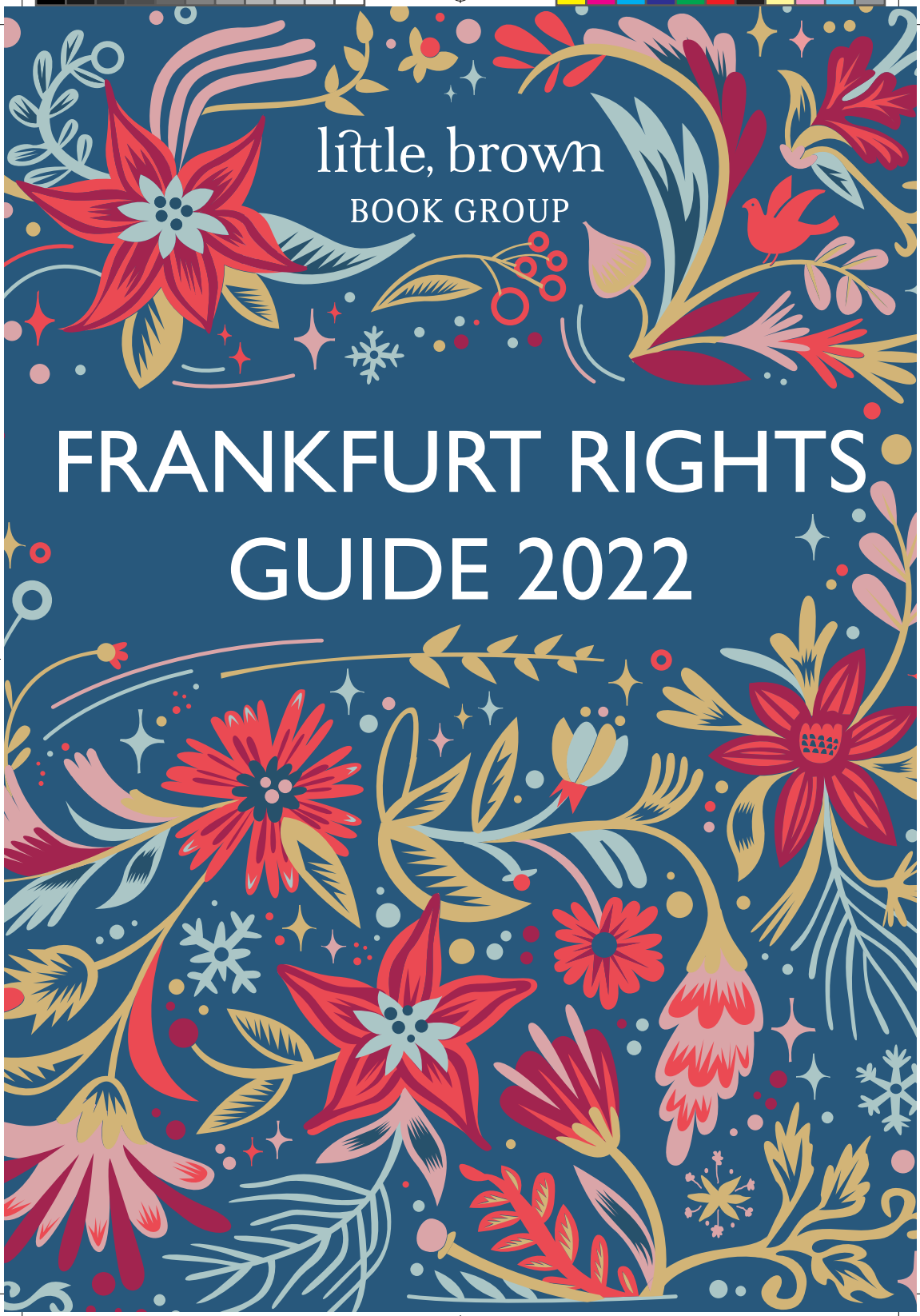


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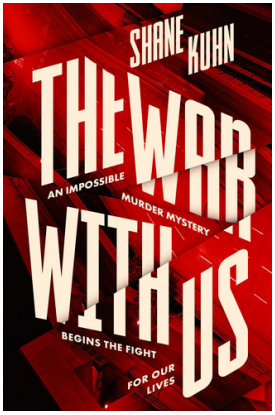
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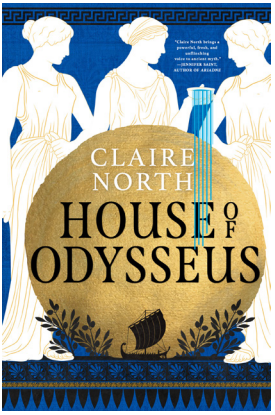
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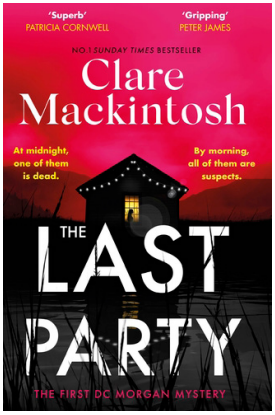
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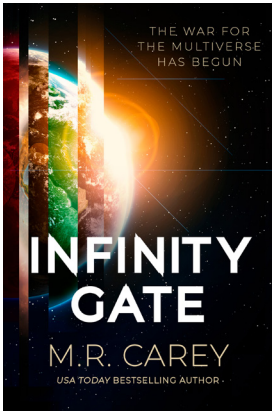
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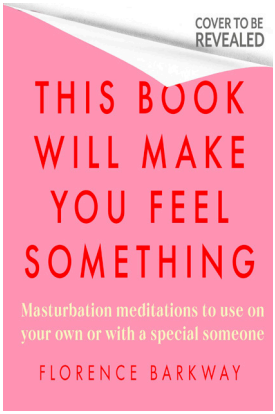
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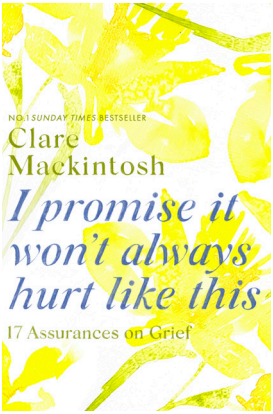
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Fiction



The Many Lies of Veronica Hawkins

Kristina Pérez

A gripping exploration of toxic female friendship set in the privileged world of Hong Kong's moneyed elite.

Scion of industry. Vestige of colonialism. Cursed socialite. Tragic heiress. Just who was Veronica Hawkins?

When Martina Torres arrives in the glamorous and vibrant metropolis of Hong Kong, newly married to her high school sweetheart, the world seems to be her oyster. But looks can be deceiving. Adrift in a foreign city, with no job and no friends, Martina chafes in her new role as Expat Wife.

But her luck changes when she meets Veronica Hawkins. Beautiful, sophisticated, and very, very rich, Veronica is the epitome of Old Hong Kong – the last surviving member of a British mercantile dynasty that built the city during its colonial heyday. Martina can hardly believe her fortune when she's taken under Veronica's wing, helping her to find a new apartment, a new career, and most importantly, a new self.

Veronica transforms Martina's life and then, shockingly, she dies. She disappears over the side of a yacht during a party attended by Hong Kong's most influential people – yet somehow there are no witnesses. Was it murder? Suicide? A terrible accident? What really happened to Veronica Hawkins? Somebody knows but nobody's telling.

Constable

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US rights: With Alloy Entertainment

A word from the editor:
'I was totally blown away by the addictive, page-turning quality of Kristina's writing; the sights, smells and atmosphere of frenetic, glamorous Hong Kong is vividly evoked where the relationship between the two women is brilliantly dissected.' - Krystyna Green

Comp titles:
Big Little Lies meets Taylor Jenkins Reid

Film/TV option:
Alloy Entertainment is developing the property in TV with an eye towards a premium streaming service.

About the author:
Kristina Pérez has previously been published in non-fiction, as well as several YA novels, and spent nearly a decade as a journalist in Asia. She is also a literary agent at Zeno Agency Ltd.



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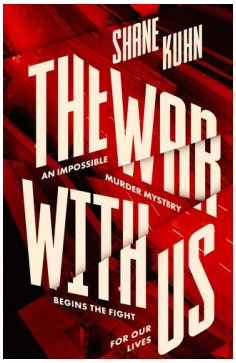
Daisy Buchanan

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 is ashamed of that craving. After a lifetime of comparison to her perfect sister Bean, she has never felt more invisible; only ever feeling 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 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?

About the author:
Daisy Buchanan is an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster. She has written for publications including the *Guardian* and *Grazia*, and she also hosts the podcast *You're Booked*. The TV rights for her first novel, *Insatiable* have been sold to Filmnation.



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The War with Us

Shane Kuhn

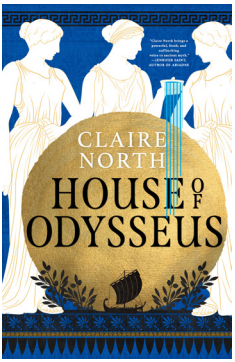
An impossible murder mystery becomes a startling, visionary glimpse of a future in which the fate of the many hangs on the actions of a few.

Detective Lio Dos Santos has caught an impossible case: Rosalind Teller, a young Cal-Tech scientist, is found murdered in her apartment, doors and windows locked from the inside. Despite being burned out by the street and haunted by the ghosts of his past, Lio becomes obsessed with Rosalind's enigmatic life and death.

He discovers that Rosalind was murdered for her scientific discovery – an incredible, dangerous way to instantly transport a person from one location to another. And when Rosalind suddenly reappears alive and well, the two must find a way to survive when powerful figures are willing to kill to steal her technology, and just as many to destroy it . . . turning the world into a war against itself.

'Science fiction with a generous helping of humanity - the best kind of speculative writing' - Christina Dalcher

About the author:
Shane Kuhn is a writer and filmmaker. He has written screenplays for Universal, Paramount, Sony and Fox, and written and directed a film for Lionsgate. He is one of the original founders and an executive board member of the Slamdance Film Festival.



Orbit

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House of Odysseus

Claire North

From the multi award-winning Claire North comes the second book in a trilogy of stories retelling of the classic Greek myth of Penelope.

On the island of Ithaca, queen Penelope maintains a delicate balance of power. Since her husband Odysseus never returned from war with Troy, Penelope has used all her cunning to keep the peace. But this is shattered with the arrival of Orestes, King of Mycenae.

Orestes, son of Agamemnon, is mad. Wracked with guilt for putting his mother to death, he grows ever more unhinged. To keep him safe from the men of Mycenae, his sister Elektra brings him to Ithaca to recover under the protection of Penelope. But soon his uncle Menelaus, the blood-soaked king of Sparta, comes looking for him.

Caught between Sparta and Mycenae, Penelope must protect Ithaca from two mad kings on the edge of war. Her only allies are Elektra, desperate to protect her brother, and Helen of Troy, Menelaus' wife. Each woman has a secret, and their secrets will shape the world.

About the author:
Claire North is a pseudonym for Catherine Webb, who wrote several novels in various genres before publishing her first major work as Claire North: *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*. She has since published several hugely popular and critically acclaimed novels, and won the World Fantasy Award and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award.



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Rights available: World

The Witness

Alexandra Wilson

The remarkable debut thriller by prominent young mixed-race British barrister and author Alexandra Wilson.

She saw it all. But she can never tell.

A young black man is arrested for murder. The case against him is strong – a mum and a businessman saw him standing over a body in a park, a knife still in hand. But his up-and-coming barrister Rosa – a black woman who is herself fighting prejudice – knows how people prejudge, but most of all, she knows the accused: he's a friend of her younger brother, and this kid. . . he's a good boy, wouldn't ever have done this. So she begins to dig. . . As Rosa discovers secret upon terrible secret, she moves closer to finding a testimony that could win the case – or bring the whole establishment down on her.

The Witness is a frightening thriller about how we judge guilt, about the strength of a young woman, and is the start of a groundbreaking new series.

About the author:
Alexandra Wilson is a junior barrister. Her mother is White British, her father is Black British and her paternal grandparents were part of the Windrush generation. She has studied at the University of Oxford and BPP University in London, and was awarded the first Queen's scholarship by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.



Piatkus

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The Lost Daughter of Venice

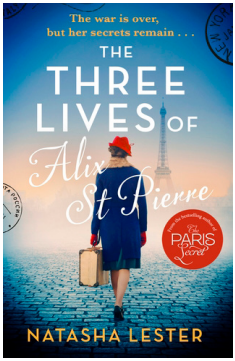
Charlotte Betts

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

Venice 1919. Recently widowed Phoebe Wyndham returns to Italy following a plea from her estranged relative, the Conessa di Sebastiano, to find her aunt is dead and the once-grand Venetian Palazzo delgi Angeli now belongs to her.

All she wants to do is sell the property and return home. However, when a dark family secret is exposed, Phoebe vows not to leave the City of Water without first unravelling the truth from the lies. As Phoebe searches for answers, she finds herself growing closer to two very different men. But, when her camera catches something more sinister than the faded grandeur of Venice, Phoebe begins to question who she can really trust and whether her aunt's death was truly an accident after all . . .

About the author:
Charlotte Betts is a former fashion designer, who discovered her passion for writing after her children had grown up. Her debut novel, *The Apothecary's Daughter* won the YouWriteOn Book of the Year in 2010, the Romantic Novelists' Association Joan Hessayon Award for New Writers in 2011 and the RoNA's Historical Category award for 2013.



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The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre

Natasha Lester

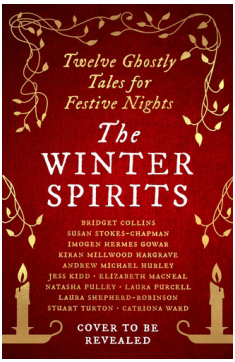
A breathtaking historical women's fiction novel, full of intrigue, mystery and dangerous secrets, set against the vivid backdrop of Paris.

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 is enlisted as a spy in America's fledgling intelligence organisation, 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 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, before returning to university to study creative writing. She 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, Australia.



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The Winter Spirits

Various

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

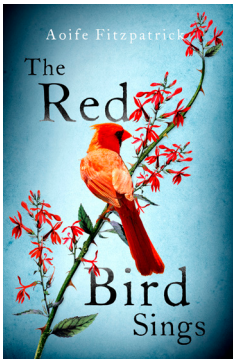
From Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* to the ghost stories of M.R. James, the tradition of a haunted tale at Christmas has flourished across the centuries. The twelve stories of *The Winter Spirits* are all centred around Christmas or Advent, boldly and playfully re-imagining a beloved tradition for a modern audience.

Taking you from a haunted Tuscan villa to a remote Scottish island with a dark secret, and drawing inspiration from festive traditions from all around the globe, these vibrant haunted stories are your ultimate companion for frosty nights. So curl up, light a candle, and fall under the spell of Christmases past . . .

From the writers of *The Haunting Season:* the only anthology of short stories to make the Sunday Times chart since records began. It debuted at No. 7 in one of the most competitive weeks of the year, and was later awarded the best fiction campaign of the autumn at the BMS awards.

Contributors:

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



Virago

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The Red Bird Sings

Aoife Fitzpatrick

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 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. Mary Jane, known for casting off her corsets, following famous spiritualists and criticising Zona, is shattered by her conviction. Yet no-one believes her. Her only ally is the Zona's eccentric friend Lucy Frye, who always suspected Trout's power over her friend.

As the trial proceeds and the men of Greenbrier County stand aligned against them, Mary Jane and Lucy must decide whether to play with fire and reveal Zona's greatest secret. But it's Zona herself, from beyond the grave, who still has one last revelation to make.

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. Aoife read English Studies at Trinity College, Dublin, and in 2019, graduated the MFA in Creative Writing at University College Dublin, with distinction.



Fleet

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The Birth Lottery and Other Surprises

Shehan Karunatilaka

A short story collection that is as arresting as it is entertaining.

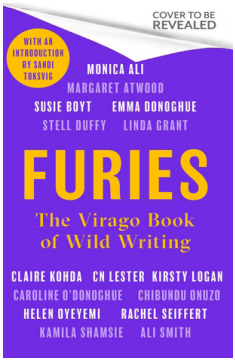
It's a simple car bomb, and it's rigged to a busload of schoolgirls. No one knows it is there except for me.

The Birth Lottery and Other Surprises is a collection of disquieting moments. Unpleasant truths await a Sri Lankan president in the back of a London cab. An advertising agency has to come to terms with a blown-up collection of pictures of its employees' penises. A man, presumed missing, quietly journals by the sea. A being dispassionately recalls the numerous births it had taken and absurd fates it had to endure. An Englishman, a Dutchman and a Portuguese man walk into a Ceylon bar, with grand narcotic designs.

A masterful blend of dry wit, morbid charm and earnest observations, Booker-longlisted author Shehan Karunatilaka's *The Birth Lottery and Other Surprises* is a collection of stories that serves up fantasies for both doomsday and everyday.

Shehan's Karunatilaka's next book, *Khans*, a novel, will be published in Spring 2024.

About the author:
Shehan Karunatilaka is a Sri Lankan writer whose first book, *Chinaman*, won the Commonwealth Book Prize and the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature. His second novel, *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2022.



Virago

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Furies

Various

In this blazing cauldron of feminist short stories, the boldest writers of our day take up these words and take up their pen, each reclaiming an archaic insult.

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.

Contributors:
Margaret Atwood, Susie Boyt, 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, CN Lester, Claire Kohda.

Carole Matthews: The Queen of Uplifting Fiction

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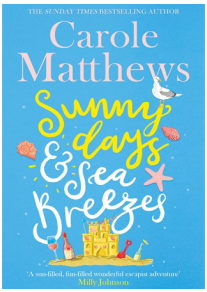
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Carole Matthews is the Sunday Times bestselling author of over thirty novels, and this year celebrates her 25-year milestone as a published author.

Meet Carole:

- Author of **34 novels**
- Over **6 million** copies sold
- Translated into **31 languages**
- *Happiness For Beginners* has been **optioned for TV**
- *Chocolate Lovers' Club* is being **adapted as a stage musical**

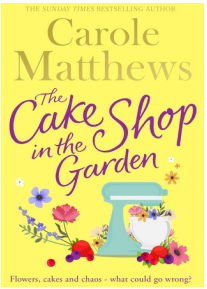


Sunny Days and Sea Breezes

A life-affirming story full of joy and hope.

Jodie Jackson leaves her London life, career and husband behind to seek some peace on her brother Bill's beautifully renovated houseboat, *Sunny Days* on the Isle of Wight.

But from the moment Jodie steps aboard her new home, it's clear she'll struggle to keep to herself. Marilyn, who cleans for Bill, and Ned, the noisy – but handsome – sculptor on the next-door houseboat, help Jodie come to delight in her newfound freedom. But when her old life comes knocking, Jodie has to decide: will she answer the call or choose a life filled with Sunny Days and Sea Breezes?

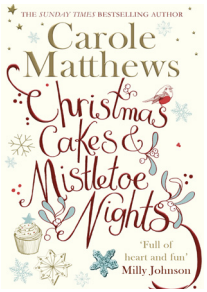


The Cake Shop in the Garden

Life, love and family collide in The Cake Shop in the Garden.

Fay Merryweather runs her cake shop from her beautiful garden. Looking after the cake shop, the garden and her cantankerous mother means Fay is always busy but she accepts her responsibilities because if she doesn't do all this, who will?

Then Danny Wilde walks into her life and makes Fay question every decision she's ever made. When a sudden tragedy strikes, Fay's entire world is thrown off balance even further and she doesn't know which way to turn. Can Fay find the strength to make a life-changing decision – even if it means giving up the thing she loves the most?

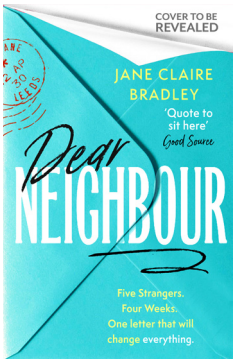


Christmas Cakes & Mistletoe Nights

Indulge in this cake-filled Christmas novel of romance and friendship.

Fay and Danny are madly in love and it's all Fay's ever dreamed of. But she left everything – including the delightful cake shop she used to run – to be with Danny on his cosy canal boat The Dreamcatcher. And as she soon finds out, making delicious cakes on the water isn't always smooth sailing!

Then Fay gets a call from her friends, sending her back to her friends and the Cake Shop in the Garden. It will be hard being away from Danny but their relationship is strong enough to survive . . . isn't it?



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Dear Neighbour

Jane Claire Bradley

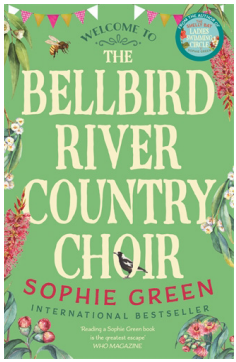
An uplifting, feel-good story about five disparate individuals who are forced to rally together when their homes are threatened with demolition.

Alice is a single mum, working hard to provide for her daughter, Mollie, in Leeds – a city she barely knows. She longs for a friend to rely on, but her neighbours keep to themselves.

Bill has lived on Leodis Street for eighty years. It's where he was born, began married life and cared for his wife. 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. Perhaps together they can build a community to be proud of and discover the true meaning of home.

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. *Dear Neighbour* is her debut adult novel. Jane is based in Manchester.



Sphere

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The Bellbird River Country Choir

Sophie Green

A warm-hearted story of fresh beginnings, unexpected friendships and the sustaining power of love and community.

Bellbird River, 1998. Teacher and single-mum Alex has arrived in the small town of Belllbird River after escaping the city in search of a change of pace and the chance to reconnect with her young daughter. Across town, well-known matriarch Victoria and her globe-trotting, opera-singing cousin Gabrielle find themselves at a crossroads in their personal and professional lives, while local baker Janine and newcomer to the area Debbie are each secretly dealing with the consequences of painful pasts.

With its dusty streets, lone pub and iron-lace verandahs, Bellbird River could just be a pit stop on the road to somewhere else. But their town holds some secrets and surprises – and it has a heart: the Bellbird River choir. Amid the melodies and camaraderie of the choir, each of the women will find the courage to leave the past behind. And together, they'll discover that friends are much closer to home than they'd ever realised.

About the author:
Sophie Green is an author and publisher who lives in Sydney. She has written several fiction and non-fiction books, some under other names. In her spare time she writes about country music on her blog, *Jolene*.



The Secret of Angel Cove

Sheila Norton

A heartwarming Christmas story about the blossoming of an unlikely friendship, set on the edge of the Devon cliffs.

A cosy, heartwarming Christmas read about the blossoming friendship between a young, lonely journalist, and an old woman who lives in a house teetering on the edge of the Devon cliffs, by the bestselling author of *The Vets of Hope Green* and T*he Petshop on Pennycombe Bay.*

Piatkus
December 2022

Editor: Anna Boatman

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About the author:
Sheila Norton has written avidly since childhood and has won prizes for her short stories that have been published, mainly in women's magazines. She is married with three grown-up daughters who provide plenty of inspiration for her books!



Seven Months of Summer

Saskia Sarginson

A sweeping love story about sliding doors and heart-breaking near misses, set during a hazy summer on the Suffolk coast.

One week to fall in love. Seven months apart. A summer to make it right.

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

Heartbroken that she lied to him, and with no way of contacting her, Kit moves to the Suffolk coast for a fresh start. Little does he know that Summer is living just a few miles away – and is incapable of forgetting Kit too. But as the months pass, Kit and Summer's paths never collide. Their lives move on, and a sun-drenched summer begins. By the time they meet, will it be too late to start again?

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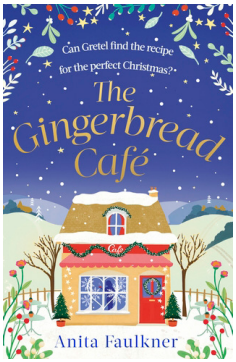
January 2023

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About the author:
Saskia Sarginson was awarded a distinction in her MA in Creative Writing at Royal Holloway after a BA in English Literature from Cambridge University and a BA in Fashion Design & Communications. Saskia lives in south London with her partner and four children.



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Editor: Rebecca Roy

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Also available:
A Colourful Country Escape

The Gingerbread Café

Anita Faulkner

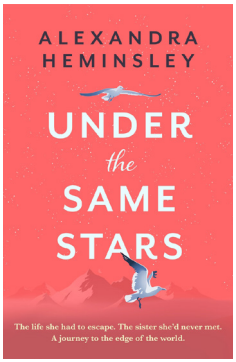
A heart-warmingly festive romance, filled with cosy Cotswold charm.

The Gingerbread Café is always full of Christmas magic, come rain or shine – or even a July heatwave. The owner, Nell, is Gretel's last link to her late mum, making it the perfect place for her to escape 'real life'.

When Nell suddenly passes, Gretel discovers that Nell has left the café to her – but there's a catch. Gretel has to co-run the cafe with the least festive person ever: Nell's nephew, Lukas. Head chef at the local fancy restaurant, Lukas makes it clear he has no time for the café, Gretel or even Christmas itself, and Gretel's too busy saving her burnt batches of gingerbread to work out why.

Gretel is determined to keep Christmas alive and make the café a success before Lukas hands the keys over to the scrooge-like developers. Will it take a Christmas miracle to get the pair to finally see eye to eye, or could the ice already be melting?

About the author:
Anita Faulkner writes warm and fuzzy romcoms from her upcycled bureau in the south west of England. She grew up sniffing books and devouring stories. She's also accumulated a brave and patient husband and a strong-willed little boy who brighten up her world.



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Under The Same Stars

Alexandra Heminsley

The stunning, emotional literary debut from *Sunday Times*-bestselling author Alexandra Heminsley.

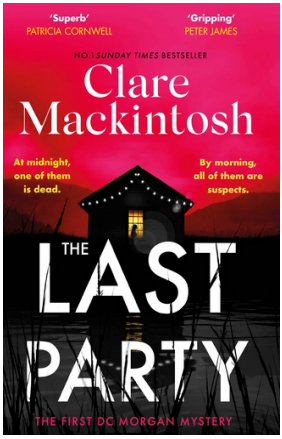
Clara Seymour is trying to find her feet in London, living away from home for the first time. Brought up by her domineering mother, treasuring any time with her adoring father, Clara's world is brought to a standstill when her dad abruptly dies. Then, a mystery comes to light in a letter from him.

I am sure you are aware that before I met your mother I had a previous marriage. But what we never discussed is that we had a daughter.

So begins a journey of discovery that takes Clara to remote Norway and a landscape as brutal as it is bewitching, a voyage fraught with personal and emotional danger to reveal who her father really was – and find the sister she's never met.

'Beautifully written with such heart' - Joanna Cannon

About the author:
Alexandra Heminsley is author of three books about women, bodies and sport, including bestselling memoir *Running Like a Girl* and *Some Body to Love*. After working in publishing, she became a freelance journalist, broadcaster and author in 2004.



The Last Party

Clare Mackintosh

The launch of a stunning new crime series from the #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and international sensation, Clare Mackintosh.

At midnight, one of them is dead. By morning, all of them are suspects…

On New Year's Eve, Rhys Lloyd has a house full of guests. His lakeside holiday homes are a success, and he's generously invited the village to drink champagne with their wealthy new neighbours. This will be the party to end all parties.

But not everyone is there to celebrate. By midnight, Rhys will be floating dead in the freezing waters of the lake.

On New Year's Day, DC Ffion Morgan has a village full of suspects. The tiny community is her home, so the suspects are her neighbours, friends and family – and Ffion has her own secrets to protect. With a lie uncovered at every turn, soon the question isn't who wanted Rhys dead . . . but who finally killed him. In a village with this many secrets, a murder is just the beginning.

***The Last Party* has been optioned for for film/TV by 5 Acts Productions**

Praise for *The Last Party*
'Superb, with echoes of Agatha Christie' - Patricia Cornwell

'A wickedly enjoyable reprise of the traditional crime novel' - *The Times*

'I fell in love with courageous, complicated DC Ffion Morgan' - Ruth Ware

***The Last Party* was a No. 4 *Sunday Times* hardback bestseller in August 2022 – Clare's sixth instant *Sunday Times* bestseller.**

Stay tuned for the second thrilling instalment in the DC Ffion Morgan series, coming in June 2023…

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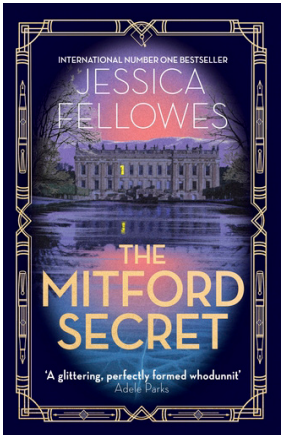
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About the author:
Clare Mackintosh is the multi-award-winning author of six *Sunday Times* bestselling novels. Translated into forty languages, her books have sold more than two million copies worldwide, have been *New York Times* and international bestsellers and have spent a combined total of 65 weeks in the *Sunday Times* bestseller chart. Clare lives in North Wales with her husband and their three children.



The Mitford Secret

Jessica Fellowes

The final, sixth whodunnit in the much-acclaimed *The Mitford Murders* series.

The Mitfords at war.

It's 1941, and the Mitford household is splintered by the vicissitudes of war. To bring the clan together Deborah invites them to Chatsworth for Christmas, along with a selection of society's most impressive and glamorous guests, as well as old family friend Louisa Cannon, a private detective.

One night, a psychic arrives, and to liven things up Deborah agrees she may host a séance. But entertainment turns to dark mystery as the psychic reveals that a maid was murdered in this very same house – and she can prove it.

Louisa steps forward to try to solve the cold case. But with a house full of people who want nothing more than to bury their secrets, will she be able to unmask the murderer? And how deep does the truth lie?

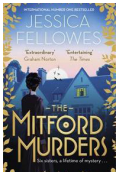
Praise for *The Mitford Murders* series

'A glittering, entertaining, perfectly formed whodunnit' - Adele Parks

'Exactly the sort of book you might enjoy with the fire blazing, the snow falling etc. The solution is neat and the writing always enjoyable' - Anthony Horowitz

***The Mitford Murders* has been optioned for film/TV by Endor Productions**

Previous novels in the series











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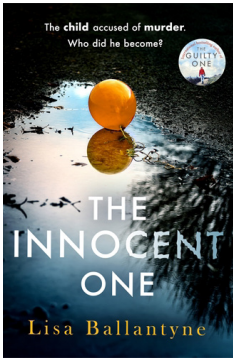
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Italian: Neri Pozza,
Norwegian: Gyldendal,
Polish: HarperCollins,
Portuguese (Brazil): Record,
Russian: Eksmo,
Spanish: Roca,
Swedish: Polaris,
Ukraine: Family LeisureClub

About the author:

Jessica Fellowes is an author, journalist and public speaker. Her bestselling *The Mitford Murders* series has been nominated for awards in Britain, France, Germany and Italy, and sold into eighteen territories. Jessica is also the author of five official companion books to *Downton Abbey*, various of which hit the *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestseller lists. She lives in Oxfordshire with her family.



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The Innocent One

Lisa Ballantyne

A gripping and thought-provoking thriller from the internationally bestselling author of *The Guilty One*.

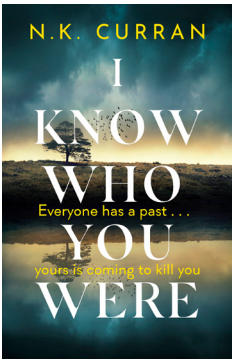
Ten years ago, Sebastian Croll was found not guilty of murdering his playmate. Criminal solicitor Daniel Hunter defended the eleven-year-old in a trial that gripped the nation, but the past is unearthed when Daniel gets a call from his old client.

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?

'Gripping' - Clare Mackintosh
'I couldn't get this book out of my head' - Jenny Colgan

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. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland.



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I Know Who You Were

N.K. Curran

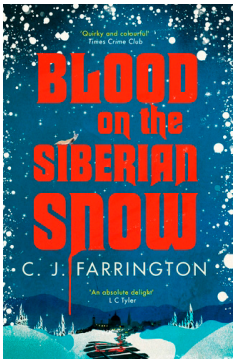
A dark and twisted psychological thriller which asks the question, how well do you really know the person closest to you?

Everyone has a past…Yours is coming to kill you.

Alex and Morven have been happily married for 10 years and have one daughter, Poppy. A very normal life, until one day Morven never reaches her corporate retreat, and her car is found abandonned. 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 is a pseudonym for acclaimed author Steven Savile. He won the International Media Association of Tie-In Writers award for *Shadow of the Jaguar*, and has been nominated for the British Fantasy Award many times. *I Know Who You Were* is his debut crime novel.



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Blood on the Siberian Snow

C J Farrington

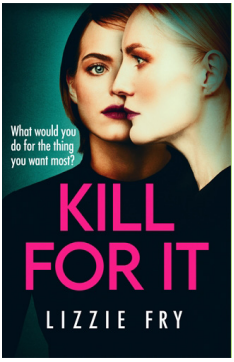
The second in the charming and compelling Olga Pushkin Mysteries.

Olga Pushkin, aspiring writer and railway engineer, is being forced overseas from the tiny Siberian village Roslazny by her jealous superior, facing two years in exile from her beloved rail-side hut, her hedgehog Dmitri, and sergeant Vassily Marushkin.

Fate seems to intervene when Olga's train crashes outside Roslazny, shutting the line and killing two on board – local celebrity Danyl Petrovich and his wife, Anoushka. But Vassily soon discovers that the train was derailed on purpose. As the weather closes in, trapping the villagers – and the suspects – inside, Vassily begins a murder investigation in which Olga and her long-lost friend, Nevena Komarov, soon become closely involved.

Can Olga find out who killed the Petroviches, secure the release of her book, exorcise the ghost, and save her job, all at the same time?

About the author:
Conor Farrington is a novelist, who has studied at St Andrews, Edinburgh and Cambridge. Conor is a keen traveller, and the Olga Pushkin series was inspired by his experience of the Trans-Siberian railway in 2015.



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Rights sold:
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Kill For It

Lizzie Fry

A gripping feminist thriller – *Dexter* with a twist.

How far would you go for the thing you want most? Would you… kill for it?

Cat Crawford is not especially good at her job. Erin Goodman is the woman Cat wants to be when she's older – smart, successful, and the best part? She's earned it – nothing was ever handed to Erin on a plate, or to Cat.

But Erin doesn't notice Cat. Not until something awful happens and Cat, finding herself in the right place at the right time, writes the article that goes viral. Now she's got Erin's attention. The difference is, Cat knows Erin is onto her. And Cat is more than happy to toy with her colleague, especially if it gets her an even bigger story to report on. In the game of cat and mouse, there can be only one winner.

'A great read . . . you'll be glad you picked up a copy' - *Independent*
'Vivid and urgent . . . immersive and fast-paced' - *Woman & Home*

About the author:
Lizzie Fry is the pseudonym of an internationally acclaimed author and script editor. As well as working with numerous film production companies, she is a core member of the London Screenwriters' Festival board.



The Second Stranger

Martin Griffin

A pulse-racing locked-room thriller set in the remote Scottish Highlands, 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 . . .

***The Second Stranger* has been optioned for TV by Studio Lambert**

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. Martin lives in Manchester with his wife and daughter.

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The Venetian Candidate

Philip Gwynne Jones

The latest gripping thriller featuring Nathan Sutherland, set against the background of the most beautiful city on earth: Venice.

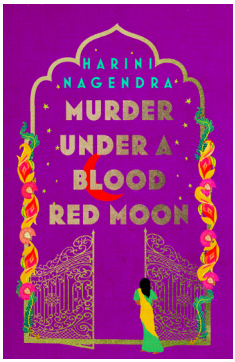
Battered by floods and crushed by overtourism, the city of Venice faces an uncertain future. The election of a new Mayor, therefore, has never felt more important. As the candidates jostle for position and alliances are made and promises broken, Andrea Mazzon, a controversial writer and historian, emerges as a strong candidate.

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

'Clever and great fun' - *The Times*
'Gwynne Jones's talent for evoking place and atmosphere is clear as ever' - *Literary Review*

About the author:
Philip Gwynne Jones was born in South Wales in 1966. He first came to Italy in 1994, when he spent some time working for the European Space Agency in Frascat. He now works as a teacher, writer and translator, and lives in Venice.

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The Angels of Venice



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Murder Under a Red Moon

Harini Nagendra

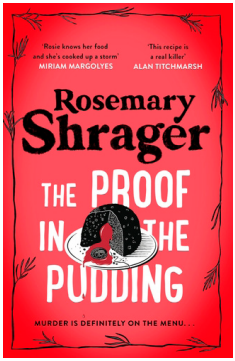
The second book in the captivating Detective Kaveri mysteries series, set in 1920s Bangalore.

When new bride Kaveri Murthy reluctantly agrees to investigate a minor crime during the blood moon eclipse to please her domineering mother-in-law, she doesn't expect to stumble upon a murder – again. With anti-British sentiments on the rise, a charismatic religious leader growing in influence, and the fight for women's suffrage gaining steam, Bangalore is turning out to be a far more dangerous place than Kaveri ever imagined, and everyone's motives are suspect.

Together with the Bangalore Detectives Club – a mixed bag of people including street urchins, nosy neighbours, an ex-prostitute and a policeman's wife – Kaveri once again sleuths in her sari and hunts for clues in her beloved 1920s Ford.

But when Kaveri's life is suddenly put in danger, she realizes that she might be getting uncomfortably close to the truth. So she must now draw on her wits and find the killer – before they find her…

About the author:
Harini Nagendra is a Professor of Sustainability at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India, and the author of *Nature in the City: Bengaluru in the Past, Present and Future*.



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The Proof in the Pudding

Rosemary Shrager

Cosy crime in the spirit of Agatha Christie, Rev Richard Coles and M C Beaton.

The next irresistible cosy crime novel from celebrity TV 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 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?

Crime and cookery continue to collide as Prudence and her long-suffering sidekick, granddaughter Suki, get drawn into another mystifying murder . . .

***The Last Supper* has been optioned for film/TV by Tiger Limited**

About the author:
First and foremost, Rosemary Shrager is a talented and versatile chef, but when not cooking, she avidly reads and watches crime fiction which led her to wonder whether she could write a book in which crime and cookery collide…



The Square

Celia Walden

The second thriller from bestselling author and journalist Celia Walden, perfect for fans of Louise Candlish, Lisa Jewell and Greenwich Park.

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

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

Which is unfortunate, because Colette knows all about them. She sees all their secrets. Even the ones they'd kill to protect.

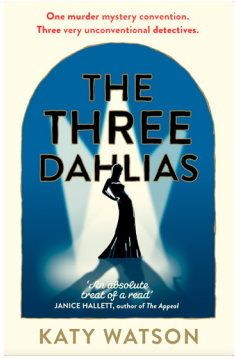
About the author:
Celia Walden is a British journalist and the author of *Payday*. She is a regular contributor to the *Daily Telegraph*. Born and raised in Paris, Celia studied at the University of Cambridge. She and her husband now divide their time between London and L.A.

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Rights available: World



A Very Lively Murder: The Three Dahlias series

Katy Watson

Whip-smart crime by established romance writer, Katy Watson.

The follow-up to *The Three Dahlias* sees three rival actresses turned sleuths team up again to solve a murder, all united by Lettice Davenport, the author whose crime-solving protagonist of the 1930s, Dahlia Lively, made each of them famous to a new generation.

The Three Dahlias series is a contemporary homage to the Golden Age of Detective Fiction, and a book for anyone who thinks a glass of red wine and a new episode of Midsomer Murders is the perfect way to spend a Sunday night – perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Jessica Fellowes.

'Dame Agatha would approve' - *Daily Mail*
'Witty, engaging and hugely enjoyable' - Frances Brody
'Perfect holiday read' - *Woman & Home*

About the author:
Growing up in a family of murder mystery addicts, Katy Watson learned early to look for means, motive and opportunity. Forty-five published books later, lockdown finally allowed her to create her own murder mystery – with the aid of her scientist husband's knowledge of poisons. The *Three Dahlias* series is the result.

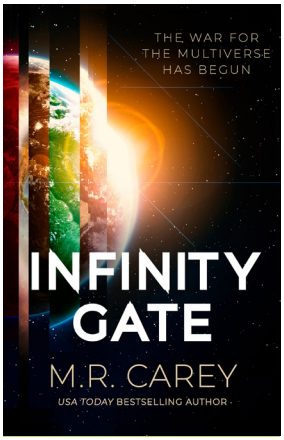
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Infinity Gate

M. R. Carey

A thrillingly original, new science fiction duology about the multiverse from the bestselling M. R. Carey.

From the international bestselling M. R. Carey comes the start of an awe-inspiring, high-concept new science fiction duology on an epic scale.

Infinity is only the beginning…

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.

Perfect for fans of *Children of Time, The Space Between Worlds* and *The Long Earth*.

Orbit

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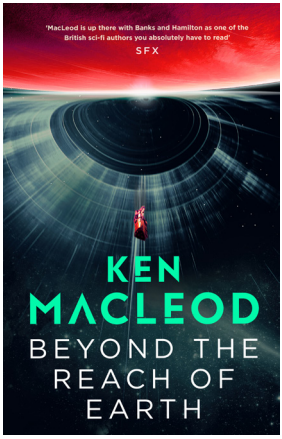
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Praise for M. R. Carey:
'A powerful exploration of the near-future, skilfully and seamlessly weaving different realities and different iterations of AI . . . A must-read!' - Tade Thompson, author of *Rosewater*

Key sales points

- This is an **exciting and highly commercial new direction for M. R. Carey**: his first SF novel which will appeal strongly to fans of space opera – an extremely buoyant area of science fiction
- It's also perfect for fans of **thrilling, mind-bending sci-fi films & TV:** e.g. *Interstellar, The Edge of Tomorrow, Inception, Another Earth, Dark*
- **Book 2 in the Pandemonium series is coming March 2024.**

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, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*.



Beyond the Reach of Earth

Ken MacLeod

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.

The Fermi are awake.
With the invention of faster-than-light travel there is nowhere that humanity cannot go. New worlds are discovered, but with them come new dangers.

At the heart of the discovery is the Fermi, mysterious beings that have survived on alien worlds for longer than humanity has existed. But now the Fermi are awakening, and they do not seem pleased to find humans in their midst.

But for Lakshmi Nayak and the crew of the *Fighting Chance*, danger is a lot closer to home. Their search for answers will take them to places, and worlds, they never expected.

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Praise for Ken MacLeod

'If you like science fiction you will love this… A rollicking good read' - *Scotsman* on *Beyond the Hallowed Sky*

'An exceptional blend of international politics, hard science, and first contact' -Michael Mammay

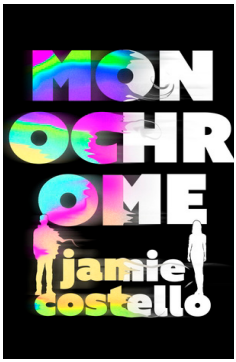
'MacLeod is up there with Banks and Hamilton as one of the British sci-fi authors you absolutely have to read' - *SFX*

Key sales points

- *Beyond the Hallowed Sky*, the first in the series, is Ken MacLeod's **bestselling book** of recent years, and it is also Ken's **bestselling ebook to date**.
- It has garnered critical acclaim, with *SFX* magazine calling it '**MacLeod's best book to date**'.
- It has proved to be a fan favourite, with nearly **700 ratings on Amazon UK** so far.

About the author:

Ken MacLeod was born on the Isle of Lewis and now lives in Gourock, Scotland. He has a postgraduate degree in biomechanics and worked for some years in IT. Since 1997 he has been a full-time writer. He is the author of seventeen novels, from *The Star Fraction* (1995) to *The Corporation Wars* (2018), and many articles and short stories. He has won three BSFA awards and three Prometheus Awards, and been short-listed for the Clarke and Hugo Awards.



Monochrome

Jamie Costello

A prescient debut YA thriller set in a world drained of its colour.

16-year-old Grace awakes one morning and finds she is one of only a handful of people in the country who are seeing the world in shades of grey.

Soon, the whole of society is in the grip of the Monochrome Effect, or 'greyout', which eliminates the ability of humans and animals to see colour. The greyout moves from person to person, but it isn't a transmissible disease: the effect on the optic nerve can be traced from microplastics in the ocean, the result of unchecked pollution, now in all water systems.

When Grace starts to experience intermittent 'colour episodes', she is asked to join a government-run study, told that she will be helping find a cure. But the reality is much more sinister, complex and dangerous than she could ever have imagined – colour vision is now currency, and to those in power, worth the ultimate price…

About the author:
Jamie Costello lives in London. Under her own name, Laura Wilson, she is the author of six children's educational books and thirteen critically acclaimed psychological thrillers. She is also the *Guardian's* crime fiction reviewer.

Atom

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Rights available: World



Dead Water

C. A. Fletcher

An atmospheric, suspenseful tale of folk horror and isolation within a small island community.

And the water shall call them home.

A water-borne blight hits a small community on a remote Scottish island. The residents are a mix of island-born and newcomers seeking a slower life away from the modern world; all have their own secrets, some much darker than others. Some claim the illness may be a case of mass hysteria – or even a long-buried curse – but when ferry service fails and phone towers go down, inconvenience grows into nightmarish ordeal as the outwardly harmonious fabric of the community is irreversibly torn apart.

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About the author:
C. A. Fletcher has children and dogs. He lives in Scotland and writes for a living. From the author of *A Boy and his Dog at the End of the World* – perfect for fans of *Midnight Mass* and *Pine*.

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The Fury of the Gods

John Gwynne

The epic conclusion to the bestselling Norse-inspired fantasy series, packed with myth, magic and bloody vengeance.

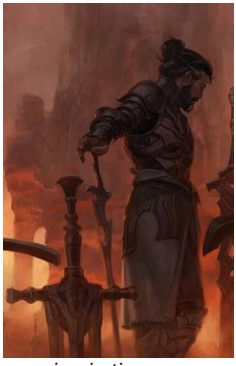
The greatest sagas are written in blood.

The third and final book in John Gwynne's acclaimed Bloodsworn Saga series returns to the land of Vigrið as warriors battle shape the fate of the world as it once more falls under the shadow of the gods.

The Witcher meets *Vikings* with the hallmarks of Gwynne's superb storytelling: engaging characters, exhilarating action scenes and a rich, vividly imagined setting.

Praise for *The Shadow of the Gods* and *The Hunger of the Gods*
'A masterfully crafted, brutally compelling Norse-inspired epic' - Anthony Ryan
'Visceral, heart-breaking and unputdownable' - Jay Kristoff
'Reminds me of all that I love in the fantasy genre' - *Fantasy Hive*

About the author:
John Gwynne lives in East Sussex with his wife, four children and three dogs. His debut novel *Malice* won the David Gemmell Morningstar Award in 2012.



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The Sword Defiant

Gareth Hanrahan

***The Sword Defiant* launches an epic tale set in a world of dark myth and dangerous prophecy.**

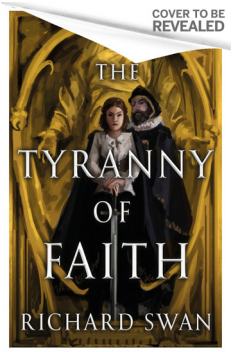
The sword cares not who cuts it.

Many years ago, Sir Aelfric and his nine companions saved the world, seizing the Dark Lord's cursed weapons, along with his dread city of Necrad. That was the easy part.

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 lives in Ireland with his wife and three children.



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The Tyranny of Faith

Richard Swan

The second book in this *Sunday Times* bestselling fantasy series in which Sir Konrad Vonvalt must face down a supernatural threat to the Empire.

A Justice's work is never done. The Battle of Galen's Vale is over, but the war for the Empire's future has just begun. Concerned by rumours that the Magistratum's authority is waning, Sir Konrad Vonvalt returns to Sova to find the capital city gripped by intrigue and whispers of rebellion. In the Senate, patricians speak openly against the Emperor, while fanatics preach holy vengeance on the streets.

Yet facing down these threats to the throne will have to wait, for the Emperor's grandson has been kidnapped – and Vonvalt is charged with rescuing the missing prince. His quest will lead Vonvalt – and his allies Helena, Bressinger and Sir Radomir – to the Empire's southern frontier, where they will once again face the puritanical fury of Bartholomew Claver and his templar knights . . . and a dark power far more terrifying than they could have imagined. The second book in the *Empire of the Wolf* series.

About the author:
Richard Swan was born in North Yorkshire and spent most of his early life on Royal Air Force bases. After studying law at the University of Manchester, Richard was Called to the Bar in 2011. Richard lives in Sydney with his wife and two very loud sons.



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Soul Fire Saga Book 1

Matthew Ward

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

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

But hope lies with two figures: Kat, an accomplished thief, and Vallant, a rebel and folk hero. Together they will light a fire that will burn away the corruption and tyranny of King Diar's rule.

But only if they succeed . . .

Praise for *Legacy of Ash*:
'Epic fantasy as it should be; big, bold and very addictive' -Starburst
'A perfect example of modern epic fantasy' -Forever Lost in Literature

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



The Wicked In Me

Suzanne Wright

A brand-new seriously spicy romance trilogy from worldwide bestselling author Suzanne Wright, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas.

No one really knows what they are. Only that they're the first civilization. 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 ruled by the Ancients, seven beings who were once banished by the Aeons, including 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, though 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:
Suzanne Wright lives in England with her husband and two children. When she's not spending time with her family, she's writing, reading or doing her version of housework – sweeping the house with a book.

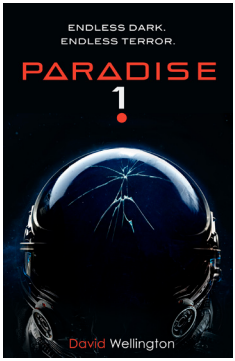
Piatkus

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Paradise-1

David Wellington

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, Paradis 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.

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Fathomfolk

Eliza Chan

This debut fantasy inspired by East Asian mythology and watery folk tales is perfect for fans of *Jade City* and *House of Earth and Blood*.

Welcome to Tiankawi – shining pearl of human civilization and a safe haven for those fleeing civil unrest. Or at least, that's how it first appears. But in the semi-flooded city, humans are, quite literally, on top: peering down from shining towers and aerial walkways on the fathomfolk – sirens, seawitches, kelpies and kappas – who live in the polluted waters below.

For half-siren Mira, promotion to captain of the border guard means an opportunity to help her downtrodden people. But if earning the trust and respect of her human colleagues wasn't hard enough, everything Mira has worked towards is put in jeopardy when Nami, a know-it-all water dragon – fathomfolk royalty – is exiled to the city. When extremists sabotage the annual boat race, violence erupts, as does the clampdown on fathomfolk rights. Both Nami and Mira must decide if the cost of change is worth it, or, if Tiankawi should be left to drown.

About the author:

Eliza Chan is a Scottish-born Chinese-diaspora author whose work has been published in *The Dark, Podcastle, Fantasy Magazine* and T*he Best of British Fantasy 2019*. She lives in the North of England with her partner and young child.

Non-Fiction



Abacus

April 2024

Editor: Richard Beswick

Extent: 512pp

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Populus: Living and dying in the wealth, smoke and din of imperial Rome

Guy de la Bédoyère

A Time Travellers Guide to Ancient Rome – by one of the best historians of the ancient world.

Living in ancient Rome was one of the most intense experiences in human history. It was also vividly recorded by Rome's historians and poets who were acutely aware of the voluptuous nature of a city that ruled the known world. *Populus* takes the reader into a world of violent politics, disorder, unspeakably brutal entertainments, extravagance, eroticism, and staggering inequality, participated in daily by the Roman people from the hyper-rich elite to the lowliest slaves. All this was presided over by the emperors who ranged from the wise and benign to the murderously insane. This drama was set against the backdrop of the city itself and its startling architectural achievements that overwhelmed contemporaries and still do today.

This is the powerful story of the people of Rome, written by the author as his personal homage to a civilization that has absorbed him for half a century.

About the author:
Guy de la Bédoyère has written a large number of books on the Roman world over the last thirty years. He was part of Channel 4's archaeology series *Time Team* for fifteen years. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and an accredited lecturer of the Arts Society.



The Bridge Street Press

September 2023

Editor: Holly Harley

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Power, People and Painting: The Story of Art in Fifteen Cities

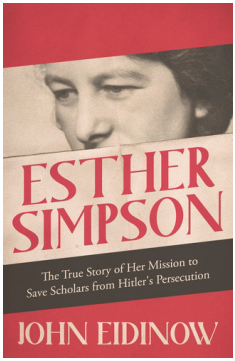
Caroline Campbell

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

Power, People and Painting is an epic work of non-fiction that will transform our understanding of the world by unlocking the human stories behind millennia of art. Taking readers from ancient Babylon to contemporary Pyongyang, the eminent curator Caroline Campbell explains art's power to illuminate our lives, and inspires us to benefit from its transformative and regenerative power.

Unlike the majority of art history, this book is about much more than the cult of personality. Instead, each chapter is structured around a city at a particularly vibrant moment in its history, describing what propelled its creativity and innovation. The emotions and societies she evokes are recognisable today, showing how great art resonates powerfully by transcending the boundaries of time.

About the author:
Caroline Campbell is Director of Collections and Research at the National Gallery in London. She was previously a curator at the Ashmolean Museum, Curator of Paintings at the Courtauld Gallery and The Jacob Rothschild Head of the Curatorial Department at the National Gallery. She is passionate about widening public engagement with art and has spoken to audiences around the world on numerous subjects from art history.



Robinson

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Editor: Tom Asker

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

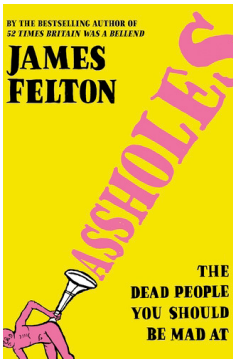
John Eidinow

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 cultural and intellectual landscape of the modern world. From a humble upbringing in Leeds to Russian immigrant parents, Simpson found her calling after Hitler came to power and joined the Academic Assistance Council. Her work over five decades seeking refuge for many thousands of displaced academics had a profound impact on twentieth-century physics, philosophy, architecture, art history and molecular biology. She thought of these refugees as her family and counted among her 'children' sixteen Nobel prize winners and eighteen knights of the realm.

For a woman who could count among her pen pals Albert Einstein and Ludwig Wittgenstein surprisingly little is known of her private life. 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. 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.



Sphere

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Editor: Emily Barrett

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Rights available: World

Assholes: The Dead People You Should Be Mad At

James Felton

Presenting the worst people who've walked the earth – the ones you've heard of, the ones you haven't, and the ones you'll wish you hadn't.

In this, er, 'unique' illustrated potted history of the human race, Twitter icon James Felton uses his inimitable brand of banter to unveil the slyest, creepiest and/or nastiest specimens who've ever lived.

Enter the 16th Century Chinese Emperor Zhegende, whose harem was so big some of the women within it died of starvation, King Charles II's executioner who would only give you a clean beheading if you paid properly for it beforehand, and Ilya Ivanovich, the 19th Century scientist who was a mega asshole and if you buy the book you'll find out why.

Darkly funny, highly informative and always unbelievable, these are the dead people you should be mad at.

About the author:
James Felton is a writer and journalist, whose articles regularly appear in the *Guardian* and *Independent*. As a writer for television, his work includes the BAFTA award-winning *The Dog Ate My Homework*. His books *52 Times Britain was a Bellend* and *Sunburn* have sold over 100,000 copies. He has 330,000 followers on Twitter and routinely goes viral.



Corsair

June 2023

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Metropolitain: An ode to the Paris Métro

Andrew Martin

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

Métropolitain is as stylish as the Metro itself and laced with cultural references. Andrew explains why *Last Tango in Paris* is a great Metro film, and what the Metro chase scene in the classic thriller, *Le Samourai*, says about Parisian culture. He describes how he came to appreciate the beauty of Guimard's sinuous green Metro entrances when he bought a lily of the valley and observed it flowering on his desk. We meet Andrew's half-English, half-French friend, Julian, who runs a society dedicated to Metro history, who believes, 'A Metro station is like the wine cellar of chateau' .

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 Bienvenü, 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.

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.



Virago

March 2024

Editor: Rose Tomaszewska

Extent: 400pp, with 20 images

Rights available: US

Undressing Women: The history of women's fashion and beauty from 1860–1960

Virginia Nicholson

This book unbuttons the multi-layered, hundred-year-history of women's lives through fashion and beauty from 1860–1960.

From the suffragettes casting off corsets to Christian Dior reintroducing the hourglass; from wartime uniforms to the first Miss World bikinis; from skin lightening creams to Coco Chanel's tan – the evolving world of fashion and beauty is inextricably linked to women's lived experiences. In *Undressing Women,* popular feminist historian Virginia Nicholson documents the history of women's lives in Great Britain through fashion trends, blending fascinating source material with analysis to outline a century of change in the way we see and feel about women's bodies.

New engaging source material tells the story of the close relationship between feminism and femininity, begging the question: 'Can we be both equal and beautiful?'

About the author:
Virginia Nicholson is the author of many books, including *Among the Bohemians: Experiments in Living 1900–1939*. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Nicholson is the granddaughter of Vanessa Bell and the great-niece of Virginia Woolf, and is the President of the Charleston Trust, and a trustee of the Strachey Trust.



Abacus

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One Fine Day: The story of the greatest empire in the world

Matthew Parker

The story of the greatest empire in world history at its absolute, hubristic zenith, told masterfully by a critically acclaimed historian.

29th September 1923. The British Empire was 14 million square miles, just under a quarter of the globe's land area, and 460 million people, a fifth of the world's population. Matthew Parker takes a snapshot of this astonishing edifice in all its glory but with all of its ugly underbelly clearly visible, and with the seeds of its demise already evident.

Readers will be able to inhabit the lives of people, rich and poor, male and female, coloniser and colonised, who are agents in this moment of apparent imperial super-glory. We learn what they ate, what they wore, their likes and dislikes, what they thought. This magisterial survey takes in in trivial, personal events as well as momentous political and military ones. While there might be ground-breaking elections, military clashes and violent demonstrations, there are also marriages, suicides, strange disappearances, parties.

About the author:
Matthew Parker is a critically acclaimed historian who has written for most UK national newspapers as well as lecturing around the world and contributing to TV and radio programmes in the UK, Canada and the US. He is also an elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.



The Bridge Street Press

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The Lantern: Paris in the Belle Epoque

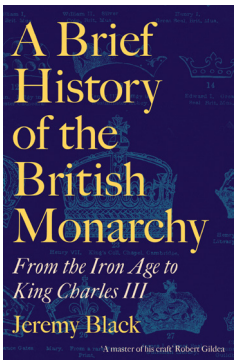
Mike Rapport

This elegantly written, vivid chronicle of Paris during the Belle Epoque brings to life some of best-known characters and buildings of the era.

Belle Epoque Paris: Haussmann's airy boulevards, well-trimmed parks and markets. 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 Siècle' – the turn of the century announcing a leap into an unknown future, where the forces unleashed during the 19th century – the unpredictable application of new technologies, industrialisation, the rise of mass politics, the inequalities of wealth and poverty, the expansion of the cities – might bear poisonous fruit.

Focusing on the great buildings of the time – many such as the Eiffel Tower and Sacre Coeur still iconic landmarks of the city – 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.

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.



A Brief History Of The British Monarchy: From the Iron Age to Charles III

Jeremy Black

A concise complete history of British monarchy, from its pre-Roman origins to the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II.

The British monarchy is at a turning point. Concise and engaging, this book charts the very beginnings of British reign through to the longest serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II – and looks forward to the reign of King Charles III.

Much more than a linear history, this is the intertwined story of royalty and state, of divisions, invasions, rivalries, death and glory; the story of nation fates deeply tied with the personal endeavours of monarchs through the ages. Black expertly weaves together thematic chapters from the origins of monarchy, medieval times and sixteenth-century developments, to the crises of the seventeenth-century, settlement and imperialism, and the challenges of the modern age. This book is a necessary and comprehensive guide to the British Monarchy and how it has shaped history – and our lives today.

About the author:
Jeremy Black is one of the UK's most respected and prolific historians. He is Professor of History at Exeter University and a renowned expert on the history of war. This book is one of Jeremy's *Brief History Of* series.

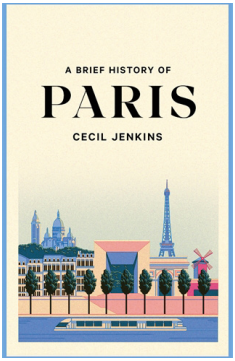
Robinson

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A Brief History of Paris

Cecil Jenkins

Take a walk through the streets of Paris in this comprehensive history of the French capital.

There is a unique fusion of past and present in Paris, the purposefully grand and well-planned city. The Triumphal Way, which runs straight from the Louvre through the Tuileries Gardens, across the Place de la Concorde – where the guillotine once stood – through the Arc de Triomphe towards the Arche de la Défense and into the modern business district is just one example of the many eras that remain present. Famously a city for walkers, Paris has echoes of its history at every turn. Wandering through Montmartre, you will discover the birthplace of the energetic cancan at the Moulin Rouge; stroll around Montparnasse and see the haunts of American writer Ernest Hemingway. To walk in Paris is to walk in history.

Cecil Jenkins recounts the often turbulent history with due attention to social conditions and cultural development as well as to the political events that shaped the city. It is the colourful story of a city emerging to modernity through repeated conflicts: a struggle between piety and passion, prince and peasant, against competing countries in Europe.

About the author:
Cecil Jenkins studied at Trinity College Dublin before becoming a French Government research scholar at the École Normale Supérieure de Paris. While he has published in other fields, his writings on France include books on the Nobel Prizewinning novelist François Mauriac and the art historian and De Gaulle's Minister for Culture André Malraux.

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A Ukrainian Christmas

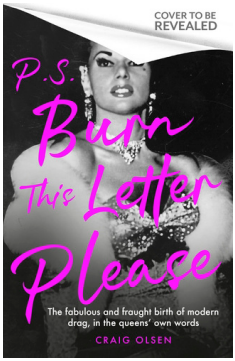
Yaroslav Hrytsak and Nadiyka Gerbish

This beautiful illustrated book introduces readers to the culture, traditions, reflections and celebrations of the Ukrainian people during Christmas.

'Christmas brings the indestructibility of hope in times of the greatest hopelessness. As long as we celebrate this holiday, we can neither be defeated nor destroyed. This is the message that Ukraine is trying to convey to the world. And this is what our book is about.'

From Christmas music to gifts and food, as well as a look back through the country's rich and troubled history through the perspective of the festive season, this beautifully illustrated and powerful book introduces readers to Ukraine's unique Christmas traditions. In a country where East and West meet, this is a fascinating and unmissable guide to capturing the spirit of one of the most important times of year and a powerful reminder of the strength of holding on to your culture and beliefs, even as others try to take everything from you. Originally published in 2020 in Ukraine, to immediate acclaim, this English language version includes a new Foreword written by the authors following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022.

About the authors:
Yaroslav Hrytsak is a Ukrainian historian and public intellectual. He is the author of many bestselling, award-winning historical books, and has written for the *New York Times*.
Nadiyka Gerbish is a Ukrainian writer, podcaster, and Riggins Rights Management European rights director. She has written 19 books, many of which have won awards.



Sphere

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P.S. Burn This Letter Please: The fabulous and fraught birth of modern drag, in the queens' own words

Craig Olsen

A vivid snapshot of 1950s New York drag culture 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 of 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 were 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 across art, podcasting, production and interior design. He has a BFA in Theatre, and has featured on film and TV, most notably in drag. He sits as Chairman of the Board for Barak Ballet and is a trustee of the Edward F. Limato Foundation.



Virago

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Where Are You From? No, Where are You Really From?: An investigation of migration, identity and belonging

Audrey Osler

A searing investigation into migration, identity and belonging, drawing on personal experiences and the history of my mixed-heritage family.

The question, 'Where are you from?' is familiar to all. But for people of colour, it more often than not carries an insinuation that they don't really belong. This is made explicit in the frequent follow-up: 'No, where are you *really* from?' This book explores why the question continues to be asked and considers its impact on people of colour.

Osler draws on memoir and historical research, tracing the experiences of empire and migration across seven generations of her family, delving back to the 1760s, spanning various countries, including Britain, Ireland, Imperial India and Singapore. She sets the stories of individual women and men in the socio-political contexts of their times and discusses the factors that lead them to set out on uncertain ajourneys across continents, including conflict, abduction, displacement, economic necessity, and love. The stories have resonance for anyone that has personal or family experiences of migration, but draw all readers to reconsider what it means to be British today.

About the author:
Audrey Osler is Professor Emerita of Human Rights Education and Citizenship at the University of Leeds.



Abacus

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Mortal Secrets: Vienna, Freud and the making of the modern mind

Frank Tallis

***Mortal Secrets* brilliantly brings to life a man and his era.**

Mortal Secrets is a book constructed from intersecting stories. The story of a man (Freud), the story of a movement (psychoanalysis), the story of a city (Vienna) and the story of that city's most colourful characters. It is an introduction to psychoanalysis built around Freud's biography and given cultural context by discussion of the revolutionary art, philosophy and science of Vienna around 1900. It is both human and epic in scale, insofar as Vienna's story of glamour and profligate brilliance was played out in coffee houses as well as battlefields. Most important of all, Mortal Secrets is an account of how we came to be who we are and why we live the way we do. It is the story of how Freud excavated and laid open the machinery of *your* mind.

This is an entirely fresh approach to Freud, written in an accessible narrative style for the interested layperson. There has never been a book that both contextualises Freud in *his* time while offering a scientific evaluation of his ideas for *our* time.

About the author:
Frank Tallis studied the cultural history of Vienna for a decade (while researching his bestselling Liebermann novels), received a psychoanalytic training from the British Psychoanalytical Society, and has lectured on the MBBS Neuroscience course at King's College London. He is the author of *The Incurable Romantic* and *The Act of Living*.



Free: A philopsher's account of free speech

Arif Ahmed

A philosopher's account of free speech setting out a new way of thinking about its value and limits, and applying them to modern-day problems.

Freedom to say what you think – and think what you like – was once for granted, at least as an ideal. But today in Britain, indeed across the world, it faces more varied threats, and more powerful opposition, than perhaps at any time since 1689.

Free elegantly explores our interminable 'culture wars', but – what's more – it articulates the enduring values at stake in those battles, and their roots in our individual and social natures, while setting out practical proposals for addressing these issues in a modern context.

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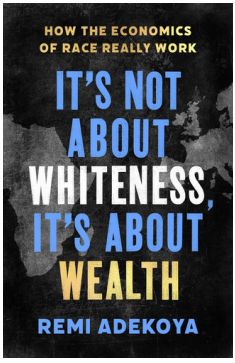
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About the author:
Arif Ahmed is a Professor of Philosophy at Cambridge University and a long-time campaigner for free speech. In 2020 he led a successful rebellion against the University authorities, leading to Cambridge adopting a more liberal free speech policy. In the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours he was made MBE for services to Higher Education. He has written numerous articles for publications including the *Telegraph*, *The Times* and *Index on Censorship.*



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

Remi Adekoya

An investigation in how contemporary racial hierarchies are determined by wealth and economics, and their reflection in today's economic

Race relations are shaped by socioeconomic realities, not by ideologies à la 'white supremacy' as is 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 experiences he has observed from his own upbringing in Nigeria, his Polish heritage and also his experiences living in Britain.

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About the author:
Polish-Nigerian Dr Remi Adekoya teaches Politics at the University of York. He has written for the *Guardian, Spectator, The Times, Washington Post, Politico* and *Standpoint* among others. He has commented on issues of identity and politics for BBC TV, Sky News, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, Times Radio and Radio France International.



Abacus

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Blood and Treasure

Duncan Weldon

How war and violence have shaped institutions, told by the author of *Two Hundred Years of Muddling Through*.

It is often said that death and taxes are the only certainties in life. But most economists would add a third: that incentives and institutions matter. People, firms and even entire nations respond to incentives, and sometimes those incentives are obvious. But incentives don't always work in the way one might expect. Research has found that offering to pay blood donors for their donations can reduce the total amount of blood offered up. A few cash-strapped individuals might donate for the first time but many existing morally conscious blood donors begin to find the whole thing a bit grubby and stop.

Incentives are not formed in a vacuum, they are shaped by the wider social, cultural and political context - the kind of things economists call institutions. Over time institutions change and with them incentives change too. Together these shape and explain human behaviour. Over the long span of human history, nothing has shaped institutions - and hence economic outcomes - as much as war and violence.

About the author:

Duncan Weldon is a writer and broadcaster. He was previously the Britain Economics Correspondent at the *Economist* and the Economics Correspondent for Newsnight, the BBC's nightly current affairs show. He is a regular commentator on television and radio.



Our Work

Hilary Cottam

The author of *Radical Help,* now turns to the subject of the future of work.

Drawing from a fascinating range of sources, from Richard Scarry to Siri Hustvedt, from historians to trade unionists, philosophers and crucially, to hours of original research through workshops, Hilary Cottam writes of the history of work and new ways of looking at work.

She says: `We live in revolutionary times: a technology revolution, an ecological crisis and the challenges of deep injustice are threatening to tear the established order apart.' Work has been for decades, narrowly thought of as an economic category. She shows this to be a category error. Work is culture. She writes of work as a cultural revolution which will alter the meaning and the place of work in all our lives. Crucially, she is an optimist who believes we can work better and therefore live better too.

'This might be the most important book you read this year' - *Guardian* on *Radical Help*

About the author:
Hilary is an internationally acclaimed British social entrepreneur, recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader. In 2006 she founded Participle (www.participle.net) to design working exemplars of a new welfare state. Her TED Talk: *Social Services are Broken: How Can We Fix Them* has over half a million views. She lives in London.

Virago

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Basic Metaverse

David Shrier

One of the world's leading futurists explains what the metaverse is and explores how it will change the way you live and work.

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.

With Facebook recently changing its name to Meta and many companies poised to enter into the metaverse marketplace, public awareness of this new technology is reaching a tipping point. Accordingly, *Basic Metaverse* is a timely publication: telling readers in simple terms why they should pay attention to the metaverse, and how they can prosper from it.

About the author:
David L. Shrier is the author of multiple books and 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.

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The Legacy Playbook: A practical guide

James Kerr

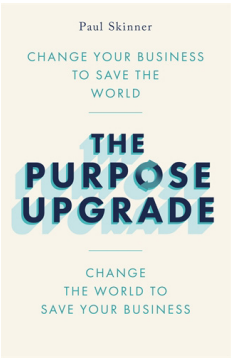
***Legacy: 15 Lessons in Leadership* has become a leadership bible. Now it's time for *The Legacy Workbook* - a practical manual for creating change.**

The ideas at the heart of *Legacy: 15 Lessons in Leadership* have taken on a life of their own. It's become much more than a book about a sports team – it's become a leadership bible, showing readers what the All Blacks can teach us about the business of life. It shows readers *what* a true high-performance culture change looks like and *why* it matters. Now it is time for the *how*.

How do I reboot my culture? How do I start? What is the right psychological approach? What are the key principles? How do I make it work? What tools do I require? What models are proven to work? How do I – personally – create change? What kind of leader do I need to be? What does it take to leave a legacy of which I can be proud?

The Legacy Workbook will be a practical manual for creating change. A companion piece to *Legacy*, the workbook will synthesise the practical steps leaders can take to create a

About the author:
James Kerr is an award-winning creative director and brand consultant, and advises leading companies on brand, identity, advertising, internal communications and transformational culture change. He is also a former captain of the Waihi School 'Under Six Stone' rugby team.



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The Purpose Upgrade: Change Your Business to Save the World. Change the World to Save Your Business.

Paul Skinner

This books shows how businesses can achieve their greatest success in hard times by tackling the world's most pressing problems head on.

History shows that hard times can lead to the greatest opportunities for renewal. *The Purpose Upgrade* shows how businesses can create more compelling benefits for customers, build meaningful livelihoods for colleagues, and unlock superior returns for investors by 'repurposing' and revitalising the activities they engage in.

Meet the social entrepreneur who repurposed the office supplies trade to fund micro-finance initiatives that reach millions of people most exposed to poverty. Learn how the leaders of a coal-mining business repurposed their enterprise as a sustainable living business, generating unprecedented shareholder returns and changing the lives of smallholder farmers by aligning their objectives with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. And, most importantly, discover a unique methodology that you can use to make a *Purpose Upgrade* an always-available event at any level of your own enterprise.

About the author:
Paul Skinner is the founder of the Agency of the Future, which helps clients drive purpose-led change and better mobilise stakeholders for lasting success. He is also the founder of MarketingKind, a membership community which brings together business leaders, marketers and change-makers to tackle social and environmental problems.



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Adventures in Volcanoland

Tamsin Mather

Mixing memoir, travel and popular science, *Adventures in Volcanoland* shows how volcanoes have and continue to shape our planet and its future.

Volcanoes help to make and shape our world. They have helped provide us with a habitable planet, playing a key role in creating the atmosphere, oceans and land. They continue to maintain earth's life support systems and their extraordinary chemistry may even have created the ingredients needed for life to kick start. In some places volcanoes are even beginning to provide us with part of the energy we need to curb our use of fossil fuels. They have fascinated humans for millennia, their eruptions charted throughout history, seeming to show us how the earth is living, breathing and changing and has been doing so for billions of years.

Adventures in Volcanoland charts journeys across deserts, through jungles and up ice caps, to some of the world's most important volcanoes, from Nicaragua to Hawaii, Santorini to Ethiopia, exploring Tamsin Mather's obsession with these momentous geological formations, their cultural and religious roles throughout history, and the science behind their formation and eruptions.

About the author:

Tamsin Alice Mather MAE is a British Professor of Earth Sciences at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford. She studies volcanic processes and their impacts on the Earth's environment and has appeared on the television and radio.



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Glowing Still: A woman's life on the road

Sara Wheeler

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

Glowing Still is the story of Sara Wheeler's travelling life in a notoriously testosterone-laden field. Growing up among blue-collar Conservatives in Bristol where 'we didn't know anyone who wasn't like us', Wheeler knew she needed to get away. In her twenties she began a dramatic escape: Pole to Pole, via Poland. Wheeler recalls happy days on India's Puri Express; an Antarctic lavatory through which a seal popped up (hot fishy breath!); and the louche life of a Parisian shopgirl. Corralling reindeer with the Sámi in Arctic Sweden and towing her baby on a sledge, a helpful herdsman advised her to put foil down her bra to facilitate nursing.

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 and the irreplaceable value that travel brings.

About the author:

Sara Wheeler's books include the international bestseller T*erra Incognita: Travels in Antarctica* and *The Magnetic North: Notes from the Arctic Circle*, which was chosen as Book of the Year by Michael Palin and A. N. Wilson. She has published two biographies of travellers, and was relieved to write about women at last in *O My America!* She lives in London.



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Playing Under the Piano: From Downton to Darkest Peru

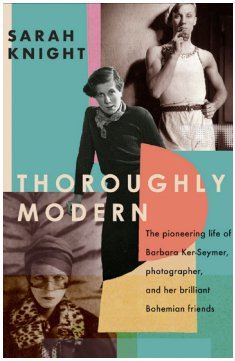
Hugh Bonneville

The laugh-out-loud, poignant memoir from one of Britain's most accomplished actors.

Hugh Bonneville is one of Britain's most accomplished actors, whose credits include Downton Abbey, W1A and the Paddington films. From getting his big break as Third Shepherd in the school nativity play, to mistaking a Hollywood star for an estate agent, Hugh creates a brilliantly vivid picture of a career on stage and screen.

What is it like working with Judi Dench and Julia Roberts, or playing Robert de Niro's right leg, or not being Gary Oldman, twice? A wickedly funny storyteller, Hugh writes with poignancy about his father's dementia and of his mother, whose life in the secret service emerged after her death. Whether telling stories of working with divas, Dames or a bear with a penchant for marmalade, this is a richly entertaining account of his life as an actor.

About the author:
Hugh Bonneville was born in London in 1963. After studying Theology at Cambridge, he became a professional actor in 1985. His career has spanned radio, television, film and stage, and he has received many Emmy and BAFTA nominations. He lives in West Sussex with his wife, Lulu Williams. They have a son, Felix.



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

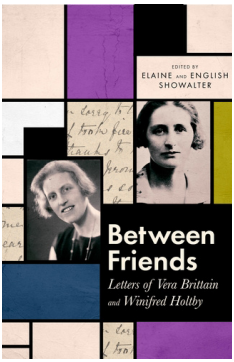
Sarah Knights

An exploration of the pioneering photographer Barbara Ker-Seymer and her outre circle of avant-garde artists of 1940s and 50s London.

Today, Barbara Ker-Seymer's photographs are known for who they represent, rather than the face behind the camera; encapsulated in the irony that some of her most daring and innovative images are misattributed to Cecil Beaton. This biography restores Ker-Seymer to her rightful position as an artist at the centre of the avant-garde. Moreover, it reveals a close network of like-minded practitioners across the arts, who all shared a belief in a modern, stylistic unity between dance, theatre, design, music, art and photography. Ker-Seymer's intelligence, wit and genius behind a camera enabled her to link arms with the Surrealists, Jean Cocteau, the Bloomsbury Group and Bright Young Things and most gloriously the worlds of theatre, cabaret and jazz.

She disdained lucrative 'society' portraits in favour of modern, abstract images, and her work was widely admired among her peers, among them Man Ray. She was the photographer of choice for the leading actors, artists, dancers, writers and intellectuals of her generation, noteably Cyril Connolly, Evelyn Waugh 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.



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Between Friends: Letters of Vera Brittain and Winifred Holtby

Elaine Showalter and English Showalter (eds)

The fascinating letters that tell the story of an extraordinary friendship that created a model for a new kind of independent woman, after WWI.

This is a literary relationship that began when the women met at Somerville, Cambridge and lasted until Winifred's early death at the age of 35; from 1920 to 1935. The letters that kept Vera Brittain and Winifred `continuously together' shows us the inner life of two women who wished to make their mark on the world. They wrote about their ambitions and encouraged and advised each other. But there were also periods when they were literary rivals and the letters show them negotiating envy and self-doubt. It was at times an uneven relationship: Vera, five years older, married and had two children during this period, and her *Testament of Youth* became a bestseller, while Winifred remained a single woman with an adventurous spirit that took her travelling. Vera helped Winifred form her ideology – `You made me' – and Winifred was Vera's intellectual sounding board.

A social history, a portrait of a time between the wars and a dramatic, touching story, it has all the hallmarks of honest female friendship: one not without friction and with its own delicate co-dependency, but it was life enhancing and life changing for them both.

About the editors:

Elaine Showalter is Professor Emerita of English and Avalon Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.
English Showalter is a professor emeritus of French literature at Rutgers University. He was an editor of the 15-volume *Correspondance de Madame de Graffigny*.
They live in Washington DC.



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Funk is its Own Reward

Lloyd Bradley

An intimate, definitive exploration of Funk, the sound of a generation, that tells its stories, its triumphs and excesses.

With roots in the poetry, art, theatre, intellectualism and jazz of the celebrated 1960s Black Arts Movement, and made possible by the shifts in thinking brought about by the Black Panthers and black political involvement, funk was the Second Great Black Renaissance. *Funk Is Its Own Reward* makes the connections between the literature, films, television, black arts collectives, theatre groups and media and analyses how they fed into a cultural wave that made a music confident enough to embrace the likes of Barry White, Bill Withers and Bootsy, not just possible but inevitable. It looks at how, once African American popular music reconnected with and fully expressed the culture that created it, it had to freedom to express itself in any way it saw fit and still be funky.

By putting the music firmly in the context of the movement, the book drags a vibrant art from out from under the notion it only existed to help white people dance, and shines a light on the skill, experimentation, sense of community, humour, formal training, black pride, self-celebration and intellectual and musical freedoms that went into it.

About the author:
Lloyd Bradley is one of the UK's leading experts on modern black music. He has worked as a music journalist for over thirty years and is a bestselling author. He splits his time between London and Florida.



Corsair

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Baxter Dury

Beetroot

A starkly memorable odyssey through Baxter Dury's adult life.

The follow-up to *Chaise Longue* picks up Baxter's story as he becomes a young man. It asks the simple question: what effect does an experimental, frequently chaotic upbringing have on an adult life? It charts Baxter's attempts to get to grips with his existence against a backdrop of near constant upheaval exclusively populated by a cast of nefarious characters that make the antics of *Chaise Longue* seem like the child's play they were.

Chaise Longue

'Maybe I tried over the years to feel sorry about some of the craziness that was bestowed upon my life as a, but I feel differently about that now...'

Chaise Longue is an intimate account of young Baxter Dury's escapades - left in the care of drug dealer roadie Sulphate Strangler while his father Ian Dury was making films - evocatively illuminating a bohemian west London populated with feverishly grubby characters.

About the author:
Baxter Dury is a 50-year-old, English songwriter who has released six critically-acclaimed albums. An overview of his career - Mr Maserati (The Best Of Baxter Dury 2001-2021) - was recently released to great fanfare.



Robinson

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Footballers of Ukraine

Andy Brassell

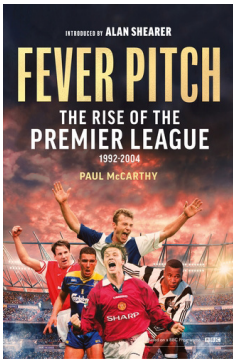
A momentous human and sporting story of our times – a nation at war and the fight of a football club to play on.

'The most important (thing) is to play,' Srna said, 'to show the world that we are still alive, that we are fighting, that we are living, that we will have a good future.'

In 2014, the conflict in the Donbas region of Ukraine began – and top football club Shakhtar Donetsk has since been in exile. This book tells their story; inevitably a story of the conflict and the recent Russian invasion but also a testament to the power of the game and the will of the players. It is ultimately a footballing story, exploring the experience and meaning of being a Shakhtar player through the lens of a country in the shadow of a huge aggressive neighbour. There are moments of direct impact, but also what it means to just go out on the field and play, freely.

Andy Brassell has followed this story for years; he regards Shakhtar as the 'Barcelona of Eastern Europe'. This book celebrates the team and its achievements, while paying tribute to an occupied nation.

About the author:
Andy Brassell is a writer and broadcaster, who works as a pundit across many forms of media for the likes of Talksport, the BBC, BT Sport, and ESPN as well as newspapers such as the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *Daily Mirror.*



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Fever Pitch: The Rise of the Premier League 1992-2004

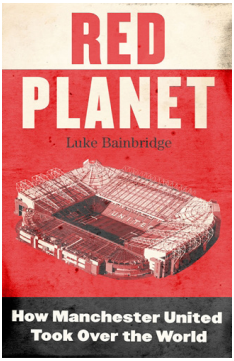
Paul McCarthy

A history of the Premier League, to tie into the BBC series *Fever Pitch* on the 30th anniversary of the league, with exclusive interview material.

The Premier League is the most watched sports league in the world, broadcast into 188 countries and watched by 3.2 billion people worldwide. It revolutionised football, transforming the beautiful game into a multi-billion-pound business and making its biggest stars millionaires.

Fever Pitch tells the inside story of the formation of the league, from the early discussions with Rupert Murdoch about how Sky could be at the heart of this new league, to the bitter rivalries and radical new managers who changed the face of football forever. With insight from football's biggest names, this is the inside track on the Premier League as you've never heard it before. From David Beckham to Eric Cantona, Peter Schmeichel to Gary Neville, this book is full of exclusive interviews that give fascinating insight into the biggest sports league in the world from the people who made it happen, and features a foreward by Alan Shearer.

About the author:
Paul McCarthy is an award-winning sports journalist and writer. He has worked at the *News of the World*, the *Daily Express* and *People*. He was Chairman of the Football Writers' Association for three years and was named Sports Journalist of the Year. He now runs a successful PR and Consultancy company, Macca Media.



Red Planet: How Manchester United Took Over the World

Luke Bainbridge

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

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

But there is more to be told about Manchester United – the remarkable journey of how a humble football club from northern England became the most valuable sports brand in the world. *Red Planet* tells of a fight for world domination and the creation of a Red Planet, against all the odds. United has faced bankruptcy more than once in its history and this is a club whose accountant was once refused money at the bank when he went to withdraw the players' wages, but now pays players like Wayne Rooney up to £300,000 per week. But most of all, it's a story about the battle for the soul of a football club, whatever it takes to keep the red flag flying high. With a steady stream of new challenges, from the retirement of Sir Alex to the death of Sir Malcolm Glazer, a battle that some, conversely, think has already been lost.

About the author:
Luke Bainbridge is a music journalist, and was a founding editor of the award-winning *Observer Music Monthly*. He has interviewed almost every top musician and popstar, from Jay-Z to Paul McCartney. He writes for publications including the *Observer* and *GQ*.

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Murder at Home: How our safest space is where we're most in danger

David Wilson

A new book from the UK's leading criminologist 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*, in this book David will be 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 is taking a step back and 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 will uncover the everyday impact of violence and the 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. Professor Wilson appears in the print and broadcast media as a commentator and presenter.

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Taste Kitchen: Asia: Six Flavours to Suit Every Taste

Phillí Armitage-Mattin

The ultimate guide to mastering Asian flavours. Once you understand your palate, you'll then be able to cook the food you love to eat every time.

We all have different personality types that we recognise and so do our taste buds. However, we rarely take time to think about how we use flavour to complement our mood and tastes to give ourselves maximum enjoyment. This book splits the palate into 6 personalities and shows how flavours interact with one another to create a complete, balanced dish suited to whatever tastes you crave. With more than 70 incredible recipes, chef Phillí shows you how to make your taste buds sing.

Phillí has spent her life researching, travelling and eating Asian food. In *Taste Kitchen: Asia*, she has connected some of her favourite dishes not by region but by flavour so that once you understand and can cook for your unique palate, you too can taste your way across the Asian continent.

About the author:
Phillí was the only female finalist in *MasterChef: The Professionals 2020*. She studied chemistry at Bristol University, attained her professional cookery qualification from University of West London, then trained under Gordon Ramsay. In 2018, Phillí travelled around Asia, working in world-renowned restaurants.

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Baking it Vegan: Easy Recipes for Your Favourite Cakes and Bakes

Catherine Atkinson

A collection of delicious vegan recipes to help you recreate your favourite cakes and bakes.

From classics like Lemon Drizzle Cake, Coconut Macaroons and Red Velvet Cake to Chocolate Chunk Brownies, Bermuda Banana Bread and gluten-free Blueberry Muffins, and from Almond Biscotti, Blackcurrant Cheesecake and Millionaire's Shortbread to fruity Breakfast Bars, Vegan 'Sausage Rolls' and Courgette Soda Bread, you will find plenty of mouthwatering bakes in this book that will delight anyone who follows a vegan diet.

In *Baking It Vegan*, nutritionist Catherine Atkinson teaches essential vegan baking techniques with easy-to-follow instructions, and provides recommendations on substitute ingredients suitable for vegans, with great advice on using these alternative ingredients successfully. You will also find plenty of recipes with a healthy twist, such as lower fat, lower sugar, wholemeal and gluten-free bakes.

About the author:
Catherine Atkinson has a degree in Food and Nutrition BSc (Hons). She has been Deputy Cookery Editor on *Woman's Weekly* magazine and Cookery Editor of *Home*. Catherine is now a full-time writer and food consultant on various lifestyle and health magazines and has written more than 70 cookbooks, specialising in healthy eating.

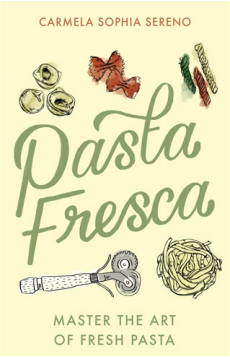
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Pasta Fresca: Master the Art of Fresh Pasta

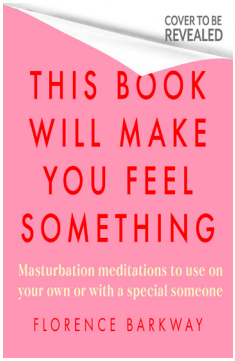
Carmela Sophia Sereno

Learn how to make perfect fresh pasta from scratch for every occasion with this essential guide from pasta-making expert Carmela Sereno.

Pasta-making expert Carmela Sophia Sereno shows you how to make delicious fresh pasta at home. Whether you prefer to use a pasta machine or craft your dough by hand, you'll learn how to turn even the most basic pasta dough into a variety of shapes and stunning designs using stripes, spots and delicate herbs. Beginners and expert pasta enthusiasts alike will be amazed at the range of pasta explored in this book, with dishes selected to delight not only with their exquisite taste but also by their beautiful and varied appearance. You will learn how to make: Linguine with Anchovy and Grape; Asparagus Gnocchi; Crab and Saffron Ravioli; Green Ravioli Parcels with Burrata and Pine Nuts.

Sereno will teach you how to mix flours, knead, store and shape your pasta. *Pasta Fresca* is full of incredible, versatile recipes that take inspiration from the twenty distinct regions of Italy. Whether you want to create fresh pasta from scratch or use up the dried pasta from your store cupboard, the recipes in this book will leave you satisfied.

About the author:
Carmela Sereno is an Italian food writer and cookery tutor. She was raised on a small farm in Bedfordshire. Her family originates from the regions of Puglia and Molise, in southern Italy. She lives in a small Northamptonshire village with her four children and husband.



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This Book Will Make You Feel Something:

Masturbation meditations to use on your own or with a special someone

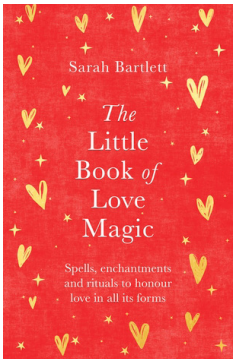
Florence Barkway

A book of masturbation tips between 25 bitesize sexual fantasies that are unashamedly trying to turn women on.

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 25 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 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 where she talks about sex, intimacy and relationships.



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The Little Book of Magic series

Sarah Barlett

A series of beautifully-presented gift books filled with practices, simple rituals and enchantments that allow you to harness the power of magic for self-care and personal harmony.

New and forthcoming titles:

- *The Little Book of Love Magic* (February 2023)
- *The Little Book of Crystal Magic* (July 2022)
- *The Little Book of Earth Magic* (July 2021)
- *The Little book of Moon Magic* (October 2020)
- *The Little Book of Practical Magic* (September 2018)

About the author:
After studying for an Art degree at Middlesex University, Sarah Bartlett became a consultant astrologer, first training at the Faculty of Astrological Studies in London, and then acquiring the Diploma in Psychological Astrology at the CPA, an in-depth three-year professional training programme which cross-fertilizes the fields of astrology, mythology and depth, humanistic and transpersonal psychology.



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Is That Your Card?: Control Your Thinking. Change Your Life. Improve Your Mental Health.

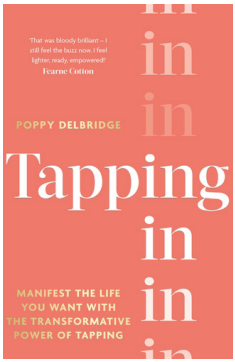
James Borg

Learn how to develop your own personal 'operating system' to change your perceptions, minimise dysfunctional thinking and attract 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, helping propel you to greater success. You will learn simple techniques to right the ship when harmful thoughts take over because it is our beliefs that decide how we look at a situation. You'll become more aware of your emotions and see how modern day 'emotional intelligence' was practised in the ancient world. The act of thinking will never be the same as you gain more confidence, self-esteem, improve your relationships and look at anxiety and anger in a completely different way.

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.



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Tapping In: Manifest the life you want with the transformative power of tapping

Poppy Delbridge

A unique, science-meets-spirituality plan, this book provides readers with the blueprint they need to reach a new place of self-belief through tapping.

Life can be complicated and messy, but that doesn't mean you can't learn how to live it to the full. Mind coach Poppy Delbridge outlines her unique approach in *Tapping In,* where cutting-edge science and next-generation manifesting techniques meet to provide you with a tailored blueprint for success. By banishing negative thought loops and entering a new realm of self-belief, your career, relationships and even finances can flourish.

This is a surprisingly simple, evidence-based way to upgrade your mindset, reduce your stress levels – and radically improve your reality. Fast. By combining the principles of ancient wisdom with modern cognitive therapy, tapping provides a powerful, accessible way to silence the noise, shift your energy and truly start living in a profound state of joy. Create the life you've always dreamed of – it's time to tap in.

About the author:
Poppy Delbridge is a mind coach and tapping expert. She has worked with major networks, including the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Netflix, and was named 'one of the most powerful women in TV' by *Glamour*. She lives in London and the Cotswolds.



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I Promise It Won't Always Hurt Like This: 17 Assurances on Grief

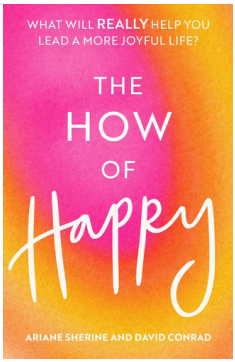
Clare Mackintosh

An accessible roadmap for lost grievers from bestselling author Clare Mackintosh.

Grief is universal, but it's also as unique to each of us as the person we've lost. It can be overwhelming, exhausting, lonely, unreasonable, there when we least expect it and seemingly never-ending. Wherever you are with your grief and whoever you're grieving for, *I Promise It Won't Always Hurt Like This* is here to support you.

When Clare Mackintosh lost her five-week-old son, she searched for help in books. All of them wanted to tell her what she should be feeling and when she should be feeling it, but the truth is that there are no neat, labelled stages for grief. What we need when we're grieving is time and understanding. *I Promise It Won't Always Hurt Like This* is the book she needed then. With 17 short assurances that are full of compassion – drawn from Clare's experiences of losing her son and her father – it's something you can turn to when you can barely concentrate, or looking for solace, or for hope, when you simply need to throw something across the floor, and when you need somebody to assure you: *I Promise it Won't Always Hurt Like This.*

About the author:
Clare Mackintosh is the multi-award-winning author of six *Sunday Times* bestselling novels. Translated into forty languages, her books have sold more than two million copies worldwide. Clare lives in North Wales with her husband and their three children.



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The How of Happy: What will REALLY help you lead a more joyful life?

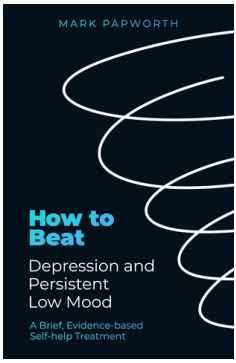
Ariane Sherine and David Conrad

50 key research studies on what does and doesn't make people happy.

Happiness: as elusive as a working inkjet printer, and as slippery as an eel covered in baby oil. When we chase happiness, it runs away like a cat when you're trying to give it a bath, but the world of pop psychology is filled with competing advice.

Comedian Ariane Sherine is determined to help us find the true path to happiness, and public health expert David Conrad has the key: 50 well-selected research studies that show you exactly what to do to find happiness in all areas of your life. Using wide-ranging evidence from around the world, Conrad and Sherine show us the true science behind what makes people happy and outline the simple, practical steps we can take to attain this too. This book has all the facts, stats and entertainment you could ever need to live a blissfully content life. And celebrities weigh in with their own versions of happiness too, so you'll find contributions from Derren Brown, Stewart Lee, Jeremy Vine, and many more.

About the authors:
Ariane Sherine is a comedy writer and journalist. Her work has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *Sunday Times*, BBC, Channel 4 and ITV. She is releasing her debut solo pop album.
David Conrad (MA; MSc; MPH; FFPH) is a Consultant in Public Health. He has co-edited books for health professionals and has published papers in scientific journals.



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How to Beat Depression and Persistent Low Mood:
A brief, evidence-based self-help treatment

Mark Papworth

The first in a revamped series of self-help books using low intensity, brief courses of therapy to overcome common mental health problems.

This book is the perfect resource for helping you to beat your depression or persistent low mood, either by yourself or in conjunction with the support of a health professional. It is written in a friendly, engaging (and jargon-free!) style and encourages interactive reading through tables, illustrations and worksheets. Case studies illustrate the use of the therapy and demonstrate how you can overcome your condition. This book will help you to both understand your depression and treat it through behavioural activation therapy.

The *How to Beat* series of books has emerged from recent, revolutionary healthcare service innovations which have made effective psychological treatments available to more people than ever before. The books are designed to allow those who experience common mental health problems to either help themselves to recover or get the best possible benefit out of their contact with health professionals. They contain easy to understand but effective treatments drawn from cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

About the author:
Dr Mark Papworth is a consultant clinical psychologist. He worked at Newcastle University as programme director and also taught on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. He has treated patients in Newcastle and North Tyneside there for some 25 years.



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Bibliotherapy

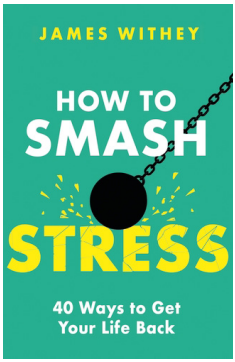
Bijal Shah

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

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

This is a wonderful, sumptuous celebration of reading that will invite you to see books as more than just an escape, but a legitimate form of self-care.

About the author:
Bijal Shah is a bibliotherapist, counsellor, author and freelance journalist. She is the founder of Book Therapy, which offers individual, couples and group bibliotherapy, literary curation and personalised reading services. Bijal's book recommendations have featured in the *Guardian*, NBC News, and various other publications.



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How to Smash Stress: 40 Ways to Get Your Life Back

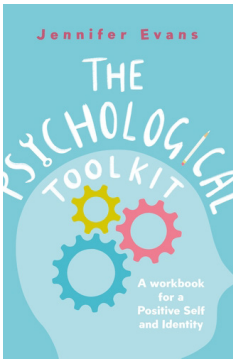
James Withey

An accessible, comforting book for anyone experiencing unmanageable levels of stress, written James' characteristic warmth and humour.

The next title in James Withey's successful self-help series, *How to Smash Stress* will help readers recognise that stress is dangerous, detrimental and never worth their mental or physical health. The book places importance of saying 'I am experiencing stress', rather than 'I am stressed', as the latter places emphasis on personal failure.

With 40 chapters ranging from explaining the importance of slowing down – everything: breath, decisions, movement, conversations – to setting boundaries to give time to think more clearly, to 'Becoming an Olympic hurdler' and breaking down stress into small hurdles – *How to Smash Stress* offers empathetic and entertaining advice, born out of the author's personal experience of managing stress and his many years of working as a counsellor helping people with their mental health.

About the author:
James Withey is a bestselling author and founder of The Recovery Letters project which publishes online letters from people recovering from depression. James trained as a person-centred counsellor and worked in addiction, homelessness and mental health services. He lives in Hove in the UK with his husband.



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The Psychological Toolkit: A Workbook for a Positive Self and Identity

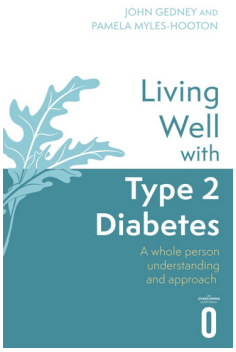
Jennifer Evans

An interactive workbook for teenagers with tools and techniques to establish your sense of self and identity in a positive and healthy way.

The way you think about yourself affects how you live your life. In *The Psychological Toolkit*, you will learn how to use psychology on your journey to knowing your true self. It is so important to take the time to understand how you view yourself, and to understand that your most important relationship is the one that you have with yourself.

This workbook will guide you through the development of your own positive theory and view of your unique self and identity. You will learn how to think about yourself on a deeper level, through honest, non-judgemental questioning, based on what is of value to YOU. You will also learn to engage proactively with the world and those around you; develop new thinking skills; improve your autonomy and ownership of your thoughts, feelings and behaviours; develop a strong understanding of your own identity and ongoing 'story'; take control of your wellbeing, resilience and mental health and more.

About the author:
Jennifer Evans Fitzsimons is a chartered psychologist with the Psychological Society of Ireland. She lecturered for ten years in psychology and research methods at the American College Dublin and University College Dublin, and wrote *Your Psychology Project* (2007).



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Living Well With Type 2 Diabetes: A Whole Person Understanding and Approach

John Gedney and Pamela Myles-Hooton

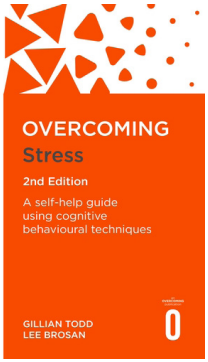
Looks at long-term physical health conditions and offers advice that can help with the medical symptoms as well as the psychological effects.

In the last 40 years or so, we have seen an astounding rise in the prevalence of DM2 in most western and 'developing' countries. The burden of this disease is huge at all levels - for health care spend and for added risk of other medical problems. Its overall impact on health is at least as great as that of Type 1 Diabetes - it's certainly not the 'mild Diabetes' it was once called. In addition, more than a third of people with DM2 are said to experience psychological problems related specifically to the condition.

A central tenet of this book is that people can be educated, empowered and supported to control their metabolic health and to prevent, improve and manage DM2. The authors present a fresh and balanced individual take on the science around DM2 with an examination of the belief systems and behaviours that have fuelled its rise.

A new title for the *Living Well* series which looks at long-term physical health conditions

About the authors:
Dr John Gedney worked as a GP in Northumberland with a special interest in Mental Health, Rheumatic Diseases and Diabetes.
Pamela Myles-Hooton is an accredited cognitive behavioural therapist, trainer and supervisor.



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The Overcoming… series

The *Overcoming*… series is a perennially popular series of psychology books, written by prominent professional experts in their fields.

All titles in the *Overcoming*… series use CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) techniques to treat long-standing and disabling conditions. Titles in the series are always in print, and constantly revised and updated.

New and upcoming titles:

- *Overcoming Stress (2nd Edition)* (June 2023)
- *Overcoming Childhood Trauma* (May 2023)
- *Overcoming Health Anxiety (2nd Edition)* (October 2022)
- *Overcoming Mood Swings (2nd Edition)* (February 2022)
- *Overcoming Insomnia (2nd Edition)* (September 2021)

About the author:
The Overcoming… series is written by a variety of prominent professional experts in their fields.



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BabyCalm
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The Gentle Eating Book
The Gentle Parenting Book
The Gentle Potty-Training Book
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How to Be a Calm Parent
The Second Baby Book
The Starting School Book
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Beginnings: A guide to child psychology and development for parents of 0–5-year-olds

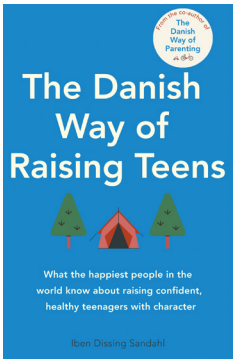
Sarah Ockwell-Smith

A modern month-by-month reference guide for parents of 0–5-year-olds.

Beginnings will answer all the questions that parents have about their baby, toddler and preschooler's physical and psychological development.

Topics covered include:
- How a baby grows and develops, month by month, during pregnancy
- Physical development, month by month, in the newborn period
- Brain development from birth to five years
- How sleep develops and changes throughout the first five years
- The development of self and personality
- Social development, attachment and peer relationships
- Temperaments and the development of emotion regulation
- The development of memory
- Current and classic theories in child psychology
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- Language acquisition and early literacy skills
- Early mark making – learning to draw and form letters
- Schemas – how children learn about the world around them.
- Food preferences and eating experiences in early childhood
- Play – including suggestions for entertainment at each age
- How parents and carers can encourage optimal brain development

About the author:
Sarah Ockwell-Smith is the mother of four children. She has a BSc in Psychology, and retrained as a Paediatric Homeopath, Antenatal Teacher and Birth and Postnatal Doula. Sarah specialises in gentle parenting methods and co-founded the GentleParenting website (www.gentleparenting.co.uk). She writes a parenting blog (www.sarahockwell-smith.com) which is read by 3 million parents per year.



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The Danish Way of Raising Teens: What the happiest people in the world know about raising confident, healthy teenagers

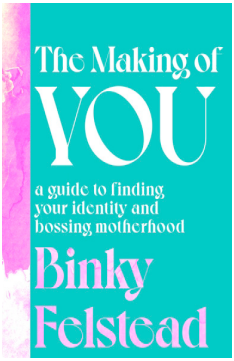
Iben Dissing Sandahl

The follow-up to the bestselling *The Danish Way of Parenting*, for teens.

If you read the bestselling *The Danish way of Parenting*, you will have already discovered the secret to the happiest children in the world. This book will take you a step further in understanding Danish upbringing values that form the basis of raising the healthiest and most well-adjusted teenagers in the world.

Co-author of The Danish Way of Parenting and psychotherapist Iben Sandahl, will bring to life the six core principles Danes use to raise their children, and how it applies to teenagers. There will also be an additional four, to describe this exciting phase from child to adult. Reassuring and gentle, this book will help you support your child in this formative time, which is often shrouded in worry, to show a way forward that is packed with hope, positivity and enjoyment.

About the author:
Iben Dissing Sandahl is a licensed psychotherapist, family counsellor and teacher with 25 years of experience. She is the co-author of *The Danish Way of Parenting*, which has been translated into 31 languages and featured in *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. She writes for *Psychology Today* when not offering lectures, workshops and counselling.



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

Binky Felstead

Part expert parenting guide and part memoir, this is the inspirational guide to life after children for all new parents.

'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 became one of Britain's best-loved reality stars after appearing in E4's BAFTA-winning *Made in Chelsea*. Her journey through pregnancy to birth was then documented for E4's *Born in Chelsea*. She is the co-founder of the parenting website/app Bloss, which boasts over 60,000 subscribers.

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