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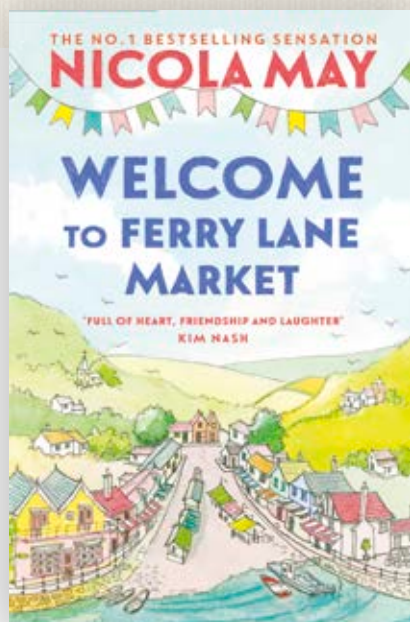
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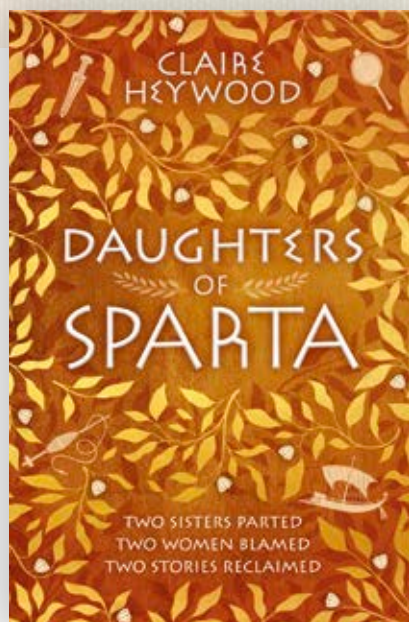
Nicola May is a rom-com superstar. She is the author of a dozen novels, all of which have appeared in the Kindle bestseller charts. *The Corner Shop in Cockleberry Bay* spent 11 weeks at the top of the Kindle bestseller chart and was the overall best-selling fiction ebook of 2019 across the whole UK market. Her books have been translated into 12 languages.

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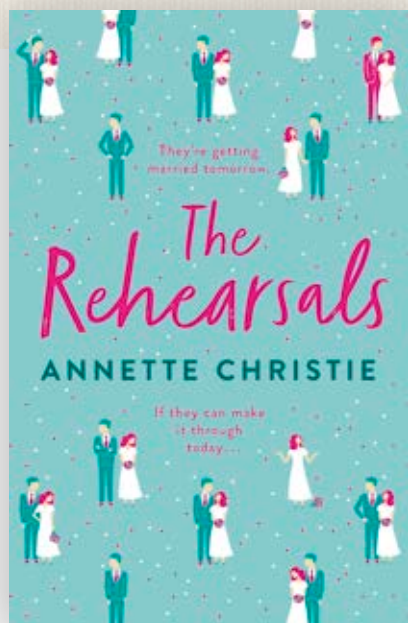
As princesses of Sparta, Helen and Klytemnestra have known nothing but luxury. However, their destinies are not theirs to command. While still young girls they are separated and married off to legendary foreign kings Agamemnon and Menelaus. Their duty is now to give birth to the heirs society demands and be the meek queens their men expect. But when the weight of their husbands' neglect, cruelty and ambition becomes too heavy to bear, they must push against the constraints of their sex to carve new lives for themselves – and in doing so make waves that will ripple throughout the next three thousand years.

Claire Heywood is a scholar of the ancient world, having gained a 1st Class BA in Classical Civilisation and an MA with Distinction in Ancient Visual and Material Culture, from the University of Warwick. She is a former professional tour guide at the Roman Baths museum in Bath. Her deep understanding of the ancient world, coupled with her fascination with women's forgotten voices, inspired her to write this, her debut novel.

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THE REHEARSALS

Annette Christie

The wedding is tomorrow. If they can only get through today...

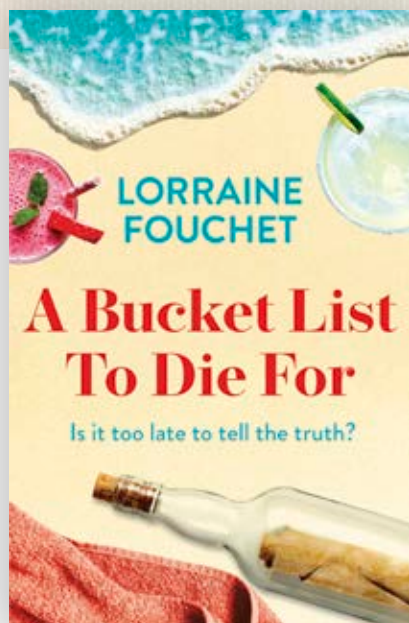
Megan Givens and Tom Prescott are preparing for what should be the happiest weekend of their lives. But their plans for a perfect wedding are ruined when a huge fight causes them to call it all off on the night of their rehearsal dinner. Megan and Tom think the worst is over – until they wake up the next morning and find themselves stuck in a time loop. Somehow they are being forced to relive the worst day of their lives – with its painful secrets, age-old grievances and family dramas – again and again.

Annette Christie is a Canadian-American hybrid with a BFA in Theatre and a history of very odd jobs. She's had articles published in HelloGiggles and the *Guardian*, and the back of her head is featured prominently in the film *Mean Girls*. She currently resides in Alberta with her husband and two children.

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Lou suffers from a rare type of dementia and dies in her fifties. She leaves behind a message in a bottle, charging her husband Joseph with a challenging task: he has two months to reunite their patchwork family whose members have fallen out with each other. But Joseph is running out of time. Will his efforts pay off before it is too late? And most importantly: what's in the mysterious letter?

Born in 1956, **Lorraine Fouchet** has published over 20 novels, several of which are prize-winning international bestsellers. After a successful career in A&E in Paris, Lorraine now works for a division of the French Ministry of Culture that dedicates itself to the book trade.

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SIX CRIMSON CRANES

Elizabeth Lim

An immersive fairytale retelling, by the author of *Spin the Dawn*.

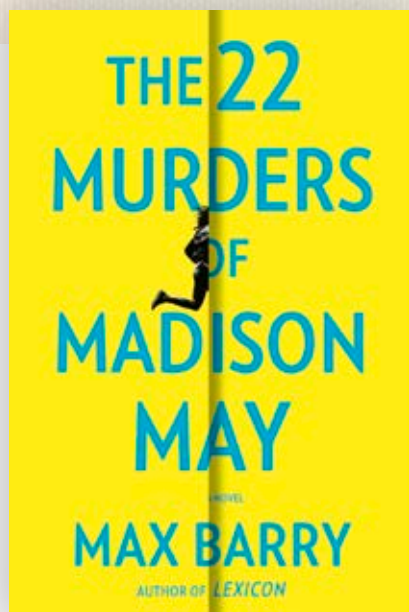
On the morning of her betrothal, Princess Shiori'anma loses control of her forbidden magic, catching the attention of her stepmother, Raikama. A sorceress in her own right, Raikama banishes Shiori, turning her brothers into cranes, and warning her that for every word that escapes her lips, one of her brothers will die. Penniless, voiceless and alone, Shiori uncovers a dark conspiracy to seize the throne. Only Shiori can set the kingdom to rights, but to do so she must embrace the magic she's been taught all her life to contain – no matter what it costs.

Elizabeth Lim grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she was raised on a diet of fairy tales, myths and songs. Before becoming an author, Elizabeth was a professional film and video game composer, and still comes up with her best book ideas while writing near a piano. An alumna of Harvard College and the Juilliard School, she resides in New York with her husband and two daughters.

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THE 22 MURDERS OF MADISON MAY

A Thrilling Speculative Psychological Suspense About a Serial Killer Pursuing His Victim Across Time and Space.

Max Barry

From the award-winning author of *Lexicon*.

Journalist Felicity Staples takes on the assignment to research Madison May's shocking murder, but the crime seems random and the suspect is in the wind. Until Felicity spots the killer on the subway. Soon, Felicity senses her entire universe has shifted, realising that in her pursuit of Madison's killer she followed him into a different dimension – one where her existence is altered. At first, she's determined to return to the reality she knows, but when Madison May is murdered again, Felicity decides she must find the killer – and learns that she's not the only one hunting him.

Max Barry is the author of six previous novels, including Aurealis Award winner *Lexicon*. He is also the creator of the internet mini-phenomenon NationStates, an online political simulation game. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife and two daughters. He is a cat person.

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Since being published, **TJ Klune** has won the Lambda Literary Award for Best Gay Romance, fought off three lions that threatened to attack him and his village, and was chosen by Amazon as having written one of the best GLBT books of 2011. And one of those things isn't true. (It's the lion thing. The lion thing isn't true.)

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MAKE UP BREAK UP

Lily Menon

The sparkling and heartfelt romantic comedy debut from Lily Menon.

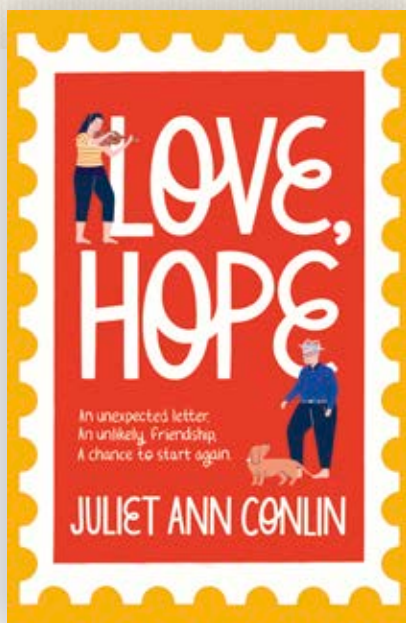
Annika Dev believes in love and fairy-tale endings. Her app, Make Up, helps couples believe in these things too. Hudson Craft believes in fast cars and high efficiency break-ups. His app, Break Up, helps people expedite their failing relationships – everything that Annika hates. Which wouldn't be a problem if they'd gone their separate ways after their summer fling. Unfortunately, they are both competing at the prestigious EPIC investment pitch contest. As the two rivals clash, Annika finds that she enjoys sparring with Hudson way too much. And that underneath his shallow exterior, he might not be all that despicable . . .

Lily Menon has always loved romantic comedies. Her first love story, written at age nine, was about a handsome young boy who wooed the heroine with books, chocolates and a fat puppy. Now Lily lives with her own handsome boy in the mountains of Colorado. When she's bored, Lily also masquerades as *New York Times* bestselling YA author Sandhya Menon. *Make Up Break Up* is her first adult romance.

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LOVE, HOPE

Juliet Ann Conlin

An uplifting epistolary novel
about overcoming loneliness
and finding happiness.

Ever since she first picked up a violin, Hope Sullivan dreamed of joining an orchestra and travelling the world. But when her parents were killed in a car accident, she gave it all up. Ten years later, Hope's life is smaller and less musical than ever. Arnold Quince had the happiest of lives – until he lost his wife Marion. Now, five years on, he is sick, lonely and just counting down the years until he can be with her again. When Hope and Arnold are pushed into writing to one another, neither has any idea how much their life is about to change.

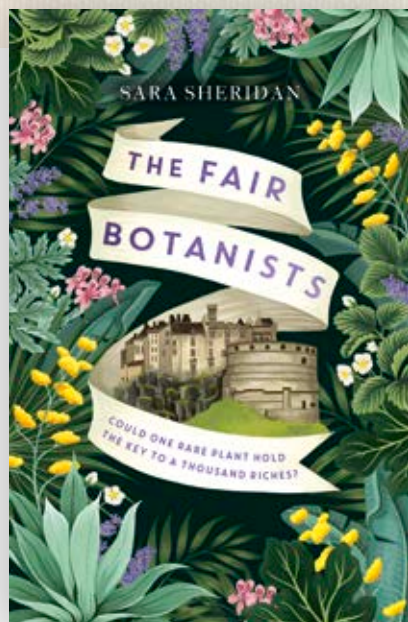
Juliet Ann Conlin grew up in England and Germany. She holds an MA in Creative Writing and a PhD in Psychology. She works as a writer and translator and lives in Berlin. Her novels include *The Fractured Man* (Cargo, 2013), *The Uncommon Life of Alfred Warner in Six Days* (Black & White Publishing, 2017), *The Lives Before Us* (B&W, 2019) and *Sisters of Berlin* (B&W, 2020).

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THE FAIR BOTANISTS

Sara Sheridan

Can one plant hold the key to a thousand riches?

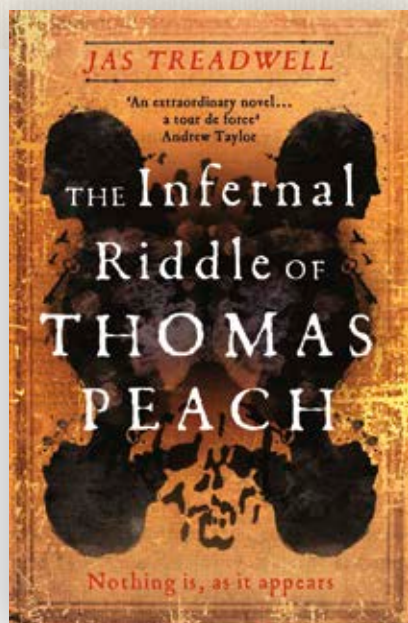
1822. Excitement has gripped Edinburgh, both at rumours of a royal visit and the impending bloom of a rare plant in the Botanic Garden – an event that only occurs once every few decades. When newly widowed Elizabeth arrives in the city, she quickly finds solace in the beautiful Garden, and there makes a friend in Belle, a vivacious young woman with a passion for the lucrative, dark art of perfume creation. Belle is determined to keep the reason for her interest in the plant secret from her new friend. But secrets don't last long in this city...

Sara Sheridan is an Edinburgh-based writer of over 20 books including cosy crime noir mysteries set in 1950s Britain and historical novels based on the real-life stories of late Georgian and early Victorian explorers. She has also written non-fiction, as well as books for children. Sara has been named one of the Saltire Society's 365 most influential Scottish women, past and present.

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Linden A Lewis is a queer writer and world wanderer currently living in Madrid with a couple of American cats who have little kitty passports. Tall and tattooed, Linden exists only because society has stopped burning witches.

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After Nirrim offered her heart to the God of Thieves to restore her people's memories, she rejected the person she loved most, Sid, who returned home to Herran. Now, in the Herrani court, there are rumours of a threat rising across the sea: a cruel, black-haired queen. Sid doesn't know that this is Nirrim, who seeks revenge against a world that has wronged her. Can Sid save Nirrim from herself? Does Nirrim want to be saved? As war begins, Sid and Nirrim find that it might not matter what they want . . . for the gods have their own plans.

Marie Rutkoski is the author of the Winner's Trilogy, The Kronos Chronicles and The Shadow Society. Rutkoski is currently a professor at Brooklyn College, where she teaches Renaissance Drama, children's literature and creative writing. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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Jasper Fforde spent 20 years in the film business before debuting on the *New York Times* bestseller list with *The Eyre Affair* in 2001. Since then he has written another 12 novels, including the Number One *Sunday Times* bestseller *One of our Thursdays is Missing*, and the Last Dragonslayer series, adapted for television by Sky. Fforde lives and works in his adopted nation of Wales.

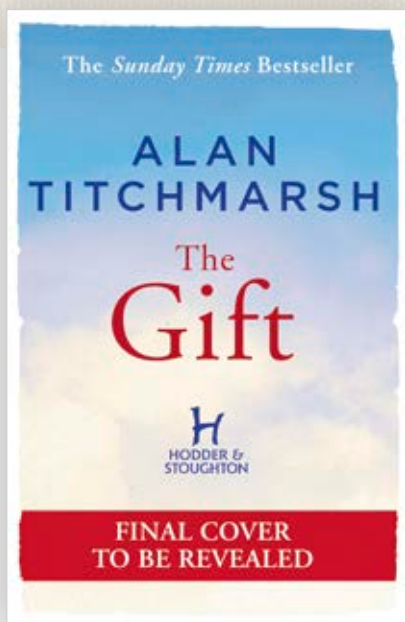
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THE GIFT

Alan Titchmarsh

The new novel from bestselling national treasure Alan Titchmarsh.

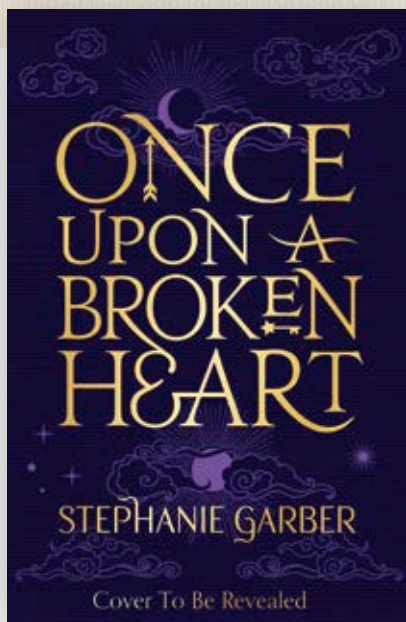
Ever since he can remember, Adam Gabriel has known he is different. He has a gift: when he touches the sick or suffering, be they man or beast, they are healed. In days of old those possessed of such powers were labelled witches and burned at the stake. Today they are called charlatans or frauds. All Adam knows is that he seems to be able to make a difference. But there are those who would take advantage of a lad with such miraculous abilities but no interest in fame or fortune.

Alan Titchmarsh is known to millions through his career as a television presenter of shows including *Ground Force* and *Gardeners' World*. He has written more than 40 gardening books, as well as eight best-selling novels and three volumes of memoir. He was made MBE in the millennium New Year Honours list and holds the Victoria Medal of Honour, the Royal Horticultural Society's highest award. He lives with his wife and a menagerie of animals in Hampshire where he gardens organically.

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ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART

Stephanie Garber

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When Evangeline Fox learns that the love of her life is about to marry another, her heart breaks in two. Desperate and distraught, she offers the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts whatever he wishes in exchange for his help to stop the wedding. His request: three kisses. At first, it seems simple enough, but Evangeline quickly learns that bargaining with a Fate is a dangerous game, and could cost her far more than she intended. For the prince has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or in the most exquisite tragedy . . .

Stephanie Garber wanted to be an explorer until she realised most of the world had already been discovered. So she started creating her own worlds, which is why she now writes imaginative fiction. When she's not writing, Stephanie teaches creative writing at a private college in northern California.

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THE HOLIDAY SWAP

Maggie Knox

The festive romantic-comedy debut from bestselling author dream team Maggie Knox.

When chef Charlie Goodwin gets hit on the head on the L.A. set of her reality baking show, she loses a lot more than consciousness; she also loses her ability to taste and smell - both critical to her success as show judge. Meanwhile, Charlie's identical twin, Cass, is frantically trying to hold her own life together back in their quaint mountain hometown while running the family's bustling bakery and dealing with her ex, who won't get the memo that they're over. With only days until Christmas, a desperate Charlie asks Cass to do something they haven't done since they were kids: switch places. But temporarily trading lives proves more complicated than they imagined . . .

Karma Brown is an award-winning journalist and bestselling author of five bestselling novels. Karma lives just outside Toronto with her husband, daughter, and a labradoodle named Fred.

Marissa Stapley is the internationally bestselling author of three commercial women's fiction novels, *Mating for Life*, *Things to Do When It's Raining* and *The Last Resort*. She lives in Toronto with her family and a precocious black cat named Oscar.

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LITTLE THIEVES

Margaret Owen

A new fantasy by Margaret Owen,
author of *The Merciful Crow*.

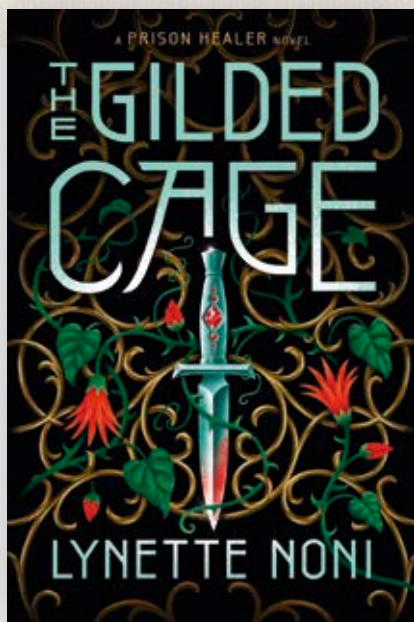
Once upon a time, a beautiful princess was betrothed to the prince of a faraway kingdom. When she left for her new home, her mother gave her a maid for a companion. But instead of serving the princess, the maid stole her place. For a year the princess toiled away like a common goose girl, while the maid lived high in the palace, fooling the kingdom. But the truth came out. The princess took back her name, her crown, and her husband, and the imposter died for her crimes. Then one day, the maid told her own story. . .

Margaret Owen was born and raised at the end of the Oregon Trail, and now lives and writes in Seattle while negotiating a long-term hostage situation with her two monstrous cats. In her free time, she enjoys exploring ill-advised travel destinations, drawing a lot of nonsense, and raising money for social justice nonprofits.

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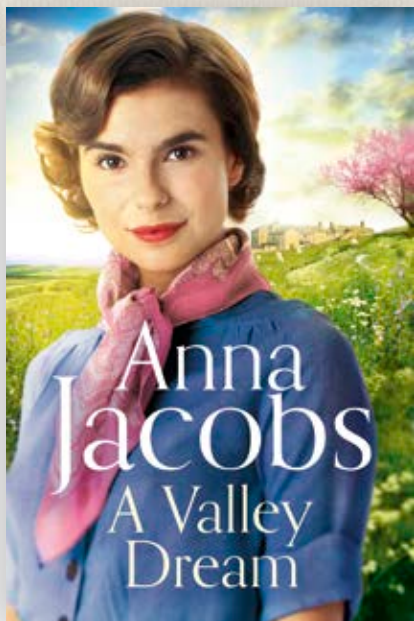
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Anna Jacobs grew up in Lancashire and emigrated to Australia, but still visits the UK regularly to see her family and do research, something she loves. She is the bestselling author of over 90 novels and has won and been shortlisted for several awards. She likes to write romantic and family stories with happy endings.

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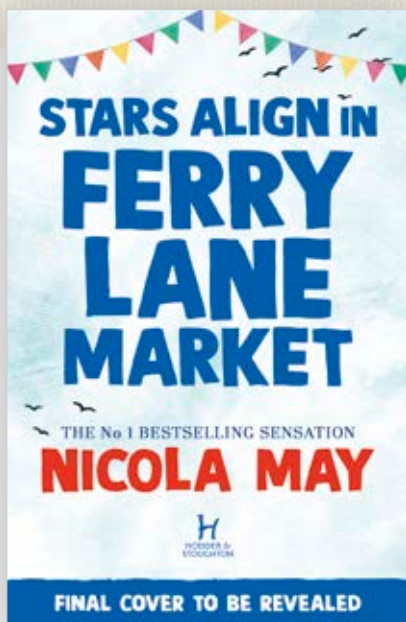
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Chrissie Manby is the author of 25 romantic comedies including *A Proper Family Holiday* and *The Matchbreaker*. She was raised in Gloucester, in the west of England, and now lives in London. Contrary to the popular conception of chick-lit writers, she is such a bad home-baker that her own father threatened to put her last creation on www.cakewrecks.com. She is, however, partial to white wine and shoes she can't walk in.

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Nicola May is a rom-com superstar. She is the author of a dozen novels, all of which have appeared in the Kindle bestseller charts. *The Corner Shop in Cockleberry Bay* spent 11 weeks at the top of the Kindle bestseller chart and was the overall bestselling fiction ebook of 2019 across the whole UK market. Her books have been translated into 12 languages.

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Poppy Cooper is the pen name of author Kirsten Hesketh. She was born in London but spent much of her childhood in Kuala Lumpur. Since being back in the UK she has lived in Henley on Thames. Her first novel, *Another Us* (Canelo), was published in 2020.

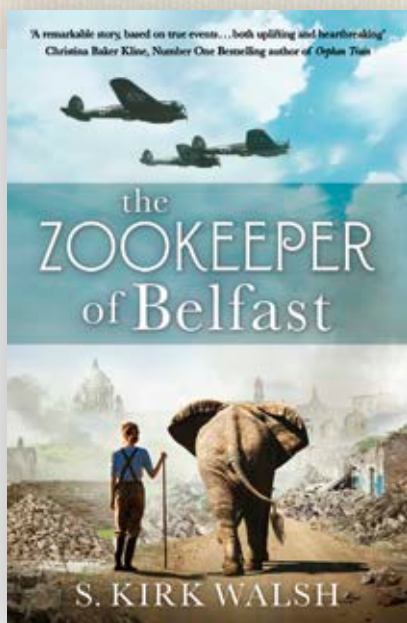
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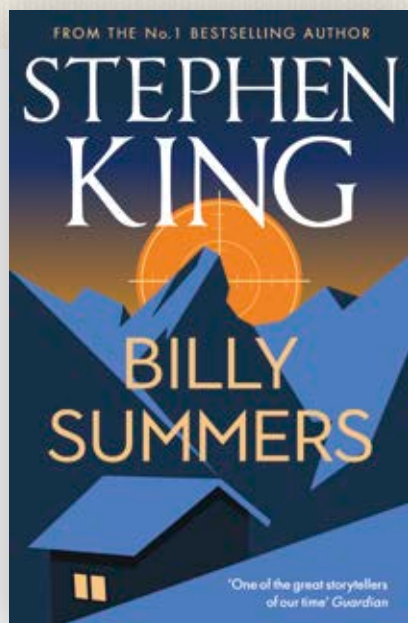
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Stephen King is the author of more than 60 books, all worldwide bestsellers. His recent titles include *The Institute*, which was described by the *Sunday Express* as a 'masterpiece', *The Outsider* (voted winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for best Mystery and Thriller 2018), and *If It Bleeds*. Many of his titles have been turned into celebrated films, TV series and streamed events including *IT*, 'a book which speaks to everybody' (*Guardian*), *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption* and *Stand By Me*. He lives with his wife Tabitha King in Maine.

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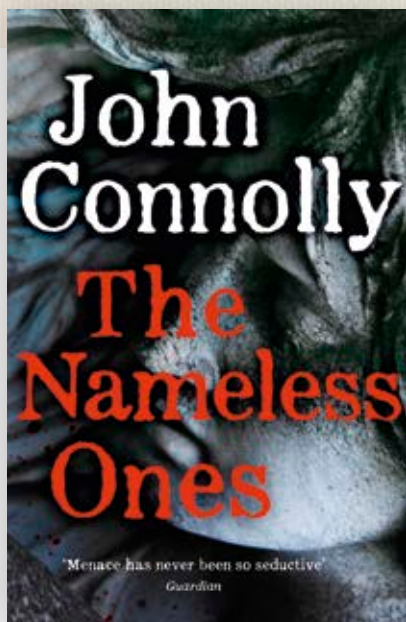
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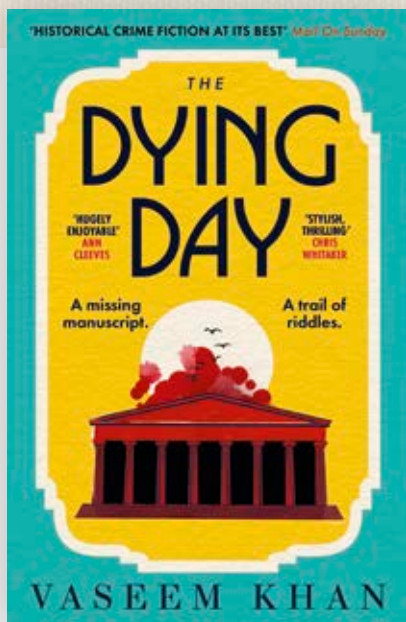
A&E doctor Kate North has been knocked off course by a personal tragedy. Offered the chance to be an emergency replacement at a research station in Antarctica, she immediately accepts. The previous doctor, Jean-Luc, died in a tragic accident out on the ice. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect that Jean-Luc's death was murder. And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes. In the harshest environment – isolated from the rest of the world – there's a killer on the loose...

Emma Haughton grew up in Sussex, studied English at Oxford and worked as a journalist for several national newspapers, including *The Times* Travel section. Emma has written several non-fiction books for schools as well as YA thrillers. This is her first crime novel.

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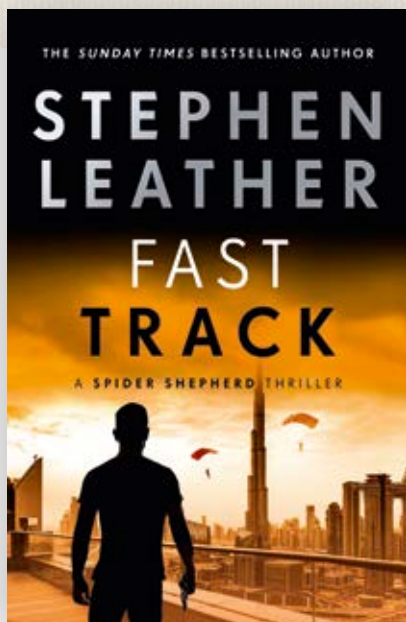
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Vaseem Khan is the author of two crime series set in India: the Baby Ganesh Agency series and the Malabar House series. His debut, *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra*, was a *Times* bestseller and has been translated into 15 languages. In 2018, he was awarded the Eastern Eye Arts, Culture and Theatre Award for Literature. Vaseem works with crime scientists at UCL.

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Riley Sager is the pseudonym of a former journalist, editor and graphic designer who previously published mysteries under his real name. Now a full-time author, Riley's first thriller, *Final Girls*, was a national and international bestseller that has been sold in 25 languages. A film version is being developed by Universal Pictures and Anonymous Content. A native of Pennsylvania, he now lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

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THE DOLL

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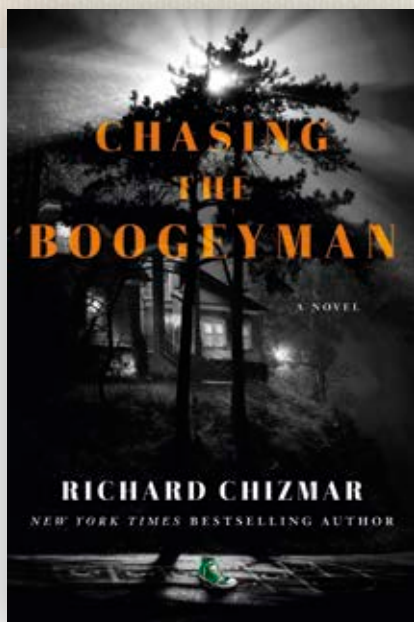
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Holly Down studied PPE at New College, Oxford, and later became a solicitor. She began writing as a hobby at law school, along with hot yoga and marathon running; only the writing has continued. In 2016, Holly undertook a writing course at City University. She and her family live in North London. *The Courier* is her debut novel.

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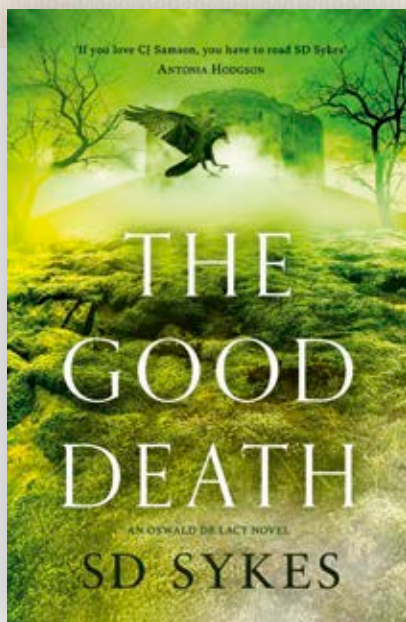
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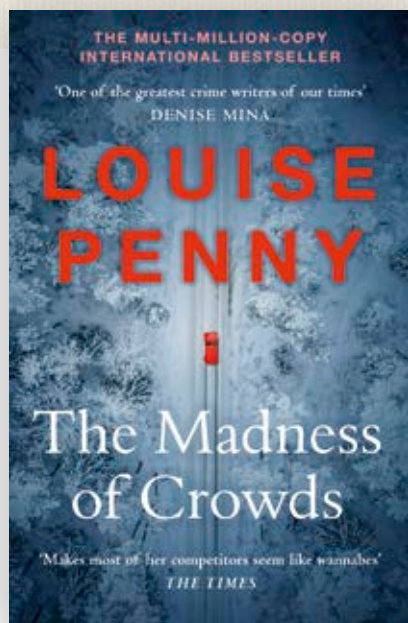
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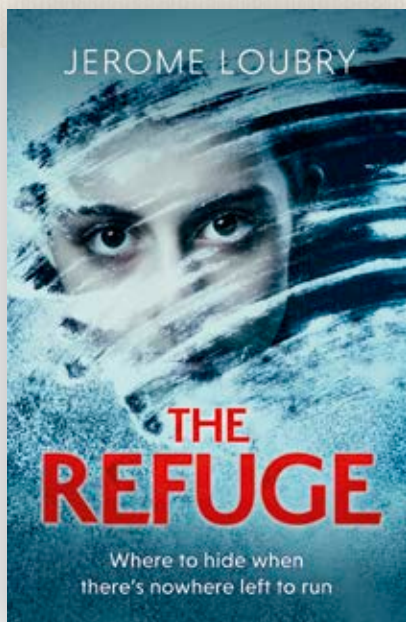
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After working in London for many years, **Jérôme Loubry** moved to the South of France, where he still lives and works. Born in 1976, he grew up in a village famous for its book printing business, and his aunt, who worked there, made sure he grew up surrounded by books.

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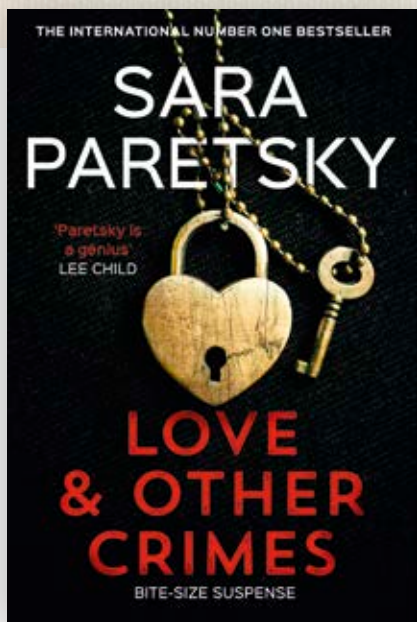
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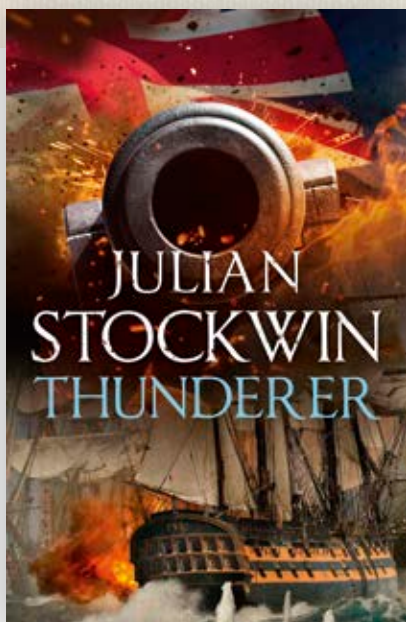
Julie Corbin is Scottish and grew up just outside Edinburgh. She has lived in East Sussex for the last 25 years and raised her three sons in a village near Ashdown Forest. She is trained as a nurse and combines running the medical department in a boarding school with writing novels. Her psychological thrillers have been described as 'creepy and gripping' (*Closer*) and 'remarkably assured... suspenseful' (*Daily Mail*).

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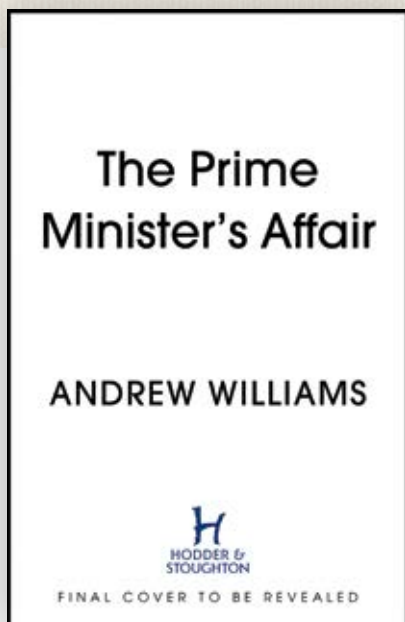
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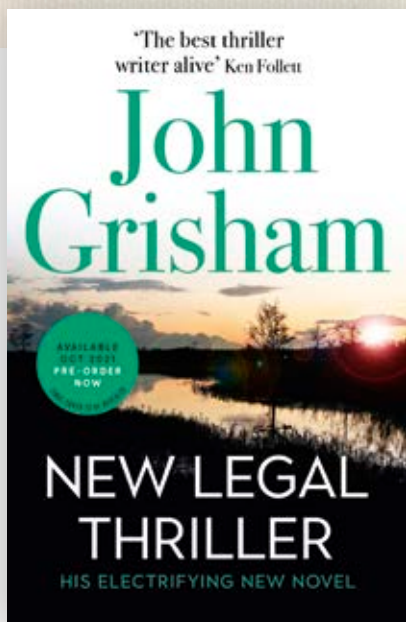
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Marina Palmer is the pseudonym of bestselling British author Imogen Robertson used for her contemporary solo thriller writing. Imogen has been shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger three times and for the CWA Dagger in the Library Award once. She has also written for Hampton Court Palace, chaired the Historical Writers' Association and been mentioned in Private eye twice.

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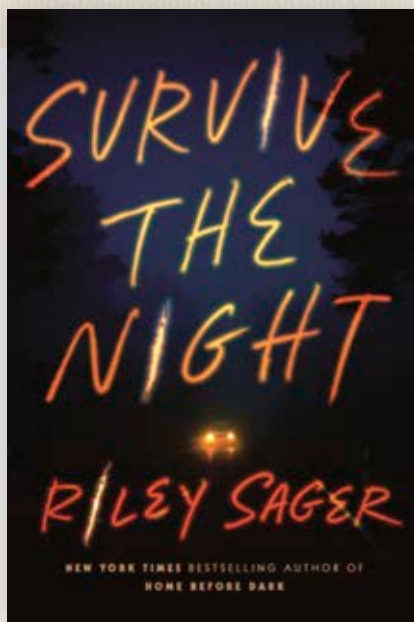
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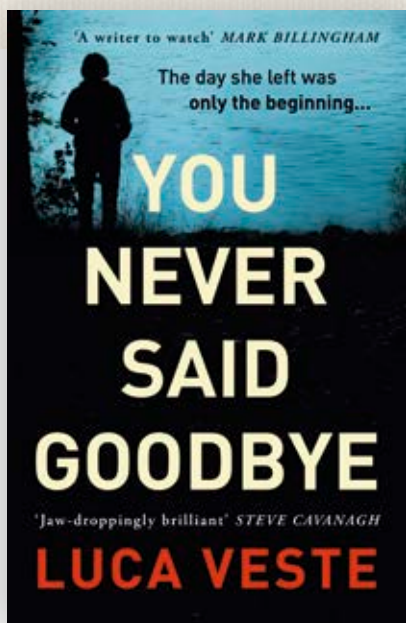
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Luca Veste is a writer of Italian and Liverpoolian heritage. He is one out of nine children and is married with two daughters. He studied psychology and criminology at university in Liverpool. His books have been described as 'darkly impressive . . . disturbing and intelligent' (*The Times*), and Mark Billingham has called Luca 'a writer to watch'.

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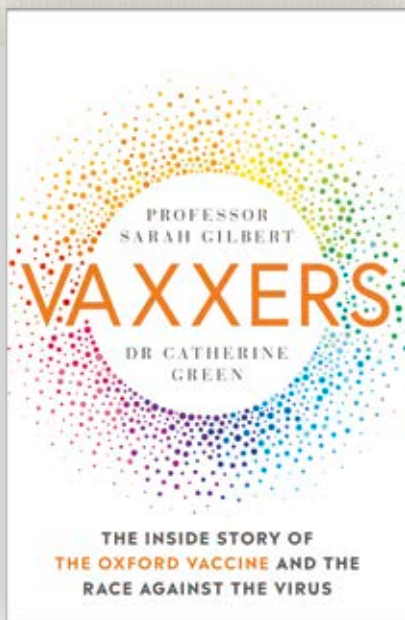
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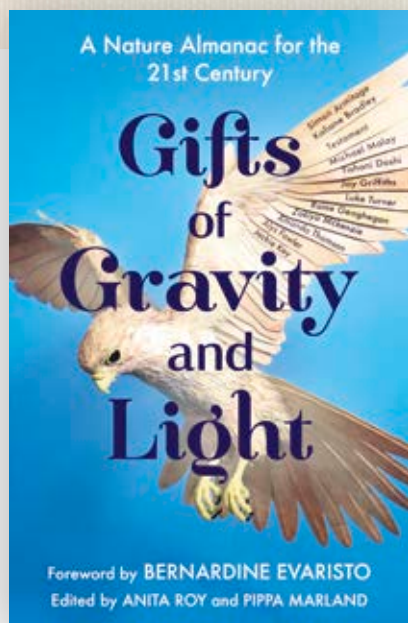
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Anita Roy is a writer, editor and publisher of mixed British and Indian heritage. She spent 20 years living and working in New Delhi, until returning to the UK where she was brought up.

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Gareth Timmins is a former Royal Marines Commando who has spent time in Iraq, Somalia, Egypt and Afghanistan. Since leaving Afghanistan, he has worked for several ultra-high-net-worth individuals in London, while providing a physical security and business development consultancy to blue-chip companies in the City of London. Gareth completed his studies in psychology after six years, gaining a Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology and a BSc (Hons) in Forensic Psychology.

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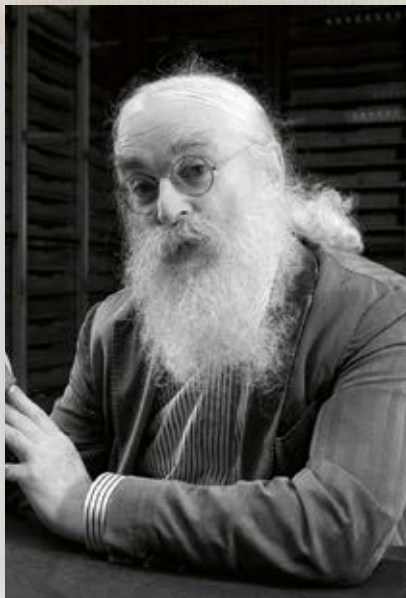
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Simon Clark is a scientist, video producer and online educator. Simon read Physics at St. Peter's College, Oxford before researching a PhD in atmospheric physics at the University of Exeter. During his studies he began creating YouTube videos about student life and his research, and has since accrued nearly 20 million views.

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Dr Irving Finkel is Assistant Keeper of Ancient Mesopotamian (i.e. Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian) script, languages and cultures Department: Middle East at the British Museum. He is the curator in charge of cuneiform inscriptions on tablets of clay from ancient Mesopotamia, of which the Middle East Department has the largest collection – some 130,000 pieces – of any modern museum.

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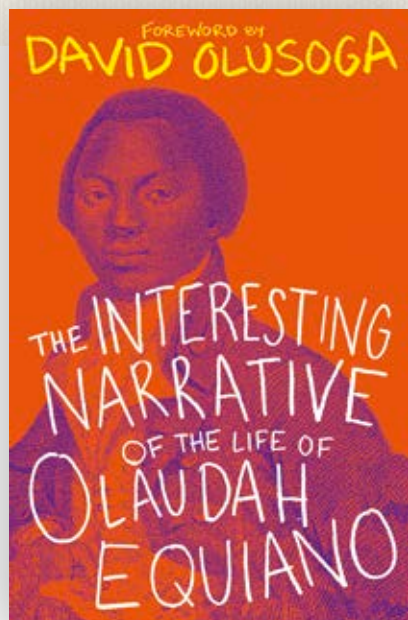
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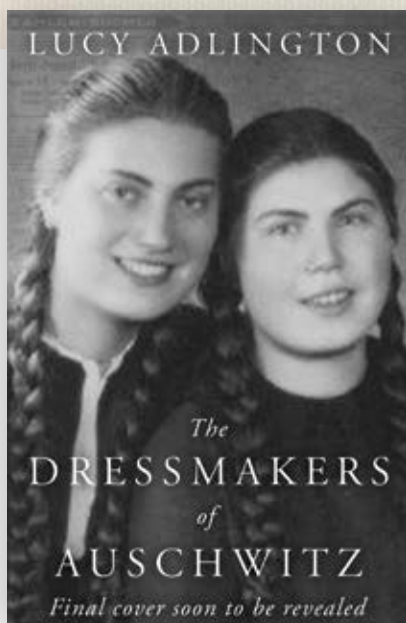
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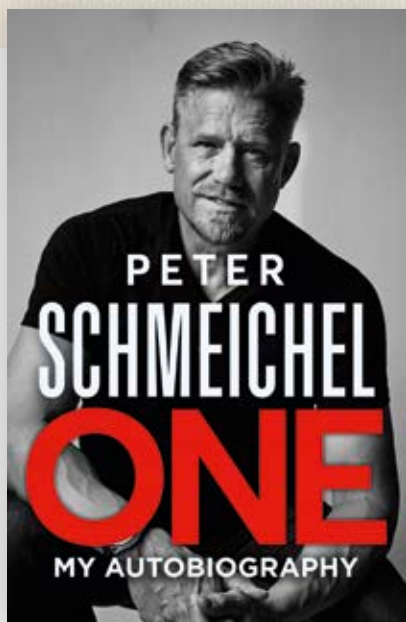
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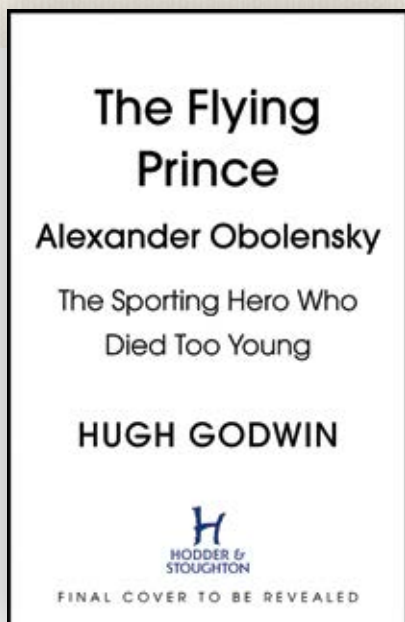
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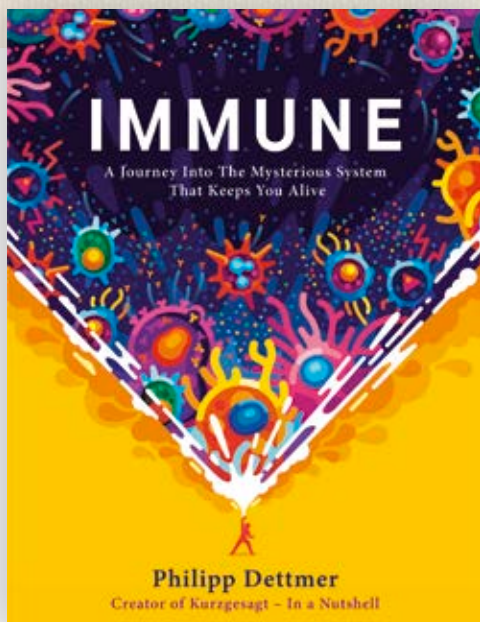
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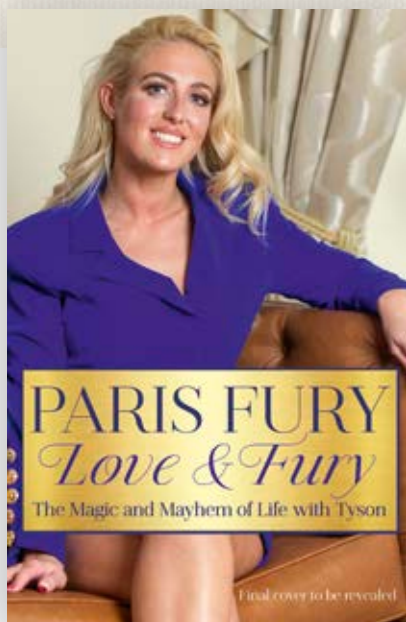
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Philipp Dettmer is a science explainer, information designer and the founder and head writer of the YouTube channel 'Kurzgesagt – In a Nutshell'. He began the channel as a passion project, with a mission to explain complicated things from a big picture perspective. Seven years later, 'Kurzgesagt' is one of the largest educational channels on YouTube with 14 million subscribers and around a billion views.

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Paris Fury is the wife of heavyweight world boxing champion Tyson Fury. She was born in Doncaster, South Yorkshire to a Traveller family and married Tyson aged nineteen. They have five children together. Their life together was the subject of a hugely popular three-part ITV documentary *Gypsy King* in 2020. She has appeared across the media and now appears regularly on *Loose Women*.

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John Sweeney is one of the most recognisable names in investigative journalism. He has had an award-winning career in both newspapers and television, reporting from trouble spots around the world and annoying the likes of Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and the Church of Scientology along the way. He is the author of twelve books and is based in London.

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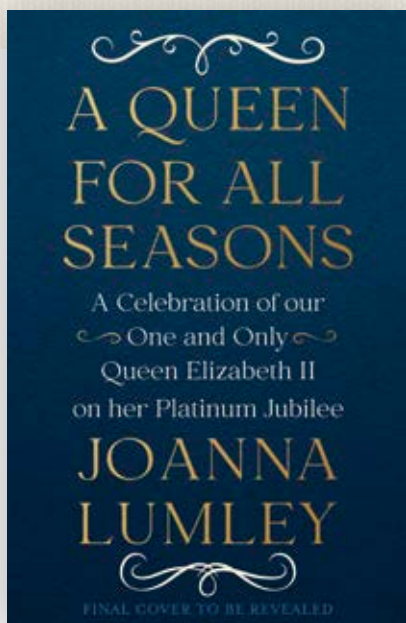
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Joanna Lumley was born in India and grew up between there and England. She is a celebrated actress, a former model and Bond Girl, an author, an activist and a television documentary presenter. Her varied screen credits have included *Absolutely Fabulous* (where she played the legendary Patsy Stone), *The New Avengers*, and *Coronation Street*. She is well known for her travel documentaries and as a political activist, including for the Gurkha Justice Campaign.

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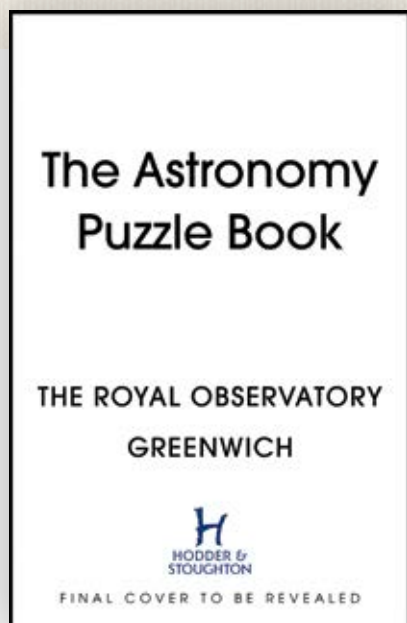
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Simon Reeve has travelled to more than 120 countries, making multiple award-winning TV series for the BBC, including *Caribbean*, *Indian Ocean*, *Tropic of Cancer*, *Equator*, *Sacred Rivers*, *Greece*, *Tropic of Capricorn*, *Turkey*, *Mediterranean* and *Australia*. He has received a One World Broadcasting Trust Award, the prestigious Ness Award from the Royal Geographical Society, and the Special Contribution Award at the Travel Media Awards.

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Sam Heughan is an award-winning actor and philanthropist. Sam has enjoyed a career in theatre, television and film spanning almost two decades. **Graham McTavish** has been acting for over 35 years in theatre, film and television. He has performed in theatre all over the world from the Royal Court Theatre in London to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

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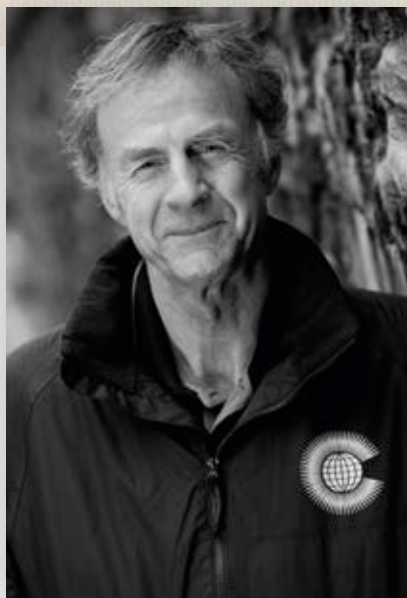
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Iain Dale is an award-winning broadcaster and presenter of the evening show on LBC Radio. He is the author/editor of more than 30 books and co-host of the *For the Many* podcast and the *Iain Dale Book Club* podcast. He was named Radio Presenter of the Year for 2013 and 2016 and is the former Managing Director of Biteback Publishing. He hosts the theatre show *Iain Dale All Talk*. Iain lives in Tunbridge Wells.

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How to Stay Human in an Online World

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Emma Gannon is a writer, podcast host and *Sunday Times* bestselling business author of *The Multi-Hyphen Method*. She has been published in everything from the *Guardian* to MTV, *ELLE* to *Glamour* and has been a columnist for *The Sunday Times*, *Telegraph* and *Courier* magazine. She is the host of her own hit podcast, the award-winning *CTRL, ALT, DELETE*. The show has reached 5.5 million listeners in over 100 countries.

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Jackie Clune is a well-respected actor (including appearing in *Billy Elliot* and *Emilia* in the West End, and in C4's hit *Motherland*), playwright and comedian. She is on the Equity Council; set up and manages a successful girls' rugby section at Eton Manor RFC, and is the mother of four – triplets (two boys and a girl) and an older daughter. Jackie lives with her family in London.

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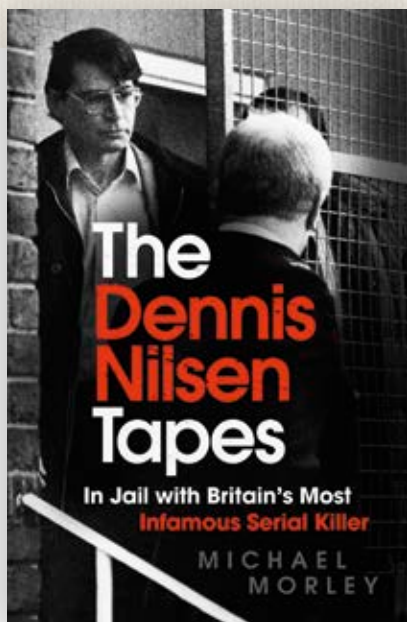
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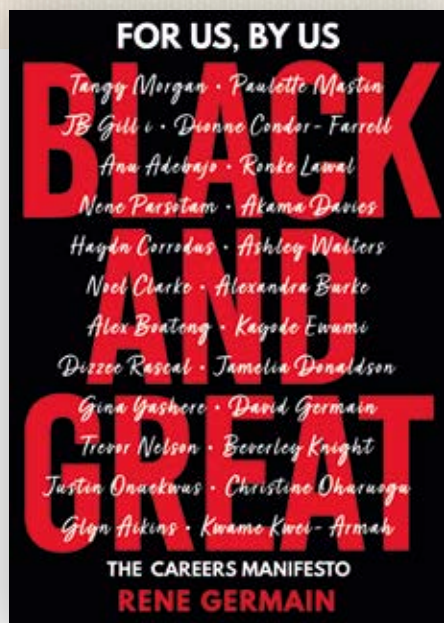
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Rene Germain is a 27-year-old influencer and writer. She currently works as a Digital Product Manager, writer and champion of the black community. She co-created the #blackintheoffice hashtag, which led to two features in *Metro* and being invited to write an article for *Huffington Post*. She has recently written for *Fortune.com* and *Stylist.co.uk* on improving the black employee experience and black female activism online respectively.

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Lesley-Ann Jones

The truth behind Freddie Mercury's romantic relationships.

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Lesley-Ann Jones is a journalist, newspaper columnist and broadcaster. The author of eight published books, she has enjoyed more than 25 years in music and the media. She lives in South-East London with her young children, the eldest having grown up and gone into the music business.

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SPINNING PLATES

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Sophie Ellis-Bextor shot to fame as a vocalist on Spiller's number one single 'Groovejet' and followed it up with 'Take Me Home' and her worldwide smash hit, 'Murder on the Dancefloor'. The Kitchen Discos, performed at home with her five sons during lockdown, amassed over 100k views each on Instagram. *Songs from the Kitchen Disco* was released in 2020 to critical acclaim, and Sophie is set to tour in 2022.

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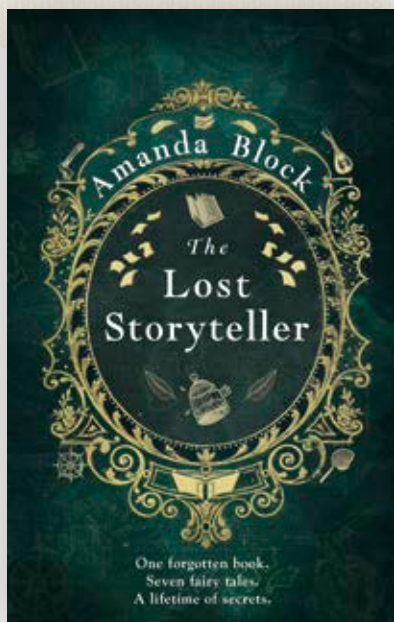


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Originally from Devon, **Amanda Block** moved to Edinburgh in 2007, where she attained a master's degree in creative writing. Since then, she's divided her time between ghostwriting, editing and tutoring. Amanda's writing is often inspired by myths and fairy tales, which she uses as starting points to tell new stories. Her work has been shortlisted in contests such as the Bridport Prize and the *Msllexia* Short Story Competition. *The Lost Storyteller* is her first novel.

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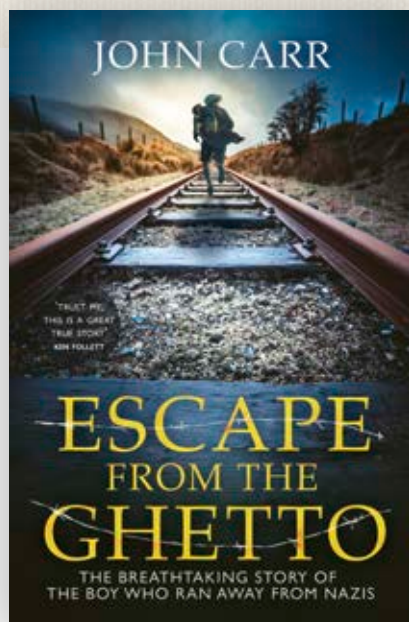
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Ellie Taylor is a comedian, actor and writer who has appeared on Netflix's *Comedians of the World*, *The Mash Report* and is a regular guest on panel shows. Ellie created and starred in *Ellie Solves Parenting* on Sky One. She also hosts her own Radio 4 show, *Ellie Taylor's Safe Space*. Ellie co-presents the award winning podcast, *Ellie and Anna have Issues*.

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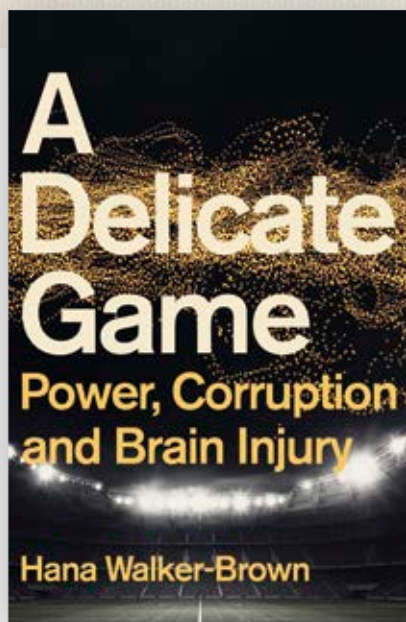
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John Carr is Henry Carr's eldest son. Now living in London, he grew up in Yorkshire and is currently a Visiting Senior Fellow at the London School of Economics. In a touching afterword to the first-person narrative he has recreated, he tells of how his father put his war years behind him, never telling his children of their Jewish origins; of their extraordinary reconciliation in later life; of Henry's reunions with his surviving brother; and painstaking work to corroborate this authentic story.

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A DELICATE GAME

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A shocking investigation into CTE and concussion: the devastating cost of sport.

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Hana Walker-Brown is a multi-award-winning audio documentary maker, writer and currently an Executive Producer for Broccoli Content, a London based podcast production company founded in direct response to the lack of opportunities for minority talent both in front of and behind the mic, to create great content and break through industry barriers. Hana has created work for Audible, the BBC, the *Guardian*, *National Geographic*, Spotify and Warner Brothers among many others.

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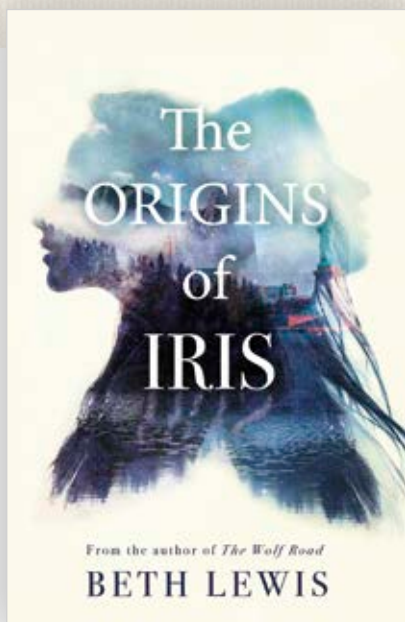
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When you're lost, you can always trust yourself. Can't you?

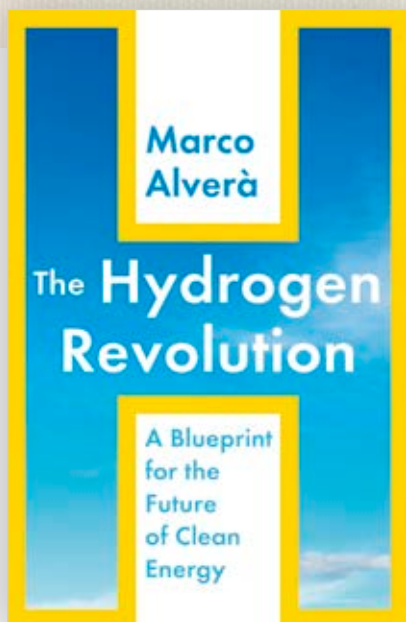
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Beth Lewis was raised in the wilds of Cornwall and split her childhood between books and the beach. She has travelled extensively throughout the world and has had close encounters with black bears, killer whales and Great White sharks. She has been, at turns, a bank cashier, fire performer, juggler, and is currently the Publishing Manager at Rebellion. She lives in Oxford with her wife and daughter.

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Marco Alverà is CEO of Snam, Europe's largest natural gas pipeline company, and has been making forays into hydrogen fuel. Before moving to Snam, he worked at Enel, the world's largest renewable-energy company. After 20 years in the industry, he has explored every aspect of energy from renewable to oil to gas. He is uniquely positioned to make the case for hydrogen as the energy future.

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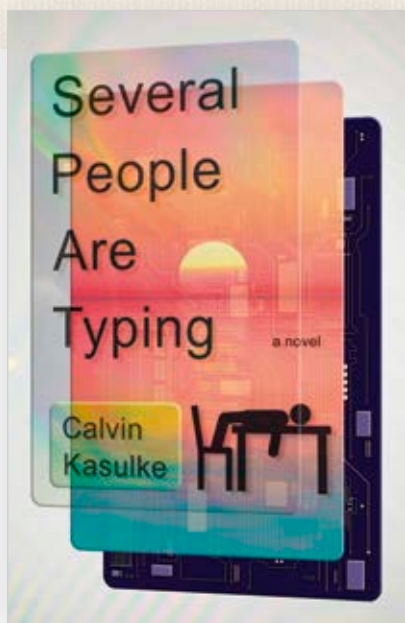
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Calvin Kasulke

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Calvin Kasulke is a writer based in Brooklyn, New York. A Lambda Literary Fellow, his writing and reporting have been featured in *VICE*, *Buzzfeed* and *Electric Literature*. This is his first book.

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How to be from Two Worlds at Once

Phil Wang

One of the UK's brightest and best comedians takes an incisive and hilarious look at race and belonging.

'But where are you REALLY from?' Phil Wang has been asked this question so many times he's finally written a book about it. In this mix of comic memoir and observational essay, Phil reflects on his experiences as a Eurasian man in the West and in the East. Phil was born in Stoke-on-Trent, raised in Malaysia, and then came of age in Bath – 'a spa town for people who find Cheltenham too ethnic'. Phil delves into Britain and Malaysia's shared histories, bringing his trademark cynicism and wit to topics ranging from family, food, and comedy to race, empire, and colonialism. *Sidesplitter* is a hilarious and incisive look at being mixed race and belonging to two home countries at once.

Phil Wang is one of the UK's most exciting stand-up comedians. He is about to film his first Netflix special and has hosted countless shows including *Live at the Apollo*, *Have I Got News For You* and *QI*. In 2018, he was one of only two non-US acts in Netflix's *The Comedy Lineup*. Phil has performed at international comedy festivals in Montreal, Australia and New Zealand. His latest critically acclaimed show, *Philly Philly Wang Wang*, broke records at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe.

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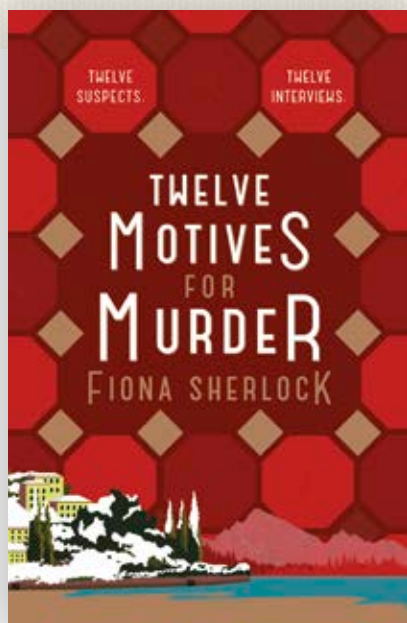
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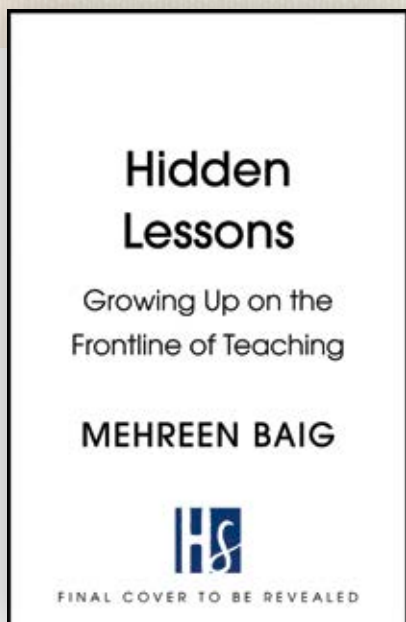
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Mehreen Baig

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Mehreen Baig is a former teacher and trailblazing broadcaster and writer. In 2016, she took part in the BAFTA-winning BBC2 documentary 'Muslims Like Us'. She has appeared as a regular reporter and guest for the BBC, and in 2017 was named one of the most inspirational and powerful women of the year by the *Telegraph*. She continues to work with young people to help them achieve their life goals.

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CARE FOR ME

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Some secrets follow you
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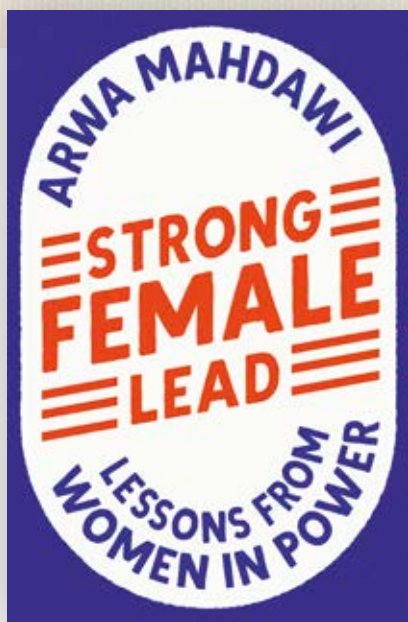
When Afrah first arrives at Ravenswood Lodge Care Home, she feels far from home. Her daughter, Amira, didn't want to send her away. Ravenswood Lodge was meant to be safe. But when her belongings start vanishing, Amira and the staff say it's just Afrah's imagination, it's just her failing memory. But Afrah is convinced someone is playing games with her. At home, Amira stumbles upon some strange newspaper clippings, stories her mother has fixated on. Is it just a coincidence, or could her mother be telling the truth? Does someone want revenge?

Farah Cook is a writer of Pakistani descent. She was born in Denmark and grew up in Copenhagen, and spent time living in Pakistan too. She returned to Denmark and later studied in Scotland, Sweden and England. She now lives in Germany and writes full-time.

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Lessons from Women in Power

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Arwa Mahdawi is a London-born, New York-based writer, speaker and business consultant. Arwa writes a weekly column for the *Guardian* covering everything from politics to pop culture. She is also the creator of the viral website Rent-A-Minority, which is an 'Uber for diversity.' (Yes, before you ask, it's satire.)

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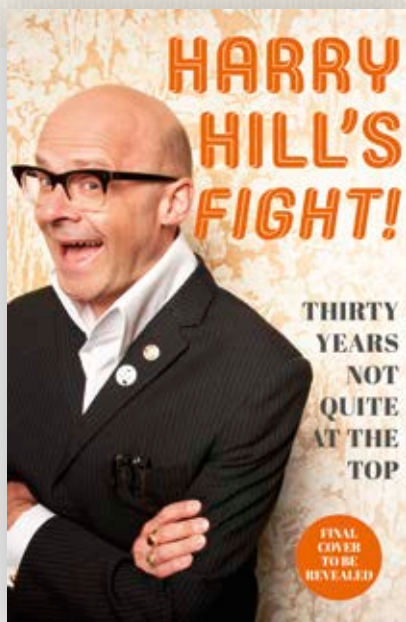
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Tessa Coates and Stevie Martin are hosts of the *Nobody Panic* podcast, which tackles life's big, small, fun and sometimes scary questions. They are two thirds of the critically acclaimed sketch group Massive Dad and are both writers, performers and comedians.

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Harry Hill was born in Woking in 1964, grew up in Kent and lived as a teenager in Hong Kong. He trained as a neurosurgeon and holds a medical degree from University of London. He's created and starred in multiple TV shows including *Harry Hill's TV Burp*, *World of TV*, and *You've Been Framed*. He has won eight Comedy Awards, three BAFTAs, and was nominated for a People's Choice Award.

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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Claire McGowan & Sarah Day

Elizabeth Bennet has politely declined your friend request and asks that you do not slide into her DMs again.

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, will probably be verified on Twitter. The characters of *Pride and Prejudice* are navigating the same struggles on unfamiliar channels – social media channels, to be precise. When authors Claire McGowan and Sarah Day imagined how ‘Pride and Prejudice on Social Media’ might look, retelling the story through mocked-up Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and Reddit posts, their post instantly went viral and here is the story in full.

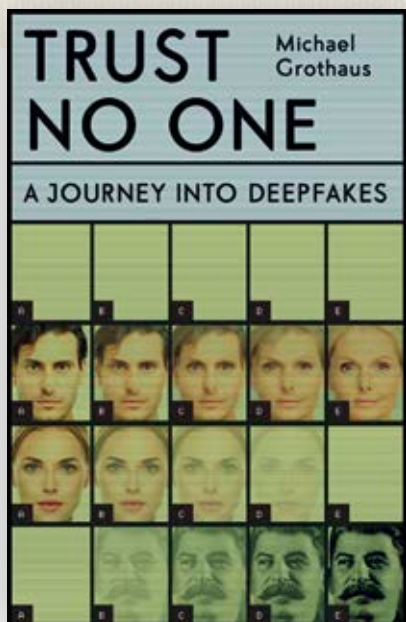
Sarah Day lives in London, where she works for the Geological Society. She has written columns for a variety of publications, including the *Guardian* and *The Vagenda*. **Claire McGowan** was born in 1981 in a small Irish village where the most exciting thing that ever happened was some cows getting loose on the road. She is the author of *The Fall*, *What You Did*, *The Other Wife* and more.

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TRUST NO ONE

Inside the World of Deepfakes

Michael Grothaus

Who's making deepfakes, why they're doing it, and what it means for all of us.

Deepfake technology can create video evidence of just about anything: Natalie Portman in an orgy; Putin declaring nuclear war; the US winning the World Cup. The only limit is the imagination. In a time where fake news and disinformation is becoming harder and harder to identify, it's more essential than ever to understand the dark origins of deepfakes. Journalist Michael Grothaus goes down the rabbit hole, opening a window into the communities transforming reality; from incels to hackers in the underbelly of the internet. Seeing is believing, but soon you won't be able to trust anything you see online.

Michael Grothaus is a novelist and journalist. Having got his start over 20 years ago writing for *Screen*, his work has since appeared in *Fast Company*, *VICE*, the *Guardian*, *Litro Magazine*, *Quartz* and others. His debut novel *Epiphany Jones* was longlisted for the John Creasy New Blood Dagger Award in 2017. *Trust No One* is his first non-fiction book.

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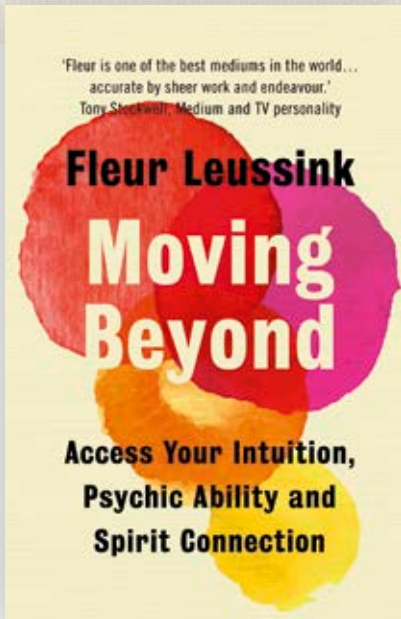
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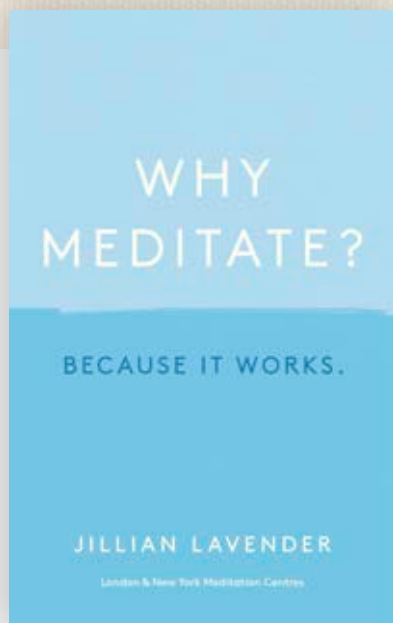
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Fleur Leussink has been named one of the 'Best Mediums in Los Angeles' by CBS and *LA Magazine*. Her innate ability to directly communicate with loved ones 'in spirit' has connected countless families from all around the world. In Los Angeles she has become largely sought after in the entertainment industry, doing readings for well-known A-list musicians, actors and politicians. Fleur is on a mission to connect as many people as she can to their loved ones on the other side.

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Jillian Lavender is a Vedic wellness and meditation expert and has been teaching meditation for almost 20 years. She co-directs the London Meditation Centre and New York Meditation Centre with her partner, Michael Miller. Born in New Zealand and trained under the world-renowned teacher Thom Knowles, she is a regular speaker at Balance and Live Well. She has been featured in the *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *Mind Body Green* and on BBC Radio 2.

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Andrea Owen helps high-achieving women let go of perfectionism, control and isolation and choose courage and confidence instead. Since founding her signature programme 'Your Kick-Ass Life' in 2010, she's reached more than 1.2 million readers through her blog and taught workshops sponsored by Dove's Campaign for Real Beauty. She is the author of *How to Stop Feeling Like Sh*t* (Yellow Kite, 2018).

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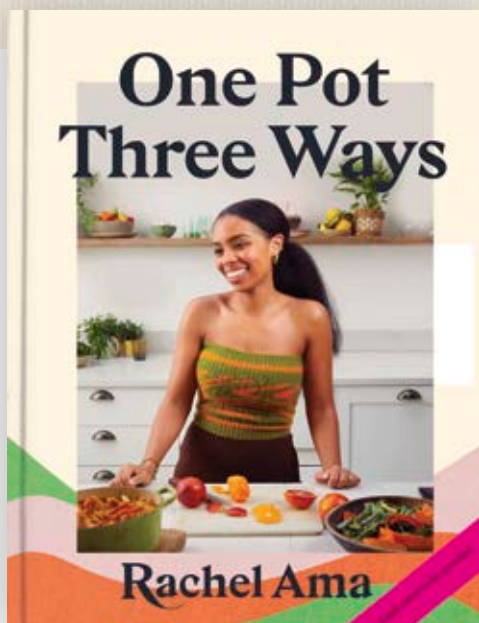
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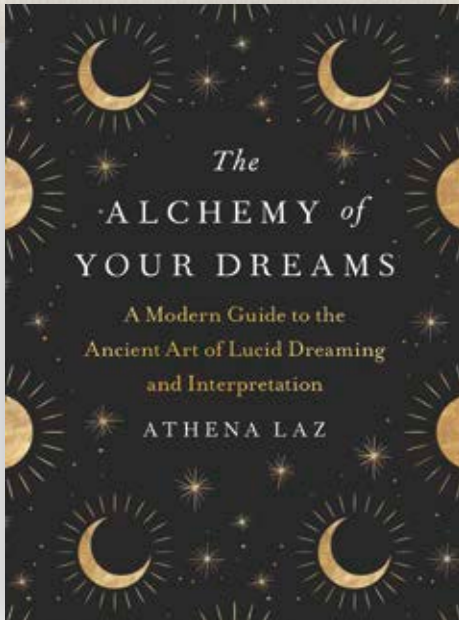
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Rachel Ama grew up in North London and has always been inspired by the flavours and ingredients of her Caribbean (St Lucia), African and Welsh roots. So when she started following a vegan diet in 2015 she found joy in experimenting with flavours from her heritage and her travels and launched her successful YouTube channel (562K subscribers). Her first book, *Vegan Eats*, was published by Ebury (2019).

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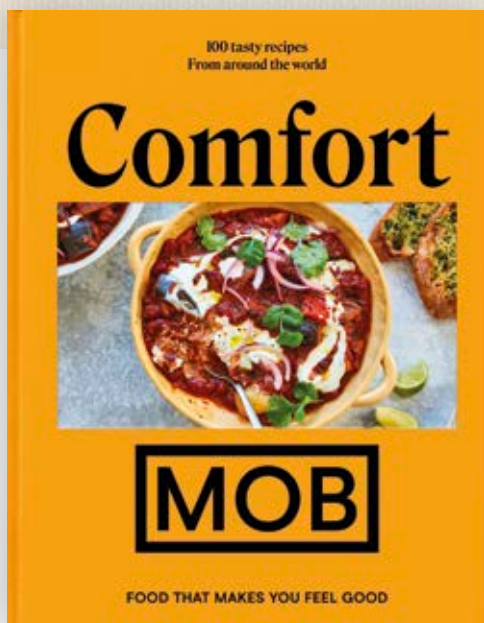
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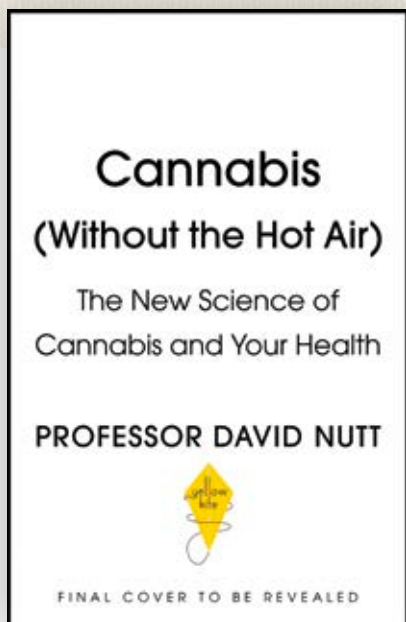
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As well as being an astrologer, **Aliza Kelly** is a columnist, the co-founder of an astrology-based dating app Align, the host of hit podcast *Stars Like Us*, a resident astrologer at Soho House, host of YouTube series *Star Chart*, as well as a content creator. She's the resident astrologer of *Cosmopolitan* and her monthly horoscopes and cosmic advice column reach an audience of 75M. In addition, she's the host of a new astrology-based dating show created by Amazon Prime.

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Donal Skehan has been cooking since age four when he flipped his first pancake! Inspired by a family of passionate foodies, cooking and eating hearty home-cooked food has always been a way of life. Donal is the author of nine cookbooks, the host of *Saturday Kitchen* and star of cookery shows on RTE and The Food Network, and he has hit own hit YouTube channel with 986k followers. Donal lives in Dublin with his wife and two sons.

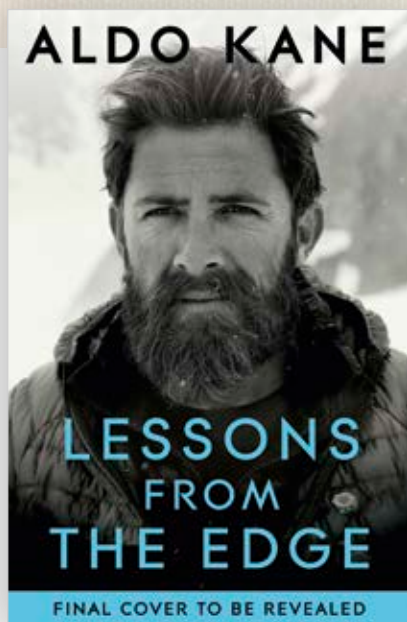
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Aldo Kane is a world record setting adventurer, extreme, remote and hostile locations expert and former Royal Marines Commando Sniper. He has completed 13 world-first expeditions from the high seas of the Atlantic to the jungles of South America. Over the last 20 years, he has operated in some of the world's toughest, most extreme environments, where his body, mind and physical fitness have been forged in the real world with minimal kit, yielding maximum returns.

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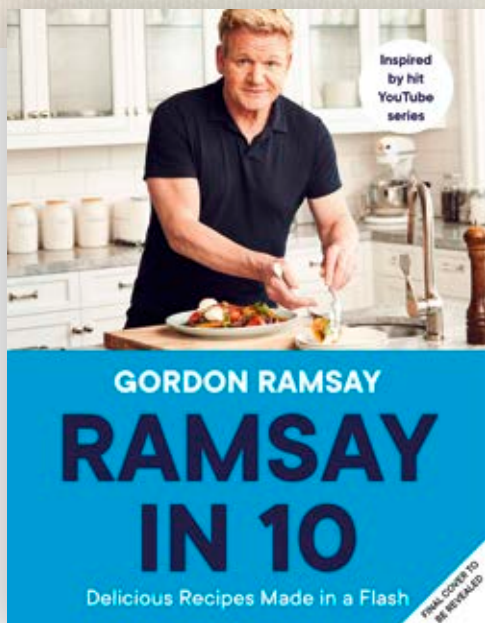
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Jo Love is an award-winning mental health advocate, speaker, writer and podcaster as host of the podcast *What I Wish I Had Known*. She shares her experience of mental illness including depression, anxiety and burnout alongside evidence-based strategies that helped her recover.

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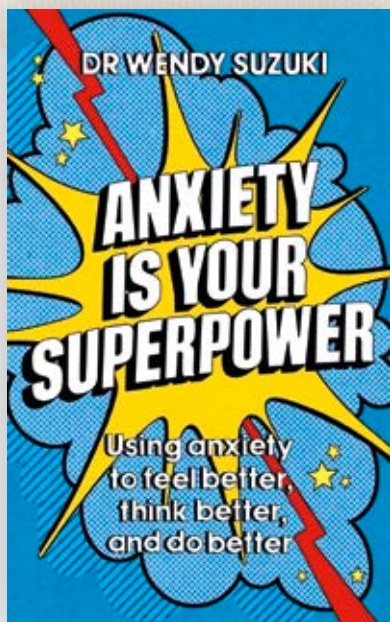
Internationally renowned three Michelin-star chef **Gordon Ramsay** was brought up in Stratford-upon-Avon and initially aspired to be a professional footballer. An injury brought him back to college to complete a course in hotel management, where his dedication and natural talent led him to train with some of the world's leading chefs. Ramsay has released a number of books, many of which have become bestsellers around the world. A keen triathlete, Gordon lives with his wife Tana and five children. He divides his time between London, Los Angeles and Cornwall.

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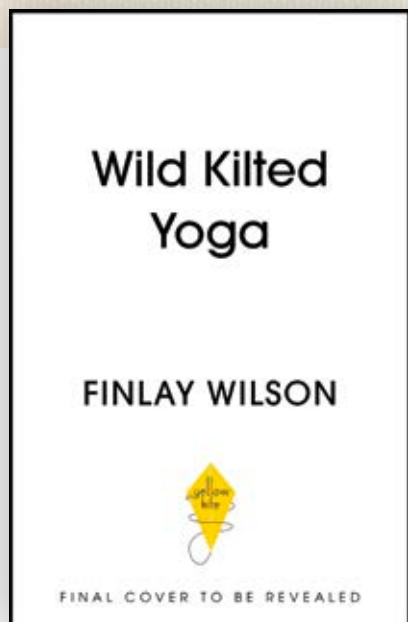
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Finlay Wilson lives in Dundee, Scotland, and works as a certified Forrest yoga instructor and bodyworker as well as a BBC content creator. He is the founder and principal teacher of Heart Space Yoga & Bodyworks in Dundee and is a widely sought-after international yoga teacher.

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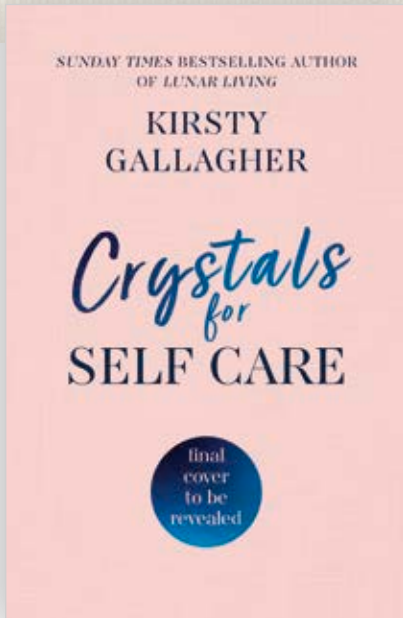
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Kirsty Gallagher is a moon mentor, soul alignment and transformation coach, yoga teacher and meditation teacher with an infectious passion for life. She has been sharing the life-changing benefits of yoga and the moon for 10 years through classes, workshops, private and corporate sessions and has taught over 80 worldwide retreats. She is the founder of online sisterhood Lunar Living and author of the bestselling book *Lunar Living*.

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Adrian West is an astronomer with over 30 years' experience. Better known as Virtual Astro, he has one of the largest independent astronomy and space accounts on social media. He's passionate about the night sky and inspiring people to look up. Adrian has written many astronomy and space related articles for various online science magazines. Adrian runs Sky Tours for the National Trust and has also written guides and articles for the BBC, Met office and National Trust.

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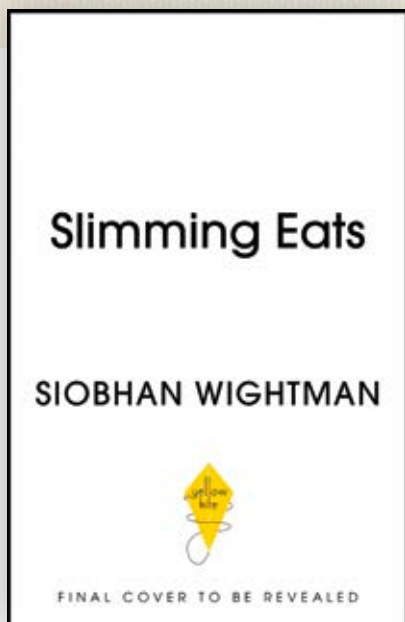
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Thatcher Wine is a founder of Juniper Books, which specialises in custom curated libraries and designing special edition book sets. In addition, he has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Architectural Digest*, *Elle*, *Decor* and many more.

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Siobhan Wightman is a full-time mum and hugely successful blogger of Slimming Eats, born in the UK and now living with her husband in Canada. She has amassed a community of 853k Facebook fans, grown a Facebook private group of 352k fans and has 256k Instagram followers. She's created this all from her small kitchen, cooking and photographing it all herself.

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