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Crook Manifesto

Colson Whitehead

18th July 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780349727646 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

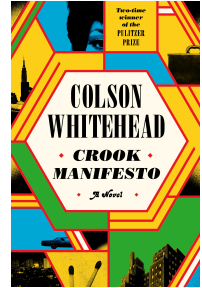
Publicist: Katya Ellis

From two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead comes the thrilling and entertaining sequel to Harlem Shuffle.

In scalpel-sharp prose and with unnerving clarity and wit, Colson Whitehead writes about a city that runs on cronyism, threats, ego, ambition, incompetence and even, sometimes, pride. *Crook Manifesto* is a kaleidoscopic portrait of Harlem, and a searching portrait of how families work in the face of indifference, chaos and hostility.

About the author

Colson Whitehead is a multi-award-winning and bestselling author whose works include *Harlem Shuffle*, *The Nickel Boys*, *The Underground Railroad*, *The Noble Hustle*, *Zone One*, *Sag Harbor*, *The Intuitionist*, *John Henry Days*, *Apex Hides the Hurt* and a collection of essays, *The Colossus of New York*. He is one of only four novelists to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction twice and is a recipient of MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships. For *The Underground Railroad*, Whitehead won the National Book Award, the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the Arthur C. Clarke Award for Fiction, the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence and was longlisted for the Booker Prize. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a second time for *The Nickel Boys*, which also won the George Orwell Prize for Political Fiction and the Kirkus Prize. *The Underground Railroad* has been adapted as an Amazon Prime TV series, produced and directed by the Academy-Award-winning director Barry Jenkins, and was broadcast in 2021. He lives with his family in New York City.



Toxic

Sarah Ditum

24th August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349727134 | Feminism & Feminist Theory

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A thrilling reappraisal of the pre-MeToo era noughties, told through the stories of some of the decade's greatest female stars.

Told through the careers and life stories of some of the most high profile women of the decade – including Britney Spears, Jennifer Aniston, Janet Jackson and Paris Hilton – *Toxic* will explore how the media, empowered by the tools of the early internet age, created a new and brutal environment in which the rules of engagement between celebrities, the press and the public were changed.

In this 'upskirt decade', a new kind of star developed – the hot mess – attractive, famous and chaotic, known best for her wardrobe malfunctions, DUI convictions, public meltdowns, botched plastic surgery, broken marriages or sexual disasters. In this lively reckoning of the pre-MeToo era, Ditum will show how this toxic effect filtered through society so that celebrity culture and the lives of ordinary women became intertwined.

About the author

Sarah Ditum is a columnist, critic and feature writer with bylines at the *New Statesman*, the *Guardian*, the *Spectator*, *The Critic*, the *Independent*, *Stylist*, *Grazia*, *Elle* and more. Regular TV and radio appearances include *Newsnight* and *Today*. This is her first book. @sarahditum







Beware the Woman

Megan Abbott

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349012490 | Thriller

Publisher: Grace Vincent

From New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Megan Abbott, an eerie and prescient novel about a family holiday that takes a terrifying turn.

Newly married and with a baby on the way, Jacy and her husband, Jed, go to visit his father, Dr Ash, in his remote cottage in the woods of northern Michigan. From the moment they arrive, Jacy feels bathed in love by Dr Ash, if less so by his housekeeper, the enigmatic Mrs Brandt.

Then Jacy has a health scare. Swiftly, all eyes are on Jacy's condition, and whispers about Jed's long-dead mother and complicated family history seem to be intruding upon the present. As the days pass, Jacy feels trapped in the cottage, her body under the looking glass. But are her fears founded or is this – as is suggested to her – a stubborn refusal to take necessary precautions to protect her unborn child? The dense woods surrounding the cottage are full of dangers, but are the greater ones inside?

About the author

Megan Abbott is the Edgar-winning author of the novels *Die a Little*, *Bury Me Deep*, *The End of Everything*, *Dare Me*, *You Will Know Me* and *The Fever*, *Give Me Your Hand* and *The Turnout*. She is also the author of a nonfiction book, *The Street Was Mine: White Masculinity in Hardboiled Fiction and Film Noir*, and the editor of *A Hell of a Woman*, an anthology of female crime fiction. Her work has won or been nominated for the CWA Steel Dagger, the International Thriller Writers Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and five Edgar awards. She is co-creator, executive producer and show-runner of *Dare Me*, based upon her novel, for Netflix.



Big Girl

Mecca Jamilah Sullivan

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349017846 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publisher: Lucy Martin

A brilliant debut from a hugely talented writer. Compelling and compassionate, Big Girl is an unforgettable portrait of a queer Black girl as she learns to take up space in the world. It's also a love letter to a community that is vanishing before the protagonist's eyes – Harlem in the 80s and 90s – its music, flavours and sounds.

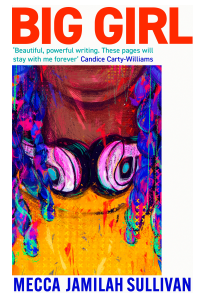
Growing up in rapidly gentrifying 90s Harlem, Malaya struggles to fit into a world that makes no room for her. She's funny, creative and smart, but all people see – even those who love her – is her size. At eight, she is forced to go to Weight Watchers; at twelve, her parents fear she'll be taken from them; by sixteen, a gastric bypass is discussed.

On good days, Malaya braids bright colours into her hair, turns up Biggie Smalls on her Walkman, and strides through Harlem, his words galvanising her; on bad days, she doesn't leave her bed other than for furtive trips for the forbidden food that will comfort her – for a while.

Compelling and compassionate, *Big Girl* is an unforgettable portrait of a queer Black girl as she learns to take up space in the world on her own terms.

About the author

Mecca Jamilah Sullivan, Ph.D. is the author of the novel *Big Girl*, a *New York Times* Editors' Choice selection and a Phenomenal Book Club pick, as well as a best books selection from *Time*, *Vulture*, *Ms*, *The Root*, *Essence*, Goodreads and Lambda Literary. Her previous books are *The Poetics of Difference: Queer Feminist Forms in the African Diaspora*, and the short story collection *Blue Talk and Love*, winner of the Judith Markowitz Award for Fiction from Lambda Literary. She is Associate Professor of English at Georgetown University. A native of Harlem, she currently lives in Washington, DC.





The Unfamiliar: A Queer Motherhood Memoir

Kirsty Logan

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349016573 | Memoir

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

An unconventional, unexpectedly funny, brutally honest memoir about infertility, pregnancy and motherhood.

If you want a baby but your body says otherwise -

If you don't know the polite way to say thank you for the sperm -

If you're waiting for the sound of a brand-new heartbeat -

If you know it takes a village to raise a baby but have no idea who should be doing what -

If you're lurching between bliss and bewilderment -

If you don't fit the shape of what you've been told a mother should be -

Reach for *The Unfamiliar* and don't let go.

Moving and immersive, and written with wisdom, disarming humour and raw honesty, *The Unfamiliar* casts a fresh eye on motherhood and challenges our assumptions about pregnancy, gender roles, queer identity and what it means to be a parent.

About the author

Kirsty Logan is a writer, book reviewer, freelance editor and writing mentor. Her books include *Things We Say In The Dark*, *The Gloaming*, *The Gracekeepers*, *A Portable Shelter* and *The Rental Heart & Other Fairytales*. She lives in Glasgow with her wife, son and rescue dog.



Little Rabbit

Alyssa Songsiridej

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349017884 | Modern &

Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Katya Ellis

Combining the sticky sexual politics of Luster with the dizzying, perceptive intimacy of Cleanness, Little Rabbit is a wholly new kind of coming-of-age story about lust, punishment, artistic drive, and desires that defy the hard-won boundaries of the self.

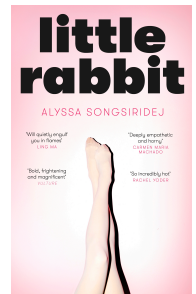
When she first meets the choreographer at an artists' residency, they don't hit it off. She finds him loud, conceited, domineering. He thinks her serious, guarded, too precious about her work. But when he invites her to watch his dance company perform, something shifts.

Their interaction at the show sets off a summer of expanding sexual boundaries. Over weekends sequestered at his summer house in upstate New York, her body learns to obediently follow his, and his desires quickly become inextricable from her pleasure - and her pain.

Back in Boston, her roommate's concern amplifies her own doubts about these heady weekend retreats. What does it mean for a young, queer woman to be with an older man? For a fledgling artist to attach herself to an established one? Is she following her own agency, or is she merely following him? And does falling in love have to mean eviscerating yourself?

About the author

Alyssa Songsiridej is an editor at Electric Literature. Her fiction has appeared in *StoryQuarterly*, the *Indiana Review*, *The Offing*, and *Columbia: A Journal of Literature and Art*, and has been supported by Yaddo, the UCross Foundation, the Ragdale Foundation, the Vermont Studio Center, the VCCA and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. *Little Rabbit* is her first novel. A National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 Honoree, she lives in Philadelphia.





The Group

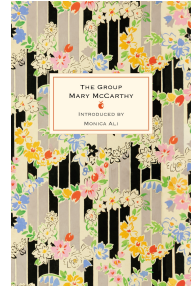
Mary McCarthy, with a new introduction by Monica Ali

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349018058 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A beautiful hardback edition to mark the 60th anniversary of the bestselling, influential novel about women's lives and female friendships. With a new introduction by Monica Ali.

'The group' meets in New York following graduation to attend the wedding of one of their friends - and reconvenes seven years later at her funeral. The women, fresh from college, vowed not to become stuffy and frightened like their parents, but to lead fulfilling, emancipated lives. Who really achieved this - and what sacrifices and compromises had to be made?



About the author

Mary McCarthy (1912–1989) was born in Seattle, Washington. She was a short-story writer, bestselling novelist, essayist and an art critic. She was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and won the National Medal for Literature and the Edward MacDowell Medal in 1984. Her debut novel, *The Company She Keeps* (1942), initiated her ascent to the most celebrated writers of her generation; the publication of her autobiography *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood* in 1957 bolstered this reputation. McCarthy wrote more than twenty-four books, including the now-classic novel *The Group* (1963). This was the *New York Times* Best Seller for two years.

Lost on Me

Veronica Raimo

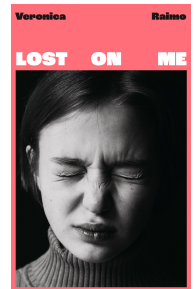
10th August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349017662 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A razor-sharp and delightfully funny bestselling Italian novel about sex, love, dysfunctional family - and becoming a writer.

Born into a family with an omnipresent mother who is devoted to her own anxiety, a father ruled by hygienic and architectural obsessions, and a precocious genius brother at the centre of their attention, Vero languishes in boredom. After a childhood spent peering through the tiny windows of their cramped Rome apartment at the carefree children playing on the streets outside, her teenage years are filled with attempts at escape - but she is no match for her mother's relentless tracking methods and guilt-tripping mastery, and every venture outside their Rome apartment ends in her being hilariously returned home.

In deliciously wry and crafted prose, *Lost on Me* recounts Vero's transition from eccentric childhood to dysfunctional adulthood. Detailing her failed attempts at emancipation, her discovery of sex, her romantic obsessions, her struggles with constipation and - ultimately - her contentious relationship with reality, this is a profoundly original and relentlessly entertaining novel about experience, connection and selfhood.



About the author

Veronica Raimo is the author of four novels, the most recent of which, *Lost On Me* (Niente di Vero was shortlisted for the Premio Strega Prize and won the Strega Giovani Prize and the Viareggio R paci Prize. She contributes cultural articles to various Italian publications, and her translations into Italian include works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Octavia E. Butler, Ray Bradbury and Ursula K. Le Guin. She lives in Rome.



Before the Light Fades: A Memoir of Grief

and Resistance

Natasha Walter

31st August 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349017822 | Memoir

Publisher: Grace Vincent

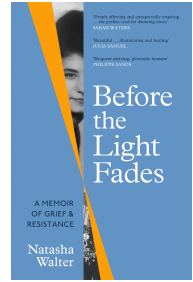
From the acclaimed writer and thinker, a moving memoir about losing her mother to suicide as well as honouring the legacy of a family whose members struggled bravely against some of the worst crises of the twentieth century. It will resonate with those grappling with the loss of hope in these challenging political times.

One day in December, Natasha Walter's mother Ruth took her own life. At first, the grief and guilt that Natasha felt were overwhelming. In the aftermath of her mother's suicide, her personal grief intertwines with a sense of political despair. Gradually, she starts to search back through Ruth's history, trying to understand how her life led to this death.

In thinking back through the years, Natasha comes to a deeper and more hopeful understanding of the legacy that her parents and grandparents leave her. No longer overwhelmed by grief, she comes to value the courage of past generations. She steps back into activism, and values the beauty of everyday life once again.

About the author

Natasha Walter is a writer, journalist, and broadcaster. She has written for the Guardian, Vogue, and the Independent. Her memoirs include *Before the Light Fades* and *Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism*.



A Green Equinox

Elizabeth Mavor

1st September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349018393 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publisher: Grace Vincent

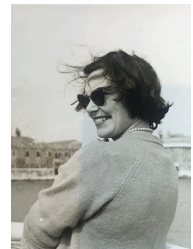
An intrepid exploration of gender, female sexuality and passion: romantic, carnal, and cerebral. This brilliant novel, long out of print, was shortlisted for the 1973 Booker Prize.

Hero Kinoull is an antiquarian bookseller whose sedate life in the picturesque English town of Beaudesert is turned upside down between the spring and autumn equinoxes of a single year. First her quiet but forbidden liaison with Hugh Shafto, the curator of the country's finest collection of Rococo art, comes to an abrupt halt when she develops an adoration for his straight-talking, dogooding wife Belle.

But this relationship leads to other, even more unexpected feelings for Belle's widowed mother-in-law, the majestic Kate Shafto, who spends her days tending her garden and sailing her handmade boats in the waters of the miniature archipelago she's constructed in a disused gravel pit.

About the author

Born in Glasgow, educated at Oxford, where she was the first woman to edit the university magazine, *Cherwell*, Elizabeth Mavor (1927-2013) was the author of five novels. The fourth, *A Green Equinox* (1973) was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Drawn to the lives of women, both real and imaginary, who flouted convention, her non-fiction works include two historical biographies: *The Virgin Mistress: A Study in Survival* (1964); and *The Ladies of Langollen* (1971).





The Six: The Untold Story of America's First

Women in Space

Loren Grush

5th September 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349015224 | Space Science

Publisher: Grace Vincent

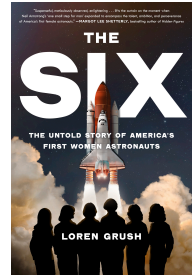
A fascinating and moving history of the first six women astronauts at NASA.

The Six were an extraordinary cohort of women recruited by NASA in the seventies. Greeted in Houston by make-up bags designed for use in space, no designated locker rooms and flight suits that didn't fit, they went on to break barriers on earth and in space.

This sparkling history reveals their journey through NASA's outreach programme, rigorous tests and training, sexism, press attention, and the solidarity with which they overcame obstacles and launched into space.

About the author

Loren Grush's parents met working as engineers at the Johnson Space Centre where the Six became astronauts, and she grew up surrounded by space shuttles and rocket scientists - literally. She is senior science reporter for *The Verge*, where she specialises in all things space - from distant stars and planets to human space flight and the commercial space race. She is also the host of *Space Craft*, an original online video series that examines what it takes to send people to space. Before joining *The Verge*, Loren published stories in *Popular Science*, *The New York Times*, *Nautilus Magazine*, *Digital Trends*, *Fox News*, and *ABC News*.



Black Angels

Maria Smilios

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780349009254 | History

Publisher: Zoe Hood and Lucy Martin

Black Angels tells the true story of 300 black nurses who changed the course of history, beginning in 1929 when white nurses staged a walkout at Staten Island's 2000-bed TB sanatorium, threatening New York with a public health catastrophe.

City health officials made a radical decision to sanction a national call for 'colored nurses'. Lured by the promise of a rare opportunity to work in a hospital free of quotas and segregated wards, 'Black Angels' from all over the country boarded trains and buses to enter wards that held both hope and danger. Their triumphant story, bringing together medicine, politics, racial strife, women's rights and cutting-edge science, has up until now been almost completely ignored.

Deeply researched and told with intimacy and exquisite detail, *Black Angels* captures the beauty and drama of science, sickness, and the fight for equality. Maria Smilios puts the tenacious young women who prevailed under impossible circumstances at the centre of this story, showing us how the human spirit and its will to survive can ultimately change the course of history.

About the author

Maria Smilios has written for *Narratively*, *the Guardian*, *Rumpus*, *Dame Magazine*, and the *Jewish Daily Forward* among others. A New York native, Maria holds a Masters of Arts from Boston University in Religion & Literature where she was a Henry Luce Scholar and a Presidential Scholar and where she taught Essay & Research Writing in the university's Writing Program. In 2007, she left Boston University and moved back to New York City to teach at an all-girls high school, where she created and ran an intensive summer writing programme for teens. Maria has travelled extensively in Europe and Asia. She lives in New York with her husband and daughter.





Where Are You From? No, Where are You Really From?

Audrey Osler

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349014623 | History

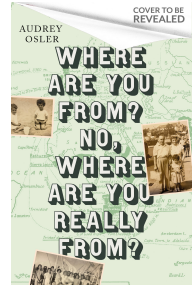
Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A story of migration, identity and belonging, drawing on the stories of people from Audrey Osler's mixed-heritage family over three centuries.

Whether or not we trace our families from beyond the shores of Britain, British people deserve a better understanding of our shared past, and opportunities to explore and recognise the complexities and contractions of empire. Careless or wilful amnesia has allowed the British migration narrative to begin in the mid-twentieth century, with migrants from India, Pakistan and the Caribbean forming the foundation of present-day multicultural Britain. A racist fixation means that some twenty-first-century Britons fantasise that people of colour arrived after World War Two, without any link to the country, to exploit the British welfare state and British hospitality. They are political questions of identity, since the assumption (naive or aggressive) is that to be British and to belong you must be white.

About the author

Audrey Osler is Professor Emerita of Citizenship and Human Rights Education at the University of Leeds. She is widely known for her research on teachers' lives and careers, children's rights, and racial justice, and has worked as an educator in many countries, predominantly in Europe, East Asia and North America. She has acted as an expert advisor to the Council of Europe, UNESCO and a range of national governments. Her books have been translated into many languages, including Japanese and Chinese.





Maya Angelou becomes a Virago Modern Classic

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

9th November 2023 | 9780349017068 | Paperback | £9.99

In this first volume of her seven books of autobiography, Maya Angelou beautifully evokes her childhood with her grandmother in the American south of the 1930s. Loving the world, she also knows its cruelty. As a Black woman she has known discrimination, violence and extreme poverty, but also hope, joy, achievement and celebration.

Gather Together In My Name

9th November 2023 | 9780349017105 | Paperback | £9.99

In the sequel to her bestselling *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou is a young mother in California, unemployed, embarking on brief affairs and transient jobs in shops and night-clubs, turning to prostitution and the world of narcotics. Maya Angelou powerfully captures the struggles and triumphs of her passionate life with dignity, wisdom, humour and humanity.

Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas

9th November 2023 | 9780349017075 | Paperback | £9.99

The third title in Maya Angelou's bestselling five-volume autobiography is reissued with a new look to celebrate its induction to the Virago Modern Classics list. In her third marvellous volume, music and her son are the focus of Maya Angelou's life. She is on the edge of a new world: marriage, show business and a triumphant tour of Porgy and Bess.

The Heart Of A Woman

9th November 2023 | 9780349017082 | Paperback | £9.99

The fourth volume of her enthralling autobiography finds Maya Angelou immersed in the world of Black writers and artists in Harlem, working in the civil rights movement with Martin Luther King Jr.

All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

9th November 2023 | 9780349017112 | Paperback | £9.99

The fifth volume in Maya Angelou's bestselling autobiography is reissued in a new look to mark its induction to the Virago Modern Classics list, alongside several of the author's most celebrated works.

A Song Flung Up to Heaven

9th November 2023 | 9780349017099 | Paperback | £9.99

It is 1964 and Maya Angelou is on her way back home, leaving behind her beloved - and now seriously teenage - son Guy, to finish university in Ghana. America is pulsing with the challenge of change, the civil rights movement is in full swing and that's where Maya Angelou wants to be, working alongside her friends Malcolm X and Martin Luther King.

In this marvellous account, Maya Angelou provides, with her customary wisdom, compassion and wit, a first-hand record of an extraordinarily exciting and tragic political period. She writes of 'Jimmy' Baldwin, Eldridge Cleaver, and of friends and family, and finishes with the beginnings of her career as one of America's most impressive memoir writers.

Mom and Me and Mom

9th November 2023 | 9780349017129 | Paperback | £9.99

In this treasured modern classic, one of America's most celebrated memoirists and poets, Maya Angelou, shares the deepest personal story of her life: the story of her relationship with her mother. Anyone who's read the classic *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sing* knows Maya Angelou was raised by her paternal grandmother in Stamps, Arkansas. In *Mom and Me and Mom*, Angelou details what brought her mother to send her away and unearths the well of emotions Angelou experienced long afterward as a result. While Angelou's six autobiographies tell of her out in the world, influencing and learning from statesmen and cultural icons, *Mom and Me and Mom* shares the intimate, emotional story about her own family.



2023, celebrating 50 years of Virago

VIRAGO'S FIVE GOLD READS

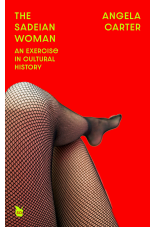
Five reissues of significant titles representing fifty years of feminist publishing. Stunning new covers to be revealed.

The Sadeian Woman

Angela Carter

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £10.99 | 9780349017419

Representing the 1970s, Angela Carter's highly acclaimed polemic enlisting the Marquis de Sade in an argument about women's sexual freedom.



The Fat Black Woman's Poems

Grace Nichols

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349017402

Representing the 1980s, a stunning collection of poems from Grace Nichols, winner of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry 2021.

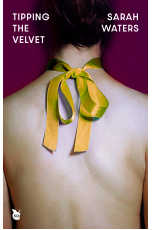


Tipping the Velvet

Sarah Waters

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349017426

Representing the 1990s, Sarah Waters's wonderfully lush, sensuous and bawdy debut novel set in the music halls of the late 19th century.

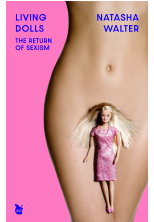


Living Dolls

Natasha Walter

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £10.99 | 9780349017440

Representing the 2000s, Natasha Walter's highly acclaimed, controversial and much needed look at our highly sexualised culture.



The Friend

Sigrid Nunez

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349018133

Representing the 2010s, a moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog.





Commitment

Mona Simpson

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781472158154 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A masterful and engrossing novel about a single mother's collapse and the fate of her family after she enters a California state hospital in the 1970s.

When Diane Aziz drives her oldest son, Walter, from LA to college, it will be her last parental act before falling into a deep depression. A single mother who believes that her children can attain all the things she hasn't, she's worked hard to secure their future. But when she enters hospital, her closest friend must keep the children safe and their mother's dreams for them alive.

A resonant story about family, duty, and the attendant struggles that come when a parent falls ill, it honours the spirit of imperfect mothers, and the under-chronicled significance of friends. With *Commitment*, Mona Simpson has written her most important and unforgettable novel.

About the author

Mona Simpson is the author of *Anywhere But Here*, *The Lost Father*, *A Regular Guy*, *Off Keck Road*, *My Hollywood*, and *Casebook*. She has received a Whiting Writer's award, a Hodder Fellowship at Princeton, an NEA fellowship, a Guggenheim grant, a Lila Wallace Prize, a Literature Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Mary McCarthy Prize. *Off Keck Road* was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award and won the Heartland Prize from the *Chicago Tribune*. She was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters and is the publisher of *The Paris Review*. She lives in Santa Monica, California. She's on the faculty at UCLA, where she often teaches *Middlemarch*.



The Cat Prince & Other Poems

Michael Pedersen

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9781472156884 | Poetry

Publicist: Grace Vincent and Lucy Martin

A new collection by one of Scotland's best loved and liveliest poets, touching on themes of friendship, loss, nature and love.

The Cat Prince & Other Poems is the third collection from prize-winning poet, and author of *Boy Friends*, Michael Pedersen. All moggy moxie, Pedersen croons to the beauty and devastation of love, loss, friendship, cats and carefree joy. Equal parts tender and trenchant, raw and ribald, plangent and smutty, these poems exhibit an emotionally charged, fantastical playground of language and lore.

From the brutal death of a cherished friend comes a gut-wrenching grief. And so begins a tenacious quest for light, lustre and survival as Pedersen pays tender tribute to a gorgeous, life-altering friendship. In doing so, he harks back to the hilarity of being young, reckless and petrified: memories of boys showboating in a fishing tackle shop, games of feline metamorphosis, laments for demolished buildings and a case of constipation of the most pernicious stock.

These poems reveal a poet at his bravest and most vulnerable. *The Cat Prince & Other Poems* purrs with affection, flashes its teeth, then digs in the claws.

About the author

Michael Pedersen is a prize-winning Scottish poet, author and arts producer. His second collection, *Oyster*, was a collaboration with Scott Hutchison of Frightened Rabbit. His poetic prose debut, *Boy Friends*, came out with Faber & Faber in 2022 in the UK and North America, and is now travelling into translation editions. Among other accolades, he won a Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship and a John Mathers Trust Rising Star Award. Pedersen also co-founded Neu! Reekiel, a prize-winning arts collective who produced cutting-edge shows across the UK (and the world) for over a decade.



Metropolitain: An Ode to the Paris Métro

Andrew Martin

20th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472157881 | Local history

Publisher: Katya Ellis

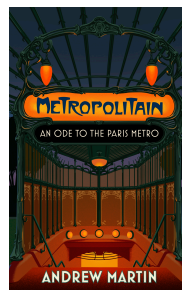
A unique look at Paris through the history of the Métro from award-winning author, Andrew Martin.

Andrew Martin has written many books with railway themes but he has always been obsessed with the Paris Métro, hence *Métropolitain: an Ode to the Paris Metro*, the first English history of the Métro for the general reader. *Métropolitain* is as stylish as the Metro itself and laced with cultural references.

The book takes the reader on a tour of Paris, both underground and over. We visit the grave in Père Lachaise of the Metro's tiny, one-armed beguette, Fulgence Bienvenue (whose very name suggests light and electricity), where old Metro tickets are reverently laid instead of flowers. Andrew explains how London Underground made modern London, whereas modern Paris made the Métro. But Paris, and the Métro, is changing, undergoing a huge expansion. This, and the imminence of the Paris Olympics in summer 2024, when the paperback of *Métropolitain* will appear, will make this a timely title.

About the author

Andrew Martin is a prolific author of fiction and non-fiction books. His non-fiction has sometimes had a railway theme, and his novels include the award-winning Jim Stringer series, set on the railways of early 20th Century Britain. The most recent Stringer novel is *Powder Smoke*. His most recent non-railway novels are *Soot*, *The Martian Girl* and *The Winker*. He also writes and records songs under the name Brunswick Green.



The Applicant

Nazli Koca

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472158109 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publisher: Grace Vincent

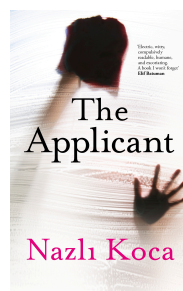
Koca's debut novel centers on a young Turkish woman who finds herself at a crossroads, caught between the cogs of Germany's immigration system and her complicated family back home.

It's 2017 and Leyla, a leftwing Turkish twenty-something living in Berlin, is scrubbing toilets at an Alice in Wonderland-themed hostel in order to stay afloat while awaiting a verdict on her visa status. Having failed her Master's thesis and sued the German university over its decision, she is on the verge of losing her student visa and being forced to return to Istanbul.

As the clock winds down on her temporary visa, Leyla meets a right-wing Swedish tourist at a bar one night and – against her political convictions and better judgment – begins to fall in love. Will she choose to live a cookie-cutter life as the wife of a Volvo salesman or, just as unimaginable, return to Turkey to her mother and sister, the ghost of her father still haunting their lives? Written in wry, propulsive diary form and with probing self-reflection, Koca radically and courageously explores one's place in a deeply uncertain world, examining the bounds of state violence and self-destruction, of social dissociation and intense familial love. *The Applicant* is a stunning dissection of a liminal life lived between borders and identities.

About the author

Nazli Koca is a writer and poet from the Mediterranean coast of Turkey who holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Notre Dame. She has lived in Berlin and now lives in New York City. She is the recipient of grants from the Nanovic Institute, Soham Dance Space, and United States Artists. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in *The Threepenny Review*, *BookForum*, *Second Factory*, the *Chicago Review of Books*, and *books without covers*, among other outlets.



Devotions

Mary Oliver

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £30 | 9781472158482 | Poetry

Publicist: Katya Ellis

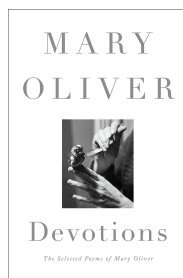
Devotions is the definitive collection of beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver's best poems, chosen by the author herself from work spanning more than five decades of her esteemed literary career.

Throughout her celebrated career, Mary Oliver touched countless readers with her brilliantly crafted verse, expounding on her love for the physical world and the powerful bonds between all living things. *Devotions* is a stunning, definitive and carefully curated collection featuring work from over fifty years of writing – from Oliver's very first book of poetry, *No Voyage and Other Poems*, published in 1963 at the age of twenty-eight, through to her last collection, *Felicity*, published in 2015.

This timeless volume, arranged by Oliver herself, showcases the beloved poet at her edifying best. Within these pages, she provides us with an extraordinary and invaluable collection of her passionate, perceptive, and much-treasured observations of the natural world

About the author

Born in a small town in Ohio, Mary Oliver published her first book of poetry in 1963 at the age of twenty-eight. Over the course of her long career, she received numerous awards. Her fourth book, *American Primitive*, won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1984. She led workshops and held residencies at various colleges and universities, including Bennington College, where she held the Catharine Osgood Foster Chair for Distinguished Teaching. She died in 2019.



The Last Yakuza: A Life in the Japanese

Underworld

Jake Adelstein

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781472158314 | Biography

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

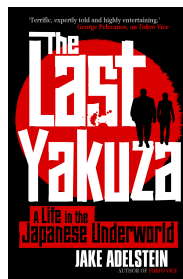
The Last Yakuza tells the history of the yakuza like it's never been told before.

Makoto Saigo is half-American and half-Japanese in small-town Japan with a set of talents limited to playing guitar and picking fights. With rock stardom off the table, he turns toward the only place where you can start from the bottom and move up through sheer merit, loyalty, and brute force – the yakuza.

Written with the insight of an expert on Japanese organised crime and the compassion of a longtime friend, investigative journalist Jake Adelstein presents a sprawling biography of a yakuza, through post-war desperation, to bubble-era optimism, to the present. Including a cast of memorable yakuza bosses – Coach, the Buddha, and more – this is a story about the rise and fall of a man, a country, and a dishonest but sometimes honourable way of life on the brink of being lost

About the author

Jake Adelstein, a Japanese-schooled Jewish-American, worked for twelve years as a journalist on Japan's largest newspaper, Yomiuri Shinbun. In 2005, he became chief investigator for a US State Department-sponsored study of human trafficking in Japan. Now a writer and consultant in Japan and the US, Jake and his family remain under death threats from one of Japan's most notorious crime bosses. Adelstein's last book *Tokyo Vice* was adapted for television by HBO, starring Ansel Elgort.



I Meant It Once

Kate Doyle

7th September 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9781472158604 | Short Stories

Publisher: Lucy Martin

With this sharp and witty debut collection, author Kate Doyle captures precisely that time of life when so many young women are caught in between, pre-occupied by nostalgia for past relationships-with friends, roommates, siblings-while trying to move forward into an uncertain future.

Written with crystalline prose and sly humour, the stories in *I Meant It Once* build to complete a profoundly recognizable portrait of early adulthood and the ways in which seemingly incidental moments can come to define the stories we tell ourselves.

For fans of Elif Batuman, Ottessa Moshfegh, Patricia Lockwood, and Melissa Bank, these stories about being young and adrift in today's world go down easy and pack a big punch.

About the author

Kate Doyle is the author of the short story collection *I Meant It Once*, forthcoming from Algonquin Books in July 2023. She has received support for her work from Virginia Center for Creative Arts, A Public Space, Hawthornden, the Adirondack Center for Writing, the NYU Creative Writing Program, and the Global Research Institute at NYU Paris. Originally from New England, she has lived in New York City, Ithaca, and Amsterdam.



Enter the Water

Jack Wiltshire

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781472158185 | Poetry

Publisher: Grace Vincent

Enter the Water is a dynamic and original verse narrative set in England, early 2022. It charts the journey of a homeless young man as he travels through a troubled country towards the coast, unmaking and making himself anew. Ali Smith hails Jack Wiltshire's joyous debut as 'A dark-light beauty'.

Enter the Water follows a young man who becomes homeless when he is evicted from his flat in Cambridge during the turbulent early months of 2022. As the winds shift, our narrator travels from his park bench out towards the coast, wrapped in his 'big gay coat', accompanied by his pigeons, a blackbird and Storm Eunice – 'Nature' in colourfully alive and playful forms. In verse full of mischief and momentum, he searches for a beauty inherent to all of us, and then calls us to reclaim it.

Walking along the edges of our troubled current affairs, animated by a spirit of cheerful protest, *Enter the Water* is an offering and an urgent invitation to exit and re-enter our world – and to celebrate our capacity for courage in times of suffering.

About the author

Jack Wiltshire was born in Leicester in 2000. He currently lives in Cambridge.



Party of One: The Rise of Xi Jinping and China's Superpower Future

Chun Han Wong

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 99781472158512 | Asian History

Publisher: Niamh Anderson

From one of the most respected reporters on China today, a vital new account of the political education of Xi Jinping, the authoritarian leader of China whose hard-edged tactics have set the rising superpower on a collision with Western liberal democracies.

Combining narrative drama and incisive analysis, *Party of One* explains how Xi has shaken up the world's most populous nation with hard-edged authoritarianism, and set this rising superpower on a collision course with Western liberal democracies. Chun Han Wong draws on his years of first-hand reporting across China to piece together a broad, digestible account of how Xi inspired fear and fervour in his Party, his nation, and beyond.

About the author

Wong has been a reporter with *The Wall Street Journal* since 2010. He has chronicled Xi Jinping's campaign to accrue personal power and enforce Party control. In August 2019, after the Chinese government refused to renew Chun Han's press credentials, he moved to the Journal's bureau in Hong Kong, where he has continued covering Chinese politics. Chun Han was born and raised in Singapore and is a native speaker in English and Mandarin Chinese.



The Many Hundreds of the Scent

Shane McCrae

23rd November 2023 | Trade Paperback | £12.99 | 9781472158031 | Poetry

Publisher: Lucy Martin

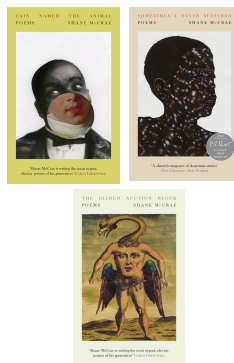
The stunning new collection from prize-winning poet Shane McCrae is his most personal collection yet.

Shane McCrae, one of the most powerful voices in contemporary poetry, returns with an urgent new collection that brims with lyric force. He expands both the poetic and the personal mythologies that he has been constructing over the course of his career; in addition to introducing his readers to 'the thin king / who eats the world,' McCrae invites them to bear witness to his tangle of childhood memories. In brutal, sorrowful lines, he recounts being kidnapped by his white supremacist maternal grandparents from his Black father as a boy. 'O reader, listener, stay,' McCrae writes. 'You are now evidence.'

Here, Homeric figures mingle with those that populate the poet's world. Helen weighs Paris's spear in her hand and bloodies a raging Achilles; Penelope burns her loom each night; Dido watches Aeneas's ship burn on the horizon. A strikingly original and engaging poet, McCrae continually surprises - the collection includes a series of poems about the advent of post-rock and *Hex*, the debut album of the band Bark Psychosis. With this collection, he has once more crafted an extraordinarily affecting book of poetry.

About the author

Shane McCrae's most recent books are *Cain Named the Animal*, *Sometimes I Never Suffered* which was shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize, *The Gilded Auction Block* and *In the Language of My Captor*, which won the 2018 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Poetry, and was a finalist for the National Book Award, the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award and the William Carlos Williams Award. He has received a Whiting Writer's Award, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Lannan Literary Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He lives in New York City and teaches at Columbia University.



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Pax: War and Peace in Rome's Golden Age

Tom Holland

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408706985 | History

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

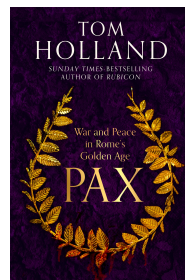
The third in the epic trilogy narrating the history of the Roman Empire from renowned historian Tom Holland.

Pax is the third in a trilogy of books narrating the history of the Roman Empire. The series that began with *Rubicon*, and continued with *Dynasty*, now arrives at the period which marks the apogée of the *pax Romana*. It provides a portrait of the ancient world's ultimate superpower at war and at peace; from the gilded capital to the barbarous realms beyond the frontier; from emperors to slaves.

The narrative features many of the most celebrated episodes in Roman history: the destruction of Jerusalem and Pompeii; the building of the Colosseum and Hadrian's Wall; the conquests of Trajan and the spread of Christianity. *Pax* gives a portrait of Rome, the great white shark of the ancient world, the tyrannosaur, at the very pinnacle of her greatness.

About the author

Tom Holland is an award-winning history author and broadcaster. His bestselling books include *Rubicon*, which won the Hessell-Tiltman Prize, and was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize, *Persian Fire*, which won the Anglo-Hellenic League's Runciman Award, *Millennium*, *In the Shadow of the Sword*, *Dynasty* and *Dominion*. Holland has adapted Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides and Virgil for the BBC. In 2007, he was a winner of the Classical Association Prize. Holland hosts the no.1 podcast *The Rest is History* with Dominic Sandbrook. He has written and presented a number of TV documentaries for the BBC and Channel 4. He served two years as the Chair of the Society of Authors, and was on the committee of the Classical Association.



Edgeland: A Slow Walk West

Sasha Swire

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408717158 | Travel & holiday

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

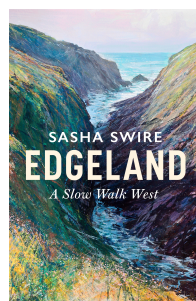
From the bestselling author of Diary of an MP's Wife comes a beautiful discovery of Britain's great coastal path.

In *Edgeland*, the political diarist Sasha Swire escapes the confines of Westminster to walk the northern stretch of the South West Coast Path. Starting at Minehead, she follows the well-trodden path to Land's End, walking it in sections over a decade-long period, returning each year from the spot she had previously left off from. The result is an immersive, beguiling and literary exploration of one of the most enigmatic and beautiful coastlines on earth. It is also a contemplative and very personal response to a story about our English shore from pre-Celtic times to the present day: of the upheaval of rocks; of astonishing botany; of pilgrimage and customs; of the exploitation of resources and of dangers to come.

Swire identifies how important edges are to us as she walks, not only in how we see our world but in our cerebral response to them. She observes that the borders where two surfaces of a solid meet actively encourage not only the flora and fauna but people to gather, create, generate resistance, and create new ways of living and working. She discovers that the path is not only a walk through Britain's windswept and wave-battered western fringes but a tale about how we and nature have, through extraordinary resilience and a relentless spirit, learnt to tame the various forces that are stacked up against us.

About the author

Sasha Swire was raised and educated in west Cornwall, where her father, Sir John Nott, was MP for the St Ives constituency. She was a journalist on national and regional publications and in Asia before working as her husband Hugo Swire's political researcher from 2001 to 2019. She divides her time between Devon and London.



From a Far and Lovely Country

Alexander McCall Smith

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349145938 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

The twenty-fourth book in the multi-million copy bestselling and perennially adored No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.

This latest instalment of the beloved No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series finds Botswana's premier detective agency as busy as ever, with no shortage of sensitive situations requiring Mma Ramotswa's keen eye and discerning input. Through it all, Mma Ramotswa will demonstrate that there are solutions to all manner of difficulties, there to be discovered as long as one is led by kindness, grace, and logic, and can rely on the wise counsel of close friends and loved ones. Sometimes, she reminds us, the best solutions to life's problems can be found with a bit of good humour, generosity of spirit, and a steaming cup of red bush tea.

About the author

Alexander McCall Smith is the author of over one hundred books on a wide array of subjects, including the award-winning The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. He is also the author of the Isabel Dalhousie novels and the world's longest-running serial novel, *44 Scotland Street*. His books have been translated into forty-six languages. Alexander McCall Smith is Professor Emeritus of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and holds honorary doctorates from thirteen universities.



Jobs for the Girls: How We Set Out to Work in the Typewriter Age

Ysenda Maxtone Graham

28th September 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408713464 | History

Publicist: Lucy Martin

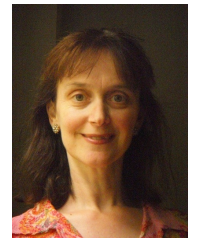
A unique take on women's history from the bestselling author of British Summer Time Begins.

Drawn from real life, from interviews with women from all sections of society who have ever had a job, this book is a portrait of British women's working lives from 1950, through cardigans and pearls, via mini-skirts and bottom-pinching, to shoulder pads and the ping of the first emails, never forgetting overalls, aprons and uniforms.

Ysenda Maxtone Graham conveys the full range of experience: the flavour and atmosphere of workplaces in all their character: the jollities as well as the drudgeries, the good men as well as the vile ones, the nasty women as well as the heroines, the office crushes and romances, the lunch hours, the parties, the great piles of paper everywhere, the family-feel of workplaces, the daily burden of trying to run a household and family as well: in short, to look at all facets of this rich slice of British life.

About the author

Ysenda Maxtone Graham was born in 1962 and educated at Girton College, Cambridge. She has written for many newspapers and magazines as a features writer, book reviewer and columnist. She is the author of six books: *The Church Hesitant: A Portrait of the Church of England Today*; *The Real Mrs Miniver*, which was shortlisted for the Whitbread Biography of the Year Award; *Mr Tibbits's Catholic School*; *An Insomniac's Guide to the Small Hours*; *Terms & Conditions: Life in Girls' Boarding Schools, 1939-1979*; *British Summer Time Begins: The School Summer Holidays, 1930-1980*, which was a *Sunday Times* bestseller. She lives in London with her husband and three sons.



One Fine Day, 29 September 2023: Britain's Empire on the Brink

Matthew Parker

28th September 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408708583 | History

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

'Marvellous...sees the Empire's full complexity' Sathnam Sanghera. The story of the British Empire at its hubristic zenith, told masterfully by a critically acclaimed historian.

On Saturday 29 September 1923, the Palestine Mandate became law and the British Empire reached what would prove to be its maximum territorial extent, covering a scarcely credible quarter of the world's land mass, containing 460 million people. But the tide was beginning to turn.

This book is a new way of looking at the British Empire. It immerses the reader in the contemporary moment, focusing on particular people and stories from that day, gleaned from newspapers, letters, diaries, official documents, magazines, films and novels: from a remote Pacific Island facing the removal of its entire soil, across Australia, Burma, India and Kenya to London and the West Indies. Never before has there been a book which contains such a wide spread of vivid experiences from both colonised and coloniser: from Pan-Africanists in West Africa to militant Buddhists in Burma; governors, policemen and nurses.

About the author

Matthew Parker is a critically acclaimed historian who has written for numerous UK national newspapers, literary and historical magazines, as well as lecturing around the world and contributing to TV and radio programmes in the UK, Canada and the US. An elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Parker's books include *Panama Fever* and *The Sugar Barons*, which William Dalrymple called 'very impressive' and Andrea Levy 'fabulous'.



Still a Bit of Snap in the Celery: or KBO*

Keep Bugging On

Marcus Berkmann

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9780349145488 | Autobiography:

Arts & Entertainment

Publisher: Lucy Martin

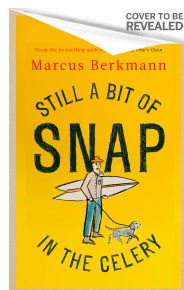
From the bestselling author of A Shed of One's Own, a very funny memoir about being sixty.

Marcus Berkmann's funny, instantly recognisable description of middle-age in *A Shed of One's Own* struck a chord and turned it into a bestseller. What is life like now, when you have entered the stage of what he calls 'young-old'?

Well, as Berkmann describes, the body continues to fall apart, along with the bank balance - but it's certainly not all doom and gloom. You have come to terms with your deficiencies and eccentricities (and if you have a partner they may be better adjusted to them too; you might have finally conquered your FOMO; you have embraced the notion of the Power Nap - and though you're not really going to embark on a course of something called 'mindfulness' you nevertheless recognise if living in the moment also includes walking to the local for a pint with an old friend then you'll sign up for it after all.

About the author

Marcus Berkmann is a regular contributor to *Private Eye* and film critic of the *Oldie*, and writes book reviews for the *Daily Mail*. His books include *Rain Men: The Madness of Cricket*, *Zimmer Men: The Trials and Tribulations of the Ageing Cricketer*, *Fatherhood: The Truth, A Matter of Facts: The Insider's Guide to Quizzing*, *How to Be a Writer: Baths, Biscuits and Endless Cups of Tea* and *The Sunday Times* bestseller *A Shed of One's Own: Midlife Without the Crisis*.



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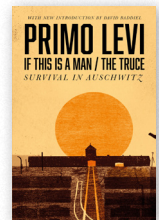
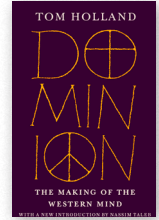
If This Is A Man/The Truce

Primo Levi, Translated by **Stuart Woolf**

Featuring a new Introduction by **David Baddiel**, author of *Jews Don't Count*

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Please contact: Susan de Soissons or Lucy Martin



The Bridge Street Press

Chasing Shadows: A True Story of Drugs, War and the Secret World of International Crime

Miles Johnson

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349128641 | True Crime

Publicist: Henry Lord

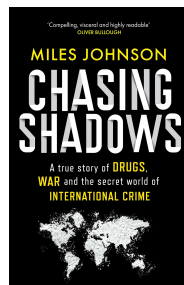
McMafia meets Narcos in a searing true crime tale of the dark side of globalisation set in the US, Italy, Colombia and the Middle East.

A compulsive true crime thriller about modern-day international drugs trafficking, terrorism and geopolitical intrigue following an investigation driven by one DEA agent, Jack Kelly. We follow the entwined stories of Kelly, an Italian mafioso and a Lebanese terrorist as all three hurtle through the hall of mirrors of the global shadow economy.

Set during 2015 and 2016, as the global order began to implode under the pressures of the Syrian civil war, *Chasing Shadows* shows the betrayals, the disillusionment and the violence as Jack Kelly hunts down his targets.

About the author

Miles Johnson is an award-winning foreign correspondent for the *Financial Times* who specialises in covering organised crime and financial corruption across the world. In over a decade at the *FT*, he has held senior roles in London, and worked as a correspondent in New York, Madrid and Rome. In 2021 he was nominated for British Foreign Reporter of the Year at the British Press Awards for his work covering the Italian Mafia.



The Power of Art: From Babylon to Pyongyang

Caroline Campbell

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9780349128481 | History of Art

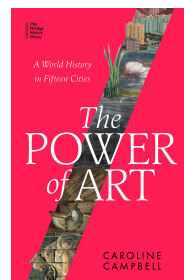
Publicist: Zoe Hood and Lucy Martin

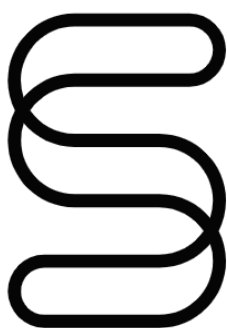
A dazzling new history of the world and a popular introduction to art history by a renowned expert.

The Power of Art is an epic work of non-fiction that will transform our understanding of the world by unlocking the human stories behind millennia of art. Taking readers from ancient Babylon to contemporary Pyongyang, the eminent curator Caroline Campbell explains art's power to illuminate our lives, and inspires us to benefit from its transformative and regenerative power. Unlike the majority of art history, this book is about much more than the cult of personality. Instead, each chapter is structured around a city at a particularly vibrant moment in its history, describing what propelled its creativity and innovation. The emotions and societies she evokes are recognisable today, showing how great art resonates powerfully by transcending the boundaries of time.

About the author

Dr Caroline Campbell is Director of the National Gallery of Ireland. She was previously Director of Collections and Research at the National Gallery in London, a curator at the Ashmolean Museum, Curator of Paintings at the Courtauld Gallery and the Jacob Rothschild Head of the Curatorial Department at the National Gallery. Caroline was educated at University College, Oxford and the Courtauld Institute of Art and is a former fellow of the Center for Curatorial Leadership in New York. She is passionate about widening public engagement with art and has spoken to audiences around the world on numerous subjects from art history.





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The Italian Daughter

Soraya Lane

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9781408728659 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

A romantic, heartbreaking novel about lost loves, family secrets and enduring hope.

London, present day: Lily clutches a faded piece of paper in her hands, having just discovered that her grandmother was born at a home for unmarried mothers. The only clues to her past are contained on a handwritten Italian recipe and an old theatre programme.

Desperate for answers, Lily accepts a job on a picturesque Italian vineyard. Arriving at the palatial home of the Martinelli family, Lily is captivated by the acres of vines that surround her and struck by their charming son Antonio, who agrees to help her solve the mystery of her grandmother's life.

As Lily unravels the truth, she starts to fall for Italy – and Antonio. And when she traces the recipe back to a bakery in a hilltop village, she unearths a tragic love story that changes everything . . .

But can Lily find the courage to follow her heart, or will her family's heart-wrenching story force her home

About the author

Soraya Lane is the author of historical and contemporary women's fiction, and her novel *Wives of War* was an Amazon Charts bestseller. Soraya lives in her native New Zealand.



The Housemaid's Secret

Freida McFadden

6th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349132600 | Thriller / Suspense

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

The explosive sequel to the internationally bestselling thriller The Housemaid by Freida McFadden. The Housemaid's Secret is a twisty read about the secrets kept at the dark heart of a family.

It's hard to find an employer who doesn't ask too many questions about my past. So I thank my lucky stars that the Garricks miraculously give me a job, cleaning their stunning penthouse with views across the city and preparing fancy meals in their shiny kitchen. I can work here for a while, stay quiet until I get what I want.

It's almost perfect. But I still haven't met Mrs Garrick, or seen inside the guest bedroom. I'm sure I hear her crying. I notice spots of blood around the neck of her white nightgowns when I'm doing laundry. And one day I can't help but knock on the door. When it gently swings open what I see inside changes everything...

That's when I make a promise. After all, I've done this before. I can protect Mrs Garrick while keeping my own secrets locked up safe.

Douglas Garrick has done wrong. He is going to pay. It's simply a question of how far I'm willing to go...

About the author

Number one Amazon bestselling author Freida McFadden is a practicing physician specialising in brain injury who has penned multiple Kindle bestselling psychological thrillers and medical humour novels.



Ghosted

Rosie Mullender

13th July 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780751585254 | Romance

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

Rosie Mullender's second novel is the most fun book you'll read this year, perfect for fans of Mhairi McFarlane.

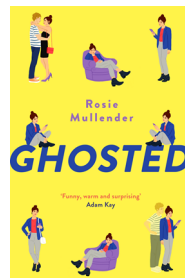
How badly have you been ghosted? No, literally.

A year ago, Emily was ghosted. But it's fine, she's over it. Andy was never part of the plan anyway. She's working on Project New Emily - New Emily goes to cocktail bars, wears ankle-breaking heels and has her life together. She's looking for a new man to match; Andy was never going to work. Thoughts about Andy are firmly in the past - until his name is spelled out on a Ouija board at a party. Emily discovers that Andy didn't ghost her - he died. And just as she's trying to work out how she feels, Andy turns up in her flat as a ghost. A ghost. In her flat. Emily needs to get rid of this ghost of dating past so she can focus on the new man in her sights - and the only way she can do that is to help Andy solve the mystery of his death. But as she spends more time with him, she remembers how nice it was to let her guard down and just be Old Emily sometimes.

Emily must choose between her new life and the past that's come back to haunt her. But she soon discovers that when it comes to putting her ghosts to rest, it's not as easy as she might think...

About the author

In her 20 years as a journalist, Rosie Mullender has worked on both 'real-life' weekly and glossy monthly magazines (including reviewing films at *Cosmopolitan*), and she currently works as a freelance writer. You can follow her @Mullies on Twitter.



The Bellbird River Country Choir

Sophie Green

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780751585209 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The perfect summer read from the internationally bestselling author. For fans of The 24-Hour Cafe and The Chilbury Ladies' Choir.

Bellbird River, 1998.

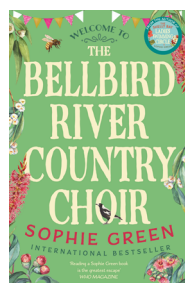
Teacher and single mum Alex arrives in the small town of Bellbird River in search of a change of pace and the chance to reconnect with her daughter. Across town, well-known matriarch Victoria and her cousin Gabrielle find themselves at a crossroads in their lives. Local baker Janine and newcomer to the area Debbie are each dealing with the consequences of painful pasts.

With its dusty streets and iron-lace verandahs, Bellbird River could just be a pit stop on the road to somewhere else. But their town has a heart: the Bellbird River choir.

Amid the melodies and camaraderie of the choir, each of the women will find the courage to leave the past behind. Together, they'll discover that friends are much closer to home than they'd ever realised.

About the author

Sophie Green lives in Sydney and has written several works. *The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club*, a Top Ten bestseller in Australia, was shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards for General Fiction Book of the Year 2018, longlisted for the Matt Richell Award for New Writer of the Year and longlisted for the Indie Book Award for Debut Fiction 2018.



A Game of Lies

Clare Mackintosh

20th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408725962 | Thriller

Publicist: Laura Sherlock & Becky Hunter

The enthralling new mystery from the number one Sunday Times bestseller and international sensation.

They say the camera never lies. But on this show, you can't trust anything you see. Stranded in the Welsh mountains, seven reality show contestants have no idea what they've signed up for.

Each of these strangers has a secret. If another player can guess the truth, they won't just be eliminated - they'll be exposed live on air. The stakes are higher than they'd ever imagined, and they're trapped.

The disappearance of a contestant wasn't supposed to be part of the drama. Detective Ffion Morgan has to put aside what she's watched on screen, and find out who these people really are - knowing she can't trust any of them.

And when a murderer strikes, Ffion knows every one of her suspects has an alibi . . . and a secret worth killing for.

About the author

Clare Mackintosh is the multi-award winning author of six *Sunday Times* bestselling novels. Translated into forty languages, her books have sold more than two million copies worldwide, have been *New York Times* and international bestsellers and have spent a combined total of sixty-six weeks in the *Sunday Times* bestseller chart.



Silent Voices

Patricia Gibney

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781408728536 | Thriller / Suspense

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

The gripping new instalment in the internationally bestselling Lottie Parker series. When Rachel Mullen is found dead, her body twisted in pain, Detective Lottie Parker knows instantly that she was murdered. And when Lottie finds a shard of glass placed in the young girl's throat, she fears that Rachel may only be the first victim.

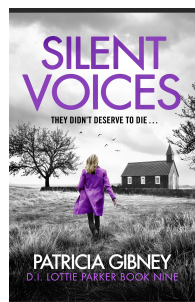
The night before, Rachel had attended a glamorous party at a restaurant in Ragmullin. Lottie wastes no time in tracking down the other guests. But as Lottie investigates, her worst fears are confirmed: a brilliant young doctor is found murdered . . . with glass in her throat.

Desperate to find proof of what really happened to these women, Lottie gets close to the hostess of the party. But Lottie's hunt for the truth puts the person she is closest to in terrible danger.

Can Lottie get in the mind of this twisted killer before it's too late? Or will the man she loves be silenced forever?

About the author

Patricia Gibney is the million-copy bestselling author of the D.I. Lottie Parker series. Fascinated by people and their quirky characteristics, she always carries a notebook to scribble down observations and ideas. Patricia lives in the Irish midlands with her children.



Farewell to The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul

Deborah Rodriguez

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408728093 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

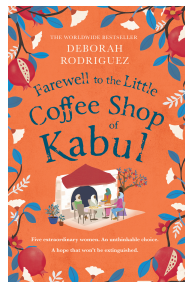
Publicist: Lucy Martin

The long-awaited sequel to the international bestseller, The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul, which captured the hearts of millions worldwide.

Kabul, August 2021. Sunny Tedder is back in her beloved coffee shop. After eight years away, she's thrilled to reunite with her Kabul 'family': Yazmina now runs women's shelters and dreams of a bright future for her two daughters; her sister Layla has become an outspoken women's rights activist and is quite the celebrity; Kat is wrapping up her year-long stay in Kabul, but is facing some unfinished business; And finally there's elderly den mother Halajan, whose new hobby is an act of rebellion.

About the author

Deborah Rodriguez spent five years teaching and later directing the Kabul Beauty School, the first modern beauty academy and training salon in Afghanistan. She also owned the Oasis Salon and the Cabul Coffee House, and is the founder of the nonprofit organisation Oasis Rescue, which aims to teach women in post-conflict and disaster-stricken areas the art of hairdressing.



P.S. Burn This Letter Please

Craig Olsen

15th August 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780751585940 | Gay & Lesbian Studies

Publicist: Katya Ellis and Lucy Martin

A personal, vivid snapshot of drag culture in 1950s New York, showing readers how modern drag culture was born through first-hand letters, photographs and lively research from incredible historians.

Their greatest act of resistance was simply existing.

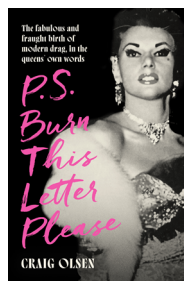
In 1950s New York, a group of drag pioneers found work in a small number of Lower East Side clubs. They occupied the margins of society, determined to live authentically, despite the attentions of the police. These girls were unstoppable, fearless and fabulous, but their very existence was deemed a criminal threat to society.

When a secret cache of their letters was discovered in 2014, these individuals were given a voice for the first time. The letters reveal personal triumphs and tragedies, and a fascinating world that has rarely been documented.

Expertly weaving social, political and cultural history, Craig Olsen illuminates the lives and loves of our exceptional LGBTQ+ forebears. *P.S. Burn This Letter Please* is the ground-breaking result: a deeply moving encounter with a generation of survivors, and a necessary account of how modern drag culture was born.

About the author

After discovering a cache of personal letters by prominent drag performers in 1950s New York City, Craig Olsen embarked on what has now become a lifelong journey to preserve and illuminate the courage of those that have set the stage for the current success of the LGBTQ+ community. Craig is directing his future focus toward preserving gay history.



The Fortune Tellers

Maggie Mason

31st August 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9781408728154 | Sagas

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The first novel in a brand-new wartime saga series set in the north of England, from bestselling author Mary Wood writing as the much-loved Maggie Mason, author of The Halfpenny Girls.

Blackpool, 1918.

Martha is seventeen and alone in the world. Of Irish descent, her flashing green eyes see into your soul. Foretelling the future is a gift passed down by her late grandmother and is how she earns her living on Blackpool Promenade. Though she spends hours in a little tent, waiting and hoping for a customer.

Trisha is Martha's neighbour and quickly becomes her dearest friend, but she is pregnant and married to a brutal man. And when tragedy strikes, she finds herself alone, her future uncertain. Together, on one of the poorest streets in Blackpool, the girls face poverty, as is their lot, but they're determined to help each other any way they can, and they never stop dreaming of a brighter future. Will a chance encounter on the promenade change their fortunes?

About the author

Maggie Mason also writes saga as Mary Wood. Mary was born the thirteenth child of fifteen and throughout her life had various factory, office and home-based jobs, finally becoming a probation service officer before she retired. Mary married in 1963, and with her husband Roy has four children, eight grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren. She got her first book deal in 2013 and has not looked back since.



Thicker Than Water

Kerry Washington

26th September 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408730393 | Autobiography:

Arts & Entertainment

Publicists: Stephanie Melrose and Beth Wright

Award-winning actor, director, producer, and activist Kerry Washington shares the deeply moving journey of her life.

In *Thicker than Water*, Kerry Washington gives readers an intimate view into both her public and private worlds – as an artist, an advocate, an entrepreneur, a mother, a daughter, a wife, a Black woman. Chronicling her upbringing and life's journey thus far, she reveals for the very first time how she faced a series of challenges and setbacks, effectively hid childhood traumas, met extraordinary mentors, managed to grow her career, and crossed the threshold into stardom and political advocacy, ultimately discovering her truest self and, with it, a deeper sense of belonging.

About the author

Kerry Washington is an Emmy-winning, SAG, and Golden Globe-nominated actor, director, producer, and organiser. A native of the Bronx, Washington is a fearless multi-hyphenate, and has received high acclaim for her work. Washington received widespread public recognition for her role as Olivia Pope on the hit ABC drama *Scandal*, breaking barriers as the first Black woman since 1974 to headline a network TV drama. Washington's film credits include *Django Unchained*, *Save the Last Dance*, *Our Song*, and *The School for Good and Evil*, among others. In 2016, she launched her production company, Simpson Street. A lifelong advocate and activist, Washington is dedicated to using her voice to fight for justice. Washington has been honored as one of *Time* magazine's 2022 Women of the Year. She also received the 2013 NAACP President's Award and the 2016 ACLU Bill of Rights Award. In 2022, Washington partnered with LAUSD and others to launch the Roybal School of Film and Television Production, a project driving change across the entertainment industry for students from underserved communities.



The Great British Bake Off: Kitchen Classics

The Bake Off Team

28th September 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408727003 | Cakes, Baking, Icing & Sugarcraft

Publicist: Katya Ellis

The new Great British Bake Off book, full of delicious and accessible recipes, inspired by the 2023 season of the UK's most popular cooking show.



A Haunting on the Hill

Elizabeth Hand

3rd October 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408729571 | Horror & Ghost Stories

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

The first novel to return to the world of Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House authorised by the Shirley Jackson estate.

Whatever walked there walked alone.

Sixty years after the terrible events at Hill House, history is set to repeat itself. When a group of actors set up a rehearsal retreat in an old abandoned property, they think they have found the perfect inspiration for their upcoming play, The Witch of Edmonton. But they soon sense a hostile presence in the house.

As horror after horror unfolds, soon the question is: will any of them survive Hill House?



About the author

Elizabeth Hand is the author of more than fifteen cross-genre novels and collections of short fiction. Her work has received the Shirley Jackson Award (three times), the World Fantasy Award (four times), the Nebula Award (twice), as well as the James M. Tiptree Jr. and Mythopoeic Society Awards. She's a longtime critic and contributor of essays for the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, *Boston Review*, and the *Village Voice*, among many others. She divides her time between the Maine coast and North London.

The Very British Problems Christmas Quiz Book

Rob Temple

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408730669 | Trivia & Quiz

Question Books

A charmingly festive and (sometimes) challenging quiz book featuring questions on all things to do with British Christmastime.

We Brits can't get enough of a quiz - and never has this been more true than at Christmastime. For anyone looking to liven up the big day itself, stumped for office party small talk or trying to make it through the festive period with the in-laws, this book will be perfect. Filled with questions, conundrums, wordsearches, crosswords and much more on topics ranging from nostalgic Christmas adverts to everyone's favourite holiday treats, this book is best enjoyed with a cup of tea and a mince pie.

About the author

Rob Temple is a journalist and founder of the Very British Problems Twitter, Instagram and TikTok accounts, which together have 5.6 million followers. Bestselling VBP merchandise includes a clothing range from Rapanui, greeting cards from Thortful and calendars by the Calendar Club. The brand has sold over 250,000 Very British Problems books and VBP content continues to appear regularly in newspapers and magazines.



A Midwinter's Tail

Lili Hayward

12th October 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9781408729557 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

A cat-themed, festive novella set in Cornwall. The perfect read to settle down with during the cold winter nights...

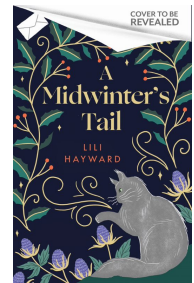
It's nearly Christmas and committed Londoner Mina Kestle is close to signing a deal that will give her everything she's ever wanted. Then she receives a mysterious letter in the post along with an ancient key, sent by her long-estranged godfather...

Davy Penhallow lives on a tiny Cornish island with only his pet cat Murr for company. Mina hasn't heard from him in decades, but now it seems he wants her to look after his cottage - and his cat - while he recovers from a stroke in hospital. Mina doesn't know why Davy has contacted her after all these years, but she intends to do what's right: sort out the cottage and the cat and then get back to London in time for her career-saving meeting.

But the more time Mina spends in the cottage, remembering the magic of Cornish folklore, the harder it becomes to tear herself away. When she discovers that a set of ruthless property developers are planning to tear down the island, she realises she might be the only one who can stand in their way to save it...

About the author

Lili Hayward is a writer from the south of England with a love for all things hidden, lost and historical. When she isn't writing fiction (or reading it) she can be found wandering bookshops or shouting at weeds on her allotment.



The Christmas Spirit

Debbie Macomber

12th October | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781408726556 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The brand-new festive romance from the New York Times bestseller. Perfect for fans of Trisha Ashley, Milly Johnson and Carole Matthews.

Will they find their happy-ever-after this Christmas?

Peter and Hank are lifelong friends, but when it comes to their jobs they couldn't be more different. Peter is a small-town pastor, devoted to helping the community, while Hank runs the local pub and is never too far from a party. But this Christmas, everything is about to change . . . Convinced that the other has it easier and keen to find love, they hatch a plan to swap places the week before Christmas to put their theories to the test and find time for themselves.

But as Hank quickly becomes overwhelmed by nativity plans, and Peter struggles to control the rowdy festive pub-goers, they each begin to worry they're in over their heads. Luckily, church assistant Grace is on hand to help Hank navigate a church/life balance, and a young woman seeking shelter at the pub might be exactly what Peter needs. This Christmas, will Peter and Hank finally find love?

About the author

Debbie Macomber, the author of *Cottage by the Sea*, *Any Dream Will Do*, *If Not for You*, and the Rose Harbor Inn series, is a leading voice in women's fiction. Fifteen of her novels have reached number one on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and five of her beloved Christmas novels have been made into hit movies.



The Mystery Agency Puzzle Book

Henry Lewis

12th October 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408728499 | Puzzles & Quizzes

Murder mystery meets escape room-style puzzle solving in this fantastic interactive puzzle book from The Mystery Agency.

The year is 1926 and a precious gemstone has been stolen.

Can you solve the puzzles and piece together the clues to find out who dunnit?

The Mystery Agency Puzzle Book is an interactive book where murder mystery meets escape room-style puzzle solving, in an epic adventure for all the family. Put yourself to the test, and follow the story, working your way through a whole host of challenges - from deciphering clues at crime scenes and searching for hidden pieces of evidence in the pages - to satisfy your inner detective. Look out also for interactive elements within the book that will take each mystery to a whole new level.

About the author

Henry Lewis is a powerhouse creative: writer, actor, director and puzzle genius. He is the Artistic Director of Mischief and writes, produces and performs for the company. His work with Mischief includes: *The Play that Goes Wrong* (Broadway, West End, UK & International Tours), *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* (BBC1, West End & UK Tours), *The Comedy About A Bank Robbery* (West End & UK Tour), *The Goes Wrong Show* (BBC1 & Amazon), *Magic Goes Wrong* (created with magicians Penn & Teller, West End), *Groan Ups* (West End), *Mischief Movie Night* (West End & UK Tour). Henry's work has earned him 5 Olivier Nominations including a win for Best New Comedy for *The Play that Goes Wrong*, and his writing has been performed in over 30 countries worldwide.



Past Lying

Val McDermid

12th October 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408729076 | Thriller / Suspense

Publicist: Laura Sherlock

Karen Pirie returns in a thrilling new novel from the internationally bestselling Val McDermid.

Edinburgh, haunted by the ghosts of its many writers, is also the cold case beat of DCI Karen Pirie. So she shouldn't be surprised when an author's manuscript appears to be a blueprint for an actual crime.

Karen can't ignore the plot's chilling similarities to the unsolved case of an Edinburgh University student who vanished from her own doorstep. The manuscript seems to be the key to unlocking what happened to Lara Hardie, but there's a problem: the author died before he finished it.

As Karen digs deeper, she uncovers a spiralling game of betrayal and revenge, where lies are indistinguishable from the truth and with more than one unexpected twist...

The Queen of Crime Val McDermid is at the top of her game in her most gripping and fiendishly clever case yet.



About the author

Val McDermid is a number one bestseller whose novels have been translated into forty languages, and have sold over nineteen million copies. She has won awards internationally, including the CWA Gold Dagger for best crime novel of the year and the LA Times Book of the Year Award. She was the recipient of the CWA Cartier Diamond Dagger in 2010. In 2016, Val received the Outstanding Contribution to Crime Fiction Award at the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival and in 2017 received the DIVA Literary Prize for Crime, and was elected a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Literature and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Val has served as a judge for the Women's Prize for Fiction and the Man Booker Prize. She is the recipient of six honorary doctorates, and is an Honorary Fellow of St Hilda's College, Oxford.

The Winter Spirits

Bridget Collins, Imogen Hermes Gower, Natasha Pulley, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Jess Kidd, Andrew Michael Hurley, Elizabeth Macneal, Laura Purcell, Stuart Turton, Susan Stokes-Chapman, Catriona Ward, Laura Shepherd-Robinson

19th October 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408727584 | Short Stories

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Twelve of the biggest names in historical and gothic fiction join forces to bring you a dazzling collection of Christmas ghost stories.

The tradition of a haunted tale at Christmas has flourished across the centuries. These twelve stories - authored by some of today's most loved and lauded authors of historical and gothic fiction - are all centred around Christmas or Advent, boldly and playfully re-imagining a beloved tradition for a modern audience.

Taking you from a haunted Tuscan villa to a remote Scottish island with a dark secret, these vibrant haunted stories are your ultimate companion for frosty nights.

About the author

Between them, the authors of *The Winter Spirits* have published numerous national and international bestsellers, have won awards including the Costa First Novel Award and the British Book of the Year Award, and have been translated into 33 languages. Their books have sold more than a million copies in the UK.



Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop

Jenny Colgan

26th October 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408726235 | Romance

Publisher: Niamh Anderson

Escape with this festive new novel from beloved and bestselling author Jenny Colgan...

Carmen is at a loose end. Her gorgeous bookshop is the filming site of a cheesy Christmas movie, she's been ousted from her sister's house, and the love of her life has just flown thousands of miles away. It's threatening to be a very unjolly Christmas indeed!

But when the elderly owner of the shop comes to Carmen with a Christmas wish that threatens to never come true, Carmen knows she must buckle down to get the funds to save not only his trip, but the shop itself. While fending off a shady tatt-selling businessman, Carmen discovers wonders to the shop she could have never imagined, and opens a labyrinth of bookish backrooms for the customers to get lost in.

With her deadline looming, it might take more than a fresh coat of paint to solve Carmen's problems. But with the help of their neighbours, her nieces and nephew, and a very distractingly cute male nanny, Carmen might just pull her greatest magic trick yet...

About the author

Jenny Colgan is the author of numerous *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling novels. She has won various awards for her writing, including the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance, the RNA Romantic Novel of the Year Award. Her books have sold more than five million copies worldwide and in 2015 she was inducted into the Love Stories Hall of Fame. For more about Jenny, visit her website and her Facebook page, or follow her on Twitter (@jennycolgan) and Instagram (@jennycolganbooks).



It Always Snows on Mistletoe Square

Ali McNamara

26th October 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781408727058 | Romance

Publisher: Henry Lord and Clara Diaz

Bestselling author and reader favourite, Ali McNamara, is back with her first ever festive novel to warm you up this Christmas.

Wanted: experienced writer to record the history of one house and its family.

Bed and board provided, the successful applicant must love Christmas.

Elle is miserable. When she spies an advert that looks like it could answer all her problems she's devastated to see one huge catch. Elle definitely does not love Christmas.

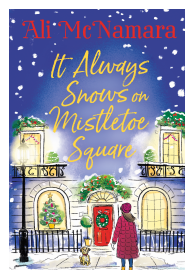
On Mistletoe Square, an eccentric elderly woman and her unconventional housekeeper have an enormous Christmas tree and a box of delicate decorations collected over what must be centuries.

With each decoration comes a story and with each story a breathtaking glimpse of a Christmas past.

One Christmas at a time, the house's history is brought vividly to life for Elle. But the more she sees of the family's past, the more she wonders where and how their story might end. And what of her own story? Is it possible that what felt like an ending might have been leading her here, to a new beginning?

About the author

Ali lives in Cambridgeshire with her family and her beloved dogs. In her spare time she likes antiques shopping, people watching, and daydreaming, usually accompanied by a good cup of coffee! Ali has two chronic illnesses: M.E./CFS and UCTD and is a disability and invisible disability advocate.



The Fortune Tellers' Secret

Maggie Mason

26th October 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9781408728161 | Sagas

The second novel in a brand-new wartime saga series set in the north of England, from bestselling author Mary Wood writing as the much-loved Maggie Mason, author of The Halfpenny Girls.

Blackpool, 1922.

Martha and Trisha may have escaped poverty, but their fortunes have yet to turn. Blissfully happy on her wedding day, Trisha's new fairy-tale romance soon darkens as her husband, Walter, keeps her at arm's length. Between his secrecy, and her mother-in-law's coldness, Trisha feels a stranger in her own home, and lonelier than ever...

Meanwhile a spectre from Martha's past threatens the happiness she has found with Joshua and Bonnie. When she is called to help in her past love's hour of need, she must decide whether to risk exposing a secret that could cost her the trust of her daughter...

With winter fast approaching, Martha and Trisha take warmth and comfort in the strength of their friendship. But will Martha's gift of foresight be enough to see them through?

About the author

Maggie Mason also writes saga as Mary Wood. Mary was born the thirteenth child of fifteen and throughout her life had various factory, office and home-based jobs, finally becoming a probation service officer before she retired. Mary married in 1963, and with her husband Roy has four children, eight grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren. She got her first book deal in 2013 and has not looked back since.



Christmas on the Farm: Wintry tales from a life spent with animals

Adam Henson

26th October 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408727393 | The Countryside

Publicist: Katya Ellis

From Countryfile presenter Adam Henson comes lots of festive fun at the farm, for those who love All Creatures Great and Small and the Yorkshire Vet at Christmas.

Farmer and Countryfile presenter Adam Henson has spent his whole life on Bemborough farm - over fifty winters and Christmases. During that time, lambs have been born, the troughs have frozen over, snow has fallen so thickly riding mules out to the barns has been the only option, and puppies have been found under the Christmas tree.

Christmas for a farmer takes a different shape to everyone else's, because the animals always have to come first. So settle down - ideally by a fireside and with a glass of mulled wine - to hear the tales that have defined festivity for the Henson family. Uplifting and full of Christmas spirit, Christmas on the Farm will give you a whole new respect for the people who work on them.

About the author

Adam Henson is the author of five books, including the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Like Farmer, Like Son* and the children's book *A Year on Adam's Farm*. Adam is perhaps the best-known farmer in the UK, presenting his own section on BBC's *Countryfile* to millions of viewers each Sunday evening. He has a monthly column in *Countryfile* magazine as their resident farmer, as well as the *Cotswold Life* magazine. As well as his writing and television work, Adam runs Cotswold Farm Park in Gloucestershire, which pioneers rare breed conservation.



Hungry as Hell: Meals to Live by, Recipes to Die For



Bad Manners

31st October 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780751581362 | Vegetarian Cookery

Publicist: Natasha Gill

A new book by the authors of Thug Kitchen, Thug Kitchen 101 and Thug Kitchen: Party Grub.

Bad Manners is back in season with their original plant-based recipes to show you how to shop and cook smarter in this new world, so cooking at home doesn't have to be boring as f*ck.

Hungry as Hell will have your ass back in the kitchen - not just occasionally but as the default. It'll teach you how to cook smart, healthful meals that will benefit you for the rest of your life.

About the author

The BAD MANNERS crew are an LA-based duo and the authors of *Thug Kitchen: The Official Cookbook*, *Thug Kitchen: Party Grub*, and *Thug Kitchen: Fast as F*ck*. They started their wildly popular website back in 2012 to inspire people to eat some goddamn vegetables and adopt a healthier lifestyle. They have over 300,000 followers on Instagram, as well as over 86,000 followers on Twitter.

Have I Got News For You: The Quiz of 2023

Have I Got News For You

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408727119 | Puzzles & Quizzes

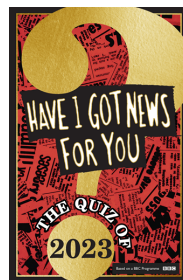
Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A humorous, incredulous quiz book on the newsworthy events of the year, from one of the longest running brands on TV.

We don't know what's going in the book yet as the year's barely begun and we can't see into the future. But probably there'll be a bit of political drama so we'll make sure to include that. Whatever comes to pass, we'll be reviewing the year with missing words rounds, multiple choice, crosswords, odd one out and plenty of gags from your favourite news review show.

About the author

Have I Got News For You is a long-running entertainment show starring Paul Merton and Ian Hislop, which delivers comic observations and scripted gags, from the satirical to the surreal, through the highly original mechanism of a quiz about the news. Given that Ian is an Oxford graduate who edits a topical satirical magazine and the other one is a comedian who never went to university, it's surprising how often Paul wins, said Angela Rainer. Ian and Paul have been the regular 'team captains' since the show began in 1990, and for the first twelve years, were under the watchful eye of the host Angus Deayton. Following Angus's departure, dozens of different guest hosts have taken the reins, including James Bond, Captain Kirk, Sherlock Holmes and a Prime Minister.



The Global History of Ukraine

Yaroslav Hrytsak

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408730805 | European History

Publisher: Lucy Martin

The Global History of Ukraine explores Ukraine's dramatic past and its place as a nation within the history of the world, including in the wake of the 2022 Russian invasion.

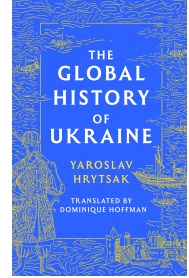
The Global History of Ukraine offers readers a chance to understand more about Ukraine's remarkable past, examining the crucial moments of Ukrainian and global history of the past 1000 years.

In this compelling history, learn how the emergence of medieval states, the discovery of America, the industrial and French revolutions, two world wars, the emergence and collapse of totalitarian regimes, recent middle-class revolutions and the 2022 Russian invasion - are all closely affiliated.

In his new book, already a huge bestseller in Ukraine, Professor Yaroslav Hrytsak, Ukrainian intellectual and public historian, explores Ukraine's dramatic past and its place as a nation within the history of the world.

About the author

Yaroslav Hrytsak is a Ukrainian historian and public intellectual. Professor of the Ukrainian Catholic University and Honorary Professor of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Professor Hrytsak has taught at Columbia and Harvard Universities and was a guest lecturer at the Central European University in Budapest. He is the author of many historical books, including several bestsellers and the recipient of numerous national and international awards and has written opinion pieces for many publications including *The Times*, the *New York Times* and *Time Magazine*.



The Railway Child: A Journey of a Lifetime

Jenny Agutter

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408730843 | Acting & Performing

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

The deeply personal autobiography from the much-loved star of small and silver screen, Jenny Agutter, whose roles - from The Railway Children through to Call the Midwife - have spanned six decades.

2023 marks sixty years since Jenny Agutter was given her first part aged just twelve. From child star to sex symbol to mother and later grandmother roles, Jenny has done and seen it all, whether in Pinewood or Hollywood. Few have survived and triumphed in the industry for so long, especially as a woman.

You might think of Jenny as Bobbie in *The Railway Children* or Sister Julianne in *Call the Midwife* or one of the other iconic roles she's played. But Jenny is much more than the sum of those parts. Her life story is a winding and exciting journey that travels through a childhood spent overseas, sets full of kind and sometimes not-so-kind men, to the glamour of LA in the 80s. There has been tragedy and frustration along the way, but also plenty of magic. Who did the young woman on that train station platform grow up to be? Readers will find out.

About the author

Jenny Agutter is a BAFTA and Emmy award-winning actress who has starred in everything from comforting Sunday night TV to big blockbuster Hollywood movies to cool, Indie films. She has had an impressively regular career, starring on TV or in a film nearly every year since her career began.



The Little Liar

Mitch Albom

7th November 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780751584578 | Religious & Spiritual Fiction

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A moving new novel from internationally bestselling author Mitch Albom.

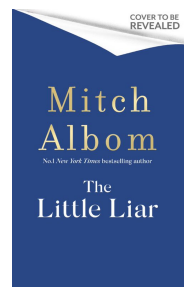
When the Nazis invade Salonika, Greece, eleven-year-old Nico Crispi is offered a chance to save his family. He is instructed to convince his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading towards the east, where they are promised jobs and safety. He dutifully goes to the station platform every day and reassures the passengers that the journey is safe. Only after it is too late does Nico discover that the people he loves will never return.

In *The Little Liar*, Nico's story is interweaved with other individuals impacted by the occupation: his brother Sebastian, their schoolmate Fanni and the Nazi officer who radically changed their lives. As the decades pass, the consequences of what they endured come to light.

Exploring honesty, survival, revenge and devotion, *The Little Liar* is a timeless story about the harm we inflict with our deceptions, and the power of love to redeem us.

About the author

Mitch Albom is an internationally bestselling author, screenwriter, playwright, and award-winning journalist. He is the author of seven consecutive number one *New York Times* bestsellers and has sold over forty million copies of his books in forty-seven languages worldwide, including *Tuesdays with Morrie*, which is one of the bestselling memoirs of all time. Albom also works as a columnist and broadcaster, has founded nine charities in Detroit and operates an orphanage in Port Au Prince, Haiti. He lives with his wife Janine in Michigan.



Check & Mate

Ali Hazelwood

7th November 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408727614 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Are you ready for something a little different from Ali Hazelwood? Get excited for Check & Mate, the new hit from the globally bestselling author of The Love Hypothesis.

Mallory Greenleaf is done with chess. After the sport led to the destruction of her family four years earlier, Mallory's focus is simply on her family and her dead-end job. That is, until she begrudgingly agrees to play in one last tournament and inadvertently wipes the board with notorious 'Kingkiller' Nolan Sawyer: current world champion and reigning Bad Boy of chess.

Nolan's loss to an unknown rookie shocks everyone. What's even more confusing is his desire to cross pawns again. Mallory's smart move would be to resign, but her victory opens the door to sorely needed cash-prizes and, without warning, she is drawn to the enigmatic strategist...

As she rockets up the ranks, Mallory struggles to keep her family safely separated from the game that wrecked it in the first place. As her love for the sport begins to rekindle, Mallory quickly realises that the games aren't only on the board and the competition can be fierce (-ly attractive. And intelligent... and infuriating...)

About the author

Ali Hazelwood is the *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis* and *Love on the Brain*, as well as a writer of peer-reviewed articles about brain science, in which no one makes out and the ever after is not always happy.



Great British Dad-ventures: 101 Maps For

Dads Who Like Doing Things

Mat Riley

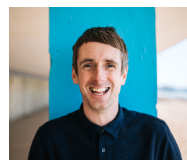
9th November 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9781408730690 | Hobbies

Publicist: Natasha Gill

An exciting, practical gift for dads on Father's Day, Christmas, birthdays and beyond that will help them explore the best Britain has to offer.

Great British Dad-ventures is the ultimate guide to helping Dad discover his next big British adventure, including almost 1,000 destinations that are baby-friendly, kid-friendly, or for dad's friends only. With the ideas marked on colour maps of the 101 counties in Britain, you'll discover hundreds of things to do to help Dad explore the very best the country has to offer. Handy tick boxes next to each place mean Dad can even tick them off as he goes.

So whether it's water sports or castles, hot air balloon rides or brewery tours, motor track racing or hiking through stunning scenery, this book is sure to keep dads busy for days, weeks and months to come.



The Square

Celia Walden

16th November 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780751583182 | Thriller

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Bestselling author and journalist Celia Walden's second thriller is a rollercoaster of twists and secrets, perfect for fans of Louise Candlish, Lisa Jewell and Greenwich Park.

Addison Square is one of the most desirable addresses in London. But behind the bright white facades, darkness lurks . . .

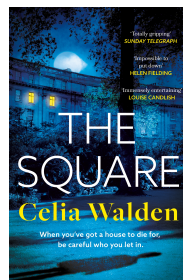
Colette spends a lot of her time at Addison Square. She knows the place and the people better than anyone. But the wealthy residents she works for can barely remember her name.

Which is unfortunate, because Colette knows all about them.

She sees all their secrets. Even the ones they'd kill to protect.

About the author

Celia Walden is a British journalist and the author of *Payday*, which was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick. Her work has appeared in numerous publications and she is a regular contributor to the *Daily Telegraph*. Born and raised in Paris, Celia studied at the University of Cambridge. She and her husband now divide their time between London and L.A.



Unnatural Death

Patricia Cornwell

23rd November 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408728697 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

The thrilling new Kay Scarpetta mystery from the 120-million-copy bestseller.

The morning after North Virginia's deadliest Halloween on record, forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta is pulled away from her caseload to investigate a chilling crime.

She arrives in the wilderness to find one body floating in the lake, and another twenty feet down an abandoned mineshaft – both mutilated almost beyond recognition. It can be no coincidence that the couple were killed on the verge of their arrest for cybercrimes.

After the most terrifying body retrievals of her career, Scarpetta must discover who would commit murders this savage, and why.

About the author

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.



A New York Winter

Isla Gordon

23rd November 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9781408728932 | Adult & Contemporary Romance

Publicist: Natasha Gill

A heart-warming and feel-good festive romance for fans of Heidi Swain and Phillippa Ashley.

When she was nineteen, on a magical weekend in New York City, Ashling created a list of her five life goals. Then, she'd felt inspired to dream big, but now, ten years later, having had four out of five goals crumble before her, she decides that in order to live the life she's always dreamed of, she must move to New York City before it's too late.

Armed with a 90-day tourist visa, she's sure that time in the city will help her finally get her life on track. However, after arriving in the Big Apple with nowhere to live, Ashling notes that she may be in over her head, until River appears . . .

River is miserable - he's newly single, unemployed and feeling entirely lost - but sensing Ashling could do with the help, he offers her a room in his flatshare. Despite their clashing personalities, outgoing Ashling finds herself growing closer to quiet, geeky River.

With his help and winter in the city, Ashling discovers that dreams can evolve, and new paths can be discovered. But can she help River realise that, too, before her time runs out?

About the author

Isla Gordon has worked as a dance teacher, a manager, and an editorial assistant but has been writing professionally since 2013 (and unprofessionally since she can remember). She also has five romantic comedies published under the name Lisa Dickenson.



Blood Debt

Tom Wood

23rd November 2023 | Hardback | £19.99 | 9780751584868 | Thriller

Publicist: Katya Ellis

The incredible latest novel in the most visceral, action-packed series around sees the assassin Victor fighting enemies on all sides, with no allies in sight.

They want an eye for an eye. He'll fight g' f' the last drop is spilled.

To make amends for past mistakes, the enigmatic assassin known only as Victor is now in servitude to the world's most dangerous criminal enterprise, the Russian Mafia. Although a hired gun without loyalties, Victor never picks a fight he cannot win so he intends to pay off his debt, however long it takes.

Yet when his new employer is shot dead in London, Victor has both the means and the motive to make him the most likely suspect. With a turf war breaking out in the power vacuum, and enemies on all sides, either Victor _ gcf discover who the real murderer is or suffer the full wrath of the _ afia's vengeance.

About the author

Tom Wood is a full-time writer born in Burton-on-Trent who now lives in London. After a stint as freelance editor and filmmaker, he completed his first novel, *FZWW g' f' d* which was an instant bestseller and introduced readers to a genuine antihero, Victor, an assassin with a purely logical view on life and whose morals are deeply questionable. Like Victor, Tom is passionate about physical sport, being both a huge boxing fan and practising Krav Maga martial arts, which has seen him sustain a number of injuries. He has not, however, ever killed anyone. Tom also publishes standalone psychological thrillers, including *A Knock at the Door*.



Tom Clancy

Frontlist

Tom Clancy Weapons Grade

Don Bentley

Series: Jack Ryan, Jr.

22nd August 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408727744 | Thriller

For years, there's been one man standing between China and world domination—President Jack Ryan, Sr. Now they have the tool they need to defeat him, there's only one man standing in their way: his son.



Tom Clancy Flash Point

Don Bentley

Series: Jack Ryan, Jr.

7th September 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781408727799 | Thriller

From Tom Clancy, the celebrated author of the Jack Ryan series, comes the number one New York Times bestseller that puts CIA operative John Clark front and centre. Now a major motion picture.



Tom Clancy Command and Control

Marc Cameron

Series: Jack Ryan

14th November 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408727843 | Thriller

Jack Ryan is trapped. An assassin is coming. It's time to take control. In this heart-pounding new thriller, the president finds himself stuck in the middle of a military coup in South America.



Jack Ryan Series Reissues

The Sum of All Fears

Tom Clancy

7th September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408727935 | Thriller

The search for a stolen nuclear weapon on American soil sends Jack Ryan on a dangerous mission with global consequences in this number one New York Times bestselling thriller.



Debt of Honor

Tom Clancy

7th September 2023 | Paperback | £0.99 | 9781408727942 | Thriller

Called out of retirement to serve as National Security Advisor, Jack Ryan must prepare an untested president to meet the challenges of a new world order, in this number one New York Times bestseller.



Jack Ryan Series Reissues

Executive Orders

Tom Clancy

7th September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408727966 | Thriller

The President is dead. Now, the weight of the world falls on Jack Ryan's shoulders in this extraordinary number one New York Times bestseller from Tom Clancy.



The Bear and the Dragon

Tom Clancy

7th September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408727980 | Thriller

President Jack Ryan faces a world crisis unlike any he has ever known in Tom Clancy's extraordinary number one New York Times bestseller.



John Clark Series Reissues

Rainbow Six

Tom Clancy

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408728024 | Thriller

In this number one New York Times bestselling John Clark thriller, author Tom Clancy takes readers into the shadowy world of anti-terrorism and gets closer to reality than any government would care to admit.



Without Remorse

Tom Clancy

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408728000 | Thriller

From Tom Clancy, the celebrated author of the Jack Ryan series, comes the number one New York Times bestseller that puts CIA operative John Clark front and centre. Now a major motion picture.





CONSTABLE

A Very Lively Murder

Katy Watson

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408716441 | Crime & Mystery

Publisher: Beth Wright

Whip-smart crime by established romance writer now breaking into the crime fiction field. Crime fiction fans will love this as she writes the follow up to her contemporary Golden Age country house murder mystery.

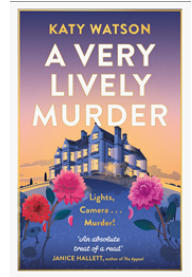
Ex-child star Posy Starling is finally filming her dream role - Dahlia Lively in *The Lady Detective* movie. But things take a nightmare turn when a prop weapon is replaced with the real thing - with almost fatal consequences for her fellow Dahlia, Rosalind King. There's something very wrong on the set of *The Lady Detective* - which means it's time to call in Caro Hooper, so the three Dahlias can investigate.

In between filming scenes, signing autographs for locals, photoshoots in London, talk show appearances and jetting off to France for an impromptu party, the three Dahlias do what they do best - surreptitiously sleuth. And very soon the evidence starts to point towards one particular co-star...

But before they can prove it, another murder rocks the production. And this time, with a storm raging, the river flooded and the bridge washed out, there are no police to rely on so it's up to the three Dahlias to stop a murderer in their tracks... before another victim is claimed.

About the author

Growing up in a family of murder mystery addicts, Katy Watson learned early to look for means, motive and opportunity. After studying English Literature - with a sideline in crime fiction - at Lancaster University, she set about teaching herself to write her own stories, while also experiencing enough of the world to have things to write about.



When I Died for the First Time

Tim Booth

13th July 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408718889 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

The debut novel by James frontman Tim Booth.

In the event of his death, Seth Brakes made one simple wish - for James singer Tim Booth to take his tales of a life lived untamed to the world stage. But to Tim's knowledge they had only met a couple of times: once at a party and once at one of Brian Eno's famous acapella nights. All he knew was that a psychic had guided Seth to choose him for this unusual task... but why him? Why now?

What follows is a wild ride of pure debauchery, as Seth hands you an access-all-areas pass to what life was really like in the Lucky Fuckers - from heated studio sessions to heady benders, tumultuous affairs to touring the world.

Unfiltered, unashamed and completely absorbing, *When I Died For the First Time* is a raw account of a musician that tested his uppermost limits, hitting legendary highs and crashing to catastrophic lows. So where did it all go wrong? And just how does anyone die twice? Pieced together with Tim's careful curiosity you'll uncover the hazy truth about Seth Brakes: a story that stays with you long after you've turned the last page.

About the author

Tim Booth is an English singer-songwriter and actor. He is the lead singer and co-founder of the indie rock band James, and co-wrote several of their hit singles including 'Sit Down', 'Come Home', and 'Laid'. As of 2010, the band had sold more than twenty-five million albums worldwide.



The Venetian Candidate

Philip Gwynne Jones

13th July 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408715314 | Crime & Mystery

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

The latest gripping thriller featuring Nathan Sutherland, set against the background of the most beautiful city on earth: Venice. The perfect atmospheric crime novel for fans of Joseph Kanon, Donna Leon and Abir Mukherjee.

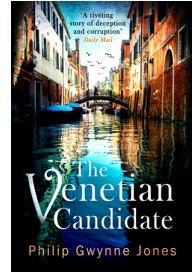
Battered by floods and crushed by overtourism, the city of Venice faces an uncertain future. The election of a new mayor, therefore, has never felt more important.

As the candidates jostle for position and alliances are made and promises broken, Andrea Mazzon, a controversial mayor and historian, emerges as a strong candidate.

Nathan Sutherland, meanwhile, has more important things on his mind as he investigates the case of an elderly British academic who has disappeared while researching the fate of his grandfather during the Great War. The trail leads to a remote Commonwealth war cemetery where, under the ice and snow, Nathan makes a discovery that links the terrible events of a century ago with the electoral campaign in *La Serenissima*. A campaign that might ultimately set the victor on the road to the senate - and on the road to murder. . .

About the author

Philip Gwynne Jones first came to Italy in 1994. After working in several pursuits, Philip now works as a teacher, writer and translator, and lives in Venice with Caroline, his wife. He enjoys cooking, art, classical music and opera; and can occasionally be seen and heard singing bass with Cantori Veneziani and the Ensemble Vocale di Venezia.



Come and Get Me: The Inside Story of

Football's Transfer Window

Jim White and Kaveh Solhekol

27th July 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408718186 | Non Fiction: Football

Publisher: Henry Lord

The definitive inside story of football's transfer window.

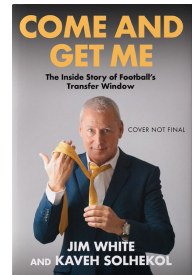
For three months every year football clubs buy and sell people. They spend more than £4 billion a year on footballers, and for good reason; the right deal can help you win the game's top prizes while the wrong deal can cost you your job and bankrupt your club. It is a fast-paced, at times murky and cutthroat world worth billions, which largely operated behind closed doors – until Jim White and Kaveh Solhekol stepped in, that is.

But has the time come for football to slam shut the transfer window for good? Is it, after all, more scandal than strategy? Perceptive, entertaining and dynamically told, Jim and Kaveh reckon with questions integral to the future of the game in this definitive, never-before-told inside story of football's transfer window.

About the authors

Jim White was the face of the transfer window at Sky Sports for twenty years and is widely recognised as the man who invented the phenomenon that is 'Deadline Day'. He is an award-winning broadcaster whose eponymous TalkSport show attracts more than a million listeners every weekday.

Kaveh Solhekol is the chief reporter at Sky Sports and one of the main presenters and reporters of Sky's *Transfer Show*. It is the top-rated show on Sky Sports News.



Israelophobia: How to Identify Antisemitism & What We Can Do About It

Jake Wallis Simons

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9781408719275 | Jewish Studies

Publicist: Henry Lord

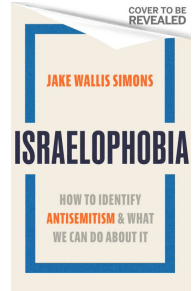
An urgent and deeply necessary book, Israelophobia will explore how - in the words of Howard Jacobson - prejudice against Israel is 'old hatred decanted into new bottles'.

By coining a new term, 'Israelophobia', it will cut through arguments about where criticism of Israel ends and antisemitism begins, allowing for robust debate while exposing dangerous, hate-fuelled rhetoric. In the nineteenth and early twentieth century, Jews were hated because of their race. Today they are hated because of their nation state, the state of Israel. How and why did this transmutation occur?

Through charting the surprising history of modern Israelophobia - starting in Nazi Germany and travelling via Soviet Moscow to Tehran and along fibre optic cables to billions of screens - and clearly defining and labelling modern Israel-hatred, this book will restore much-needed sanity to the debate, creating the space for mutual understanding, tolerance and peace.

About the author

Jake Wallis Simons is an award-winning British journalist and novelist. In December 2021, he was appointed Editor of the Jewish Chronicle, where he has become known for publishing a number of world exclusives about the Mossad, including the inside story of the assassination of Mohsen Fakhri-zadeh and a major three-part sabotage operation in Iran. In addition, he is a writer for the *Spectator*, a commentator for Sky News and a broadcaster for BBC Radio 4 and the World Service.



The Unexpected Guest

Hania Allen

3rd August 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408717844 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

This is the next fast-paced crime novel featuring Polish detective DI Dania Gorska, as she finds herself taken back to Warsaw.

It was a quiet day for the funeral. Until the bomb went off...

Midwinter in Poland, and Dania Górka and her brother Marek are in Warsaw, attending the funeral of her old piano teacher, Jakub Frydman. At the graveside is rabbi Salomon Steinberg and several former pupils.

As the service draws to an end, a figure is glimpsed through the mist throwing a wreath into the open grave. And as the mourners file out of the cemetery, they hear an explosion: the grave of Jakub Frydman has been destroyed and the perpetrator – the unexpected guest at the graveside - has made a clean getaway.

But who was the intended victim? Was it an antisemitic attack – against the old teacher, or the rabbi? Or was it drugs related... and Dania and her investigative journalist brother the targets? Now Dania has to trade Dundee for Warsaw to follow up leads on an international drugs syndicate – and find a resolution to this most unexpected and deadly of crimes.

About the author

Hania Allen was born in Liverpool, but has lived in Scotland longer than anywhere else, having come to love the people and the country (despite nine months of rain and three months of bad weather). Of Polish descent, her father was stationed in St Andrews during the war, and spoke so fondly of the town that she applied to study at the University. She has worked as a researcher, a mathematics teacher, an IT officer and finally in senior management, a post she left to write full time.



The City of God

Michael Russell

3rd August 2023 | Hardback | £21.99 | 9781408715864 | Crime & Mystery

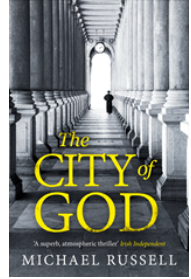
The next gripping Stefan Gillespie novel, where espionage and murder come together in an atmospheric blend.

Italy, 1942.

Irish detective Stefan Gillespie leaves the chaos of Nazi-occupied Rome for neutral Switzerland on a mission his government knows nothing about. Waiting for a late-night connection in Zurich he sees a train that shouldn't be there. The train's SS guards, who shouldn't be there either, beat him to within an inch of his life. But Stefan's perilous journey begins in Rome with the barbaric murder of an idealistic young Irish priest. The Eternal City is a place of vengeance, duplicity and betrayal that has even infected the City of God itself, the Vatican. In a war that is everywhere, not even neutrals can escape the surrounding darkness.

About the author

After a successful career as a television writer and producer, working on such series as *A Touch of Frost*, *Midsomer Murders* and *Between the Lines*, Michael Russell decided to write what he had always wanted to: books. *The City in Darkness* is the third of his Stefan Gillespie stories of historical crime fiction, taking a sideways look at the Second World War through Irish eyes, and exploring some unexpected corners of the conflict, such as Danzig, New York and, in *The City in Darkness*, the cities of Franco's Spain. The first two Stefan Gillespie novels, *The City of Shadows* and *The City of Strangers* were both shortlisted for Crime Writers' Association awards. Michael lives with his family in West Wicklow in Ireland, not a million miles from Stefan Gillespie's home.



Echoes

Will Sergeant

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408719305 | Autobiography: Arts & Entertainment

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

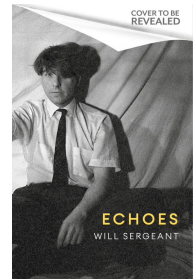
The follow-up memoir to Sunday Times bestseller, Bunnyman, from legendary guitarist Will Sergeant.

In *Echoes*, Will dives even deeper into the iconic Echo and the Bunnymen story with his trademark wryness and profundity, accompanied by snapshots of the cultural, social, and political scene we are all living through.

Starting from the very beginning in December 1979, Will charmingly recounts in unsparing detail the growth of the iconic band as they find their feet in the industry; from the first 24-track album *Crocodiles*, to *Heaven Up Here*, *Porcupine* and more - this is a memoir to remember.

About the author

Will Sergeant is a founding member of iconic rock band Echo and the Bunnymen. He has been cited as an influence for many bands and artists from around the world, including U2, Moby, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Coldplay, Richard Hawley, Radiohead and many others. He tours across the world with Echo and the Bunnymen to this day.



The Legacy Playbook: A Practical Guide

James Kerr

7th September 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9781472129772 | Business & Management

Publicist: Henry lord

The Legacy Playbook is a practical manual for creating change.

The ideas at the heart of *Legacy: 15 Lessons in Leadership* have taken on a life of their own. It's become much more than a book about a sports team - it's become a leadership bible.

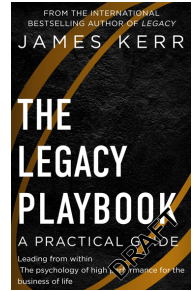
Legacy shows readers what a true high-performance culture change looks like and why it matters. Now it is time for the how.

The Legacy Playbook will be a practical manual for creating change. A companion piece to *Legacy*, and a logical follow-up purchase, the workbook will synthesise the practical steps leaders can take to create a lasting legacy.

About the author

James Kerr is an award-winning creative director and brand consultant, and advises leading companies on brand, identity, advertising, internal communications and transformational culture change.

He is also the bestselling author of *The Alphabet of the Human Heart* and *Legacy*, and a former captain of the Waihi School 'Under Six Stone' rugby team.



Agatha Raisin: Dead on Target

M. C. Beaton

21st September 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781408718506 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

The next brilliant Agatha Raisin mystery.

A visit to the local village fete for a spot of fun and relaxation turns into a nightmare for Agatha Raisin when she discovers the body of the local landowner in the woods - with an arrow in his chest and his trousers round his ankles.

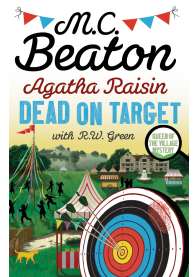
At first her old adversary, Detective Chief Inspector Wilkes, declares the death a tragic accident, believing the victim has been hit by a stray arrow from an archery demonstration. Agatha is convinced the man was murdered and is shocked when Wilkes eventually agrees... particularly as he considers her to be his prime suspect!

Determined to clear her name and find the real killer, Agatha launches her own investigation, quickly becoming involved with a family at war, an unscrupulous gangster - and a murderer who is determined to make her the next victim...

About the authors

M. C. Beaton (1936-2019) was the author of both the Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth series, as well as numerous Regency romances. Her books have been translated into seventeen languages and have sold more than twenty-one million copies worldwide. She is consistently the most borrowed UK adult author in British libraries, and three Agatha Raisin books have been turned into a TV series on Sky.

R. W. Green was a fellow journalist and long-time friend of M. C. Beaton's, and has written many works of fiction and non-fiction. He lives in Surrey with his family and yellow Labrador called Ossian.



Red Planet: How Manchester United Took Over the World

Luke Bainbridge

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781472119681 | Non Fiction: Sports

Publicist: Beth Wright

The definitive account of Manchester United's rise to glory.

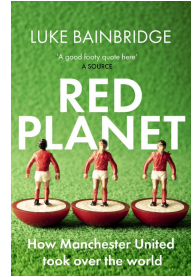
Manchester United's rise to glory, under Sir Matt Busby and later Sir Alex Ferguson, is one of the greatest sporting stories ever told. It's a tale that has attracted romantic dreamers, idealists and purists from all corners of the Red Planet to invest their own hopes and dreams in this most majestic of football clubs.

But there is more to be told about Manchester United - the remarkable journey of how a humble football club from northern England became the most valuable sports brand in the world.

United has faced bankruptcy more than once in its history, but now pays players like Wayne Rooney up to £300,000 per week. *Red Planet* tells of a fight for world domination and the creation of a Red Planet, against all the odds.

About the author

Luke Bainbridge was a founding editor of the award winning *Observer* Music Monthly and ghostwriter of Shaun Ryder's 2011 autobiography, the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Twisting My Melon*. He has been a music journalist since his late teens, becoming editor of Manchester's *City Life* (the first magazine to cover Oasis) in his early 20s.



Under Ground

E. S. Thomson

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £21.99 | 9781472131539 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

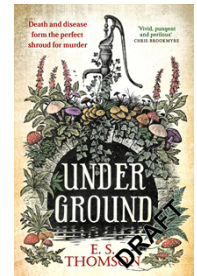
The next chilling and atmospheric thriller from E. S. Thomson, perfect for fans of The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle, The Silent Companions and The Strangers Diaries.

A plague is coming to London. Dreaded more than the Devil himself, cholera - the 'blue death' - spares no one. As fear grows across the city, Jem Flockhart and Will Quartermain are called to the bedside of a dead man, murdered, and with his throat torn out, in the back room of a brothel. When an innocent man is taken to Newgate, Jem and Will have until execution day to save him. The search for the identity of the corpse, and the killer, takes them to the gates of Blackwater Hall, home to the secretive, and corrupt Mortmain family. With the approach of autumn, no one is safe, for the fog brings with it an evil and poisonous sickness - the perfect shroud for murder.

When family secrets are prised out into the open, people begin dying. But who, or what, is the cause? Searching for answers, Jem and Will are driven underground, to the passages and tunnels beneath the city's teeming streets. Here, their adversary proves to be more elusive, and more deadly, than ever.

About the author

E. S. Thomson's work has been longlisted for the CWA Endeavour Historical Dagger, and shortlisted for the Saltire Prize, the Scottish Arts Council First Book Award and the William McIlvanney Crime Book of the Year Award. She has a PhD in the social history of medicine, and tries to fit as much medical history into her books as possible. She works as a university lecturer by day, and writes by night. Elaine lives in Edinburgh with her husband and two sons.



Last Stop on the Murder Express

C. J. Farrington

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472133199 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

The third in the charming and compelling Olga Pushkin Mysteries.

Literary fame beckons Olga Pushkin, Railway Engineer, when her self-help manual for hard-working women is finally published. However, Olga still has a household to support, a hedgehog to feed, and railway tracks to maintain. Worse still, her beloved sergeant of police, Vassily Marushkin, has reunited with his long-lost wife Rozalina. And soon Rozalina is forcing Vassily to consider moving away...

Matters aren't helped when Olga's scheming superior, Boris, forces her to babysit a special Romanov-themed murder mystery steam train. Parked in a siding near Roslazny, the players deliver the first of several intended performances - only for a staged murder to become very real. Vassily starts a homicide investigation in conjunction with his boss, Zemsky, but both are baffled when another murder follows on the heels of the first.

Old-school Zemsky bans Olga from joining the investigation - but she soon makes vital discoveries that point towards something deeper and more worrying than the murders alone. With chaos striking Roslazny, can Olga solve the murders, save her literary career, and settle Rozalina's identity before she loses Vassily forever?

About the author

Conor Farrington is a novelist with eclectic interests ranging from contemporary British politics to the life and work of Franz Liszt. Conor is a keen traveller, and the Olga Pushkin series was inspired by his experience of the Trans-Siberian railway in 2015 and the Silk Route by rail in 2017. Conor wrote the first novel in the series while on parental leave looking after his daughter Acacia.



Dagger of Death at Honeychurch Hall

Hannah Dennison

2nd November 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408715925 | Crime & Mystery

The tenth charming murder mystery in the Honeychurch Hall series featuring Kat Stanford.

At last St Mary's church is going to have its own vicar! Not only that, the gorgeous Reverend Pritchard is sixty, single... and in need of a wife.

But when he spearheads a campaign to restore a derelict chapel - rumoured to be haunted by a German Luftwaffe pilot - in a far-flung corner of the Honeychurch estate, the Dowager Countess puts her foot down. But nobody quite understands why...

Meanwhile, a fierce bidding war at an auction of military memorabilia ends in Kat's female adversary being murdered and Kat being held as the prime suspect. Then it turns out that several of the auctioned items are connected to Operation Tiger, a doomed rehearsal for the D-Day landings that took place in nearby Slapton Sands all those years ago. Kat begins to realise that the vicar, the Luftwaffe ghost and all the World War II weaponry may all somehow be related...

About the author

Hannah Dennison was born and raised in Hampshire but moved to Los Angeles to pursue screenwriting more than two decades ago. She has been an obituary reporter, antique dealer, private jet flight attendant and Hollywood story analyst. Hannah writes the Honeychurch Hall Mystery Series and Vicky Hill Mystery Series, both of which are set in the wilds of the English countryside. She currently divides her time between California and the West Country.



Dead Find

T. F. Muir

29th November 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9781408716540 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Beth Wright

The latest thriller from T. F. Muir featuring DCI Andy Gilchrist and set in the picturesque town of St Andrews...

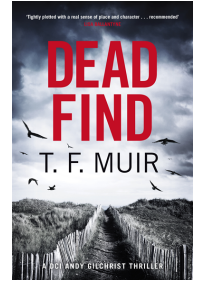
Scotland: Renovation works on the famous Old Course golf course uncovers the remains of a body in a shallow grave - two bullet holes in the skull. DNA confirms the victim as Rab Shepherd, the missing brother of Scotland's late crime patriarch, Jock Shepherd. But Rab pulled out of the family business over twenty years ago, and moved to Australia where he allegedly lived an honest and wealthy life. This body confirms otherwise.

Why was Rab killed? And who would risk killing him, knowing he was big Jock's brother?

DCI Andy Gilchrist and his associate, DS Jessie Janes, are assigned the murder investigation, and soon uncover a trail of executions and torture, treachery and betrayal, and ultimately a gangland secret so powerful it could shake the UK government to its core...

About the author

Born in Glasgow and now a dual UK/US citizen, T. F. Muir is the author of the DCI Andy Gilchrist series - the first of which, *Eye For An Eye*, won the Scottish Association of Writers' Pitlochry Award for the best crime novel by an unpublished writer.





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Seven Months of Summer

Saskia Sarginson

6th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349428727 | Adult & Contemporary
Romance

Publicist: Beth Wright

The most romantic novel of the summer. A sweeping love story about sliding doors and heart-breaking near misses, set during a hazy summer on the Suffolk coast. Perfect for fans of One Day and The Notebook.

1993. When Kit meets Summer on the backpacking trip of lifetime, he falls head over heels in love, certain that what they have is much more than just a holiday romance. On returning home, Kit is confident he'll be able to find the magical girl he met. But when he follows the clues Summer told him about her life, the person he thought he knew doesn't seem to exist.

Heartbroken that she lied to him, and with no way of contacting her, Kit moves to the Suffolk coast for a fresh start. Little does he know that Summer is living just a few miles away - and is incapable of forgetting Kit too.

But as the months pass, Kit and Summer's paths never collide. Their lives move on, and a hazy, sun-drenched summer begins. By the time they meet, will it be too late to start again?

About the author

Before becoming a full-time author, Saskia Sarginson's writing experience included being a health and beauty editor on women's magazines, a ghostwriter for the BBC and Harper Collins and copy-writing and script editing.



Sleep No More

Jayne Ann Krentz

6th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349432250 | Thriller / Suspense

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The next thrilling romance from bestselling author Jayne Ann Krentz, and the first in a new series.

Seven months ago, Pallas Llewellyn spent a fateful night at Lucent Springs Hotel. The hotel was destroyed, while Pallas and two other women were left with no memory of their time there. Bonded by the events, they investigate cold cases, hoping to connect with others who have also experienced forgotten encounters - and enhanced psychic abilities.

After receiving a tip, Pallas travels to a small Californian college town, to explore an abandoned asylum. Once there she encounters a startling dark energy, and the man who tipped her off - Ambrose Drake. Ambrose is certain he witnessed a murder but, without a body, no one believes him. When he enlists Pallas's help, she realises that he, too, has a lost night he cannot remember - one that may be connected to her own.

As Pallas and Ambrose search for answers, it's clear some are not so happy about their questions. And even worse, are willing to kill to keep the truth from coming out.

About the author

Jayne Ann Krentz, who also writes historical and futuristic fiction under the pseudonyms Amanda Quick and Jayne Castle respectively, has more than fifty *New York Times* bestsellers under various pen names; more than twenty-five million copies of her books are in print. She lives in the Pacific Northwest. Visit her at www.krentz-quick.com



Outrage Machine: How Tech is Amplifying Discontent, Undermining Democracy, and Pushing Us Towards Chaos

Tobias Rose-Stockwell

11th July 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349427386 | Impact Of Science & Technology On Society

An invaluable guide to understanding the underlying machinery and technology that controls modern society, with a foreword by social psychologist, Jonathan Haidt, author of The Righteous Mind.

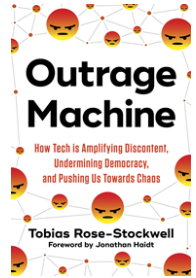
A noticeable shift has occurred in the last two decades. Every day, it seems, we're hearing more angry voices and fearful opinions, we're seeing more threats and frightening news, and we're reacting faster and less rationally.

The cause is simple: for the first time, almost all of the information we consume is controlled and curated by algorithms designed to capture our emotional attention. This, media researcher and strategic advisor Tobias Rose-Stockwell argues, is the outrage machine. It is the wide-cast net of social media that is propelled by tech, exploited by humans, which has been allowed to steadily replace our traditional forms of media.

Outrage Machine reveals how to navigate a world that has been disrupted by technology.

About the author

Tobias Rose-Stockwell is a writer, technologist and media researcher who explores the effects of social media on society and democracy. His work has been featured in major outlets such as *Quartz*, *Medium*, *NPR*, the *BBC* and many others.



The St Ambrose School for Girls

Jessica Ward

11th July 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349436890 | Thriller / Suspense

Publicist: Beth Wright

A dark, gripping story of secrets and obsession set in an exclusive girls' boarding school.

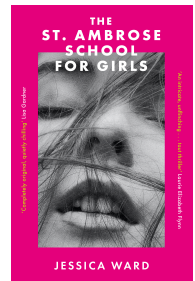
When Sarah Taylor arrives at the exclusive St Ambrose School, she's carrying more baggage than just what fits in her suitcase. She knows she's not like the other girls—if the shabby, all-black, non-designer clothes don't give that away, the bottle of lithium hidden in her desk drawer sure does.

St Ambrose's queen bee, Greta Stanhope, picks Sarah as a target from day one and the most popular, powerful, horrible girl at school is relentless in making sure Sarah knows what the pecking order is. Thankfully, Sarah makes an ally out of her roommate Ellen 'Strots' Strotsberry, a cigarette-huffing, devil-may-care athlete who takes no bullshit. Also down the hall is Nick Hollis, the devastatingly handsome RA, and the object of more than one St Ambrose student's fantasies. Between Strots and Nick, Sarah hopes she can make it through the semester, dealing with not only her schoolwork and a recent bipolar diagnosis, but Greta's increasingly malicious pranks.

Sarah is determined not to give Greta the satisfaction of breaking her. But when scandal unfolds, and someone ends up dead, her world threatens to unravel in ways she could never have imagined.

About the author

Jessica Ward is a pseudonym for the number one *New York Times* bestselling author who writes as J.R. Ward and has over 20 million copies in print. She enjoys spending time in the Adirondacks and lives in the South with her family and her dogs.



The Lost Daughter of Venice

Charlotte Betts

13th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349432717 | Historical Fiction

Publisher: Natasha Gill

A new standalone historical novel from the brilliant Charlotte Betts. Perfect for fans of Natasha Lester, Tracy Rees and Santa Montefiore.

Venice, 1919.

Seventeen years ago, the grand Venetian Palazzo degli Angeli was Phoebe Wyndham's home; now, the neglected walls of the palazzo are just a haunting reminder of all she has lost.

Arriving back in Italy after a plea from her estranged relative, the Contessa di Sebastiano, the recently widowed Phoebe is shocked to discover her aunt is dead and the palazzo now belongs to her.

All she wants to do is sell the property and return home. However, when a dark family secret is exposed, the shocking deception rocks Phoebe to her very core, and she vows not to leave the City of Water without first unravelling the truth from the lies.

As Phoebe searches for answers, she finds herself growing closer to two very different men. But when her camera catches something more sinister than the faded grandeur of Venice, Phoebe begins to question who she can really trust and whether her aunt's death was truly an accident after all . . .

About the author

Charlotte Betts began her working life as a fashion designer in London. A career followed in interior design, property management and lettings. Always a bookworm, Charlotte discovered her passion for writing after her three children had grown up. *The Lost Daughter of Venice* is her next novel.



The Summer Girl

Elle Kennedy

18th July 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349434933 | Adult &

Contemporary Romance

The third book in New York Times bestselling author Elle Kennedy's addictive and romantic Avalon Bay series.

College student Cassie Soul hasn't spent an entire summer in Avalon Bay in years, not since her mother spitefully whisked her away to Boston. Now that her grandmother is selling the family hotel, Cassie returns to the town, excited to spend time with family and maybe even find a summer fling. On her first night in town, she finds the perfect candidate: Tate Bartlett, Avalon Bay's fun-loving golden boy.

Tate Bartlett, sailing instructor and lovable player, is no stranger to flings. But the moment he meets Cassie, he knows she's not the girl you play games with. So, despite his attraction to her, he turns her down. However a friendship blossoms and Tate even helps Cassie find that fling she desires. But has Tate made a mistake? He can't deny it - he wants Cassie.

As Cassie and Tate walk the line between friends and lovers, they're about to discover that their situation is the least complicated part of this equation. Because Avalon Bay is full of secrets –and their relationship might not survive when one secret in particular comes to light.

About the author

A *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, Elle Kennedy grew up in the suburbs of Toronto, Ontario, and holds a B.A. in English from York University. Elle writes romantic suspense and erotic contemporary romance for various publishers. She loves strong heroines and sexy alpha heroes, and just enough heat and danger to keep things interesting!



The Smuggler's Secret

Lynne Francis

20th July 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349433578 | Sagas

Publicist: Natasha Gill

A gripping and heart-warming new saga of love, betrayal and secrets from Lynne Francis, author of The Margate Trilogy.

1813. Haunted by her father's death and tired of watching her mother struggle, Meg Marsh will do anything to keep a roof over her family's head. Even if that means getting involved in a dangerous smuggling operation. When Meg catches the eye of a dashing gentleman above her station, things start to look up, and she can't help but start dreaming of a life away from the shingle and boats of Castle Bay. Blinded by flattery and coin, Meg can't see the danger on the horizon - and the cost just might be her life.

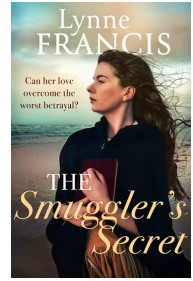
1913. Carrie Marsh lives a quiet life as a teacher until she falls in with the wealthiest family in Castle Bay and turns the head of the charming eldest son, Oscar.

In an attempt to impress her new friends, she takes them to the secret garden rumoured to be haunted by her murdered ancestor. One outing turns into a carefree summer of pleasure, and the garden becomes a hideaway for Oscar and Carrie.

But when they accidentally stumble upon human bones, Carrie is forced to ask herself whether she really knows Oscar at all - and whether she is doomed to follow in her ancestor's footsteps. Two women, one hundred years apart: will the secrets of the past ever be uncovered?

About the author

Lynne Francis grew up in Yorkshire but studied, lived and worked in London for many years. She draws inspiration for her novels from a fascination with family history, landscapes and the countryside.



Dealbreakers

Lauren Forsythe

1st August 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349432090 | Romance

Publicist: Natasha Gill

A story about compromise, living in the moment and letting go of that picture-perfect vision of the future for something real.

High standards never hurt anybody...

Marina Spicer has no time to waste when it comes to dating, hence her list of dealbreakers. Must love dogs, no smokers need apply, etc. Still, Marina is stuck. Frustrated by dating, she creates Dealbreakers, a review app, to whittle down the depressingly large dating pool and help other women along the way.

But when she gets rivalled against uppity Irish content writer Lucas Kennedy at work, she realises he's the most reviewed walking red flag on the entire app. He's the last person she wants to spend time with, but they must test date ideas together, the winner walking away with the promotion Marina feels she deserves.

As they butt heads mixing cocktails, salsa dancing, and throwing axes, Marina finds that Lucas checks every box on her dealbreakers list. If the app say he's Mr Wrong, he can't possibly be Mr Right... can he?

About the author

When she's not writing, you can find Lauren Forsythe blogging about relationships, ranting about the patriarchy and ending her boxing workouts with a celebratory mini-roll or three. She firmly believes you can find confidence in the perfect bold lipstick and that all her problems would be solved if every dress had pockets.



The Stranger Beside Me

Caroline England

3rd August 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349431499 | Thriller / Suspense

Publisher: Beth Wright

A new dark, twisty psychological suspense by bestselling author Caroline England, author of Betray Her and My Husband's Lies.

Katy Henry is lost and lonely. A single mother, plagued by fatigue and anxiety, she rarely has time for friends. But when she encounters Sibeal Matthews, all this changes. Sibeal is everything that Katy is not: assured, headstrong and charming.

Katy soon finds herself pulled out of her isolation into a fierce friendship. But Sibeal is not all that she seems. Tragedy haunts her, and for all her feistiness, she is startlingly dependent on her brother, Gabriel. And when her life begins to spectacularly unravel, Katy is swept up in the storm.

As Katy fights to protect herself and her son, it's not just Sibeal who threatens to endanger them - Katy's own past starts to rupture. Who can Katy trust? Can she even trust herself?



About the author

As well as *The Sinner*, Caroline England is the author of *The Wife's Secret*, previously called *Beneath the Skin*, the top-ten ebook bestseller *My Husband's Lies, Betray Her* and *Truth Games*. She has also been shortlisted for a CWA Dagger for her short story 'Blindsided'. She lives in Manchester with her family.

In Pursuit of Happiness: Mating, Marriage,

Motherhood, Money, Mayhem

Stacey Duguid

31st August 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349435190 | Dating,

Relationships, Living Together & Marriage

Publisher: Matthew Crossey

Everything I Know About Love for the over 30s meets How to Heal a Broken Heart in this honest, raw, funny book about divorce, dating and the right to pursue your own happiness..

Three years ago, Stacey Duguid's happily ever after imploded messily, snottily and disastrously. Her dream marriage shattered, leaving her angry and lost.

In this collection of essays, Stacey draws upon her own life to touch upon everything taboo today: divorce, dating and sex in mid-life, affairs, abortion, drugs, and challenges the societal expectations and ideologies of needing a partner to live. She will delve into the unrealistic view that a relationship is forever and takes a gritty look at the reality of having a child, leaving work, post-natal depression and being a single parent. Stacey details a marriage in breakdown and the subsequent fallout. Enter: dating in midlife, and exciting toy boys and boring middle-aged men, also known as mayhem.

In Pursuit of Happiness will bring you alongside Stacey's journey of divorce and dating, or, of mating, motherhood, marriage, money and mayhem.



About the author

Stacey Duguid is a journalist and presenter. She writes for the *Telegraph*, the *Times* and *Sunday Times Style*.

Payback in Death

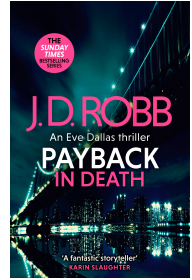
J. D. Robb

5th September 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349433929 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Beth Wright

The exciting new instalment in the bestselling In Death series.

When a retired police officer is found shot dead in his home, Eve and the team are called to the scene to investigate. It looks as though the dead man committed suicide but Eve smells foul play. Is everything as straightforward as it appears or is there more to it than meets the eye? Could someone have held a grudge and delivered payback in death...



About the author

Nora Roberts published her first novel using the pseudonym J.D. Robb in 1995, introducing Eve Dallas, a New York City police lieutenant with a dark past, and billionaire Irish rogue, Roarke. Since then, the In Death series has sold over sixty-six million copies, with each new novel reaching number one on bestseller charts the world over.

Become a fan on [f] at Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb

Old School Ties

Daisy Waugh

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349431178 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

A deliciously entertaining comedic novel full of sharp insight, sly wit – and a smidgeon of murder. Perfect for fans of PG Wodehouse, Julian Fellowes and Agatha Christie.

Praise for the Tode Hall series:

'Sharp, funny . . . the best sort of murder mystery' *Tatler*

'A perfect antidote to all the real-life craziness going on' *Daily Mail*

'I couldn't put it down' Santa Montefiore

'Deliciously entertaining' Andrew Wilson

'An irresistible champagne bubble of pleasure and laughter' Rachel Johnson

'A perfect antidote to wintry gloom' *The Literary Review*



About the author

Daisy Waugh is an author and Tarot reader. She has written several sad, historical novels; several contemporary, comic novels; a couple of non-fiction books, and a lot of newspaper articles and columns. She lives a quiet life with her family, not far from the River Thames in Barnes, South West London. To find out more, visit her website at: daisywaugh.com.

Walk Yourself Happy: Find your path to healing in nature

Julia Bradbury

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780349436234 | Health & Personal Development

Publicist: Matthew Crossey and Lucy Martin

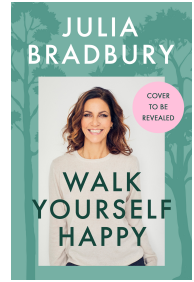
Part self-help and part memoir, this is the ultimate guide to walking yourself happy physically and mentally, by one of the UK's favourite TV personalities.

Walk Yourself Happy will explain the elemental link between our own health – both physical and mental – and the natural world.

Julia Bradbury knows first-hand the profound impact of nature: it has helped her survive breast cancer, overcome infertility and continue through failed IVF treatments; it balances the soul and acts as a confidante and therapist. Through science-backed information, practical tips and Julia's own story, *Walk Yourself Happy* will explore how nature can soothe anxiety and stress, how a mountain or a tree can keep you company in times of grief, and the importance of building nature into your everyday life, so you eat well, sleep better and move more.

About the author

Julia Bradbury is credited with revamping Sunday night primetime television on BBC One's *Countryfile*, which she co-presented for five years. She has launched three television channels and presented numerous significant long-term series including *Watchdog*, *Top Gear* and *Countryfile*. Julia is an ambassador for Keep Britain Tidy, the National Trust and a champion for Ordnance Survey. Her passion is the outdoors and more recently following her cancer diagnosis and surgery, she is dedicating her time to supporting the benefits of healthy living and the virtues of nature therapy.



Because I Said So: Why society is childist and how breaking the cycle of discrimination towards children can change the world

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

14th September 2023 | Trade Paperback | £16.99 | 9780349436463 | Advice On Parenting

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

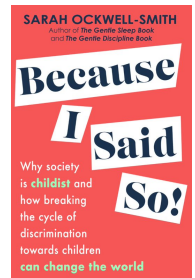
Because I Said So is a book for anyone who cares about children, whether they are raising them, teaching them or just remember being one; a call to action for those who care about human rights and smashing stereotypes and prejudices.

Society is making great strides in increasing awareness of oppression and injustice, but one group remain mistreated: children. Commonly recommended parenting methods, such as sleep training and school isolations treat children inhumanely, ways that would cause uproar if adults were treated similarly. This is a timely book, a blend of childcare history, sociology, psychology, anthropology and current affairs and pop-culture coverage, aiming to raise awareness of a much undiscussed issue, but one that will surely be spoken of increasingly in the future.

It is an urgent call to action. If we want to change the world for the better, we must start with treating our children better.

About the author

Sarah Ockwell-Smith has a BSc in Psychology and writes a parenting blog (www.sarahockwell-smith.com) which is read by three million parents per year. She is the bestselling author of several parenting books.



Cleat Cute

Meryl Wilsner

19th September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349434094 | Adult & Contemporary Romance

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

A sapphic rivals-to-lovers romcom for fans of Ted Lasso and A League of Their Own.

Grace Henderson has been a star of the US Women's National Team since she was sixteen. But when she's sidelined with an injury at just twenty-six, a bold new upstart, Phoebe Matthews, takes her spot. Phoebe is everything Grace isn't - a gregarious jokester who plays with a joy that Grace has lost somewhere along the way. The last thing Grace expects is to become friends-with-benefits with this class clown.

Phoebe Matthews has always admired Grace's skill and was starstruck to be training alongside her idol. But she quickly finds herself looking at Grace as more than a mere teammate. After one daring kiss, she's hooked. Grace is everything she has been waiting to find.

As the World Cup approaches, and Grace works her way back from injury, the women try to find a way they can play together instead of vying for the same position on the pitch. But as the sparks between them start to ignite, will both players realise they care more about their relationship than making the roster?



About the author

Meryl Wilsner writes stories about queer women falling in love. Born in Michigan, Meryl lived in Portland, Oregon and Jackson, Mississippi before recently returning to the Mitten State. Some of Meryl's favorite things include: all four seasons, button down shirts, the way giraffes run, and their wife.

Dark Whisper

Christine Feehan

26th September 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349432403 | Fantasy Romance

The next intoxicating installment in Christine Feehan's internationally bestselling Dark Carpathian series.

Publisher: Natasha Gill

Vasilisa Sidkorolyavolkva knows what's expected of her. But all she wants is to be out from under her family's watchful eyes. Every day she feels the weight of the legacy passed down through generations. The prophecy that says a man will come to claim her as his mate and that she will guard his soul. She knows nothing about him, except that he is hers. But nothing seems real until the night she meets him in the flesh . . .

Afanasiv Belan is a Carpathian, and an ancient one. In all the centuries of his existence, no one has ever affected him like Vasilisa. He can see into her mind and feel what's in her heart. They are so alike, warriors bound by honour and plagued by secrets. They both know they must reveal the darkest parts of their souls if they hope to survive and protect the ones they love.

But if they claim each other as lifemates it will change them down to the bone. They will become something more – something both of their kinds fear . . .



About the author

Christine Feehan is a number one *New York Times* and international bestselling author with ninety published novels to date, including seven series; Leopard Series, Dark Series, Ghostwalker Series, Drake Sisters Series, the Sisters of the Heart Series, Shadow Series and Torpedo Ink.

How to Be a Happy Single Parent

Zoë Desmond and Rebecca Cox

28th September 2023 | Trade Paperback | £16.99 | 9780349436012 | Advice
On Parenting

Publisher: Beth Wright

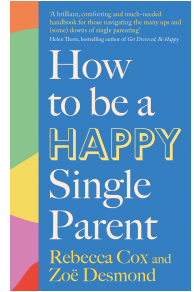
Advice for single parents has long been about making do. How to Be a Happy Single Parent is the book that gives practical, actionable advice for building a life that works for your family.

In her work founding the leading single parent app Frolo, Zoë Desmond found that while backgrounds and family setups may vary, solo parents everywhere share many of the same concerns. Her community has helped thousands of people find a way to thrive, and this book will do the same for you.

How to Be a Happy Single Parent will help you build a life that is right for you, and your children. From surviving the first few weeks to moving on, through legal matters, co-parenting negotiations or finding a helping hand as a solo parent and into dating and navigating work, this will take you step-by-step through the first few days, weeks, months and years of your new life.

About the authors

Zoë Desmond is the Founder and CEO of Frolo, the online hub that supports and empowers single parents. Frolo has been featured widely throughout the media and has won Social Media app of the Year at the UK APP Awards, 2021. Rebecca Cox is the founder of *The Single Mother Edit* and has written on single motherhood for publications including the *Evening Standard*, *Grazia* and *Harper's Bazaar*. Since she started writing about her experiences of single motherhood, she has received thousands of messages from fellow single parents, either thanking her for giving them hope, or asking how she got to this place of contentment.



Dark Memory

Christine Feehan

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349438184 | Fantasy Romance

Publisher: Jess Gulliver

The next thrilling novel in Christine Feehan's number one New York Times bestselling Carpathian series.

Praise for Christine Feehan:

'After Bram Stoker, Anne Rice and Joss Whedon, Christine Feehan is the person most credited with popularizing the neck gripper' *Time*

'Feehan has a knack for bringing vampiric Carpathians to vivid, virile life in her Dark Carpathian novels' *Publishers Weekly*

'The erotic, gripping series that's defined an entire genre! Must reading that always satisfies!' J.R. Ward

About the author

Christine Feehan is a number one *New York Times* and international bestselling author with ninety published novels to date, including seven series; Leopard Series, Dark Series, Ghostwalker Series, Drake Sisters Series, the Sisters of the Heart Series, Shadow Series and Torpedo Ink.



Reasons Not to Worry: How to be Stoic in chaotic times

Brigid Delaney

17th October 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349436296 | Popular Philosophy

Publisher: Matthew Crossey

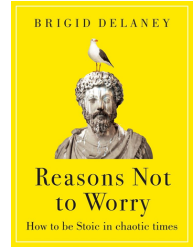
By learning and living the teachings of three ancient guides: Epictetus, Seneca and Marcus Aurelius, Reasons Not to Worry shows us how we can apply Stoic lessons to our modern lives

We're all searching for answers to the biggest questions. How to be good? How to find calm? How to properly grieve? How to beat FOMO? How to work out what truly matters? Well, good news is that the wisest minds in history asked the exact same questions - and they found answers. Their ancient philosophy of Stoicism can show us that we today are in fact already in possession of the very tools we need to excavate this much-needed wisdom for ourselves.

So into the past we go with Brigid Delaney, to a time not unlike our own: one full of pandemonium, war, plagues, pestilence, treachery, corruption, anxiety, overindulgence - and, even then, the fear of a climate apocalypse. Timely and so very useful, and filled to the brim with ways you can wrest back control, here are all the reasons not to worry.

About the author

Brigid Delaney is a journalist for the *Guardian*, and writes the popular weekly column Brigid Delaney's Diary, that's widely read in Australia, the US and the UK. She is the author of three books: *This Restless Life*, *Wild Things* and *Wellmania*, which is currently in production for Netflix.



Iris Kelly Doesn't Date

Ashley Herring Blake

24th October 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349435701 | Adult & Contemporary Romance

Publisher: Beth Wright

A new queer romcom from the brilliant author of Delilah Green Doesn't Care and Astrid Parker Doesn't Fail. Perfect for fans of Alexandria Bellefleur, Casey McQuiston and Rosie Danan.

From the author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* comes a new queer romcom in which a woman who refuses to date after her latest devastating breakup ends up fake-dating a woman with whom she had a horrible one-night stand while they both participate in a local theatre production. Perfect for fans of Alexandria Bellefleur, Casey McQuiston and Rosie Danan.

Why readers love Ashley Herring Blake . . .

'A hot, frothy romcom with a relatable heart beating at its centre. I can't wait for the rest of the series!' Talia Hibbert

'Snappy banter and seriously scorching chemistry; you'll need a very cold shower after this read!' Lana Harper



About the author

Ashley Herring Blake is a teacher and writer and lives in Nashville, TN. She is a voracious reader and likes organizing her books by colour. When she's not writing or reading, she's wrangling her two young sons, falling into Pinterest holes, drinking coffee, taking walks, or trying to figure out which Orphan Black clone she likes best.

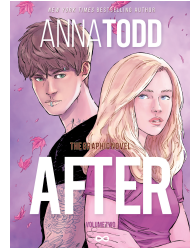
After: The Graphic Novel (Volume Two)

Anna Todd

31st October 2023 | Trade paperback | £14.99 | 9780349435152 | Graphic Novel & Manga Artwork

From the number one international bestselling author, film producer and Wattpad platform icon Anna Todd – the continuation of her bestselling love story After in Volume Two of After: The Graphic Novel.

As good girl Tessa Young embarks on her first year of college at Washington Central University, she has direction, ambition and a new circle of friends who are always trying to push her beyond her comfort zone. Chief among them is fellow student, campus bad boy – and son of the University's Chancellor – Hardin Scott, who has simultaneously enraged and seduced her. Tessa can hardly abide Hardin's antics and ex-girlfriends yet, despite their differences, Tessa and Hardin are undeniably, passionately drawn to one other, and willing to risk a bumpy ride for a romance that will consume and change them both.



About the author

Anna Todd (writer/producer/influencer) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the After series, which has been released in thirty-five languages and has sold more than twelve million copies worldwide – becoming a number one bestseller in several countries. Always an avid reader, Todd began writing stories on her phone through Wattpad, with After becoming the platform's most-read series with over two billion reads. She has served as a producer and screenwriter on the film adaptations of *After* and *After We Collided*, and in 2017, she founded the entertainment company Frayed Pages Media to produce innovative and creative work across film, television, and publishing. A native of Ohio, she lives with her family in Los Angeles.

The Bride Wore White

Amanda Quick

2nd November 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349432311 | Historical Mysteries

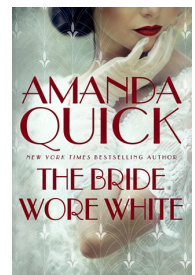
Return to 1930s Burning Cove, California, the glamorous seaside playground for Hollywood stars, mobsters, spies, and a host of others who find more than they bargain for in this mysterious town.

Prudence Ryland thought reinventing herself in a new home, far from the dangers of her old life, would be enough to keep her safe: she was wrong. She is kidnapped and drugged – and when she wakes, it's in a honeymoon suite, in a bloodstained wedding dress, with a dead man at her side.

With the press outside the hotel and police sirens in the distance, it's obvious she's being framed for the man's murder. Prudence knows who is responsible, but will anyone believe her?

Desperate, Prudence accepts the help of rumoured crime boss Luther Pell and his associate, Jack Wingate. Despite how seemingly outrageous her claims of being a target of a ruthless vendetta, Jack seems to believe her. Jack might be a fraudster – or worse – but Prudence has no choice.

Of course, his ideas for helping her involve using her as the bait for a killer, but Prudence feels oddly safe with Jack protecting her. But who will protect Prudence from her growing fascination with this enigma of a man?



About the author

Amanda Quick is a pseudonym for Jayne Ann Krentz, the author of forty *New York Times* bestsellers under various pen names; more than twenty-five million copies of her books are in print. She lives in the Pacific Northwest.

Love Redesigned

Lauren Asher

7th November 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349437989 | Adult & Contemporary Romance

The first book in a spin-off of the Dreamland Billionaire series

Meet the Lakefront Billionaires . . .

Look out for the new must-read Dreamland Billionaire spin-off series from TikTok phenomenon Lauren Asher.

Love Redesigned is out November 7th 2023!



Six Motives for Murder

Frances Brody

9th November 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349431994 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

The second mystery in the Brackerley Prison series from Frances Brody, the bestselling author of the Kate Shackleton novels.

Yorkshire, 1969. Nell Lewis is four months into her new role as governor of HMP Brackerley when the prison takes on a catering contract for Brackerley village's wedding of the year.

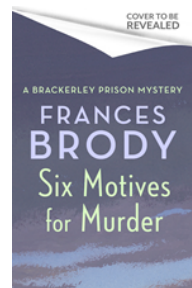
Almost all the female inmates are delighted to be involved in the celebrations, though Linda is desperate to avoid the event in case she is spotted, photographed, and once more appears on the front pages of the gutter press.

During the wedding reception, one of the inmates discovers the father of the bride, Mr Chapin, stabbed to death behind the marquee.

The murder shocks the close-knit village and police enlist Nell's help to solve the mystery. There are multiple suspects at the wedding, all with strong motives for wanting Mr Chaplain dead, but the prison workforce was closest to the scene of the crime . . .

About the author

Frances Brody is the author of twelve Kate Shackleton mysteries and three historical novels. Frances began her writing career in radio and has also written for theatre and television. Her novel *Sisters on Bread Street* won the HarperCollins Elizabeth Elgin Award. *A Woman Unknown* was shortlisted for the Mary Higgins Clark Award. Her stage plays have been toured by several theatre companies and produced at Manchester Library Theatre, the Gate and Nottingham Playhouse. *Jehad* was nominated for a *Time Out* Award. Frances lived in New York for a time before studying at Ruskin College, Oxford, and reading English Literature and History at York University.



Bibliotherapy

Bijal Shah

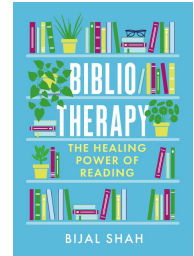
9th November 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349436036 | Self-help & Personal Development

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A thoughtful exploration of how reading can act as a form of therapy - and practical advice on how to curate a reading list for every mood and occasion.

In *Bibliotherapy*, bibliotherapist and counsellor Bijal Shah draws on her personal experience, work with clients and research to explore the healing power of reading.

From the history of how therapeutic reading evolved - and the important role played by great writers such as the Stoics, Montaigne, Eliot and Wordsworth in its popularisation - to first-hand stories from clients who have struggled with grief, relationships and illness, this book explores just how comforting and life-changing reading can be. Bijal imparts practical advice and explains how bibliotherapy really works, while offering an A to Z reading list of books for every mood and taste.



About the author

Bijal Shah is a bibliotherapist, counsellor, author and freelance journalist. She is the founder of Book Therapy, which offers individual, couples and group bibliotherapy, literary curation and personalised reading services as well as bibliotherapy training. Bijal's book recommendations have featured in the *Guardian*, *Marie Claire*, *NBC News*, and various other publications. She's a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and the American Library Association.

Inheritance

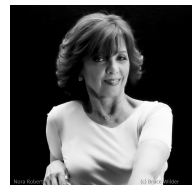
Nora Roberts

21st November 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349437484 | Fantasy

Publicist: Beth Wright

The first in a brand new gothic trilogy from Sunday Times bestselling author, Nora Roberts.

In order to claim her inheritance – a sprawling gothic mansion in Maine – graphic artist Sonya McTavish must move across country to live in the house for three years. She has no idea what awaits her in this imposing estate of endless rooms – or if she will be able to break the curse that has resided there for hundreds of years.



About the author

Nora Roberts is the number one *New York Times* bestseller of more than two hundred novels. With over five hundred 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.

Lassiter

J. R. Ward

28th November 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349430898 | Fantasy Romance

In the next epic installment in J. R. Ward's number one New York Times bestselling Black Dagger Brotherhood series, a fallen angel finds love with a mysterious female – who could be his destiny . . . or the embodiment of his utter destruction.

Lassiter, the fallen angel, is too good at the saviour business. In his new role overseeing the fates of all vampires, he's influenced outcomes he shouldn't have – so the Creator is calling him home. But the angel has a reason to stay in Caldwell. He's bonded with a mysterious female who seemed to appear from out of nowhere . . . and has powers that defy all reason.

Rahvyn is well aware that she doesn't belong in the present. And she never intended to stay, for her true place is in the past. Lassiter proves to be undeniable, however, and she lets herself fall for the angel – until a secret he's been keeping comes out and she fears that for him, it's not about love, but duty.

As the Omega's son re-establishes the Lessening Society, and the Brotherhood must resume the deadly war, an unfathomable tragedy occurs. In the aftermath, Rahvyn has to decide whether to stay and help – or save herself from an immortal heartbreak she knows will crush her very soul . . .



About the author

After graduating from law school J.R. Ward began working in healthcare in Boston and spent many years as chief of staff for one of the premier academic medical centres in the US. She lives in Kentucky with her husband.

Perfect Little Lives

Danielle and Amber Brown

21st December 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349433240 | Thriller /

Suspense

The latest addictive, darkly funny thriller from twin-sister writing duo Amber and Danielle Brown

Simone's mother was murdered when she was thirteen. When her father was convicted, everything changed.

Ten years later, Simone lives a quiet life, writing book reviews and getting serious with her boyfriend. But with a true crime documentarian hounding her for a scoop and a surprise encounter with her childhood neighbour, Hunter, the past seems set on haunting her. And after Hunter reveals that his father and her mother had a years-long affair, Simone is determined to find out who really killed her mother.

Convinced that all evidence points to Hunter's father, a renowned judge with everything to lose, she enlists Hunter's help in her investigation into his family—whether he realises it or not. But is she so desperate for closure that she'll risk imploding her carefully rebuilt life?



About the authors

Amber and Danielle Brown both graduated from Rider University where they studied Communications/ Journalism and sat on the editorial staff for the *On Fire!!* literary journal. They then pursued a career in fashion and spent five years in NYC working their way up, eventually managing their own popular fashion and lifestyle blog. Amber is also a screenwriter, so they live in LA, which works out perfectly so Danielle can spoil her plant babies with copious amount of sunshine.





Esther Simpson: The True Story of her Mission to Save Scholars from Hitler's Persecution

John Eidinow

6th July 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781472143228 | Second World War

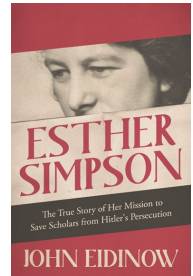
Publisher: Jess Gulliver

The thousands of academic refugees Esther Simpson helped rescue are well remembered. But who was the woman who saved them and why has history forgotten her?

Esther Simpson devoted her life to resettling academic refugees, whom she thought of as her family. By the end of her life, Tess could count among her 'children' sixteen Nobel Prize winners, eighteen Knights, seventy-four fellows of the Royal Society, thirty-four fellows of the British Academy.

From a humble upbringing in Leeds, Simpson took on secretarial roles that saw her eventually settle in Geneva. But when Hitler came to power she found her calling and joined the Academic Assistance Council. Her work over more than five decades seeking refuge for many thousands of displaced academics had a profound impact on twentieth-century science, philosophy, philology, architecture and art history. Her 'children' made a major contribution to allied victory in World War Two.

For a woman who befriended so many 'children', surprisingly little is known of her. This book is a study of Esther Simpson as a largely unknown historical figure: who she was and how she lived, and her impact on the world.



About the author

John Eidinow is a former presenter and interviewer for BBC Radio 4 and World Service, working in news and current affairs, and making documentaries on historical and contemporary issues. He has since published three award-winning books.

Behold the Monster: Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer

Jillian Lauren

20th July 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9781472148001 | True Crime

Publisher: Beth Wright

New York Times bestselling author Jillian Lauren's personal, shocking account of confronting serial killer Samuel Little - and the untold stories of his victims.

After an interview with LAPD detective Mitzi Roberts, Lauren became obsessed with murderer Samuel Little. Following months of exchanging letters with him in prison, Lauren finally got a face-to-face meeting. In the hundreds of hours of interviews that followed, Little confessed to dozens more killings for the first time. Lauren knew this harrowing relationship was taking its toll, both psychologically and legally - but she couldn't stop.

This book delivers a disturbing and terrifyingly up-close window into the mind of a serial killer - and ultimately shines a light on the lives of those he murdered. Lauren has shared history with the vulnerable women (often drug addicts or sex workers) he preyed upon and had unparalleled access to Little before he died, resulting in an extraordinary true crime account - a haunting parallel story of killer, author and victims, the journey into a disturbing mind and a murderer that shocked the world.



About the author

Jillian Lauren is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the memoirs *Everything You Ever Wanted* and *Some Girls: My Life in a Harem*, as well as the novel *Pretty*. She has an MFA in creative writing from Antioch University and her writing has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Elle*, *The Rumpus*, *The Daily Beast* and others.



We Play On: Shakhtar Donetsk's Fight for Ukraine, Football and Freedom

Andy Brassell

31st August 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781472148063 | Football

Publicist: Beth Wright

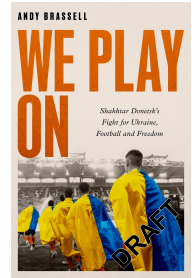
A momentous human and sporting story of our times - a nation at war and the fight of a football club to play on.

In 2014, the conflict in the Donbas region of Ukraine began - and top football club Shakhtar Donetsk has since been in exile. This book tells their story; inevitably a story of the conflict and the recent Russian invasion but also a testament to the power of the game and the will of the players.

It is ultimately a footballing story, exploring the experience and meaning of being a Shakhtar player through the lens of a country in the shadow of a huge aggressive neighbour. There are moments of direct impact (such as when a youth coach was killed by Russian shelling earlier in 2022) but also what it means to just go out on the field and play, freely. Andy Brassell is a European football expert and has followed this story for years; he regards Shakhtar as the 'Barcelona of Eastern Europe'. This book celebrates the team and its achievements, while paying tribute to an occupied nation.

About the author

Andy Brassell is a writer and broadcaster, specialising in European football. He works as a pundit across many forms of media for the likes of Talksport, the BBC, BT Sport, and ESPN as well as newspapers such as the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, the *Daily Mirror* and the *Daily Star*. Andy has been a long-term fan of Ukrainian football, and has visited the country many times.



The Mindful Body: Thinking Our Way to Chronic Health

Ellen J. Langer

7th September 2023 | Hardback | £21.99 | 9781472148612 | Mind, Body, Spirit

Bestselling author, and 'mother of mindfulness', Ellen J. Langer returns with The Mindful Body.

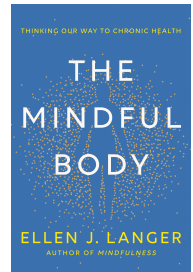
When it comes to our health, too many of us feel trapped by a medical diagnosis, believing that it can only mean a static or worsening condition. Whether it is frayed nerves or failing eyesight, your mind can lead you to believe things will only get worse.

In *The Mindful Body*, award-winning social psychologist Ellen J. Langer draws on her lifetime of expertise and trailblazing research by revealing the capacity that mindfulness has to transform our lives. Langer uncovers the secret of how the mind and the body are in fact a single system, and if we embrace the idea of mind-body unity, new possibilities for controlling our health become available to us.

Featuring autobiographical anecdotes, iconoclastic philosophy and cutting-edge research, *The Mindful Body* will help you navigate a path to improved health and wellbeing and in turn boost your cognitive capabilities so that you can take back control of your body for a brighter future.

About the author

Ellen J. Langer was the first woman to be tenured in psychology at Harvard, where she is still professor of psychology. Dr Langer is the author of eleven other books, including the international bestseller *Mindfulness* as well as *The Power of Mindful Learning* and *Counterclockwise Europe*.



The Book Lover's Quiz Book 2: More

Quizzes for Book Whizzes

Gary Wigglesworth

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £13.99 | 9781472148285 | Puzzles & Quizzes

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

More literary quizzes for book lovers, mirroring the format of the popular quizzes Gary runs at literary festivals and bookshops across the country.

Put your bookworm reputation on the line and prove your literary knowledge with this collection of quizzes for book whizzes.

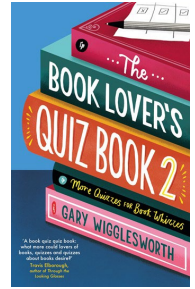
Book lovers can answer questions by themselves or host a quiz among friends with twenty-four quizzes to keep you guessing with a variety of question styles including:

- 'Blankety Books', where you must fill in the missing word in each title
- Anagrams to decipher
- Guess the book with 'Say What You See' pictures and badly drawn covers

The quizzes are carefully weighted so avid bookworms will get a workout, while more casual readers can still have lots of fun having a go. All questions are designed to aid guessing, with multiple-choice answers and hints, and make the reader smile with amusing wrong answers, clever red herrings, little-known facts and footnotes.

About the author

Gary Wigglesworth was born in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and now lives in the south with his wife, Caroline. A bookseller for sixteen years, he now works for British Library Publishing. Currently his book quiz has a monthly residency at the Betsey Trotwood pub in Farrington and provides the only monthly book quiz for London's literature lovers.



The Conspiracy Tourist: Travels Through a Strange World

Dom Joly

2nd November 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472146687 | Conspiracy

Theories

Publicist: Henry Lord

Dom Joly enters the strange land of conspiracies as a wide-eyed tourist, eager to investigate the origins of some of the most pervasive conspiracy theories and meet the people who believe them.

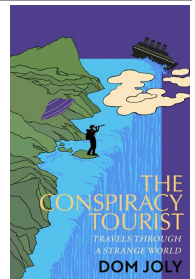
Much more than just the obsession of fringe individuals, a survey by *New Science* magazine found that the percentage of people believing in one or more conspiracies had risen from fifteen per cent twenty years ago to thirty-five per cent last year. They are shaping politics, media, the way we view life itself.

In *The Conspiracy Tourist* Dom Joly sets out to find out where these ideas come from and learn about the people who create and believe them. His travels take him underground with followers of QAnon, to Roswell and the sites of mass shootings, and to the ends of the earth as he tests out Flat Earth theory. Along the way he talks to psychologists and specialists who analyse indoctrination, and considers what harm these movements might do to our increasingly uncertain future.

But what if these people Joly has long dismissed as crazed loonies actually have a point? What if we are the sheeple and they do have some special insight into the great issues of our time?

About the author

Dom Joly is a multi award-winning comedian, has been a columnist for the *Independent*, *I* and *Metro*, and is also an award-winning travel writer for the *Sunday Times* and the *Mail On Sunday*.



The Tree Almanac: A Seasonal Guide to the Woodland World

Dr Gabriel Hemery

9th November 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781472148490 | Trees, Wildflowers & Plants

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A seasonal guide to trees for 2024, a new annual series for fans of The Hidden Life of Trees and The Almanac.

Reconnect with trees in Britain and Ireland with this month-by-month guide to the woodland world. Whether you are passing a tree in the inner city, discovering ancient forests or reaping harvest from an young orchard - you are never far from a tree in the UK.

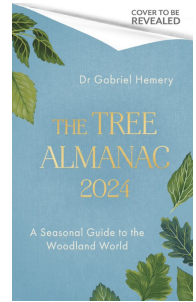
This almanac will follow their miraculous seasonal journey - from bare branches to budbursts, the first leaves to the first fruit and the great autumn colour-change. There will be recipes using the fruits and nuts (sloe gin, elderflower cordial, chestnut stuffing etc), crafts from the wood (such

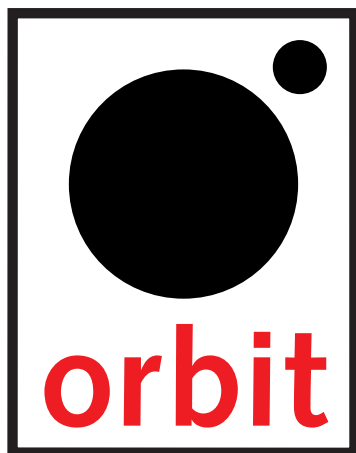
as willow weaving and spoon carving), leaf identifiers, Britain's oldest trees, pruning guides, folk traditions, natural remedies, and facts about sixty species of trees.

Divided into the twelve months, each with a miscellany of practical content, scientific gems and cultural wonders for all to enjoy.

About the author

Dr Gabriel Hemery is an author, tree photographer, and silvologist (forest scientist). Gabriel writes, lives, and breathes trees. He has published a number of both fiction and non-fiction books, while his tree photography has adorned books and international advertising campaigns. A forest scientist by training, he cofounded Sylva Foundation to help nurture a wood culture.





Boys in the Valley

Philip Fracassi

13th July 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356520551 | Horror & Ghost

Stories

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

The Exorcist meets Lord of the Flies, by way of Midnight Mass, Boys in the Valley is a chilling folk horror set in a remote orphanage in turn of the century Pennsylvania.

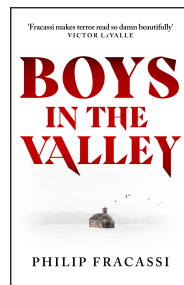
St Vincent's Orphanage for Boys. Turn of the century, in a remote valley in Pennsylvania. Here, under the watchful eyes of several priests, thirty boys work, learn, and worship. Peter Barlow, orphaned as a child by a gruesome murder, has made a new life here. As he approaches adulthood, he has friends, a future... a family.

Then, late one stormy night, a group of men arrive at their door, one of whom is badly wounded, occult symbols carved into his flesh. His death releases an ancient evil that spreads like sickness, infecting St Vincent's and the children within.

Soon, boys begin acting differently, forming groups. Taking sides. Others turn up dead. Now Peter and those dear to him must choose sides of their own, each of them knowing their lives - and perhaps their eternal souls - are at risk.

About the author

Philip Fracassi is the author of the award-winning story collection, *Behold the Void*, which won "Best Collection of the Year" from *This Is Horror* and *Strange Aeons* Magazine. His newest collection, *Beneath a Pale Sky*, was published in 2021 by Lethe Press. It received a starred review from *Library Journal*, was named "Best Collection of the Year" by *Rue Morgue* Magazine, and was nominated for a Bram Stoker award.



Cyberpunk 2077: No Coincidence

Rafal Kosik

10th August 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780356518190 | Science Fiction

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

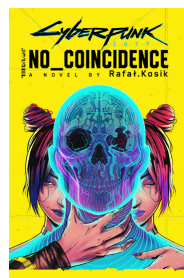
Set in the world of bestselling video game Cyberpunk 2077 (twenty million copies sold worldwide) this action-packed novel by Rafal Kosik - a writer on both the video game and the Netflix animated series - is a must-read for any Cyberpunk 2077 fan.

In sparkling Night City, a ragtag group of strangers have just pulled off a heist, robbing a convoy transporting a mysterious container belonging to Militech. The only thing the group has in common is that they were blackmailed into participating in the heist - and they have no idea just how far their mysterious employer's reach goes, or the purpose of the artifact they stole.

This newly formed gang - composed of a veteran turned renegade, a sleeper agent for Militech, a computer nerd, a therapist, a ripperdoc, and a techie - must learn how to overcome their differences and work together, lest their secrets be unveiled before they can pull off the next deadly heist.

About the author

Rafal Kosik is one of the most influential Polish science fiction writers of the 21st century. He's a laureate of the highest sci-fi literary honours in Poland. In his science fiction novels he combines high-concept ideas reminiscent of Brian Aldiss, Isaac Asimov, or more recently Liu Cixin, with a more sociological and philosophical approach to the human being, characteristic of works by the great sci-fi Masters, Stanislaw Lem and Philip K. Dick. Recently he worked with CD Projekt Red on the show *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners* as a screenwriter.



House of Odysseus

Claire North

24th August 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356516073 | Modern &

Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

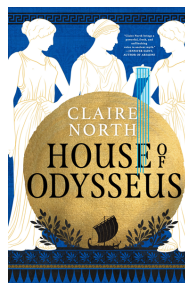
From the multi award-winning Claire North comes the second book in a trilogy of stories retelling of the classic Greek myth of Penelope. It's time for the women of Ithaca to tell their tale . . .

On the island of Ithaca, queen Penelope maintains a delicate balance of power. Many years ago, her husband Odysseus sailed to war with Troy and never returned. In his absence, Penelope uses all her cunning to keep the peace - but this is shattered with the arrival of Orestes, King of Mycenae.

Orestes, son of Agamemnon, is mad. Wracked with guilt for putting his own mother to death, he grows ever more unhinged. But a king cannot be seen to be weak. To keep him safe from the ambitious men of Mycenae, his sister Elektra brings him to Ithaca to recover under the protection of Penelope. But no sooner has Orestes arrived than his uncle Menelaus, the blood-soaked king of Sparta, comes looking for him. Menelaus hungers for Orestes' throne - and if he can seize it, no one will be safe from his violent whims.

About the author

Claire North is a pseudonym for Catherine Webb, who wrote several novels in various genres before publishing her first major work as Claire North, *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*. It was a critically acclaimed success, receiving rave reviews and becoming a word-of-mouth bestseller.



The Hexologists

Josiah Bancroft

28th September 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356519067 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

A married couple team up to solve magical mysteries in this wildly entertaining new fantasy series from the acclaimed author of Senlin Ascends.

The Hexologists, Iz and Warren Wilby, are quite accustomed to helping desperate clients with the bugbears of city life. Aided by hexes and a bag of charmed relics, the Wilbies have recovered children abducted by chimney-wraiths, removed infestations of barb-nosed incubi, and ventured into the Gray Plains of the Unmade to soothe a troubled ghost. Well-acquainted with the weird, they never shy away from a challenging case.

But when they are approached by the royal secretary and told the king pleads to be baked into a cake - going so far as to wedge himself inside a lit oven - the Wilbies soon find themselves embroiled in a mystery that could very well see the nation turned on its head. Their effort to expose a royal secret buried under forty years of lies brings them nose to nose with a violent antiroyalist gang, avaricious ghouls, alchemists who draw their power from a hell-like dimension, and a bookish dragon who only occasionally eats people.

About the author

Before settling down to write fantasy novels, Josiah Bancroft was a poet, college instructor and aspiring comic book artist. When he is not writing, he enjoys recording the *Crit Faced* podcast with his authorial friends, drawing the world of the Tower and cooking dinner without a recipe. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Sharon, their daughter, Maddie and their two rabbits, Mabel and Chaplin.



An Inheritance of Magic

Benedict Jacka

5th October 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780356519920 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

Book one in a new fantasy series of super-rich magical dynasties and warring heirs - from the author of the Alex Verus series.

In a world where everything magical is bought up and controlled by the super-rich - Stephen Oakwood has inherited a natural talent for magic. Plunged by his father's disappearance into a glittering world of scheming dynasties, warring patriarchs and vicious scions, Stephen must navigate magical high society and learn to control his gifts.

Dangerous enemies await the Oakwood heir, and even more dangerous allies: if Stephen cannot master his magic quickly and learn to distinguish friend from foe, his name may end up on the missing persons list, just like his father.

About the author

Benedict Jacka is the author of the Alex Verus series, which began in 2012 with *Fated* and ended in 2021 with *Risen*. He's studied philosophy at Cambridge, taught English in China, and worked as everything from civil servant to bouncer before becoming a full-time writer. For information about his books, settings, and releases, check his website at benedictjacka.co.uk or his Twitter at [@benedictjacka](https://twitter.com/benedictjacka).



Saevus Corax Deals with the Dead

K. J. Parker

5th October 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356515977 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

The first novel in an epic fantasy trilogy from World Fantasy Award winner K. J. Parker.

There's no formal training for battlefield salvage. You just have to pick things up as you go along. Swords, armour, arrows - and the bodies, of course.

Over the years, Saevus Corax has picked up a lot of things. Some of them have made him decent money, others have brought nothing but trouble. But it's a living, and somebody has to deal with the dead.

Something else that Saevus has buried is his past. Unfortunately, he didn't quite succeed.

About the author

K. J. Parker is a pseudonym for Tom Holt. He was born in London in 1961. At Oxford he studied bar billiards, ancient Greek agriculture and the care and feeding of small, temperamental Japanese motorcycle engines. These interests led him, perhaps inevitably, to qualify as a solicitor and emigrate to Somerset, where he specialised in death and taxes for seven years before going straight in 1995. He lives in Chard, Somerset, with his wife and daughter.



Red River Seven

A.J. Ryan

12th October 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356520056 | Science Fiction

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

Internationally bestselling fantasy author Anthony Ryan - writing as A. J. Ryan - delivers a nerve-shredding dystopian thriller in which eight strangers, with no memories of who they are, must undertake a terrifying journey into the unknown

Eight strangers awake on a boat adrift at sea with no memory of who they are. As the group hunt for clues it gradually becomes clear that each one of them possesses a unique skillset. Then the boat's engines fire up and a cryptic message arrives via the main computer: Proceeding to Point A.

It seems they are to undertake a mission, but the purpose remains unclear. What is certain is that their survival depends on their collective co-operation. But as divisions form, the group are plagued by more questions - who is guiding them, where are they going, and - most crucially of all - why have their memories been wiped?

About the author

Anthony Ryan lives in London and is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Raven's Shadow* and *Draconis Memoria* series. He previously worked in a variety of roles for the UK government, but now writes full time. His interests include art, science and the unending quest for the perfect pint of real ale.



These Burning Stars

Bethany Jacobs

19th October 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356520070 | Space Opera

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

A powerful space opera debut that sets a gripping cat-and-mouse quest for revenge against the sweeping portrait of an empire built on the bones of a genocide, now on the verge of collapse. Perfect for fans of Ann Leckie and Arkady Martine.

Jun Ironway, hacker, con artist, and only occasional thief, has gotten her hands on a piece of contraband that could set her up for life: a video that implicates the powerful Nightfoot family in a planet-wide genocide seventy-five years ago. The Nightfoots control the precious sevice that fuels interplanetary travel through three star systems. And someone is sure to pay handsomely for anything that could break their hold.

Of course, anything valuable is also dangerous. The Kindom, the ruling power of the three star systems, is inextricably tied up in the Nightfoots' monopoly - and they can't afford to let Jun expose the truth. They task two of their most brutal clerics with hunting her down: preternaturally stoic Chono, and brilliant hothead Esek, who also happens to be the heir to the Nightfoot empire.

About the author

Bethany Jacobs is an education technology consultant living in Buffalo, New York. Previously, she spent ten years as a college instructor of writing and science fiction. She has been published in scholarly journals and small presses. This is her debut novel.



The Darkness Before Them

Matthew Ward

9th November 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356518442 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

The start of an action-packed new fantasy series from Matthew Ward, author of the acclaimed Legacy trilogy.

The sprawling Kingdom of Khalad stands alone. Severed from the rest of the world by an ancient, arcane war, its folk toil behind a wall of living mist, beholden to an undead king and his barons.

But hope lies with two figures: Kat, an accomplished thief, and Vallant, a rebel and folk hero.

Together they will light a fire that will burn away the corruption and tyranny of King Diar's rule.

But only if they succeed . . .

About the author

Matthew Ward has frequently been accused of living in worlds of his own imagination, though really he lives near Nottingham with his extremely patient wife and several attention-seeking cats.



The Ghosts of Beatrice Bird

Louisa Morgan

23rd November 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356516837 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

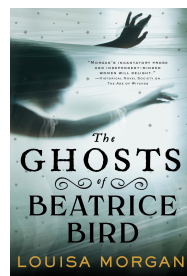
From the acclaimed author of A Secret History of Witches comes a captivating, magical story about healing, unexpected friendships and ghosts of the past.

Beatrice Bird is plagued by ghosts. It's a gift she's had since she was a small child. Unfortunately, it's a gift that has grown more intense, shifting from flashes and feelings to physical manifestations she can't escape. In a desperate attempt for relief, Beatrice flees her home, her partner and a psychology practice in San Francisco for a remote island with only nuns and a few cows for company. She sees as few people as she possibly can. She doesn't call home.

Then she meets Anne Iredale, a timid woman who has lost everything that matters to her. For the first time in a long time, Beatrice's gift will be called on to help someone in need. The path to healing awaits both of them - if Beatrice can find the courage to take the first step.

About the author

Louisa Morgan is a pseudonym for award-winning author Louise Marley. Louise lives in the Pacific Northwest where she and her Border Terrier, Oscar, ramble the beaches and paths of Washington State.



SERIES CONTINUED

The New Patricia Briggs novel

Patricia Briggs

Series: Mercy Thompson

July | Hardback | £22 | 9780356518336

Mercy Thompson, car mechanic and shapeshifter, returns in another thrilling instalment of the major urban fantasy series from number one New York Times bestselling author Patricia Briggs.

Ethera Grave

Essa Hansen

Series: The Graven

July | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356515618

The final book in this dazzling space opera trilogy by the bold new voice in SF, Essa Hansen, is an action-packed adventure perfect for fans of The Expanse and A Long Way to a Small Angry Planet.

The Traitor

Anthony Ryan

July | Hardback | £20 | 9780356514611

The epic final novel in Anthony Ryan's blockbuster fantasy series following the adventures of Alwyn Scribe - an outlaw who will become a champion and shape the fate of the world.

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The second novel of the ground-breaking and Sunday Times bestselling Kithamar trilogy from critically acclaimed author Daniel Abraham, one half of James S. A. Corey.



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The second book in this Sunday Times bestselling fantasy series in which Sir Konrad Vonvalt - who is detective, judge and executioner rolled into one - must face down a supernatural threat to the Empire.



Labyrinth's Heart

M. A. Carrick

Series: Rook and Rose

August | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356515212

'Lush, engrossing and full of mystery and dark magic' (BookPage, Labyrinth's Heart is the thrilling conclusion to M. A. Carrick's Rook & Rose trilogy, in which a con artist, a vigilante, and a crime lord become reluctant allies in the quest to save their city from a dangerous ancient magic.



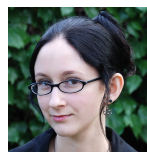
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Dying planets, dangerous conspiracies and secret romance abound in the second instalment of the Devoured Worlds trilogy by award-winning author Megan E. O'Keefe.



Two Twisted Crowns

Rachel Gillig

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In the luscious, dark sequel to One Dark Window, Elspeth must face the consequences of what she's wrought - perfect for readers of Hannah Whitten's For the Wolf and Alexis Henderson's The Year of the Witching.



SERIES CONTINUED

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Series: The Eidyn Saga

December | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356519562

Justin Lee Anderson is a self-publishing sensation, and with this sequel to The Lost War, he cements himself as a new star in epic fantasy.



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The first book in a debut, action-packed and character-driven science fiction trilogy set in a far future world where the fate of nations is determined by single combat at the hands of famed warriors.



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Series: Seven Kennings

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The unmissable conclusion to the Drowning Empire series, which began with The Bone Shard Daughter and continued with The Bone Shard Emperor.



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Saevus Corax Captures the Castle

K J. Parker

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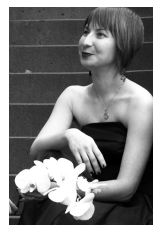
Shadow Baron

Davinia Evans

Series: Burnished City Trilogy

November | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356518695

Shadow Baron is the dazzling sequel to Notorious Sorcerer, a fantasy adventure bursting with wild magic, chaotic sword-fighting street gangs, brazen flirting, malevolent harpies and one defiant alchemist.



Saevus Corax Gets Away With

Murder

K J. Parker

Series: Saevus

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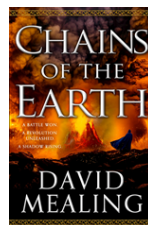


Chains of the Earth

David Mealing

December | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356508993

The stunning conclusion to David Mealing's Ascension Cycle - a brilliant epic fantasy with a unique magic system and unforgettable, diverse characters.





Bellegarde

Jamie Lilac

11th July 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349125282 | YA Fantasy Romance

Publisher: Katya Ellis

A charming historical romance debut YA novel, Bellegarde is She's All That meets Bridgerton reimagined in 18th Century France.

Second born sons aren't promised an inheritance in 1784 France. Despite this, seventeen-year-old Beau Bellegarde is the big man on campus at his school in Paris. With his good looks and distinguished last name, Beau appears to have it all. But when he gets dumped by girlfriend Rachelle, Beau is thrown into a scramble for his future. Without the promised job from Rachelle's father and without an inheritance, Beau is forced to enter a bet with his brother: if he can turn Evie Clement, the unapproachable baker's daughter, into the winner of the Court Ball, he inherits the family fortune.

There's just one small problem - she hates him, and for good reason. Independent and headstrong, Evie Clement dreams of sewing dresses for Marie Antoinette, but knows she's bound to a life working in the bakery to provide for her family. When rich kid and childhood nemesis Beau Bellegarde attempts to charm her, she rejects him over and over again, until finally, she gives him the smallest of chances. But as she befriends Beau, entering a world of high-status parties and even a nomination to win Rose at the Court Ball, she has to ask herself one question ... why?

About the author

Jamie Lilac is a member of SCBWI. She holds a M.Ed. in English Education, a B.A. in English Literature, and is currently obtaining her Master's in Creative Writing from Harvard University. She has previously been on the editorial staff at Refinery29 and Relapse Magazine.



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