.

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## The Lost Elms: A Love Letter to Our Vanished Trees – and the Fight to Save Them

### The stunning new nature book from the 'unofficial poet laureate of our woodlands'

Mandy Haggith

#### Keynote

This iconic tree once covered great swathes of Europe and North America; now all but a handful have been wiped out by Dutch Elm Disease. This is the story of our attempt to save the elm, and how its legacy lives on in our mythology and folklore.

#### Description

A *Guardian* 'Book of the day'

'A captivating book' - *Independent*

'Her enthusiasm is contagious.' - *Guardian*

'A meditation on life, culture and trees.' - **FRED PEARCE**

'Unofficial poet laureate of our woodlands.' - *Scotsman*

**For millennia, elms shaped our landscape and our folklore; then they started dying.**

**Few young people have seen a mature elm tree.** They once covered great swathes of Europe and North America, but Dutch elm disease has since killed hundreds of millions worldwide, forever altering our landscapes.

The Lost Elms is a love letter to our nearly vanished elms and a rallying cry for their long, slow fight back. It tells the gripping story of the scientists desperately trying to halt the disease's relentless progress, and shares the latest research uncovering the intricate links between elms and other species. Woven throughout is a deeply lyrical look at the tree's central place in our history, mythology, poetry and folklore.

Crucially, there is hope. Recent breakthroughs reveal elms to be more resilient than we ever imagined. The Lost Elms shows how the strength of this noble tree can offer positive lessons for the future - lessons which one day might help us save other disappearing species.

#### Sales Points

- **Activism:** Mandy is a globally-recognised environmental campaigner, who has brought the fight to save elm trees from award-winning local campaigns all the way to the UN
- **Tree books:** *The Lost Elms* is perfect for readers of *Around the World in 80 Trees*, *The Lost Rainforests of Britain*, and *The Hidden Life of Trees*
- **International:** Illustrates the world-wide fight to save the elm, with examples from across Europe, North America, Asia and ANZ
- **Disappearing Species:** Mandy uses the story of Dutch elm disease to show how globalisation and trade has put numerous plant and animal species at risk of extinction.

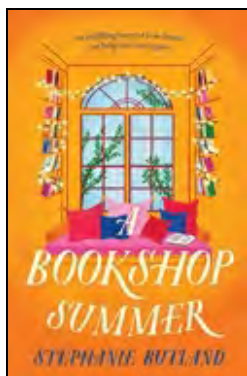
#### Reviews

- 'Not just an elegy to our lost elms but also a meditation on life, culture and trees.' - Fred Pearce
- '**Unofficial poet laureate of our woodlands.**' - The Scotsman
- 'Haggith's captivating book is full of personal reflections and anecdotes. It is **engagingly written and has important things to say about globalisation, the threat of climate change and the value of biosecurity.**' - The Independent
- 'This book defies us not to fall in love with elm trees, with the idea of elms and **all that their loss and what remains represents to us.**' - Kirsteen Bell, *Caught by the River*

#### Author Biography

Mandy Haggith lives in a remnant of ancient rainforest in northwest Scotland and spent 20 years as a forest activist, from award-winning local campaigns in Scotland all the way to the United Nations. She is now an honorary research fellow and lecturer in creative writing at the University of the Highlands and Islands. She is the author of *Paper Trails: From Trees to Trash - The True Cost of Paper*, five novels and six poetry collections, and editor of the tree poem anthology, *Into the Forest*.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Forests and woodland (RGL) Trees, wildflowers and plants: general interest (WNP) Environmental management (RNF) Endangered species and extinction of species (RNKH1)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
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The Second Chance Book Club (2025)  
Found in a Bookshop (2023)

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## A Bookshop Summer

### The life-affirming new novel from the author of *Found in a Bookshop*, perfect for book lovers

**Stephanie Butland**

#### Keynote

The intriguing, twisting and heart-warming new novel from the author of *Found in a Bookshop* and *The Second Chance Book Club*, set in a bookshop that has an unexpected impact on people's lives.

#### Description

**When the Lost For Words bookshop in York hosts an event for a new reading project, four strangers' lives will change in ways they could never have expected . . .**

**Trixie** is hosting the event. She loves her job at Lost For Words, and she's feeling grounded and calm - until a phone call from her ex throws everything off course.

**Cherry** only goes to the event because she needs to get out. Caring for her grandmother without any help is exhausting - and lonely. Maybe things will be different if her long-lost sister finally comes home.

**Rhiannon** and **Guy** really hit it off; it feels like the start of something special. And Guy is fantastic with Rhiannon's baby. But Rhiannon is keeping quite a big secret . . .

**When you spend time with people who love books, you're sure to learn something about yourself - and maybe see a way to start in a different direction. As each of them is about to find out . . .**

#### READERS LOVE STEPHANIE BUTLAND!

'A beautiful story beautifully told. This is so readable, the characters come to life and stay in your heart'

'A heart-warming and uplifting story that explores family, love, friendship and, most of all, kindness'

'A lovely read - deeply moving, life affirming'

#### Sales Points

- ***Found in a Bookshop*** has sold over **125k** copies to date (May 2025) and *The Second Chance Book Club* has started well
- Paperback sales for ***Found in a Bookshop*** of **9.4k** (UK BookScan), mostly via the high street (Waterstones & indies)
- ***Found in a Bookshop*** and Stephanie's earlier novel ***Lost For Words*** have sold in translation in multiple territories
- The perfect read for fans of ***The Lost Bookshop***, ***The Keeper of Stories*** and ***The Lost and Found Bookshop***

#### Reviews

- '**Acclaim for Stephanie's earlier novels:** Compelling, eye-opening and heart-stirring, this book is unputdownable' - Katie Fforde
- 'I've just read with enormous pleasure. It's a story for anyone who loves books (or loves humans). And it's a story for anyone who's needed their own second chance' - Shelley Harris
- 'A beautiful writer, she always writes with such attentive compassion and warmth . . . I so enjoyed the twists and turns of the plot as the story revealed itself' - Carys Bray
- 'A really moving read - with great book recommendations included, too!' - *My Weekly*

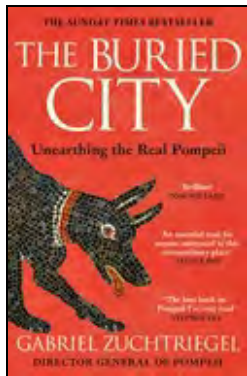
#### Author Biography

Stephanie Butland is the author of eight novels, including the beloved bookshop tale *Lost For Words*.

Stephanie lives near the sea in the north-east of England, with her husband Alan and Harris the greyhound. She writes in a studio at the bottom of her garden. For fun, she reads, knits, bakes, walks, and goes to the cinema and theatre. Stephanie loves to talk books and meet readers, and is an occasional performance poet.

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## The Buried City The Revelatory New History from the Director of Pompeii - a Sunday Times Bestseller

**Gabriel Zuchtriegel**  
Translated by **Jamie Bulloch**

### Keynote

**The Director General of Pompeii offers a revelatory new history of the city**

### Description

**'The best book on Pompeii I've ever read' STEPHEN FRY**  
**'Brilliant' TOM HOLLAND**

A vast area of Pompeii is being excavated for the first time, revealing astonishing insights into how people really lived. In this revelatory new history, Director of Pompeii Gabriel Zuchtriegel shares the untold stories that are at last emerging.

Pompeii is a world frozen in time. There are unmade beds, dishes left drying, tools abandoned by workmen, bodies embracing with love and fear. And alongside the remnants of everyday life, there are captivating works of art: lifelike portraits, exquisite frescos and mosaics, and the extraordinary sculpture of a sleeping boy, curled up under a blanket that's too small.

*The Buried City* reconstructs the catastrophe that destroyed Pompeii on 24 August 79 CE, and offers a behind-the-scenes tour of the city as it was before: who lived here, what mattered to them, and what happened in their final hours. It gives us a vivid sense of Pompeii's continuing relevance, and proves that ancient history is much closer to us than we think.

### Sales Points

- **MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER** - A top ten bestseller in the UK and in Germany (20 weeks on the bestseller lists, 30,000+ hbs sold) with stellar reviews and rights sold in more than 10 international territories. US rights were sold at auction to University of Chicago Press.
- **PROMOTABLE EXPERT AUTHOR** - Gabriel is an internationally-renowned archaeologist and the current director of Pompeii. He is dynamic and media friendly with a compelling vision for archaeology. He has been profiled in the *New York Times* and the *Guardian* and speaks impeccable English as well as German and Italian. He has 11.9k followers on Twitter and 52.3k on Instagram. He has sold out events in London, Bath, Edinburgh and at Hay Festival.
- **MAJOR PUBLICITY INTEREST** - Gabriel is currently overseeing a new excavation of Pompeii and there is huge media interest in the discoveries, which include a slave bedroom, skeletons and a pizza fresco. The book features a new afterword about the latest discoveries. A 3-part BBC 2 documentary featuring Gabriel - 'Pompeii: The New Dig' - broadcast in 2024 / 25 to record viewing figures (2.3m).
- **CLEAR MARKET** - Pompeii is the most famous heritage site in the world with 4 million visitors every year (mostly English-speaking), but there are few recent Pompeii books and none that include the most recent discoveries. *The Buried City* appeals to readers of Mary Beard (*SPQR* - 270k TCM, *Pompeii: The Life of a Roman Town* - 67.8k TCM), Tom Holland (*Rubicon* - 202k TCM) and Bettany Hughes (*Istanbul* - 35.1k TCM).
- **STUNNING PICTURES** - Two plate sections with 50 new photographs of frescoes, ruins and some of the very latest discoveries.

### Reviews

- **'An essential read for anyone interested in this extraordinary place'** - *TELEGRAPH*
- **'A fascinating new book about what we are still learning about this most haunting of all lost cities... deeply moving'** - *MAIL ON SUNDAY*

### Author Biography

**Gabriel Zuchtriegel** is Director General of the archaeological park in Pompeii. He studied classical archaeology at the Humboldt University in Berlin and received his PhD from the University of Bonn. In 2015, he became director of the Paestum archaeological park and museum, before being appointed at Pompeii in February 2021. He became an Italian citizen in 2020 and is currently overseeing the biggest dig of the site of Pompeii in a generation.

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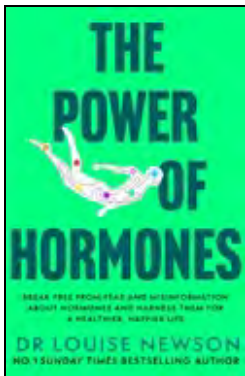


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## The Power of Hormones

### Break free from fear and misinformation about hormones and harness them for a healthier, happier life

**Dr Louise Newson**

#### Keynote

**Why everything you've been told about hormones is wrong: and why it matters, by one of the UK's foremost hormone experts.**

#### Description

**Why everything you've been told about hormones is wrong: and why it matters, by one of the UK's foremost hormone experts.**

For decades, three vital hormones in the female body, progesterone, estrogen and testosterone, have been misunderstood, dismissed and feared. Their critical roles in improving function of women's brains, bones, hearts and long-term health have been ignored.

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In this bold, evidence-based book, leading doctor and women's hormone specialist Dr Louise Newson exposes the uncomfortable truth behind medicine's blindness, ignorance and complacency, revealing how women's suffering has been normalised for generations. Drawing on powerful medical history, science and decades of clinical experience, she dismantles myths around menopause, HRT and so-called 'sex hormones', and gives women the knowledge that has been withheld for too long.

*The Power of Hormones* exposes why so many people have been let down and continue to be failed by outdated medicine. Passionate, empowering and refreshingly honest, the book shows how understanding and restoring hormonal balance can transform quality of life as well as future health.

#### Sales Points

- Strong sales track: Louise is a number one Sunday Times bestseller, with over 71,000 copies sold across both editions of THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE PERIMENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE
- High profile expert with a devoted following of over 720,000 on Instagram and a huge podcast: Louise has helped a huge amount of women through her menopause clinics, all of whom view her as the go-to expert. This book aims to expand her audience and reach to an even wider base
- Major tour planned to follow the release of the book: 50 shows up and down the UK, with content that echoes and amplifies the book. Louise's last tour in 2024 sold out over 40 venues and they expect the same for this one
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#### Author Biography

Louise Newson is a GP and pioneering menopause specialist who holds an Advanced Menopause Specialist certificate with Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. She is passionate about increasing awareness and knowledge of hormone health, and campaigns for better menopause care for all women.

Described as the 'medic who kickstarted the menopause revolution', she is a No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author, founder of the award-winning Balance app and The Menopause Charity, and creator of the Balance website and Dr Louise Newson podcast, which has been ranked the No.1 medical podcast in the UK.

She has written numerous articles and editorials, and launched her first book, *Menopause Manual* with Haynes Publishing in 2019. She has been a director for Primary Care Women's Health Forum and an editor for the British Journal of Family Medicine. She works regularly with a range of organisations to provide advice regarding menopause in the workplace, collaborates with charities and professional bodies to raise awareness of the needs of menopausal women, and has made numerous appearances on radio and television.



Louise is also the founder of the not-for-profit company, Newson Health Research and Education, and founded the Newson Health Menopause Society, a society for healthcare professionals and experts who are passionate about improving women's health and understand the impact of hormones in disease prevention and maintenance of future health.

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## The Black Wolf

### the brilliant new Chief Inspector Gamache novel

**Louise Penny**

#### Keynote

The sensational new thriller from the *New York Times* number one bestselling-author of *The Grey Wolf*.

#### Description

Several weeks ago, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec and his team uncovered and stopped a domestic terrorist attack in Montréal, arresting the person behind it. A man they called the Black Wolf.

But their relief is short-lived. In a sickening turn of events, Gamache has realized that plot, as horrific as it was, was just the beginning. Perhaps even a deliberate misdirection. One he fell into. Something deeper and darker, more damaging, is planned. Did he in fact arrest the Black Wolf, or are they still out there? Armand is appalled to think his mistake has allowed their conspiracy to grow, to gather supporters. To spread lies, manufacture enemies, and feed hatred and division.

Still recovering from wounds received in stopping the first attack, Armand is confined to the village of Three Pines, leading a covert investigation from there. He must be careful not to let the Black Wolf know he has recognized his mistake. In a quiet church basement, he and his senior agents Beauvoir and Lacoste, pore over what little evidence they have. Two notebooks. A few mysterious numbers on a tattered map of Québec. And a phrase repeated by the person they had called the Grey Wolf. A warning...

*In a dry and parched land where there is no water.*

Gamache and his small team of supporters realize that for the Black Wolf to have gotten this far, they must have powerful allies, in law enforcement, in industry, in organized crime, in the halls of government.

From the apparent peace of his little village, Gamache finds himself playing a lethal game of cat and mouse with an invisible foe who is gathering forces and preparing to strike.

#### Sales Points

- **NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER:** every novel hits number one in the US and Canada. Louise is also a top ten bestseller in Germany, France and the Netherlands.
- **ALWAYS-ON PROMOTION:** extensive promotional activity runs across the series throughout the year, to drive sales of all formats.
- **AUTHOR REGULARLY IN THE UK:** our focus will be building key events.

#### Reviews

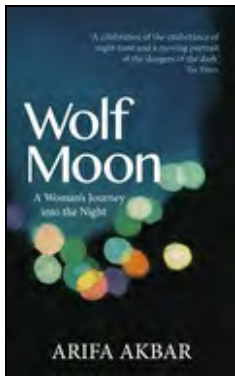
- 'No one writes evil like Louise Penny' - *Ann Cleeves*

#### Author Biography

Louise Penny is an international award-winning and bestselling author whose books have hit number one on the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Globe and Mail* lists. Her Chief Inspector Gamache novels have been translated into thirty-one languages and have sold over 18 million copies worldwide. She has received the Ordre National du Québec and the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. In 2021, she co-authored the standalone thriller *State of Terror* with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Louise Penny lives in a village south of Montreal.

#### Market

For fans of Peter Robinson, Ann Cleeves and Elly Griffiths



## Wolf Moon A Woman's Journey into the Night

Arifa Akbar

### Keynote

**A cultural, social and sexual exploration of the night: who and what we find in it, why we fear it, and how it can seduce, transform and liberate, from the author of the Costa-shortlisted memoir, *Consumed*.**

### Description

'Imaginative and empathetic'

*Guardian*

'A celebration of the exuberance of night-time and a moving portrait of the dangers of the dark'

*The Times*

'A fascinating voyage into the night'

*i Paper*

The night has always been teeming with life. From the labour of security guards and sex workers to the ecstasy of queer raves and religious ceremonies, this nocturnal landscape is populated by many, cloaked beneath the darkness. It is a time of fear and vulnerability, nightmares and insomnia - yet it contains another world, too, one of beauty and possibility.

Haunting and intimate, *Wolf Moon* is an entrancing journey from dusk until daybreak, and a remarkable exploration of how the night has shaped our bodies, minds, and cultures.

### Sales Points

- **A brilliantly reviewed author with prize history:** *Consumed* was longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction and shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize and the Costa Biography Award. Arifa is also the Chief Theatre Critic at the *Guardian* and very well connected.
- **A fascinating subject with lots of topical interest:** Arifa considers the death of Sarah Everard and the shadow it continues to cast on women walking at night; the biological impact of shift work on overlooked populations; the changing shape of club culture as regulation and culture shifts.
- **A broad review, in its geography and approach:** *Wolf Moon* ranges from London to the Isle of Sark, Teeside to Suffolk, across the UK; and from Paris to Lahore to Australia. It is also inter-disciplinary and brilliantly blends science, sociology, art, literature and history.

### Reviews

- 'This **imaginative and empathetic** book will probably not guide you to better sleep, but it will be a fine companion for the wakeful hours' - Alex Clark, *Guardian*
- '**A rich kaleidoscope** of a book in which a series of visions emerge from the shadows . . . those who people the night may not always be visible to those who sleep soundly but their stories are rich and complex and infinitely varied' - *Financial Times*
- 'Reveals the enchantment and fear that darkness holds for women . . . an **energetic** exploration' - Kathleen Jamie, *Observer*
- '[A] lyrical examination of the world between dusk and dawn . . . *Wolf Moon* is a **celebration of the exuberance of night-time and a moving portrait of the dangers of the dark**' - Emily Lawford, *The Times*

### Author Biography

**Arifa Akbar** is chief theatre critic for the *Guardian*. She has previously been literary editor at the *Independent*, as well as a news reporter and arts correspondent. She has served as a trustee on the boards of the Orwell Foundation and English PEN. She is currently a fellow of the London Centre for the Humanities. Her first book, *Consumed: In Search of my Sister*, was shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards, PEN Ackerley Prize and Jhalak Prize, and it was longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize. *Wolf Moon* is her second book.

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## One Leg on Earth

'Pemi Aguda

### Keynote

The eagerly awaited debut novel by a literary star in the making: a vivid, mesmerising story about modern Lagos - and the darkness that swirls beneath it

### Description

'AN ASTONISHING TALENT' **Lauren Groff, author of *The Vaster Wilds***

'STUNNING' **Abi Dare, author of *The Girl with the Louding Voice***

'GORGEOUS' **Rochelle Dowden-Lord, author of *Lush***

*All across the city, pregnant women are walking into water ...*

Twenty-three-year-old Yosoye arrives in Lagos ready to start her life. Working for a slick architectural firm, she finds a city of adventure and opportunity. Her new world is one of fancy gallery openings, glamorous friends, and all the shiny potential of the future, encapsulated in projects like Omi City, the brand-new housing development her company is building.

But Yosoye's idyllic vision of Lagos soon begins to seem naïve, and its darker, stranger layers trouble her. Something is not right about Omi City, but no-one will give her satisfactory answers. And then, after a chance encounter in her first weeks in Lagos, Yosoye realizes that she is pregnant...

A vibrant and atmospheric evocation of modern Lagos, the promises of progress and the mysterious lure of the abyss, *One Leg on Earth* is a haunting and arresting story from an unmissable new voice in literature.

### Sales Points

- **CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE MEETS JULIA ARMFIELD** in this atmospheric coming-of-age story set in modern Lagos - with watery, supernatural undercurrents
- **THE EAGERLY AWAITED DEBUT NOVEL BY A DAZZLINGLY ACCOMPLISHED WRITER:** 'Pemi's short-story collection *Ghostroots* was a finalist for the **National Book Award** and the **LA Times Art Seidenbaum Award**, longlisted for the **PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction** and shortlisted for the **Caine Prize for African Writing (for the story 'Breastmilk')**
- **A GORGEOUS, POWERFUL AND LYRICAL NEW VOICE:** with fans including Jeff VanderMeer, Sarah Perry, Lauren Groff and Valeria Luiselli
- **WINNER OF THE DEBORAH ROGERS FOUNDATION WRITERS AWARD 2021:** awarded when the novel was in progress, judged by **Sarah Perry, Max Porter and Ian Rankin**
- **THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND RICH IN THEMES AND IDEAS:** about capitalism, futurism, decay, inequality and poverty, about regeneration, mothers and daughters

### Reviews

- 'A stunning achievement. 'Pemi Aguda writes with luminous prose that feels both mystical and human. Brief and powerful, this conceptually daring novel haunted me long after I turned the last page' - Abi Daré, author of *The Girl with the Louding Voice*
- 'A gorgeous debut set in a Lagos which is as captivating as it is incomprehensible. Aguda is a brilliant storyteller, her prose rich with complicated beauty' - Rochelle Dowden-Lord, author of *Lush*
- 'A fearless work of fiction in the lineage of Toni Morrison's *Sula*' - Megan Giddings, author of *The Women Could Fly*
- 'A sharp, funny, bold, nuanced, utterly absorbing debut ... 'Pemi Aguda is a brilliantly daring writer' - Nicole Dennis-Benn, author of *Here Comes the Sun*

### Author Biography

'Pemi Aguda is from Lagos, Nigeria. She is the winner of the 2020 Deborah Rogers Foundation Writers' Award and a graduate of the Zell MFA program at the University of Michigan. Her work has been published in *American Short Fiction*, *Granta*, *One Story*, *Ploughshares*, *Zoetrope* and *The Best Short Stories 2022 and 2023: The O. Henry Prize Winners*, edited by Valeria Luiselli (2022) and Lauren Groff (2023), among other publications. Her short-story collection *Ghostroots* was a finalist for the National Book Award, longlisted for the PEN/Faulkner Award, and shortlisted for the Caine Prize for African Writing (for the story 'Breastmilk').

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Author living in UNITED STATES	<b>Berlin, Germany</b>
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## Offseason 'Phenomenal' MADELINE CASH, author of LOST LAMBS

Avigayl Sharp

### Keynote

**A savage, hilarious and profound debut novel from *Paris Review* and *Granta* contributor Avigayl Sharp**

### Description

**A blisteringly funny and transcendently deranged debut novel for fans of Ottessa Moshfegh, Patricia Lockwood and George Saunders**

**'Obscenely good and very funny' CATHERINE LACEY**

**'A startling fever dream of a novel' LUCY ROSE**

**'So smart, weird and eerie . . . 'I recommend everyone to buy it when it comes out' MADELINE CASH, author of *Lost Lambs***

A blisteringly funny and transcendently deranged debut novel following a young woman who takes a job at an all-girls boarding school in a small coastal town to teach English literature - and to try, desperately, to escape the trap that is herself.

In *Offseason*, our fiercely observant but self-deluded narrator finds herself teaching at an all-girls boarding school in a remote coastal town. In between manic lectures that veer from Charles Dickens's *Bleak House* to the childhood maltreatment of her beloved Iosif Stalin and the generational legacy of the Holocaust, she implicates everyone she meets in her quest to pin down where exactly her own life went wrong.

Though she's vowed never to return to her hometown, the holiday season sends her careening back into the orbit of her overbearing family. The past collides with the present - but catharsis and closure are nowhere to be found. Certainly not in the unruly spirals of her mind.

Obsessed with her own trauma and the trauma - real or imagined - of everyone around her, and her quest to escape from her past is undermined by her inability to ever stop talking about it.

Serious and wise yet written with a delirious velocity, *Offseason* marks the arrival of a fiercely original literary talent.

**'You've never read anything like it' ELIZABETH McCracken**

**'Yes, *Offseason* is hilarious, eccentric and gleefully mean-spirited, but just when you think you know what Sharp is doing, she will shatter your heart. I haven't read something so incisive, so slyly tender in years' LISA McINERNEY**

**'To let us see the world reinvented through the eyes of a narrator who makes the familiar strange and the strange familiar, to have us laugh at what is painful and feel compassion when the narrator is lighting firecracker sentences to get us to look elsewhere-this is the eternal promise of the literary first novel. In *Offseason*, Avigayl Sharp fulfils that promise, amply, and with art and wit'**

**MICHAEL CHABON, author of *Moonglow***

### Sales Points

- **YOUR NEWEST LITERARY OBSESSION:** If you love Miranda July, Ottessa Moshfegh, Patricia Lockwood, Halle Butler or Miriam Toews, you will devour this novel
- **WILDLY BRILLIANT WRITING:** *Offseason* unfolds with a mad, dangerous and addictive velocity
- **A MAJOR NEW TALENT:** Avigayl Sharp is already an acclaimed and prize-winning writer - her fiction has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Granta*, the *New England Review* and other publications. Her debut novel heralds the arrival of a daring and brilliant new voice
- **IRRESISTIBLE PITCH:** *Offseason* follows a PhD dropout reluctantly teaching English at an all-girls boarding school in a remote coastal tourist town. It will be brutally relatable to anyone who has found themselves overeducated and unemployed, stuck in a teaching job they hate, or claustrophobic in a quiet coastal town

### Reviews

- 'An obscenely good and very funny debut about the black hole of building your identity around the worst things that have ever happened to you. Unhinged in the best way' - Catherine Lacey, author of *The Möbius Book*
- 'To let us see the world reinvented through the eyes of a narrator who makes the

familiar strange and the strange familiar, to have us laugh at what is painful and feel compassion when the narrator is lighting firecracker sentences to get us to look elsewhere - this is the eternal promise of the literary first novel. In *Offseason*, Avigayl Sharp fulfills that promise, amply, and with art and wit' - Michael Chabon, author of *Moonglow*

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### Author Biography

Avigayl Sharp's fiction has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Granta* and *McSweeney's*, and has received support from Yaddo, the Granum Foundation and the Desperate Literature Short Fiction Prize. She is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize, the 2023 DISQUIET Literary Prize and a 2023-2024 writing fellowship at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. *Offseason* is her debut novel. She is currently based in Germany.

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### Market

**FOR FANS OF:** *The New Me* and *Banal Nightmare* by Halle Butler, *Big Swiss* by Jen Beagin, *All Fours* by Miranda July, *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* by Ottessa Moshfegh, *no one is talking about this* by Patricia Lockwood and the fiction of Miriam Toews

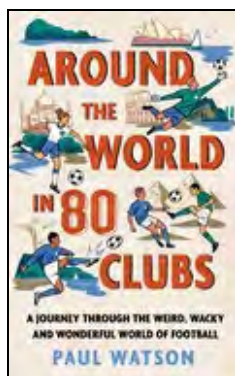


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## Around the World in 80 Clubs A Journey Through the Weird, Wacky and Wonderful World of Football

**Paul Watson**

**Keynote**

**A hilariously entertaining voyage through the world's weirdest, wackiest and most wonderful football clubs**

**Description**

**'Well researched, emotive and hugely entertaining'** *Guillem Balague*  
**'Wonderful. Perfect for anyone who loves football but has forgotten why'** *Joey D'Urso*  
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*Have you ever heard of the football club founded by ex-KGB officers, the 21-time champions of Moldova?*

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Whether you're a football hipster or five-a-side novice, join renowned football writer and podcaster Paul Watson for an intrepid guide through the weird, wacky and wonderful world of football. *Around the World in 80 Clubs* takes the reader on a global tour of the beautiful game, from the squirrel-costume wearing fans of Andorra's UE Santa Coloma to the Buddhist monk ultras of Bhutan's Thimpu City, via Greenland's one-week season, through to priestly punch-ups in the Vatican City. This compendium is packed with footballing stories you have never heard of but will never forget.

A book for the football lover, there will be no Manchester United, no Juventus, no Boca Juniors here. Instead, *Around the World in 80 Clubs* is filled with unique stories that have never been told before, shedding a humorous and thrilling light on cultures and communities formed - and sustained - through football.

**Sales Points**

- **GLOBAL STORIES:** The clubs, countries and stories Paul covers are global in scope, from England, Scotland and Wales to Bhutan, Egypt and Moldova, and many many more! Making this perfect for readers in the UK, as well as our export territories and translation markets.
- **FOOTBALL TOURISM FEVER:** Football tourism and 'groundshopping' have never been more popular. This book is perfect for the intrepid football hipster, as well as the more traditional fan who just wants to know more about the beautiful game.
- **PERENNIAL BESTSELLING TRACK:** There is a long track of successful football travel writing books - including *Behind the Curtain* by Jonathan Wilson, *A Season with Verona* by Tim Parks and *Football Against the Enemy* by Simon Kuper. Paul's book proves to be a wonderfully light-hearted and hilarious addition to this pedigree of books.
- **COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION:** At its heart this proposition is very commercial, setting it apart from other books in this area of the market. It would appeal to a broad audience of football fans and gift buyers ahead of Father's Day and the World Cup.
- **AUTHOR WITH ENGAGED AUDIENCE AND PODCAST:** Paul Watson is the co-host of cult podcast *The Sweeper*, which is dedicated to exploring the obscurest footballing stories. The book is perfect for this audience, as well as fans of publications like *FourFourTwo* and *When Saturday Comes*, or podcasts such as *The Football Ramble*, *TIFO*, *The Guardian Football Weekly* or *Football Cliches* - all of which we will target in our PR campaign.

**Author Biography**

Paul Watson is the author of *Up Pohnpei* - the tale of his time coaching the world's worst football team on a tiny Pacific Island - and *Around the World in 80 Clubs* - a hilariously entertaining voyage through the world's most obscure football teams. He is also a journalist and broadcaster as well as the co-host of *The Sweeper* podcast that focuses on football off the beaten track.

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 Historical fiction (FV)  
 Second World War fiction (FJMS)  
 Narrative theme: displacement, exile, migration (FXQ)**

Binding **Trade Paperback**  
 Format **Royal**  
 Extent **336 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire**  
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#### Previous Titles

*The Mountain in the Sea*  
 9781399600484  
*Where the Axe is Buried*  
 9781399627887

## Palaces of the Crow

### A speculative historical thriller from the Hugo and Locus Award winner

**Ray Nayler**

#### Keynote

**From the Locus and Hugo Award-winning author, this haunting novel blends history and speculative wonder into a story of survival, loyalty and the fragile beauty of life in the darkest of times.**

#### Description

**June 1941, Eastern Europe**

As the German blitzkrieg tears across a divided continent, four young lives are thrown into chaos: Neriya, a young Jewish girl who dreams of becoming a scientist; Czesław, an underage Polish deserter fleeing the Red Army; Kezia, a Roma horse trader whose family is on the run from Soviet collectivization; and a nameless, abandoned boy who cannot speak.

Driven deep into the Lithuanian woods, they form an unbreakable bond with one another and with a flock of crows whose uncanny intelligence hints at a secret older and stranger than they could ever have imagined.

From the Locus and Hugo Award-winning author Ray Nayler, this haunting novel blends history and speculative wonder into a story of survival, loyalty and the fragile beauty of life in the darkest of times.

#### Sales Points

- **Multiple Award Nominations/Win:** *The Mountain in the Sea* swept the awards circuit and was nominated for a litany of prizes.
- **Nature Writing:** Ray always writes with an eye on man's relationship with the natural world, and this is another fascinating exploration of the impact humanity has on its environment - this time via World War Two.
- **Beloved author:** Ray's work has been praised unanimously by authors across the speculative fiction spectrum - from David Mitchell to Jeff VanderMeer and Blake Crouch.
- **Historical Speculative Fiction:** This book has Ray's signature speculative edge, but takes a brand-new approach by setting the action within World War Two.

#### Reviews

- 'An intense, claustrophobic novel . . . a work of first-rate science fiction' - *Cory Doctorow on Where the Axe is Buried*
- 'A bold, epic SF story and an inspiring tale about taking down all forms of authoritarianism' - *Booklist (starred review) on Where the Axe is Buried*
- 'Roll over, George Orwell . . . A richly detailed evocation of a grim future that is, sadly, absolutely believable' - *Kirkus (starred review) on Where the Axe is Buried*
- 'Exceedingly ambitious' - *The New York Times on The Mountain in the Sea*

#### Author Biography

**Ray Nayler** is the author of the critically acclaimed, Locus Award winning novel *The Mountain in the Sea* and the Hugo, Nebula and Locus Award finalist *The Tusks of Extinction*. Born in Quebec and raised in California, for almost two decades Ray lived and worked internationally as a Foreign Service officer, a Peace Corps volunteer, and an international development worker. Ray lives in Washington, DC with his wife Anna, their daughter Lydia, and two rescued cats.

#### Market

Speculative fiction and Historical fiction readers - fans of Jeff VanderMeer's Southern Reach series; P.D. James's *Children of Men*; Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*; David Benioff's *City of Thieves*

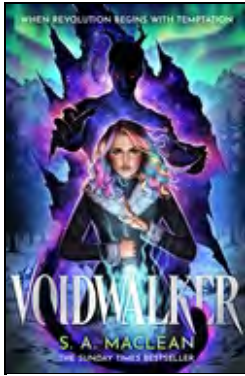
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>592 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Beasts of the Void</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Asia (ex Ind); Can; Carib; Cent &amp; S Am; USA</b>
Author born in	<b>USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Seattle</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Orbit US Hachette</b>
Publisher	<b>Book Group USA Publisher</b>

**Previous Titles**  
The Phoenix Keeper

## Voidwalker

### The Sunday Times bestselling monster romance perfect for fans of The Wolf King and Quicksilver

**S. A. MacLean**

#### Keynote

**Romantasy meets the Cosmere in this Sunday Times-bestselling monster romance duology from the author of *The Phoenix Keeper*.**

#### Description

'A gorgeous, genre-defying journey through broken worlds' **BRIGITTE KNIGHTLEY**

'A book that bites back' **ALEXANDRA KENNINGTON**

'An exquisitely sexy romance' **SARAH HAWLEY**

'Deliciously tender' **SARA OMER**

'Your vicious new obsession' **LYRA SELENE**

'10/10 would trade my soul for another chapter' **MIKAYLA BRIDGE**

'For everyone who wished the beast hadn't turned back into a human' **HAZEL MCBRIDE**

#### WOULD IT BE SO BAD, TO BE DEVOURED?

Fi has a rare gift: the ability to walk the Void, perfect for her work as a cross-dimensional smuggler. Survival and fortune depend on following her strict set of rules: keep your routes secret, draw your energy sword first, and - at all costs - avoid the daeyari, the immortal beasts armed with antlers, claws, and tails who feast on humans.

When a particularly shady job goes terribly wrong, Fi is thrown at the feet of the one daeyari lord she never wanted to meet.

Antal is a hunter, seemingly as cold as he is cunning - but in over his head, with his city crumbling and this infuriating smuggler insisting she had nothing to do with it. So he offers Fi a deal: help him find the mastermind behind the attack and he'll spare her life.

Neither are prepared for what it will ignite. The taboo alliance between predator and prey could spark a revolution - and a temptation, for how sweet the monster's fangs might feel.

**From the author of *The Phoenix Keeper*, this instant Sunday Times bestseller introduces a dazzling new monster romance series filled with parallel worlds, irreverent banter, and dexterous tails - unmissable for fans of *Bride by Ali Hazelwood* and *Quicksilver* by Callie Hart.**

#### Sales Points

- **A DOUBLE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER:** Both THE PHOENIX KEEPER and VOIDWALKER were instant No. 2 *Sunday Times* bestsellers.
- **ROMANTASY MARKET SWEET SPOT:** Where THE PHOENIX KEEPER was cozy contemporary in the flavour of its romance and setting, this new duology instead marks her biggest commercial opportunity yet on the spicier and darker end of the romantasy market in a big new epic fantasy world that will make you think of a "romantasy Cosmere".
- **EXCITING SPECIAL EDITIONS:** VOIDWALKER was featured in a monthly subscription box with Illumicrate in August 2025.
- **A GROWING AND ENGAGED AUDIENCE:** S. A. MacLean has a rapidly growing following, with nearly 10k followers across Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.
- **INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY:** We have World All Language rights with a translation deal already secured in Spain and Orbit (HBG) co-publishing in the US.

#### Reviews

- '*Voidwalker* is a gorgeous, genre-defying journey through broken worlds. MacLean's prose is addictive, her plotting, deft, her worldbuilding, fascinating and atmospheric. I dove through page after page, glorying in the bloody, beautiful chaos of it all. (Send help, I may now have a thing for antlers)' - *Brigitte Knightley, author of The Irresistible Urge to Fall for Your Enemy*
- 'Against a vivid world shattered by shadow and fear, MacLean's characters blaze fierce, flawed, and unforgettable. *Voidwalker* is your vicious new obsession' - *Lyra Selene, author of A Feather so Black*
- 'For everyone who wished the beast hadn't turned back into a human . . . MacLean has crafted a unique world that feels at once familiar and yet entirely her own. The characters claw their way into your heart and leash you to their story from the very first page and I'm not sure if I devoured the book or if it devoured me' - *Hazel McBride, author of A Fate Forged in Fire*
- '*Voidwalker* is a book that bites back. Utterly unputdownable! I stayed up way too late reading about Fionamara, the ferocious protagonist desperate to hide her soft heartedness; and Antal, whose monstrous nature makes him all the more alluring. Set against the backdrop of a gritty world with a unique magic system, *Voidwalker's* twists and turns pulled me in, chewed me up, and spit me out - and I couldn't have been

more thrilled. Readers searching for a romantasy that feels truly new will adore this book!' - *Alexandra Kennington, author of Blood Beneath the Snow*

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### Author Biography

**S. A. MacLean** is a fantasy romance author from sunny Southern California. Sarah received her BS in Natural Resources from Cornell University and a PhD in Environmental Science from UC Berkeley. She left the research track to teach environmental science at her local community college. Follow her on social media @authorsamaclean.

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### Market

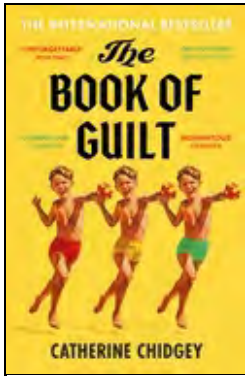
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Austr; Cw (ex Can, ANZ); EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>ANZ; Aus; Can; USA</b>

**Previous Titles**

*In a Fishbone Church*  
*Golden Deeds*  
*The Transformation*  
*The Wish Child*  
*The Beat of the Pendulum*  
*Remote Sympathy*  
*Pet*  
*The Axeman's Carnival*

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Large print	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Book of Guilt

### A BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB PICK 2025

**Catherine Chidgey**
**Keynote**

Set in a sinisterly skewed version of England in 1979, a major new novel from the acclaimed and internationally bestselling author of *Pet*.

**Description**

**MORNING, AFTERNOON, NIGHT. THE MOTHERS ARE ALWAYS WATCHING . . .**

'Original, dark, clever and compelling' Mary Ann Sieghart, author of *The Authority Gap*

'This is a **compelling and terrifying** novel whose alternative history engages chillingly with current possibilities. **No one writes children better than Chidgey**. She exactly gets their experimental cruelty and related innocence as they attempt to piece their world together' Elizabeth Cook, author of *Lux*

England, 1979. Vincent, Lawrence and William are the last remaining residents of a secluded New Forest home, part of the government's Sycamore Scheme. Every day, the triplets do their chores, play their games and take their medicine, under the watchful eyes of three mothers: Mother Morning, Mother Afternoon and Mother Night.

Their nightmares are recorded in *The Book of Dreams*.  
Their lessons are taken from *The Book of Knowledge*.  
And their sins are reported in *The Book of Guilt*.

All the boys want is to be sent to the Big House in Margate, where they imagine a life of sun, sea and fairground rides. But, as the government looks to shut down the Sycamore Homes, the triplets begin to question everything they have been told.

Gradually surrendering its dark secrets, *The Book of Guilt* is a profoundly unnerving exploration of belonging in a world where some lives are valued less than others.

**Sales Points**

- A major literary novel from a writer who in Australia and New Zealand dominates the bestseller lists. *The Book of Guilt*, set in the New Forest, plants a flag in the heartland of the British novel and looks set to introduce Chidgey to a much wider audience in the UK.
- Shades of Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, the dystopian English landscapes of J. G. Ballard.
- *Pet*, her novel published in 2023, was a #1 bestseller in New Zealand and Australia, and has a big Hollywood name attached to it for a proposed film.
- A novel has huge prize-winning potential: Chidgey was longlisted for the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction, shortlisted for the Dublin Literary Awards in 2022 and 2023, and won the New Zealand Book Award in 2023.

**Reviews**

- 'Praise for Catherine Chidgey' - :
- '**Chidgey again displays her prodigious talent for psychological suspense and minutely evoking past eras . . . Faultless**' - *Guardian*, on *Pet*
- '**A lingering, haunting book, which belongs on the shelf with *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* or *My Brilliant Friend* - a landmark**' - *New York Times*, on *Pet*
- '**A powerful and disturbing study in terrible lies and the human need to believe them. Few readers will close this book unshaken**' - *Annie Proulx*, on *Remote Sympathy*

**Author Biography**

**Catherine Chidgey** is the author of *In a Fishbone Church* (1998), *Golden Deeds* (2000), *The Transformation* (2003), *The Wish Child* (2016), the 'found novel' *The Beat of the Pendulum* (2019), *Remote Sympathy* (2021), *Pet* (2023) and *The Axeman's Carnival* (2024). Her novels have been published to international acclaim and have been shortlisted and won numerous prizes. She lives in Ngāruawāhia, New Zealand, and lectures in Creative Writing at the University of Waikato.



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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>432 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
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## The Never List

**a steamy, why-choose romantasy perfect for fans of Blood of Hercules, Bonded by Thorns and From Blood and Ash**

**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

**'You think I chose you because I wanted to?' He shakes his head, that laugh sliding like warm whiskey over my bare skin. 'I had to choose you. I needed to choose you. There was no stopping it. And the second the words came out of my mouth, I knew I'd damned us.'**

Threatened by invaders, the kingdom of Lumathyst is on the verge of chaos, and no one can stop it. Unless the four immortal god-princes find their fated mate - and safeguard the throne - Lumathyst will fall.

Five women have tried. Five have failed. And tonight in the royal city, the princes need to find their Chosen and hope she can survive the transformation that will make her immortal.

Only Rylee Gray wasn't supposed to be here. She snuck in for her own dark reasons - and now they claim they've found their perfect match. Her. Of course, they have no idea she's concealing a secret big enough to damn them all.

The four princes have no choice. They'll use every delectably wicked skill they have to make Rylee fall for all of them . . . or watch their kingdom collapse.

### Tropes:

Why choose  
Enemies-to-lovers  
Fated mates  
Who hurt you  
Touch her and you die  
Golden retriever *and* dark and brooding MMCs

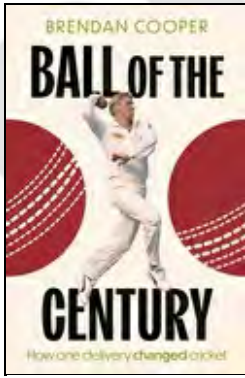
### Sales Points

- 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!
- In North America, *The Never List* is being published by Red Tower (the same team behind Rebecca Yarros's *Fourth Wing*) so will be supported by their incredible influencer community.
- 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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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
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Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>400 pages</b>
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## Ball of the Century

### Brendan Cooper

#### Keynote

The one delivery that changed modern Cricket . . .

#### Description

. . . *the ball drifted further and further and further and then dropped, hitting the pitch well outside leg stump before turning at a brutal, impossible angle . . .*

Never, in all of cricket's history, has one delivery had such a devastating impact. The game can even be said to be split in two, either side of that moment. After Shane Warne's Ball of the Century, at Old Trafford on 4 June 1993, everything was changed. That burst of superior magic would haunt English cricket for the rest of the decade, as well as transforming the nature of the game - resurrecting the art of leg spin, and plaguing batsmen's dreams.

*Ball of the Century* is the story of cricket's most famous delivery, and the explosive power of its legacy. England would go on to lose every Ashes series that decade; by the summer of 1999, they were rated as the worst team in the world. It was only as a new century dawned that a brighter era began to surface, with the struggles of one decade spawning the redemption of the next.

In this ride through nineties Britain, Ashes cricket, leg spin bowling, and the rise of a legend, *Ball of the Century* explores how a single moment really can shape history.

#### Sales Points

- Brendan is a huge talent and incredibly knowledgeable in this space - so is perfectly placed to write this book.
- His previous books (*Deep Pockets*, *Echoing Greens*) were published to glowing reviews, including plaudits from the Telegraph, TLS, Critic, Idler and more.
- Cricket books continue to sell on - and this will be the perfect gift to coincide with father's day.

#### Author Biography

Born in London's East End, Brendan Cooper has published widely in the fields of literature and sport. He is the author of *Deep Pockets: Snooker and the Meaning of Life* ('Convincing, entertaining, and philosophical', *Observer*) and *Echoing Greens: How Cricket Shaped the English Imagination* ('A glowing history of the romantic aspects of English cricket', *Daily Telegraph*).

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REVIEWS

'Hedonistic, Bacchanalian, lyrical in its language and subtle in its characterisations, with a hint of tannic Sally Rooney wit' - *GQ, Most Anticipated Books of 2025*

'A rich, full-bodied reading experience' - Eliza Clark, bestselling author of *Boy Parts*

'Rochelle Dowden-Lord writes like an angel with whisky on her breath ... beautiful' - Alice Slater, author of *Death of a Bookseller*

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Shortlisted for the Nero Book Award for Debut Fiction  
ROCHELLE DOWDEN-LORD

KEYNOTE

A blistering and seductive debut novel that pulls you into the thrilling and exclusive world of wine

SALES POINTS

- Featured as a best book of 2025 on *Stylist*, *Dazed* and *GQ*, with prominent support from actress Emma Roberts' book club Belletrist
- Perfect summer holiday reading for fans of *Sunstruck* and *Sweetbitter*, and readers of Natasha Brown, Bolu Babalola and Akwaeke Emezi

DESCRIPTION

SHORTLISTED FOR THE NERO BOOK AWARD FOR DEBUT FICTION

\* A *STYLIST* BEST BOOK OF 2025 \* A *DAZED* MUST-READ NOVEL FOR 2025 \* A *GQ* MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK OF 2025 \* A *TIMES* BEST NEW BOOK \*

'A sumptuous treat' **Bolu Babalola**  
'Breathtaking ... dare I say, intoxicating' **Okechukwu Nzelu**

*A mysterious invitation to drink the oldest bottle of wine in the world - who could resist?*

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'Intoxicating' **Times**  
'Heady [and] sun-soaked' **Dazed**

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Rochelle Dowden-Lord is a writer and former publishing professional from South London. *Lush* is her debut novel.

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## REVIEWS

‘Evocatively describes the long-bygone age of travelling by train to seaside resorts. **You can almost smell the sea**’ - *Observer*

‘Vividly conjures a lost age’ - *Financial Times*

‘Charming and unashamedly trainspotterish ... **infectiously enthusiastic**’ - *Spectator*

‘Martin's whimsical little book, **a feast of anecdote**, represents a memorial to the past that was not always an idyll’ - *Sunday Times*

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# To the Sea by Train

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

ANDREW MARTIN

## KEYNOTE

A lively history of the seaside holiday by train from Britain's 'Bard of the Buffer'

## SALES POINTS

- Andrew Martin's books have sold nearly 80,000 copies for Profile
- A charming tale of trains, nostalgia, and escapism, the perfect antidote to a world in which reliable rail travel is an endangered species
- Beautifully designed, with colour plates, a perfect gift or holiday read for fans of Simon Bradley's *The Railways* (62K TCM), Monica Rajesh's *Moonlight Express* (3K TCM) or Martin's own *Steam Trains Today* (6K TCM)

## DESCRIPTION

THE TOP TEN SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

'Vividly conjures a lost age' *FINANCIAL TIMES*

'Hugely entertaining' *EVENING STANDARD*

'A feast of anecdote' *SUNDAY TIMES*

Throughout the twentieth century, the seaside service posters of Britain's railways promised fresh air and frivolity to millions of urban dwellers with the phrase: 'To the sea by train'. A staple of modern British life, the seaside getaway was intertwined with the train, in whose compartments holidaymakers were shunted from smog-choked cities to sandy coves.

With his signature wit and anecdotal style, Andrew Martin captures an era defined by its railways: from the development of Brighton and Scarborough into pleasure resorts, and the introduction of bank holidays and two-day weekends, to the advent of cheap flights and the British coast's subsequent decline. Humorous and evocative, *To the Sea by Train* takes a charming tour through Britain's most beloved pastime.

'A standalone classic' *COUNTRY LIFE*

'Infectious' *SPECTATOR*

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Andrew Martin** is a rail expert and author. His previous titles include *Underground*, *Overground*, *Night Trains*, *Belles & Whistles*, *Steam Trains Today* and *Train Teasers*. He is also the author of *Seats of London*, a field guide to Transport for London's iconic moquette patterns.

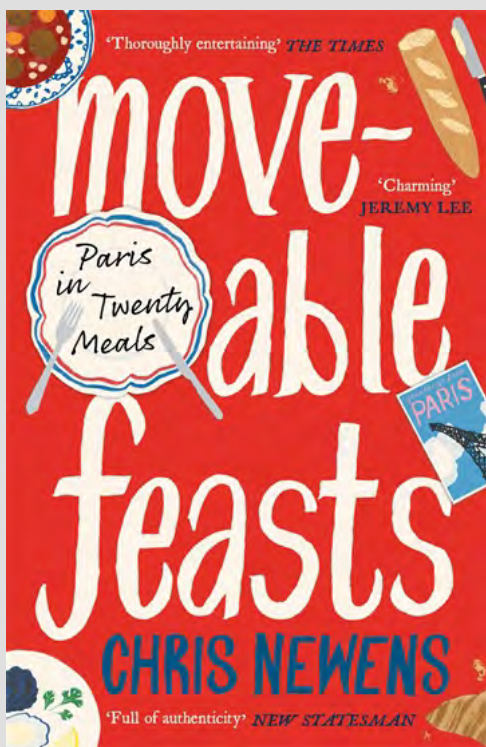
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## REVIEWS

**'Thrilling [and] lucid... *Moveable Feasts* is unassuming, full of authenticity' - *New Statesman***

**'His writing is engaging, perceptive and clear [and] expands our sense of the city' - *Observer***

**'An inspiring feat of curiosity and appetite' - *Spectator***

# Moveable Feasts

A FINANCIAL TIMES BEST FOOD & DRINK BOOK OF THE YEAR

CHRIS NEWENS

## KEYNOTE

**A rising-star food writer takes us on a gastronomic adventure around Paris and its melting pot of cuisines**

## SALES POINTS

- For readers who relish *A Waiter in Paris* and *Kitchen Confidential*, and experience cravings for *Amuse Bouche* and *A Cheesemonger's Tour de France*
- Winner of the Jane Grigson Trust Award for New Food and Drink Writers 2024
- Newens' food writing has been shortlisted for the AA Gill Award and won the FT Essay Prize

## DESCRIPTION

**WINNER OF THE JANE GRIGSON TRUST AWARD**

**A BOOK OF THE YEAR IN THE *FINANCIAL TIMES*, *OBSERVER* AND *THE WEEK***

**'Thoroughly entertaining (and hunger-inducing)' *The Times***

**'An inspiring feat of curiosity and appetite' *Spectator***

Paris has a justifiable claim to be the centre of European gastronomy - but beyond its trademark *terrasses* and zinc-topped tables, what can its cuisine tell us about the city? Chris Newens, an award-winning food writer and long-time resident of the historic slaughterhouse *quartier* Villette, takes us on a delightful gastronomic journey around Paris' twenty spiralling *arrondissements*, seeking out, sampling and attempting to recreate a dish that represents each as it is today.

Hemingway wrote that 'wherever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast'. From Congolese cat fish in the 18th to Middle Eastern falafels in the 4th, to the charcuterie served at the libertine nightclubs of Pigalle in the 9th, Newens lifts the lid on the city's ever-changing, defining and irresistible food culture.

**'A joy and an education for anyone who loves Paris' Diana Henry, author of *From the Oven to the Table***

**'A gorgeous romp through the city's culinary past and present that made me hungry for Paris' Olivia Potts, author of *A Half-Baked Idea***

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Chris Newens** is a writer originally from southwest London, where his family ran the same bakery and tea rooms for six generations. After gaining a degree in Anthropology from the London School of Economics, he moved to Paris, where he has lived for more than a decade. He won the 2024 Jane Grigson Trust Award for new food writers for *Moveable Feasts*.

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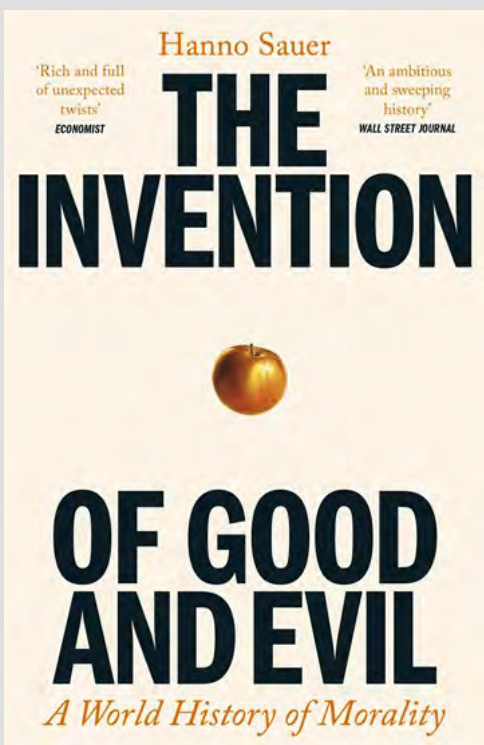
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## REVIEWS

'A brisk, engaging survey covering five million years of human history' - Nilanjana Roy, *Financial Times*

'Intriguing, startling and often thrilling' - *Spectator*

'Blending insights from evolutionary biology, cognitive science and anthropology, Sauer has made a heroic effort to chart how morality has changed. A rich, complex narrative, full of unexpected twists' - *Economist*

'An ambitious and anecdote-rich sweeping history of morality's growing influence over our lives' - *Wall Street Journal*

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# The Invention of Good and Evil

A World History of Morality

HANNO SAUER

## KEYNOTE

A grand, sweeping history of the evolution of morality across the entire existence of humankind

## SALES POINTS

- An alternative history of Us, bringing the humanity into a new frame, for readers of **Jared Diamond**, **Rutger Bregman**, *Sapiens* and *The Dawn of Everything*
- Now at a more accessible price point, this book has been published to critical acclaim in a number of territories, is a **bestseller in Germany**, and was **shortlisted for the German Non-Fiction Prize**

## DESCRIPTION

AN *ECONOMIST* BOOK OF THE YEAR

**'Blending insights from evolutionary biology, cognitive science and anthropology, Sauer has made a heroic effort to chart how morality has changed'** *Economist*

**'The best thing on morality I have ever read'** Paul Bloom

**'A brisk, engaging survey covering five million years of human history'** *Financial Times*

The history of humankind is punctuated by a series of transformational leaps. Just as good and evil cannot exist without the other, each new configuration for how we live together - how we distinguish and enforce right from wrong - was accompanied by new sins.

Collaboration gives rise to division; culture requires exclusion; and justice demands punishment. The morality of early civilisations is markedly different from that in the dark ages or the enlightenment. As for the present day, did morality follow us here? Or did it lead the way?

Philosopher and professor of Ethics Hanno Sauer traces the path of our moral transformations from our earliest ancestors to this very moment and beyond.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Dr Hanno Sauer is an Associate Professor of Ethics at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and a member of the Ethics Institute at Utrecht University, The Netherlands. His current research takes an interdisciplinary approach to ethics, involving empirically informed metaethics that blends fields of neuroscience, cognitive science politics and social psychology.

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## The Gorgeous Inertia of the Earth Adrian Duncan

'An original voice'  
Colm Tóibín

'Duncan brings a  
new way of seeing'  
*Irish Times*



### REVIEWS

'Revelatory ... A deliberative and delicate reading experience' - *Guardian*

'Uncanny, strange and exquisite' - *Financial Times*

'Makes you remember why you read' - *Sunday Post*

'My favourite Irish novel' - Rónán Hession, *Irish Times, Books of the Year 2025*

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# The Gorgeous Inertia of the Earth

## ADRIAN DUNCAN

### KEYNOTE

In this moving new novel, award-winning Irish writer Adrian Duncan explores love and grief while finding their resonance in works of art

### SALES POINTS

- A fascinating author who was a structural engineer himself before he became a visual artist and fiction writer
- Adrian Duncan was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize in 2023, the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award in 2023 and 2021, longlisted for the Edge Hill Prize in 2021 and won the John McGahern Book Prize in 2020

### DESCRIPTION

AN IRISH TIMES BOOK OF THE YEAR 2025

'An original voice' Colm Tóibín

'Duncan brings a new way of seeing' *Irish Times*

One winter, in a secluded Alpine city, Irish sculptor John Molloy meets Bernadette, an enigmatic Italian sociologist. As John falls in love, a distressing moment from his youth rises into view, the disastrous fallout of which has reverberated unchecked through his life.

Years later, a letter from home arrives, asking him to pray for the speedy death of an ailing friend. Over a day-long odyssey through the ancient streets and churches of Bologna, John is forced to confront his present, his past and the bedrock of his psyche. A delicately crafted novel of two halves, a decade apart, *The Gorgeous Inertia of the Earth* is a masterful excavation of human desires, inhibitions and the patterns of habit to which we unwittingly fall prey.

### AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Adrian Duncan is an Irish artist and writer. He is the author of *Love Notes from a German Building Site*, which won the John McGahern Book Prize, *A Sabbatical in Leipzig*, which was shortlisted for the Kerry Novel of the Year, and *The Geometer Lobachevsky*. *The Gorgeous Inertia of the Earth* is his fourth novel.

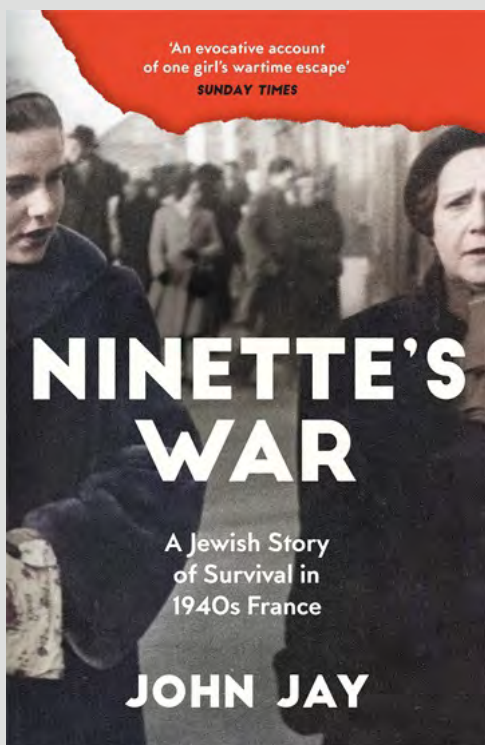
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## REVIEWS

'A coming-of-age story that unravels France's dark years of Nazi occupation with the paradox of who resisted, who betrayed and who collaborated.

**Compelling testimony to what it means to be forced to flee your home and yet emerge with optimism and plenty of life still to be lived'** - Anne Sebba, author of LES PARISIENNES

**'Chronicling the harrowing story of her family's wartime experience and their dizzying fall from extreme wealth and privilege to homelessness, fear and hunger, Jay skilfully weaves extracts from Ninette's diary into a wider account of what happened to French Jews. In between typical teenage musings on clothes, spots and crushes on boys, *Ninette's War* is not an easy read, but at a time of rising anti-Semitism across the world, it is chillingly relevant'** - Constance Craig Smith, *Daily Mail*

**'An evocative, assiduously researched account of survival, [and] brutal reckoning with Vichy France's antisemitism and wilful complicity in wartime atrocities. Ninette Dreyfus was from a prominent Jewish family, who had lived in France for generations. Drawn from the diary she kept as well as interviews she gave Jay, family papers and secondary sources among extraordinary cases of escape and bravery... this is her story of fleeing wartime France, embedded in a rich historical background'** - Francesca

# Ninette's War

A Jewish Story of Survival in 1940s France

JOHN JAY

## KEYNOTE

For readers of *House of Glass*: the heartwrenching true story of a young Jewish woman coming of age in wartime France

## SALES POINTS

- The Dreyfus' were France's second most influential Jewish family after the Rothschilds and counts figures such as Einstein, Colette and Marguerite Duras as part of their social circle - this is their untold story
- Paperback will publish during the momentum of US publication and in time to commemorate the 25th National Holocaust Memorial Day
- John Jay is well connected for publicity and has continued an energetic campaign of events across Europe to promote the book

## DESCRIPTION

**THE TIMES NON-FICTION RECOMMENDED READ**

**'Chillingly relevant' DAILY MAIL**

**'Evocative, assiduously researched ... one girl's wartime escape [and] a brutal reckoning with Vichy France's wilful complicity in wartime atrocities' SUNDAY TIMES**

**'Meticulously researched with an inimitable richness, depth and levity' NEW STATESMAN**

**'A deeply researched and evocative true story' ANNE SEBBA**

Ninette Dreyfus was a cosseted scion of one of France's most prominent Jewish families - a cousin to Albert Einstein and family friend to Colette. But when the Second World War broke out and the Germans occupied Paris, the fall was dramatic. Realising that her fate would be transformed, the teenager soon found herself fleeing the capital for the South, only to then fall prey to the Vichy regime. In fear for her life at the hands of the Nazis and their French collaborators, she became somebody else.

Woven together from Ninette's own diaries and interviews with author John Jay before she died, *NINETTE'S WAR* traces the frailty of national and personal unity through the eyes of a young woman, in compelling and unforgettable detail.

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

John Jay is a former managing editor for business news at *The Sunday Times*. He is the author of *Facing Fearful Odds: My Father's Story of Captivity, Escape and Resistance 1940-1945*; *Ninette's War* is his third book. He lives in London with his family.

Angelini, *Sunday Times*

'... meticulously researched, *Ninette's War* is as much an evocative articulation of the horrors of the Holocaust as it is a reckoning of France's regime under Philippe Pétain. By situating Ninette's remarkable story within the broader historical and social context, **Jay is able to offer a unique text with an inimitable richness, depth** and, at times, levity' - Zoë Huxford, *New Statesman*

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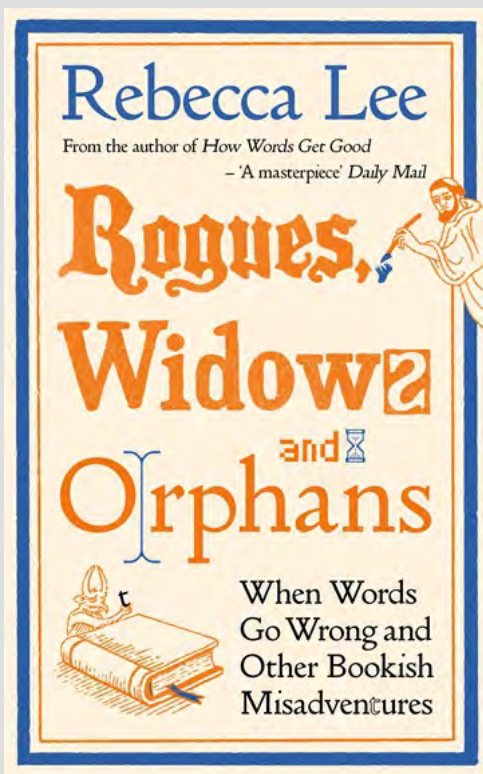
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## REVIEWS

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‘A wonderfully mischievous tour of what words get up to behind our backs. Hell is empty and all the printers' devils are here!’ - Henry Eliot, author of THE PENGUIN CLASSICS BOOK

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# Rogues, Widows and Orphans

## Mischief and Misadventures in the World of Books

### REBECCA LEE

#### KEYNOTE

An entertaining romp through bookish mishaps, exposing all the weird, wow! and wtf? moments that the literary world has to offer

#### SALES POINTS

- Following on from the delightful *How Words Get Good* ('A masterpiece!' - *Daily Mail*), Lee turns her attention to literature's best mishaps and most scandalous mayhem
- Like *Just My Type* (86k TCM), *Diary of a Bookseller* (76k TCM) or any Susie Dent title (100k+ TCM), this is quirky, funny and full of fascinating stories that will be catnip for book-lovers
- Fans include Lucy Mangan, Shaun Bythell, David Bellos and many more - expect lots of fun publicity
- Charming, well-positioned and authoritative author: a Penguin editor, Lee's knowledge stretches from Gutenberg to ChatGPT. This will be a joy.

#### DESCRIPTION

**'Word nerds, assemble! This is the book for us' LUCY MANGAN**

**'Devilishly funny and clever; this divine comedy of literary errors will remind you why words are such glorious, untameable things' LOUISE WILLDER**

It's a long journey from a writer's mind to a finished book - and a lot needs to go right along the way. But isn't it more interesting when things go *wrong*? With an expert Penguin editor as your guide, dive into the dark-side of the book world: a secret history fizzing with scandals, rivalries, cock-ups and con jobs.

We'll discover how the tiniest of typos can have oversized consequences, unearth horrifying examples of bad taste and worse style, and peek into tales of forgeries and feuds as dramatic as any thriller. We'll unredact the most egregious cases of censorship, expose hoarders and thieves, and ask: after centuries of man-made mischief, can the humble book survive the new machine age?

#### AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

**Rebecca Lee** is a senior editorial manager at Penguin Random House. She's spent twenty years wrangling hundreds of books from copyedit to finished copies, and among the millions of words she's sent to print, she's overseen her fair share of mishaps. She is author of the 'masterpiece' (*Daily Mail*) *How Words Get Good*.

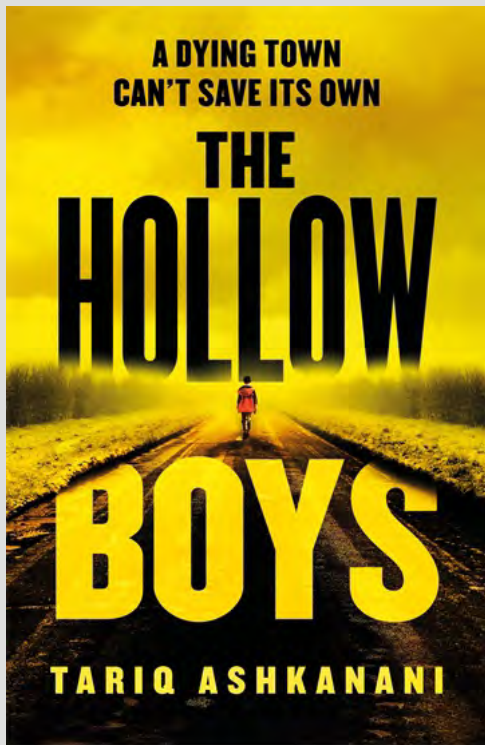
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## REVIEWS

*'The Hollow Boys is a stunning novel from the master of small town horror. A journey into a darkness so terrifying the only light is from flames that will never burn out. Fire and ice, sin and redemption, despair and hope, this story has it all and I read it in one frantic sitting, totally transported. This is Ashkanani at the top of his game'* - Janice Hallett, author of *THE APPEAL*

*'Tariq Ashkanani is a phenomenal storyteller. The Hollow Boys is tense, atmospheric and expertly crafted. A masterclass in mood and menace'* - Joanna Wallace, author of *YOU'D LOOK BETTER AS A GHOST*

*'Compellingly dark. A town and its people corroding from within, filled with silence, suspicion and sharply escalating tension. The Hollow Boys is not for the faint hearted, but rewards the reader with a brilliantly gritty tale of hope and horror'* - Guy Mopus, author of *FIVE MINDS*

*'An absolutely spectacular slice of American gothic. Brilliantly written, wrong-footed me throughout, I didn't want it to end'* - Adam Simcox, author of *THE DYING SQUAD*

# The Hollow Boys

## TARIQ ASHKANANI

### KEYNOTE

A dark and haunting thriller about lost children in a dying rust-belt town for readers of Chris Whitaker and S.A. Cosby

### SALES POINTS

- The gripping new standalone thriller from the author of *Welcome to Cooper*, which won the Bloody Scotland Debut Award 2022, and *The Midnight King*, winner of the McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Book of the Year 2025
- Perfect for readers who love the darker side of fiction, and fans of Dennis Lehane (400k TCM), Chris Whitaker (220k TCM) and Ian Rankin

### DESCRIPTION

**\* THE NEW NOVEL FROM THE PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF *THE MIDNIGHT KING* \***

**'The master of small town horror at the top of his game' - JANICE HALLETT**  
**'Compellingly dark. This is not for the faint hearted' - GUY MORPUSS**  
**'A masterclass in mood and menace - JOANNA WALLACE**

### Two children lost. The wrong one found.

It's a warm evening in September when nine-year-old Danny Yates comes back from the dead. He walks into town half-starved and silent, ten months after he and his best friend Will Keefe were presumed drowned. And when Danny does finally speak, he swears that he's not Danny. He's Will.

Danny's mother is convinced that her boy has come back *wrong*. More than that, she thinks the town itself is now at risk from whatever dark force returned her son. Chief of Police John Deacon is more interested in how the sinister disappearance of two boys could have been written off as a tragic accident, and who was responsible. What happened to Danny to make him take on his friend's name, his personality? And does Danny's return mean there's a chance that Will is still alive?

### AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Tariq Ashkanani works as a lawyer by day. His debut novel, *Welcome to Cooper*, won the Bloody Scotland Debut Award 2022, and was shortlisted for both the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger and Capital Crime Fingerprint Award. His third novel, *The Midnight King*, won the McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Book of the Year 2025. He also co-hosts the writing podcast *Page One*. He lives in Edinburgh with his wife and two sons.

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**Famous Five Colour Short Stories: The Lost Kittens**

**Enid Blyton and Sufiya Ahmed (Illustrated By Jennifer Jamieson)**

**Keynote**

Introduce The Famous Five to younger readers with these BRAND-NEW mystery stories for children aged five and up.

**Description**

The Five are learning how to rollerblade, but their practice comes to a halt when they find some lost kittens in the park! Where could they have come from? It's up to the Five to help these mischievous kittens find their mother before they cause more chaos than they already have.

Set in the world of Enid Blyton's best-loved series, this newly created story follows Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog on a special new adventure. The story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations on every page - perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently.

Also look out for: *The Birthday Adventure*, *Five to the Rescue!*, *Five and the Runaway Dog*, *Message in a Bottle*, *Timmy and the Treasure*, *The Mysterious Noise*, *Five and the Missing Prize* and *The Library Mystery*, illustrated by Becka Moor, as well as *The Painting Puzzle*, *Trouble at the Farm* and *The Scavenger Hunt* illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson.

Enid Blyton's eight original short stories about the Famous Five are also available as early readers illustrated by Jamie Littler. Collect them all: *A Lazy Afternoon*, *George's Hair Is Too Long*, *Well Done, Famous Five*, *Five and a Half-Term Adventure*, *When Timmy Chased the Cat*, *Five Have a Puzzling Time*, *Good Old Timmy* and *Happy Christmas, Five!*

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**Sales Points**

- These colour short stories are a brilliant way for existing fans to enjoy *The Famous Five* - and an innovative, lively introduction to the series for newly-confident readers
- This is an addition to the popular range of existing *Famous Five* colour short stories, which have combined sales of over 100,000 in the UK [TCM]
- The text is broken down into short chapters and there are colour pictures on every spread, making these books the perfect stepping stone from picture books to longer chapter books

**Author Biography**

**Enid Blyton (Author)**

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

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

**Sufiya Ahmed (Author)**

Sufiya Ahmed worked in advertising and in the House of Commons before becoming a full-time author. In 2010, she set up the BIBI Foundation which arranges visits to the Houses of Parliament for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Sufiya has written several children's books including *Famous Five: Timmy and the Treasure*, *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* and *Under the Great Plum Tree* which was longlisted for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards. Follow Sufiya on Twitter @sufiyyaahmed.

**Jennifer Jamieson (Illustrator)**

Jen Jamieson loves creating quirky, feisty and friendly characters and bringing their wonderful personalities to life. She has a passion for inclusiveness and is a strong advocate for representation in children's books. She loves the idea that we can change the world with the books we create. Jennifer's work is instantly recognisable due to her rich, bright colour palette, quirky patterns and detailed textures. Her two young children provide her with endless inspiration for her work.



## Reading Champion: Enid Blyton animal stories: Bushy's Secret Yellow Band 3

**Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Rosie Edwards)**

### Keynote

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

### Description

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

In this story, *Bushy*, a squirrel, has collected some nuts for winter. His cousin, *Frisky* wants them, but *Bushy* doesn't want to share. Can he hide them and keep their location a secret?

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

#### Jackie Walter (Author)

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

#### Rosie Edwards (Illustrator)

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

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

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

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CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 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>
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Word Count	
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Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

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

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## Rainbow Magic: Ruby the Red Fairy Full Colour Graphic Novel: The Rainbow Fairies Book 1

**Daisy Meadows**

### Keynote

Meet the rainbow fairies in full-colour graphic novel retellings of the classic bestselling chapter book series *Rainbow Magic!*

### Description

All the magic of the original story, brought to life in a colourful graphic novel!

Best friends Rachel and Kirsty can't believe it when they meet a magical fairy at the end of a rainbow. Ruby the Red Fairy flies them away to Fairyland, but the beautiful kingdom is in trouble. Can the girls help save it?

With full-colour illustrations and action-packed panels, this graphic novel is perfect for visual learners and readers just starting to enjoy stories independently.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

Collect all the books in the Rainbow Fairies series: Ruby the Red Fairy; Amber the Orange Fairy; Saffron the Yellow Fairy; Fern the Green Fairy; Sky the Blue Fairy; Izzy the Indigo Fairy and Heather the Violet Fairy.

### Sales Points

- A reimagining of the classic bestselling series, perfect for existing fans looking for a new way to enjoy the stories as well as those approaching the series for the first time, and reluctant readers
- Full colour illustrated adaptations of the original stories
- Modernised with a fresh new look

### Author Biography

The *Rainbow Magic*, *Unicorn Magic* and *Pixie Magic* books are written by a small collective of authors under the name Daisy Meadows. *Rainbow Magic* is the no.1 bestselling series for children aged 5 and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide!

Learn more about the books at [orchardseriesbooks.co.uk](http://orchardseriesbooks.co.uk), where you can find your *Rainbow Magic* fairy and discover a new series to enjoy.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£7.99 / ₹599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408376324</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Fantasy, esoteric (XQM) Children's / Teenage fiction: Magical realism / Magical fantasy (YFHD) Children's / Teenage general interest: Fairies, elves, or similar magic-like beings or folk (YNXB4) Children's / Teenage fiction: Friendship stories (YFMF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 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>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>80 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Rainbow Magic Graphic Novel</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
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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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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>



## Rainbow Magic: Amber the Orange Fairy Full Colour Graphic Novel: The Rainbow Fairies Book 2

**Daisy Meadows**

### Keynote

Meet the rainbow fairies in full-colour graphic novel retellings of the classic bestselling chapter book series *Rainbow Magic!*

### Description

All the magic of the original story, brought to life in a colourful graphic novel!

Amber the Orange Fairy has been trapped by mean Jack Frost somewhere on Rainspell Island! Can Rachel and Kirsty find Amber and return her to her sister before colour disappears from Fairyland for ever?

With full-colour illustrations and action-packed panels, this graphic novel is perfect for visual learners and readers just starting to enjoy stories independently.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

Collect all the books in the Rainbow Fairies series: Ruby the Red Fairy; Amber the Orange Fairy; Saffron the Yellow Fairy; Fern the Green Fairy; Sky the Blue Fairy; Izzy the Indigo Fairy and Heather the Violet Fairy.

### Sales Points

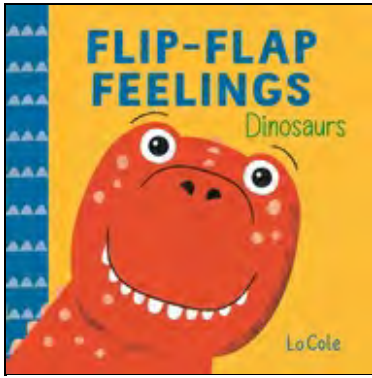
- A reimagining of the classic bestselling series, perfect for existing fans looking for a new way to enjoy the stories as well as those approaching the series for the first time, and reluctant readers
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### Author Biography

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>80 pages</b>
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Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>



## Flip-Flap Feelings: Dinosaurs

### Pat-a-Cake (Illustrated By Lo Cole)

#### Keynote

A fun, innovative new board book that introduces little ones to BIG feelings.

#### Description

Happy or sad.  
Quiet or loud.  
How are *you* feeling today?

Meet a host of new pet friends! This chunky board book allows little ones to transform the emotion of each animal with the simple flip of a flap, and provides a fun way to talk about feelings together. Curious readers will love learning new words for their emotions and copying the animal's expressions!

With bright, bold artwork from Lo Cole (*Ten on a Twig, Doris*) and a bouncy rhyme to share aloud, this book is perfect for keeping little hands *and* little minds busy. Flip-flap fun for everyone!

#### Sales Points

- An engaging introduction to identifying and talking about feelings
- Cleverly designed, easily grabbable flaps allow little hands to transform the animal's expression and emotion on every spread
- Helps to develop hand-eye coordination and early motor skills
- Durable, chunky board book with rounded corners
- Featuring bold, graphic artwork by internationally acclaimed illustrator and printmaker, Lo Cole

#### 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 . . .

##### Lo Cole (Illustrator)

Lo Cole is an international award winning British illustrator and author. His witty, bold and imaginative artwork has featured on posters, in books, magazines, newspapers. With children's books in his blood (Lo's parents created the children's TV character, Bod), Lo's recent books include *Ten On A Twig, We Want a Dog, Ten In A Hurry*, and *Doris*. Clients include; Rockerbird Books, Sourcebooks, Union Square, Walker Books, Egmont UK, Usborne, Busch, Oxford University Press, Waitrose, The Guardian, The Economist, TIME, The New Republic and . . . Tottenham Hotspur (for whom Lo is a life-long supporter).

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£7.99 / ₹499</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526384225</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Emotions, moods, feelings and behaviours (YXE) Children's interactive and activity books and kits (YBG) Baby books (YBCB) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) 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>180x180</b>
Extent	<b>10 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Flip Flap Feelings</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

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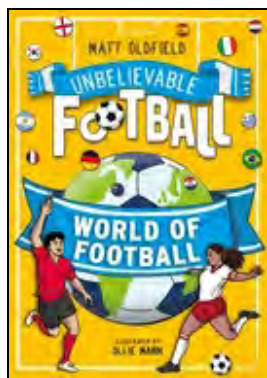
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## Unbelievable Football: World of Football

**Matt Oldfield**

### Keynote

**Discover the most unbelievable footballing moments from every corner of the globe, in the brand-new book in the award-winning and bestselling Unbelievable Football series.**

### Description

**\*\*Take a trip around the world of football and discover the most unbelievable moments from the truly global game.\*\***

Think you know everything about the world of football?

Have you heard of ...

- \* The amazing football match played on the ice sheets of Antarctica?
- \* The African nation that scored back-to-back gold medals?
- \* The Spanish sensation who helped lift the biggest trophy in the world?
- \* The Egyptian twins who played their entire careers on the same team?
- \* The most unusual pitch ever, in the crater of a Mexican volcano?

From incredible footballers to the history of the game on each of the five continents, this book is packed full of true stories, player profiles, match stats and country facts all about the fantastic world of football.

**In the wonderful World Cup year of 2026, grab your boots and get ready for kick off, in the next unbeatable book for football-mad kids in the award-winning Unbelievable Football series.**

### Sales Points

- **Bestseller!** We have sold 160k copies of the Unbelievable Football series books across 5 books.
- **Reluctant readers:** research shows that reading daily is important for making strong reading habits. We also know non-fiction and football can be appealing to readers who want to know more about their favourite hobby but don't think reading is for them. This book will help reluctant readers make daily reading habits with fun, short and easy football stories.
- **World Cup year:** 2026 is a World Cup year, and this is publishing just in time for that. Stories with feature players, games, stats, facts and more from every participant country, as well as many others, making it a truly global title.
- **Brand building:** 2026 is a key year for Matt Oldfield, with high-profile publishing from Spring onwards.

### Author Biography

**Matt Oldfield** is the author of the *Unbelievable Football* series (winner of the 2020 Children's Sports Book of the Year) and the *Johnny Ball: Football Genius* series, as well as the co-author of the bestselling *Ultimate Football Heroes* and *Football GOAT* series. He has also worked with Lioness Beth Mead on her children's book, *Roar*, which won the 2024 Children's Sports Book of the Year award. To date, his books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£7.99 / ₹599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781526368096</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Association football (Soccer) (YNWD1) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 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>183x129</b>
Extent	<b>272 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Unbelievable Football</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

*Unbelievable Football*  
*Unbelievable Football 2*  
*Unbelievable Football:: The England Edition*  
*Unbelievable Football: 5-Minute Short Stories*  
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## Reading Champion: The Famous Five: The Five's New Den Green Band 5

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Beatriz Castro)

### Keynote

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

### Description

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

In this story, the Five are off on a hike when it starts to rain. They make a great new den by an old barn to stay dry, but when they return to it later, there is a problem ...

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

#### Jackie Walter (Author)

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

#### Beatriz Castro (Illustrator)

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

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£6.99 / ₹499</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781445197241</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Educational: First / native language: Readers and reading schemes (YPCA21) For primary education (4CD) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2ACB)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 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>
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Format	<b>210x148</b>
Depth	<b>8mm</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
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### Previous Titles

Timmy to the Rescue!,  
9781445197173  
The Five's New Den, 9781445197234  
Anne's Secret, 9781445197265  
The Mysterious Visitor,  
9781445197203  
The Five on a Bike Ride,  
9781445197326  
George's Missing Boat,  
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## Reading Champion: Magic Faraway Tree: Saucepan Man's New Pan Pink Band 1

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Amy Zhing)

### Keynote

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

### Description

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

In this story, Saucepan Man gets a new pan. The trouble is, he doesn't know where to put it!

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

### Sales Points

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

### Author Biography

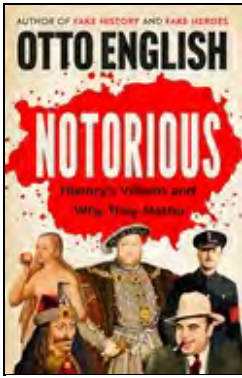
Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

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Price	<b>£6.99 / ₹499</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Educational: First / native language: Readers and reading schemes (YPCA21) For primary education (4CD) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2ACB)</b>
CBMC	<b>B3N79</b>
Age	<b>5-7 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
Type	<b>Ordinary Printed Book Format</b>
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Tie In	<b>Non Tie-in</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>210x148</b>
Depth	<b>4mm</b>
Extent	<b>24 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

### Previous Titles

Silky's Cakes, 9781445196459  
Moonface and the Kitten, 9781445196480  
Dame Washalot's Tub, 9781445196510  
A Surprise for Angry Pixie, 9781445196572  
Wake Up, Mr Watzisname!, 9781445196602

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## Notorious History's Villains and Why They Matter

Otto English

### Keynote

Otto English, bestselling author of *Fake History* and *Fake Heroes*, re-examines history's most notorious figures and exposes the agendas behind the 'truths' we've been led to believe.

### Description

History loves a villain. But who decides what evil looks like?

Otto English, bestselling author of *Fake History* and *Fake Heroes*, separates fact from fiction and re-examines history's most notorious figures. From Bloody Mary to Judas, Dracula to the Illuminati, learn how the history we're taught isn't always to be trusted as English exposes the agendas behind the 'truths' we've been led to believe.

Discover which villain was society's scapegoat, the good guys who might really be baddies, and how the age-old villain playbook bleeds into our present day. Fascinating and fearless, *Notorious* will make you question what you know and change the way you see the world forever.

### Sales Points

- **Bestselling author:** *Fake History* was a mega-seller in the UK and Australia, selling over 50k copies across all formats.
- **Strong travel seller:** *Fake Heroes* was a WHSmith Travel Book of the Month.
- **Popular and timely topic:** plays on the current political topics of fake news, who are society's most-hated figures, and revising history education curriculums.
- **Strong author profile:** Otto English has over 150k followers on X, 95.k on Bluesky and regularly writes for *the Byline Times*, the *Independent* and the *Guardian*.
- **Praise for previous books:** *Fake History* was reviewed as 'a brilliant book' by James O'Brien and 'fascinating and eye-opening' by Andrew Lownie.

### Reviews

- 'A brilliant and important book.' - *talkRADIO* on *Fake History*
- 'A brilliant book.' - *James O'Brien* on *Fake Heroes*

### Author Biography

Author of bestseller *Fake History*, **Otto English** is the pen name of journalist Andrew Scott. From 2010, Scott began writing and tweeting about politics and history, gaining attention for his itinerant blog, he moved into journalism and has since written for *Politico*, the *Independent*, *New Statesman*, *Daily Mail* and many other publications. He has always been fascinated by the writing of history and the creation of political narratives, and has spoken about them on BBC News, BBC Radio 4 and LBC. He lives in south-east London with his wife and two children.

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 (JBCC9)**

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 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; Ire; UK**  
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Book locale **World**  
 Author born in **UK**  
 Author living in **London**

### Previous Titles

*Fake Heroes*  
*Fake History*

1st Serial **Headline Publishing Group**

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Audio **Headline Publishing Group**

Dramatisation and documentary **Refer to Publisher**

Electronic **Headline Publishing Group**

Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**

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Podcast **Refer to Publisher**

Translation **Refer to Publisher**

Undramatised (straight) reading **Headline Publishing Group**

US **Refer to Publisher**

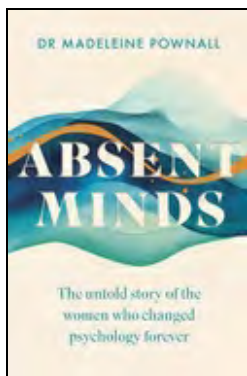
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## Absent Minds

### The untold story of the women who changed psychology forever

Dr Madeleine Pownall

#### Keynote

**A bold new history of psychology that uncovers the lost legacies of the women who shaped our understanding of what it is to be human**

#### Description

If asked to name a psychologist, who springs to mind? No doubt Freud, perhaps Pavlov and his dog, maybe Jung or Piaget.

But what of Mary Whiton Calkins, who has still not received her doctorate from 1895 on account of her gender despite her research influencing contemporary psychology; or Mamie Phipps Clark, whose work informed the US court case that ruled racial segregation illegal; and Beatrice Edgell, the first British woman to earn a PhD in psychology, whose studies have determined how generations of children are taught. Crucial to our modern world, yet largely unrecognisable. That changes now.

In *Absent Minds*, award-winning psychologist Dr Madeleine Pownall takes readers from the advent of the discipline through to psychologists' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and screentime debate. Entertaining and empowering, she uncovers lost legacies, documenting how women shaped the field and provided alternative, creative and more critical ways of thinking about the human experience, the benefits of which we still feel today.

#### Sales Points

- An **accessible** and **lively** rewritten history of psychology from a feminist perspective, very much in the vein of *Invisible Women*, *Unwell Women*, *Femina* and *The Story of Art Without Men*.
- **Expert** author - Dr Pownall is a feminist social psychologist and senior lecturer at the University of Leeds - with a healthy **twitter following** (12.3k).
- Dr Pownall co-authored *A Feminist Companion to Social Psychology* which **won a British Psychological Society award**.

#### Author Biography

**Dr Madeleine Pownall**, PhD, is a feminist social psychologist and Associate Professor in the School of Psychology at the University of Leeds, UK. She is the author of *A Feminist Companion to Social Psychology* (Open University Press, 2021), which won a British Psychological Society Book of the Year Award in 2023. Dr Pownall regularly writes for popular audiences and is an internationally recognised feminist scholar and educator.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781035416899</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Psychology (JM) History of science (PDX) Social and cultural history (NHTB) Gender studies: women and girls (JBSF1)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Airports; Ire; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Leeds</b>

#### Previous Titles

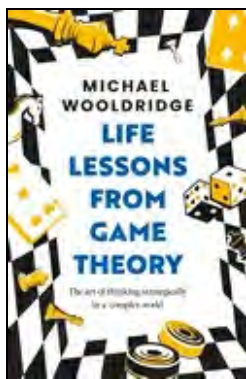
*A Feminist Companion to Psychology*

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

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Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781035407415</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Mathematics (PB) Mathematical modelling (PBWH)</b>

Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

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

**Previous Titles**

*The Ladybird Expert Guide to Artificial Intelligence* (2018)

*The Road to Conscious Machines* (Pelican, 2020)

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

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# Life Lessons from Game Theory

## The Art of Thinking Strategically in a Complex World

### Michael Wooldridge

**Keynote**

**A fascinating deep-dive into game theory, its history and its practical applications by award-winning expert on computer science and artificial intelligence.**

**Description**

**'A wonderful book' YOAV SHOHAM, STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

**'Michael explains the complex, strategic structures of our world with masterful beauty' - MILIND TAMBE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

**'Effortlessly covers a broad swath of core ideas in game theory, with a sprinkle of British humour' - EDITH ELKIND, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

**A fascinating deep-dive into game theory, its history and its practical applications by award-winning expert on computer science and artificial intelligence.**

Most of us have some idea about game theory. Concepts like zero-sum games and the prisoner's dilemma crop up in films, novels and casual conversation, often as shorthand for cut-throat competition or inevitable betrayal. But game theory, the science behind these ideas, is widely misunderstood. All too often it's seen solely as the science of conflict and greed. In fact, this field has a lot to teach us about how to make a better world. It shows us just what it takes to enable cooperation and mutual benefit.

This essential primer presents twenty one 'life lessons from game theory', which illustrate the key ideas in the field, and which are packed with real world examples: from overfishing in the Atlantic; to the Cuban Missile Crisis; to security measures at international airports; to advertising wars between major brands. This is a hopeful and practical book that highlights the value of game theory and provides a course correction for its integration into the real world.

**Sales Points**

- **ACCESSIBLE NON-FICTION FROM A WORLD-LEADING SCIENTIST:** Michael Wooldridge is a world-renowned reknowned data scientist, he was the Head of the Computer Science Department at Oxford Univerisity and is a leading expert in terms of researching AI.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF POPULAR SCIENCE BOOKS:** *Storm in a Teacup* by Helen Czerski, *How Not to Be Wrong* by Jordan Ellenberg, *The Art of Strategy* by Avinash Dixit and Barry Nalebuff or *The Man from the Future* by Ananyo Bhattacharya.
- **GLOBAL PHENOMENON:** We will be pairing up with international publishers for a buzzy global campaign, and using the author's background for as many PR opportunities as possible. Rights currently sold in: Korea, China and Taiwan.

**Reviews**

- **'This very readable book effortlessly covers a broad swath of core ideas in game theory, with a sprinkle of British humour.'** - EDITH ELKIND, *Ginny Rometty Professor of Computer Science at Northwestern University*
- **'Wooldridge's wonderful book . . . extracts key elements of game (and social choice) theory, presents them faithfully and yet accessibly, and describes their implications to real life in common sense terms.'** - YOAV SHOHAM, *professor (emeritus), Stanford University*
- **'Michael Wooldridge achieves the near-impossible: he explains the complex, strategic structures of our world with masterful beauty and simplicity of writing that is rare for such a deeply researched work . . . an essential guide . . . and truly a brilliant contribution to the field.'** - MILIND TAMBE, *Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science at Harvard University*

**Author Biography**

**Michael Woodridge** is a Professor of Artificial Intelligence at the University of Oxford, where he uses game theory to understand how to build AI agents that can cooperate with each other. He has won national and international awards for research, science communication and scientific leadership. He presented the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures in 2023 and is the author of *Artificial Intelligence* (2018), part of the Ladybird Expert series, and *The Road to Conscious Machines*, which was published by Pelican in 2020.



## Mr & Mrs Dixon Hide A Body

A wickedly funny and darkly compelling thriller from a fresh new voice in crime

Jennifer Holdich

### Keynote

One couple. A dead body. A cover-up that will end their marriage. The next time they see each other will be in court...

### Description

**To have and to hold, to lie and to kill...**

Meet James and Daisy Dixon. They get along perfectly well - especially when on separate sides of their huge manor house, where Daisy can plot her husband's murder in peace.

However, after accidentally killing a man on their way home from a lavish party, they're forced to work together to bury the evidence. All is going surprisingly smoothly, until the day the rain washes up more than it's supposed to... and suddenly, the Dixons are suspects.

As husband and wife battle it out to be the not-guilty party, Daisy starts working on a plot of her own... after all, it wouldn't be the first time, would it?

**All's fair in love and war . . . especially in *this* marriage.**

### Sales Points

- WON IN A SIGNIFICANT PRE-EMPT AT THE FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR 2023: We pre-empted this novel at lightning speed ahead of FBF 2023. Rights have sold in the US, Israel, and several other territories, and there is significant film and TV interest, too.
- DARKLY FUNNY HUMOUR: This is perfect for readers who loved HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY by Bella Mackie, SWEETPEA by CJ Skuse, and THE MURDER AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE by Katy Brent. Serial killing female protagonists are hugely popular right now and this is a wonderful, unique example of the genre.

### Reviews

- 'PRAISE FOR *JULIE TUDOR IS NOT A PSYCHOPATH*'
- 'I absolutely loved it! Murder has no right to be this funny. Imagine Hannibal Lecter as written by Victoria Wood. **Perfect for fans of Caroline Kepnes and CJ Skuse**' - Erin Kelly
- 'Jennifer Holdich delivers a wickedly funny and darkly compelling debut. **A masterful blend of humour and suspense that kept me hooked from start to finish**' - Joanna Wallace

### Author Biography

Jennifer Holdich obtained an MA in Scriptwriting in 2014, won the Cardiff Writers' Circle Short Story competition in 2021 and has had multiple short stories and pieces of flash fiction published. *Julie Tudor Is Not A Psychopath* is her debut novel.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£15.99 / ₹799</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399733502</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Crime and / or mystery fiction (FF) Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Dark romance (FRV) Romance (FR)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>Royal</b>
Extent	<b>304 pages</b>
Word Count	
Illustrations	<b>N/A</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; UK; USA</b>
Author born in	<b>Wales</b>
Author living in	<b>Wales</b>

### Previous Titles

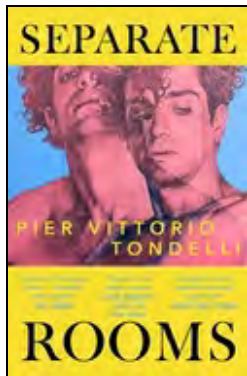
JULIE TUDOR IS NOT A PSYCHOPATH

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>

Hodder & Stoughton.

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Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 21, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹699</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399734516</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Fiction in translation (FYT) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Narrative theme: love / relationships (FXD) Narrative theme: death, grief, loss (FXL) Relating to gay people (5PSG) Italy (1DST)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>256 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>European cities including Pairs, Munich, London, Milan</b>
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Author born in	<b>Correggio, Italy</b>
Author living in	<b>N/A</b>
CANADA, UNITED STATES Publisher	<b>Zando Projects Publisher</b>

#### Previous Titles

Rimini

Hodder & Stoughton.

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## Separate Rooms

**The forgotten Italian queer classic, perfect for fans of Call Me By Your Name**

**Pier Vittorio Tondelli**

**Translated by Simon Pleasance**

#### Keynote

**A new edition of a lost classic of twentieth-century Italian literature: a powerful, soul-stirring novel about the strength of love**

#### Description

'An Italian novel of imperfect love and urgent grief'

**NEW YORK TIMES**

'A story of love and youth and pain that will have you clutching at your heart. . . One of the best novels I've ever read'

**ANDREW SEAN GREER**

'A novel of dignified beauty'

**OBSERVER**

'A masterly piece of writing, rich with insight and detail, and a curiously moving optimism'

**GAY TIMES**

'A discreet, lyrical meditation on the nature of male love'

**EDMUND WHITE**

**With an introduction by André Aciman, bestselling author of *Call Me by Your Name***

Thomas, a young German musician, is dying. Unable to bear the slow and inevitable demise of his lover, his older boyfriend Leo, a renowned Italian writer, condemns himself to moving cities every few weeks, searching for a solace that proves elusive.

As Leo travels through Europe, past and present overlap, and reminders of the life he and Thomas shared become inescapable. Wanting to preserve the passion of their relationship, Leo had convinced Thomas to live separately: in separate rooms, separate towns, with separate lives. Now, face to face with true solitude, Leo must reckon with regret and nostalgia and the impossible striving of memory to recreate life.

*Separate Rooms* is a singular and unforgettable meditation on almost-ideal love, told in three musical movements, by a fiery and unforgettable literary talent.

#### Sales Points

- **REDISCOVERED CLASSIC.** *Separate Rooms* was a cult hit by one of Italy's most celebrated writers.
- **ACCLAIMED AUTHOR.** Pier Vittorio Tondelli was considered one of the most promising young writers of his generation before his writing career was tragically cut short by the AIDS epidemic. *Separate Rooms* is the first book of Tondelli's we are republishing to introduce his work to new fans and expand his readership.
- **FOR FANS OF** international and LGBTQ+ literature such as *Dancer from the Dance* by Andrew Holleran, *On Earth We are Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong, *Call Me by Your Name* by André Aciman, *Valentino* by Natalia Ginzburg and *Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl* by Andrea Lawlor.

#### Author Biography

Pier Vittorio Tondelli was born in Correggio in 1955 and died in 1991. He made his debut in 1980 with *Altri libertini*, which was followed in 1982 by *Pao Pao*. In 1985 he published the novel *Rimini*, followed by *Biglietti agli amici* in 1986 and *Separate Rooms* in 1989.



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Main Identifier **9781399741903**  
Thema 1.6 **Modern and Contemporary romance (FRD) Humorous fiction (FU) c 2020 to c 2029 (3MRBH) Contemporary lifestyle fiction (FQ) Narrative theme: love / relationships (FXD)**

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

Book locale **Wales**  
Author living in **Tooting, London**

**Previous Titles**  
The Friendship Fling

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**  
Audio **Refer to Publisher**  
Dramatisation and documentary **Refer to Publisher**  
Electronic **Refer to Publisher**  
Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**  
Large print **Refer to Publisher**  
Podcast **Refer to Publisher**  
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Undramatised (straight) reading **Refer to Publisher**  
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## The Roommate Rule

**A hilarious and sexy opposites-attract, forced-proximity summer romance**

**Georgia Stone**

### Keynote

**Your sexy summer getaway is here!**

### Description

**"I am categorically not the kind of person who would spend six weeks living with a man I've only met once. A whole year ago. For approximately two minutes. During which he spent the entirety of our conversation drunkenly giving me The Eyes and calling me Ellen."**

**Dylan** likes to know exactly where things are going. With her career, her family, her relationship, and, well, everything else. From spreadsheets to themed Pinterest boards, she's meticulously planned out every aspect of her life for as long as she can remember.

**Max**, meanwhile, always lives in the moment. The world's too full of beautiful places - and beautiful people - to let yourself be tied down. Besides, he's learnt the hard way that no future is ever guaranteed.

So when Dylan's broken up with she's left reeling, with no concrete plans for the first time in her life, aside from the accountancy job she's starting in a few months. Perhaps that's why she finds herself agreeing to a totally off-piste proposition - share a cabin for the summer with her friend's brother during his all-expenses-paid travel influencer trip to the pristine Welsh coast.

**It's not like six weeks is long enough to throw your entire life off course or anything. Right?**

### Sales Points

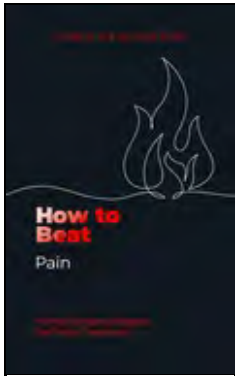
- **A FUN, FRESH TAKE ON EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE TROPES:** including but not limited to: forced proximity; only one bed; golden retriever and black cat; opposites attract; friends-with-benefits set up; he falls first.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Emily Henry; Beth O'Leary; Meghan Quinn; Abby Jimenez.
- **PUTTING THE 'COM' IN ROM COM:** Georgia's writing is pitch perfect: as warm, witty and deeply funny as it is sexy.
- **UK BASED AUTHOR:** Georgia lives in London, and is incredible active in the romance community, and absolutely indefatigable when it comes to doing events and bookshop visits.
- **SET IN WALES** on the sweeping Pembrokeshire coast - our campaign will lean heavily into the gorgeous, UK-based setting.

### Reviews

- **'PRAISE FOR GEORGIA STONE'**
- **'Fun, feisty, and sexy - I really loved it!** The characters have such brilliant chemistry, and it's the perfect escapist novel to curl up with. I'm excited to see what Georgia Stone does next!' - *Emily Stone*
- **'Charming from start to finish . . . the perfect summer read'** - *Hannah Bonam-Young*
- **'Feisty, undeniable chemistry; flirty banter; heart-wrenching emotion; a wild bucket-list adventure wrapped in razor-sharp wit . . . Georgia Stone is the next big thing in romance - mark my words!'** - *Meg Jones*

### Author Biography

Georgia Stone is a London-based author of contemporary romance. She writes love stories that she hopes make people laugh out loud and clutch their hearts in equal measure. When she's not reading or writing, you can usually find her trying out DIY projects in her ridiculously colourful flat, spending far too much time feeding The Algorithm, or acting unhinged at gigs with her friends. You can also find her at @georgiastonewrites on Instagram, or contact her via her website at [www.georgiastonebooks.com](http://www.georgiastonebooks.com).



Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹599</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781472150059</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Pain and pain management (MKAL) Self-help, personal development and practical advice (VS) Coping with / advice about chronic or long-term illness or conditions (VFJB9) Coping with / advice about headaches and migraines (VFJB7)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>A Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>30000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>c.20 b/w integrated illustrations</b>
Series	<b>How To Beat</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author living in	<b>Whitley Bay</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>
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Translation	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

## How To Beat Pain A brief, evidence-based self-help treatment

**Chris Penlington**

### Keynote

**The perfect resource for helping you to beat your pain, either by yourself or with the support of a health professional.**

### Description

This book will help you to both understand your pain and learn techniques so that you can live well with it. Written in a friendly, engaging (and jargon-free!) style, this self-help guide encourages interactive reading through tables, illustrations and worksheets. It also has some handy top tips on how to deal with any setbacks along the way. Case studies illustrate the use of the therapy and demonstrate how you can cope with persistent or chronic pain.

The **How to Beat** series of books has emerged from recent, revolutionary healthcare service innovations which have made effective psychological treatments available to more people than ever before. The books are designed to allow those who experience common mental health problems to either help themselves to recover or get the best possible benefit out of their contact with health professionals. They contain easy to understand treatments drawn from cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) which is recommended by the scientific evidence. They are written by authors with considerable experience in the field of CBT training, research and clinical practice.

### Sales Points

- New title for the 'How to Beat' series of brief CBT-based interventions for common mental health and physical health problems, dealing with living with chronic/persistent pain.
- Evidence-based, simple and clear advice that can be used without needing a clinician/therapist to guide you through every stage.
- Reissued title as part of a relaunch of this concise series of books for mental health problems. The revamped titles will no longer have strict fidelity to IAPT, which limited sales to England. The advice and guidance will be applicable worldwide.

### Author Biography

**Chris Penlington** is a clinical psychologist and senior lecturer at Newcastle University and has significant experience in clinical delivery, research and professional education of CBT and supported self-management for persistent pain. Previous publications by the author include three book chapters, including a chapter about low-intensity CBT for long-term conditions in the second edition of *Low Intensity CBT: A practitioner's guide*.

Little, Brown Book Group Ltd.

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Price	<b>£16.99 / ₹999</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781408725054</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Memoirs (DNC)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>464 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>100000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK</b>
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**Previous Titles**

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**True Crime**  
**A Memoir**  
**Patricia Cornwell**

**Keynote**

The jaw-dropping, moving memoir from the godmother of forensic crime and creator of Kay Scarpetta

**Description**

The jaw-dropping, moving memoir from the godmother of forensic crime and creator of Kay Scarpetta

**Sales Points**

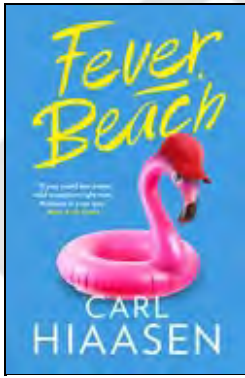
- **A LIVING LEGEND:** Patricia Cornwell has sold **over 9 million copies TCM**, and **over 120 million copies worldwide**, and is considered the **godmother of forensic crime**
- **HER NAME WILL BE EVERYWHERE:** Patricia's most famous creation **Kay Scarpetta** is coming to screens in an **Amazon TV series** starring **Nicole Kidman** and **Jamie Lee Curtis**
- **A JAW-DROPPING PERSONAL STORY:** comparable to **Tara Westover's Educated**, Patricia's memoir will delve into how her often heartwrenching upbringing, followed by her time on the beat and in the morgue, made her into one of the world's biggest storytellers

**Author Biography**

In 1990, Patricia Cornwell sold her first novel, *Postmortem*, while working at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond, Virginia. An auspicious debut, it went on to win the Edgar, Creasey, Anthony, and Macavity Awards, as well as the French Prix du Roman d'Aventures - the first book ever to claim all these distinctions in a single year. Growing into an international phenomenon, the Scarpetta series won Cornwell the Sherlock Award for best detective created by an American author, the Gold Dagger Award, the RBA Thriller Award, and the Medal of Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters for her contributions to literary and artistic development.

Today, Cornwell's novels and iconic characters are known around the world. Beyond the Scarpetta series, Cornwell has written the definitive nonfiction account of Jack the Ripper's identity, cookbooks, a children's book, a biography of Ruth Graham, and three other fictional series based on the characters Win Garano, Andy Brazil, and Captain Callie Chase. Cornwell continues exploring the latest space-age technologies and threats relevant to contemporary life. Her interests range from the morgue to artificial intelligence and include visits to Interpol, the Pentagon, the U.S. Secret Service and NASA.

Cornwell was born in Miami. She grew up in Montreat, North Carolina, and now lives and works in Boston.



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Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹799</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Comical (humorous) crime and mystery (FFK) Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction (FFL)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>384 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>105000 words</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Florida</b>
Author living in	<b>Florida</b>
<b>Previous Titles</b>	
9780751581836	Squeeze Me
9780751552942	Razor Girl
9780751543346	Bad Monkey
9780751543339	Star Island
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>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>
Electronic	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Film and TV	<b>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>
Large print	<b>Little, Brown Book Group Ltd</b>
Podcast	<b>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>
Translation	<b>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>
US	<b>Creative Artists Agency UK Limited</b>

## Fever Beach

### Carl Hiaasen

#### Keynote

From the author of *Bad Monkey* and *Squeeze Me* comes another instant classic, a laugh-out-loud funny crime novel tackling the chaotic and polarized world of American 'culture'.

#### Description

*Fever Beach* leads us, in pure Hiaasen-style, into the depths of Florida at its most Floridian: a sun-soaked bastion of right-wing extremism, white power, greed, and corruption.

Dale Figgo is the only hate-monger ever to be kicked out of the Proud Boys for being too dumb and incompetent. Now his already messy life is about to get more complicated, thanks to two formidable adversaries.

The first is Viva Morales, a clever woman recently taken to the cleaners by her ex-husband, now working at the supposedly philanthropic Mink Foundation and renting a room in Figgo's apartment; the second, Twilly Spree, a millionaire with an anger management problem, especially when it comes to those who deface the environment.

Together, Viva and Twilly are plunged into a mystery involving dark money and darker motives, one they are determined to solve. Into this web come a cavalcade of outrageous characters, from corrupt politicians to white power idiots, all of whose fates are bound together via Figgo in a novel that is both a vicious state-of-the-nation satire and a hilarious thriller.

**From America's most acclaimed satirist and the author of the book that became the Apple+ hit *Bad Monkey*, *Fever Beach* is an unmissable skewering of American politics in all its ridiculousness.**

#### Sales Points

- **A NOVEL FOR THE TIMES:** As Trump starts his second term, who better than to provide a powerful satire of the American right in Florida than its foremost comic crime writer.
- **BAD MONKEY:** The Apple TV+ series BAD MONKEY has been a major hit everywhere, and topped the streaming charts at #1 in the US.
- **A CRIME-WRITING LEGEND:** Hiaasen has a passionate and dedicated fanbase - and receives amazing reviews - and is the foremost satirical crime writer in the world.
- **A CONTENT-FOCUSED CAMPAIGN:** A bookshop and online-focused campaign emphasising on the phenomenal reviews and appeal to readers who need to laugh through the news.
- **HIAASEN'S BACKLIST HOME:** In 2023, Sphere bought nine of Hiaasen's backlist and republished them with spectacular new covers to fit in with the frontlist, and has sold 35k copies of them so far. In total, Sphere has sold 250k Hiaasen books.

#### Reviews

- 'One of the world's funniest novelists' - *Sunday Times*
- 'From the opening page, there is a confidence, economy and enjoyability' - *Guardian*
- 'A masterclass in black humour' - *Daily Mail*
- 'He always adds something extra to the mix . . . jauntiness, wit and larger-than-life characters' - *Sunday Express*

#### Author Biography

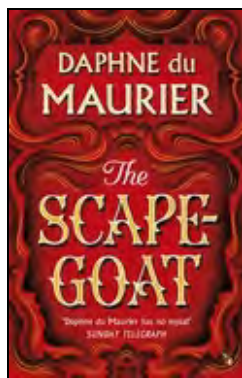
Carl Hiaasen was born and raised in Florida. His previous novels include the bestselling *Nature Girl*, *Star Island*, *Bad Monkey* and *Razor Girl*, and three bestselling children's books, *Hoot*, *Flush* and *Scat*. They have been translated into 34 languages, 33 more than he can read or write. Carl Hiaasen also writes an award-winning weekly column for The *Miami Herald*.

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## The Scapegoat

### Daphne Du Maurier

#### Keynote

A masterful exploration of doubling, identity and of the dark side of the self. One of du Maurier's most accomplished novels.

#### Description

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *REBECCA*

'What a magnificent thriller this is' *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*

'A good original novel, well tinged with nightmare' *TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT*

*He was my shadow, or I was his, and we were bound to each other through eternity.*

Two men - one English, one French - meet by chance in a railway station. Their resemblance is uncanny, and they spend the night talking and drinking together. But when John wakes the next morning that he realises his French companion has stolen his identity and disappeared. Forced to step into his doppelganger's shoes, John finds himself entangled in a web of secrets: as owner of a chateau, director of a failing business, head of a fractious family, and master of nothing.

'A sublime and gothic genius. She is in a league of her own' CAMILLA GRUDOVA

'Gripping . . . It has great literary sophistication and an alienated post-war male conscience at its core' LISA APPIGNANESI

#### Sales Points

- **GORGEOUS NEW EDITIONS:** These new editions of du Maurier's timeless novels are publishing in thematic collections for a new generation of readers, with fresh quotes from fans including Alice Slater, Lucy Foley and Emerald Fennell, director of *Saltburn*. This quartet of Uncanny Thrillers brings together *The House on the Strand*, *The Scapegoat*, *Julius* and *The Flight of the Falcon*, celebrating the dark side of du Maurier's writing and her love of doubles, timeslip, and twisted families.
- **CLASSICS THAT FEEL CONTEMPORARY:** Striking, contemporary covers will appeal to a BookTok audience as well as a younger literary readership. Du Maurier's novels are still a major influence on writers and filmmakers today - she is the queen of unreliable narrators, atmospheric locations and heartstopping suspense.
- **MULTI-MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER:** Du Maurier's books have sold millions of copies worldwide, and she continues to be one of the best-loved novelists of the 20th century - *Rebecca* was #14 on the BBC's 'Big Read' and included in the '100 novels that shaped the world'. Her novels continue to be adapted for film and television, with a major Netflix version of *Rebecca* in 2020. She is Virago's bestselling author.

#### Reviews

- 'A good original novel, well tinged with nightmare' - *Times Literary Supplement*
- 'What a magnificent thriller this is' - *NY Times Book Review*
- 'No other popular writer has so triumphantly defied classification . . . She satisfied all the questionable criteria of popular fiction, and yet satisfied the exacting requirements of "real literature", something very few novelists ever do' - Margaret Forster
- 'She wrote exciting plots, she was highly skilled at arousing suspense, and she was, too, a writer of fearless originality' - *Guardian*

#### Author Biography

Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989) was born in London, England. In 1931 her first novel, *The Loving Spirit* was published. A biography of her father and three other novels followed, but it was the novel *Rebecca* that launched her into the literary stratosphere and made her one of the most popular authors of her day. In 1932, du Maurier married Major Frederick Browning with whom she had three children.

Many of du Maurier's bestselling novels and short stories were adapted into award-winning films, including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* and Nicolas Roeg's *Don't Look Now*. In 1969, du Maurier was awarded the Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE). She lived most of her life in Cornwall and died there which is the setting for many of her books.

Publication date	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Price	£10.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9780349020754
Thema 1.6	<b>Classic fiction: literary and general (FBC)</b> <b>Classic crime and mystery fiction (FFC)</b> <b>Historical crime and mysteries (FFH)</b> <b>Historical fiction (FV)</b>

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	22mm
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	0
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Author born in	London, United Kingdom
Author living in	Deceased

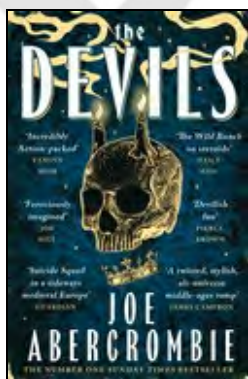
#### Publishing History

First published in 1957

#### Previous Titles

Rebecca, My Cousin Rachel, Jamaica Inn, The King's General, Mary Anne, The Parasites, I'll Never Be Young Again, The Flight of the Falcon, Julius, The House on the Strand, The Scapegoat, The Loving Spirit, Hungry Hill, The Glass-Blowers, Frenchman's Creek, After Midnight

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 07, 2026</b>
Price	<b>£10.99 / ₹899</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781399603584</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Epic fantasy / high fantasy (FMB) Historical fantasy (FMH) Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB) Mythical creatures: Vampires, werewolves and other shapeshifters (VXQM2) Historical adventure fiction (FJH)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>608 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Book locale	<b>Europe</b>
Author born in	<b>Lancashire</b>
Author living in	<b>Bath</b>
UNITED STATES	<b>Macmillan Audio</b>
Publisher	<b>US Publisher</b>

#### Publishing History

##### The First Law Trilogy:

The Blade Itself  
Before They Are Hanged  
Last Argument of Kings

##### The First Law standalones:

Best Served Cold  
The Heroes  
Red Country  
Sharp Ends

#### Previous Titles

##### The Age of Madness trilogy:

A Little Hatred  
The Trouble With Peace  
The Wisdom of Crowds

1st Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
Audio	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## The Devils

**The epic fantasy sensation – prepare for a wickedly dark and twisted adventure**

**Joe Abercrombie**

#### Keynote

**The first epic adventure in a brand-new fantasy series from legendary bestseller Joe Abercrombie.**

#### Description

Europe stares into the abyss.

Plague and famine stalk the land, monsters lurk in every shadow and greedy princes care for nothing but their own ambitions. Only one thing is certain: the elves will come again, and they will eat everyone.

Sometimes, only the darkest paths lead towards the light. Paths on which the righteous will not dare to tread . . .

And so, buried beneath the sacred splendour of the Celestial Palace, is the secret Chapel of the Holy Expediency. For its congregation of convicted monsters there are no sins that have not been committed, no lines that will not be crossed, and no mission that cannot be turned into a disastrous bloodbath.

Now the hapless Brother Diaz must somehow bind the worst of the worst to a higher cause: to put a thief on the throne of Troy, and unite the sundered church against the coming apocalypse.

When you're headed through hell, you need the devils on your side.

#### Sales Points

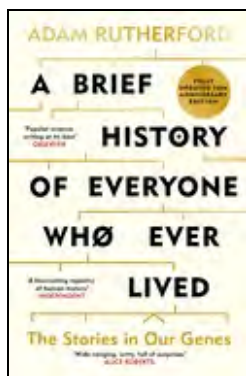
- All set to be one of the biggest fantasy releases of the decade, *The Devils* is Joe's first new adult fantasy series since his debut in 2006 so is the perfect entry point for readers who have never picked up one of his books before.
- Already a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author, Joe Abercrombie is an international bestseller in more than 25 languages, with a massive global fanbase that is only growing.
- His standalone novel *Best Served Cold* has been optioned for film and is currently in development directed by Tim Miller (*Deadpool*) and starring Rebecca Ferguson (*Dune*).
- *The Devils* will have a grand total of *four* hardback special editions.

#### Reviews

- 'An incredibly fun, incredibly action-packed and, by the end, incredibly affecting book' - *Tamsyn Muir*
- 'Joe Abercrombie is, to me, the undisputed master of creating deep, distinct characters that leap off the page, and never more so than in *The Devils*' - *Nicholas Eames*
- 'Deliciously wicked, surprisingly moving . . . [a] razor-sharp, genre-bending romp. Abercrombie's best to date' - *Christopher Buehlman*
- 'Abercrombie writes fantasy like no one else' - *The Guardian*
- 'A gore splattered roller coaster ride from start to finish. Probably the most fun you can have reading a fantasy novel' - *Anthony Ryan, New York Times bestselling author of A Tide of Black Steel*
- "A pure thrill ride" - *DAILY TELEGRAPH*
- 'An unalloyed delight' - *DAILY MAIL*
- 'Abercrombie in absolute peak form' - *JAMES CAMERON*
- 'An unholy delight' - *PIERCE BROWN*
- 'Abercrombie is In a class of his own' - *JOE HILL*

#### Author Biography

Joe Abercrombie was born in Lancaster, England, studied psychology at Manchester University, and worked as an editor of documentaries and live music before his first book, *The Blade Itself*, was published in 2006. Two further instalments of the First Law trilogy, *Before They Are Hanged*, and *Last Argument of Kings*, followed, along with three standalone books set in the same world: *Best Served Cold*, *The Heroes* and *Red Country*. He has also written the Shattered Sea trilogy for young adults, the Age of Madness trilogy for old adults, and *Sharp Ends*, a collection of short stories. He lives in Bath, England, with his wife and three children.



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 Price **£12.99 / ₹999**  
 Main Identifier **9781399638982**  
 Thema 1.6 **Popular science (PDZ)  
 Genetics (non-medical) (PSAK)  
 Computational biology / bioinformatics (PSAX)  
 Family history, tracing ancestors (WQY)  
 History of science (PDX)**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **512 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Exclusively for Sale **Cw; EU; Ire; UK**  
 Not for Sale **Can; USA**

Book locale **World**  
 Author born in **Ipswich**  
 Author living in **London SE21**

**Previous Titles**

9781474622394 Control  
 9781474611251 How to Argue With a Racist  
 9781780229089 The Book of Humans

## A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived The Stories in Our Genes - Fully Updated 10th Anniversary Edition

**Adam Rutherford**

**Keynote**

**The repackaged and fully updated 10th anniversary edition of this science history classic**

**Description**

This is a story about you. It is the history of who you are and how you came to be. It is unique to you, as it is to each of the 100 billion modern humans who have ever drawn breath. But it is also our collective story, because in every one of our genomes we each carry the history of our species - births, deaths, disease, war, famine, migration and a lot of sex.

In this captivating journey through the expanding landscape of genetics, Adam Rutherford reveals what our genes now tell us about human history, and what history can now tell us about our genes. From Neanderthals to murder, from redheads to race, dead kings to plague, evolution to epigenetics, this is a demystifying and illuminating new portrait of who we are and how we came to be.

**Sales Points**

- **CRITICAL AND COMMERCIAL HIT:** Received rapturous reviews across the board and sold more than 200k copies across editions, this is the book that launched Adam's career as a bestselling writer as well as a star broadcaster
- **FULLY UPDATED:** With a new introduction, a new chapter and updates throughout, this edition brings the science fully up to date 10 years on from first publication (and now there is a LOT more to say)
- **STAR AUTHOR:** A host on BBC's *Start the Week*, Adam is a lecturer at UCL, president of the Humanist society and author of six books including the *Sunday Times* bestselling *How to Argue With a Racist*

**Reviews**

- 'I very much enjoyed and admired . . . *A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived*' - Bill Bryson, *OBSERVER Books of the Year 2016*
- 'An effervescent work, brimming with tales and confounding ideas . . . will leave you swooning' - *Guardian*
- 'A soaring book' - *The Times*
- 'A thoroughly entertaining history of Homo sapiens and its DNA in a manner that displays popular science writing at its best' - *Observer*
- 'Magisterial, informative and delightful' - Peter Frankopan
- 'Wide-ranging, witty, full of surprises and studded with sparkling insights' - Alice Roberts

**Author Biography**

**Dr Adam Rutherford** is a scientist, writer and broadcaster. He has written and presented award-winning series and programmes for the BBC, including Radio 4's *Inside Science* and *The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry* with Dr Hannah Fry. He is the author of *Creation*, shortlisted for the Wellcome Trust Prize, *A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived*, *The Book of Humans*, the *Sunday Times* bestselling *How to Argue With a Racist* and the co-author of *Rutherford and Fry's Complete Guide to Absolutely Everything (Abridged)*.

**Market**

Readers of Steve Jones, Richard Dawkins, Alice Roberts, Siddhartha Mukherjee, Matt Ridley and Yuval Noah Harari

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## Kakigori Summer

Emily Itami

### Keynote

A transporting, entertaining and moving novel about three sisters reunited for a summer on the Japanese coast, from the Costa-shortlisted author of *Fault Lines*

### Description

Sisters Rei, Kiki and Ai have always had to look out for one another, but life has taken them on very different paths.

Eldest daughter Rei is spiky and sensible, consumed by her London finance job. Big-hearted Kiki is a single mother, working in a Tokyo retirement home. The free-spirited youngest, Ai, is a Japanese pop idol who has found fame and fortune - until a scandal spins her life into chaos . . .

Together, the three sisters retreat to the remote seaside town where they grew up. But returning home means facing the long shadow of their mother's death, and the lives they've built without each other.

Transporting, funny and moving, *Kakigori Summer* is an uplifting exploration of love, loss, and finding your way home.

### Sales Points

- **BREAKOUT SECOND NOVEL FROM ACCLAIMED AUTHOR:** Emily Itami's *Fault Lines* was a word-of-mouth hit in both the UK and US. *Kakigori Summer* is a bigger story, told on a broader canvas, told with her characteristic wit, vibrancy, tenderness and acuity.
- **A BITTERSWEET NOVEL ABOUT SISTERS AND FAMILY:** Fans of *Blue Sisters*, *Hello Beautiful* and *Sorrow and Bliss* will love its funny and heartbreaking exploration of sisterhood and family ties and fans of *Crying in H Mart* will love the way this novel explores food and grief.
- **AWARD RECOGNITION:** *Fault Lines* was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award and longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize
- **AUTHOR AVAILABILITY:** British-Japanese author Emily Itami grew up in Tokyo but lives in London and will be widely available for events and PR in the lead-up to publication.

### Reviews

- 'I adore Emily Itami's writing . . . Cosy, dreamy, although you're never too far from a line that's sharply astute' - Florence Knapp, author of *The Names*
- 'As refreshing as the iced dessert it's named after . . . An atmospheric and deeply moving story' - *Service95*
- 'Beautifully crafted' - *i Paper*

### Author Biography

Emily Itami grew up in Tokyo before moving to London, where she now lives with her young family. She has been published widely as a freelance journalist and travel writer. Her first novel, *Fault Lines*, was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award.

### Market

For fans of *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, *Sorrow and Bliss* by Meg Mason and *All My Puny Sorrows* by Miriam Toews.

Publication date	<b>Thursday, May 28, 2026</b>
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Thema 1.6	<b>Fiction: literary and general non-genre (FB) Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general (FBA) Tokyo (1FPJ-JP-CF) Japan (1FPJ)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
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Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>London N19</b>

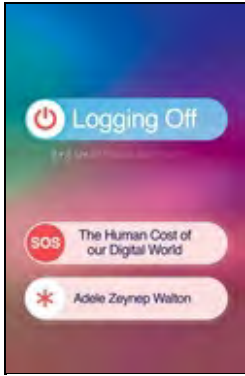
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Thema 1.6	<b>Social media / social networking (UDBS) History of Computing, digital and information technologies (UBB) Media studies: internet, digital media and society (JBCT1)</b>
Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>256 pages</b>
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>
Author living in	<b>Lewes, UK</b>

**Previous Titles**

N/A	
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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## Logging Off The Human Cost of Our Digital World

**Adele Zeynep Walton**

**Keynote**

An important examination of our digital world, how it harms us and how we can change it for the better.

**Description**

**'You won't look at your screens in the same way after reading this book' Grace Blakeley, author of VULTURE CAPITALISM**

**'Logging Off is a life-saving book' Mikaela Loach, author of IT'S NOT THAT RADICAL**

**'A harrowing but important read' Carole Cadwalladr**

**We live in a digital world. In the 30 years since we've been online, we've created connections, crossed boundaries and discovered new worlds. We have done things generations before us could never have imagined.**

**But at what cost?**

Growing up as a Gen Z, Adele spent endless hours as a teenager on social media, shaping her view of herself and the world. As a freelance journalist, she has used her social media platforms and digital technology to develop a career in an unfamiliar and competitive industry, benefitting from the opportunities that these spaces can offer. But after losing her sister to online harms, she realised that our current digital world is failing us.

We are an anxious and discontent generation. Our lived realities and our online vulnerabilities are inextricably linked, and this means big business for social media tycoons who want us to stay scrolling at any cost. As Big Tech barons make their billions, capitalising on our emotions, instincts, insecurities and desires, everyday people are losing out.

From workers being fired by algorithms, to online forums dedicated to revenge porn and encouraging suicide, to censorship of marginalised voices and the turbulent impacts of AI, *Logging Off* reveals that our digital world is currently fuelling crises that only empathy, agency and humanity can resolve. This book is a call for a radical reclamation of our digital world, for a more humane future that empowers us all.

**'Poignant, timely and astute, Logging Off is a compelling examination of how our lives have been shaped - and irrevocably changed - by the rise of digital technologies' Yomi Adegoke, author of THE LIST**

**Sales Points**

- **HOT TOPIC.** With the rise of conversations around AI, and ongoing discussion about how social media impacts us all, this book enters the market at a time when this subject is a hot topic. The first investigation and analysis of our digital world, from a journalist specialising in writing on tech, politics and social justice, this book is an excellent entry point to this important subject.
- **WELL-ESTABLISHED JOURNALIST AUTHOR WITH AN UNBELIEVABLE PERSONAL STORY.** Adele Zeynep-Walton has bylines in all the major magazines and newspapers and is a journalist specialising in tech, politics and social justice. She understands the harms that can be inflicted by the digital world more than most and will share her personal story of her sister meeting a man via a suicide forum online, who then assisted her in ending her life. This was the spark of Adele's campaigning and the catalyst for this investigation.
- **A NEW FRESH VOICE IN SOLID MARKET AREA.** Similar titles in the market include: *People vs. Tech* by Jamie Bartlett (15k PB), *Doppelgänger* by Naomi Klein (12.5k HB), *Digital Minimalism* by Cal Newport (15k PB), *The Anxious Generation* (6k HB), *Why Social Media is Ruining Your Life* (4k HB) and *Because Internet* (2.6k PB).

**Reviews**

- 'Motivated by the most tragic of circumstances, Adele Zeynep Walton combines a compendium of contemporary horror stories with a breadth of well-referenced expert testimony, to produce a vital commentary for anyone wanting to better understand our dangerous digital world. *Logging Off* offers a thought-provoking digital stocktake, a must read for concerned parents and for all who want to more safely navigate the technological perils we all face today.' - *Ian Russell MBE, Chair Molly Rose Foundation*
- 'Logging Off is a deeply moving and powerfully argued expose of the technologies that have come to dominate our lives. Walton masterfully demonstrates that these technologies are not neutral - they are designed to enrich their owners and harm their

users. You won't look at your screens in the same way after reading this book.' - *Grace Blakely, author of VULTURE CAPITALISM*

- 'Logging Off is a life-saving book. It's an essential deep-dive into the digital world that everyone needs to read. An important, fascinating, heart-filled page-turner of a debut.' - *Mikaela Loach, author of IT'S NOT THAT RADICAL*
- 'A harrowing but important read from a member of the rising generation of young people who've experienced first hand the dangers of out of control tech companies and killer algorithms.' - *Carole Cadwalladr, the Guardian*

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### Author Biography

Adele Zeynep Walton is a British Turkish journalist, online safety campaigner and the author of *Logging Off: The Human Cost of Our Digital World*. Adele has channelled a personal loss into advocating for a safer digital world for young people. She is a member of Bereaved Families for Online Safety and a youth ambassador for People Vs Big Tech.

As a freelance journalist Adele has written for *The Independent*, *i*, *Dazed*, *i-D*, *VICE*, *Metro*, *The Big Issue*, *Jacobin*, *Open Democracy*, *Tribune*, *Huck*, *gal-dem*, *The New Arab* and more. Her articles have been translated into Brazilian Portuguese, German, Italian, Swedish, Turkish and Spanish, and she has featured on *Times Radio*, *LBC Radio*, *Sky News*, *BBC Radio Scotland* and *Channel 4 News* and more. Between 2023-2024 Adele was *DAZED's* first ever political book columnist, where she has interviewed authors including *Naomi Klein*, *Emma Dabiri*, *Vicky Spratt* and more.

She is also the co-founder of *Logging Off Club*, which brings people together offline at phone free events to reconnect and promote connection, curiosity and wellness

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## The Ladie Upstairs

### 'A fever dream of a novel' Lucy Rose, author of THE LAMB

**Jessie Elland**

#### Keynote

Introducing a bold and unflinching new voice in femgore horror fiction.

#### Description

**'A fever dream of a novel. Fuelled by sapphic femgore, it's sick and sultry, and a deeply beguiling masterclass in the perverse; I couldn't put it down!'** Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

**'Devilishly addictive and delightfully gory from an exciting new voice in literary horror. Northanger Abbey meets Saltburn'** Christine Anne Foley, author of *Bodies*

Scullery drudge Ann longs to become a lady's maid. Ann can't quite remember how or when she arrived at the grand Ropner Hall, but she loathes spending her days toiling in the dank kitchen.

When a chance meeting with Ropner's Lady Charlotte leads to the opportunity to become her personal maid, Ann is convinced she has finally escaped her own version of hell. But has she? As Ann's new life above stairs takes a sinister twist, will it turn out that the terrors lurking up there are worse than the devils she knows below?

**Jessie Elland's deeply visceral debut is a dark and twisted tale of ambition and desire. Are you brave enough to enter Ropner Hall?**

**'Disgustingly beautiful and sharp with shame. The Ladie Upstairs is an addictive, feverish and strangling read'** Charlotte Paradise, author of *Overspill*

**'Beautiful prose, unforgettable characters, and a strange, twisty, dreamlike plot'** Lauren Wilson, author of *The Golden*s

#### Sales Points

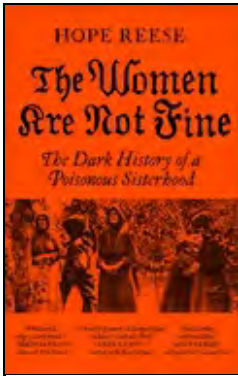
- Jessie Elland is a talented young writer and actor from north-east England, with an active and bookish presence on Instagram, Tiktok and X, where she has a combined following of almost 50k followers (@jessieelland). Along with three fellow actors, Jessie has recently established the Rather Be Reading book club on Instagram (@ratherbereading.bc).
- *The Ladie Upstairs* fits perfectly with the growing renaissance in literary feminist horror, with a plethora of new books written by women and aimed at female and feminist readers being published and hyped. Stylist magazine has recently dubbed the movement 'femgore'.
- Jessie's outstanding debut is set in an undefined historical period; she neatly describes it as 'Bridgerton meets Shirley Jackson'. With its uncanny atmosphere and provocative themes it will also appeal to fans of Mariana Enriquez, Bora Chung, Mona Awad, Laura Purcell, Zakiya Dalila Harris, as well as those who have enjoyed recent films *Poor Things* and *The Favourite*.

#### Reviews

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- **'Elland's voice is established and enchanting, leading you unarmed into the unexpected. Her prose is disgustingly beautiful and sharp with shame. The Ladie Upstairs is an addictive, feverish and strangling read'** - Charlotte Paradise, author of OVERSPILL
- **'Beautiful prose, unforgettable characters, and a strange, twisty, dreamlike plot'** - Lauren Wilson, author of THE GOLDENS

#### Author Biography

**Jessie Elland** is an actress and author from the North East of England. An avid bookworm from the moment she could read, Jessie spent most of her childhood dreaming of writing books and scribbling down half-finished stories. *The Ladie Upstairs* is her first novel to be published (and finished!).



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## The Women Are Not Fine The Dark History of a Poisonous Sisterhood

Hope Reese

### Keynote

The dark history of a poisonous sisterhood

### Description

'An insightful, empathetic and well-researched account of a deeply fascinating and macabre true story' KATE MOORE , *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Radium Girls*

'Compelling' *TELEGRAPH*

'Such a compelling account of a small but significant dark corner of history... Profound, angry, and tender all at once' VIRGINIA FEITO, author of *MRS MARCH*

'Fascinating and very compelling' ZOE VENDITTOZZI, co-author of *HOW TO KILL A WITCH*

'A moving story of desperation, violence and survival' HELEN LEWIS, author of *DIFFICULT WOMEN*

*The women of Nagyrev are desperate. They're abused by their husbands. They are feeding their newborns to livestock.*

At the turn of the 20th century, in the village of Nagyrev, Hungary, midwife Zsuzsanna Fazekas was more than a caretaker - she was a confidante. She helped poor women give birth; she assisted them with abortions; and she listened. Their stories were the same: husbands who drank, who beat them, who made their lives unbearable.

In response, Auntie Zsuzsi asked one question: "Why bother with them?"

Her solution was arsenic. Soon, women began slipping this concoction, made by dissolving flypaper in water, into their husbands' porridge, stews, and brandy. And over the next twenty years, the quiet village became the epicenter of one of the deadliest poisoning epidemics of the 20th century - according to some estimates, up to 300 people in the region were murdered.

*Why did they do it? How did these murders spin out of control? How did these women get away with their crimes for two decades?*

In *The Women Are Not Fine*, journalist Hope Reese pieces together archival newspapers, court documents, police records, and the vital work of historians, sociologists, and psychologists, diving deep into the truth behind this extraordinary event. Her findings serve as a stark warning: when women in a community are pushed to the brink, the consequences reverberate through history.

*The Women Are Not Fine* is more than a true crime story. It's a timely, haunting exploration of what happens when women's suffering goes unanswered.

More praise for *The Women Are Not Fine*:

'A meticulously researched and sensitively rendered portrait of a community of women' ERIN KEANE, author of *Runaway: Notes on the Myths That Made Me*

'Hope Reese has sleuthed out a riveting, remarkable true story that raises questions like the best dystopian fiction' PEGGY ORENSTEIN, author of *Girls & Sex*

'A feat of investigative reporting . . . This book proves that our past is present' ELIZABETH FLOCK, author of *The Furies*

'Enthralling . . . A fascinating read' STEPHANIE COONTZ, author of *Marriage, a History*

'Hugely well-researched - an intriguing (and thoughtful) antidote to stereotypes about gendered violence.' GINA RIPPON, author of *The Gendered Brain*

### Sales Points

- **WIDE APPEAL:** *The Women Are Not Fine* taps into both the revisionist history market as well as attracting fans of true crime and suspenseful non-fiction.
- **A RARE FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT:** Hope has moved to Hungary to write this book

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and is staying next to the village alongside a researcher. She is discovering newly unearthed historical documents and conducting uncovered reportage with testaments from the women's diaries. This a completely new first person oral history, very similar to the writing approach of Lisa Taddeo's *Three Women*.

- **FOR FANS OF: *The Five*** by Hallie Rubenhold (TCM HB 28k, PB 113k), *Lady Killers* by Tori Telfer (TCM PB 4k), with elements of *In Defence of Witches* by Mona Chollet (TCM HB 3.7k, PB 11.7k) and **Women Talking** by Miriam Toews (PB TCM 8k , HB TCM 1.8k).
- **A ONCE IN A DECADE PUBLICATION:** This is a **unique historical account** of the women behind the mass poisoning in Nagyrév, Hungary. However, it explores matters beyond the period it is describing, encouraging readers to reflect on the **experiences of women of Nagyrév in relation to current issues for women** in the present day and throughout history.
- **THREE WOMEN AS A KEY COMP:** **Three Women** by Lisa Taddeo (PB TCM 106k, HB TCM 55k), a key comparison title and the agent of *The Women are Not Fine* was the publicist behind this bestseller.

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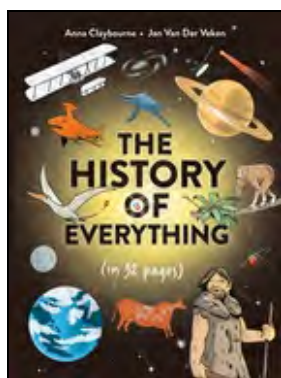
### Author Biography

**Hope Reese** is a journalist writing for the *New York Times*, *Shondaland*, *Vox* and dozens of other publications covering subjects ranging from culture to politics to technology. She is published in the collection *Where Freedom Starts: Sex Power Violence #MeToo* (Verso Books). *The Women Are Not Fine* is her first book.

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## The History of Everything in 32 Pages

### Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Jan Van Der Veken)

#### Keynote

In the beginning, about 13.8 billion years ago, the Universe started with a bang.

#### Description

In the beginning, about 13.8 billion years ago, the Universe started with a bang. Travel through time and space to learn how the world has evolved from the Big Bang onwards! From the creation of the stars, through the evolution of plants and animals, the dawn of the dinosaurs, and on towards the first humans, early civilizations, empires, and technology, this incredible book will take you through the history of, well, everything! *The History of Everything in 32 Pages* is a visual guide to 'everything'-from the formation of the solar system, right up to the modern day. Fourteen exciting double-page spreads draw you into a world of discovery. Each fascinating scene depicts a key development in life on earth, with colorful and engaging illustrations and packed with interesting facts and figures. *The History of Everything in 32 Pages* takes you through the ages in a compact and concise way, covering a huge-ranging subject in just one book! A fun and accessible guide to the history of the universe, this book is suitable for children aged 7 and above. Anna Claybourne is a children's author who has written non-fiction books on a wide variety of topics, including science and technology, wildlife, and history.

#### Sales Points

- A visual guide to 'everything'-from the Big Bang and the formation of the solar system, right up to the modern day
- Covers the major events between the beginning of the universe and now, including the creation of stars, the development of life, the arrival of humans, the dawn of history, the growth of empires, revolutions of all kinds and the age of technology
- Heavily illustrated with beautiful and informative artwork
- Compact and concise, so you can cover this huge-ranging subject in just one book

#### Author Biography

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.

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## Classics Retold: Dracula

Mick Gowar (Illustrated By Lia Visirin)

### Keynote

Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience.

### Description

**Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience.**

In this story based on Bram Stoker's original text, Count Dracula aims to leave his castle in Transylvania and head across the sea to England, where he plans to unleash his vampires ... can he be stopped before it's too late?

Enter the world of literary classics with these expertly retold chapter books for young readers. Atmospheric and evocative colour artwork accompanies accessible text in a dyslexia friendly-font. Extra features include a short biography of Bram Stoker, plus some extra facts and comprehension exercises at the back of the book to help students study the text in more depth. A brilliant edition for all classrooms and perfect for readers age 7+ making the next step to longer texts.

Books to collect in this series: *Dracula*; *Frankenstein*; *Jane Eyre*; *Oliver Twist*; *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*; *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

### Sales Points

- The text has been carefully abridged by expert authors to make it highly accessible for reluctant and high-10 readers and uses a dyslexia-friendly font
- The stories are brought to life with the beautiful colour artwork of Romanian illustrator Lia Visirin
- The back of the books also feature author biographies, comprehension activities, and a relevant timeline of events to further support learning

### Author Biography

#### Mick Gowar (Author)

Mick has written or edited more than 100 books for children and young people. He visits schools, libraries, colleges and festivals throughout the UK and abroad to give readings, performances and lead workshops.

#### Lia Visirin (Illustrator)

Lia was born in a small town in Transylvania, Romania, where she now lives with her husband and lots of house plants. She has a BA in traditional graphic arts, but she is a self-taught children's books illustrator. She discovered her passion for children's illustrations very early on. Later, she started working on children's magazines with a local publishing house and knew she wanted to continue on this route. Presently, she works with renowned publishers from all over the world like Walker Books, Usborne, Harper Collins and many more. Lia gets inspiration from nature, old photographs and childhood memories. Her style has beautiful color palettes and lots of details, which transform into wonderfully whimsical illustrations.

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In this story based on Charles Dickens's original text, a young orphan named Oliver is cruelly treated in a Victorian London workhouse before unwittingly being taken in by a gang of unruly pick pockets ...

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### Author Biography

#### Maggie Pearson (Author)

My father was a brilliant story-teller. He had a very boring day-job, so exercised his mind making up long, involved (and often very funny) bedtime stories for my sister and me - with a cliff-hanger ending every night! On the rare occasions when he was stuck for ideas, he used to fall back on lesser-known folk tales. Re-telling traditional stories is still the kind of writing I most enjoy.

At school I used the English essay subjects we were given as an excuse to write stories of my own, which weren't always appreciated. 'Write on the subject!' written in red and a mark of C+ was my first experience of rejection.

My French teacher was more appreciative, which maybe explains why I ended up doing not English but French at university. Straight after graduation I married and settled down to be a full-time wife and mother - it was a straight choice in those days between motherhood or a career.

Apart from some freelance journalism and a few stories for radio, my writing career was on hold until my three sons were grown up, at which point I decided it was now or never if I wanted to be a full-time writer.

I was lucky enough to get my first book - a retelling of an old East Anglian folk tale - accepted by the second publisher I sent it to. Luckier still to get a review from Susan Hill, saying it deserved to become a children's classic. (It didn't, of course.)

Since then I've published around thirty books, ranging from picture book texts to a teenage vampire novel.

My first young teenage novel, 'Owl-light', was short-listed for the WH Smith Mind-Boggling Books award.

My most recent one, 'Shadow of the Beast', was long-listed for the Carnegie Medal.

Nowadays, I'm a book junkie. I buy more books than I can ever possibly read and enjoy all kinds, bar chick-lit and modern biography.

My other interests include cryptic crosswords, going to the theatre and foreign travel.

#### Lia Visirin (Illustrator)

Lia was born in a small town in Transylvania, Romania, where she now lives with her husband and lots of house plants. She has a BA in traditional graphic arts, but she is a self taught children's books illustrator. She discovered her passion for children's illustrations

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CBMC	<b>C3N79</b>
Age	<b>7-9 years</b>
Subject	<b>Fiction</b>
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Character Tie In	<b>Non-character Non Tie-in</b>
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Extent	<b>96 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>Classics Retold</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can; USA</b>

#### Previous Titles

Frankenstein  
Dracula  
Jane Eyre  
Oliver Twist  
Journey to the Centre of the Earth  
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea



very early on. Later, she started working on children's magazines with a local publishing house and knew she wanted to continue on this route. Presently, she works with renowned publishers from all over the world like Walker Books , Usborne, Harper Collins and many more. Lia gets inspiration from nature, old photographs and childhood memories. Her style has beautiful color palettes and lots of details, which transform into wonderfully whimsical illustrations.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP) Children's / Teenage general interest: Rodents and rabbits (YNNJ31) Children's / Teenage emotions: Loneliness, isolation (YXEH) 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>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>300x240</b>
Depth	<b>4mm</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>

Author born in	<b>Germany</b>
Author living in	<b>Sheffield</b>

**Previous Titles**  
The Magic Feather  
Waiting for Wolf

## The Underwater Moon

### Sandra Dieckmann

#### Keynote

Little Mouse believes she's the only one living beneath the quiet, shimmering moon. Until one night, when it comes crashing down from the sky, others emerge from the darkness... A beautifully illustrated tale about sharing the wonders of the world, by Sandra Dieckmann.

#### Description

**An exquisitely illustrated picture book about sharing the wonders of the world.**

Every evening, Mouse waits for night to arrive, for with it comes her only friend: the moon. Mouse loves talking to Moon about her day and her dreams, believing there's no one else in the world but them.

But one night, when the moon comes crashing down from the sky into the deep sea, faces begin to emerge from the darkness. It seems Mouse might not be the only one that cares for Moon dearly . . .

**A stunning tale of friendship, sharing and being mindful that we are all a part of a wider community, by Sandra Dieckmann, the creator of *The Magic Feather*, *Leaf* and *Waiting for Wolf*.**

#### Sales Points

- Sandra Dieckmann's debut picture book *Leaf* was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the AOI World Illustration Award.
- The perfect bedtime story with a night-time setting - featuring a light message about being mindful that we share the world around us
- Stunningly illustrated throughout in Sandra's inimitable style, this beautiful foiled hardback is the perfect gift for any child

#### Author Biography

Sandra Dieckmann is an illustrator, author and maker. Her work is deeply inspired by all that's weird and wonderful in nature, drifting thoughts and dreams. She was born in the north of Germany but lives and works in Sheffield. Her first book as author and illustrator, *Leaf*, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the AOI World Illustration Award.

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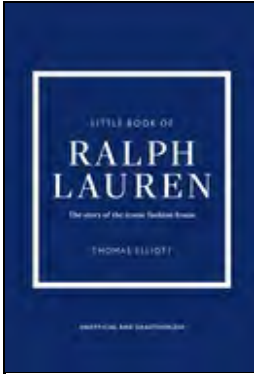
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## Little Book of Ralph Lauren The story of the iconic fashion house

Thomas Elliott

### Keynote

An illustrated exploration of the story behind the designer and brand of Ralph Lauren.

### Description

**From timeless polos and enduring knitwear to its iconic partnership with Wimbledon, Ralph Lauren is the epitome of sophisticated fashion.**

Redefining everyday luxury and promoting a lifestyle that whispers old money, Ralph Lauren promises everything from casual boat shoes to tailored perfection suitable for the Met Gala. Pushing equestrian chic and cable knitwear for over fifty years, the embroidered polo horse has become a signpost of elegance.

*Little Book of Ralph Lauren* charts the imitable rise of an all-American fashion brand from an office in the Empire State Building to a global fashion empire within its own right.

### Sales Points

- Features a fantastic range of photographs from black and white 60s stills to present day star-studded runway events.
- The brand has seen a resurgence in popularity in recent years, propelled mainly by a younger demographic. @ralphlauren has 16.4m followers on Instagram and nearly 400k videos posted using #ralphlauren on TikTok.
- Number 12 on Lyst's hottest brands of 2025 (Q1), climbing 6 places in popularity.
- The brand's recent return to the runway has been endorsed by celebrities like Anne Hathaway, Michelle Williams and Sadie Sink.
- The brand has become a prominent name in international sports partnerships, including Wimbledon, the PGA of America and the US Olympic and Paralympic teams.

### Author Biography

**Thomas Elliott** is a design director and educator, currently serving as Design Director at Condé Nast. He has collaborated with brands including Chanel, Cartier, Chloé and Nike and contributed to publications such as VICE and Arena Homme Plus. A former Lecturer and Course Leader at the London College of Fashion, his academic practice explored brand strategy, cultural history, and subcultural movements. He lives in London, UK.

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Price	<b>£13.99 / ₹1099</b>
Main Identifier	<b>9781035434503</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Individual designers or design groups (AKB) Fashion and textile design (AKT) Fashion and style guides (WJF)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>180x125</b>
Extent	<b>160 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>14869 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>100 colour/black and white images</b>
Series	<b>Little Books of Fashion</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author born in	<b>Midlands</b>
Author living in	<b>London</b>
1st Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
2nd Serial	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Audio	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Electronic	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Film and TV	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Large print	<b>Headline Publishing Group</b>
Podcast	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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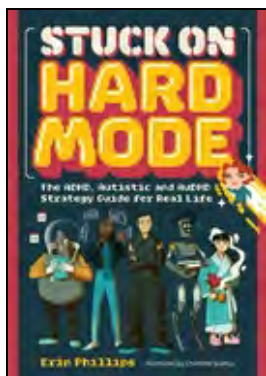


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Main Identifier	<b>9781839977985</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder (MKJA) Coping with / advice about physical impairments / disability (VFJD)</b>
Binding Format	<b>Trade Paperback 246x173 (6.8x9.7")</b>
Extent	<b>144 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>57438 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>66 B&amp;W</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>UK; World</b>
Not for Sale	<b>None</b>
Author living in	<b>US</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>Jessica Kingsley Publishers</b>
Undramatised (straight) reading	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
US	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>

Jessica Kingsley Publishers.



## Stuck on Hard Mode The ADHD, Autistic and AuDHD Strategy Guide for Real Life

**Erin Phillips (Illustrated By Charlotte Grange)**

### Keynote

A guide for neurodivergent young adults to navigating real life presented as a videogame strategy guide

### Description

Your energy levels are depleted; those laundry and washing up questlines are all flashing with red exclamation marks and nearly everything is on fire...but that's just an average day for many neurodivergent people, right?

Being autistic, ADHD or AuDHD can sometimes feel like you're stuck on hard mode with no option to toggle that difficulty setting. Fear not! The first ever neurodivergent-friendly strategy guide to everyday life is here to improve your gameplay in a world built for neurotypicals.

Hilarious, fun and packed full of gorgeous art and 'screenshots' from the ultimate game - real life - this strategy guide is your tool to surviving the missions and quests of the daily grind.

Helped along by your digital companion Erin and allies you'll meet along the way, this guide features advice on customising your character, developing your stats, managing tricky status effects like burnout, and even making friends and exploring relationships in multiplayer mode. In this guide you have all the strats, tips and tricks you need to thrive during all aspects of gameplay as a neurodivergent player. So, let's begin and establish a play style that works for you.

### Sales Points

- - The strategy guide concept and gaming language will resonate with many neurodivergent adults who game
- - Gaming is becomingly increasingly more prevalent within autistic and ND communities.
- - Author is autistic and ADHD making her aware of inclusivity and her voice relatable readers
- - Gorgeous high-quality illustrations and a format that is accessible for Neurodivergent readers with chunked text, visuals, keys and notes.

### Market

Autistic or ADHD young adults and older teens.



## Beyond the Label Empowering Parents of ADHD Girls

Dr Olivia Kessel

### Keynote

**From unpicking the science of ADHD to understanding how it manifests uniquely in girls, this is a practical guide for parents based on medical expertise and lived experience.**

### Description

**From unpicking the science of ADHD to understanding how it manifests uniquely in girls, this is a practical guide for parents based on medical expertise and lived experience.**

Do you find yourself wondering, yet struggling to accept, that your daughter might have ADHD? Are you on a long waiting list for an assessment? Have they recently been diagnosed and you are wondering what to do next? Are you overwhelmed daily by challenges and wondering how to go on?

You are not alone. This book is your guide, offering practical insights, compassionate support and a roadmap to help you and your child with ADHD. It combines what the science tells us with the unfiltered realities of navigating ADHD as a parent, providing readers with actionable tools and emotional support.

Dr Olivia Kessel's medical background allows her to approach neurodiversity with empathy and evidence-based solutions. This book reflects her personal story and professional expertise, offering hope, clarity and empowerment for families on similar journeys and ensuring their children have the support they need to become confident, thriving adults.

### Sales Points

- A new author with a targeted and growing platform, who will bring an evidence-based approach, plus direct lived experience, to the area of ADHD advice - in this case for parents of young girls first receiving their diagnosis.
- Focus on author's podcast platform and social media, their following is very dedicated and likely to buy a book. Support with marketing assets, pre-order campaign and publicity.
- Host of the weekly SEND Parenting podcast, which has over 40,000 downloads across 95 countries. Has a predominantly female listenership (85-90%) aged 25-64, with the largest segment being women aged 35-44. Guests have included Rory Bremner and Caragh McMurtry, alongside bestselling authors Heidi Mavir, Naomi Fisher and Eliza Fricker. The podcast has also found a place within mainstream wellbeing platforms like Raiys, Teen Tips and bespoke wellbeing systems used by Ingeus UK, a leading provider of employment, skills, health and wellbeing services, supporting hundreds of thousands of people annually. This partnership has extended the podcast's reach to hundreds of thousands of users globally, reinforcing its value as a trusted resource. The podcast's social media presence boasts close to 10,000 followers, with many guests bringing their vast networks-some in the millions-to amplify each episode's reach. The podcast's impact has also been recognised by mainstream media, with features on BBC Radio, including an appearance on BBC Sounds, where Olivia was interviewed by Kirsten O'Brian, and on BBC Radio Oxford with David Prever on his Breakfast Club.

### Author Biography

**Dr Olivia Kessel** is a former medical doctor and is the host of the popular SEND Parenting Podcast. She is also mother to a daughter with mild cerebral palsy, dyslexia and ADHD. This has given her a deeply personal understanding of the struggles neurodivergent children and their families face and fuels her passion to help other parents realise they are not alone and to empower them with knowledge and practical tools.

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Main Identifier	<b>9781408783542</b>
Thema 1.6	<b>Coping with / advice about ADHD (VFJR2) Relating to people on the autism spectrum (SPMH) Autism Spectrum Disorder (MKJA) Coping with / advice about autism spectrum disorder (VFJR1)</b>
Binding	<b>Trade Paperback</b>
Format	<b>C Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>416 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>100000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>c.10 b/w illustrations</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Philippines; UK; World (ex USA, Can)</b>
Not for Sale	<b>Can</b>
Author living in	<b>Henley</b>
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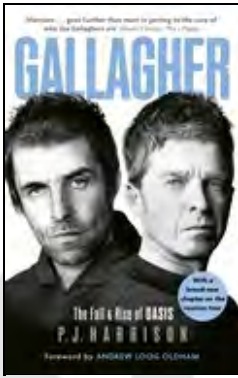
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Thema 1.6	<b>Music (AV) Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP) Rock and Roll (6RG)</b>

Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Depth	<b>22mm</b>
Extent	<b>336 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>90000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>1x8pp</b>
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## Gallagher

### The Fall and Rise of Oasis: the new 2025 biography of one of the world's biggest bands

**PJ Harrison**

#### Keynote

The must-read biography chronicling the fall and rise of one of the world's biggest bands, Oasis, and how they staged the greatest comeback of all-time

#### Description

**'Brilliant...an absolute classic' Paul Ross**

**'Harrison usefully tracks the brothers' post-Oasis careers and the toxifying feud between them' Ludovic Hunter Tilney, *Financial Times***

**'Harrison...goes further than most in getting to the core of who the Gallaghers are' Shaun Curran, *TheiPaper***

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BONDED BY MUSIC. BROKEN BY EACH OTHER. BACK WHERE THEY BELONG.

THE SUPERSONIC STORY OF TWO BROTHERS WHO REWROTE HISTORY.

GALLAGHER chronicles the fall and rise again of one of the world's biggest bands: Oasis. With a focus on Noel and Liam Gallagher's individual journeys, this absorbing biography starts from the shattered remnants of Oasis in 2009, taking fans through 15 years of high and lows as the brothers become formidable solo artists.

PJ Harrison, a former label owner and artist manager (but above all Oasis fan) who spent time on the road and in the studio with them, takes fans inside the world of Oasis. Drawing on meticulous research and exclusive interviews, Harrison explores how two brothers from a Manchester council estate became the defining musical force of their generation, and why their legacies endure.

With a foreword by legendary Rolling Stones manager Andrew Loog Oldham, this account sheds new light on fame, family, feuds and an unthinkable reunion.

#### Sales Points

- **The first major biography to publish since the reunion of the band.** The book has a unique focus in that it focuses on the interim period between break up and reunion and their stellar solo careers. No other biography has covered this to date.
- **New and Exclusive content:** This paperback edition will contain a brand-new chapter documenting the events of the Oasis Live 25 tour.
- **A Celebration of a Cultural Moment:** The Oasis reunion has dominated headlines around the world with supply and demand for tickets massively outstripped, with over 9 million people attempting to secure tickets. There is a whole new generation of fans who have never seen the band live with a huge appetite for all things Oasis.
- **A Global Audience.** Since first publication the band will have toured, UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, South Korea, Japan and Australia. It is rumoured that the band will announce dates across Europe in 2026 and potentially Knebworth. Key territories include UK & Ireland, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Japan, Australia, Mexico, Brazil among many others. Spotify streams have surged by 690% globally.
- **Written By an Insider.** Author PJ is a close associate of the band, having toured with them and spent time in the studio. His book contains interviews with their closest circle and associates. As a former employee of Sony, a record label owner, band manager and now LA football club owner (with Sting's son), the author PJ is incredibly well-connected. He is based in London but willing to travel.

#### Author Biography

"Definitely Maybe" changed PJ Harrison's life. Originally from Merseyside, PJ became a huge fan of Oasis and travelled to watch their concerts throughout his teens, often arriving as early as 9am to stand in line so he could watch from at the very front. In his twenties, PJ began to work in the music industry, firstly with his own Sony JV record label (in the same group as Oasis' Creation Records) before moving into major label artist management, writing and production. PJ's world began to overlap with that of Oasis. The band took a shine to several artists he managed and took them, and PJ with them, on world tours. During this period of touring Harrison spent almost every day around the band and their crew, getting to know their management and developed friendly relationships with the band.

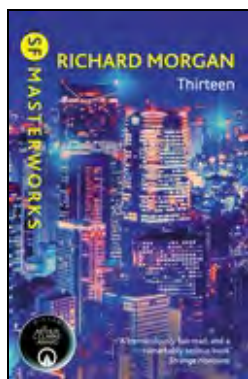
PJ has had a diverse career in the entertainment industry, spanning music, television,



sports and creative direction. In music, he has worked with world renowned artists, such as Nas and Lauryn Hill, and has served as a writer, director and host for television. With a keen interest in sports, he co-founded LA football club City of Angels as well as Block Training alongside NBA legend Steve Nash. PJ lives in London. This is his first book.

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 Thema 1.6 **Science fiction (FL)**  
**Science fiction: near future (FLP)**  
**Science fiction: military (FLR)**

Binding **Paperback**  
 Format **B Format**  
 Extent **656 pages**  
 Word Count  
 Series **S.F. MASTERWORKS**

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

Book locale **n/a**  
 Author living in **Norwich**

#### Previous Titles

Altered Carbon, Broken Angels, Market Forces, Woken Furies

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**

2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**

Audio **Refer to Publisher**

Dramatisation and documentary **Refer to Publisher**

Electronic **Refer to Publisher**

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US **Refer to Publisher**

## Thirteen

**Richard Morgan**

### Keynote

Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2008

### Description

**"This is writing with the brakes off and the adrenaline pumped to high"** - Liz Holiday, *SCI-FI NOW*

**"... a cracking thriller which achieves the tricky sci-fi balancing act ... feeling relevant and accessible"** - Amazon Reviewer

One hundred years from now, against all odds, Earth has found a new stability; the political order has reached a tentative balance, and the new colony on Mars is growing. But the fraught years of the 21st century have left an uneasy legacy ...

As genetically engineered alpha males, Thirteens were designed to be the ultimate military fighting force but, with no wars to fight, they find themselves surplus to requirements. Many of the Thirteens have left for Mars, but now one has returned, killing everyone on the shuttle on which he arrived.

Only Carl Marsalis, one of the Thirteen, can hunt him down. So begins a frantic manhunt, a battle of survival, and a search for the truth about what was really done with the world's last soldiers.

THIRTEEN (previously published as BLACK MAN) is an unstoppable SF thriller about the ramifications of playing with genetic blueprints. It is also a novel about prejudice, and the human capacity for violence, deceit and corruption.

### Sales Points

- A new stand-alone SF thriller from one of the world's most successful SF authors
- Morgan's trademark blistering pace and high octane action allied to cutting edge science and social concerns
- Total sales for Richard Morgan in the UK alone over 250,000
- A bestseller in the US and translated in 14 countries
- Winner of the Philip K Dick and John W. Campbell Awards

### Awards

Shortlisted for the 2007 BSFA Award  
 Winner of the 2008 Arthur C. Clarke Award

### Reviews

- 'This is writing with the brakes off and the adrenaline pumped to high.' - Liz Holiday, *SCI-FI NOW*

### Author Biography

Richard Morgan was, until his writing career took off, a tutor at Strathclyde University in the English Language Teaching division. He has travelled widely and lived in Spain and Istanbul. He is a fluent Spanish speaker. Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke, John W. Campbell and Philip K. Dick Awards his books are published around the world. He lives in Norwich with his family.

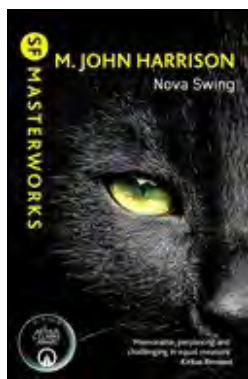
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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>272 pages</b>
Word Count	
Series	<b>S.F. MASTERWORKS</b>
Exclusively for Sale	<b>Can; Cw; EU; Ire; UK</b>
Not for Sale	<b>USA</b>
Book locale	<b>n/a</b>
Author living in	<b>Shropshire</b>
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Dramatisation and documentary	<b>Refer to Publisher</b>
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## Nova Swing

**M. John Harrison**

### Keynote

Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2007

### Description

**"An awesomely fluent and versatile prose stylist"** - INDEPENDENT

**"Amazing achievement ... Harrison pulls off the almost impossible feat of seamlessly blending hard sci-fi, cyberpunk, noir crime ... while doing what all the best literature does"** - Goodreads Reviewer

Set in the unique world, first featured in the award-winning *Light*, here is a story of love, murder, and intergalactic noir on the razors edge of the imagination, as envisioned by the incomparable M. John Harrison.

In a neighbourhood of underground clubs, body-modification chop shops, adolescent contract killers, and sexy streetwalking Monas, you'll find the Saudade Event - a zone of strange geography, twisted physics, and frightening psychic onslaughts.

Vic Serotonin is a travel agent, arranging illegal travel to and from Saudade. His latest client wants a tour and she is a woman as unpredictable as the site itself, and maybe just as dangerous. Coincidentally, a troubling new class of semi-biological artefacts start finding their way out of the site, transforming the real world in unsettling ways. Pursued by a detective intent on collaring him for his illegal tours, and hunted by a gangster convinced that the travel agent has infected him with a rogue artefact, Vic must make one final trip as the universe around him rapidly veers toward viral chaos

### Sales Points

- M. John Harrison is one of Britain's most accomplished writers, lauded for his style and prose.
- LIGHT was his critically acclaimed return to SF after many years: a bestseller for Gollancz.
- One of the rare authors to feature in both Masterworks lists, with THE CENTAURI DEVICE (SF) and VIRICONIUM (Fantasy).

### Awards

Shortlisted for the 2006 BSFA Award  
Shortlisted for the 2007 John W. Campbell Memorial Award  
Winner of the 2007 Arthur C. Clarke Award  
Winner of the 2007 Philip K. Dick Award

### Reviews

- 'An awesomely fluent and versatile prose stylist' - *INDEPENDENT*
- 'LIGHT is a novel of visionary power' - *TLS*
- 'I think this will soon be regarded as one of the most dazzling novels of its genre' - *DAILY TELEGRAPH*
- 'An amazing book: not just a triumphant return to science fiction, but an injection of style and content that will light up the genre' - *Michael Marshall Smith (aka Michael Marshall), bestselling author of THE STRAW MEN*

### Author Biography

M. John Harrison was born in the Peak District and now lives in Shropshire. He is an English author and literary critic. His work includes the Viriconium sequence of novels and short stories, *Climbers*, and the Kefahuchi Tract trilogy, which consists of *Light*, *Nova Swing* and *Empty Space*.

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## Cats on Cats on Cats

**A brilliantly funny, quirky and heartwarming graphic-novel style picture book**

**Maddie Frost**

### Keynote

**A laugh-out-loud story about how one small gift for a grandparent can become one big CAT-astrophe!**

### Description

Every weekend, Beatrix visits her Granny. And Granny *always* treats her to an afternoon of special things like going to the doughnut drive-thru or popcorn-filled trips to the cinema.

But Bea always feels sad when she has to leave and worries that Granny will start to feel lonely without her . . . so Bea takes it upon herself to gift her Granny the ultimate companion pet: a cat!

But when one miscommunication leads to another - and more and more cats - Bea and her Granny find themselves wondering: how many cats is *too* many cats?!

**A hiss-terical graphic-novel style picture book which is the perfect gift for kids, adults and cat-lovers alike!**

### Sales Points

- A hilarious story about one thoughtful gift that sets off a series of funny mishaps and communications, with a loveable and eccentric grandma figure at its heart.
- Taps into the comic and graphic novel trend in the picture book space, with adult gift cross-over.
- Illustrated and told in new, exciting and bold style by author-illustrator Maddie Frost

### Author Biography

Maddie Frost is the author and illustrator of *Once Upon a Zzzz*, *Animobiles* and *Wakey Birds*. She is also the illustrator of *The Littlest Things Give The Loveliest Hugs*, *A is for Artichoke* and more. She lives with her husband and dog in Boston, USA.

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## Eat Like a Greek 100 Quick, Easy, Delicious Recipes

Marina Georgallides

### Keynote

100 ingenious recipes that make exciting Greek and Cypriot dishes simple, from social media sensation Marina Georgallides

### Description

'An irresistible collection of Greek-Cypriot recipes that balance tradition with easy, everyday deliciousness.' Emily Rox, author of *The World is Your Dumpling*

Join Instagram sensation Marina Georgallides (@chefmarinie) on a journey to rediscover her Greek roots through these delicious yet simple recipes.

In *Eat Like A Greek*, Marina Georgallides shares 100 easy-to-follow Greek and Cypriot recipes from her childhood, using fresh ingredients and surprisingly simple cooking methods.

Contents include:

- **Dips** such as Spicy Honey Feta Dip, Tzatziki and Aubergine Dip
- **Mezze** such as Stuffed Vine Leaves, Crispy Courgette Chips and Fried Feta Cheese Parcel
- **Salads** such as Roasted Aubergine Salad, Cabbage Slaw and Beetroot Salad
- **Everyday dinners** such as Cypriot-style Lentil Rice, Orzo Stew and Pan-fried Prawns in Tomato Sauce
- **Sweet treats** such as Lemon Filo Cake, Halva and Baklava

Rooted in tradition but designed to be adapted, Marina's recipes make the flavourful dishes that she grew up with accessible to all cooks. From a Portokalopita recipe that doesn't require you to oven dry the filo pastry to a flatbread recipe that only needs one hour proving time, no dish is out of reach.

### Sales Points

- **A large, engaged following:** Marina has 516k followers on Instagram, and an engagement rate of between 3 and 6% (October 2024)
- **A viral social media series:** Marina's hugely popular Eat Like a Greek series on Instagram breaks down classic Greek dishes. The series has 165 million total combined views, with the top recipes including biftekia (19.8 million total combined views), Greek flatbreads (14.2 million total combined views) and portokalopita (11.3 million total combined views)
- **Big brand partnerships:** She has worked with brands like M&S, and has had a year long partnership with Tasty UK, sharing content that is then amplified by them to their 10 million followers
- **Simplifying complex recipes:** Comps include *Lunch and Dinner from the Very Hungry Greek* (Christina Kynigos, May 2023, 9,787 TCM) and *Greekish* (Georgina Hayden, April 2024, 17,899 TCM). However, their USPs are calorie counting and Greek flavours in everyday dishes respectively, while *Eat Like A Greek* focuses on simplifying complex dishes
- **Celebrating Greek dishes:** This book does for Greek cuisine what Meera Sodha did for Indian cuisine

### Author Biography

Marina Georgallides (@chefmarinie) is a Greek-Cypriot London-based food blogger. Her journey into food content creation started in earnest at the beginning of 2021 when she made a promise to herself to post a recipe every single day for a month. Five years later, and she has built a loyal social media following of over half a million who are here for her fun food series and budget-friendly, imaginative recipes.

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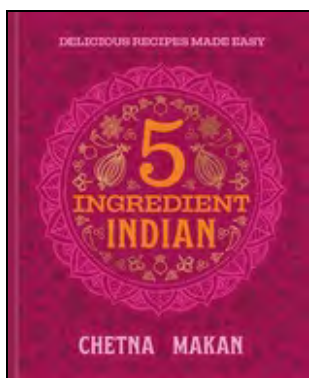
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## 5 Ingredient Indian the BRAND NEW collection of over 90 super simple delicious Indian recipes

**Chetna Makan**

### Keynote

Save time and money with delicious, home-cooked Indian meals that use just five ingredients

### Description

**Cooking Indian food from scratch doesn't have to be complicated. With Chetna Makan's newest book, you can make flavourful Indian dishes with five simple ingredients.**

Combining bold flavours and straightforward cooking methods, Chetna has created recipes and her signature spice blends to make and enjoy delicious Indian cuisine with minimal fuss.

Recipes include delicious main meals like a Tandoori Roast Chicken, *Palak Paneer*, or a Cod Fish Curry; dals such as *Palak Dal* (Spinach Lentils) and *Whole Masoor Dal* (Brown Lentils), snacks such as Masala Papad and Sev (Gram Flour Noodles), and sweet treats such as Saffron Rice Pudding and *Rasgulla*, all with just five ingredients.

### Chapters Include:

- **Spice blends** such as Chaat Masala and Tandoori Masala to build the foundations of your meals
- **Snacks** such as Onion Pakora, Crispy Aubergine and Paneer Vada
- **Veg** such as Cauliflower Sabji and Green Bean Stir Fry
- **Dals** such as Palak Dal (Spinach Lentils) and Sabut Masoor Dal (Brown Lentils)
- **Fish** such as Cod Curry and Curry Leaf Prawns
- **Chicken** such as Chicken Tikka and Tandoori Roast Chicken
- **Rice** such as Herby Pulao, Mushroom Rice and Chole Chawal (Chickpea rice)
- **Breads** such as Roti, Paratha and Uttapam
- **Chutneys and Salads**
- **Sweets** including Wholemeal Laddoo, Saffron Kheer and Masala Chai

With *5 Ingredient Indian*, discover how to bring a taste of India into your kitchen with these effortless yet impressive dishes.

### Sales Points

- **A successful existing author:** Chetna's books have sold over 43k copies via TCM. She won a Guild of Food Writers Recipe Writing Award for her outstanding work in Waitrose Magazine.
- **Leveraging a large platform:** Chetna has over 720k followers across YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and TikTok.
- **The rise of 5-ingredient cooking:** *Perfect Plates in 5 Ingredients* (Kyle Books, John White) has sold 10,966 copies via TCM. *Good Food: 5 Ingredients* (BBC Books, 2018) has sold 4,693 copies via TCM.

### Author Biography

Chetna Makan was born in Jabalpur in Central India. She has a degree in fashion and worked in Mumbai as a fashion designer before moving to the UK in 2004. Chetna was part of *The Great British Bake Off* in 2014 and since then has written 8 cookbooks. They range from baking, Indian street food, healthy Indian food, vegetarian and quick Indian. She also has a very popular YouTube channel 'Food with Chetna' where she shares her creative flair for all things cooking and baking. She has previously collaborated with Jamie Oliver and Waitrose.

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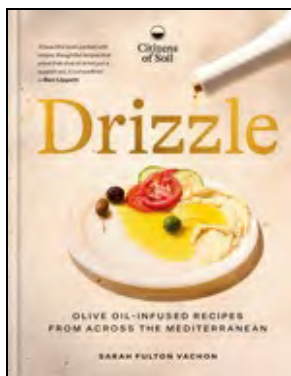
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## Drizzle Olive oil-infused recipes from across the Mediterranean

**Sarah Vachon**

### Keynote

A glorious celebration of a golden liquid, *Drizzle* is a collection of 80 beautiful sun-soaked, olive-oil drenched recipes, from the UK's fastest growing premium olive oil brand, Citizens of Soil.

### Description

'A beautiful book packed with simple, thoughtful recipes that prove that olive oil is not just a support act, it's a headliner.'

**-Ben Lippett**

Olive oil makes everything better and this book shows you how.'

**-Anna Jones**

'You'll rethink everything you thought you knew about this essential kitchen staple.'

**-Manon Lagrève**

From certified olive oil sommelier Sarah Fulton Vachon, founder of the award-winning olive oil brand Citizens of Soil, comes a celebration of the superfood that is extra virgin olive oil. *Drizzle* features recipes for each season, as well as expert insight into choosing, tasting and cooking with this liquid gold.

Recipes come directly from olive oil producers, and from the olive oil obsessed, across the Mediterranean and beyond, from Cretan dolmades to sweet Portuguese buns. Each dish perfectly captures why we should all be drizzling more olive oil, in every season and at every meal.

### Sales Points

- **PREMIUM OLIVE OIL EXPLODING:** The global olive oil market is set to grow hugely with the US olive oil market expected to grow at CAGR of 7.4% from 2025 to 2030, with olive oil brand Citizen of Soil brand planning to launch in the US in Q1 2026. There is extensive media coverage of the explosion in high-end olive oil, due to its health benefits.
- **MEDITERRANEAN RECIPES ENDURINGLY POPULAR:** recipes will styled on a Mediterranean 'way of life', consistently the world's healthiest diet, and one of the most popular year after year.
- **FOODIE FAVOURITE:** Citizen of Soil olive oil brand is beloved by a range of foodie influencers, including Natalia Rudin (@natsnourishments), Manon Lagrève and Anna Jones, the latter of whom said 'I love Citizens of Soil oil - from small farms who farm in a way that respects and cares for the soil and the land. They are some of my favourite oils to cook with.'
- **BRAND WITH SIGNIFICANT RETAIL PRESENCE:** Can be found in in Waitrose, Ocado, Booths, Selfridges, Fortnum & Mason and Abel & Cole and recently raised £1.8 million in seed funding in order to expand their olive oil subscription service in overseas markets.

### Author Biography

Sarah Fulton Vachon is an olive oil sommelier and founder of Citizens of Soil, the Olive Oil Club and refill brand with award-winning extra virgin olive oils from regenerative farmers. She has spent her career working with food and drink brands and regularly delivers olive oil masterclasses to the likes of Fortnum and Mason and Tim Spector's Zoe team. She's made the *Telegraph* + NatWest "Top 100 Female Entrepreneurs to Watch" and is a member of Women in Olive Oil, a global network which empowers education and advancement of women in the industry she loves.

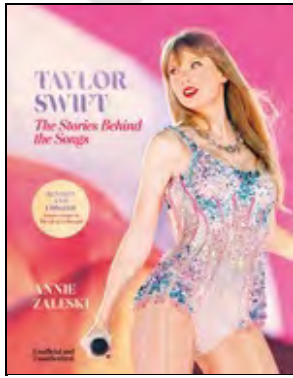
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## Taylor Swift - The Stories Behind the Songs Every single track, explored and explained

Annie Zaleski

### Keynote

Explore the inspiration and the stories behind every single track Taylor Swift has released.

### Description

'Meticulously researched... Every Swiftie will want this'  
-THE SUN

'Every Taylor song explained... A cut above'  
-THE GUARDIAN

**The full story behind every single song Taylor Swift has ever released - NOW REVISED AND UPDATED, INCLUDING THE LIFE OF A SHOWGIRL.**

Covering twelve albums, more than 250 songs, hidden gems, cover versions, vault tracks and more besides, this is the definitive guide to Taylor Swift's incredible songbook and a celebration of one of music's greatest ever talents - **from her self-titled debut to *The Life of a Showgirl*.**

Award-winning music writer Annie Zaleski (*Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, the *Guardian*) leaves no stone unturned as she explores the inspiration, production and legacy of pop's greatest back catalogue, **delving into every era** to tell the story of Taylor Swift's entire career through her music.

A journey through country, pop, indie and folk, this is the **ultimate guide** to the musical and storytelling genius of Taylor Swift.

### Sales Points

- A fully revised and updated new edition, including new album *The Life of a Showgirl*. The book has sold over 500,000 copies to date and was a *New York Times* bestseller.
- The first blow-by-blow review of Taylor's songbook to date, taking us through all twelve studio albums, 250+ songs and the many dramatic and romantic sagas within.
- Taylor's star is higher than ever. After the record-breaking Eras Tour, new album *The Life of a Showgirl* had the biggest opening week of any album in history on the Billboard 200, with over 4 million sales.
- Annie Zaleski is a much-respected, award-winning music writer, based in Ohio, USA. Her writing has appeared in *Rolling Stone* and *Time* magazines, among many others.

### Author Biography

Annie Zaleski is an award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling music author and journalist. Her work has appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, the *LA Times*, *Salon* and *Time* magazine. She has written several books on artists including Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga and Duran Duran. Annie lives in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

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## The Republic of Memory

Mahmud El Sayed

### Keynote

**From the winner of the 2023 Future Worlds Prize comes a blisteringly ambitious piece of science fiction, introducing the Arabfuturism genre.**

### Description

The *Safina* is a city ship, two hundred years into its voyage from the ruins of Earth towards a new habitable world. Its crew maintain the ship, generation after generation, while protecting their 'ancestors' - the final remnants of Earth's doomed Network Empire - by keeping them alive in cryostasis.

But a lot can change in two hundred years, and people are starting to ask questions. Why should the crew continue to toil for people none of them remember? What exactly gives Administration its authority over everyone else?

And when the blackouts start, they set in motion a chain of events that will change life on the *Safina* forever. A reckoning is coming. The system is only secure so long as those in power maintain the obedience of those beneath them.

And the crew has had enough.

**A science fiction odyssey of breathtaking scope, *The Republic of Memory* is a gripping examination of what divides us, and what brings us together. This is a modern and ambitious work of Arabfuturism, and is perfect for fans of *The Expanse*, *A Memory Called Empire* or *Children of Time*.**

### Sales Points

- **FUTURE WORLDS PRIZEWINNER:** Mahmud is the 2023 winner of the Future Worlds Prize, a prize for underrepresented writers in the SFF space, founded by Ben Aaronovitch in 2019. Previous winners include Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson and M.H. Ayinde.
- **ARABFUTURISM:** Mahmud is pioneering this science fiction subgenre, much like Nnedi Okorafor championed (and continues to champion) Africanfuturism.
- **ARAB SPRING... IN SPACE:** Mahmud was inspired by the events of the Arab Spring in the early 2010s, particularly the Tahir Square protests in Egypt. He was interested in exploring the difference in the narrative of the Arab Spring in the West vs how it is viewed among Arabs.

### Reviews

- 'This political sci-fi mind-stretcher is destined to be a classic' - *Nicholas Binge, author of Dissolution*
- 'An essential contribution to the canon' - *Bethany Jacobs, author of These Burning Stars*

### Author Biography

Mahmud El Sayed is a British-Egyptian SFF writer and translator. He lives in East London where he spends his time pondering linguistic oddities and running story ideas by his cat. A former journalist, he covered 'serious' Middle Eastern politics until he had enough of chasing people up for boring quotes and decided to write about generation ships, sentient libraries and memory taxes instead. He won the prestigious 2023 Future Worlds prize for Fantasy and Science Fiction Writers of Colour and his work focuses on Arabic and Islamic-inspired themes in a genre he is calling Arabfuturism.

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## All The Ferraris The Ferrari Bible: A Complete Guide to Over 600 Models

Serge Bellu

### Keynote

A landmark volume chronicling every model that Ferrari has ever produced over the past 75 years.

### Description

#### The Definitive Ferrari Compendium

Never before has a single volume so comprehensively chronicled the extraordinary legacy of Ferrari. This landmark publication presents an exhaustive inventory of every model officially certified by Ferrari since its founding in 1947, from legendary icons such as the 250 GTO, Dino 246 GT, 330 P4, F40, and Ferrari Enzo to the lesser-known yet equally fascinating Sigma and Ferrarina.

For the first time, Ferrari's complete production history—spanning more than 600 models and special editions—is gathered in one authoritative reference. This book offers an unparalleled exploration of:

- \* Every road car, whether produced in series, as a limited edition, or as an exclusive one-off, with meticulous documentation of every variant and body style.
- \* Every racing machine, from endurance prototypes to grand touring legends, detailing their evolutions, adaptations, and triumphs on the world's most demanding circuits.
- \* Every Formula 1 and Formula 2 single-seater, along with adaptations for the Tasman Series and Indianapolis.
- \* Every design study and concept car crafted by Ferrari or visionary independent designers.

Structured chronologically, each model is accompanied by period photographs, archival documents, and expertly curated imagery of rare collector's pieces. Every entry is richly detailed, covering technical specifications, production figures, and chassis numbers. Under the expert guidance of historian Serge Bellu, this work not only catalogs Ferrari's engineering mastery but also offers an insightful perspective on the evolution of its design language.

An essential addition to the library of any Ferrari enthusiast, collector, or connoisseur of automotive excellence.

### Sales Points

- **COMP TITLES:** *Grand Prix: An Illustrated History of Formula 1* (14,061 TCM); *Porsche 911: 50 Years* (7,570 TCM) and *The Story of Ferrari* (5,347 TCM).
- **DEDICATED FANBASE:** The United States alone represents an estimated 12 million Ferrari fans.
- **TIMELESS APPEAL:** Ferrari remains one of the most recognised and admired luxury brands worldwide, appealing to enthusiasts, collectors, and automotive lovers of all ages.

### Reviews

- 'Superb book for all Ferrari collectors to own.' - Dany Renard

### Author Biography

**Serge Bellu**, journalist and illustrator, editor-in-chief of *L'Année Automobile* since 2009, is the author of several dozen books on the history of automobiles and design, published by Larousse, Flammarion, RMN, La Martinière, Le Cherche Midi, Coachbuilt, Éditions du Regard, and others. A consultant for the industry, he has also been a lecturer and speaker at several schools (Art Center College of Design, Strate, Arts & Métiers, etc.). At Glénat publishing, he is the author of *Toutes les Ferrari*, *Ferrari Maserati*, *le duel*, *Supercars*, *Lamborghini*, *la Citroën DS*, *Renault 4L*, *la Citroën 2CV*, and more.

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## Graphic Design Play Book Second Edition An Exploration of Visual Thinking

**Aurélian Farina, Sophie Cure**

### Keynote

**An entertaining and highly original introduction to graphic design.**

### Description

This beautifully designed book uses puzzles and visual challenges to demonstrate how typography, signage, posters and branding work.

Through a series of games and activities, such as spot the difference, matching games, drawing and dot-to-dot, readers are introduced to concepts and techniques in an engaging and interactive way. It is illustrated with typefaces, posters and pictograms by distinguished designers including Otl Aicher, Pierre Di Sciullo, Otto Neurath and Gerd Arntz. This second edition has been updated to include a brand new chapter on page and cover design layout.

The central section of the book comprises sticker sheets, die-cut templates and coloured paper, making it an irresistible gift for anyone with an interest in the art of visual communication.

### Sales Points

- Novel approach to help you understand how graphic design works and develop your visual sensibility through puzzles and activities
- Includes solution pages and a glossary
- Bonus content includes removable sticker sheets, die-cut templates and coloured paper
- Lifetime sales of first edition (published 2019) as of 1.12.25: **33,293** (US 11,262 / UK 8,789 / Exp 13,242)

### Author Biography

#### Aurélien Farina (Author)

Aurélien Farina is a French-Swiss graphic designer based in Paris. He founded Paper! Tiger! studio in 2011, specializing in editorial and print design.

#### Sophie Cure (Author)

Sophie Cure is a graphic designer based in Paris. She has run her own studio since 2012, focusing on visual identities, editorial design and educational tools.

Publication date **Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
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Thema 1.6 **Graphic design (AKK)  
Typography and lettering (AKD)  
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Binding **Trade Paperback**  
Format **240 x 165 mm**  
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Word Count **6000 words**  
Illustrations **c. 150 colour illustrations/  
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removable folded form section with  
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paper held by rubber band**

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## FIFA World Cup 2026: The Official Guide

Keir Radnedge

### Keynote

The official guide to the biggest sporting event on the planet: FIFA World Cup 26™.

### Description

**The definitive illustrated guide to the biggest FIFA World Cup ever is here!**

*FIFA World Cup 2026: The Official Guide* is the essential companion to the world's biggest sporting event. With 48 nations competing in 16 cities across the United States, Canada and Mexico, the 2026 tournament promises to be the most exciting, competitive and spectacular edition yet.

Inside the *Official Guide*, you'll find everything you need to follow the FIFA World Cup, including:

- Guides to all 16 host cities, from Mexico City to Miami and Toronto to New York.
- Analysis of every team competing.
- Profiles of star players to watch.
- Reviews of the qualifiers across Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa and Oceania.
- A fill-in guide to track results as the tournament progresses.

Packed full of facts and statistics, and illustrated with superb photography throughout, this is the only handbook you'll need to follow all the action at FIFA World Cup 2026.

### Sales Points

- The FIFA World Cup is the world's biggest sporting event. The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 engaged 5 billion fans across all media.
- FIFA World Cup 2026 will be the biggest edition of the tournament yet. With 48 nations competing for the first time, the global audience will be unprecedented.
- The tournament is being hosted across the United States, Canada and Mexico, generating massive interest in the world's biggest market.
- This fully illustrated, officially licensed book features everything that fans will need to follow the FIFA World Cup - a complete schedule, host city guides, team profiles, stats, facts and much more.

### Author Biography

Keir Radnedge has been covering football for more than 40 years. He has written countless books on the subject, from tournament guides to comprehensive encyclopedias, aimed at all ages. His journalism career included the *Daily Mail* for 20 years, as well as the *Guardian* and other national newspapers and magazines in the UK and abroad. He is a former editor of *World Soccer*, generally recognized as the premier English-language magazine on global football. In addition to his writing, Keir has been a regular analyst for BBC radio and television, Sky Sports and the American cable television news channel CNN.

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## New York Fashion Icons Style legends of the iconic city

Welbeck

### Keynote

*New York Fashion Icons* is your ultimate guide to all of the key celebrities, influencers and characters who embrace New York style, from high end catwalks to everyday street style.

### Description

**From Carrie Bradshaw to Grace Jones, and from Nicki Minaj to Blair Waldorf, New York is the fashion 'it girl' capital of the world.**

*New York Fashion Icons* is your ultimate guide to all of the key artists, musicians, writers, actors, influencers and characters who define New York style, from high end catwalks to everyday street style. Through deep-dives into their signature pieces, favourite designers, influences and impact on fashion, discover over 50 of the most fashionable New Yorkers. Written and curated by bestselling author and native New Yorker Kristen Bateman, and featuring over 100 images, this is a beautiful book of forever style inspiration.

### Sales Points

- An exploration of the fashion history of the city that never sleeps, providing an exquisitely illustrated guide to dressing like a Native New Yorker.
- Keen engagement in subject matter by millennial and gen Z, with #newyorklife and #newyorkfashion having over 180m views on TikTok, and influencers such as @blaireadiebee (1.9m), @weworethat (2.8m) and @leandramcohen (1m) being adored on IG and their style emulated the world over.
- New York is the home of many seminal style icons (both celebrities and fictional characters), giving a huge range of different icons to emulate.

### Author Biography

**Kristen Bateman** is a New York based writer, editor, designer and consultant. She is the author of five books, including *Fashion's Big Night Out: A Met Gala Look Book*, *Little Book of New York Style* and *Interior Style: Maximalism*. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *W*, *Elle* and more. She is an avid fashion collector, and she also runs her own jewelry brand, Dolchunk. Follow along @kristenvbateman.

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
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Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
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## Paris Fashion Icons Style legends of the iconic city

Welbeck

### Keynote

Your ultimate guide to 50 of the most fashionable Parisians.

### Description

**The epicentre of effortless style and the home of haute couture, Paris is the capital of nonchalant elegance.**

*Paris Fashion Icons* uncovers the personal style of 50 of the most modish Parisians - from models and designers to artists and philosophers.

Discover the signatures of Parisian style through over 100 images of key looks: from Coco Chanel's tweed suit to Josephine Baker's stage costumes, and from James Baldwin's tailoring to Jane Birkin's basket bag, this curated selection will be your forever inspiration for dressing for the City of Light.

### Sales Points

- Keen engagement in subject matter by millennial and gen Z, with #parisian and #parisianstyle having over 300m views on TikTok, and influencers such as @jeannedamas (1.5m), @carolinedemaigret (1m) and @camillecharriere (1.1m) being adored on IG and their style emulated the world over. #frenchgirl has over 7m tags on IG and 290m views on TikTok.
- Paris is still known as the epicentre of classic chic, from haute couture to street style.
- Following the evolution of a uniquely elegant capital - describing both the moments of ingenuity and enduring looks and icons that embody the city of light - this beautifully illustrated book is not only the perfect guide to embracing Parisian fashion, but to embracing the Parisian spirit itself.

### Author Biography

**Amelie Stanescu** (@chez.amelie) is a Berlin-based fashion writer and podcaster (The Fashion Archives). She writes for Nasty Magazine.

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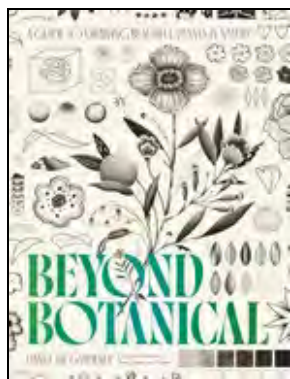
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## Beyond Botanical

### A Guide to Drawing Plants in Nature

**Daniel the Gardener (Illustrated By Daniel the Gardener)**

#### Keynote

A unique step by step guide to drawing plants and flowers, packed with expert drawing guidance, practical suggestions and personal observations that make for an intimate, creative drawing experience.

#### Description

**This is not a conventional botanical drawing manual.**

It is a guide to drawing plants in nature, for anyone who feels there is more to plants than what we usually notice.

*Beyond Botanical* invites you to let plants around you guide the way you draw. By observing, sensing, and being present with them, something in the way you experience plants begins to change.

Inside this book there are all sorts of activities. Some will take you outside, while others can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home. Through guided activities and prompts by freehand botanical tattoo artist and painter Daniel the Gardener, you'll find yourself drawing from real encounters, and even plants that might only exist in your imagination.

Dedicated sections offer guidance on perspective, shading, and composition, helping bring your illustrations to life without overcomplicating things.

Stems, leaves, and flowers are explored in detail, with space to draw, reflect, and journal. This guide is meant to be carried, kept close, and returned to, becoming a space where your relationship with plants can grow.

*Beyond Botanical* is an invitation to nature lovers, artists, gardeners, and anyone who wants to experience botanical drawing in a way that grows from presence and connection.

#### Sales Points

- Ground-breaking, exciting artist - in 2024 Daniel became the first tattoo artist to participate in the **Alexander McQueen Sarabande Foundation** artist-in-residence program
- Daniel the Gardener has 109k followers on Instagram and a waiting list for his tattoo studio
- Daniel is currently part of the Flowers exhibition at The Saatchi, the third most "Instagrammable" art gallery in the world (2022)
- Progression from technical step-by-step drawing exercises to sensory-driven activities, followed by exploration and learning in the outdoors.
- The only tattoo artist dedicated exclusively to large-scale freehand plant motifs with a live tattooing event planned with Chelsea Physic Garden in August 2025 (has worked previously with CPG)

#### Author Biography

Daniel is a botanical artist from Buenos Aires. His career took a significant turn when he decided to learn tattooing, specializing in freehand botanical motifs. Combining his painting expertise with the craft of tattooing, Daniel quickly gained recognition as the only tattoo artist dedicated exclusively to large-scale freehand plant motifs.

Daniel then moved to London to work at the renowned Parliament Tattoo, one of Europe's most influential tattoo studios. With a year-and-a-half waitlist, he decided to open his private studio, a unique space set up in collaboration with a plant shop, where he tattoos surrounded by greenery.

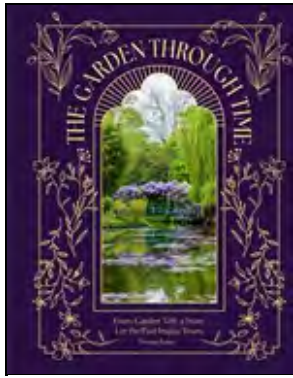
His unique artistry led to a collaboration with the **William Morris Gallery** for London Craft Week, featuring a live tattoo performance. Last year, Daniel became the first tattoo artist to participate in the **Alexander McQueen Sarabande Foundation** artist-in-residence program. This opportunity reignited his passion for painting, leading to a new cycle of art exhibitions that blend his dual passions.

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Illustrations	<b>Over 100 bespoke black and white drawings</b>
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## The Garden Through Time Every Garden Tells a Story. Let the Past Inspire Yours.

**Thomas Rutter**

### Keynote

A beautifully illustrated and photographic journey through history's most iconic gardens, with practical advice that can be applied to the reader's own garden.

### Description

**Step into a Persian paradise, wander through a Mughal masterpiece or lose yourself in Monet's blooming haven at Giverny.**

*The Garden Through Time* brings 45 extraordinary gardens to life in a beautifully illustrated journey across the world and through the centuries. From peaceful medieval cloisters to imaginative modern spaces like New York's High Line, each garden offers inspiration and ideas you can adapt at home, whether you have a sprawling garden or just a few pots on a balcony.

With evocative illustration and practical tips inspired by each garden, this book invites you to bring the beauty of the past into your own green space.

### Sales Points

- An inspiring journey through 45 of the world's most extraordinary gardens, spanning continents and centuries.
- Each entry includes an inspiring practical takeaway so the reader can bring the beauty of the past to their own garden.
- Fills a gap in the gardening gift market, focusing on the fascinating story of the garden rather than individual plants.
- With over 50 stunning images and specially commissioned art work to illustrate the interior, this is a beautiful gift for any garden enthusiast or armchair traveller.
- Expert author who is a trained horticulturist writing for *Homes & Garden*, *Gardens Illustrated* and *Hortus and Bloom*. Thomas Rutter has also worked at many world famous gardens, including Sissinghurst, Lowther Castle and Iford Manor

### Author Biography

**THOMAS RUTTER** is a lifestyle and features journalist working for *The Telegraph*. He previously worked as a garden and nature writer for *Homes & Gardens*. Prior to this, he trained as a horticulturist at the Garden Museum, London, and has worked in private gardens in Wales, England and Italy. He is also co-author of *The Tree Atlas* (2024), and the author of *The Ethical Gardener* (2026). He lives in Cardiff.

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Thema 1.6	<b>Gardening (WM) Gardens (descriptions, history etc) (WMB) History (NH)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>237x185</b>
Extent	<b>208 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>49310 words</b>
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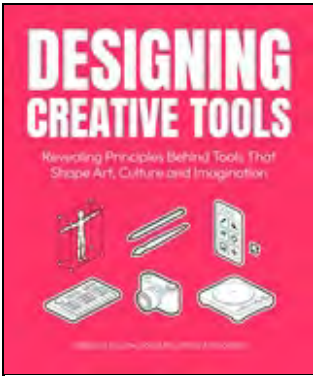


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## Designing Creative Tools Revealing the Design Principles Behind the Tools that Shape Art, Culture and Imagination

**Richard Shackleton, Guillaume Couche, Sanya Rai**

### Description

Designing Creative Tools explores how both physical and digital tools shape the creative acts they enable. The book speaks to designers building the next generation of creative hardware, software, and interfaces, while also offering valuable insights to the wider design community seeking new ways to think about intention, control, and authorship. Creatives who use these tools-musicians, photographers, artists-will find inspiring stories behind iconic instruments from the Leica I to the TR-808, Blender, and early 3D printers. With a clear framework and principles specific to creation, the book helps readers understand how creative tools work, how they guide their users, and how they can be reimaged.

### Sales Points

- **A Unique Exploration of the Tools Behind Creativity**  
This book is one of the first to clearly define and examine the principles behind creative tools-revealing how physical and digital instruments shape the way we design, make, and express.
- **From Iconic Instruments to Future Interfaces**  
Through inspiring stories-from the Leica I and TR-808 to Blender and immersive 3D modelling-it offers a rich source of ideas for designers, technologists, and creatives seeking to rethink authorship, control, and intention.
- **Written by Leaders in Creative Tool Design**  
Guillaume Couche and Richard Shackleton, co-founders of Oh Hi Tomorrow and pioneers behind award-winning tools used by studios like Pixar, Disney, and ILM, combine deep industry expertise with a maker's mindset-creating a book you'll return to again and again.

### Author Biography

Guillaume Couche and Richard Shackleton, co-founders of Oh Hi Tomorrow and authors of Interface Design, join forces with Google DeepMind designer Sanya Rai. Together, they bring decades of expertise in creative tools, interaction design and innovation to this collaborative work.

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Thema 1.6 **Theory of art (ABA)**

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## Bad Services How to fix services that don't work

Lou Downe

### Description

*Bad services waste time, cost money and can even ruin lives. Why, despite advances in technology, are most services getting worse rather than better?*

*From the author of the bestselling book Good Services, Bad Services untangles why, despite our best efforts, organisations struggle to deliver services that work. This book will help you see the universal challenges we all face when delivering good services. You'll learn how to identify the root cause of these issues and build simple, straightforward ways to solve them, with or without buy-in. Whether you're a designer or a change-maker, this book offers clear and straightforward steps to overcome the barriers to good service delivery.*

*Good Services brought us the 15 principles of Good Service Design that have been universally recognised as an international standard for the service design industry. Bad Services brings you the 5 Causes of Bad Services - a vital diagnostic tool that will help you identify and solve the problems we all experience when attempting to deliver services that work. There are many books out there that will help you design a service once, but Bad Services goes beyond this to help us understand how we create the conditions for good services to thrive in the future.*

### Sales Points

- **Why Good Service Design Fails in Reality:**

This book exposes the hidden organisational barriers-silos, risk aversion, and lack of buy-in-that prevent well-designed services from ever succeeding in practice.

- **A Practical Guide with Real-World Cases:**

Grounded in compelling examples and hands-on experience, the book provides clear, actionable strategies to diagnose root causes, overcome resistance, and turn service design into lasting organisational change.

- **From the Author of the International Bestseller Good Services:**

Lou Downe-former Director of Design for the UK Government and founder of its service design discipline-builds on her globally influential work to tackle the next critical challenge: making good services actually happen.

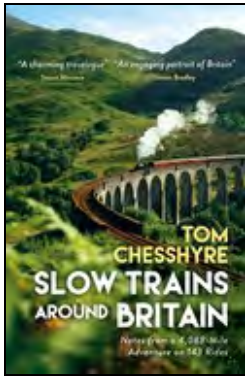
### Author Biography

Lou Downe is author of Good Services, the bestselling book on how to design services that work and the founding director of the School of Good Services, an organisation that has helped thousands of people and organisations around the world to build the skills they need to design and scale great services.

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## Slow Trains Around Britain Notes from a 4,088-Mile Adventure on 143 Rides

Tom Chesshyre

### Description

"Easy-going, discursive and digressive, even those to whom trains are a closed timetable will find this a charming travelogue." - Stuart Maconie

Join travel writer and self-confessed "train nut" Tom Chesshyre as he celebrates 200 years of passenger railways on a zigzagging tour around the UK - where trains (proudly) began

In a small market town in the northeast of England in 1825, something momentous happened: ticket-bearing human beings started moving along wrought-iron tracks on a contraption with engine-powered wheels. The contraption was called a "train". What happened in Darlington, along a 26-mile line to Stockton, would kickstart the worldwide railway revolution. Today, 1.3 million miles of tracks crisscross the planet.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of this groundbreaking event, Tom Chesshyre embarks on a journey around the country that invented trains, taking in many heritage lines maintained by armies of enthusiasts. On a long, circular series of rides beginning and ending in Darlington, Chesshyre enjoys the scenery, seeks out the history, dodges delays (best he can), reports on the current (often shambolic) state of British railways, and lets the rhythm of the clattering tracks reveal what it is about trains - especially wonderful old trains - that we love so much.

### Sales Points

- 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Railway 200 will be a year-long nationwide campaign to celebrate 200 years of the modern railway, and will include a variety of activities, exhibitions, events, promotions and initiatives.
- A follow-up to Tom Chesshyre's successful previous *Slow Trains* books, which cover popular European destinations by rail. *Slow Trains Around Spain* (ISBN: 9781800072633) has sold 12,000 copies.
- Tom Chesshyre's popular book, *Ticket to Ride* (ISBN: 9781849538268), has sold over 35,000 copies.

### Author Biography

**Tom Chesshyre** is the author of thirteen travel books. He has travelled more than 40,000 miles around the world for his train books, which have included *Slow Trains Around Spain: A 3,000-Mile Adventure on 52 Rides* and *Ticket to Ride: Around the World on 49 Unusual Train Journeys*. His book writing has also taken him across North Africa after the Arab Spring, round the "dark side" of the Maldives on cargo ships, along the length of the River Thames, around the Lake District on a long hike, and on a journey through "unsung Britain" (for *To Hull and Back*). He worked on the travel desk of *The Times* for 21 years and is now freelance, contributing to the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday* and *The New European* magazines. He lives in London.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>B Format</b>
Extent	<b>320 pages</b>
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## The Little Book for Mocktail Lovers Recipes, Crafts, Trivia and More – the Perfect Gift for Any Aspiring Mocksologist

**Rufus Cavendish**

### Description

**Discover everything you need to know to become the ultimate mocktail master with this beautifully presented pocket guide**

Do you know the difference between a highball and a hurricane glass? Do you know your bitters from your syrups? Whether you're an aspiring "mocksologist" or simply planning the ultimate party, this book has you covered! Packed within these pages is a selection of showstopper recipes to suit every taste bud, plus craft ideas to add flamboyance to your flute and moxie to your Margarita.

In this book you will find:

- An array of both classic and contemporary mocktail recipes
- Top tips and tricks for creating the perfect concoction
- A comprehensive list of must-have mocktail-making essentials
- Step-by-step instructions on how to make decorations to jazz up your drinks
- Fun facts and quotes to entertain your party guests with

With a dash of trivia and a healthy measure of fun, it's time to make every hour mocktail hour!

### Sales Points

- With over 45 drinks recipes, this is the perfect gift for any aspiring "mocksologist" and is beautifully presented throughout.
- Part of a successful series that includes *The Little Book for Cocktail Lovers* (ISBN: 9781800079830), which has sold over 17,000 copies, *The Little Book for Coffee Lovers* (ISBN: 9781800079847) which has sold over 16,000 copies, and *The Little Book for Plant Parents* (ISBN: 9781787836877) which has sold over 76,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *The Mocktail Deck* (ISBN: 9781837995530); *The Little Book of Mocktails* (ISBN: 9781800071506).

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BIC 2.1	<b>Gift books (WZG) Cookery / food &amp; drink etc (WB) Non-alcoholic beverages (WBXN) Cooking for parties (WBR) Parties, etiquette &amp; entertaining (WJX)</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>154 x 111</b>
Extent	<b>128 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>15000 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>45 full-colour photos, 11 full-colour illustrations</b>
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## The Little Frog Colouring Book

### A Relaxing, Mindful Journey of Colour and Creativity

### Featuring Affirmations from the Internet's Beloved Mushroom Frog

**Maybell Eequay**

#### Description

From the bestselling author of *The Little Frog's Guide to Self-Care* Unlock your creativity with this uplifting colouring book featuring the Little Frog

Whether you turn to the Little Frog for comforting words, a dose of inspiration or a reminder of the everyday magic all around us, this soothing colouring book is the perfect way to enjoy the wisdom from your favourite amphibian while embracing your creative side!

Created by the Minnesota-based artist Maybell Eequay, this colouring book is a perfect compassionate gift for yourself or others. Inside you will find:

- A collection of your favourite Little Frog scenes ready for you to bring to life with colour
- Gentle pearls of wisdom and inspiration for hard days
- Encouraging affirmations to remind you of your inner strength and goodness

Brimming with gentle humour and loving kindness, this beautiful colouring book is here to fill your heart with love, colour and joy. So, pick up your pencils and begin your creative journey into the wonderful world of the Little Frog!

#### Sales Points

- Adult colouring books are more popular than ever; this beautiful book taps into this trend and features a collection of Little Frog scenes as well as wallpaper-style spreads for the reader to colour in and enjoy.
- Includes a collection of the Little Frog's best-loved affirmations and pearls of wisdom.
- This title is an addition to the incredibly popular Little Frog series. *The Little Frog's Guide to Self-Care* (ISBN: 9781837991013) and *The Little Frog's Guide to Self-Care Card Deck* (ISBN: 9781837995196) have collectively sold over 250,000 copies.
- Forthcoming titles for 2025 in the Little Frog series include: *The Little Frog's Guide to Life* (ISBN: 9781837994731), *The Little Frog Journal* (ISBN: 9781837996933) and *The Little Frog Notebook* (ISBN: 9781837997367).

#### Author Biography

**Maybell Eequay** is an Minnesota-based artist who works in many different mediums. Born and raised in the breathtaking St. Croix River Valley, Maybell draws a lot of inspiration from her childhood homelife as well as her love of vintage children's books and knickknacks. Growing up in a creative household and the daughter of two artists, Maybell has been making art since she was old enough to hold a pen. Today, she enjoys making art that has a vaguely nostalgic feel paired with tender messages and light humour.

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Binding	<b>Paperback</b>
Format	<b>216mm x 216mm</b>
Extent	<b>88 pages</b>
Word Count	<b>200 words</b>
Illustrations	<b>80 pages of line illustrations</b>
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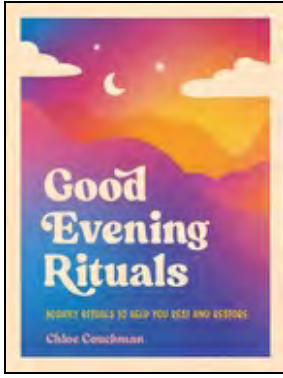
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## Good Evening Rituals Nightly Rituals to Help You Rest and Restore

Chloe Couchman

### Description

**Embrace the gentle power of evening rituals with this beautiful book, filled with soothing self-care practices and calming reflections to help you relax, reflect and reconnect with yourself**

Every evening can be a good evening. Whether you choose to close your day with a mindful journaling session, release tension through gentle stretching, or savour a moment of stillness before sleep, this little book will show you how taking just a few intentional, nourishing moments at night can bring clarity, comfort and calm that will carry into tomorrow.

Within these pages, you will find:

- Over 50 ritual ideas to try, each designed to ease you out of the day and into a state of deep relaxation
- An introduction to the art of evening rituals, including gentle guidance for creating your perfect nighttime routine
- Reflective quotes from wise voices and affirmations to help you feel rested, relaxed and renewed

Let these rituals help you to end each day feeling grounded, peaceful, and ready to relax.

### Sales Points

- With over 50 simple rituals for the reader to try, this book is the perfect beginner's guide to evening rituals and how they can be used day to day.
- Performing rituals is a simple way to incorporate mindfulness into everyday life, a practice which is proven to help reduce stress and anxiety.
- This follows the successful *Good Morning Rituals* (ISBN: 9781800079267), which has sold over 10,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *All You Need is Rest* (ISBN: 9781800077065); *The Art of Slowing Down* (ISBN: 9781837996377); *365 Days of Self-Care* (ISBN: 9781837997053).

### Author Biography

**Chloe Couchman** is a freelance journalist and former Online Lifestyle Features Editor at *HELLO! Magazine*. A mum-of-two, she is currently studying to become a Nutrition, Health and Wellness Coach and a Women's Health and Wellness Coach.

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Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Format	<b>158 x 120</b>
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## The Benefactors

The enthralling debut novel about class, power and what being a parent means

Wendy Erskine

### Keynote

Loved by critics and readers: the major literary debut of 2025, now in a new paperback edition.

### Description

#### AN OBSERVER BEST DEBUT NOVEL 2025

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'What a joy it is to read'

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'I couldn't put this book down'

**Sheena Patel, author of *I'm A Fan***

'Powerful, moving, compelling, utterly enthralling'

**Jon McGregor, author of *Reservoir 13***

'A prodigiously talented author: funny and brutal by turns'

**Guardian**

'The style of Woolf but the heart of Dickens'

**Sunday Times**

'Vital reading'

**Spectator**

'I miss it already . . . What a beautiful, hilarious blast of brilliance'

**Donal Ryan, author of *Heart, Be at Peace***

'A cast of characters so vividly drawn it feels like you've known them all your life'

**Colin Walsh, author of *Kala***

Meet Frankie, Miriam and Bronagh: three very different women from Belfast, but all mothers to eighteen-year-old boys.

Gorgeous Frankie, now married to a wealthy, older man, grew up in care. Miriam has recently lost her beloved husband Kahlil in ambiguous circumstances. Bronagh, the CEO of a children's services charity, loves celebrity and prestige. When their sons are accused of sexually assaulting a friend, Misty Johnston, they'll come together to protect their children, leveraging all the powers they possess. But on her side, Misty has the formidable matriarch, Nan D, and her father, taxi-driver Boogie: an alliance not so easily dismissed.

Brutal, tender and rigorously intelligent, *The Benefactors* is a daring, multi-voice presentation of modern-day Northern Ireland. It is also very funny.

### Sales Points

- **THE MAJOR LITERARY DEBUT OF 2025:** Received rave reviews in the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *FT*, *Sunday Times*, *Spectator*, *Daily Mail*, *Grazia*, *Marie Claire* and elsewhere.
- **A STAR AUTHOR:** Wendy has been doing events around the UK and Ireland since pub, with more to come in the autumn.
- **FANS OF THE BENEFACTORS INCLUDE:** Jon McGregor, Donal Ryan, Colin Barrett, Colin Walsh, Sheena Patel, Lucy Caldwell, Michael Magee, Nicole Flattery -- and a host of other names.

### Author Biography

Wendy Erskine is the author of two short story collections, *Sweet Home* and *Dance Move*. She was shortlisted for the Edge Hill Prize and the Republic of Consciousness Prize, longlisted for the Gordon Burn Prize and *Sunday Times* Audible Short Story Award. She edited the art anthology *well I just kind of like it*. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, she is a frequent broadcaster and interviewer, and works as a secondary school teacher in Belfast. *The Benefactors* is her debut novel.

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