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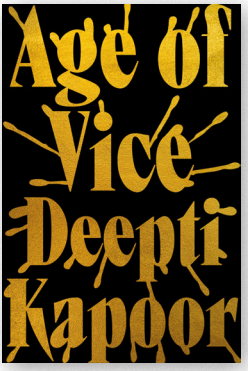
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FLEET

Age of Vice



Deepti Kapoor

5th January 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780708898888 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

A gripping literary thriller, one of the most anticipated novels of 2023, rights sold in fifteen territories, 20-way bidding war for film rights won by FX and Fox 21.

This is the age of vice, where pleasure and power are everything, and the family ties that bind can also kill

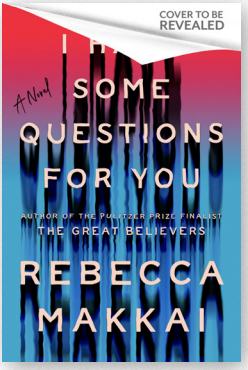
Deftly shifting through time and perspective in contemporary India, *Age of Vice* is an epic, action-packed story propelled by the seductive wealth, startling corruption, and bloodthirsty violence of the Wadia family – loved by some, loathed by others, feared by all.

Equal parts crime thriller and family saga, transporting readers from the dusty villages of Uttar Pradesh to the urban energy of New Delhi, *Age of Vice* is an intoxicating novel of gangsters and lovers, false friendships, forbidden romance, and the consequences of corruption. It is binge- worthy entertainment at its literary best.

About the author

Deepti Kapoor grew up in northern India and worked for several years as a journalist in New Delhi. The author of the novel *Bad Character*, she lives in Portugal with her husband.

I Have Some Questions For You



Rebecca Makkai

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349727202 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Katya Ellis

The riveting new novel from the author of* The Great Believers*, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

A successful film professor and podcaster, Bodie Kane is content to forget her past: the family tragedy that marred her adolescence, her four largely miserable years at a New Hampshire boarding school, and the 1995 murder of a classmate, Thalia Keith. Though the circumstances surrounding Thalia's death and the conviction of the school's athletics coach, Omar Evans, are the subject of intense fascination online, Bodie prefers—needs—to let sleeping dogs lie.

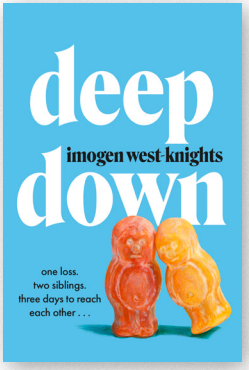
But when The Granby School invites her back to teach a two-week course, Bodie finds herself inexorably drawn to the case and its increasingly apparent flaws, falling down the very rabbit hole she was so determined to avoid. Perhaps, back in 1995, she knew something that might have held the key to solving the case, begging the question: Is the killer still out there?

Both a transfixing mystery and a deeply felt examination of one woman's reckoning with her past, *I Have Some Questions for You* is Makkai's finest achievement yet.

About the author

Rebecca Makkai is the author of two novels and a collection of short stories. Her work has appeared in *The Best American Short Stories*, *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, *Best American Fantasy*, *Harper's*, *Tin House*, *Ploughshares*, *Iowa Review*, *Indiana Review*, *Michigan Quarterly Review* and *New England Review*, among others. She lives outside Chicago with her husband and two daughters.

Deep Down



Imogen West-Knights

2nd March 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349727097 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

Deep Down ***is a moving, witty, unexpected novel of family secrets, perfect for fans of Naoise Dolan, Katherine Heiny and Megan Nolan***

Billie and Tom have just found out their father has died. Dislocated from each other and unable to talk about the trauma in their family's past, Billie decides the best thing to do is get on a plane to her brother in Paris. Maybe there they can find a way to heal?

As their story veers between present bereavement and flashbacks to growing up, we see the siblings search for common ground and attempt to repair old wounds. Following the tracks of their grief, Billie and Tom find themselves – unexpectedly – lost in the catacombs of Paris, confronting both each other and their own demons.

Funny, moving and unexpected, *Deep Down* is a novel from a huge new talent who readers are going to love.

About the author

Imogen West-Knights is a writer and journalist based in London. She writes most regularly for the *Guardian*, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times* and *Slate*. She was shortlisted for the Portobello Prize 2017 and shortlisted for the FT/Bodley Head Essay Prize 2018. She also writes video games. *Deep Down* is her first novel.

Hags



Victoria Smith

2nd March 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349726960 | Feminism

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

An examination of the torrent of ageism and misogyny currently directed against women in their forties and older.

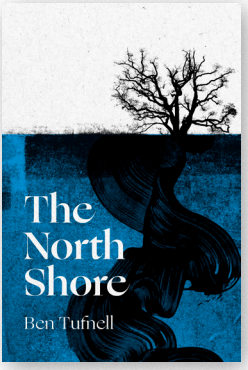
What is it about women in their forties and beyond that seems to enrage – almost everyone? In the last few years, as identity politics has taken hold, middle-aged women have found themselves talked and written about as morally inferior beings, the face of bigotry, entitlement and selfishness, to be ignored, pitied or abused.

Hags asks the question why these women are treated with such active disdain. Victoria Smith traces the attitudes she describes back to the same anxieties about older women that drove witch hunts, and explores the very specific reasons why this type of misogyny is so powerful today. The demonisation of hags has never felt more now.

About the author

Victoria Smith is a regular contributor to the *New Statesman* and the *Independent*, focusing on women's issues, parenting and mental health. Her newsletter, *The OK Karen*, about midlife women's experiences of feminism, was launched last year, and she tweets @glosswitch. She lives in Cheltenham with her family.

The North Shore



Ben Tufnell

11th May 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349727301 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A stunning, gothic debut from a brilliant new literary voice, perfect for fans of Daisy Johnson, Max Porter and Fiona Mozley.

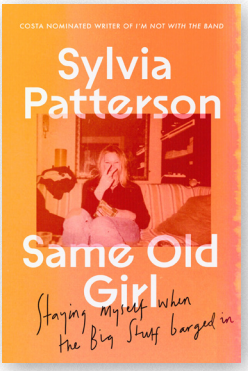
You don't pass through the North Shore on the way to anywhere else: it is the end of the road. The village was like many along that wild coast; inhabited by those who had always lived there, and always would. The residents know nature's tempestuous ways. They batten down the hatches when the storms rip through, and they clear the debris together in the aftermath.

But the morning after one particularly ferocious storm, something is washed up on the beach that has never appeared before. Something that opens the question of what nature, and the North Shore, are truly capable of. *The North Shore* is both a powerful story of transformation and a coming-of-age tale. It speaks of the mysteries that lie between the land and the water and the ways in which we use myths and folklore to understand the strangeness of the world.

About the author

Ben Tufnell is a writer and curator based in London. Previously a curator at Tate, he is a founding Director of Parafin, an independent art gallery. He has published widely on modern and contemporary art, focussing particularly on artists and art forms that engage with ideas of land, landscape and place. *The North Shore*, which draws speculatively on a childhood in rural North Norfolk, is his debut novel.

Same Old Girl



Sylvia Patterson

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349727455 | Memoir

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

A second memoir from the Costa-shortlisted writer Sylvia Patterson, her story of illness, ageing and getting through it all.

In late 2019 pop journalist Sylvia Patterson was convinced she was about to die. Told she had a life-threatening illness, she was reminded of the words of rock 'n' roll hero Liam Gallagher. 'Why me? Why not?' But what she didn't expect was an overnight rethink of her lifetime's values, two years of gruelling treatment and the arrival of a global pandemic.

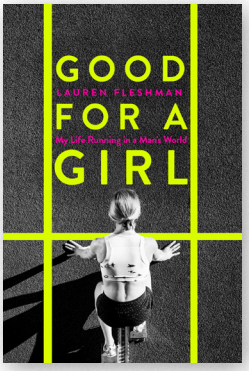
As a woman in her mid-50s she learned many new things: how the Big Stuff of life changes you (and how it doesn't), what friendship really means, what a traumatising treatment regime does to a human being, how much worse these things can be for a partner and how much she missed the supposedly little things in life: food, dancing, a glass of wine, a good night's sleep, a decent haircut, the joy of brushing your teeth.

About the author

Sylvia Patterson is one of pop journalism's best-known voices. She joined *Smash Hits* as Staff Writer aged twenty during its mid-late 80s heyday when it sold a million copies a fortnight. Life thereafter as an acclaimed freelancer has seen her sprinkle irreverence throughout *NME*, *The Face*, *Guardian Guide*, *The Observer*, *Sunday Times*, *Interview*, *The Word*, *Q* and *Glamour*.



Good for a Girl



Lauren Fleshman

10th January 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780349014425 | Memoir: Sport

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A memoir by pro athlete and feminist campaigner calling for a revolution in women's sports.

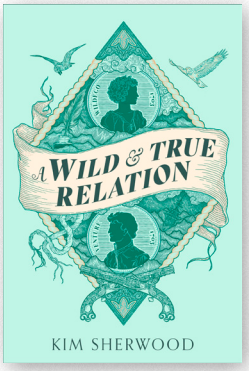
We all know girls develop differently to boys during puberty but, shockingly, pro coaches fail to adapt training to their bodies. Female athletes develop eating disorders, RED-S and amenorrhea; they're also likely to be emotionally and physically abused; and in their careers with sponsors like Nike, they're underpaid and misrepresented.

Lauren Fleshman – one of the fastest American women runners – explores scientific and social research while telling her own story in a bold, energetic voice. This is a time for female athletes, so it's the time to understand their bodies and knock down the barriers that hold them back.

About the author

Because of injuries, Lauren Fleshman is the fastest American woman to not make a US Olympic team. She is one of the most decorated NCAA runners in history and has competed in the World Championships five times. Over the last ten years of her career, Lauren has consistently pushed the running industry to evolve. She has become a vocal advocate for women in sport, and has disrupted the norms in order to create a new way of playing an old boys game so women can thrive.

A Wild & True Relation



Kim Sherwood

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349015361 | Historical Adventure

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A ground-breaking literary historical novel by the award-winning author of* Testament *and* Double or Nothing*, the new Bond series.

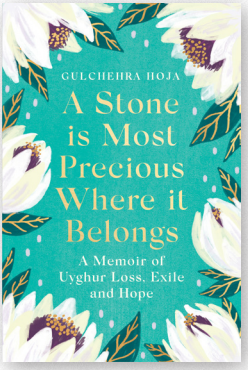
A Wild & True Relation opens during the Great Storm of 1703, as smuggler Tom West confronts his lover Grace for betraying him to the Revenue. Leaving Grace's cottage in flames, he takes her orphaned daughter Molly on board his ship, disguised as a boy to join his crew. But Molly, or Orlando as she must call herself, will grow up to outshine all the men of Tom's company and seek revenge – and a legacy – all of her own.

Woven into Molly's story are the writers – from Celia Fiennes to Hester Thrale to George Eliot – who are transfixed by her myth and who, over three centuries, come together to solve the mystery of her life. With extraordinary verve and chutzpah, Sherwood remakes the eighteenth-century Heroical novel and challenges women's writing and women's roles throughout history.

About the author

Kim Sherwood is an author and creative writing lecturer. Born in Camden in 1989, she has taught at the University of Sussex, UWE, and in schools, libraries and prisons, and now lectures at the University of Edinburgh, where she lives in the city. Her first novel, *Testament*, won the Bath Novel Award and the *Harper's Bazaar* Big Book of the Year, was shortlisted for the Author's Club Best First Novel Award, and longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize. In 2019, Kim was shortlisted for the *Sunday Times* Young Writer of the Year Award. Kim is currently writing a new trilogy of James Bond novels for the Ian Fleming Estate.

A Stone is Most Precious Where It Belongs



Gulchehra Hoja

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349015958 | Memoir

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A powerful and urgent memoir by a Uyghur activist: the first major book to describe the fate of the Uyghur people.

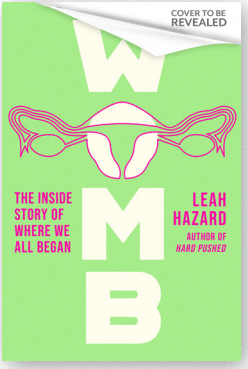
In February 2018, twenty-four members of Gulchehra Hoja's family disappeared overnight, arrested by the Chinese state as a direct retaliation for Gulchehra's investigations into the Uyghur plight for Radio Free Asia.

Gulchehra describes her journey and the truth about Uyghur life under Chinese rule in East Turkistan - from her early life to her success as a television star, her revelation of the realities about Communist rule, her flight to the US, and then the fight of her life: exposing Beijing's terrible crimes against her people.

About the author

Gulchehra Hoja is a Uyghur journalist based in Washington, DC and one of the world's most prominent voices fighting what the US government in January 2021 officially proclaimed the 'genocide and crimes against humanity' against the Uyghurs. Her reporting on the situation in Xinjiang for Radio Free Asia has been widely recognized in the US and Europe, and has led to honours such as the 2019 Magnitsky Human Rights Award; the Courage in Journalism Award from the International Women's Media Foundation in 2020; her recognition as one of the '500 most influential Muslims' in the world every year since 2016; and platforms at Tina Brown's Women in the World summit and the Oslo Freedom Forum.

Womb: The Inside Story of Where We All Began



Leah Hazard

2nd March 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349015798 | Women's Health

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

***A landmark book on the womb – in medicine, science, history and its potential future – by midwife and bestselling author of* Hard Pushed.**

Bringing together medical history, scientific discoveries and journalistic exploration, Leah Hazard traverses the globe in search of the truth about one of the most under-researched and important organs of the body, talking to the boundary-breaking scientists and activists working in the field.

With the wisdom, kindness and humour of an experienced midwife, Leah guides us on an extraordinary journey. Revelatory and moving, *Womb* shows that we must understand the uterus not just for healthcare – but for our human rights.

About the author

Leah Hazard graduated from Harvard University, working in print journalism and television before the births of her two daughters prompted her to change direction. Leah is now a practicing NHS midwife in Scotland and has worked in a wide variety of clinical areas, from labour wards to outpatient clinics, delivering hundreds of babies and caring for countless families along the way. Her memoir *Hard Pushed: A Midwife's Story* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller in the UK. Leah hosts the popular podcast *What The Midwife Said* and is a frequent commentator on women's health across the media.

Heartburn: 40th Anniversary Edition

Nora Ephron, with a foreword by Stanley Tucci

9th March 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349017358 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)



Publicist: Lucy Martin

The autobiographical novel by Oscar-nominated screenwriter and director Nora Ephron is published in a beautiful hardback, featuring a new foreword by Stanley Tucci to celebrate the novel's 40th anniversary.

Seven months into her pregnancy, Rachel discovers that her husband is in love with another woman. The fact that this woman has a 'neck as long as an arm and a nose as long as a thumb' is no consolation. Food sometimes is, though, since Rachel is a cookery writer, and between trying to win Mark back and wishing him dead, she offers us some of her favourite recipes. *Heartburn* is a roller coaster of love, betrayal, loss and – most satisfyingly – revenge.

This is Nora Ephron's roman à clef: 'I always thought during the pain of the marriage that one day it would make a funny book,' she once said – and it is!

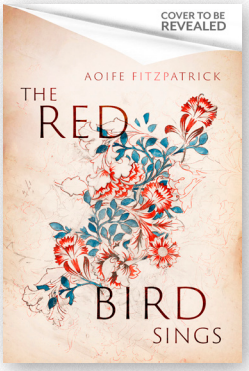
About the author

Nora Ephron (1941 – 2012) received Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay for *When Harry Met Sally*, *Silkwood*, and *Sleepless in Seattle*, which she also directed. She lived in New York City and was married to the writer Nicholas Pileggi.

The Red Bird Sings

Aoife Fitzpatrick

23rd March 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349016641 | Historical Fiction



Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Prize-winning Gothic feminist suspense based on a murder trial in 1897 West Virginia when the testimony of a ghost was admitted in court.

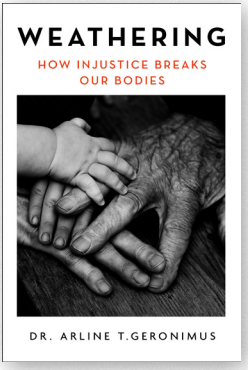
West Virginia, 1897. After the sudden death of young Zona Shue only a few months after her impromptu wedding, her mother Mary Jane has a vision – she was killed. And by none other than her new husband, Trout, the handsome blacksmith beloved in their small Southern town.

Based on a real trial and masterfully playing with Gothic tropes, Aoife Fitzpatrick delivers a searing feminist history like no other. It is a first novel of rare and dazzling brilliance to be read with your heart in your mouth and chills down your spine to the final, haunting page.

About the author

Aoife Fitzpatrick is a native of Dublin, Ireland. Her debut novel, *The Red Bird Sings*, was awarded the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize in 2020. The winner of the inaugural *Books Ireland* short-story competition, her work has been recognised by the Séan O'Faoláin Prize, the Elizabeth Jolley Prize and by the Writing.ie Short Story of the Year award. Her short stories have been published in *Southword* literary journal, in Books Ireland magazine and by independent publisher, Cinnamon Press. In 2020, she was the recipient of a literature bursary from the Arts Council of Ireland in support of her debut.

Weathering: How Injustice Breaks Our Bodies



Dr Arline T. Geronimus

28th March 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349015163 | Public Health and Medicine

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

Fusing science and social justice, renowned public health researcher Dr. Arline Geronimus offers an urgent and necessary book exploring the ways in which systemic injustice erodes the health of people of colour.

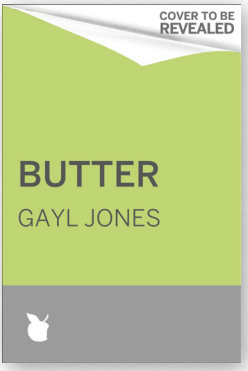
Fascinating, inarguable, passionately written, *Weathering* draws on thirty years of accessible scientific research to explore the harmful effects of living in an oppressive society, causing illness and earlier death to marginalised groups.

This will be a landmark American non-fiction publication that will make us all think about the arguments espoused by groups such as Black Lives Matter beyond police killings, how systematic racism affects every aspect of life – from housing to education to healthcare – and help answer urgent questions about the disproportionate number of deaths from Covid-19 among BAME people.

About the author

Arline T. Geronimus is an American public health researcher and research professor at the University of Michigan's Population Studies Center. She is also the center's associate director and a professor of Health Behavior & Health Education at the University of Michigan. She is known for proposing the 'weathering hypothesis'.

Butter: Novellas, Stories and Fragments



Gayl Jones

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349016887 | Short Stories

Publicist: Lucy Martin

***A wide-ranging collection, including two novellas and ten stories exploring complex identities, from the acclaimed author of* Corregidora, The Healing, *and* Palmares.**

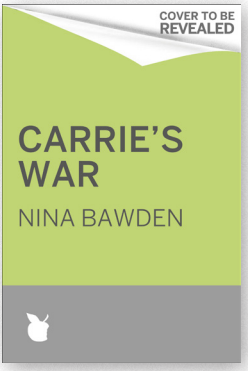
Opening with the novella-length *Butter*, this collection of short fiction displays Gayl Jones's legendary talents in a range of settings and styles, from the hyper-realist to the mystical, in short fragments and multi-part stories. Her narrators are women and men, Black, brown, indigenous; her settings are historical and contemporary, in South America, Mexico and the US; her themes centre on complex identities, unorthodox longings and aspirations. She writes about spies, playground designers, cartoonists, and baristas, about workers and revolutionaries, about environmentalism, feminism, poetry, film and love, but above all about our multicultural, multiethnic and multiracial society.

Gayl Jones's new novel, *The Unicorn Woman*, will be published in August 2023

About the author

Gayl Jones was born in Kentucky in 1949. She attended Connecticut College and Brown University and has taught at Wellesley and the University of Michigan. Her previous novels are *Corregidora, Eva's Man*, *The Healing* and *Palmares*, which was a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prise in fiction and longlisted for the Rathbones Folio Prize.

Carrie's War: 50th Anniversary Edition



Nina Bawden

13th April 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349017365 | Classic Fiction

Publicist: Lucy Martin

A beautiful hardback edition to mark the 50th anniversary of one of the most beloved and enduring children's classics of the 20th century.

'I did a dreadful thing, the worst thing of my life, when I was twelve and a half years old, and nothing can change it'.

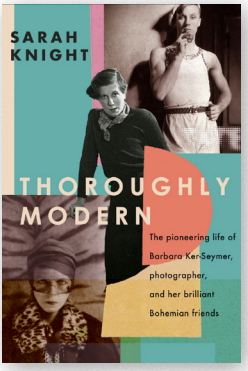
It is wartime, and Carrie and her little brother Nick have been evacuated from their London home to the Welsh hills. In an unfamiliar place, among strangers, the children feel alone and find little comfort with the family they are billeted with.

When Carrie and Nick visit Albert, another evacuee, they are welcomed into Hepzibah Green's warm kitchen. Hepzibah is rumoured to be a witch, but her cooking is delicious, her stories are enthralling and the children cannot keep away. With Albert, Hepzibah and Mister Johnny, they begin to settle into their new surroundings. But before long, their loyalties are tested: will they be persuaded to betray their new friends?

About the author

Nina Bawden (1925-2012) was one of Britain's best-loved writers for both adults and children. Several of her children's books have become contemporary classics. She wrote over forty novels and was shortlisted for the 1987 Man Booker Prize for *Circles of Deceit*. She received the prestigious S T Dupont Golden Pen Award for a lifetime's contribution to literature in 2004.

Thoroughly Modern: The pioneering life of Barbara Ker-Seymer, photographer, and her brilliant Bohemian friends



Sarah Knights

27th April 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9780349011516 | Biography: Literary

Publicist: Katya Ellis

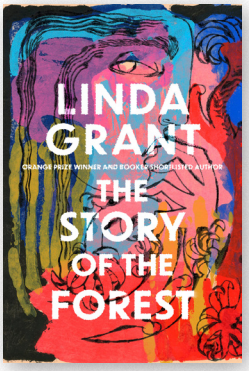
The author of* A Life of David Garnett, *short-listed for the Slightly Fox Best First Biography Prize and for the James Tait Black Prize, now turns to the pioneering photographer, admired by Man Ray: Barbara Ker-Seymer and her outer circle of avant-garde artists of London of the 1940s and 50s.

This biography focuses on a closely-knit network of avant-garde artists, writers, designers and dancers who dominated the cultural landscape of twentieth-century Britain and beyond. At its centre, was Barbara Ker-Seymer, a pioneering photographer whose iconic images define this talented forward-looking generation. She disdained lucrative 'society' portraits in favour of modern, abstract images, and her portraiture broke with convention, emphasising light, angles and planes to convey the essence of her subjects. Her work was not only famous but widely admired among her peers, among them Man Ray. Paul Nash, artist and influential critic championed her work in print. She was the photographer of choice for the leading actors, artists, dancers, writers and intellectuals of her generation, who flocked to her studio, above Aspreys the Bond Street jewellers. Her sitters included Cyril Connolly, Evelyn Waugh, Margot Fonteyn, Jean Cocteau and Vita Sackville-West.

About the author

Sarah Knights has an MA in Life Writing and a PhD from the celebrated School of Creative Writing and Literature at the University of East Anglia. She lives in North Norfolk.

The Story of the Forest



Linda Grant

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349014104 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

From the award-winning novelist, a vibrant imagining of the tumultuous world of early twentieth-century Europe through the eyes of Mina, a young girl whose adventures begin in a deep dark forest – full of the humour and wisdom we have come to relish from this wonderful writer.

It's 1913 and a young, carefree and recklessly innocent girl, Mina, goes out into the forest on the edge of the Baltic sea and meets a gang of rowdy young men with revolution on their minds. It sounds like a fairy tale but it's life. The adventure leads to flight, emigration and a new alnd, a new language and the pursuit of idealism or happiness – in Liverpool. But what of the stories from the old country; how do they shape and form the next generations who have heard the well-worn tales?

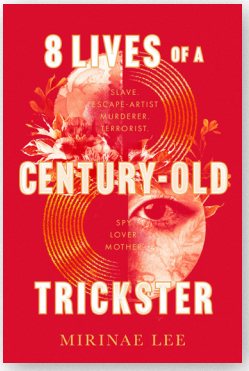
From the flour mills of Latvia to Liverpool suburbia to post-war Soho, *The Story of the Forest* is about myths and memory and how families adapt in order to survive.

About the author

Linda Grant is author of five non-fiction books and seven novels. She won the Orange Prize for Fiction in 2000 and the Lettre Ulysses Prize for Literary Reportage in 2006. *The Clothes on Their Backs* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2008 and went on to win the South Bank Show Award. *The Dark Circle* was shortlisted for the 2017 Women's Prize for Fiction. Her latest novel, *A Stranger City*, was published in 2019. Linda Grant lives in London. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and holds honorary doctorates from the University of York and Liverpool John Moores University.

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8 Lives of a Century-Old Trickster



Mirinae Lee

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349016740| Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Grace Vincent

A playful, ambitious and action-packed novel about a North Korean female spy, taking the reader from World War Two Korea to the present.

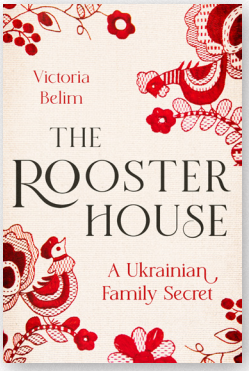
This wildly original and vibrant novel tells stories of captivity, friendship, assumed identities and spying. Moving from a nursing home in contemporary South Korea to WWII Indonesia, Seoul in the Korean war and cold-war North Korea, the threads of these tales are slowly entwined until they reveal one bigger story: that of the turbulent recent history of Korea as experienced by one remarkable woman.

As playful and thought-provoking as it is compelling, as brutal and harrowing as it is achingly poignant and tender, this is a novel about love and war, deceit and betrayal, about identity, storytelling and the trickery required for survival.

About the author

Mirinae Lee was born and raised in South Korea. Her first work of fiction appeared in the *Antioch Review* and was listed as Notable Nonrequired Reading of 2018 in The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2019. Her second short story won the 2018 Editors' Prize in Fiction and appeared in Meridian. Mirinae has a BA in English Literature from Columbia University and an MA in Comparative Literature from the University of Hong Kong, where she received the Esther MK Cheung Memorial Prize. This is her debut novel.

The Rooster House



Victoria Belim

11th May 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780349017327 | Memoir

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A family history told across four generations as a young woman searches for traces of her great-uncle who disappeared during the 1930s, and through it, Ukraine's complex relationship with its Soviet past.

They say the Rooster House is the tallest building in Ukraine. Decades after the fall of the Soviet Union, little Victoria watched her great-grandmother avoid walking past its gates, with the giant red sirens – called roosters in Ukrainian – atop its walls.

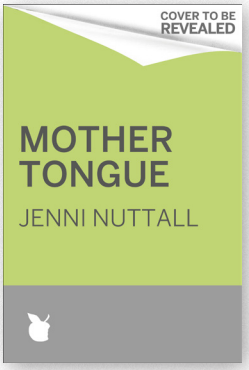
As an adult, Victoria visited her grandmother in 2014, and while the Russian state annexed Crimea, she came across her great-grandfather's diary, one page scored deep with the single line: 'Brother Nikodim, vanished in the 1930s fighting for a free Ukraine.' She had never heard of this uncle, and no one could bear to tell her about him.

The Rooster House is a Ukrainian family history, embroidering its tragic and little understood past with the true colours of human experience. Profound, compassionate and threaded with unexpected joy, it is a love letter to a family and their country.

About the author

Victoria Belim is a writer, journalist, and translator of Persian literature and poetry. She has a column in the *Financial Times* and her writing on culture and lifestyle topics has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *ELLE*, *Red Magazine*, and *Marie Claire*. She speaks twenty languages, including Chinese, Japanese, and Indonesian. Born in Ukraine, Victoria grew up in the USA and now lives in Brussels.

Mother Tongue: The surprising history of women's words



Jenni Nuttall

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349015309 | Feminist Theory/ Linguistics

Publicist: Lucy Martin

A rich, provocative and entertaining history of women's words – of the language we have, and haven't, had to share our lives.

When we look to the past, we often expect to be disappointed. In the history of language, we expect to find misogyny around each corner, a disdain for or absence of the voice of women. But the history of women's words, as it turns out, is full of surprises.

Mother Tongue is a rich, provocative and entertaining history of women's words – of the language we have, and haven't, had to share our lives. Inspired by Jenni Nuttall's deep knowledge of the English language as well as conversations with her teenage daughter, this is a book for anyone who loves language – and for feminists who want to look to the past in order to move forward.

About the author

Dr Jenni Nuttall is an academic who's been teaching and researching medieval literature at the University of Oxford for the last twenty years, and who has had a lot of practice at making old words interesting. She has a DPhil from Oxford and completed the University of East Anglia's MA in Creative Writing. She is the author of a readers' guide to Geoffrey Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde* with Cambridge University Press and she is contributing a chapter on 'Literary Language' for the Fifteenth Century volume of the *Oxford History of Poetry in English*, edited by Julia Boffey and A S G Edwards. *Mother Tongue* is her first book for the general reader.

The Rachel Incident



Caroline O'Donoghue

22nd June 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349013558 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Grace Vincent

A sharp, poignant and beautifully told story of losing yourself, finding yourself and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

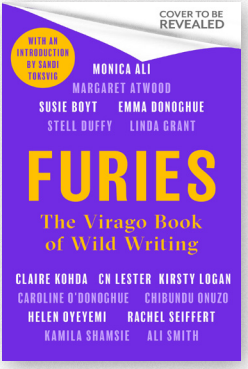
From the moment James stepped into Rachel's life, everything changed. Once he shone his light on her, no one else stood a chance; not her dull college boyfriend, not her suburban parents, not the version of Rachel that existed until that day. Over the course of a year their relationship is pushed to its limits as their lives become more and more entwined with those of Dr Byrne and his perfect wife. What begins with a harmless crush on a professor will lead to tension, difficult choices and a lie that can't be taken back.

But how could anyone understand that year in Shandon Street unless they lived it? How could they understand the decisions made there? This is a story about losing and then finding yourself. About the mistakes we make along the way. It's a story about love.

About the author

Caroline O'Donoghue is a *New York Times* best-selling author and the host of the award- winning podcast *Sentimental Garbage*. She has written two novels for adults, *Promising Young Women* and *Scenes of a Graphic Nature*, as well as the supernatural series for teenagers, *All Our Hidden Gifts*. She currently lives in London.

2023, celebrating 50 years of Virago



Furies: The Virago Book of Wild Writing

Margaret Atwood, Susie Boyt, Eleanor Crewe, Emma Donoghue, Stella Duffy, Linda Grant, Claire Kohda, CN Lester, Kirsty Logan, Caroline O'Donoghue, Chibundu Onuzo, Helen Oyeyemi, Rachel Seiffert, Kamila Shamsie, Ali Smith. With an introduction by Sandi Toksvig.

16th March 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349017143 | Short Stories

In this blazing cauldron of a book, the boldest writers of our day take up these words and take up their pen, celebrating fifty years of Virago.

BITCH. SCOLD. HARRIDAN. For centuries past, and all across the world

DRAGON. TIGRESS. SHE-DEVIL. There are words for a certain kind of woman

FURY. HARPY. SPITFIRE. Words that raise our hackles, fire up our blood

HUSSY. SIREN. VIXEN. Words that tell a story

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.

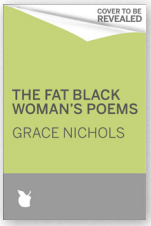


The Sadeian Woman

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.

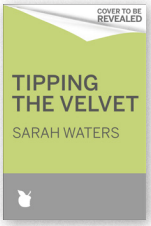


The Fat Black Woman's Poems

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.

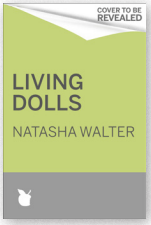


Tipping the Velvet

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.



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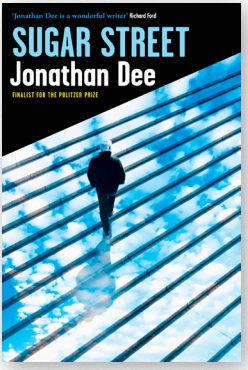
Marilynne Robinson

15th June 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349017433

Representing the 2010s, a return to the town of Gilead from Marilynne Robinson, one of the greatest novelists of our time.


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Sugar Street



Jonathan Dee

5th January 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472151964 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Grace Vincent

Pulitzer Prize finalist and celebrated author of seven novels, Jonathan Dee delivers a daring, tense, ticking time bomb of a novel about an anonymous white man on the run from his own identity.

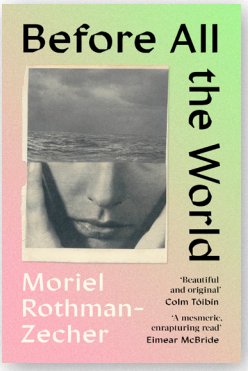
In Jonathan Dee's elegant and explosive new novel, an unnamed male narrator has hit the road with a large sum of cash stashed in an envelope under his car seat. Vigilantly avoiding security cameras, he drives until he meets a city where his past is unlikely to track him down. Renting a room from a less-than-stable landlady whose need for money outweighs her desire to ask questions, he seems to have escaped his former self. But can he?

In a story that moves with swift dark humour and insight, we are taken through the narrator's attempt to disavow his former life of privilege and enter a blameless new existence. With the suspense of a crime thriller and the grace of our best literary fiction, Dee unspools the details of our unlikely hero's former life and his developing new one in a drumbeat roll up to a shocking final act. *Sugar Street* is a leaner, more personal look at the volatile America of today. A risky, engrossing and surprisingly visceral story about a white man trying to escape his own troubling footprint and start his life over.

About the author

Jonathan Dee is the author of seven novels, including *The Locals, A Thousand Pardons*, and *The Privileges*, which was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize. A recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, he teaches in the graduate writing program at Syracuse University.

Before All the World



Moriel Rothman-Zecher

12th January 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781472157416 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A mesmerising, inventive story of three souls in 1930s Philadelphia seizing new life while haunted by the old.

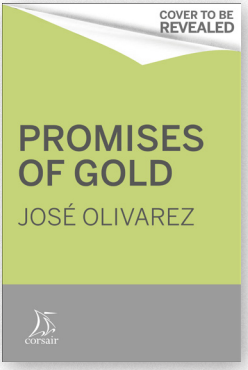
In the swirl of Philadelphia at the end of Prohibition, Leyb meets Charles. They are at a former speakeasy called Cricket's, a bar that welcomes, as Charles says in his secondhand Yiddish, feygeles. Leyb is startled: fourteen years in *amerike* has taught him that his native tongue is not known beyond his people. And yet here is suave Charles, a Black man from the Seventh Ward, speaking to him in his own language; Charles, with whom he will fall in love.

But Leyb is haunted by memories of life before, in the village of his birth where, one day, everyone except the ten non-Jews, a young poet named Gittl and he himself, was taken to the forest and killed. Leyb's two lifetimes come together when Gittl arrives in Philadelphia, thanks to a poem she wrote and the intervention of a shadowy character known only as the Baroness. And surrounding Gittl are malokhim, the talkative spirits of her siblings. Flowing and churning with a glorious surge of language, *Before All the World* lays bare the impossibility of escaping trauma, the necessity of believing in a better way ahead, and the power that comes from our responsibility to the future. It asks, in the voices of its angels, the most essential question: What do you intend to do before all the world?

About the author

Moriel Rothman-Zecher was born in Jerusalem and raised primarily in Yellow Springs, Ohio. His first novel, *Sadness is a White Bird* was published in 2019, for which he received the National Book Foundation's '5 Under 35' Honour. It was a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the winner of the Ohioana Book Award, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, the winner of the Cincinnati Books by the Banks Author Award, and longlisted for the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize. Moriel teaches Creative Writing at the University of Dayton and online through the Catapult Writing Program. He is the recipient of two MacDowell Colony Fellowships for Literature and is the Associate Editor of the anthology Kingdom of *Olives and Ash*. His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Haaretz*, *Sojourners Magazine* and elsewhere.

Promises of Gold



José Olivarez

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9781472157744 | Poetry

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A groundbreaking collection of poems by rising star, Mexican-American poet José Olivarez, addressing how every kind of love – self love, brotherly love, romantic love, love of family and culture – is birthed, shaped, and complicated by invisible forces.

Love - or its absence - is at the heart of everything we do, and yet it is often mishandled and misrepresented. In the words of José Olivarez: 'No disrespect to romantic love - but what about our friends? Those homies who are there all along – cheering for us and reminding us that love is abundant.'

Written in English and combined with a Spanish translation by poet David Ruano, *Promises of Gold* explores many forms of love and how 'a promise made isn't always a promise kept.' Whether readers enter this collection in English or Spanish, these extraordinary poems are sure to become beloved for their illuminations of life – and love.

About the author

José Olivarez is the son of Mexican immigrants. His debut book of poems, *Citizen Illegal*, was a finalist for the PEN/Jean Stein Award and a winner of the 2018 Chicago Review of Books Poetry Prize. It was named a top book of 2018 by *The Adroit Journal*, NPR, and the New York Public Library. He is the co-host of the poetry podcast, *The Poetry Gods*. In 2018, he was awarded the first annual Author and Artist in Justice Award from the Phillips Brooks House Association and named a Debut Poet of 2018 by Poets & Writers. In 2019, he was awarded a Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowship from the Poetry Foundation. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Paris Review*, and elsewhere.

Wounded Tigris: A river journey through the cradle of civilisation



Leon McCarron

16th March 20233 | Hardback | £20 | 9781472156235 | Memoir: Travel

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

Leon McCarron takes us on fascinating journey down the Tigris River, full of incredible history and beautiful photography.

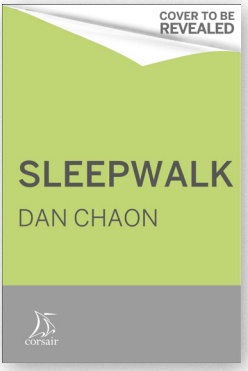
For thousands of years, the Tigris has acted as a lung exhaling life into Mesopotamia. Its cycles of flooding created seasons of plenty and seasons of scarcity. Water was once everywhere, but the changing climate is bringing environmental instability to the countries that rely on it. During the pandemic, Leon McCarron travelled from the source of this great river in the Turkish highlands, through northern Syria, into the heart of Iraq, and all the way to the Persian Gulf. Passing through settlements of the old world, McCarron talks to the inhabitants of cities like Diyarbakir, Mosul and Baghdad, discovering how their own survival is often entwined with that of the river.

Today almost 30 million people live in the watershed of the Tigris, but the river faces existential threats on multiple fronts. In *Wounded Tigris*, McCarron sets out to explore and enlighten readers to the wonders of this ancient Mesopotamian landscape by taking us on a fascinating journey, telling the incredible story of its past, present and future. A future that we have the power to save.

About the author

Leon McCarron is an award-winning writer, broadcaster and explorer from Northern Ireland. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the Geographical Society of Philadelphia's Explorer of the Year 2022, and is known for long-distance expeditions and immersive multimedia storytelling. In the past decade he has travelled over 50,000km by human power, and is currently based in Iraq.
www.leonmccarron.com

Sleepwalk



Dan Chaon

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781472157928 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Lucy Martin

A high speed and darkly comic road trip through a near future America with a big-hearted mercenary, from beloved and acclaimed novelist Dan Chaon.

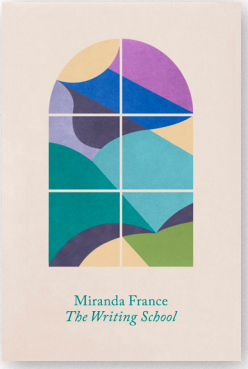
Sleepwalk's hero, Will Bear, is a man with so many aliases that he simply thinks of himself as the Barely Blur. At fifty years old, he's been living off the grid for over half his life. A good-natured henchman with a complicated and lonely past and a passion for LSD microdosing, he spends his time hopscotching across state lines in his beloved camper van, running sometimes shady often dangerous errands for a powerful and ruthless operation he's never troubled himself to learn too much about.

Out of the blue, one of Will's many burner phones heralds a call from a twenty-year-old woman claiming to be his biological daughter. She says she's the product of one of his long-ago sperm donations; he's half certain she's AI. She needs his help. She's entrenched in a widespread and nefarious plot involving Will's employers, and for Will to continue to have any contact with her increasingly fuzzes the line between the people he is working for and the people he's running from. With his signature blend of haunting emotional realism and fast-paced intrigue, Dan Chaon populates his fractured America with characters who ring all too true.

About the author

Dan Chaon is the author of several books, including *Ill Will*, a national bestseller; the short story collection *Stay Awake*, a finalist for the Story Prize; the national bestseller *Await Your Reply*; and Among the Missing, a finalist for the National Book Award. Chaon's fiction has appeared in the *Best American Short Stories*, the *Pushcart Prize Anthologies*, and the *O. Henry Collection*. He has been a finalist for the National Magazine Award in Fiction and the Shirley Jackson Award, and he was the recipient of an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Chaon lives in Cleveland.

The Writing School



Miranda France

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9781472157348 | Autobiography: Literary

Publicist: Katya Ellis

Clever, funny and captivating* The Writing School *is a memoir told by way of a fictionalised account of the author's time teaching a residential writing course deep in the British countryside.

Author, translator and critic Miranda France sets off to teach at a residential writing course in the middle of nowhere, with all the hopes, tensions and unrealised ambitions that such courses bring for attendees and tutors alike. Slowly, however, we are made aware of a ghost in Miranda's life, and the daily dramas at the writing school start to interweave with her own story and her newly recovered memories of a death in the family when she was a young teenager.

Bringing in knowledge and anecdote from the author's own experience as well as other writers and poets, *The Writing School* is a moving exploration of why people write, as well as a quietly generous masterclass on writing itself – revealing what drives us to want to put our lives into words, who has the right to tell another person's story, and what we do with the memory of people who have died.

About the author

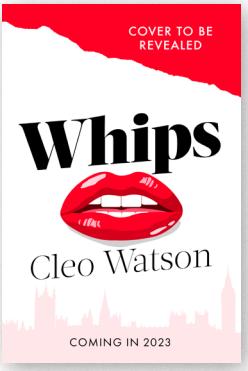
Miranda France is a writer, translator, editor and critic. Her translations from Spanish include novels by Claudia Piñeiro, Alberto Manguel, Liliana Heker and Sergio Olguin. She is a Fellow of the Royal Literary Fund. She lives in London.

Whips

Cleo Watson

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781472157263 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Niamh Anderson



50 Shades of Grey *meets* House of Cards.

Whips is a gripping political novel following the stories of three young women who arrive in Westminster from very different backgrounds, and who have front-row seats as they watch a Prime Minister lose an incredibly important European vote and the commencement of a leadership contest. A rollercoaster romp through British politics in the run up to Brexit, written by someone very close to the action at the time.

About the author

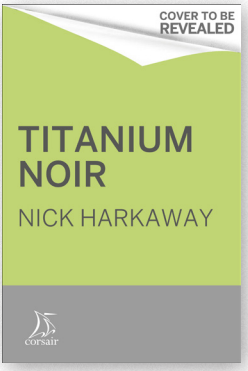
Cleo Watson has worked in politics and campaigning of one kind or another for over a decade. She worked on President Barack Obama's re-election in 2012, the 2017 and 2019 UK General Elections and the Vote Leave campaign in the 2016 EU Referendum. In Government, she served in 10 Downing Street as Theresa May's Political Adviser, then Boris Johnson's co-Deputy Chief of Staff. She has had a front row seat – and, occasionally, one at the table – for some of the most decisive moments in British politics of the last few years. *Whips* is her first novel.

Titanium Noir

Nick Harkaway

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781472156938 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Jess Gulliver



A virtuosic mashup of Philip K. Dick and Raymond Chandler by way of Marvel – the story of a detective investigating the murder of a Titan, one of society's most powerful, medically-enhanced elites.

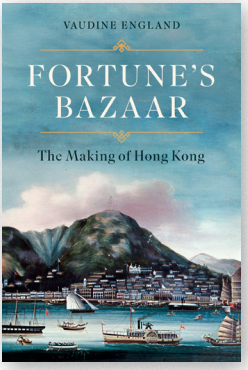
Cal Sounder is a detective working for the police on certain very sensitive cases. So when he's called in to investigate a homicide at a local apartment, he is surprised at first to see that the victim appears to be a rather typical techie. But on closer inspection, he finds the victim is over seven feet tall. And even though he doesn't look a day over thirty, he is actually ninety years old. Clearly, he is a Titan – one of this dystopian, near-future society's genetically-altered elites.

There are only a few thousand Titans worldwide, all thanks to Stefan Tonfamecasca's discovery of the controversial T7 genetic therapy, which elevated his family to near godlike status. A dead Titan is big news... a *murdered* Titan is unimaginable. But Titans are Cal's specialty. In fact, his ex-girlfriend, Athena, is a Titan. And not just any Titan – she's Stefan's daughter, heir to the Tonfamecasca empire. As Cal digs deeper into the murder investigation, he begins to unravel the complicated threads of what should have been a straightforward case, and it soon becomes clear he's on the trail of a crime whose roots run deep into the dark heart of the world. *Titanium Noir* is a tightly woven, intricate tale of murder, betrayal, and vengeance.

About the author

Nick Harkaway is the author of three previous novels, *The Gone-Away World*, *Angelmaker*, and *Tigerman*, as well as a nonfiction work about digital culture, *The Blind Giant: Being Human in a Digital World*. He is also a regular blogger for *The Bookseller*'s FutureBook website. He lives in London with his wife, a human rights lawyer, and their two children.

Fortune's Bazaar: The Making of Hong Kong



Vaudine England

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781472157140 | History

Publicist: Lucy Martin

Fortune's Bazaar ***is a story of empire, race and sex, and it offers startling insights into the ambiguous identity of Hong Kong to this day, just as its wonders may be on the verge of disappearing forever.***

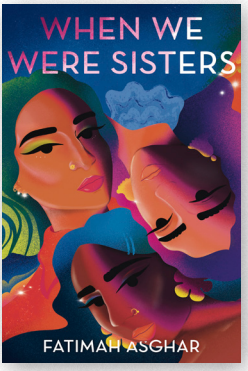
From Emanuel Raphael Belilio's arrival in Hong Kong in 1862 to the present day, *Fortune's Bazaar* examines how the region rose to a cosmopolitan port city and an incomparable global centre of business, culture and cuisine.

The book goes behind the scenes erected by past histories, in which Hong Kong is portrayed as either a marvel of British administration or a symbol of China's humiliation by the West, to shine a light on the varied peoples who helped make Hong Kong; the people who built the tower blocks, ran the brothels, founded the banks and transformed this one-time fishing village into what it is today.

About the author

Vaudine England was a journalist for three decades in South East Asia and Hong Kong for the *BBC*, *Reuters*, the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and several London newspapers. Now a research associate with the Hong Kong History Project, under the auspices of Bristol University, she brings her journalistic skills of investigative reporting and interviewing to the archives and old stories. She lives in Hong Kong and Amsterdam. *Fortune's Bazaar* is her first book.

When We Were Sisters



Fatimah Asghar

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781472157591 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Lucy Martin

An orphan grapples with gender, siblinghood, family, and coming-of-age as a Muslim in America in this lyrical debut novel from the acclaimed author of **If They Come For Us.**

In this heartrending, lyrical debut work of fiction, Fatimah Asghar traces the intense bond of three orphaned siblings who, after their parents die, are left to raise one another. The youngest, Kausar, grapples with the incomprehensible loss of her parents as she also charts out her own understanding of gender; Aisha, the middle sister, spars with her 'crybaby' younger sibling as she desperately tries to hold on to her sense of family in an impossible situation; and Noreen, the eldest, does her best in the role of sister-mother while also trying to create a life for herself, on her own terms.

As Kausar grows up, she must contend with the collision of her private and public worlds, and choose whether to remain in the life of love, sorrow and codependency she's known or carve out a new path for herself. *When We Were Sisters* tenderly examines the bonds and fractures of sisterhood, names the perils of being three Muslim American girls alone against the world, and ultimately illustrates how those who've lost everything might still find home in each other.

About the author

Fatimah Asghar is an artist who spans across different genres and themes. They have been featured in various outlets such as *TIME*, *NPR*, *Teen Vogue* and the Forbes '30 Under 30' list. Their first book of poems *If They Come For Us* explored themes of orphaning, family, colonisation and identity amid the violence of the 1947 Partition of India. Along with Safia Elhillo they co-edited an anthology for Muslim people who are also women, trans, gender non-conforming and/or queer, *Halal If You Hear Me*. They are the writer and co-creator of the Emmy-nominated *Brown Girls*, and wrote and directed *Got Game*, a short film that follows a queer South Asian Muslim woman trying to navigate a kink party after being single. They are also a writer and co-producer on *Ms. Marvel* on Disney +.

This Could Be Us



Claire McGowan

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781472157225 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Lucy Martin

The perfect marriage. The perfect home. The perfect family. Except she doesn't want any of it...

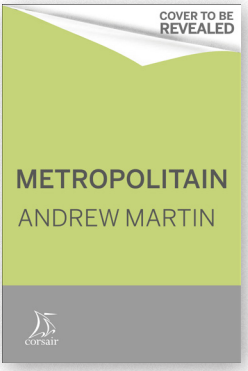
Kate has been tearing her way through life, determined to tick off as many life goals as possible by the age of thirty. She's established a promising career, married a successful man, and has a baby on the way. But Kate hasn't stopped to think about whether it's making her happy, until her second child, Kirsty, is born profoundly disabled, and it all begins to unravel. She decides the only way to survive is to do the unthinkable – and leave her family.

Years later, when Adam and Kirsty have grown up, her now ex-husband Andrew publishes his memoir about Kirsty learning how to sign – something they thought she could never do. But Kate, who has since moved to LA and is now married to a film producer, discovers her new partner wants to make the book into a film. Kate decides she must stop this, even if it means losing the fragile new family she's found and having to confront the one she left all those years before. Moving between the present day and the twenty years from 2002 to 2022, revealing secrets along the way and brushing against real-life events, the story follows the fractured family as their lives develop. *This Could Be Us* is an incredibly moving story about devastating loss, unexpected redemption, and what it really means to be a family.

About the author

Claire McGowan published her first novel in 2012, and has followed it up with many others in the crime fiction genre and also in women's fiction (writing as Eva Woods). She has had three radio plays broadcast on Radio 4, and her recent thrillers, *What You Did* and *The Other Wife*, both went to number one on Kindle in the US and UK.

Métropolitain: An Ode to the Paris Métro



Andrew Martin

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781472157881 | History

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

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 Andrew has always been obsessed with the Paris Metro, hence *Métropolitain: an Ode to the Paris Metro,* the first English history of the Metro for the general reader. *Métropolitain* is as stylish as the Metro itself and laced with cultural references.

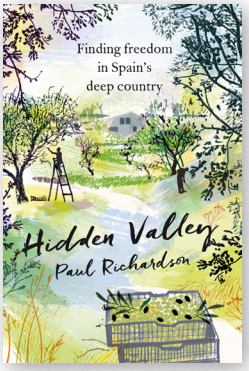
The book takes the reader on a constant tour of Paris, both underground and over. We visit the grave in Pere Lachaise of the Metro's tiny, one-armed begetter, Fulgence Bienvenüe (whose very name suggests light and electricity), where old Metro tickets are reverently laid instead of flowers. Andrew explains how London Underground made contemporary London, whereas contemporary Paris made the Metro. But Paris, and the Metro, 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.


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Hidden Valley: Finding freedom in Spain's deep country



Paul Richardson

5th January 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408714416 | Memoir: Travel

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

'The truly revolutionary, even incendiary, nature of Thoreau is his rejection of the impulse to consume'

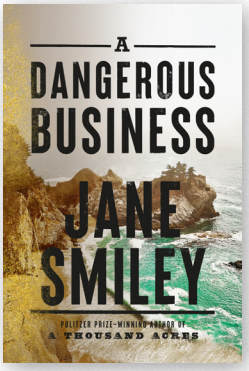
Over twenty years ago, Paul Richardson fled the conventions of British upbringing to become a peasant farmer in a rough-and-tumble village on the edge of Europe. Immersing himself in the rural culture of his remote Spanish community, he learned the traditional arts of animal husbandry and vegetable growing, wine- making and home distilling, and made bread from the rye he sowed on the stone-walled terraces of his twelve-acre farm.

In prose that shimmers with wit and sensuality, the author charts his personal route-map along a road less travelled. Along the way he pays tribute to the influences that have shaped his progress, in particular Henry David Thoreau. In Richardson's hands, off-grid living becomes both an act of rebellion and a form of personal growth. As environmental and social breakdown loom, the story of his interaction with land and nature offers heartening proof that a simpler, better life is possible. *Hidden Valley* is a glorious narrative of one man's journey towards self-reliance.

About the author

Paul Richardson has won critical acclaim for *Indulgence, Our Lady of the Sewers* and *Cornucopia: A Gastronomic Tour of Britain*.

A Dangerous Business



Jane Smiley

12th January 2023| Hardback| £16.99 | 9780349145457 | Historical Fiction

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A brilliant, evocative novel about two women, Eliza and Jean, who try to find out what happened to the young women murdered in their town in 1850s California.

Monterey, 1851. Ever since her husband was killed in a bar fight, Eliza Ripple has been working in a brothel. It seems like a better life, at least at first. The madam, Mrs Parks, is kind; the men are (relatively) well behaved, and Eliza has attained what few women have: financial security. But when the dead bodies of young women start appearing outside of town, a darkness descends that she can't resist confronting. Side by side with her friend Jean, and inspired by her reading, especially by Edgar Allan Poe's detective Dupin, Eliza pieces together an array of clues to try to catch the killer, all the while juggling clients who begin to seem more and more suspicious.

Eliza and Jean are determined not just to survive, but to find their way in a lawless town on the fringes of the Wild West – a bewitching combination of beauty and danger – as what will become the Civil War looms on the horizon. As Mrs Parks says, 'Everyone knows that this is a dangerous business, but between you and me, being a woman is a dangerous business'.

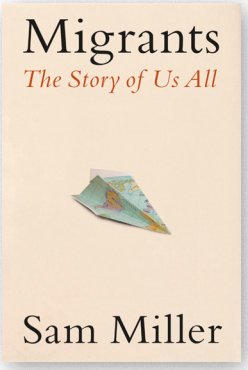
About the author

Jane Smiley is the author of numerous novels, including *A Thousand Acres*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, and the Last Hundred Years trilogy: *Some Luck*, *Early Warning*, and *Golden Age*. She is also the author of several works of non-fiction and books for young adults. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, she has received the PEN Center USA Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature. She lives in Northern California.

Migrants: The Story of Us All

Sam Miller

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408713549 | History



Publicist: Katya Ellis

Humans are the most migratory species of all land mammals.* Migrants *tells the rich and collective stories of humankind's urge to move.

Humans are, in fundamental ways, a migratory species – more so than any other land mammal. Migration is one of the most toxically controversial subjects of our day, but it is not only an issue of our age. Migrants are expected to assimilate and encouraged to remain distinctive: to defend their heritage and adopt a new one. They are sub-human and super-human; romanticised and castigated, admired and abhorred. *Migrants* tells us that this is not a new narrative; this is the history of migration, which is part of everybody's backstory.

For most of our existence as a species, we were all nomads, and some of us still are. Houses and permanent settlements are a relatively late development – dating back little more than ten thousand years. Borders and passports are more recent still. *Migrants* shows us that it is only by understanding how migration and migrants have been viewed in the past, that we can re-set the terms of the modern-day debate about migration.

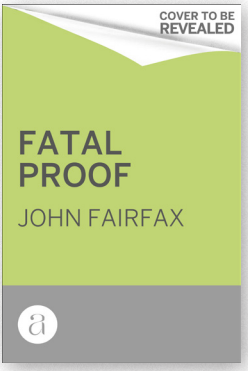
About the author

Sam Miller was born and brought up in London, but has spent much of his adult life in India. He is a former BBC journalist and is the author of *Delhi: Adventures in a Megacity, Blue Guide: India* and *A Strange Kind of Paradise: India Through Foreign Eyes*. He is also the translator of *The Marvellous (But Authentic) Adventures of Captain Corcoran* by Alfred Assollant.

Fatal Proof

John Fairfax

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408711613 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c 1945)



Publicist: Grace Vincent

A brilliant puzzle of a read, perfect for fans of Janice Hallett and Richard Osman.

William Benson knows what it's like to be accused of something you didn't do – the fear, the vulnerability and the nightmare of watching your life unravel. Now he speaks on behalf of those who have no voice, defending anyone who claims to be innocent. This time, it's Karmen Naylor, estranged daughter of a south London crime boss, fighting a murder charge and desperate to be believed. But Benson becomes trapped in a grudge match between two rival clans, endangering himself and those he loves.

Tess de Vere is by Benson's side but she's keeping something from him. A stranger on the trail of a state-sanctioned death squad operating in Northern Ireland during the Troubles brings a terrible secret into the heart of her own life. And he won't go away. Can Tess and Will find their way through all the secrets and the lies? Should justice always be served – and if so, at what cost?

About the author

William Brodrick was born in Bolton, Lancashire in 1960. When William was aged ten the family moved first to Australia and then Canada. He studied philosophy, theology and law, worked with homeless people in London, and then became a barrister. He is the author of six Father Anselm novels. *The Sixth Lamentation*, was a Richard and Judy Book Club Selection, A *Whispered Name* won the CWA Gold Dagger for 2009 and *The Day of the Lie* received the Granice Crime Fiction Award at the Krakow Book Fair in 2012. *Forced Confessions*, the third book in the Benson and de Vere series, was shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger in 2021. He is married with three children and lives in Normandy, France.

The Private Life of Spies



Alexander McCall Smith

9th February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408718353 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

From Alexander McCall Smith, one of the world's most beloved and bestselling authors, comes a marvellous collection of stories about intrigue and espionage, told in his inimitable style.

During WW2 there was a rumour that German spies were landing by parachute in Britain, dressed as nuns...

Conradin Muller was an unusual spy. He was recruited in Hamburg in June 1943, much against his will, and sent on his first, and only, mission in late September that year. He failed to send a single report back to Germany, and when the war came to an end in May 1945, he fell to his knees and wept with relief. From a highly reluctant German spy who is drawn to an East Anglian nunnery as his only means of escape, to the strange tale of one of the Cambridge spy ring's adventures with a Russian dwarf, these are Alexander McCall Smith's intriguing and typically inventive stories from the world of espionage.

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. www.alexandermccallsmith.co.uk

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Follow the Money: How much does Britain cost?



Paul Johnson

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9781408714010 | Economics

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

How do we reach a 'new economic normal' in a time of global recession? The head of the hugely respected Institute for Fiscal Studies invites us to follow the money and find out.

Government decisions determine the welfare of the poor and the elderly, the state of the health service, the effectiveness of our children's education, and our preparedness for the future – whether that is a pandemic or global warming. As a society, we are a reflection of what the government spends. Johnson looks at what happened following the financial crisis of 2008 – 09 and the austerity years that followed. He examines the way that the government tackled the economy during Covid and he analyses prospects for our future as we grapple with looming recession and the cost of living crisis.

Follow the Money is a forensic examination of what it costs to run the United Kingdom's economy. To follow the money. To provide an explanation of where that money comes from and where it goes to, how that has changed and how it needs to change. We are heading off on a journey to find out how much of our money the government takes and spends to keep the country we recognise as the UK running.

About the author

Paul Johnson has been Director of the IFS since January 2011. He is also currently visiting professor in the Department of Economics at University College London. Paul has worked and published extensively on the economics of public policy. He was awarded a CBE for services to the social sciences and economics in 2018. His career has included spells at HM Treasury, the Department for Education and the FSA. Between 2004 and 2007 he was deputy head of the Government Economic Service. Paul is currently also a member of the committee on climate change and the Banking Standards Board. He was an editor of the *Mirrlees Review* of the UK tax system.

Glowing Still: A woman's life on the road



Sara Wheeler

16th March 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408716731 | Memoir: Travel

Publicist: Grace Vincent

Britain's foremost woman travel writer Sara Wheeler records her life of adventure, from the Antarctic to Zanzibar.

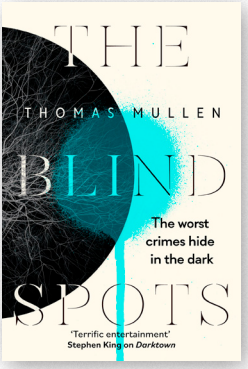
Sara Wheeler is Britain's foremost woman travel writer. *Glowing Still* is the story of her travelling life in a notoriously testosterone-laden field described by the *Observer* as a 'writer of rare talent.'. Growing up among blue-collar Conservatives in Bristol, Wheeler knew she needed to get away. In her twenties she began a dramatic escape: pole to pole, via Poland. *Glowing Still* recalls happy days on India's Puri Express, an Antarctic lavatory through which a seal popped up and the louche life of a Parisian shopgirl.

Launching at Nubility, Wheeler voyages, via small children, to the welcoming port of Invisibility (she leaves Immobility for the next volume). As she writes in the introduction, when she set sail 'Role models were scarce in the travel-writing game.' But advancing years usher in unheralded freedoms, and journey's end finds Wheeler at peace among Zanzibar dhows, contemplating our connection with other lives – the irreplaceable value that travel brings – and paying homage to her heroines, among them Martha Gellhorn, the ineffable war correspondent who furnishes Wheeler's epigraph: 'I do not wish to be good. I wish to be hell on wheels, or dead.'

About the author

Sara Wheeler's books include the international bestseller *Terra Incognita: Travels in Antarctica*, *Chile: Travels in a Thin Country*, *Evia: An Island Apart* and *The Magnetic North: Notes from the Arctic Circle*, which was chosen as Book of the Year by Will Self, Michael Palin, A. N. Wilson, and others. She has published two biographies of travellers: *Cherry: A Life of Apsley Cherry-Garrard*, and *Too Close to the Sun: The Life and Times of Denys Finch Hatton*, and was immensely relieved to write about women at last in *O My America!* She lives in London.

The Blind Spots



Thomas Mullen

4th April 2023 | Hardback | £19.99 | 9781408715048 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

***The groundbreaking new crime novel by multi-award-nominated author Thomas Mullen. For fans of* The Last *by Hanna Jameson,* The Shining Girls *by Lauren Beukes,* The Last Policeman *by Ben Winters and* Minority Report.**

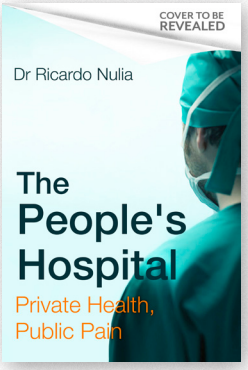
In a world where a global event has blinded every person on the planet, one detective seeks a murderer who should not – cannot – exist. Seven years ago, everyone in the world was blinded in a matter of months. Technology helped people adjust to the new normal, creating a device that approximates vision, downloading visual data directly to people's brains. But what happens when someone finds a way to manipulate it and change what people see?

Homicide detective Mark Owens has been on the force since before The Blinding. When a scientist is murdered, and the only witness insists the killer was blacked out of her vision, Owens doesn't believe her – until a similar murder happens in front of him. With suspects ranging from tech billionaires to anti-modernity cultists, Owens must conduct an investigation that hinges as much on what goes unseen as what happens before his eyes...

About the author

Thomas Mullen is the author of five previous novels, including *Darktown*, an NPR Best Book of 2016, which was shortlisted for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, the Southern Book Prize, the Indies Choice Book Award, and was nominated for or won prizes in France, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The follow-up, *Lightning Men*, was named one of the Top Ten Crime Novels of 2017 by the *New York Times* and was shortlisted for a CWA Dagger Award, while the final book in the triology, *Midnight Atlanta*, was nominated for the CWA Gold Dagger. His debut, *The Last Town on Earth,* set during the 1918 flu pandemic, was named Best Debut Novel of 2006 by USA Today and was awarded the James Fenimore Cooper Prize for excellence in historical fiction. He lives in Atlanta.

The People's Hospital: Private health, public pain



Dr Ricardo Nuila

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408711439 | Autobiography: Science and Medicine

Publicist: Katya Ellis

An angry, political book and a reminder of why Britain must value the NHS. Ricardo Nuila introduces us to Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, and the undocumented and poor people it serves.

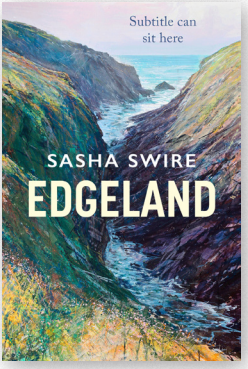
The People's Hospital is the story of how Ben Taub Hospital strives to provide healthcare to Houston's most vulnerable population, against the background of an unforgiving private medical insurance system. Nuila tells the frequently heartbreaking stories of patients who have had to battle their desperate financial circumstances as well as life-threatening disease - from Rogelio, a twenty-something, undocumented immigrant from Mexico recently diagnosed with fatal kidney disease, to Roxana, a Salvadoran woman who appears in ER after a life-saving surgery resulted in her developing gangrene.

These are extraordinary stories, in which doctors are tied up with complex moral questions about money versus healthcare, and patients manipulate their health conditions in dangerous ways in order to be eligible for lifesaving treatment that they cannot afford.

About the author

Ricardo Nuila is an attending physician at Baylor College of Medicine. As a faculty member in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, he co-directs the Program of Narrative Medicine. Nuila also teaches in the Medicine & Society program at the University of Houston Honors College. Nuila's essays on medical ethics and health disparities have appeared in the *New Yorker* and the *Atlantic* websites, the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Virginia Quarterly Review*.

Edgeland



Sasha Swire

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781408717158 | Memoir: Travel

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 in Somerset, she follows the well-trodden path to Land's End in Cornwall, walking it in sections over a decade-long period, returning each year like a migratory bird from the spot she had previously left off from. The result is an immersive, beguiling and literary exploration of one of the most enigmatic 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.

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 learnt to tame the various forces that are stacked up against us – that we live at the edge of the possible.

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.

The Three Graces



Amanda Craig

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408714683 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Susan de Soissons

A fabulous new novel by Amanda Craig, acclaimed author of* The Lie of the Land *and* The Golden Rule*, longlisted for the Women's Prize. 'Such a skilful storyteller,' Bernadine Evaristo.

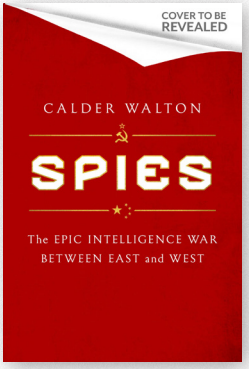
Ruth, Diana and Marta are three very different friends having a last "adventure before dementia" after moving from England to Tuscany. Fierce, clever, bold and unconventional they have survived into their eighties but their happiness is upset by the forthcoming marriage of Ruth's eldest grandchild, Olly, to the ravishing Tania, an Instagram Influencer with several million followers. Xan, over to hear Marta's recital at the Santorno music festival, is more concerned with a young Black man he finds lost in the countryside than his own family. Diana has her own trials with her appalling husband, and a beloved but estranged son. Ruth has meanwhile been charged with creating a perfect setting for the wedding, whilst wondering if it should be proceeding anyway.

Meanwhile, Italy is grappling with migration from North Africa, something that only their neighbour and Enzo seems alarmed by, and the Palazzo Felice above Santorno has been bought by an oligarch, whom Putin wants to kill. How can all these incomers resolve their difficulties in an era that is steadily darkening? Are lies, greed and violence the only solution, or could there be another way? This is a novel about female friendship, courage, old age, crime and art. Enchanting, suspenseful and original, it is literary fiction at its most entertaining.

About the author

Amanda Craig is a British novelist, short-story writer and critic. Her novel *Hearts and Minds* was longlisted for the Bailey's Prize for Women's Fiction, and *The Lie of the Land* was chosen as a book of the year by the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Telegraph*, *New Statesman*, *Evening Standard*, *Sunday Times* and *Irish Times*. Her latest novel, *The Golden Rule* was longlisted for the Women's Prize 2021.

Spies: The epic intelligence war between East and West



Calder Walton

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408714959 | History

Publicist: Katya Ellis

A gripping history of spies – a non-fiction narrative that could be straight from the pages of a John le Carré novel.

This book is the secret history of spies, and intelligence, during the 20th and now 21st centuries. Drawing on a wealth of previously classified intelligence archives, it reveals how Western and Eastern governments used spies, sabotage, subversion, and information warfare to battle each other. Far from being a closed historical chapter, it shows that conflict's ghosts are still alive.

Whether Britain, America, and other Western governments like it or not, in fact they are engaged in a new clandestine struggle with Russia. This is not really a new Cold War, but instead part of a much longer-term conflict between Western powers and Russia - the Long Cold War - in which intelligence services are again at the frontline. As a work of applied history, this book sets out stark warnings for Western countries amid this century's great power competition. It provides grand strategy lessons from the world's first super-power competition for the new one currently underway - what to expect, how it can be won, how to avoid past mistakes, and how to avoid it escalating into a catastrophic hot war.

About the author

Calder Walton is one of the world's leading intelligence historians. He is editor-in-chief of the *Cambridge History of Espionage and Intelligence* which will be a landmark study in the global history of intelligence. Currently the Assistant Director of the Applied History Project at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Calder holds a PhD in History from Trinity College Cambridge, where he wrote his first award-winning book, *Empire of Secrets: British Intelligence*, *Cold War*, and the *Twilight of Empire*. Calder was a principal researcher on Christopher Andrew's history of the British Security Service, *Defence of the Realm*. This research position provided Calder with unique access to British intelligence records.

The Quiet Tenant



Clémence Michallon

13th June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408716861 | Crime & Mystery

Publicists: Niamh Anderson and Grace Vincent

You will be quiet. Through it all, you will be very quiet.

He took you and you have been his for five years. But you have been careful. Waiting for him to mess up. It has to be now.

Taken by a serial killer, she has been kept captive in a shed for five years. No-one has any idea of the terrible secrets the seemingly perfect father, widower, ex-Marine and all-round local nice guy is hiding. Especially his daughter and the quiet, shy owner of the small family restaurant in the local town who has started to fall in love with him...

A literary thriller about male violence and abuse but also about resilience, survival, love and generosity. And a book that you will never forget.

About the author

Clémence Michallon was born in France. She received an MS in Journalism from Columbia University in New York, and started working as a journalist for the *Independent* in 2018. She has interviewed artists from Judd Apatow to Ben Platt and authors such as Rumaan Alam, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Curtis Sittenfeld. Her essays, features, and reporting have covered true-crime, celebrity culture, and literature. She moved to New York City in 2014 and became a US citizen in 2022. She now divides her time between New York and Rhinebeck with her husband and their dog Claudine. *The Quiet Tenant* is her debut thriller and sold in 30 territories world-wide.

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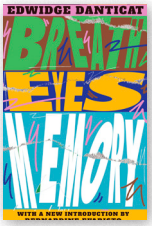
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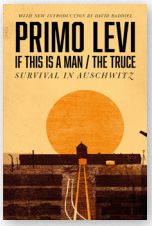
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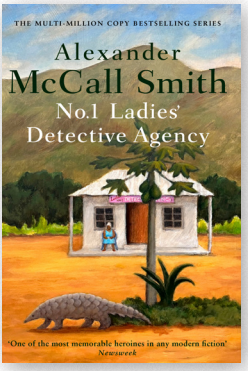
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2023, the 25th anniversary of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series

Alexander McCall Smith

19th January 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349116754

Publicists: Susan de Soissons and Jan Rutherford
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The first book in the beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series reissued to mark the anniversary.

Wayward daughters. Missing Husbands. Philandering partners. Curious conmen. If you've got a problem, and no one else can help you, then pay a visit to Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's only – and finest – female private detective.

Her methods may not be conventional, and her manner not exactly Miss Marple, but she's got warmth, wit, and canny intuition on her side, not to mention Mr J. L. B. Matekoni, the charming proprietor of Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors. And Precious is going to need them all as she sets out on the trail of a missing child, a case that tumbles our heroine into a hotbed of strange situations and more than a little danger...

Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and best-loved authors. He was born in 1948 and brought up in Southern Rhodesia (present-day Zimbabwe), before moving to Scotland at the age of 17 to study at the University of Edinburgh. For many years he was a professor of Medical Law and worked in universities in the UK and Botswana before turning his hand to writing fiction.

But it wasn't until the publication of the highly successful *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series that Alexander became a household name. These novels have contributed towards a more positive world-view of Botswana and encouraged thousands of people to fall in love with this beautiful country.

His various series of books include the popular *44 Scotland Street* novels, first published as a serial novel in the *Scotsman* newspaper and now the longest-running serial novel in the world; the Edinburgh-set Isabel Dalhousie novels, the hilarious von Igelfeld series and the Ulf Varg series of Scandi blanc novels set in Sweden. He also writes stand-alone novels and short stories, best-selling poetry, and children's books.

'Mma Ramotswe has been a treasure for the people of Botswana trying to broaden their footprint in the world... a strong black woman'
Bogola Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry for Botswana

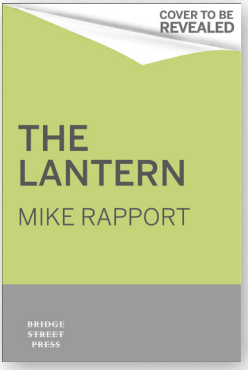
'You have been able to package the good news story that is Botswana and present it to the world'
Bame Moremong, Executive Director of Brand Botswana

Sales of Alexander's books have soared in recent years and now total more than 25 million copies in 47 languages around the world. Stage, screen and radio adaptations have delighted readers of all ages the world over. But more than that, his writing has transformed lives.

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The Lantern: Paris in the Belle Epoque



Mike Rapport

4th May 2023 | Hardback | £25 | 9780349128160 | History

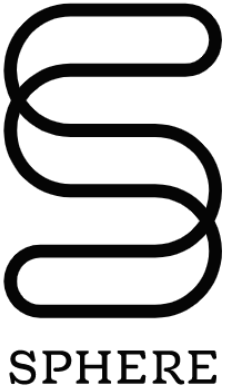
For readers of Graham Robb and Simon Schama, this elegantly written, vivid chronicle of Paris during the Belle Epoque brings to life some of the best-known characters and buildings of the era.

Belle Epoque Paris: Haussmann's airy boulevards, well-trimmed parks and markets. The capital of the 19th century. The glittering, glamorous age that would be lost in the industrialised human butchery of the First World War. When we think of this era, we see it as sunshine in the darkness, a great period of cultural vibrancy. But at the time people spoke more worriedly about 'Fin de Siecle' – the turn of the century announcing a leap into an unknown future, where the forces unleashed during the 19th century might bear poisonous fruit.

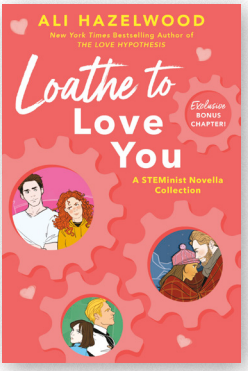
Focusing on the great buildings of the time such as the Eiffel Tower and Sacre Coeur, and on the influential characters that roamed the city streets, from Emile Zola and Suzanne Valadon (Renoir's model) to Marcel Proust and Marguerite Durand, *The Lantern* brings to life the 'modern' city like never before. Impeccably researched and beautifully written, this exceptional work of narrative history is a prize-winner in the marking – a journey through the city of Paris in its heyday that will live with readers long after the last page has been turned.

About the author

Mike Rapport is a Reader in Modern European History at the University of Glasgow and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is the author of several books, including *1848: Year of Revolution*. He lives in Stirling, Scotland.


SPHERE

Loathe to Love You



Ali Hazelwood

3rd January 2023 | Paperback Original | £8.99 | 9781408726778 | Romance

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Three irresistible short stories by Ali Hazelwood the* New York Times *and* Sunday Times *bestselling author of TikTok sensation* The Love Hypothesis*, now available in paperback for the first time with a new, exclusive, bonus chapter.

This collection features three stories you won't want to miss:

In *Under One Roof*, a scientist should never cohabitate with her annoyingly hot nemesis – it leads to combustion.

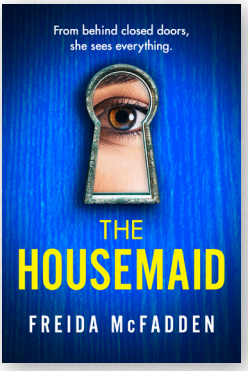
In *Stuck With You*, there is nothing like a little rivalry between scientists to take love to the next level.

In *Below Zero*, it will take the frosty terrain of the Arctic to show these rival scientists that their chemistry burns hot.

About the author

Ali Hazelwood is a multi-published author–alas, of peer-reviewed articles about brain science, in which no one makes out and the ever after is not always happy. Originally from Italy, she lived in Germany and Japan before moving to the US to pursue a PhD in neuroscience. She recently became a professor, which absolutely terrifies her. When Ali is not at work, she can be found running, crocheting, eating cake pops, or watching sci-fi movies with her two feline overlords (and her slightly-less-feline husband).

The Housemaid



Freida McFadden

5th January 2023 | Paperback Original | £7.99 | 9781408728512 | Crime & Mystery

The most gripping thriller of the year,* The Housemaid *is an international digital bestseller about the shockingly dark heart of a seemingly perfect family...

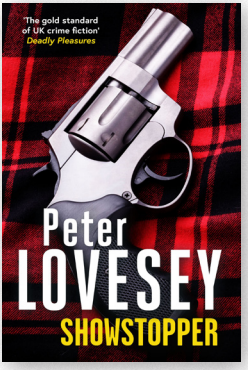
Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband.

I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realise my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late. But, I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of...

About the author

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

Showstopper



Peter Lovesey

12th January 2023 | Hardback | £20.99 | 9781408727560 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Millie Seaward

The twenty-first novel in the highly acclaimed Peter Diamond series sees the much-loved detective investigating a TV production company plagued by 'misfortune'.

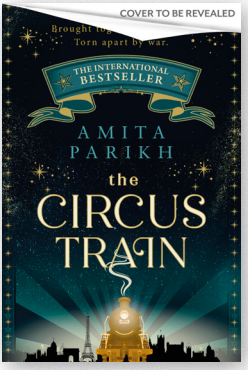
Bath's top detective, Peter Diamond, doesn't believe in jinxes. So when he's asked to investigate a top TV show plagued by a series of misfortunes, Diamond is unmoved. He's no fan of the show – which glorifies criminals and mocks the police – and the incidents were spread across six years. It's clear this is the press making a sensation out of nothing. So Diamond puts the junior member of his squad on the case.

But when young officer Paul Gilbert goes on location with the TV unit and witnesses another near-death incident, Diamond is forced to take an interest. To make matters worse, the press get wind of his involvement and Diamond is under pressure from all quarters. But his troubles have scarcely started. Devastating traps and surprises make this the most baffling case of his entire career.

About the author

Peter Lovesey is the only living author in Britain to have received the two highest honours in crime writing – the Diamond Dagger of the Crime Writers Association and Grand Master of the Mystery Writers of America. He started with the Sergeant Cribb series set in Victorian London and later progressed to modern times with the award-winning Peter Diamond books set in Bath, his home for almost twenty years. Now living in Shrewsbury with his wife Jax, whom he met at Reading University, he continues to reach and entertain new readers across the world.

The Circus Train



Amita Parkih

12th January 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349994130 | Historical Romance

Publicist: Millie Seaward

An electrifying, magical debut novel about a young girl whose life with a travelling circus is upended as Europe is ravaged by the Second World War.

Europe, 1938. Even as the daughter of the extraordinary headlining illusionist, Lena Papadopoulos has never quite found her place within the World of Wonders – a travelling circus that traverses the continent in a luxury steam engine. Brilliant and curious, Lena yearns for the real-world magic of science and medicine, despite the limitations she feels in her wheelchair. But when a young French orphan, Alexandre, comes aboard the circus train, Lena's life is infused with magic and wonder for the first time.

But outside the bright lights of the circus, darkness is descending on Europe. War is about to shatter Lena's world, and take away everything she holds dear. And to recover what she has lost, Lena will have to believe in the impossible.

About the author

Amita Parikh received an honours BSc from the University of Toronto before moving to London, England, where she completed the Curtis Brown creative writing course and the Royal Court Theatre's writers' program. She works in the tech industry and produces and hosts a podcast dedicated to women in sports. *The Circus Train* is her first novel.

The Second Stranger



Martin Griffin

19th January 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408725221 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

A pulse-racing locked-room thriller set in the remote Scottish Highlands, where icy temperatures and a terrible blizzard prevent any escape, from a brilliant new name in crime fiction.

One detective. One murderer. But which is which?

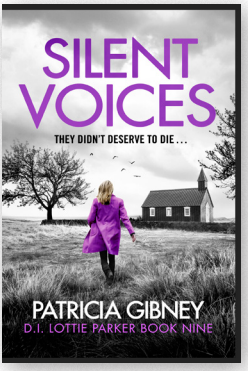
Remie Yorke has one shift left at the Mackinnon Hotel in the remote Scottish Highlands before she leaves for good. Then Storm Ezra hits. As temperatures plummet and phone lines go down, an injured man stumbles inside. PC Don Gaines was in a terrible accident on the mountain road. The only other survivor: the prisoner his team was transporting.

When a second stranger arrives, Remie reluctantly lets him in from the blizzard. He, too, is hurt. He claims to be a police officer. His name is *also* Don Gaines. Someone is lying and, with no means of escape, Remie must work out who. If the cold doesn't kill her, one of these men will get there first...

About the author

Martin Griffin is an exciting new voice in the crime genre. Before turning his hand to writing, he was a deputy headteacher and a doomed singer who was once asked to support *The Fall* on tour, a gig he had to decline having only composed two good songs. Martin lives in Manchester with his wife and daughter.

Silent Voices



Patricia Gibney

2nd February 2023 | Trade Paperback Original | 9781408728529 | Crime & Mystery

The gripping new instalment in the internationally bestselling and beloved Lottie Parker series.

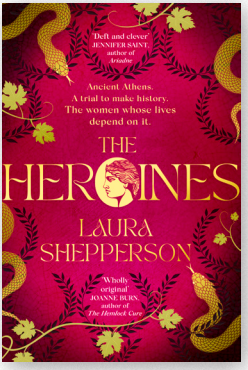
When Rachel Mullen is found dead by her only sister Beth, Detective Lottie Parker knows that she has been murdered. Lottie's heart aches for Beth, whose last memory of her sister will forever be the brutal way she was taken. And when Lottie finds a shard of glass placed in the young girl's throat, she fears that Rachel may be just the first victim. The night before, Rachel had attended a party at a luxurious new restaurant, and Lottie wastes no time in tracking down the other guests. But there are several things troubling her: Rachel's handbag and keys are nowhere to be found, and no one at the party seems to have seen her leave.

Just as Lottie thinks she's onto something, her worst fears are confirmed: another woman is found murdered... with glass in her throat. The brilliant, young doctor wasn't a guest at the party and Lottie is forced to question everything. Desperate to find proof of what really happened that night, Lottie gets close to the hostess of the party, whose two daughters were friends with Rachel. But Lottie's hunt for the truth must be getting under the killer's skin, because then her beloved fiancé, Boyd, goes missing. 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 DI Lottie Parker series. She always yearned to be a writer but between her full-time work and raising a family she could never find the time or commitment to fulfil that ambition. However, tragedy was to intervene which caused a major shift in her life. In 2009, after her husband died following a short illness, Patricia had to retire from her job and found that writing helped her cope through her grief. She then started to write seriously. 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.

The Heroines



Laura Shepperson

9th February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408725429 | Historical Fiction

Publicists: Stephanie Melrose and Natasha Gill

Anatomy of a Scandal ***meets*** **Ariadne** ***in this thrilling, evocatively told debut novel, reframing the trial of Phaedra, one of classical literature's most controversial figures, for the modern reader.***

In Athens, crowds flock to witness the most shocking trial of the ancient world. The royal family is mired in scandal. Phaedra, young bride of King Theseus, has accused her stepson, Hippolytus, of rape.

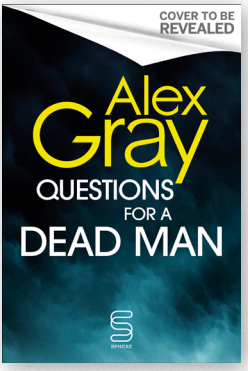
He's a talented prince, a devoted follow of Artemis, a promising young man with his whole life ahead of him. She's a young and neglected wife, the youngest in a long line of Cretan women with less than savoury reputations. The men of Athens must determine the truth. Who is guilty, and who is innocent?

But the women know truth is a slippery thing. After all, this is the age of heroes and the age of monsters. There are two sides to every story, and theirs has gone unheard. Until now.

About the author

Laura Shepperson has been fascinated by myths and myth retellings since studying Classical Studies at university. In 2017 she was shortlisted for the Lucy Cavendish Prize for Fiction. Laura holds a Master of Studies in Creative Writing from the University of Cambridge. Laura lives outside London with her husband and two children.

Questions for a Dead Man



Alex Gray

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780751583304 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Millie Seaward

DSI William Lorimer returns in a hair-raising new instalment of the bestselling, million-copy series.

How do you solve a murder, when all you have are questions?

When a prominent MSP goes missing, DSI William Lorimer wastes no time in investigating. Robert Truesdale was fronting the controversial campaign to legalise drugs in Scotland, and his enemies were numerous. With every passing day, the chances of finding him alive grow slimmer.

Then the worst happens. A car bomb explodes in a nearby village, and the blackened body pulled from the wreckage appears to be Truesdale's. Yet there are details that don't add up and soon Lorimer is questioning whether the victim was all he claimed to be. Lorimer calls on the assistance of his friend, PC Daniel Kohi, who has infiltrated a local gang as part of a police initiative to crack down on drug-related crime in Glasgow. As their investigation draws them into the dark heart of Glasgow's criminal underworld, Lorimer and Kohi discover that danger is everywhere and nobody is as they seem.

About the author

Alex Gray is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the Detective William Lorimer series. Born and raised in Glasgow, she has been awarded the Scottish Association of Writers' Constable and Pitlochry trophies for her crime writing and is the co-founder of the international Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival.

The Best Is Yet to Come



Debbie Macomber

2nd March 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9780751580921 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The heart-warming and life-affirming new novel from* New York Times *bestselling author Debbie Macomber.

Sometimes the end of the road is just the beginning...

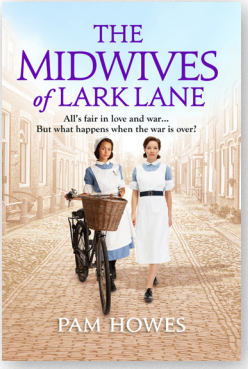
After the devastating loss of her twin brother, Hope Goodwin packs up her things and moves across the country for a fresh start. Arriving in Oceanside, Hope finds solace walking on the beach and teaching history at the local high school. Until she meets John Harrison and everything changes.

John, like Hope's twin brother, is ex-military; after suffering an injury in the line of duty he was discharged and left to deal with his problems alone. Despite their personal struggles, Hope and John grow close, and their friendship blossoms into a love neither could have ever expected. But as they begin to move forward in their new life, secrets from the past resurface and put their relationship to the test. Will the couple find a way through together?

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. Macomber's Cedar Cove books have also been made into an original television series. There are more than 200 million copies of her books in print worldwide. She lives with her husband in Port Orchard, Washington. Their children are grown and she is a proud grandmother.

The Midwives of Lark Lane



Pam Howes

2nd March 2023 | Paperback Original | £8.99 | 9781408728642 | Sagas

The Midwives of Lark Lane ***is a heart-wrenching family saga about how friendships can help you through the worst of times, and the power of hope.***

After the heartbreak of World War Two, newlywed midwife Cathy hoped Liverpool life would offer some joy. But a terrible miscarriage and the escape of her abusive stepfather Jack from prison make happiness hard to find. Meanwhile, Cathy's beloved granny is ailing. Whilst at the hospital, Cathy sees her midwifery friends, who are planning to open a home for unmarried mothers. After losing a baby of her own Cathy would love to help, but for now she must take care of her grandmother.

As her granny's health worsens, she writes Cathy a letter. The day her grandmother dies, Cathy goes home and opens the envelope: 'Thank you for giving me a reason to live. Everything I have in the world is yours now, my darling.' Cathy is devastated but determined to honour her granny's memory, hoping the maternity home can be her legacy. Just as Cathy and her friends are about to open their doors to the first expectant mothers, Jack is spotted in Liverpool. It's only a matter of time until her cruel stepfather catches up with her. Can Cathy keep herself and her grandmother's legacy safe, and see Jack sent away for good at last?

About the author

Pam Howes was born in Cheshire. She is an ex interior designer who began writing seriously in the mid nineties. Her first series, set in the fictional town of Pickford in the 1960s, included *Three Steps to Heaven*; *'Til I Kissed You*; *Always On My Mind*; *Not Fade Away* and *That'll Be The Day*. Pam then wrote a stand-alone true-life romance, *Fast Movin' Train*, set in the nineties. Her first series for Bookouture was The Mersey Trilogy and she followed this up with the bestselling Lark Lane series, set after World War Two. Pam is mum to three adult daughters, grandma to seven assorted grandchildren and roadie to one musician partner.

Murder at Home



David Wilson

23rd March 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780751584950 | True Crime

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

A new book from the UK's leading criminologist David Wilson uncovering the dangers that exist in our own homes and how murder rarely comes from nowhere.

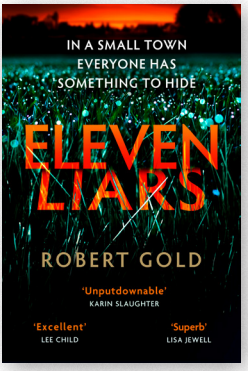
A new title from the author of *My Life with Murderers* and *A Plot to Kill*, exploring the tragic prevalence of domestic murder by walking the reader through each room of the house, and discussing how, for so many victims, their own home is the place they are most in danger.

David Wilson is the UK's leading criminologist and his knowledge of murder is unparalleled. In this book he takes a step back to look at the tragic, ordinary nature of murder – in the hope that we can do more to help victims in spotting the signs of risk sooner. By tracking through the rooms we live in David uncovers the everyday impact of violence and how it can touch us all.

About the author

David Wilson is Emeritus Professor of Criminology and the founding Director of the Centre for Applied Criminology at Birmingham City University. Prior to taking up an academic appointment in 1997, David was a prison governor working at a variety of establishments in a number of different roles. Professor Wilson appears in the print and broadcast media as a commentator and presenter. His publishing includes *Hunting Evil*, *A History of British Serial Killing*, *Signs of Murder*, and his professional memoir, *My Life with Murderers*, which was shortlisted for the Saltire Prize for Non-Fiction.

Eleven Liars



Robert Gold

30th March | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780751582789 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Millie Seaward

Following on from one of 2022's biggest crime thriller debuts, this novel returns to Ben Harper as he exposes a web of lies in Haddley after a body is discovered in a burnt-out community centre.

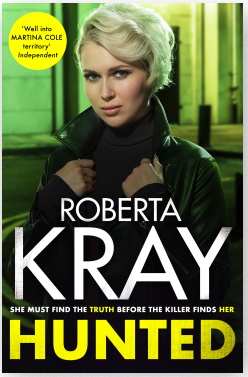
Journalist Ben Harper is on his way home when he sees the flames in the churchyard. The derelict community centre is on fire. And a boy is trapped inside. With Ben's help the boy escapes, only to flee the scene before he can be identified. Now the small town of Haddley is abuzz with rumours. Was this an accident, or arson?

Then a skeleton is found in the burnt-out foundations. And when the identity of the victim is revealed, Ben is confronted with a crime that is terrifyingly close to home. As he uncovers a web of deceit and destruction that goes back decades, Ben quickly learns that in this small town, everybody is guilty of something. And that even in the most unexpected of places, evil lurks...

About the author

Originally from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, Robert Gold began his career as an intern at the American broadcaster CNN, based in Washington DC. He returned to Yorkshire to work for the retailer ASDA, becoming the chain's nationwide book buyer. He now works in sales for a UK publishing company. Robert lives in Putney and his new hometown served as the inspiration for the fictional town of Haddley in *Twelve Secrets*. In 2016, he co-authored three titles in James Patterson's Bookshots series.

Hunted



Roberta Kray

30th March 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9780751559880 | Crime & mystery

Publicist: Natasha Gill

The brand new gangland crime novel from bestseller Roberta Kray. No one knows crime like Kray.

Stealing from the rich is what Cara Kendall does for a living. She's twenty-four, bold and fearless, convinced that she'll never get caught. But everyone's luck runs out eventually. When she breaks into a house in Hampstead, she gets more than she bargained for - a body in the study and the law on the doorstep.

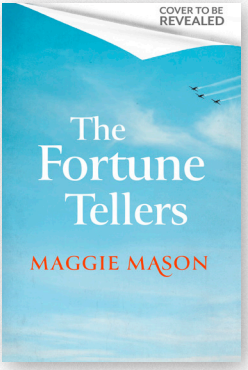
As rumours start to circulate about her part in the killing, she finds herself under increasing pressure to give up what she hasn't got and tell a truth she doesn't know. With danger growing by the day, and a killer still on the loose, Cara can't afford to lose any time. She has to find the answers before her enemies catch up with her. .

Full of the same danger and grit as its London setting, this is bestselling author Roberta Kray at the top of her game. Get ready for a KILLER read . . .

About the author

Through her marriage to Reggie Kray, Roberta Kray has a unique and authentic insight into London's East End. Roberta met Reggie in early 1996 and they married the following year; they were together until Reggie's death in 2000. Roberta is the author of many previous bestsellers including *No Mercy*, *Exposed*, *Survivor* and *Stolen*.

The Fortune Tellers



Maggie Mason

6th April | Paperback Original | £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.**

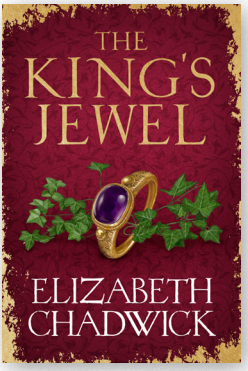
Blackpool, 1918. Martha is seventeen and alone in the world. Of Irish decent, her flashing green eyes see into your soul. Foretelling the future is a gift passed down by her late grandmother and is how she earns her living on Blackpool Promenade. Though she spends hours in a little tent, waiting and hoping for a customer.

Tricia 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.

The King's Jewel



Elizabeth Chadwick

13th April 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780751577600 | Historical Fiction

Publicist: Millie Seaward

Let prize-winning, bestselling novelist Elizabeth Chadwick transport you to 1093, to Wales. There you will meet Nesta, a woman trying to survive in a man's world – a world where the men who would protect her are dead and banished.

Wales, 1093. The warm, comfortable family life of young Nesta, daughter of Prince Rhys of Deheubarth is destroyed when her father is killed and she is taken hostage. Her honour is further tarnished when she is taken as an unwilling concubine by King William's ruthless younger brother Henry, who later ascends the throne under suspicious circumstances.

Gerald FitzWalter, an ambitious young knight is rewarded for his unwavering loyalty to his new king with Nesta's hand in marriage. He is delighted, having always admired her from afar, but Nesta's only comfort is her return to her beloved Wales where she cannot help but be tempted by the handsome, charismatic and dangerous son of the Welsh prince, Owain. When he offers her the chance to join him in his plan to overthrow Norman rule she must choose between her duty and her desire...

About the author

Much of Elizabeth Chadwick's research is carried out as a member of Regia Anglorum, an early mediaeval re-enactment society with emphasis on accurately re-creating the past. She also tutors in the skill of writing historical and romantic fiction. She won a Betty Trask Award for *The Wild Hunt* and has been shortlisted for the RNA Awards five times.

One Italian Summer



Catherine Mangan

27th April 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780751579895 | Adult and Contemporary Romance

Publicist: Natasha Gill

Escape to the Italian coast with the perfect summer romance! A holiday read you can't help but fall in love with, perfect for fans of Karen Swan and Rosanna Ley.

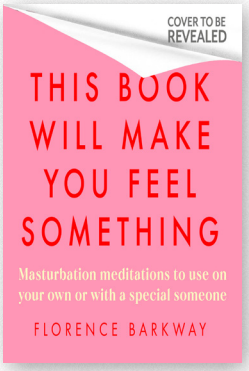
When Lily's long-term relationship ends, she flees her life in New York to travel to her best friend's wedding on the sun-drenched Italian island of Ischia. Ten days with nothing but sparkling seas, breath-taking beaches and delicious food sounds like the perfect cure for a broken heart. And Lily can hardly believe she'd never heard of Ischia before now. But Lily's blissful break is short-lived as she discovers not only has she lost her boyfriend, she's also lost her job.

As Lily searches for inspiration, she connects with local Matt, who shows her the magic the beautiful Italian island has to offer, and quickly inspiration strikes: Ischia needs more tourists and Lily knows just how to help. As Ischia slowly heals Lily's heart, will she in turn inject new life into the island? And will Matt offer the possibility of a future she'd never dreamed of?

About the author

Catherine Mangan grew up in Ireland before embarking on her own Italian escape. She studied languages at University College Cork before moving to Italy (briefly) with friends, which was the start of a life-long love affair with the country. She now divides her time between Ireland and Silicon Valley. Under another name, Catherine is an award-winning Irish entrepreneur and creator of a language-learning app, which has users in 175 countries.

This Book Will Make You Feel Something



Florence Barkway

4th May 2023 | Flexiback | £12.99 | 9781408728406 | Social Issues and Feminism

Publicist: Niamh Anderson

A book of twenty-five bitesize sexual fantasies that are unashamedly trying to turn women on – to be read or listened to alone or with a partner.

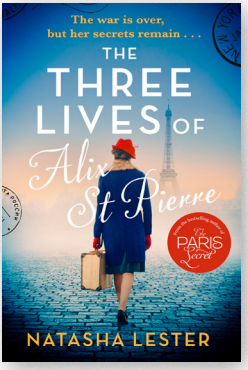
Despite almost all women doing it, just over half of women are uncomfortable confessing to it. Yet masturbation is not only a great way to get to know what you like – which can improve your sex-life – it's proven to release serotonin, dopamine and oxytocin (all the good things) in your brain and it can also improve the way you feel about your body.

With twenty-five short stories covering a whole range of sexual fantasies including a happy ending massage, a threesome in a stuck lift and a forbidden professional relationship – plus tips between each story to help you broaden your masturbation techniques – this book gives you the tools to not just feel something, but to feel everything. Use it this Masturbation May for some much-needed 'me' time or to spice up your sex-life with a special someone – and let's pop that female masturbation taboo once and for all.

About the author

Florence Barkway is a sex commentator on the Come Curious podcast *F**ks Given*, which has 216k subscribers on YouTube and 64k followers on Instagram. She has a further 22k followers on her own Instagram account where she talks about sex, intimacy and relationships.

The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre



Natasha Lester

11th May 2023 | Paperback Original | £7.99 | 9780751582284 | Historical Fiction

Publicist: Natasha Gill

A breath-taking historical women's fiction novel, full of intrigue, mystery and dangerous secrets, set against the vivid backdrop of Paris.

A hidden identity. A dangerous lie. A secret waiting to be told...

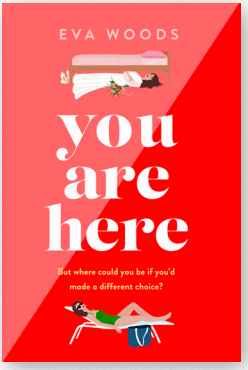
1943. War is raging, and after developing a successful propaganda campaign to recruit women into the workforce, Alix finds herself enlisted as a spy in America's fledgling intelligence organization, the Office of Strategic Services. Managing to make it through Vichy France before the Nazis close all borders, Alix is tasked with getting close to a Nazi who might be willing to help the Americans – but there's also a chance he's a double-agent. And then something goes terribly wrong.

1946. Determined to escape her dangerous past, Alix moves to Paris to work as a publicist for the yet-to-be-launched fashion house of Christian Dior. But when a figure from her old life reappears and threatens to jeopardize her future, Alix realizes that she'll need to do something drastic to right the wrongs of the past...

About the author

Natasha Lester worked as a marketing executive for L'Oréal, managing the Maybelline brand, before returning to university to study creative writing. She completed a Master's of Creative Arts and in her spare time loves to teach writing, is a sought after public speaker and can often be found playing dress-up with her three children. She lives in Perth.

You Are Here



Eva Woods

11th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780751585339 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Millie Seaward

The new heart-warming novel by Eva Woods, in the tradition of* Sliding Doors *and* In Five Years, *explores what could have been while also reminding us to have a little faith in what's about to happen.

Life doesn't come with a map. Maybe you're going the right way after all.

It is the morning of Ellie Warren's wedding day and she is hiding under her childhood bed. She cannot shake the feeling that she isn't where she's supposed to be – the marriage, that is – but she can't work out how she ended up here, or where exactly she should be.

Ellie knows there wasn't just one decision that led her to this day. Her life is made up of billions of choices but some of them must have changed the course of her life forever. Ellie is sure that if she can just find those moments, work out where she went wrong in the past, then maybe she can make things right in the present. But what if Ellie is exactly where she is meant to be?

What if all the missed opportunities and paths never taken are leading her to happiness?

About the author

Eva Woods grew up in a small Irish village and now lives in London, where she dodges urban foxes and tuts at tourists on escalators. She runs the UK's first writing course for commercial novels and regularly teaches creative writing. Eva also writes thrillers under her real name of Claire McGowan.

The Last Dance



Mark Billingham

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408717127 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Laura Sherlock

The first new series in two decades from multi-award-winning number one* Sunday Times *bestseller Mark Billingham introduces a true one off...

Meet Detective Miller: unique, unconventional, and criminally underestimated...

He's a detective, a dancer, he has no respect whatsoever for authority - and he's the best hope Blackpool has for keeping criminals off the streets. Meet Detective Declan Miller.

A double murder in a seaside hotel sees grieving Miller return to work to solve what appears to be a case of mistaken identity. Just why were two completely unconnected men taken out?

With a distinctly loose relationship with reality and a new partner to deal with, can eccentric, offbeat Miller find answers where more traditional police have found only an impossible puzzle?.

About the author

Mark Billingham has twice won the Theakston's Old Peculier Award for Crime Novel of the Year, and has also won a Sherlock Award for the Best Detective created by a British writer. Each of the novels featuring Detective Inspector Tom Thorne has been a *Sunday Times* bestseller. *Sleepyhead* and *Scaredy Cat* were made into a hit TV series on Sky 1 starring David Morrissey as Thorne, and a series based on the novels *In the Dark* and *Time of Death* were broadcast on BBC1. Mark lives in north London with his wife and two children.

Limelight



Daisy Buchanan

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408725597 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Beth Wright

The irresistible new novel from Daisy Buchanan, the queen of the unconventional love story.

Frankie has a love-hate relationship with the spotlight. She craves attention, but she is ashamed of that craving. And after a lifetime of comparison to her perfect sister Bean, she has never felt more invisible. She only ever feels seen when she uploads risqué photos to her small community of online fans. She creates a new her: confident, sexy, unforgettable, and utterly unrecognisable from the real Frankie.

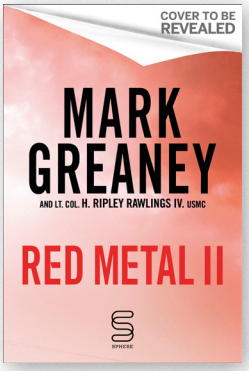
Then the worst happens. Bean is diagnosed with cancer. Their mother somehow launches a nationwide cancer fundraiser, with Frankie as the supportive-sister-spokesmodel. And with a delicious sense of inevitability, her account is found. Now everyone has their eyes on Frankie. With her mum and sister no longer speaking to her, Frankie flounders in her newfound notoriety. Feminists and misogynists rage at her online. Everyone wants Frankie to explain herself. But how can she explain what she barely understands?

Limelight is a story about sisterhood, sexuality, and self-esteem. It's about how we cope with living in a world which constantly tells us who we are. What happens when we stop listening and start paying attention to who we want to be

About the author

Daisy Buchanan is an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster. She has written for every major newspaper and magazine in the UK, from the *Guardian* to *Grazia*. She is a TEDx speaker, and she hosts the chart-topping podcast You're Booked, where she interviews legendary writers from all over the world about how their reading habits shape their work. Her other books include the non-fiction titles *How To Be A Grown Up* and *The Sisterhood*, and the novels *Insatiable: A Love Story For Greedy Girls* and *Careering*.

Red Metal 2



Mark Greaney and Lieutenant Colonel Hunter Ripley Rawlings IV. USMC

9th June 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780751583656 | Crime & Mystery

Second in the terrifying and authentic series from the* New York Times *bestselling author of the Gray Man series and Tom Clancy thrillers, and Lieutenant Colonel Hunter Ripley Rawlings IV.

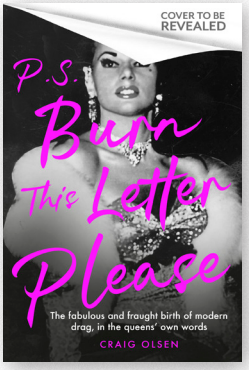
Following the success of their incredible novel *Red Metal*, this sequel is even deeper, more gripping, and more plausible. An unmissable thriller.

About the authors

Mark Greaney has a degree in international relations and political science. In his research for the Gray Man novels, including *Relentless*, *One Minute Out*, *Mission Critical*, *Agent in Place*, *Gunmetal Gray*, *Back Blast*, *Dead Eye, Ballistic*, *On Target*, and *The Gray Man*, he travelled to more than fifteen countries and trained alongside military and law enforcement in the use of firearms, battlefield medicine, and close-range combative tactics. With Marine Lt Col Rip Rawlings, he wrote the *New York Times* bestseller *Red Metal*. He is also the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Tom Clancy Support* and *Defend*, *Tom Clancy Full Force and Effect*, *Tom Clancy Commander in Chief*, and *Tom Clancy True Faith and Allegiance*. With Tom Clancy, he co-authored *Locked On*, *Threat Vector*, and *Command Authority*.

Lt Col Hunter "Rip" Rawlings IV is an active duty Marine and a veteran of combat with over ten tours to Afghanistan (OEF), Iraq (OIF), Saudi Arabia and Northern Africa (OEF) to name a few. Rawlings's service to the Nation spanned more than twenty-two years of active duty. His last assignment was in Quantico Marine Base as the Warfighting Department Head for Marine Corps Command & Staff College. In his spare time, Lt Co Rawlings is an avid scuba diver, hunter, motorcyclist, rock drummer, small-craft sailor and microbrewer of fine beer.

P.S. Burn This Letter Please



Craig Olsen

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780751585940 | Gay and Lesbian Studies

Publicist: Millie Seaward

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. Drags, fags and trans-women were attracted to the Big Apple because they were able to find work as impersonators in a small number of Lower East Side clubs. Decades before Stonewall, they occupied the margins of society, determined to live as they pleased, despite the attentions of the police. Sometimes reduced to stealing to get their costumes, these girls were unstoppable, fearless and fabulous.

When a cache of their letters was discovered, these individuals were given a voice where they had traditionally been silenced. The letters they wrote bear witness to a time when gay community was hard to find. Blending social, political and cultural history with memoir, this book is an unforgettable and deeply moving encounter with a generation of incredible survivors and a necessary account of how modern drag culture was born.

About the author

Craig Olsen is an entrepreneur who has worked across art, podcasting, production and interior design. Craig can be seen on film as well as numerous network and cable television series, most notably in drag. After discovering a cache of personal letters by prominent drag performers in 1950s New York City, 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. He aims to preserve gay history.

The Summer Skies



Jenny Colgan

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408726136 | Romance

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

The brand-new escapist summer novel from* Sunday Times *bestseller Jenny Colgan. Fall in love with a new cast of characters and get swept away in a breath-taking romance you'll want to read again and again...

Born into a family of successful pilots, Morag is used to flying high. But when a tragic accident above the clouds grounds her, could the future she'd always imagined be suddenly out of reach?

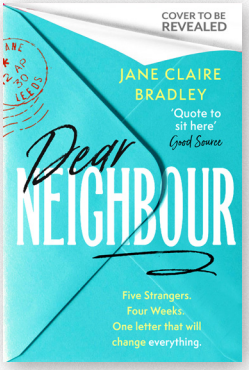
When she receives a call telling her that her beloved grandfather has been taken ill, Morag leaves her fast-paced life in London to return home to the tranquil Scottish Highlands. With her grandfather out of action, Morag has no choice but to take over flying the local route in his rickety old plane, ferrying locals across the beautiful islands of the archipelago. But as the weather takes a dramatic turn, Morag is forced to crash-land on a remote island and suddenly finds herself far from civilisation and all alone.

Then she discovers Gregor, the gruff and reclusive ornithologist taking care of the island for the season. Though the pair don't see eye to eye, Morag is forced to seek shelter at his cabin and it seems the pair are stuck together until help arrives. As she awaits rescue, might Morag discover that a remote Scottish island, cut off from real-life, is exactly the place she needs to be?

About the author

Jenny Colgan is the author of numerous *Sunday Times* bestselling novels and has won various awards for her writing, including the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance, the RNA Romantic Novel of the Year Award and the RNA Romantic Comedy 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. Jenny is married with three children and lives in Scotland.

Dear Neighbour



Jane Claire Bradley

15th June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408725894 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

An uplifting, feel-good story about five disparate individuals who are forced to rally together when their homes are threatened with demolition.

Alice is working hard to provide for her daughter, Mollie. But it's a challenge juggling her job alongside her duties as a single mum in Leeds, a city she barely knows. Her neighbours keep to themselves and as much as she longs for a friend to rely on, she knows that things don't work out that way.

Bill has lived on Leodis Street for eighty years. It's where he was born, began his married life and eventually cared for his wife in her final days. Since Sally's death, Bill's home is a place of solitude, his talisman against an unrecognisable world. When the residents of Leodis Street are threatened with eviction, Alice knows that she needs to make a stand. As she reaches out to her neighbours and learns about their lives, she is surprised to discover that she might already live next door to the friends she has been yearning for.

About the author

Jane Claire Bradley is a an award-winning author and educator. Her first, unpublished, novel received the Northern Debut of the Year Award from New Writing North. She has been featured as a contributing author in *The Modern Craft*, *So Long As You Write: Women on Writing* and *Test Signal*, a ground-breaking anthology of contemporary Northern writing. *Dear Neighbour* is her debut adult novel. Jane is based in Manchester.

Faking It



Beth Reekles

29th June 2023 | Paperback Original | £7.99 | 9780751582871 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post c. 1945)

Publicist: Millie Seward

***The dazzling novel from the author of YA sensation* The Kissing Booth. *A heart-warming and hilarious modern love story, perfect for fans of* The Flatshare *and* Beach Read.**

Lifelong singleton, Sophie, is looking for love. With her friends settling down and her family piling on the pressure, it seems that her anonymous column about relationships is more successful than her actual dating life. But now, with her sister's wedding approaching, she's determined not to turn up alone – and if she can't find her soulmate in time, she'll just have to fake one.

Enter Harry. Charming, attractive and seeking a post-break-up distraction, he answers Sophie's plea on a dating app, promising an all-expenses-paid weekend to anyone crazy enough to go along with her charade. And with the wedding a hit and a calendar full of 'couple' events on the horizon, the pair realise the only way they'll survive the next few months is with each other – and a little white lie. As their love deception deepens and the pair grow closer, Sophie realises their charade may be holding them back from facing the truth. After all, when you're pretending to be in love, how is it possible to find the real thing?

About the author

Beth Reekles is the bestselling author of the sensational YA series *The Kissing Booth*, now a major Netflix hit and one of the streaming services' most watched series. In 2014 Beth was listed in *The Times* at number six on their 'Top 20 under 25' list. You can follow her on Twitter @Reekles.

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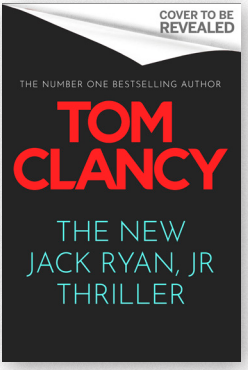
7th March 2023 | Hardback | £22 | 9781408727768 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Kirsteen Astor

The pulse-racing tenth instalment in Tom Clancy's beloved, internationally bestselling Jack Ryan Jr. series.

About the author

Tom Clancy was the world's, favourite international thriller author. Starting with *The Hunt for Red October*, all of his books have hit number one on the *New York Times* Bestseller List. Seven of his novels were made into major motion pictures and *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, is now a hit Amazon TV show. Clancy died in 2013.



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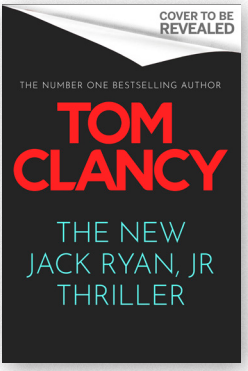
27th June 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9781408727744 | Crime & Mystery

Publicists: Kirsteen Astor and Natasha Gill

The pulse-racing eleventh instalment in Tom Clancy's beloved, internationally bestselling Jack Ryan Jr. Series.

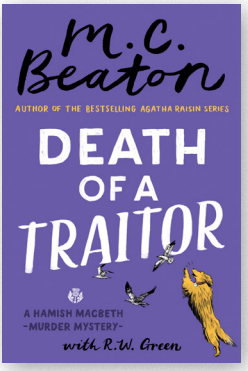
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CONSTABLE

Death of a Traitor



M.C. Beaton

2nd February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781472128928 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

A missing person report is not usually something that Hamish Macbeth sees as cause for undue distress.

Should a child or a vulnerable person vanish, it's an urgent matter that needs to be treated seriously, but in Macbeth's experience, most other people who go missing tend to turn up again before long. So when Kate Hibbert disappears after having last been seen struggling along the road with a heavy suitcase, he is convinced she has gone travelling and reluctantly goes through the motions of investigating.

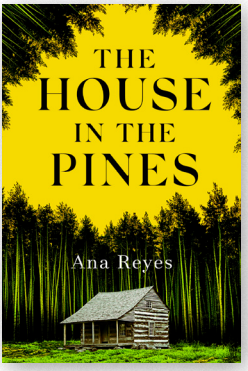
Interviewing those who were closest to her, Macbeth is perplexed by their apparent lack of concern but sees no reason to suspect foul play. When Hibbert does eventually resurface, however, a storm of lies, intrigue and scandal threatens Macbeth's tranquil village of Lochdubh. Torn between loyalty to his local community and his responsibilities as a police officer, he begins threading his way through a maze of deceit, quickly finding himself on the trail of a ruthless, treacherous murderer. If he catches the killer, peace can return to the village. If he fails, he will lose everything – his job, his home and the life he so loves in Lochdubh.

About the author

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

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

The House in the Pines



Ana Reyes

16th February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408717684 | Thriller

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A spine-chilling, superbly atmospheric Gothic thriller about a series of unexplained deaths and a cabin in the New England woods, perfect for fans of Catriona Ward and Francine Toon.

This is the story of a house. The cabin lies deep in the woods, where the trees are so dense it's easy to miss. On the outside it might look like it's crumbling, crawling with weeds, but on the inside it's warm and cosy. A fire crackles in the fireplace. Dinner simmers on the stove.

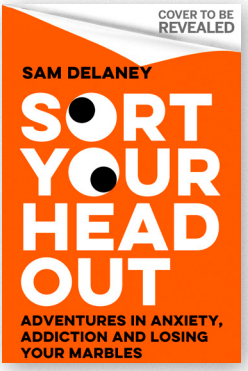
Maya once saw this cabin as an idyllic place, like a cottage from a fairy tale, but now she knows the danger that lurks beneath. The summer she visited the cabin was the summer her best friend Aubrey died.

Now, another woman from Maya's hometown has died in the same strange, unexplained way, and Maya believes only she can save the next innocent girl. Guided by her fractured memory and a mysterious, unfinished book of fairy tales by her late father, Maya returns home to face the house in the pines and the man who waits there – the man she's tried so hard to forget...

About the author

Ana Reyes has an MFA from Louisiana State University. Her work has appeared in *Bodega*, *Pear Noir!*, *The New Delta Review*, and elsewhere. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and teaches creative writing to older adults at Santa Monica College. *The House in the Pines* is her first novel.

Sort Your Head Out: Adventures in anxiety, addiction and losing your marbles



Sam Delaney

9th February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781408717080 | Autobiography: General

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

'Mental health without all the bollocks'

Sort Your Head Out is a book about being a modern man in a suffocating world where the conflicting pressures of career, fatherhood and marriage can conspire to send you batshit crazy. This is not a self-help book. This is a raw, honest and funny account of a man who seemed to have it all but lost his marbles anyway. It is a reflection on recovery and the valuable lessons you learn from messing everything up. It is a message of hope to all the other men out there who might be going through something similar; a reminder to them all that they are not alone.

About the author

Sam is a high-profile journalist and broadcaster whose output uniquely straddles the intelligent (columnist for the *Guardian*, regular on *Front Row*) with the populist (host on t*alkSPORT*, former editor-in-chief of *Heat* magazine). On his podcasts, Sam Delaney talks about feelings and mental health in a way that is honest. *Top Flight Time Machine* started off as a football nostalgia show; it soon became an authentic and hilarious account of the inner struggles of a forty-something-dad which was embraced by listeners across the world, racked up millions of downloads and became a million pound brand encompassing digital content, sell-out live events and a thriving merchandise store. Sam then started *The Reset* – 'a mental health podcast without all the bollocks' – in which he talked to famous friends – from US comedy star Seth Meyers to Alastair Campbell.

It's Not About Whiteness, It's About Wealth: How the Economics of Race Really Work



Remi Adekoya

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408716663 | Development economics & emerging economies

Publicist: Jo Wickham and Henry Lord

An open and insightful investigation into how contemporary racial hierarchies are determined by wealth and economics, and how this is reflected in today's economic hierarchies.

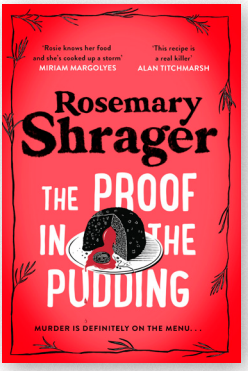
Author of *Biracial Britain*, Remi Adekoya, returns with *It's Not About Whiteness, It's About Wealth* to explore the issues of contemporary racial hierarchies. Race relations are shaped by socioeconomic realities, not by ideologies à la 'white supremacy' as often currently argued. In a capitalist world, the most important power is financial power. Financial power is what enables the acquisition of both hard and soft power, hence the status of a racial group ultimately depends on its collective financial muscle. The existing racial hierarchy that fuels racism is the brutally logical consequence of a global economic hierarchy and must be faced as such to be faced effectively.

Throughout Adekoya's provocative and informative prose he examines this argument while taking into account his own experiences; his upbringing in Nigeria, his Polish heritage and also his experiences living in Britain.

About the author

Polish-Nigerian Dr Remi Adekoya teaches Politics at the University of York, focusing on trying to better understand identity in its emotional, psychological and political manifestations. He is particularly interested in the links between identity, history, psychology and politics in white- majority Western societies and in black Africa. Remi has written for the *Guardian*, *Spectator*, *The Times*, *Washington Post*, *Politico*, and the *Evening Standard*, among others. He has commented on issues of identity and politics for the *BBC*, *Sky News* and *Times Radio*.

The Proof in the Pudding: Prudence Bulstrode 2



Rosemary Shrager

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781472135377 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Beth Wright

Traditional crime in the spirit of Agatha Christie, Rev Richard Coles and M. C. Beaton written by TV celebrity chef Rosemary Shrager.

Preparing a midwinter's feast for all hundred residents of the little Yorkshire village of Scrafton Busk is exactly the kind of challenge Prudence Bulstrode adores. A chance to show off her braised-neck of Moorland mutton, Wensleydale tart – and, of course, her famous figgy pudding – is just the thing to shake off the winter blues.

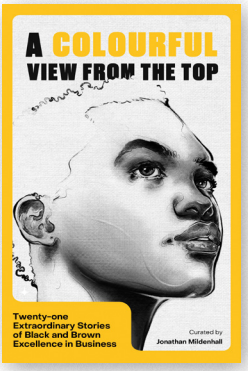
But on the night of the feast, local vagabond Terry Chandler is found dead – his body entombed in the pristine snowman standing pride of place on the village green. Who could have wanted Chandler dead? Why would they stow his body in such strange circumstances? And what is the meaning of his last enigmatic message, directing his brother to Mystery Hills, a place of which no-one has ever heard?

About the author

National treasure Rosemary Shrager endeared herself to the nation when she took part in *I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!* where she proved she could cook just about anything, anywhere. Her most recent tv appearances have been equally well received in Netflix's *Best Leftovers Ever!* and ITV's *Cooking with the Stars*. Rosemary is a talented and versatile chef who loves talking about food almost as much as she loves cooking. Most recently, she has begun her own virtual cookery school. When not teaching and cooking, Rosemary avidly reads and watches crime fiction, so much so that she wondered whether she had it in her to write a book in which crime and cookery collide... and this is the result!

A Colourful View From the Top:

Extraordinary Stories of Black and Brown Excellence in Business



Jonathan Mildenhall

16th March 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9781408715796 | Biography: Business & Industry

Publicist: Clara Diaz

Remarkable voices for a twenty-first century marketplace.

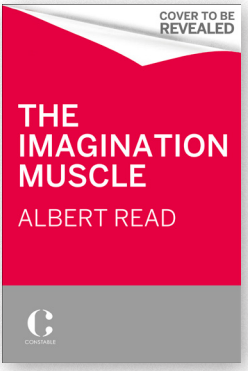
This is a book on a mission. The world urgently needs a more diverse set of commercial and cultural leaders. For too long, narratives in US and UK culture have confined black and brown excellence to sports or entertainment. *A Colourful View From the Top* will break those boundaries by offering a 360 degree view of success from high achievers in business. This is a gathering of twenty important stories which are vital to the twenty-first century marketplace, detailing exactly how they became integral figures in modern media and corporate life.

Read about how their achievements haven't been defined or limited by their race, gender or age; how flexibility is premium currency in a world where a 'job' is a single checkpoint along a wider career narrative that involves twists, turns and side hustles; how corporate success need not preclude social awareness. *A Colourful View From The Top* is a vital, useful and engaging compendium of varied experiences and career paths, candidly and engagingly told by those who lived them.

About the author

Born in the North of England, Jonathan rose from humble beginnings to lead the marketing teams for one of the world's biggest multinational firms, The Coca-Cola Company, and one of the world's most respected 21st Century companies, Airbnb. He is co-founder and chair of TwentyFirstCenturyBrand.

The Imagination Muscle



Albert Read

23rd March 2023 | Hardback | £20.00 | 9780349134789 | Popular Philosophy

The Imagination Muscle *is the story of our greatest gift – the imagination.*

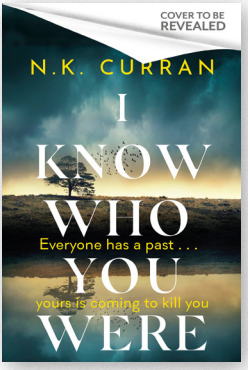
The Imagination Muscle is the story of ideas and their making, from pre-history to the modern age. Expansive in its range of themes – from art, science and business, to music, fashion and gardening – and forensic in its study of the common weave, this book's sweep reveals a resounding optimism about humanity.

It is also an indirect manifesto for a more rigorous approach to building the imaginative function in our lives, through our approach to education and society at what is, with the rise of technology, a critical inflection point in humanity's long march. The imagination is our most vital asset, our currency and our competitive edge.

About the author

Albert Read was born in 1970 and educated at New College, Oxford. Along with a journalistic career writing for the *Spectator*, *Evening Standard* and the *Telegraph*, he was also Literary Editor and Features Editor of the *Express* newspaper. At 29, he left journalism to do an MBA from INSEAD. He then joined *Condé Nast International* where he was instrumental in launching magazines in China and India. In 2018, he was appointed Managing Director of *Condé Nast* in Britain where he currently oversees a number of titles, including *British Vogue*, *GQ*, *Wired*, *Condé Nast Traveller* and the *World of Interiors*.

I Know Who You Were



N.K. Curran

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9781408717240 | Thriller

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

Gripping psychological thriller: everyone has a past, but not everyone has a past which justifies disappearing without telling your husband...

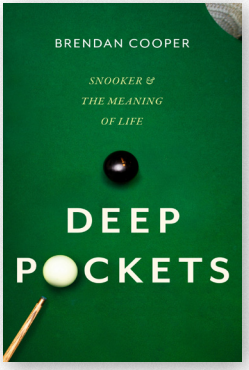
Everyone has a past . . .yours is coming to kill you.

Alex and Morven have been happily married for ten years and have one daughter, Poppy. A very normal life, until one day Morven never reaches her corporate retreat, and her car is found abandoned. Concern mounts, the police are called in.and then Morven's mobile is found with the message 'I know who you were' left on it. And it becomes apparent that Morven's disappearance was planned by Morven herself, to prevent those closest from finding out the real truth about her...

About the author

N. K. Curran won the International Media Association of Tie-In Writers award for his novel, *Shadow of the Jaguar*, and has been nominated for the British Fantasy Award on multiple occasions. Writing as Matt Langley his young adult novel *Black Flag* was a finalist for the People's Book Prize 2015. His novel *Silver* was one of the Top 30 bestselling books of 2011 (*Bookseller*) and he's published a number of original novels with St Martins, Titan and other various international publishers.

Deep Pockets



Brendan Cooper

6th April 2023 | Hardback | £20.00 | 9781408717776 | Biography: Sport

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

Thought-provoking and unique,* Deep Pockets *offers a truly philosophical consideration of the game of snooker.

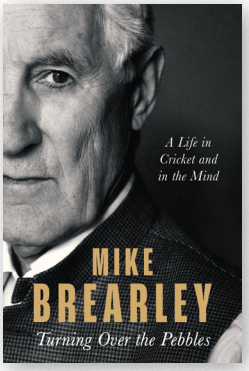
In May 2021, over four million people across Britain watched the World Snooker Championship final. This is higher than the viewing figure for the 2020 UEFA Champions League final. Snooker remains one of Britain's most popular sports. In China, viewing figures can regularly exceed 200 million. Despite these bold statistics, astonishingly, the library of snooker literature is largely yet to be written.

Deep Pockets fills this gap by offering something new: a truly philosophical consideration of snooker. The game boasts a host of conspicuous literary and intellectual figures amongst its followers: Stephen Fry, Martin Amis, Julian Barnes, and Richard Osman, to name just a few. Clive James once called snooker 'chess with balls', and it is a fertile comparison – snooker is a game that celebrates subtlety, slowness, and mystery. Discussing everything from truth, loss, luck and more, *Deep Pockets* illustrates just how much one game of snooker can offer us.

About the author

Born in London's East End, Brendan Cooper received his BA and PhD from the University of Cambridge. He has published widely on British and American literature, including a critical guide to William Blake and a study of Cold War American poetry. He is a teacher.

Turning Over the Pebbles: A Life in Cricket and in the Mind



Mike Brearley

27th April 2023 | Hardback | £22.00 | 9781408715963 | Autobiography: Sport

Publicists: Henry Lord and Jo Wickham

The long-awaited memoir from England's greatest cricket captain, Mike Brearley.

'If you go on like this, you'll do nothing but play cricket all your life.'

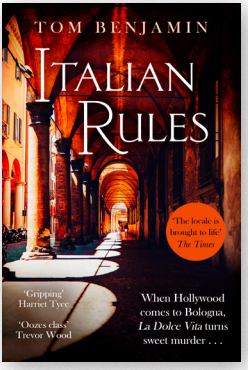
These were the exasperated words of Mike Brearley's mother, as he once again tracked mud into the house after a long day playing outdoors. They were also an unknowing prediction, for Brearley's is a life that has always been closely intertwined with cricket. One of England's finest cricket captains, Mike Brearley looks back on a lifetime of the sport, from joyful childhood games to his captaincy in the 1981 Ashes home series, leading England to one of their most famous victories.

Intelligent and insightful, *Turning Over the Pebbles* is a memoir brimming with Brearley's private passions, as he reflects on an extraordinary life and career.

About the author

Mike Brearley OBE was educated at Cambridge and captained the university cricket team. He first played for England in 1976 and captained the side from 1977 to 1980, winning seventeen test matches and losing only four. He was recalled to the captaincy in 1981 for the Ashes home series, leading England to one of their most famous victories. He is the author of the bestselling *The Art of Captaincy* and has written on cricket and the psychology of sport for the *Observer* and *The Times*.

Italian Rules



Tom Benjamin

4th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781408715512 | Crime & Mystery

The fourth atmospheric crime thriller in the Daniel Leicester series, set in the beautiful Italian city of Bologna. Perfect for fans of Donna Leon, Michael Dibdin* and *Philip Gwynne Jones.

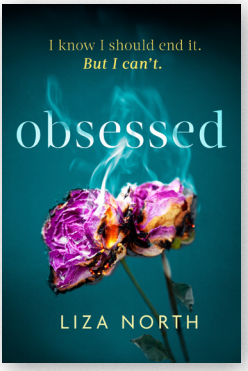
A famous Hollywood director arrives in Bologna to remake a cult film, and the city's renowned cinema archive decides to mark the occasion with a screening of the original, only to discover it has disappeared.

After English detective Daniel Leicester follows the trail of *Love Upon a Razorblade* to an apparent murder-suicide, he begins to suspect there may be more at stake than missing negatives – could the film contain a clue to one of the city's most enduring mysteries? Together with a star from the forthcoming remake, Daniel moves from the glamour of Venice Lido to the depths of Bologna's secret tunnel system as a sinister network closes in and he learns some people are ready to kill for the ultimate director's cut.

About the author

Tom Benjamin grew up in the suburbs of North London and began his working life as a journalist before becoming a spokesman for Scotland Yard. He later moved into public health, where he developed Britain's first national campaign against alcohol abuse, Know Your Limits, and led drugs awareness programme FRANK. He now lives in Bologna.

Obsessed



Liza North

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408716212 | Thriller

***A stunning debut psychological thriller about desire, jealously and the far-reaching consequences of betrayal. Perfect for fans of* Blood Orange *and* Anatomy of a Scandal.**

Laura has a husband, children, a home in a city she loves. She thinks she can be happy, despite her past.

If they only knew my secret.

Until someone walks back into her life who she knows will shatter everything. Alexis was her first love. A love so exhilarating, it is impossible to resist.

I know I should end it. But I can't.

Then Alexis is found dead, and the police are knocking at Laura's door. They're asking her questions and she's telling them lies.

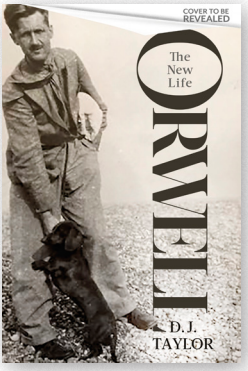
I didn't kill him. I promise.

Someone wants Laura to pay for what she's been running from. Someone with an obsession that they can't let go.

About the author

Liza North is an academic, writer, and former journalist. She has a BA from Oxford University and a PhD in Philosophy from University College London, and has written for the *Financial Times* and the *Guardian*.

Orwell: The New Life



D.J. Taylor

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £30.00 | 9781472132963 | Biography: Literary

From the award-winning writer, D. J. Taylor, comes a newly updated biography of one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century: George Orwell.

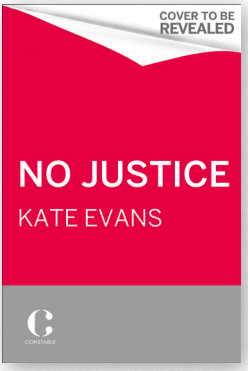
Elegantly written and thoroughly researched, D. J. Taylor illustrates just how impactful Orwell's work has proved itself to be: 'Orwellian' has become one of the key adjectives of the modern age; 'Room 101' and 'Big Brother' are used in everyday language; passages from *Nineteen Eighty-Four* are invoked in court rulings. Orwell, Taylor argues, is not merely a popular writer, but someone who quarried his way down into the heart of the human condition and, by doing so, managed to colonise the mental world both of his own age and the ones that followed.

Covering Orwell's early beginnings through to his tragically early death, *Orwell: The New Life* is filled with moving interludes and fascinating new insights into the man responsible for some of the most important literary works in existence today.

About the author

D. J. Taylor is a writer and critic. His collection of short stories, *After Bathing at Baxter's* was published in 1997 and he is the author of six novels. Several of his books are set in his home city of Norwich. His books of non-fiction include *After the War: The Novel and England Since 1945* and most recently, *Bright Young People: The Rise and Fall of a Generation 1918-1940*. He is also well-known for his biographies: *Thackeray*; and *Orwell: The Life*, published in 2003 to coincide with the centenary of Orwell's birth. This book won the 2003 Whitbread Biography Award.

No Justice



Kate Evans

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £20.99 | 9781472134806 | Crime & Mystery

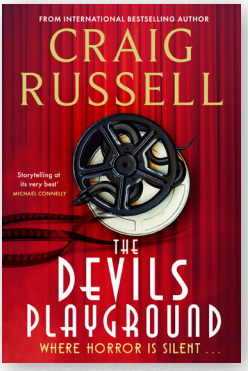
The next in a thrilling new police procedural series set in Scarborough and following DC Donna Morris, middle-aged, seemingly ordinary – but hiding many secrets.

Rape and organised crime sully even the pretty streets of the small Yorkshire town DC Donna Morris is beginning to think of as home. The National Crime Agency inevitably get involved but their methods put more people in danger. Guns – though she used one once in anger and fear – are really not how Donna would prefer to nail the guilty. And there are some people who believe their actions are always justified. Then there are others who will never get justice. Can DC Donna Morris negotiate some kind of resolution while dealing with betrayal in her own life?

About the author

Kate Evans is a writer of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The Donna Morris series is based in Scarborough and along the North Yorkshire coast where she lives and loves to ramble. Trained as a psychotherapeutic counsellor, she is interested in the connection between creativity and mental wellbeing. Kate currently facilitates creative workshops with an emphasis on wellbeing.

The Devil's Playground



Craig Russell

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349135281 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Henry Lord

From international award-winning author Craig Russell comes another dark thriller, for readers of Neil Gaiman, Caleb Carr and Stephen King.

1920s Silent Era Hollywood. Carbine International Pictures is making *The Devil's Playground*, a film about a mediaeval community that saves itself from the Black Death by turning to the demon and Lord of Hell, Beelzebub, for protection. Based on a mysterious screenplay, The Devil's Playground is rumoured to be the subject of a deadly curse.

When the film's glamorous star, Norma Carlton, is found dead in her luxurious Hollywood Hills home, everything points to suicide. Cynical studio fixer Mary Rourke quickly covers up anything that could involve the studio in a scandal. However, when she realizes she has been duped into helping cover up a murder, Rourke finds herself seeking it out. When the production of the movie becomes beset with horrific accidents, and people connected to Norma Carlton are murdered or disappear, Rourke sinks deeper into the darkness behind the glamour of Golden Age Hollywood. She finds herself navigating a world of speakeasies, occultists and crooked officials, and she begins to wonder if *The Devil's Playground* is Hollywood itself.

About the author

Craig Russell's novels have been published in twenty-five languages, four have been made into major films in Germany, in one of which he has a cameo role as a detective. He has won the CWA Dagger in the Library and the McIlvanney Prize, and has previously been shortlisted for the CWA Golden Dagger, the Ellis Peters Historical Dagger, and the SNCF Prix Polar in France. A former police officer, Craig Russell is the only non-German to have been awarded the Polizeistern – the Hamburg Police's Police Star.

The Good Ones



Polly Stewart

15th June 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9781408717219 | Thriller

A page-turning mystery which examines womanhood and female friendship, simmering with secrets and suspense. The perfect read for fans of* Little Fires Everywhere *by Celeste Ng and* The Last Thing He Told Me You *by Laura Dave.

When her mother dies, Nicola Bennett relocates to her hometown to settle her mother's estate. It is the place where the disappearance of her friend, Lauren Ballard, still haunts her sixteen years on.

Driven by a need for closure, Nicola takes a job as a teacher at her old high school and starts her own investigation. Pretty soon she is falling back into relationships with old friends, and back into bad old habits. As she begins to unearth long-buried secrets in the town, Nicola draws closer to discovering what happened to Lauren all those years ago – and what she herself escaped from.

About the author

Polly Stewart grew up in Roanoke, VA and studied fiction at UVA. Writing under her full name Mary Stewart Atwell, she is the author of the novel *Wild Girls*. Her short fiction has appeared in *Best New American Voices*, *Best American Mystery Stories*, and in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, among other journals. She is a Contributing Editor at *Fiction Writers Review*, and teaches creative writing at Virginia Military Institute.

Fearless



M. W. Craven

29th June 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349135601 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Beth Wright

The first in a thrilling new series from the* Sunday Times *bestselling author of* Dead Ground *and* The Botanist*, featuring a brand-new hero, Ben Koenig.

Ben Koenig is nobody's hero...because he doesn't exist. Six years back Ben Koenig headed up the US Marshal's Special Operations Group. They were the unit who hunted the bad guys so no one else had to. Then one day Ben disappeared off the face of the earth. Drifting from town to town, from state to state, never visiting the same place twice, he was untraceable.

But now his face is plastered across every TV in the country and someone from Ben's past is going to extraordinary lengths to find him. They have a job for him, a revenge mission, one Ben won't be able to refuse. Because in the hellish heat of the Chihuahuan desert lies a town called Gauntlet. Some people in Gauntlet have a secret and they'll do anything protect it. And they know Ben is coming. It's easy to dismiss Ben Koenig as just another drifter, but that would be a mistake. Because Ben has a unique disorder that means he is incapable of experiencing fear. And that makes Ben Koenig a different kind of animal...

About the author

Multi-award winning author M. W. Craven joined the army at sixteen, leaving ten years later to complete a social work degree. Seventeen years after taking up a probation officer role in Cumbria, at the rank of assistant chief officer, he became a full-time author. *The Puppet Show*, the first book in his Cumbria-set Washington Poe series, won the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger in 2019. The second and third books were longlisted for the 2020 Gold Dagger. The fourth in the series, *Dead Ground* became an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller and won the 2022 Ian Fleming Steel Dagger. The fifth book, *The Botanist*, also became an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller.

Murder and the Moggies of Magpie Row



Kate High

29th June 2023 | Hardback | £20.99 | 9780349135229 | Crime & Mystery

***A mystery set in the Lincolnshire Wolds, featuring an amateur detective who mixes sleuthing with her other great love: animal rescue. Perfect for fans of Ann Granger, M. C. Beaton and Caroline Graham's* Midsomer Murders.**

When Clarice Beech finds her friend Peter Ramsey dead in his kitchen, she believes he's succumbed to a fatal heart attack. Peter lived in one of the five cottages on Magpie Row in the Lincolnshire Wolds and was an ardent supporter of stray and feral cats. After Phillip Morris, a drunken neighbour, disrupts Peter's funeral, insisting Peter was murdered, Clarice discovers there's no shortage of possible suspects amongst the Magpie Row inhabitants.

Who, behind Magpie Row's idyllic façade, might have had murder in mind? And, after his outburst at Peter's funeral, where is Phillip? Will there be another fatality on Magpie Row – and is Clarice, with her mission to tend to Peter's strays, as well as uncover the truth about her friend's death, putting herself in danger's way?

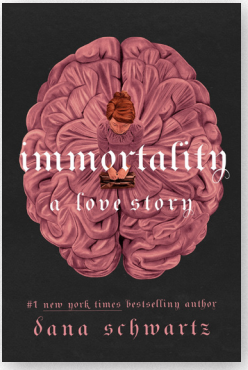
About the author

Kate High is a contemporary artist, working in metals. She has exhibited internationally, with her work having been shown at the V&A, the Design Council, and also selling through outlets such as Liberty's and Chelsea Crafts Fair. Kate is a former voluntary branch administrator for the RSPCA and she co-founded a charity that aims to support older animals, Lincs-Ark. The Clarice Beech series is set in the Lincolnshire Wolds.



PIATKUS

Immortality: A Love Story



Dana Schwartz

28th February 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349433394 | YA Historical Fiction

***The eagerly-anticipated sequel to Dana Schwartz's Reese's Book Club Winter YA Pick and number one* New York Times *bestseller* Anatomy: A Love Story.**

Hazel Sinnett is alone. She's half-convinced the events of the year before – the immortality, Beecham's vial – were a figment of her imagination. She doesn't even know if Jack is alive or dead. All she can really do is run her free clinic, helping people and maintaining Hawthornden Castle as it starts to decay around her. When saving a life leads to her arrest, Hazel seems doomed to rot in prison until a message intervenes: Hazel has been specifically requested to be the personal physician of Princess Charlotte, the sickly daughter of King George IV. Soon Hazel is dragged into the glamour and romance of a court where everyone has something to hide, especially the ladies of the princess's close circle, who never seem to stay hurt for long...

Meanwhile, Jack Currer has been trying to find a way to die. He's been traveling across the Atlantic, hoarding any information that could cure his immortality and let him spend a normal life with Hazel. When he hears that Beecham has died, he immediately goes to London to find out how he achieved it – and reunites with Hazel once again. As their search for the immortality cure entangles them more and more with the British court, Hazel and Jack realize that a life together is not the only thing at stake. Malicious forces are at work in the monarchy, and they are very interested in living forever...

About the author

Dana Schwartz is a television writer and the creator of the number-one charting history podcast *Noble Blood*. As a journalist and critic, Dana has written for *Entertainment Weekly*, *Marie Claire*, *Glamour*, *GQ*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Vanity Fair* and more. Her books include *Choose Your Own Disaster*, *The White Man's Guide to White Male Writers of the Western Canon*, and *Anatomy: A Love Story*.

The Wicked In Me



Suzanne Wright

12th January 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780349434544 | Fantasy romance

Publicist: Beth Wright

A brand new trilogy from worldwide bestselling author Suzanne Wright, author of* The Dark in You. *A seriously spicy fantasy romance perfect for fans of Sarah J Mass, Raven Kennedy and Scarlett Sinclair. Meet Wynter and Cain...

No one really knows what they are. Only that they're the first civilisation. Aeons, they call themselves. They're immortal. Powerful. Secretive. And they'll come for her. Witch Wynter Dellavale knows that for certain. Because in unfairly trying to execute her, they started a chain of events they're struggling to stop. Needing safety, she flees to Devil's Cradle, the home of monsters. A place for the outcasts, the fugitives, the crazies. A place ruled by the Ancients, seven beings who were once banished by the Aeons. Among the Ancients is the infamous Cain, brother of Abel and embodiment of jealousy – who, on another note, wants her in his bed.

There's a heavy price for the safety the Ancients offer, but Wynter will have to pay it. She can't take on the Aeons alone. And she has no intention of dying – been there, done that. Not that she'll be the easy prey the Aeons are expecting. They have no knowledge of the thing that lives inside her. You see, when witches are brought back from the afterlife, they don't always come back the same.

And they don't always come back alone.

About the author

When she's not spending time with her family, Suzanne Wright is writing, reading or doing her version of housework – sweeping the house with a look. She's worked in a pharmaceutical company, at a Disney Store, at a primary school as a voluntary teaching assistant, at the RSCPA and has a First Class Honours degree in Psychology and Identity Studies. Suzanne enjoys reading, writing, reading, writing (sort of eat, sleep, write, repeat), spending time with her family, movie nights with her sisters and playing with her two Bengal kittens.

Serpent's Point



Kate Ellis

2nd March 2023 | Paperback | £7.99 | 9780349425757 | Crime & Mystery

Publicist: Beth Wright

DI Wesley Peterson returns in the enthralling new crime novel set in South Devon by Kate Ellis, the million-copy bestselling author.

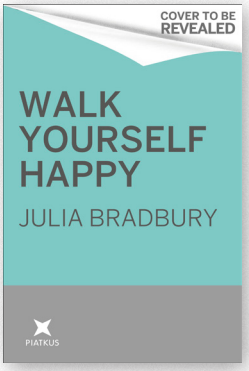
Serpent's Point in South Devon is the focus of local legends. The large house on the headland is shrouded in an ancient tale of evil, and when a woman is found strangled on the coastal path, DI Wesley Peterson is called to investigate. The woman had been house-sitting at Serpent's Point and Wesley is surprised to discover that she was conducting an investigation into unsolved missing person cases. Could these enquires have led to her murder?

While the case takes Wesley to Yorkshire and the Cotswolds, archaeologist Neil Watson is making a dramatic discovery of his own in the fields near the house. When a skeleton is uncovered, the pressure rises to find a killer, and Wesley and Neil realise that Serpent's Point holds more secrets than anyone could have imagined.

About the author

Kate Ellis was born and brought up in Liverpool and studied drama in Manchester. She is the award-winning author of the DI Wesley Peterson detective novels, as well as the Albert Lincoln trilogy and the Joe Plantagenet mysteries. Kate has won the CWA Dagger in the Library Award for her crime writing. She has also twice been shortlisted for the CWA Short Story Dagger and been longlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award.

Walk Yourself Happy



Julia Bradbury

18th May 2023 | Hardback | £20.00 | 9780349436234 | Walking, hiking, trekking

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.

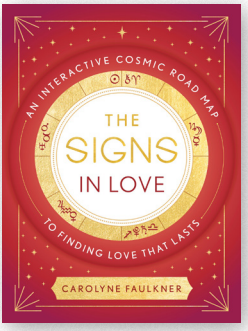
There's a lot of talk about how we all must connect more with nature. But what does that mean? Can something as simple as going for a walk really improve your life? The simple answer is: YES.

Walk Yourself Happy will explain the elemental link between our own health - both physical and mental - and the natural world. We can walk ourselves happy and we can walk ourselves healthy, and we can rekindle the innate bonds, all-but extinguished by modern living, that we have always had to our natural environment. We can start today.

About the author

Julia Bradbury is credited with revamping Sunday night primetime television on BBC One's *Countryfile*, where she was a co-presenter for five years. She has an impressive career, launching three television channels and present 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. She co-founded *The Outdoor Guide*, which is an online space for outdoor inspiration. Her passion is the outdoors and more recently following her cancer diagnosis and surgery, she is dedicating her time supporting the benefits of healthy living and the virtues of nature therapy.

The Signs In Love



Carolyne Faulkner

7th February 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780349432816 | Mind, Body & Spirit and Astrology

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

The follow-up to Carolyne Faulkner's bestseller* The Signs, *this is a powerful book about one of the main subjects on people's minds when they ask astrologers for guidance: love.

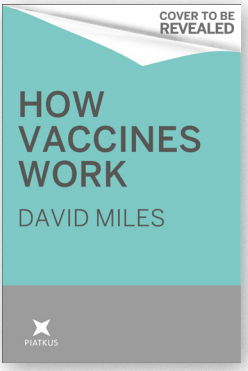
Carolyne Faulkner knows the number one reason her clients seek her out to consult the stars: love. Understanding the cosmos can provide critical insight into our lives, wellbeing and matters of the heart. This unique guide explains how each sign matches up with the others, with the pros and pitfalls of each, and offers interactive journaling prompts to allow each reader to create a wholly personal roadmap to understanding themselves and their unions in romance, family and friendship.

There is no question that certain pairings cause sparks to crackle, while others grow quietly into a relationship that will last forever. Each combination has their challenges, too, but Carolyne reassures readers that the idea of 'incompatibility' is a myth, and if your partner seems to come from another planet, it might just take a little more empathy and hard work to keep the romance alive. Learn what it looks like when a particular match flows well or not so well and how the planets combine to play a role in both of your charts.

About the author

Carolyne Faulkner is rightly billed as 'Britain's coolest astrologer' by *Forbes*, *Grazia* and the *Telegraph*. She created and launched the concept of Dynamic Astrology™ initially for the Soho House Group where she was the first and only resident astrologer after decades of study with spiritual masters from all over the world.

How Vaccines Work: The Science and History Behind Every Question You've Wanted to Ask



David Miles

9th February 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349428901 | Popular Medicine & Health

Publicist: Beth Wright

An illuminating, reassuring guide to vaccination enriched with the latest science.

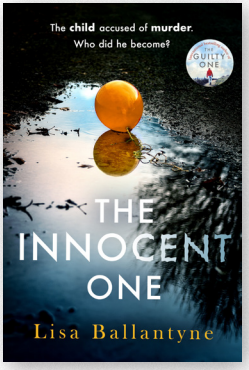
Vaccines are a debate, whether we want them to be or not, and we're living in the age of misinformation, digital noise and social media conspiracies. *How Vaccines Work* demystifies the strange and intricate world of vaccines: it explains what a vaccine is, how they work, how they are developed and what happens when they meet our bodies.

David Miles has worked in immunology – as a scientist and latterly as a communicator – for two decades. Taking his expert understanding of the field and the questions he is asked by ordinary people, *How Vaccines Work* combines a field guide to the vaccines we currently receive with the historical background to their development, along with thrilling storytelling and comprehensive, reassuring debunking of the most common vaccination myths.

About the author

David Miles has two decades of experience as a scientist and educator in the field of infectious disease immunology. He began his scientific career as a zoologist before moving to Gambia to study the infant immune response to vaccines against infectious diseases, and spent ten years leading research projects there, in Malawi and in South Africa. David's research career was ended by a lymphoma, the treatment for which wiped out his immune system. He moved into education as a tutor on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine's distance learning MSc in infectious diseases.

The Innocent One



Lisa Ballantyne

12th January 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349429274 | Thriller

Publicist: Henry Lord

***He was the child accused of murder. Who did he become? A gripping and thought-provoking thriller from the Richard & Judy bestselling author of* The Guilty One.**

Ten years ago, Sebastian Croll was found not guilty of murdering his playmate. Criminal solicitor Daniel Hunter defended the eleven-year-old in a trial that gripped the nation, but the past is unearthed when Daniel gets a call from his old client.

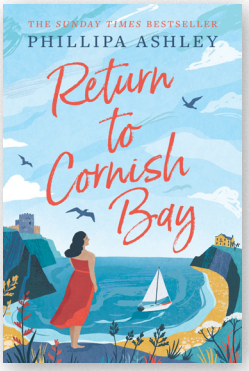
Sebastian's university professor has been brutally murdered and everyone who knew her is in the frame. As Daniel steps in to represent Sebastian for the second time, rumour of his client's identity spreads like wildfire.

The media swarm. Threats begin to arrive. And the question on everyone's lips: could the child once accused of murder really be innocent?

About the author

Lisa Ballantyne is the internationally bestselling author of four novels. Her debut, *The Guilty One*, was a Richard and Judy Book Club bestseller, Edgar-Award nominated and translated into nearly thirty languages. Her second novel, *Good Bad Love* (previously *Redemption Road*), was a USA Today bestseller. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland.

Return to Cornish Bay



Phillipa Ashley

16th February 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780749959838 | Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945)

***A delicious summer read by* The Sunday Times *bestselling author of* Summer at the Cornish Café – *perfect for fans of* Poldark.**

Miranda's taken great care to create a calm and ordered world for herself, and in her job as property manager of a spectacular island castle in Cornwall, she's had the castle running like clockwork. But this summer, its sexy owner returns to claim his birthright – and Miranda's careful life will never be the same again.

Dark, handsome and with a rakish reputation, Jago St Merryn not only looks like a pirate but is intent on flogging the Mount to a soulless leisure corporation. Miranda faces the battle of her life as she tries to persuade him to change his mind. But if she's going to convince him, she'll have to face some secrets from her past that she'd much rather keep hidden away – and she might even have to risk opening up her heart...

This lovely summer story is the perfect escape – take an armchair holiday to the spectacular Cornish countryside alongside a heroine who is determined to keep fighting for her castle of dreams.

About the author

Award-winning British author Phillipa Ashley loves writing lively, sexy, funny romantic fiction. After studying English Language and Literature at Oxford University, she worked as a copywriter and journalist. Phillipa lives in an English village with her husband and daughter.

Not That Kind of Ever After



Luci Adams

16th February 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349431130 | Adult and Contemporary Romance

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

A fun-filled, darkly witty romantic comedy,* Not That Kind of Ever After *shows the pains of modern day dating.

Once upon a time, in a flatshare south of the river, there lived an aspiring author named Bella Marble. Above all things, above her wish to be a writer, above absolutely anything and everything, Bella wants to find love.But one fateful week changes everything...

When her best friend moves in with the most boring ogre in history and her perfectly paired parents tell her their own love story is coming to an end, Bella's illusions of finding 'the one' shatters.

With the help of her very own knight in shining Armani, Bella ditches the fairytale and decides it's time to write herself a brand new kind of happy ending. And while London may be fresh out of Princes, it's got a surplus of frogs - and as Bella learns, kissing frogs can be extremely fun.

About the author

Leaving LAMDA for Leeds and graduating with a first class degree in Maths, Luci spent her early career torn between creativity and logic until she realised it's possible to do both. She has since worked copywriting social posts for Apple Music, and now works as an analyst at the Guardian by day whilst writing tales of heartbreak, adventure and truly terrible dates by night. She lives in St Albans, and when she's not writing, she spends her time exploring the countryside with her little puppy.

When Evil Wakes



Mark Griffin

16th February 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349428994 | Crime & Mystery

Criminal psychologist Holly Wakefield returns in the fourth electrifying thriller by Mark Griffin.

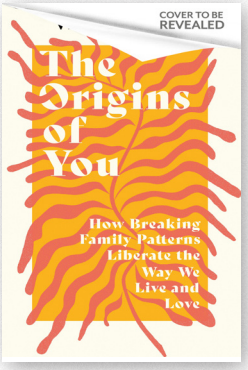
Holly Wakefield was just nine years old when her parents were murdered by notorious serial killer The Animal. The devastating event influenced her career as a criminal psychologist and now she helps the Met Police catch the most dangerous psychopaths.

However, Holly's world is turned upside down when she starts discovering messages at crime scenes from the person she fears above all else. The world believe The Animal is dead, yet Holly knows he is alive and killing again – and he wants her to know. DI Bishop is the only person who trusts Holly's instinct and the pair embark on a covert investigation as further murders are detected across the country. But The Animal has a more twisted game in store for Holly than they could ever have imagined. And it's one he intends to finish properly this time...

About the author

Mark Griffin began his writing career as a teenager, with three successive years of gold medal awards in the Hampshire Writing Festival. In 1996 he moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting and script writing. After returning to England, Mark continued writing and was shortlisted in the top five out of 3500 entrants in a national crime thriller writing competition sponsored by Random House Publishing and the *Daily Mail* for his debut, *When Darkness Calls*. *When Darkness Call*s was longlisted for the CWA New Blood Dagger Award.

The Origins of You: How Breaking Family Patterns Can Liberate The Way We Live And Love



Vienna Pharaon

21st February 2023 I Hardback I £18.99 | 9780349432649 | Psychology, Families and Wellbeing

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

A deeply practical exploration of how our families shape who we are, how we can heal, and how we can have better relationships, by an expert therapist.

'Tell me about your childhood,' the therapist says. It's a cliché, but clichés exist for a reason – those early experiences shaped by our families and guardians lay the foundations of our adult character and behaviour. Without our knowing, the dynamics of our family of origin manifest in how we communicate, what makes us insecure, who we let into our personal worlds, and how we cope with adversity.

None of us had a perfect childhood, and to that end we are all carrying around some number of behaviours that don't serve us – and may in fact be hurting us. But it doesn't have to be that way. In *The Origins of You*, Vienna Pharaon, licensed marriage and family therapist, has unlocked a healing process to help us understand our family of origin, become aware of its manifestations in our adult behaviours, and rewire our programming to improve our relationships and our lives.

About the author

Vienna Pharaon is one of New York City's most sought-after licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and the founder of the MindfulMFT community on Instagram. Vienna received her Master of Science in Marriage & Family Therapy from Northwestern University, and trained extensively at The Family Institute, Bette D. Harris Center.

The Making of You: A guide to finding your identity and bossing motherhood



Binky Felstead

23rd February 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349433790 | Advice on parenting

Publicists: Matthew Crossey and Beth Wright

Part expert, parenting guide and part memoir, this is the inspirational guide to life after children for all new parents, by one of the most trusted and admired voices in parenthood, Binky Felstead.

'Becoming a mother was an amazing experience but also one of the most challenging. Although I loved my newborn baby, I felt like I lost my identity as a woman; I soon found that it was the making of me.'

Binky Felstead rose to fame in *Made in Chelsea*'s first season in 2011, where she was a fan favourite until she left the show in 2017. Since, she has had a baby, been a single parent, found love again, had another baby and built a parenting empire to empower women postpartum. In Binky's first parenting book, she will cover topics such as co-parenting, miscarriage, blended families, building confidence, losing and finding friends post-baby; everything that Binky has personally been through. Interwoven with expert voices in this area, this book will be for a new generation of mothers who love their children, but also want to care for themselves.

About the author

Alexandra 'Binky' Felstead built her reputation by first starring in E4's BAFTA winning hit show *Made in Chelsea* in 2011. After a six-year stint and spin-off E4 show *Educating Binky*, she made her last appearance on *Made in Chelsea* in 2017, shortly after announcing her pregnancy with her daughter, India. Her journey through pregnancy to birth was then documented for E4's subsequent *Born in Chelsea*. She is the co-founder of the parenting website/app Bloss, which boasts over 60,000 subscribers.

Microjoys: The Revolutionary Act of Uncovering Joy When Life is Not OK



Cyndie Spiegel

28th February 2023 | Hardback | £12.99 | 9780349433318 | Psychology: Emotions

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

An uplifting and practical guide to finding moments of joy, even when life is at its hardest.

Microjoys are a revolutionary approach to experiencing insights and joy at any time, in any moment, and are accessible to everyone. They are the understated beauty, subtle treasures, and ordinary delights available to each of us in any moment. When we are experiencing loss, sadness, or the bumps of everyday life, Microjoys are there to serve us.

In a lively collection of short essays and practical takeaways, Cyndie Spiegel shows the reader how to look back on and savour the small moments of joy in life.

About the author

Cyndie Spiegel grew up in poverty, but has since earned a Master's degree and established a dynamic career in public speaking. She's a born storyteller who creates magic in the room – on stages of all sizes, and in front of Fortune 500 executives. She is also the founder of Dear Grown Ass Women, a diverse and relatable social community for women aged 35+, and the author of *A Year of Positive Thinking*.

I'm So Effing Hungry: Why we crave what we crave and what to do about it



Amy Shah

28th February I Trade Paperback I £14.99 I 9780349433295 I Food and Nutrition

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

This book summarises the science behind cravings, debunks mainstream myths about hunger and provides you with actionable, science-based strategies to manage excessive hunger and cravings.

Dr Shah explains how the complex relationship between your gut, your hormones and your lifestyle choices govern hunger levels and cravings. Drawing on the emerging science of psychobiotics – healthy gut bacteria that help improve mood and regulate hunger, weight, and cravings – she's created a 5-step plan to help you make peace with food and your body.

Complete with simple meal plans and more than thirty delicious recipes, and peppered with easy Hunger Hacks and Craving Crushers, *I'm So Effing Hungry* is a complete guide to help you stop decades-old dieting patterns and stop fighting the scale.

About the author

Dr Amy Shah is a medical doctor and nutrition expert with training from Cornell, Columbia and Harvard Universities. Drawing from her background in internal medicine and allergy/immunology, she has dedicated her practice to helping patients feel better and live healthier through her integrative and holistic approach to wellness.

Drama Free: A Guide to Managing Unhealthy Family Relationships



Nedra Glover Tawwab

2nd March 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349432120 | Family & Relationships

Publicists: Clara Diaz and Henry Lord

Expert therapist and Instagram sensation, Nedra Glover Tawwab, on how to manage or leave unhealthy family relationships.

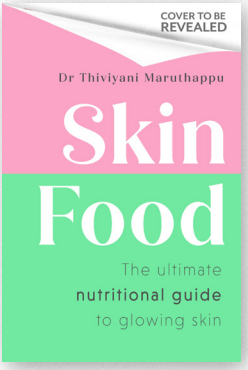
Building on the boundary work that Nedra set forth in her bestselling book, *Set Boundaries, Find Peace*, and drilling deeper into the family dynamics that keep us stuck, *Break Free from Family Drama* is the book for navigating family in the modern age. In simple, relatable terms, Nedra addresses how to better manage dysfunctional family relationships and how to sever ties when those relationships become unmanageable.

Inviting, timely, and rooted in psychological research, this book will help you understand deep- rooted family issues and finally find freedom and peace within relationships.

About the author

Nedra Glover Tawwab has practiced relationship therapy for over a decade and is the founder and owner of the group therapy practice Kaleidoscope Counseling. Her first book, *Set Boundaries, Find Peace* was a *New York Times* bestseller and has been translated into over twenty languages. She has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *Psychology Today*, *Self*, and *Vice*, and has appeared on numerous podcasts. Tawwab runs a popular Instagram account where she shares practices, tools, and reflections for mental health and hosts weekly Q&As about boundaries and relationships.

SkinFood: The ultimate nutritional guide to glowing skin



Dr Thivi Maruthappu

23rd March I Trade Paperback I £14.99 I 9780349432892 I Beauty and Wellbeing

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

A holistic guide to skincare from a consultant dermatologist and nutrition expert that equips readers with the knowledge to understand the powerful relationship between skin and nutrition – and how what you eat can play a huge role in the overall appearance and health of your skin.

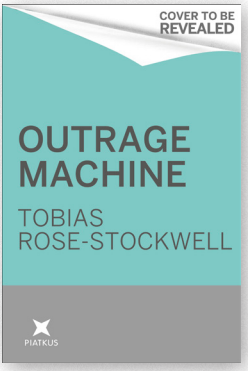
We all want healthy, glowing skin, to age well, and to keep the wrinkles at bay. And often we believe that the answer to all our skin woes can be found in an expensive jar of face cream – but what if the first step to baby soft, visibly clear skin is in fact what's on your plate?

In *SkinFood*, consultant dermatologist and nutrition expert Dr Thivi Maruthappu will draw on her experience of treating patients for over ten years, as well as the latest scientific research, to explain how our diet affects our skin and how understanding the relationship between nutrition and skin will allow you to glow from within. This book will offer no-nonsense, practical advice and tips to help answer your pressing questions on various skin concerns.

About the author

Dr Thivi Maruthappu studied medicine at Oxford University and Imperial College, then completed her dermatology training at several prestigious teaching hospitals in London. She holds a certificate in Nutrition Science from Stanford Medical school and is an advisory consultant on product innovation for world-leading beauty companies such as Procter & Gamble. In addition, Dr Thivi works closely with the Skin Health Alliance on skincare safety and is a spokesperson for the British Skin Foundation.

Outrage Machine



Tobias Rose-Stockwell

4th April 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349427386 | Popular Psychology

Publicists: Henry Lord and Clara Diaz

The science and psychology behind why rational people become righteous, scared and angry on social media, and a powerful toolkit for how to have a better relationship with it.

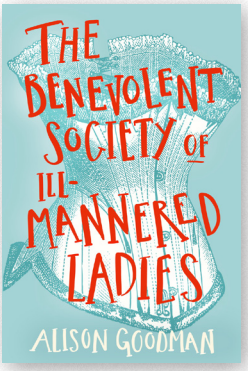
Outrage Machine reveals how to navigate a world that has been thoroughly disrupted by technology; a world of online hate speech, threats and frightening news; a society in which almost all the information we consume is controlled and curated by algorithms designed to capture our emotional attention. This book demystifies the underlying machinery that has come to control us and will help guide readers toward reflection rather than reaction.

Pulling together fifteen years of research and inquiry, Tobias Rose-Stockwell gives readers a language with which to comprehend what is happening to society, and offers new mental models for how to manage our time, our technology, and our attention, as well as big-picture recommendations for the way forward, how to redesign these platforms, and methods for fixing this broken system before it changes us for ever.

About the author

Tobias Rose-Stockwell is a writer, technologist, media researcher, and guest lecturer at Stanford University who explores the effects of social media on society and democracy. His work has been featured in major outlets such as FastCompany, NPR and the BBC. As a media researcher, he has advised some of the largest news organizations in America on digital strategy. He is currently a strategic advisor to Jonathan Haidt's organization, OpenMind, which focuses on depolarizing communities online.

The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies



Alison Goodman

30th May I Paperback I £8.99 | 9780349432830 I Psychology, families and wellbeing

Publicist: Jo Wickham

Exceptionally smart, funny and enjoyable Regency fiction featuring two rebellious 'old maids' (ie two single woman who dare to be wealthy, single, and over forty...)

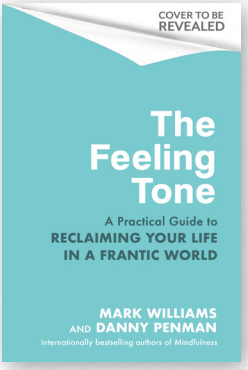
If you binged on *Bridgerton* and fervently wished for rebellious Eloise to be able to avoid the marriage trap and put her sharp mind and insatiable curiosity to greater use, you will love Goodman's Lady Augusta Colebrook – a witty and whip-smart old maid at the heart of Regency London, and her twin sister – alike neither in looks nor in her sweet and gentle personality.

Together they decide to solve Regency society's ills and set off on a mission to rescue discarded wives, find missing orphans and generally thoroughly refuse to be the quiet, needle-pointing matrons that society would prefer . . .

About the author

Alison Goodman is the bestselling Australian author of several novels including the renowned *Eona* and *The Two Pearls of Wisdom*.

The Feeling Tone: Reclaiming Your Life in a Chaotic World



Mark Williams and Danny Penman

6th April 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349433202 | Popular Psychology

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

In this follow-up to bestseller* Mindfulness: Finding Peace in a Frantic World, *Professor Mark Williams and Dr Danny Penman show readers how to use the hidden foundations of mindfulness to flourish in our frantic world.

Like its predecessor, *The Feeling Tone* is an accessible and readable guide to mindfulness structured as an eight-week course and including audio tracks of the easy-to-follow meditations.

Designed to both complement the programme outlined in the first book as well as run in parallel, *The Feeling Tone* shows readers how to go deeper into their practice by focusing on a subtle aspect of mindfulness known as 'feeling tone' or vedana - the moment ahead of the formation of a feeling or emotion - which defines your emotional response. By becoming aware of and learning to engage with the moment a feeling tone is created, you will be able to alter your response and take greater control over your life once again.

About the authors:

Mark Williams is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology at Oxford University. He co-developed mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT) and is the author of *Cry of Pain: Understanding suicide and the suicidal mind*.

Dr Danny Penman is the bestselling co-author of *Mindfulness for Health* with Vidyamala Burch. Danny has hosted mindfulness seminars for directors and senior figures from many leading companies. He is a frequent commentator on mindfulness for the *BBC* and various national newspapers.

One Last Chance



Sarah Jost

13th April 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780349431536 | Modern & Contemporary Fiction (Post. c 1945)

Publicist: Henry Lord

***A sweeping, heart-breaking novel about love and the small decisions we make that can shape the rest of our lives, perfect for fans of* One Day *and* In Five Years.**

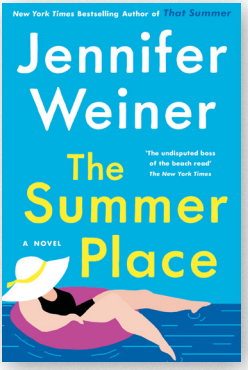
Lou feels like she is stuck on the wrong path. Alone, in a city far from home, watching other people being happy. When the man she's in love with announces his engagement to someone else, Lou is consumed by 'what ifs'. If only she had done things differently, could her life have turned out better?

Then she finds herself slipping back in time to a night two years ago, where one small decision changed everything. Lou has a chance to fix her mistakes – and try to win the life she really wants. But as her choices lead her to places she could never have imagined, Lou begins to realise that sometimes the best love stories have the most unexpected endings.

About the author

Sarah Jost is a Swiss national who has been living in the UK since 2008. She works as a housemistress and French teacher at a girls' school, which she considers an immersive course in character study. She's never been stuck in time, although her own experience of anxiety and her work to support students' mental health have inspired Lou's struggles and Louisms.

The Summer Place



Jennifer Weiner

11th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349434445 | Modern & contemporary fiction (post c1945)

From the number one* New York Times *bestselling author of* That Summer *comes another heartfelt and unputdownable novel of family, secrets, and the ties that bind.

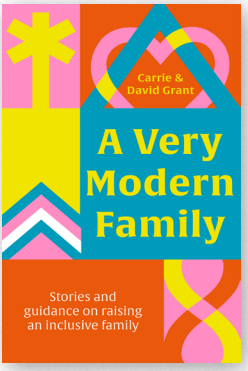
When Veronica Levy bought her dream house on the Outer Cape, she imagined a place where generations of her family would gather for years to come. Now, forty years later, with her children barely speaking to each other, or to her, Veronica has decided, reluctantly, to put the place on the market. She'll invite the family to gather one last time (and insist on their good behavior) at her granddaughter Celia's wedding. She'll spend one last summer by the beach, with her daughter Sarah, her son Sam, and whichever grandchildren can be coaxed into making the trip. Then she'll say goodbye to the house she's loved for forty years.

But three months is a long time. Time enough for an old love to reappear, for secrets to come to light, and for three generations of Levy women to decide what kind of lives they want to live, in the summers they have left.

About the author

Jennifer Weiner is the number one *New York Times* bestselling author of over twenty books, including *Good in Bed*, *The Littlest Bigfoot*, and her memoir *Hungry Heart: Adventures in Life, Love, and Writing*. A graduate of Princeton University and contributor to the *New York Times* Opinion section, Jennifer lives with her family in Philadelphia.

A Very Modern Family: Stories and guidance on raising an inclusive family



Carrie and David Grant

11th May 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349434728 | Family & Relationships

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

How to navigate parenthood in a gender fluid and neurodivergent age, by Carrie and David Grant.

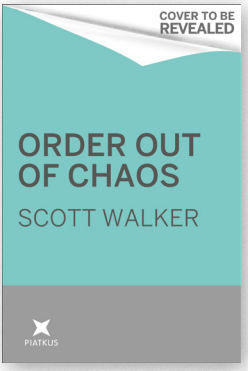
Carrie and David Grant have an extraordinary story to tell: three of their four children are trans or non-binary, they are also gay or queer, all four are neurodivergent, and they are a mixed-race family, too. Carrie and David are passionate about using their own experiences to help others, while providing the reader with a deep dive into real life, frequently encountered situations and pertinent, applicable advice. This book contains life hacks for everyone trying to find a roadmap through the maze of raising children in the modern world.

Their openness and solutions-based approach will provide solace, guidance and inspiration for families everywhere and as familiar voices, they are the perfect people to take readers into unfamiliar territory.

About the author

Carrie and David Grant have been regular fixtures on our television screens for decades. They judged the BAFTA award-winning *Glee Club* and have been part of several BBC primetime entertainment shows. Carrie has written for various books on subjects such as mental health, child psychology and autism. They have both been recognised with MBEs: David for services to music and Carrie for services to music, media and charity. For the past ten years they have run a parent support group.

Order Out of Chaos: How to Become a World Class Communicator and Win Every Negotiation



Scott Walker

25th May 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9780349434988 | Business Negotiation

A new approach to succeeding in negotiations where failure is not an option, from one of the world's most experienced kidnap-for-ransom negotiators.

Scott Walker has probably one of the most difficult jobs in the world. When pirates have hijacked a ship, when a criminal gang has kidnapped someone, when an entire company's future is being held to ransom from a cyber-attack, Scott is the person who gets called in. He has successfully negotiated more than 300 such incidents using the principles in this book.

His methods, centred in empathy, active listening, trust-based influence and emotional control, will help you achieve the outcome you want. Regardless of whether you're an executive in a multi-national organisation, the owner of a small business, or running the family household, you're negotiating every single day. The proven techniques in this book enable you to develop a powerful negotiator's mindset so you can influence and persuade anyone, on anything, at any time. *Order Out of Chaos* provides tools that cut straight to the most effective way of communicating, particularly in times of crisis, change and uncertainty.

About the author

Scott Walker is one of the world's most experienced kidnap for ransom negotiators. He spent sixteen years as a Scotland Yard detective engaged in covert, counter-terrorism and kidnapping operations. In 2015, Scott left the police to support organisations, government departments and private individuals negotiating the release of hostages all over the world. Scott uses his decades of experience to help individuals, teams and organisations develop a unique understanding of what makes people think, feel and act, specifically in times of adversity, conflict and uncertainty.

In Pursuit of Happiness: Mating, Marriage, Motherhood, Money, Mayhem



Stacey Duguid

1st June 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780349435190 | Dating & relationships

Everything I Know About Love *meets* How to Heal a Broken Heart *in this honest, raw book about divorce, dating and the secrets women keep.*

Two years ago, my happily ever after imploded messily, snottily, disastrously, and I'm still clearing up the debris. The dream marriage I'd spent an entire lifetime pursuing shattered, leaving me half a person. After the gut-wrenching grief subsided, I felt angry. Who suggested 'happily ever after' was a given thing?

In amongst the gay boyfriends, recreational drug taking, running away from home, the accidental pregnancies, the alcoholics anonymous period and the time I tried to retrain as a vet, I worked hard. Working hard gave me purpose. That was until one day, aged thirty-four, I couldn't do it anymore. And so, on a badly made life raft barely stable enough to handle shallow waters never mind rough seas, I set sail looking for a mate. Mating, what better place to begin...?

Split into five major headlines – mating, motherhood, marriage, money and mayhem – *In Pursuit of Happiness* will bring you alongside my journey.

About the author

Stacey Duguid is a journalist and presenter. She has a weekly dating column in the *Telegraph* and frequently writes for *The Sunday Times Style*. In 2004, Stacey joined British *ELLE* as Fashion Editor and during this time, she wrote the award-winning column, 'Mademoiselle, Confessions of an ELLE girl'. Featuring on the back cover of *ELLE* for half a decade, the column was a fictionalised version of her life as a single woman living in London. She was the Fashion Editor of British *ELLE* magazine for ten years followed by Fashion Director for Harrods. She was also a founding team member at the now defunct online publication, *The Pool*.

Come Together: The secret to deep, meaningful, elevated sex



Lacey Haynes and Flynn Talbot

15th June 2023 | Trade Paperback | £16.99 | 9780349434520 | Sex & sexuality

Publicist: Matthew Crossey

***Self-help guide and manifesto for better sex, by sex and relationship coaches, Lacey Haynes and Flynn Talbot, hosts of the top-charting podcast,* Lacey and Flynn Have Sex.**

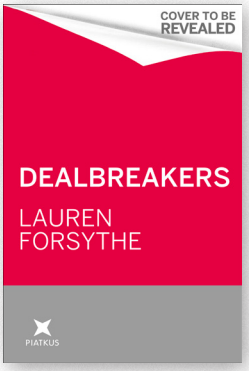
After experiencing the age-old cliché of their sex life drying up in their long-term relationship, Lacey and Flynn decided to do something about it. After years of dedicated effort exploring and understanding their sexual woes, they began having the best sex of their lives, and decided to share their findings with the world.

Come Together is a no-nonsense guide, showing singles and couples who have ever struggled with lacklustre sex or a desire-divide on how to create a thriving sex life for both. Gone are the days of rejection, obligatory sex and dry spells. It's time now for elevated sex that's deep, meaningful and hugely pleasurable for both partners.

About the author

Lacey Haynes and Flynn Talbot are sex and relationship coaches. They have been together for over ten years and live in the English countryside with their two small children. They are the hosts of the top-charting podcast, *Lacey and Flynn Have Sex*, in which they have sex live to show the raw, unfiltered truth of sex in long-term relationships. The show has been heard in 180 countries, had over 400k downloads worldwide and been featured in the *Guardian*, the *Sun*, the *Daily Mail* and on ITV's *This Morning*, among others.

Dealbreakers



Lauren Forsythe

22nd June 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349432090 | Romance

A story about compromise, living in the moment and letting go of that picture-perfect vision future for something real.* Dealbreakers *will make you laugh, sigh and reminisce about every crappy date you ever went on.

Marina Spicer is stuck. Her boyfriend of fifteen years dumped her on her birthday, she's living with her best friend and new husband (who are politely waiting for her to leave.), she's working at a start-up she's not sure she believes in, and she is absolutely tired of wasting her time dating men who seem like a good match but turn out to be anything but.

At thirty-two she hasn't got any more time to waste so she creates an overlay for dating apps, called *Dealbreakers*, where women submit feedback on the men they date so that other women can learn from their experiences.

Enter Lucas Kennedy, an uppity content writer and her newest work rival. Their bosses have put them in direct competition, and only one of them will be able to win the coveted promotion. Thing is, Lucas is not only the most annoying human on the planet, he has the most dealbreakers listed on the app...ever. But as they're forced to spend time together, competing for the promotion that could change both their lives, Marina is left wondering how one man can have that many dealbreakers, and why, even when she hates him, something has her wanting to let him win?

About the author

Lauren Forsythe is a pain in the arse. By day, she's a content marketing manager, finding ways to get writing into people's eagerly waiting eye-holes, and by night...well it's the same thing, but with more wine. Lauren writes books about strong women, men with pretty eyelashes and friends that save your life. When she's not writing, you can find her 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.

NORA ROBERTS

Encore in Death

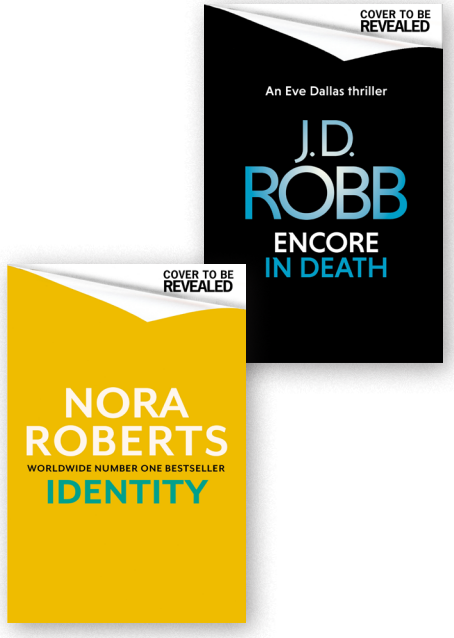
J. D. Robb

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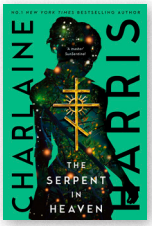
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Back In A Spell

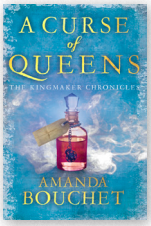
Lana Harper

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A Curse of Queens

Amanda Bouchet

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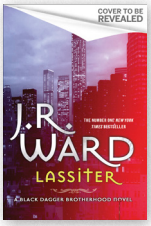
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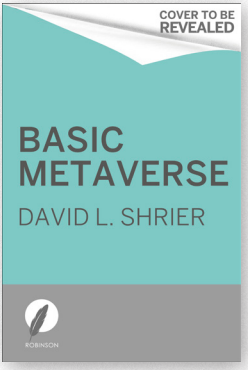
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Basic Metaverse



David L Shrier

8th June 2023 | Trade Paperback | £14.99 | 9781472148148 | Virtual Reality

One of the world's leading futurists explains what the metaverse is, unpacks the Meta-fuelled hype train and explores how it will change the way you live and work, alongside some of the moral and legal questions that are likely to arise from the adoption of this major new technology.

What is the Metaverse? Quite simply, it's a new way of experiencing the world and interacting with each other. In *Basic Metaverse*, leading futurist David L Shrier explains how this revolutionary technology works, unpacks its potential uses and impacts on everyday life and work, and explores some of the legal and moral quandaries that could accompany widespread adoption of the metaverse.

About the author

David L. Shrier is a globally recognised expert on technology-driven innovation. He runs three companies while holding an appointment with Imperial College Business School, where he is a Professor of Practice. David advises public companies, private enterprise, and more than 100 governments on creating ecosystems of new ventures in fields such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and financial technology. David personally helped revolutionize how online classes are delivered by top universities like MIT and Oxford, and stimulated entrepreneurial action across more than 150 countries empowering over 20,000 innovators.

Is That Your Card?



James Borg

20th April 2023 | Trade Paperback | £12.99 | 9781472144973 | Self-Help & Personal Development

Publicist: Henry Lord

Learn how to develop your own personal 'operating system' to change your perceptions, minimise dysfunctional thinking and direct you towards more success in life.

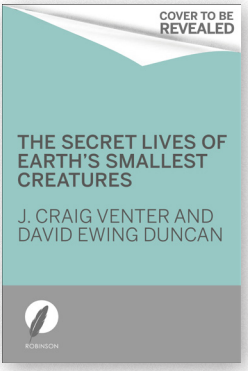
We're all dealt certain 'cards' in life, the daily challenges we need to overcome in order to thrive. Tackling the problems and challenges of everyday life begins with our thinking. Our thoughts and behaviours can propel us forward or sabotage our goals and relationships. This practical, eye-opening book draws on the philosophy of the ancient Stoics and the ground- breaking therapy of Dr Albert Ellis to help you achieve your goals.

With practical exercises throughout, *Is That Your Card?* will help you change your mindset for the better, putting you in position to propel yourself to greater success.

About the author

James Borg is a bestselling author whose books have been translated into more than 35 languages. *Persuasion* spent 118 consecutive weeks at the top of WH Smith's Business chart and in 2013 was selected as one of Future's 50 best business books of all time.

The Secret Lives of Earth's Smallest Creatures



J. Craig Venter and David Ewing Duncan

20th April 2023 | Hardback | £22.00 | 9781472144171 | Popular science

Publicist: Henry Lord

A story of swashbuckling scientific adventure weaving adventure, history and science into a fascinating and entirely fresh look at the microbiome that underpins all life on the planet.

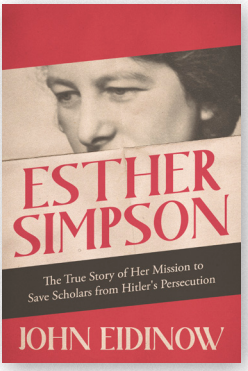
Dr Venter is best known for co-sequencing the first ever human genome. He later stunned the scientific world again by building from scratch the entire genome of an organism – Mycoplasma mycoides. The book will cover a series of expeditions made over the last sixteen years on the one-hundred-foot yacht Sorcerer II, travelling over 75,000 miles, from Antarctica to Alaska, the Amazon Basin to the Black Sea, and the Golden Horn to volcanic vents near the Galapagos, with the aim of hunting down and identifying trillions of micro-organisms, fewer than one per cent of which had been studied before Dr Venter began this work in 2002. His work has already transformed the science of microbiology.

The Secret Life of Earth's Smallest Creatures is a tale of adventure on the high seas, of international political intrigue, as well as a fresh, urgent look at how humans are impacting the careful balance of the bacteria that supports all life as we know it.

About the author

David Ewing Duncan is the author of nine books, including the international bestseller *Calendar*, and writes for *Wired*, *Discover*, and the *Atlantic Monthly*. He is a freelance producer and correspondent for ABC's *Nightline*, and a commentator on NPR's *Journalist*. In 2003, he won the Magazine Journalism Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the founding director of the Center for Life Science Policy at UC Berkeley. He lives in San Francisco, California and Boston, Massachusetts.

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



John Eidinow

11th May 2023 | Hardback | £22.00 | 9781472143228 | History: WWII

Publicist: Jess Gulliver

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

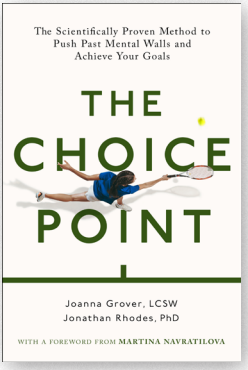
This is the story of Esther Simpson, a remarkable woman whose selfless actions left an indelible mark on the modern world. Forgoing marriage, family, even, it seems, a private life, she committed her whole life resettling academic refugees before, during and after World War Two. She thought of these refugees as her family and by the end of her life could count among her 'children' sixteen Nobel prize winners, eighteen knights of the realm, seventy-four fellows of the royal society and thirty-four fellows of the British academy.

Simpsons' work had a profound impact on twentieth-century philosophy, architecture and molecular biology to name just a handful of disciplines. This book is a study of a forgotten woman: who she was, her impact upon the world and the historical context that helped shape her achievements.

About the author

John Eidinow has published three books with his co-author David Edmonds, each describing knock-down, drag-out clashes between men of titanic gifts. Eidinow was a presenter and interviewer for *BBC Radio 4* and *World Service*, working in news and current affairs, and making documentaries on historical and contemporary issues.

The Choice Point: The Scientifically Proven Method to Push Past Mental Walls And Achieve Your Goals



Joanna Grover and Jonathan Rhodes

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £20.00 | 9781472147646 | Self-Help & Personal Development

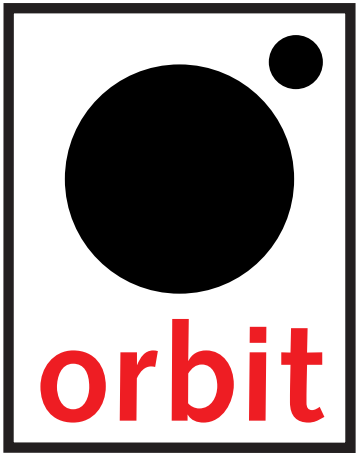
Atomic Habits ***meets*** **Mindset** ***with a dash of*** **Creative Visualization*****: showing how getting to the root of your motivation and using visualisation can help you focus on the small choices you make each moment of the day that add up to define you.***

An executive coach and a performance psychologist/researcher merge mindfulness, cognitive behavioural therapy and the new practice of FIT (Functional Image Therapy) into a user-friendly model so readers can blast through negative thoughts, adjust their behaviour to make better choices and make decisions that are always in support of achieving their goals. Combines an intuitive and appealing framework with real coaching and detailed methodology to back it up.

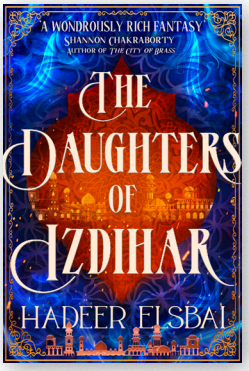
Being aware of the tiny decisions we make and keeping a laser-targeted focus on them adding up to your longer-term goals means greater control over the choices in your life and stops your day feeling like a spiral of events that you have no influence over. Taking just a little longer, and using techniques to focus in and visualise where you want to be can have a transformative effect on your life.

About the author

Building on twenty years of rigorous research in motivation and sustainable change, both authors are pioneers and early adopters of Functional Imagery Training (FIT). Joanna Grover was the first person in the US to be certified in FIT and uses it as an executive coach for high profile business executives as well as the Harvard Institute of Coaching, the US rowing team and others. Jonathan Rhodes is the only person in the world to use FIT for teams, with this work including partnerships with the British Army, Royal Marines, Olympic athletes from eleven countries, the English Premier League, the Lawn Tennis Association and others.


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The Daughters of Izdihar



Hadeer Elsbai

12th January 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356520476 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***A powerful feminist fantasy set in an Egyptian inspired world, for fans of* The Jasmine Throne and The Once and Future Witches.**

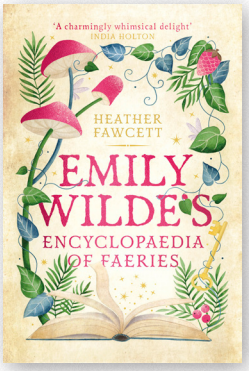
Trapped in an arranged marriage to a man she does not love, Nehal dreams of attending the Weaving Academy. There, she can take control of her powers, bending any water to her will, and pursue a glorious future on the battlefield with the first all-female military regiment. Her husband, indifferent and secretive, is in love with another woman, a poor bookseller named Giorgina.

Giorgina has her own secret. She is an earthweaver with dangerously uncontrollable powers. Her only solace comes from meetings with the Daughters of Izdihar, a women's rights group fighting for freedom. They come from very different means, yet Nehal and Giorgina have more in common than they think. Enticed by the group's enigmatic leader Malak Mamdouh, the two women are drawn into a web of politics, violence and threats of war as they find themselves fighting to earn – and keep – a lasting freedom.

About the author

Hadeer Elsbai is an Egyptian-American writer and librarian. Born in New York City, she grew up being shuffled between Queens and Cairo. Hadeer studied history at Hunter College and later earned her Master's degree in library science from Queens College, making her a CUNY alum twice over. Aside from writing, Hadeer enjoys cats, iced drinks, live theatre, and studying the nineteenth century.

Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries



Heather Fawcett

19th January 2023 | Hardback | £14.99 | 9780356519128 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***Filled with enchanting magic, heart-warming romance and a heroine you can't help but love,* Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries *is perfect for fans of* The Ten Thousand Doors of January *and* Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell.**

Emily Wilde is the foremost expert on the study of faeries. She is a genius scholar and a meticulous researcher who is writing the world's first encylopaedia of faerie lore. But Emily Wilde is not good at people. She could never make small talk at a party – much less get invited to one. Emily prefers the company of her books, her dog Shadow, and the Fair Folk.

So when she arrives in the hardscrabble village of Hransvik, Emily has no intention of befriending the gruff townsfolk. Nor does she care to spend time with another new arrival: her dashing and insufferably handsome academic rival Wendell Bambleby, who manages to charm the townsfolk, get in the middle of her research, and utterly confound and frustrate Emily. But as Emily gets closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones – the most elusive of all faeries – she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery: who is Wendell Bambleby, and what does he really want? To find the answer, she'll have to unlock the greatest mystery of all – her own heart.

About the author

Heather Fawcett is the author of *Ember and the Ice Dragons* and *The Language of Ghosts*, as well as the young adult series *Even the Darkest Stars*. She has a Master's degree in English literature and has worked as an archaeologist, photographer, technical writer, and backstage assistant for a Shakespearean theatre festival.

The Magician's Daughter



H. G. Parry

23rd February 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356520315 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

Perfect for fans of Genevieve Cogman and Diane Wynne Jones,* The Magician's Daughter *is a timeless coming of age fantasy adventure about a young woman's quest to discover what made magic disappear from the world.

Off the coast of Ireland sits a legendary island hidden by magic. A place of ruins and ancient trees, sea-salt air and fairy lore, Hy-Brasil is the only home Biddy has ever known. Washed up on its shore as a baby, Biddy lives a quiet life with her guardian, the mercurial magician Rowan. A life she finds increasingly stifling.

One night, Rowan fails to return from his mysterious travels. To find him, Biddy must venture into the outside world for the first time. But Rowan has powerful enemies-forces who have hoarded the world's magic and have set their sights on the magician's many secrets. Biddy may be the key to stopping them. Yet the closer she gets to answers, the more she questions everything she's ever believed about Rowan, her past, and the nature of magic itself.

About the author

H.G. Parry lives in a book-infested flat in Wellington, New Zealand, which she shares with her sister and two overactive rabbits. She holds a PhD in English Literature from Victoria University of Wellington, and teaches English, Film, and Media Studies. She is the author of *The Unlikely Escape of Uriah Heep* and a myriad of short fiction.

The Foxglove King



Hannah Whitten

16th March 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356518916 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

From Hannah Whitten, the* New York Times *bestselling author of* For the Wolf, *comes a dark, romantic epic fantasy trilogy about a young woman whose power to raise the dead plunges her into the dangerous world of power and politics in the king's royal court.

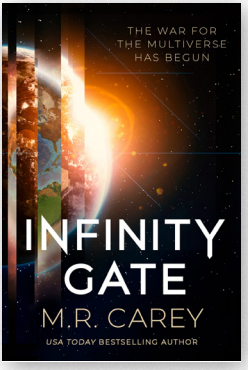
When Lore was thirteen, she escaped a cult in the catacombs beneath the city of Dellaire. And in the ten years since, she's lived by one rule: don't let them find you. Easier said than done, when her death magic ties her to the city. Mortem, the magic born from death, is a high-priced and illicit commodity in Dellaire, and Lore's job running poisons keeps her in food, shelter, and relative security. But when a run goes wrong and Lore's power is revealed, she's taken by the Presque Mort, a group of warrior-monks sanctioned to use Mortem working for the Sainted King. Lore fully expects a pyre, but King August has a different plan. Entire villages on the outskirts of the country have been dying overnight, seemingly at random. Lore can either use her magic to find out what's happening and who in the king's court is responsible, or die.

Lore is thrust into the Sainted King's glittering court, where no one can be believed and even fewer can be trusted. Guarded by Gabriel, a duke-turned-monk, and continually running up against Bastian, August's ne'er-do-well heir, Lore tangles in politics, religion, and forbidden romance as she attempts to navigate a debauched and opulent society. But the life she left behind in the catacombs is catching up with her. And even as Lore makes her way through the Sainted court above, they might be drawing closer than she thinks.

About the author

Hannah Whitten has been writing to amuse herself since she could hold a pen, and sometime in high school, she figured out that what amused her might also amuse others. When she's not writing, she's reading, making music or attempting to bake. She lives in Tennessee with her husband and children in a house ruled by a temperamental cat.

Infinity Gate



M. R. Carey

30th March 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356518015 | Science Fiction

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***The first novel in a thrillingly original, high-concept new science fiction duology about the multiverse from the bestselling M. R. Carey. Perfect for fans of* Children of Time, The Space Between Worlds *and* The Long Earth.**

The Pandominion: a political and trading alliance of a million worlds – except that they're really just the one world, Earth, in many different realities. And when an AI threat arises that could destroy everything the Pandominion has built, they'll eradicate it by whatever means necessary, no matter the cost to human life.

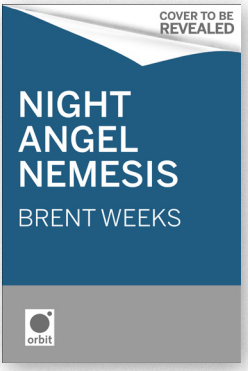
Scientist Hadiz Tambuwal is looking for a solution to her own Earth's environmental collapse when she stumbles across the secret of inter-dimensional travel. It could save everyone on her dying planet, but now she's walked into the middle of a war on a scale she never dreamed of.

And she needs to choose a side before it kills her.

About the author

M. R. Carey has been making up stories for most of his life. His novel *The Girl With All the Gifts* has sold over a million copies and became a major motion picture, based on his own BAFTA Award-nominated screenplay. Under the name Mike Carey he has written for both DC and Marvel. He has several previous novels including the Felix Castor series (written as Mike Carey), two radio plays and many TV and movie screenplays to his credit.

Night Angel Nemesis



Brent Weeks

27th April 2023 | Hardback | £20 | 9780356520438 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

International bestseller Brent Weeks returns with* Night Angel Nemesis*, a brand new novel set in his hugely popular Night Angel universe.

Praise for Brent Weeks:

'Weeks has truly cemented his place among the great epic fantasy writers of our time' *British Fantasy Society*

'Brent Weeks is so good it's starting to tick me off' *Peter V. Brett*

'One of the best examples of modern fantasy that I've read' *Fantasy Faction*

About the author

Brent Weeks was born and raised in Montana. He wrote on bar napkins and lesson plans before landing his dream job years and thousands of pages later. He is the author of the internationally bestselling Night Angel trilogy, which has sold millions of copies worldwide. Brent lives in Oregon with his wife, Kristi, and their daughters.

Paradise-1

David Wellington

6th April 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356518220 | Space Opera

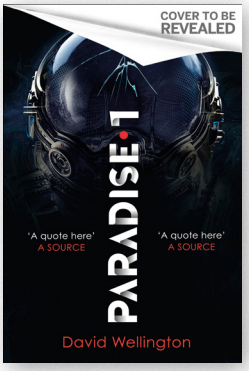
Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***From the author of the Clarke Award-nominated* The Last Astronaut *comes a tense, scary and thrilling science fiction adventure, perfect for fans of* The Martian, Arrival *and* Interstellar.**

It was meant to be a routine job – a voyage to Earth's first deep space colony, Paradise-1, to carry out standard checks and surveys. Or at least that's what Special Agent Alexandra Petrova thought.

Instead she wakes from cryogenic sleep to find an alarm blaring. Her ship, The Artemis, is under attack by one of the colony's own ships, which makes no attempt to communicate.

Something has gone very, very wrong...



About the author

David Wellington is an acclaimed author who has previously published over twenty novels in different genres. His novel *The Last Astronaut* was shortlisted for the Arthur C. Clarke Award.

Some Desperate Glory

Emily Tesh

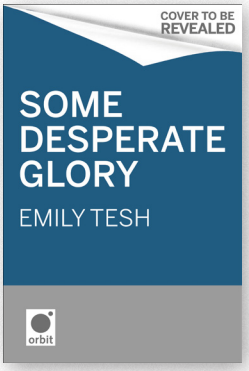
6th April 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356517186 | Science Fiction

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet *meets* Ender's Game *in this gripping science fiction debut from an award-winning voice in SFF.*

All her life Kyr has trained for the day she can avenge the destruction of planet Earth by an all-powerful, reality-shifting weapon known as the Wisdom. Raised in the bowels of Gaea Station alongside the last scraps of humanity, she is one of the best warriors of her generation, the sword of a dead planet.

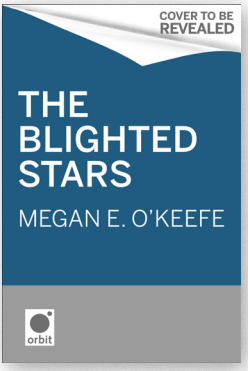
Then Command assigns her brother to certain death and relegates her to the nursery to bear sons until she dies trying and she knows she must take humanity's revenge into her own hands. But she soon learns that not everything she's been raised to believe is true and the Wisdom is far more complex and dangerous than she could ever have imagined.



About the author

Emily Tesh is a World Fantasy award-winning author. She grew up in London and studied Classics at Cambridge University, followed by a Master's degree in Humanities at the University of Chicago. She now lives in Hertfordshire, where she teaches Latin and Ancient Greek to schoolchildren who have done nothing to deserve it. She has a husband and a cat. Neither of them knows any Latin yet, but it is not for lack of trying.

The Blighted Stars



Megan E. O'Keefe

25th May 2023 | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356517377 | Space Opera

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***A deadly, galaxy-spanning conspiracy in the first book of a thrilling new space opera trilogy from the author of the Philip K. Dick-nominated* Velocity Weapon.**

She's a revolutionary. Humanity is running out of options. Habitable planets are being destroyed as quickly as they're found, and Naira Sharp thinks she knows the reason why. The all-powerful Mercator family has been controlling the exploration of the universe for decades, and exploiting any materials they find along the way under the guise of helping humanity's expansion. But Naira knows the truth, and she plans to bring the whole family down from the inside.

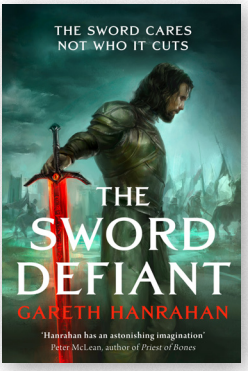
He's the heir to the dynasty. Tarquin Mercator never wanted to run a galaxy-spanning business empire. He just wanted to study geology and read books. But Tarquin's father has tasked him with monitoring the settlement of a new planet, and he doesn't really have a choice in the matter. Disguised as Tarquin's new bodyguard, Naira plans to destroy the settlement ship before they make land. But neither of them expects to end up stranded on a dead planet. To survive and keep her secret, Naira will have to join forces with the man she's sworn to hate.

And together they will uncover a plot that's bigger than both of them.

About the author

Megan E. O'Keefe was raised amongst journalists, and as soon as she could, joined them by crafting a newsletter which chronicled the daily adventures of the local cat population. She has worked in both arts management and graphic design, and has won Writers of the Future and the Gemmell Morningstar Award. *Velocity Weapon*, the first novel in her Protectorate series, was nominated for the Philip K. Dick Award for Best Novel.

The Sword Defiant



Gareth Hanrahan

4th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356516530 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

Set in a world of dark myth and dangerous prophecy,* The Sword Defiant *launches an epic tale of daring warriors, living weapons and bloodthirsty vengeance.

Now, when Aelfric – keeper of the cursed sword Spellbreaker – learns of a new and terrifying threat, he seeks the nine heroes once again. But they are wandering adventurers no longer. Yesterday's eager heroes are today's weary leaders – and some have turned to the darkness, becoming monsters themselves.

If there's one thing Aelfric knows, it's slaying monsters. Even if they used to be his friends.

About the author

Gareth Hanrahan's three-month break from computer programming to concentrate on writing has now lasted fifteen years and counting. He's written more gaming books than he can readily recall, by virtue of the alchemical transmutation of tea and guilt into words. He lives in Ireland with his wife and three children

Perilous Times



Thomas D. Lee

25th May 2023 | Hardback | £16.99 | 9780356518527 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

Mixing Arthurian legend with contemporary fantasy, this sharply witty and relevant debut novel will delight fans of Terry Pratchett and Ben Aaronovitch.

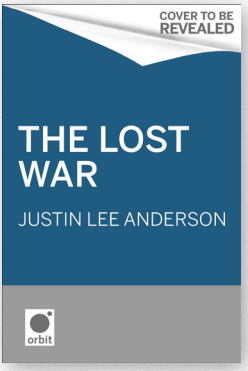
For hundreds of years Kay and his fellow knights of the round table have been woken from their long slumber whenever Britain had need of them; they fought at Agincourt and at the Somme. But now a dragon has been seen for the first time in centuries, the realm is more divided than ever, and what's worse, there are rumours of Arthur himself returning. Kay just wants to go back to sleep.

And Kay is not the only ancient thing to come crawling up out of the ground; Lancelot is back as well, with orders to track down Kay and stop him from doing anything stupid.

About the author

Thomas D. Lee is an author of fantastical and historical fiction. In 2019 he completed an MA in Creative Writing at the University of Manchester's Centre for New Writing. He has now embarked upon a PhD at the same institution, specialising in queer interpretations of the Arthurian mythos. He frequently considers emulating Merlin and becoming a hermit in the woods who speaks only in riddles.

The Lost War



Justin Lee Anderson

11th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356519531 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

A fast-paced epic fantasy, filled with swashbuckling action and expansive worldbuilding,* The Lost War *is perfect for fans of Nicholas Eames's* Kings of the Wyld *and RJ Barker.

With a ragged peace in place, demons burn farmlands, violent Reivers roam the wilds and plague has spread beyond the Black Meadows. The country is on its knees.

In a society that fears and shuns him, Aranok is the first magically-skilled draoidh to be named King's Envoy.

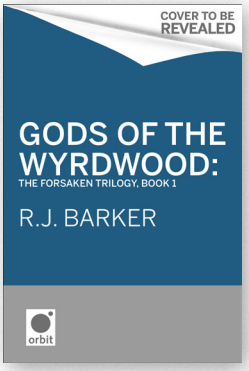
Now, charged with restoring an exiled foreign queen to her throne, he leads a group of strangers across the ravaged country. But at every step, a new mystery complicates their mission.

As bodies drop around them, new threats emerge and lies are revealed, can Aranok bring his companions together and uncover the conspiracy that threatens the kingdom?

About the author

Justin was a professional writer and editor for 15 years before his debut novel, *Carpet Diem*, was published in 2015. He wrote restaurant and theatre reviews, edited magazines about football, published books about fishing, wrote business articles, and spent four years as the writer, editor and photographer of an Edinburgh guide book. Justin now writes full-time and is a partner in his own publishing company. He also writes scripts with his wife Juliet, who he met through the BBC Last Laugh scriptwriting competition.

Gods of the Wyrdwood: The Forsaken Trilogy, Book 1



RJ Barker

29th June 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356517230 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***Book one in a new fantasy trilogy set within the bounds of a forest straight out of darkest folklore – with outlaws fighting an evil empire and warring deities. RJ Barker is the British Fantasy Society Award-winning author of* The Bone Ships *and* Age of Assassins.**

Cahan du Nahare is known as the forester – a man who can navigate the dangerous Deepforest like no-one else. But once he was more. Once he belonged to the god of fire.

Udinny serves the goddess of the lost, a goddess of small things; when she ventures into the Deepforest to find a lost child, Cahan will be her guide. But in a land where territory is won and lost for uncaring gods, where temples of warrior monks pit one prophet against another – Cahan will need to choose the forest or the fire – and his choice will have consequences for his entire world.

About the author

RJ Barker lives in Leeds with his wife, son and 'a collection of questionable taxidermy'. He grew up reading whatever he could get his hands on, and having played in a rock band before deciding he was a rubbish musician, RJ returned to his first love, fiction, to find he is rather better at that. As well as his debut epic fantasy series, the *Wounded Kingdom* trilogy, RJ has written short stories and historical scripts which have been performed across the country. RJ's novel *The Bone Ships* was the 2020 winner of the British Fantasy Society's Best Novel, aka the Robert Holdstock Award.

Translation State



Ann Leckie

8th June 2023 | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356517919 | Science Fiction

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***The first novel in a new series set in the world of the Hugo, Nebula and Arthur C. Clarke award winning* Ancillary Justice.**

About the author

The record-breaking winner of the Hugo, Nebula, Arthur C. Clarke and British Science Fiction Association awards for her debut novel, Ann Leckie lives in St Louis, Missouri, with her husband, children and cats. You can find her website at www.annleckie.com or chat to her on Twitter at @Ann_Leckie.

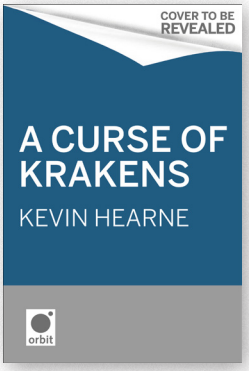
A Curse of Krakens

Kevin Hearne

8th June 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780356509624 | Fantasy

Publicist: Nazia Khatun

***Following* A Plague of Giants *and* A Blight of Blackwings *comes the third novel in the Seven Kennings series – an unforgettable fantasy world of warring giants and elemental magic from the* New York Times *bestselling author of the* Iron Druid Chronicles.**



About the author

Kevin Hearne hugs trees, pets doggies, and rocks out to heavy metal. He also thinks tacos are a pretty nifty idea. He is the author of the *Seven Kennings* series, which starts with *A Plague of Giants*, and the *New York Times* bestselling series *Iron Druid Chronicles*.

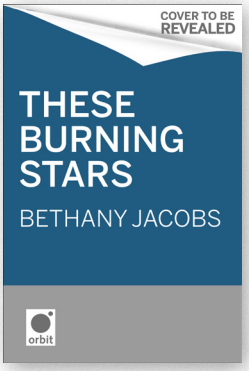
These Burning Stars

Bethany Jacobs

15th June 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.



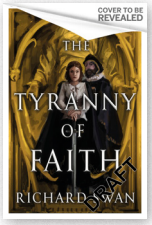
Jun Ironway – hacker, con artist, and only occasional thief – has gotten her hands on a piece of contraband that could set her up for life: a video that implicates the powerful Nightfoot family in a planet-wide genocide seventy-five years ago. The Nightfoots control the precious sevite that fuels interplanetary 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.

But Chono and Esek are haunted in turn by a figure from their shared past, known only as Six. What Six truly wants is anyone's guess. And the closer they get to finding Jun, the surer Chono is that Six is manipulating them all-and that they are heading for a bloody confrontation that no one will survive unscathed.

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.

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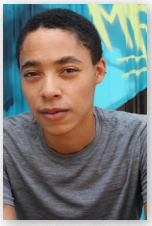


The Tyranny of Faith

Richard Swan

February | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356516431

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.

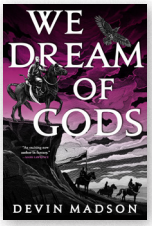


The Faithless

C. L. Clark

March | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356516240

In the second installment of C.L. Clark's* Magic of the Lost *trilogy, soldier Touraine and princess Luca must return to Balladaire to reclaim Luca's throne and to face the consequences of dismantling an empire.

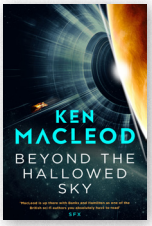


We Dream of Gods

Devin Madson

March | Paperback | £10.99 | 9780356514130

The thrilling final instalment in Devin Madson's bold and bloody epic fantasy quartet, perfect for fans of Mark Lawrence, R. F. Kuang and Anthony Ryan.



Beyond the Reach of Earth

Ken MacLeod

March | Paperback | £9.99 | 9780356514802

***Science fiction legend Ken MacLeod returns with book two in the* Lightspeed *trilogy, a gripping tale of first contact and dark conspiracies set among the stars. This book succeeds book one,* Beyond the Hallowed Sky.

The Bone Shard War



Andrea Stewart

April | Hardback | £20 | 9780356515038

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

Season of Skulls



Charlotte Stross

May | Hardback | £18.99 | 9780356516950

A new adventure begins in the bestselling world of the* Laundry File*s: in a nightmarish vision of a Britain where magic has gone mainstream . . .


ATOM

Wildblood



Lauren Blackwood

7th February 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9780349125329 | YA Fantasy Romance

Publicist: Millie Seaward

A thrilling Jamaican inspired fantasy from* New York Times *bestselling author Lauren Blackwood!

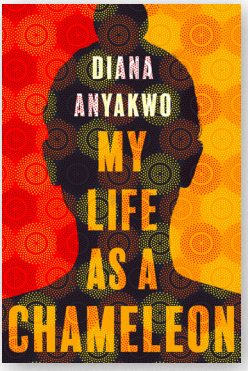
Eighteen-year-old Victoria is a Wildblood. Kidnapped at the age of six and manipulated by the Exotic Lands Touring Company, she works as a tour guide with a team of fellow Wildbloods who take turns using their magic to protect travellers in a jungle teeming with all the ghostly monsters of Jamaican legend. When Victoria's boss denies her the promotion that she was promised in favour of Dean, her backstabbing ex, Victoria is determined to prove herself. Her magic may be the most powerful on the team, but she's the wrong image the boss wants to send their new client, Laertes Thorn, a renowned goldminer determined to reach an untouched gold supply deep in the jungle.

Thorn is everything Victoria isn't – confident, impossibly kind, and so handsome he leaves her speechless. And when he entrusts the mission to her, kindness turns to mutual respect, affection, and love. But the jungle is treacherous. Between hypnotic river spirits, soul-devouring women that shed their skin, and her vengeful ex, Victoria has to decide if a promotion at a corrupt company is really what she wants. This is the story of a girl who must find the strength to defeat her own demons, and those of the jungle, to find where she belongs.

About the author

Lauren Blackwood is a Jamaican American living in Virginia who writes Romance-heavy Fantasy for most ages. When not writing, she's a musician and a tiramisu connoisseur. She's the *New York Time*s bestselling author of *Within These Wicked Walls* and *Wildblood*.

My Life as a Chameleon



Diana Anyakwo

4th May 2023 | Paperback | £8.99 | 9781472156150 | YA General Fiction

Publicist: Stephanie Melrose

Set in both Lagos, Nigeria, and Manchester, England,* My Life As A Chameleon *is a powerful debut about a mixed-race girl and how she copes with being seen as an outsider in two very different cultures and even within her own family.

Fifteen-year-old Lily has been sent from her home in Lagos, Nigeria, to a new school and a new family in Manchester, England. She thought it would be a chance to reinvent herself, become the shiny-happy-confident girl that everyone wants to be around. But it hasn't turned out like that. Here, without friends or someone to confide in, she struggles to fit in – and being 'different' feels newly dangerous, exposing and provocative. Lily looks back at her childhood and confronts the family trauma that turned her young life upside down, triggering the series of events that brought her here. Can she rely on the strength she built for herself back then, in order to save herself now?

My Life as a Chameleon is a powerful story of resilience and belonging, about family secrets and how they can destroy even the deepest bonds. It is a story about finding your place in the world and realising you deserve to be there.

About the author

Diana Anyakwo grew up in Lagos, Nigeria. She is of mixed Irish and Nigerian heritage. She moved to the UK when she was a teenager and later graduated from the University of Manchester with a degree in Molecular Biology and a Masters in Bioreactor Systems. She spent three years in Athens, Greece where she taught English and worked as an editor at an educational publisher. Now, she lives and works in Manchester as a freelance writer and editor of English Language teaching materials.

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