

A woman in a vibrant red, strapless, floor-length dress is captured in a dynamic pose, possibly dancing or moving. Her head is replaced by a series of horizontal, glowing light streaks in shades of yellow, orange, and blue, creating a sense of motion and energy. The background is dark and textured, with some light reflecting off the surface. The overall mood is artistic and dramatic.

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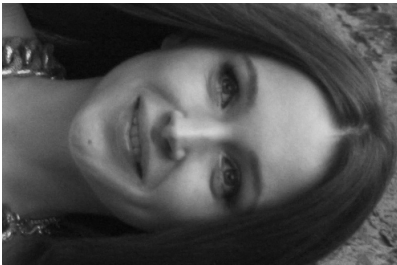
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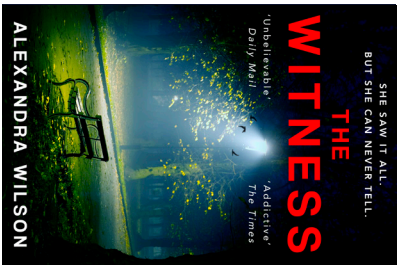
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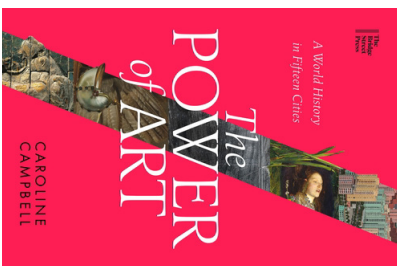
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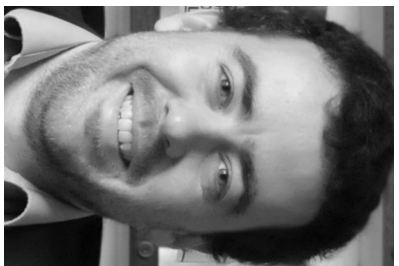
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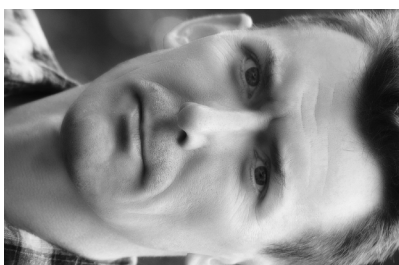
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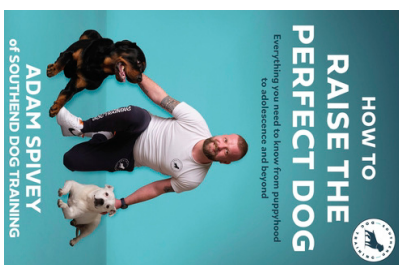
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FICTION

The Library Thief

Kuchenga Shenje

The Binding meets Fingersmith in a spell-binding gothic mystery with a Black, queer perspective.

1897. After bringing her home from Jamaica as a baby, Florence's father hot-combed her hair to make her look like the other girls. But as a young woman, Florence is not so easy to tame - and when she brings scandal to his door, the bookbinder throws her onto the streets of Manchester.

Intercepting her father's latest commission, Florence talks her way into the remote, forbidding Rose Hall to restore its collection of rare books. Lord Francis Beilfield's library is full of secrets - but none so intriguing as the whispers about his late wife.

One night, the library is broken into. Strangely, all the priceless tomes remain untouched. Florence discovers a half-burned book in the fireplace, and realises with horror that someone has found and set fire to the secret diary of Lord Francis's wife - which may hold the clue to her fate. ...

The Library Thief is perfect for fans of Fingersmith, The Binding, Rebecca, The Confessions of Frannie Langton and The Miniaturist.

A word from the editor:

'Kuchenga has written the most astonishing, original piece of historical fiction you could ask for. She's not only shining a light on post-slave-trade Britain, and the experiences of a young woman who 'passes' as white but doesn't realise her Jamaican heritage, but she has also crafted a spell-binding mystery that fans of Rebecca and Fingersmith will devour. There's so much to choose from in the historical fiction space at the moment, but this is guaranteed to stand out as something truly special. We have big plans for The Library Thief in 2024.'

Tilda Key

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kuchenga Shenje is a writer, journalist and speaker with work on many media platforms including Gal-Dem, British Vogue and Netflix. She has contributed short stories and essays to several anthologies, most notably *It's Not OK to Feel Blue* (And Other Lies), *Who's Loving You* and *Loud Black Girls*.

The Bone Hunters

Joanne Burn

The Essex Serpent meets Ammonite in this compulsive tale of ambition, obsession and one woman's struggle for acceptance.

It is 1824, and the seaside resort of Lyme Regis is teeming with visitors seeking fun and pleasure for the summer. When 22-year-old Harriet uncovers the fossilised bones of a giant sea monster, her incredible discovery brings her scientific ambitions tantalisingly within reach. But as a working-class woman, she is invisible to the geological community to which she longs to belong.

After she witnesses a violent crime, and a devastating disaster befalls her, she realises that all around her, monsters lurk. Against all the advice of those who care for her, with revenge and justice in mind, she steps into a world as cold and dark as the ocean, as treacherous as the storm that is on its way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joanne Burn was born in Northampton in 1973, and now lives in the Peak District where she works as a writing coach. *The Bone Hunters* is her third novel.

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 many awards including the Romantic Novelists Association Joan Hessayon Award.

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The Mistress of Ashmore Castle

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

The third in the *Ashmore Castle* historical family drama series, set at the turn of the twentieth century.

England, 1903. Behind the doors of the magnificent Ashmore Castle, secrets are waiting to be uncovered...

The third novel in the Ashmore Castle historical family drama series, filled with heartbreak, romance and intriguing secrets waiting to be uncovered, from the acclaimed author of the hugely popular *Morland Dynasty* novels. The perfect read for fans of Downton Abbey, Bridgerton and rich period dramas.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles is the author of the hugely popular *Morland Dynasty* novels, which have captivated and enthralled readers for decades. Cynthia's passions are music, wine, horses, architecture and the English countryside.

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. Ever 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 prestigious awards.

Natasha Lester

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

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.



The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre

Set in war-torn Paris, *The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre* is a breathtakingly beautiful story of love and sacrifice.

The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre won the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award.

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.

The Disappearance of Astrid Bricard

Set in the opulent world of luxury fashion, *The Disappearance of Astrid Bricard* is a heart-wrenching story of love, courage and betrayal.

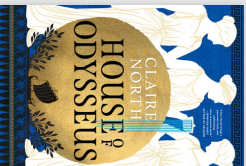
1917. After learning society's opinion of unmarried women from the most scandalous women in Paris, parentless sixteen-year-old Mizza Bricard vows to never be gossiped about because of who has paid for her pearls. This vow drives her couture-house career and creates a legend.

1970. Astrid Bricard arrives in New York determined to change the fashion world. Until she meets fellow designer Hawk Jones and becomes cast in the role of muse, her own talent ignored. Then comes the Battle of Versailles, marking the making of Hawk's career, and the end of Astrid Bricard.

Present Day. Blythe Bricard is determined not to be anyone's muse - even if that means leaving behind her own designing dreams. Until she's invited to a French chateau where she discovers that there may be more to her mother and grandmother's stories than shed thought...

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The Winter Spirits

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, debuting at No. 7 in one of the most competitive weeks of the year.

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Furies

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. Spithre.
Words that raise our hackles, fire up our blood.
Hussy. Siren. Vixen.
Words that tell a story.

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Interface

Ella Baron

A stunning graphic novel, a love story, and a vision of a future city where wealth and class divides play out across the page divide.

Welcome to the sky-city, where rich children are cared for by robot nannies, helicopters transport office workers like Uber's and drones deliver their lunch. In the underbelly, poorer people live confined to cramped living spaces, existing on the margins. *Interface* imagines a romance between a young man and woman who meet across this divide, their love story told in tandem, traversing the pages from Finn's side to Mae's, from privilege to penury. Yet a border remains - on the page, and in their understanding of each other. It will take more for Finn to break through to the world Mae lives in, and for Mae to break free. *Interface* envisions a future not too far from our own, where class and wealth divide is shown not only through the story but in jaw-dropping artistry on the page, introducing a bold new imagination in graphic novels and an unforgettable love story.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ella Baron was staff cartoonist at the *Times Literary Supplement* and her cartoons have featured in the *Sunday Times*, *Guardian*, *Pais* and others. She is a member of the London Library's Emerging Writers Programme.

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 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.

The Red Bird Sings is a historical drama whose characters are full of a suppressed fury, and haunted by a need for justice. A deeply felt and accomplished debut

Anne Enright, Booker Prize-winning author

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.



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I Will Live

Lale Gül, translated by Kristen Gehrman

The controversial international bestseller about a young woman speaking out against her strict Muslim upbringing and searching for her place in the world.

For Busra, growing up in a strict Muslim family means having to do things in secret. Secretly wearing makeup and jewelry, coming home late, meeting up with boys, and serving alcohol in a restaurant. But most of all it means constantly asking questions...

A publishing phenomenon in the Netherlands, with over 177,000 copies sold and over 28 weeks in the bestseller charts. Film Rights optioned by Isabella Films with plans for an international production.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lale Gül was born in Amsterdam in 1997, and studies Dutch language and Culture at the Vrije Universiteit. Until the age of seventeen, she attended a Koranic school of the Milli Görüs foundation at the weekends. In *I Will Live* she disputes everything she was taught there and more.

Malma Station

Alex Schulman, translated by Rachel Wilson-Broyles

A train races through a saturated summer landscape, taking the characters to Malma Station whose fates are unknowingly intertwined.

On board the train to Malma Station are a married couple in crisis, a single dad and his young daughter, and a woman searching for the answer to a mystery her mother left behind. The enigmatic Harriet, the controlling Oskar, and the searching Yana – each of these characters carries within them the scars of what has come before.

Malma Station traces the crooked lines of family and history and shows how memories morph to take new shape, postulating that perhaps the past is actually what we can change, rather than the future. The narrative builds like a train hurtling through time, each chapter a separate car hooking into the next. *Malma Station* is at once an enchanting and gut-wrenching novel about family secrets and injustices passed on through generations – and a suspenseful hunt for a truth with the power to change everything.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alex Schulman is a writer and journalist from Sweden. He has written four bestselling autobiographical books, one of which was named Book of the Year in Sweden in 2017. With his fifth book and his first novel, *The Survivor*, he made his big international debut.

The Many Lies of Veronica Hawkins

Kristina Pérez

Big Little Lies meets *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* in this gripping exploration of toxic female friendship among Hong Kong's moneyed elite.

When Martina Torres arrives in the glamorous 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. Her luck changes when she meets Veronica Hawkins. Beautiful, sophisticated, and very rich, Veronica is the epitome of Old Hong Kong. Martina is taken under Veronica's wing, helping her to find a new apartment, 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 – 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.

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 was a literary agent at Zeno Agency for three years, and set up her own agency Pérez Literary & Entertainment in February 2023.

Limelight

Daisy Buchanan

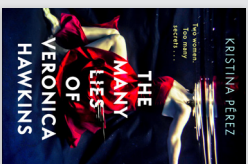
The irresistible new novel from Daisy Buchanan, the queen of the unconventional love story...

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 Filmmation.



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Dear Neighbour

Jane Claire Bradley

An uplifting, feel-good story about five disparate individuals who must 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 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.



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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 arrives in the small town of Bellbird 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 dealing with the consequences of painful pasts.

With its dusty streets, lone pub and iron-lace verandas, 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, all the women 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.



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A Midwinter's Tail

Lili Hayward

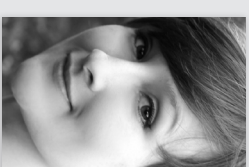
A cat-themed, festive novella set in Cornwall. The perfect read to settle down with during the cold winter nights...

It's nearly Christmas and Londoner Mina Kestle is about to sign a deal that will make her career and give her everything she's ever wanted. But when she receives a mysterious letter in the post along with an ancient key sent by her long-estranged godfather, Day Penhallow, she travels to the tiny Cornish island of Morgelyn to look after his cat, Murr, while he recovers from a stroke in hospital.

The more time Mina spends in the cottage with Murr, remembering the magic of Cornish folklore, the harder it becomes for her to tear herself away. When she discovers ruthless property developers are coming for Morgelyn, she realises she might be the only one who can save the island.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lili Hayward is a writer from the south of England with a love for all things hidden, lost and historical. She lives in the Westcountry with her partner and an elderly and opinionated ex-stray black cat.



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The Guests

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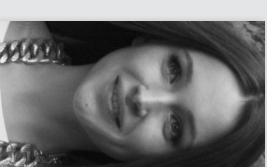
Five old friends. The wedding of the summer. A weekend they'll never forget... A witty, deliciously readable drama from the author of Seven Days of Us.

You are cordially invited to the wedding of Tristan Cowper and Justin Paul Delahunt. The Cowper-Delahunt wedding promises to be the event of the summer. Four days of celebrations at a remote chateau in Provence. Everyone who is anyone is invited. It's been over a decade since five old friends were gathered. Surely they can set aside their differences for one weekend to celebrate their good friend Tristan?

But as the cake is cut and champagne begins to flow, familiar rivalries emerge, exes reconnect and old secrets threaten to surface... A big wedding always throws up a few surprises – but this is going to be a weekend that nobody forgets.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Francesca Hornak is a journalist and writer, whose work has appeared in newspapers and magazines including *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and others. Francesca is also the author of two non-fiction books, *History Of The World In 100 Modern Objects* and *Worry with Mother* (Portico).



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Carole Matthews

The bestselling collection from the Queen of uplifting fiction.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carole Matthews is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of over thirty novels and has recently celebrated 25 years as a published author.



Carole Matthews' breath-taking collection of backlist of novels has something to please every women's fiction fan. From cosy Christmas reads, coastal escapes, and rom-coms, with themes covering love, friendship and family, and locations from small English towns to the glitz of New York, there are both standalones and series to delight every reader. Whichever of Carole's books you read, you are guaranteed to come away with your heart full and your mood uplifted.

- Author of **34 novels**
- Over **6 million** copies sold
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- *Happiness For Beginners* has been **optioned for TV**
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Everything I Have

Tammy Robinson

A beautiful and emotional love story born out of anonymous letters set in a New Zealand beach town.

Two ex-childhood friends meet again (since a friendship-ending argument ten years ago) in their hometown. After his wife dies, he has come back after living in Hong Kong for several years. She has come back to care for her nan who recently had a heart attack. They are both a little lost, and she can't figure out why he is still angry at her after a decade. In the end, you watch them fall in love (again – for him), and help heal each other with the help of their meddling friends and anonymous letters to each other.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tammy Robinson is a novelist from New Zealand, with eight novels to her name. She lives with her husband and three young children on a small farm in rural Waikato.



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Love is a Curse

Keith Stuart

Bestselling author Keith Stuart shares a soaring story of a family cursed to always lose their true love, told over 150 years.

A single sentence, that was all it took to define Cammy's life. They came as her beloved artist aunt was dying, a teenage Cammy standing by her bedside: 'Did your mother ever tell you about the curse?'

Cammy is warned that the women in her family are destined always to lose the one they love. She thinks nothing of it – until the day when, in her late twenties, her new boyfriend is hit by a car. Convinced she is to blame, Cammy begins to investigate the one-hundred-and-fifty-year story of a family that is both ordinary and remarkable, tragic and beautiful. But is the curse real, or is there an answer lurking in the letters, diaries and paintings of generations of women whose hearts were broken? *The Curse of Love* is a daring and unique story of heartbreak and hope.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keith Stuart is an author and journalist. Keith has written for publications including *Empire*, *Red* and *Esquire*, and is the former games editor of the *Guardian*. He lives with his wife and two sons in Frome, Somerset.



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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.

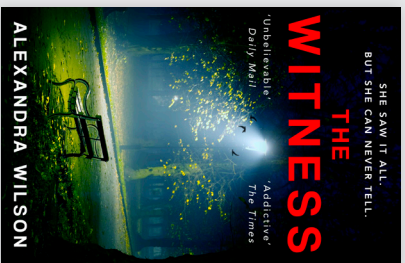
Heartbroken that she lied to him, and with no way of contacting her, Kit moves to the Suffolk coast for a fresh start. Little does he know that Summer is living just a few miles away – and is incapable of forgetting Kit too. But as the months pass, Kit and Summer's paths never collide. Their lives move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



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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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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 prejudice, 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, and the strength of a young woman.

A word from the editor:

'Alexandra is a natural writer who combines her unique experience with great expertise and emotional complexity. The Witness is a novel only she could write and will genuinely break new ground in the genre.'
Ed Wood

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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

Key sales points:

- Wilson's non-fiction book *In Black and White* (Octopus) has sold more than 20,000 copies and received rave reviews.
- Alexandra Wilson's star and profile is on the rise: the New York Times ran a profile on her and she has a strong and passionate social following: 50k on Twitter, 16k Instagram.
- Perfect for fans of Sarah Vaughan's *Anatomy of a Scandal*, Harriet Tyce's *Blood Orange*, Louise Doughty's *Apple Tree Yard* and Kara Lesley's *The Rumour*.



A Game of Lies

Clare Mackintosh

The explosive new thriller from the #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and international sensation.

They say the camera never lies. But on this show, you can't trust anything you see.

Stranded in the Welsh mountains, seven reality show contestants have no idea what they've signed up for. Each of these strangers has a secret. If another player can guess the truth, they won't just be eliminated – they'll be exposed live on air. The stakes are higher than they'd ever imagined, and they're trapped.

The disappearance of a contestant wasn't supposed to be part of the drama. Detective Ffion Morgan has to put aside what she's watched on screen, and find out who these people really are – knowing she can't trust any of them. And when a murderer strikes, Ffion knows every one of her suspects has an alibi... and a secret worth killing for.

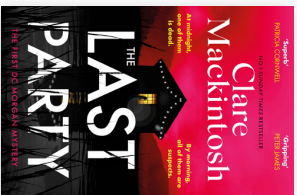
Praise for *The Last Party*:

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

'Mackintosh is just getting better and better'
Peter James

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 66 weeks in the *Sunday Times* bestseller chart. Clare lives in North Wales with her husband and their three children.



The Last Party: Book one in the DC Ffion Morgan series
The *Last Party* was a No. 4 *Sunday Times* hardback bestseller in August 2022 – Clare's sixth instant *Sunday Times* bestseller. It has been optioned for film/TV by 5 Acts Productions.

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I Know Who You Were

Nick 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 a pretty perfect marriage. Still madly in love after ten years, they have no secrets from each other and their life in London with daughter Poppy is... happy. Until one day it changes. Morven disappears, her car found abandoned.

The police come around to Alex's house to tell him things about his wife he never knew: her real name, her past life, the secrets she kept from him. And Alex realises he's been loving a lie. He needs answers... and on the shore of a dark and remote lake in Wales he learns that the tragic events which shaped the past now threaten to rip apart the present.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nick Curran is the pseudonym of a previously published award winning writer who was born in the UK and now lives in Sweden.



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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.

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.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Shane Kuhn is the pseudonym for a screenwriter and author internationally bestselling thriller. Vaughn's first science-fiction novel, *Across The Void*, published in multiple languages and territories worldwide. S.K. Vaughn lives and works in North Beach, San Francisco.

The Square

Celia Walden

Parasite meets *Greenwich Park* in the second thriller from bestselling author Celia Walden, perfect for fans of Louise Candlish and Lisa Jewell.

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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Death By Numbers

Jo Cunningham

An uplifting murder mystery set between London and the perilously dangerous seaside town of Eastbourne.

Una, a risk-averse insurance actuary, is vying for a promotion in the life insurance department. When her latest research – predictions about causes of death in seaside towns – doesn't match the number of unusual deaths that are actually happening, she's stumped.

When Una discovers two of the deathly data points she's looking into were friends of her mum's flashy fiancé Ken, she decides to investigate. Soon after, another local is found dead in questionable circumstances and a pattern emerges – if Una has interpreted the data correctly, the next 'accidental' death will happen on the day of her mum and Ken's wedding.

Una's much more comfortable working with numbers than people, but if she's going to stop the killer, she will have to put her spreadsheets aside to find out the truth.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jo Cunningham works in data science. She is a graduate of Curtis Brown Creative and also writes topical comedy for BBC radio.

The Mitford Secret

Jessica Fellowes

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

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. One night, a psychic arrives, and to liven things up Deborah agrees she may host a séance. 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?

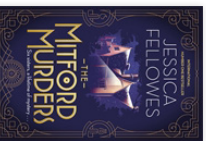
The *Mitford Murders* has been optioned for film/TV by Endor Productions.

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.



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Last Stop on the Murder Express

CJ Farrington

The third in the charming and compelling Olga Pushkin Mysteries.

Novelist Conor Farrington returns with loveable railway engineer Olga Pushkin striving to solve another murder in her tiny Siberian village of Roslazny when a staged murder aboard a Romanov-themed murder mystery steam train becomes very real...

The Venetian Candidate

Philip Gwynne Jones

The latest gripping thriller featuring Nathan Sutherland from novelist Philip Gwynne Jones.

While Venice is preoccupied with the forthcoming Mayoral elections, Nathan Sutherland investigates the disappearance of an elderly British academic who was researching his grandfather's fate during the Great War, and finds connection between the two events.

Murder Under a Red Moon

Harini Nagendra

The next in the joyful cosy crime series set in 1920s Bangalore

Harini Nagendra's second novel sees Kaveri reluctantly agree to investigate a minor crime during the blood moon eclipse to appease her mother-in-law. But when she stumbles on murder – again – together with the Bangalore Detective Club, she must find the truth.



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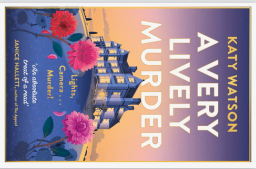
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The Proof in the Pudding

Rosemary Shrager

The next irresistible cosy crime novel from celebrity TV chef Rosemary Shrager.

Crime and cookery collide as Prudence and her long-suffering sidekick, granddaughter Suki get drawn into another mystifying murder, when, on the night of the village's midwinter feast, local vagabond Terry Chandler is found dead – his body entombed in a snowman.



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A Very Lively Murder

Katy Watson

Whip-smart crime by established romance writer now breaking into the crime fiction field.

Katy Watson returns with the follow up to her contemporary Golden Age country house murder mystery. After a near-fatal accident on the set of *The Lady Detective*, the three Dahlias reunite to do what they do best – surreptitiously sleuth.



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The Murder Book

Mark Billingham

The stunning new novel from multi-award-winning *Sunday Times* bestseller Mark Billingham.

Tom Thorne takes on an old nemesis... Hunting the woman responsible for a series of grisly murders, Thorne has no way of knowing that he will be plunged into a nightmare from which he may never wake.

Long Live Evil

Sarah Rees Brennan

A romantasy for anyone who ever had a crush on the villain of the tale...

Rae and her sister have always loved an epic fantasy franchise about lost gods and old sins, passion and horror, hope and death. Her sister worships the white knight of the tale, but Rae has always had an affinity for the bad guys – villains are sexier, say all the best lines, and scheme to attain their heart's desires.

Rae's a bit of a planner herself, but she's finally met her match. She's seriously ill and no matter how she schemes, it's looking like a death sentence - until a stranger makes an impossible offer: by entering the book she could seize magic that would save her.

This seems too good to be true, and it is - Rae wakes in a palace built on the edge of an abyss. Her role is the villainess, and according to the story she's due to be executed by her favourite character - tomorrow...

'Funny, audacious, and supremely satisfying. Long Live Evil is the chosen one we've been waiting for.'
Leigh Bardugo

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Rees Brennan is a New York Times bestselling and award-winning author. *Long Live Evil* is her debut adult novel.

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 Delavale 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 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.



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Infinity Gate

M. R. Carey

The first novel in a thrillingly original, high-concept new science fiction duology about the multiverse from the bestselling M. R. Carey.

Infinity is only the beginning...

The Pandemonium: 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 Pandemonium 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*.

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*

‘A genuine treat for SF fans: an epic multiverse tale that moves like a thriller’

Kirkus

‘A fascinating window onto a dangerous and multifaceted universe’

Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time*

‘[A] brilliant dimension-hopping sci-fi thriller... readers will be wowed’

Publishers Weekly

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. R. Carey has written many novels, radio plays and screenplays. *The Girl With All the Gifts* has sold over a million copies and became a major film, based on his BAFTA Award-nominated screenplay. Under the name Mike Carey he has written for DC and Marvel, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*.

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*
- *Echo of Worlds*, book 2 in the *Pandemonium* series is coming June 2024.



A Letter to the Luminous Deep

Sylvie Cathrall

A charming fantasy set in an underwater world with magical acadenia and a heartwarming penpal romance.

A beautiful discovery outside the window of her underwater home prompts the reclusive E: to begin correspondence with renowned scholar Henerrey Clei. Their letters are filled with passion for their mutual interests, and then, inevitably, for each other. Together, they uncover a mystery from the unknown depths, when by no mere coincidence, a seaquake destroys E’s home, and she and Henerrey vanish.

A year later, E’s sister Sophy, and Henerrey’s brother Vyerin try to solve the mystery of their siblings’ disappearances with the letters, sketches and field notes left behind. As they uncover the love their siblings shared, they also learn the key to their disappearance – and what it could mean for life as they know it. Perfect for fans of *A Marvellous Light* and *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sylvie Cathrall holds a graduate degree in odd Victorian art, and lives in the mountains, where she dresses impractically and dreams of the sea.



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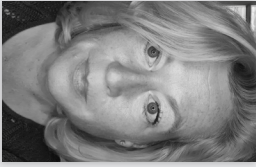
The Midnight Clock

Jamie Costello

Highly anticipated new YA novel combining time travel and a mysterious, magic clock.

Millie has seven days to save Annie Driscoll from a terrible fate. Millie doesn’t know how or why she has been brought into Annie’s life. But she’s sure of one thing: Annie has already been dead for 65 years.

Struggling to come to terms with her uprooted life, Millie is living with her father and his new girlfriend in a building which used to house the most famous women’s prison in the UK. The only remnants of that place is the old prison clock in the hall – a clock that has long been silent. When the clock begins to strike again one night, Millie meets a young, terrified woman in a cell. Annie cannot see her, but Millie realises that she may be the key to changing Annie’s fate – a fate that was sealed in 1955. But is there enough time for justice to be done?



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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.

Fathomfolk

Eliza Chan

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

Welcome to Tianshui – 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 Tianshui should be left to drown.

Fathomfolk begins a duology inspired by East Asian myths and folklore; a fantasy adventure with strong themes of identity, community and belonging. Perfect for fans of Fonda Lee’s Jade City, C. L. Clark’s The Unbroken, Sarah J. Mass’s merfolk in House of Earth and Blood, Elizabeth Lin’s Six Crimson Cranes, or Xiran Jay Zhao’s Iron Widow.

A word from the editor:

“Eliza is such a find, and I am so glad that she decided to choose Orbit as the home for her debut! Fathomfolk is simply irresistible: I love Eliza’s charming characters and her depth of worldbuilding”

Jenni Hill

“Fathomfolk is a compelling tale about cultures colliding, set against a city backdrop that feels familiar yet fresh. Eliza Chan deftly and compassionately writes about the depths we’ll plunge to, to change our world”

G. V. Anderson, World Fantasy Award winner

“With the confidence and command of a seasoned master, Chan weaves a riveting tale which seized me from the first word and did not let go until the end.”

Tobi OgunDIRan

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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

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 Vigrid 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.

The Sword Defiant

Gareth Hanrahan

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

The sword cares not who it cuts.

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.

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

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

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gareth Hanrahan’s three-month break from computer programming to concentrate on writing has now lasted fifteen years and counting. He’s written more gaming books than he can readily recall, and lives in Ireland with his wife and three children.



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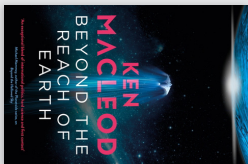
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Beyond the Reach of the Earth

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.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ken Macleod was born on the Isle of Lewis and now lives in Gourrock, Scotland. He studied biomechanics and has been a full-time writer since 1997. He is the author of seventeen novels and many articles and short stories. He has won three BSFA awards and three Prometheus Awards.

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 Magistrate's authority is waning, Sir Konrad Vonvalt returns to Sovia 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.

TV rights have been optioned by Sand and Snow Entertainment.

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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The Darkness Before Them

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 Djar's rule.

But only if they succeed ...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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

Paradise-1

David Wellington

Paradise-1 begins a terrifying new trilogy of survival and exploration in deep space, from Clarke Award-nominated author David Wellington.

Welcome to Paradise.

Paradise-1, Earth's first deep space colony. For thousands of colonists, it was an opportunity for a new life.

Until it went dark. No communication has been received from the colony for months.

It falls to Firewatch Agent Alexandra Petrova and the crew of the *Artemis* to investigate.

What they find is more horrifying than they could have imagined.

Intense action and creeping horror collide for a nerve-shredding reading experience in this new trilogy from David Wellington.

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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NON-FICTION

The Power of Art

From Babylon to Pyongyang

Caroline Campbell

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

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

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

The fifteen cities covered are:

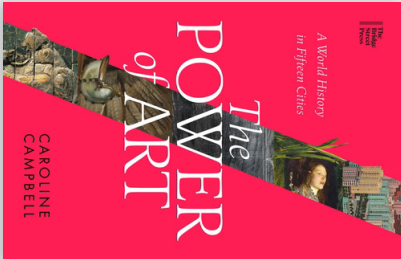
Babylon (1800-323 BCE), Jerusalem (10th c BCE), Rome (1st c CE), Baghdad (8th c), Kyoto (11th c), Beijing (1400-50), Florence (1430-1500), Benin (16th c), Amsterdam (1650-1700), Delhi (1670-1730), London (19th c), Vienna (1900-14), New York (1929-70), Brasilia (1956-80), Pyongyang (1953-2000).

A word from the editor:

"Art history has an unfairly lofty reputation, when really - as Caroline's dazzling history will show - it is a window into the soul of a society. The Power of Art is going to be a beautiful book, full of vivid stories."
Holly Harley

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 and the Courtauld Gallery. She is passionate about widening public engagement with art and has delivered talks around the world on numerous subjects from art history.



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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 superbly and vividly recorded by Rome's historians and poets who were acutely aware of the seething and 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, decadence, eroticism, exotica, 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 several 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 is an accredited lecturer of the Arts Society.

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 modern world. Forgoing marriage, family, even, it seems, a private life, she committed her whole life resettling academic refugees before, during and after World War Two. She thought of these refugees as her family and by the end of her life could count among her 'children' sixteen Nobel prize winners, eighteen knights of the realm, seventy-four fellows of the royal society and thirty-four fellows of the British academy.

Simpson's work had a profound impact on twentieth-century philosophy, architecture and molecular biology. 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.



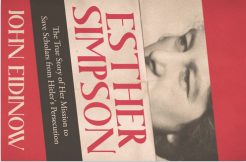
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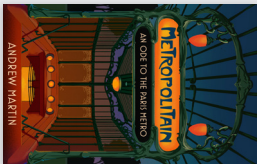
An Ode to the Paris Metro

Andrew Martin

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

Metropolitian is as stylish as the Metro itself. 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. 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 beggier, Fulgence Bienventi, 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.



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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.

All the Rage

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?'



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Virginia Nicholson is the author of many books, including *Among the Bohemians*. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Nicholson is the granddaughter of Vanessa Bell and the great-niece of Virginia Woolf. She's the President of the Charleston Trust and a trustee of the Stradley Trust.

One Fine Day

Britain's Empire on the Brink

Matthew Parker

The story of the British Empire at its 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.

This book is a new way of looking at the British Empire, travelling from east to west with the rising sun and immersing readers in the contemporary moment, focusing on particular people and stories from that day, gleaned from newspapers, letters, diaries, official documents, films, novels. It uncovers new, more independent attitudes of the Dominions to the Empire from people including Rotan Tito in the Pacific, Nehru and Gandhi in India, Tan Cheng Loo in Malaya and Marcus Garvey across Africa and the Caribbean.



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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.

Blood and Treasure

Duncan Weldon

Blood and Treasure attempts to do for the economic history of war and violence what *Freakonomics* did for modern economics.

Wars are expensive things, both in human terms and monetary ones, and for several centuries the phrase 'blood and treasure' has sought to encapsulate these costs. It is often said that death and taxes are the only certainties in life. But most economists would add a third: incentives and institutions. Over the long span of human history, nothing has shaped institutions - and hence economic outcomes - as much as war and violence.

From the economics of The Vikings, the decline of the Ottoman Empire, to the current conflict in Ukraine, Duncan Weldon uses economic theory to explain both the already well known and also some seemingly counterintuitive behaviours and actions. *Blood and Treasure* will sit alongside other popular economics and social science books for a general audience such as the *Undercover Economist* and *Black Box Thinking*.



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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.

Prosecuting the Powerful

Steve Crawshaw

War crimes and the battle for justice – could Putin and other leaders abusing human rights ever be put on trial?

We are witnessing Russian atrocities in Ukraine with horrifying regularity. But could Putin ever be put on trial? Getting a head of state in the dock was once unthinkable but as journalist and human rights advocate Steve Crawshaw uncovers in *Prosecuting the Powerful* – a blend of on-the-ground reportage and intellectual history – it is a real possibility.

In recent years rogue dictators from Serbia's Slobodan Milošević to Liberia's Charles Taylor have ended up behind bars. Starting with reporting on Ukraine, Crawshaw then delves into the fascinating and heroic history of how in the early 20th-century Raphael Lemkin (a native of Lviv) coined the term 'genocide', and the lesser-known story of how the PM of Trinidad & Tobago became known as the grandfather of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, created despite all the obstacles that powerful governments put in its path. Along the way we see how a brave whistleblower in Syria smuggled out pictures of Assad's torture prisons. This is a rousing and hopeful story about brave people fighting for justice.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steve Crawshaw worked as foreign correspondent for the Independent from 1986 to 2002 and has since worked at Human Rights Watch, Amnesty and Freedom From Torture. Author of several previous non-fiction works, he has interviewed Milošević and reported on the ground on war crimes for 30 years.



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A Brief History of...series

Jeremy Black

A series of concise and readable histories of countries and regions from a renowned historian.

Despite being relatively brief, these absorbing histories cover environmental, political, social, economic, cultural and artistic elements of their respective countries or regions. The tone is supported by boxes providing supplemental information, and these books are perfect for travellers to these countries, or anyone keen to learn more about their history. Rights in this series have sold in China, Czech Republic, Greece, Portugal, Russia and Turkey.

- *A Brief History of the USA* (February 2024)
- *A Brief History of Germany* (April 2022)
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- *A Brief History of Portugal* (April 2020)
- *A Brief History of Spain* (March 2019)

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. He appears regularly on TV and radio, including BBC Radio 4's *In Our Time*.



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A Ukrainian Christmas

Nadiyka Gerbish and Yaroslav Hrytsak

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 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. Originally published in 2020 in Ukraine, to immediate acclaim, this English language version includes a new Foreword by the authors following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Yaroslav Hrytsak is a Ukrainian historian, public intellectual and author of many bestselling, award-winning historical books.

Nadiyka Gerbish is a Ukrainian writer, podcaster, and Riggins Rights Management European rights director.

The Global History of Ukraine

Yaroslav Hrytsak

Explore Ukraine's dramatic past and its place as a nation within the history of the world.

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

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

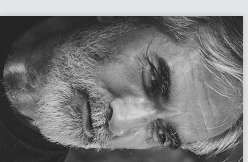
In his new book, already a huge bestseller in Ukraine, Professor Yaroslav Hrytsak, Ukrainian intellectual and public historian, explores Ukraine's dramatic past and its place as a nation within the history of the world.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Yaroslav Hrytsak is a Ukrainian historian and public intellectual. He is the author of many bestselling, award-winning historical books, including *A Ukrainian Christmas*, and has written for the *New York Times*.



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

Audrey Osler

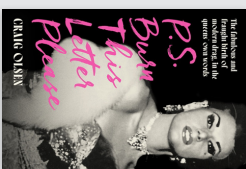
A searing investigation into migration, identity and belonging, drawing on the history of Osler's mixed-heritage family.

The question, 'Where are you from?' is familiar to all. But for people of colour, it often carries an insinuation that they don't really belong – 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. She sets the stories of her family in the socio-political contexts of their times and discusses the factors that lead them to take uncertain journeys across continents, including conflict, abduction, displacement, economic necessity, and love. The stories resonate with 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 Citizenship and Human Rights Education at the University of Leeds. She has acted as an expert advisor to the Council of Europe, UNESCO and many national governments.



P.S. Burn This letter

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 where, they occupied the margins of society, determined to live as they pleased, despite of the attentions of the police.

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. Based on a documentary of the same name, *P.S. Burn This Letter Please* was met with critical acclaim at the Tribeca Film Festival and BFI Flare and is available worldwide on Discovery +.

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.

Free

A Philosophical Approach to Modern-Day Problems

Arif Ahmed

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

Freedom to say what you think - and think what you like - was once taken 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.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Arif Ahmed is a Professor of Philosophy at Cambridge University and a long-time campaigner for free speech, awarded an MBE in 2021. 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 hierarchies.

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.

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*, 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.



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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.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hilary Cottam 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 ideate a new welfare state. Her TED Talk: Social Services are Broken: How Can We Fix Them has over half a million views.

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 an introduction to psychoanalysis built around Freud's biography and given cultural context through 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.

Mortal Secrets is an account of how we came to be who we are and why we live the way we do; 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.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frank Tallis studied the cultural history of Vienna for a decade, 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*.

Accidental

Tim James

An exploration of unintentional world-changing scientific discoveries, for fans of *Humans: A Brief History of How We F*cked It All Up*.

We may imagine that science is a process of breakthroughs and light bulb moments. But in reality, science goes wrong 99% of the time. Almost every idea a scientist comes up with is quickly disproved by a failed experiment or a rival scientist. Science moves at a rate of inches per decade and we like it that way.

But occasionally, just occasionally, a complete fluke happens to land on someone's lab bench and changes everything. This book is a highly entertaining exploration of the things that have gone wrong - and turned into something amazing.

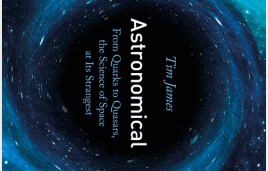
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tim James is an expert in science communication, making seemingly complex topics such as quantum mechanics entertaining for all ages. He is an author, public lecturer and inventor. His first book, *Elemental*, was called one of the best books of 2018 by the Daily Mail.



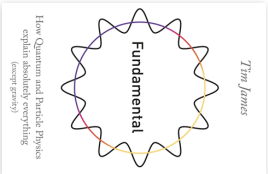
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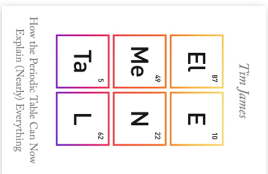
Astronomical
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The science of space at its strangest



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How quantum and particle physics explain absolutely everything (except gravity)



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How the periodic table can explain (nearly) everything

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The Legacy Playbook

A Practical Guide

James Kerr

Legacy has become a leadership bible. Now it's time for *The Legacy Playbook* - a practical manual for creating change.

The ideas at the heart of Kerr's previous title, *Legacy*, have taken on a life of their own: becoming a leadership bible, showing readers what the All Blacks can teach us about the business of life, 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?

A companion piece to *Legacy*, the workbook will synthesise the practical steps leaders can take to create a lasting legacy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Kerr is an award-winning creative director and brand consultant, and advises leading companies on transformational culture change. His book *Legacy* is required reading among the Navy SEALs, the British SAS and the US Marine Corps.

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Basic Metaverse

How Virtual Worlds Will Change Our Reality and What You Can Do to Unlock Their Potential

David L Shrier

One of the world's leading futurists explains what the metaverse is and 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, from issues of wealth disparity and access to what happens if your virtual avatar commits a crime in 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 as Professor of Practice at Imperial College Business School.

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Adventures in Volcanoland

Tamsin Mather

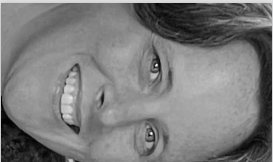
Mixing memoir, travel and popular science, *Adventures in Volcanoland* shows how volcanoes shape our planet and its future.

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 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.

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 Indias Puri Express; an Antarctic lavatory with seal visitors; and the louche life of a Parisian shopgirl. Corraling reindeer with the Sámi in Arctic Sweden and towing her baby on a sledge, a helpful herdsmen advised her to put foil down her bra to facilitate nursing.

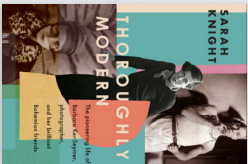
As she writes in the introduction, when she set sail 'Role models were scarce in the travel-writing game'. But advancing years usher in unheralded freedoms, and journey's end finds Wheeler at peace among Zanzibar dhows, contemplating our connection with other lives and the irreplaceable value that travel brings.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sara Wheeler's books include the international bestseller *Terra Incognita* and *The Magnetic North*, which was chosen as Book of the Year by Michael Palin and A. N. Wilson. She has published two biographies of travellers. She lives in London.



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Thoroughly Modern

The pioneering life of Barbara Ker-Seymer, photographer, and her brilliant Bohemian friends
Sarah Knight

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 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. It reveals a close network of like-minded practitioners across the arts, who shared a belief in a modern, stylistic unity between dance, theatre, design, music, art and photography.

Ker-Seymer's genius behind a camera enabled her to link arms with the Surrealists, Jean Cocteau, the Bloomsbury Group and the worlds of theatre, cabaret and jazz. She disclaimed lucrative 'society' portraits in favour of modern, abstract images, and her work was widely admired by her peers. She was the photographer of choice for the leading performers, writers and intellectuals of her generation, notably Cyril Connolly, Evelyn Waugh and Vita Sackville-West.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Knight 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.

Spare Us: A Harrody

Anonymous

A hilarious parody of Prince Harry's bestselling memoir.

He was born into an ancient powerful dynasty and, through no fault of his own, became one of the most recognisable men on the planet.

His life was a constant barrage of press intrusion and manipulation. Until finally, he demanded that it stop. In order to get the privacy he so craved, he has written a warts-and-all book that goes deep inside the castle walls and exposes every shouting match, fist-fight, betrayal, teddy bear, awkward hug and tear-stained wedding rehearsal for the world to feast their eyes on. All for privacy. This is his story.

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Three Dads Walking

Mike Palmer, Tim Owen and Andy Airey

The life-affirming story of three dads who each lost a daughter to suicide, following their journey across Britain and finding hope along the way, for fans of *The Salt Path*.

'We were (and are) three ordinary dads who found ourselves in a desperate place, engulfed by pain and suffering beyond imagining. We were men who chose to build something positive from the shattered pieces of our lives. We wanted to do something and this is what it became.'

In memory of their young daughters - Sophie, Beth and Emily - who took their own lives, three dads set out on a 300-mile journey across Britain. Putting one foot in front of the other, they captured the hearts of the nation, laughing together, crying together, fighting to be heard. This book, built around personal diary entries, grew from a place of great grief and loss, but is also about the power of speaking out, of friendship and hope. A feature film of their moving story is planned, along with a documentary.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Mike Palmer, Andy Airey and Tim Owen, known as 3 Dads Walking, all lost their daughters to suicide. They walked 300 miles in 2021 and 600 miles in 2022 to raise awareness of suicide and raised nearly £1M for Papyrus. They won a Pride of Britain 'Special Recognition' award in 2022.

Before the Light Fades

A Memoir of Grief and Resistance

Natasha Walter

A moving memoir about losing one's mother to suicide and honouring a family legacy shaped by the worst crises of the twentieth century.

One day in December, Natasha Walter's mother Ruth took her own life. At first, the grief and guilt Natasha felt were overwhelming. Gradually, she searches through Ruth's history, uncovering her involvement in the 1960s nuclear disarmament movement. She broke the law to stand up for what she believed in and met Natasha's father, the anarchist writer Nicolas Walter. Natasha then explores her grandfather Georg's story, who was imprisoned for three years for his involvement in the anti-Nazi resistance in the 1930s. He never spoke about his experiences.

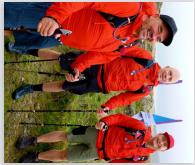
In thinking back through the years, Natasha comes to a deeper and more hopeful understanding of the legacy that her parents and grandparents leave her, valuing the courage of past generations. This is a moving memoir about honouring the legacy of a family who struggled bravely against some of the worst crises of the twentieth century.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Natasha Walter is a writer of both fiction and non-fiction, a journalist and human rights activist. She is a graduate of Cambridge and Harvard, and has worked as a columnist, reviewer and feature writer for the *Guardian*, *Yogue* and *Independent*. Natasha founded the charity Women for Refugee Women in 2007.



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In Two Minds

Stories of murder, justice and recovery from a forensic psychiatrist

Dr Sohom Das

A piercing account of life as a forensic psychiatrist.

As a forensic psychiatrist, it's Dr Das's job to treat and rehabilitate what the tabloids might call the 'criminally insane', many of whom assault, rob, rape, and even kill. His work takes him to high-security prisons and securely locked hospital wards, and to courtrooms, to give evidence as an expert witness. From the young woman who smothered her two-year-old nephew in a flash of psychosis, to the teenager who set his house on fire with his mother locked inside, Dr Das must delve into the minds of these violent offenders to elicit their symptoms of mental illness, understand their actions and prevent future atrocities.

In this honest, revealing and at times humorous memoir, Dr Das shares stories from his fifteen years as a psychiatric doctor, detailing some of his most extreme, heart-breaking and bizarre cases - and how he's learned to live with his mistakes when the worse happens.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Sohom Das is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, working in prisons, secure hospitals and criminal courts, assessing and rehabilitating mentally ill offenders. On his YouTube channel, A Psych for Sore Minds, he dissects criminal cases and mental-health topics.

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Behold the Monster

Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer

Jillian Lauren

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

Jillian Lauren set out to research a serial killer for her novel. Instead, she put one at the centre of her life. After an interview with an LAPD detective, Lauren became obsessed with murderer Samuel Little. Following months of exchanging letters with him in prison, Lauren finally got a face-to-face meeting. In the hundreds of hours of interviews that followed, Little confessed to dozens more killings for the first time. Lauren knew this harrowing relationship was taking its toll, both psychologically and legally - but she couldn't stop.

This book delivers a terrifyingly up-close window into the mind of a serial killer, shining a light on the lives of those he murdered. Lauren had unparalleled access to Little before he died, resulting in an extraordinary true crime account - a haunting parallel story of killer, author and victims, the journey into a disturbing mind and a murderer that shocked the world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jillian Lauren is the New York Times bestselling author of two memoirs and a novel. She has an MFA in creative writing from Antioch University and her writing has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair* and others.

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We Play On

Shakhtar Donetsk's Fight for Ukraine, Football and Freedom

Andy Brassell

A momentous human and sporting story - 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 Donbas, Ukraine began - and top football club Shakhtar Donetsk has since been in exile. This book tells their story; inevitably 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 of being a Shakhtar player through the lens of a country in the shadow of a huge aggressive neighbour.

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*.

The Secret History of the World Cup

Jonathan Wilson

The definitive history of the World Cup, exploring the tournament's global socio-political impact along with the gripping goals and scandals.

The football World Cup is the most watched sporting event on the planet. It is a global obsession; 2.11 nations initially entered the 2022 edition.

By 1930, football had outgrown the Olympic Games. A new competition, run by Fifa, would take international football to the next level. After a shamolic start to the first cup in Uruguay - an incomplete stadium, shoddy refereeing and physios accidentally injuring players - the thrilling final saw Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2.

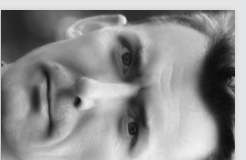
From those chaotic beginnings grew the modern World Cup, a cultural phenomenon that draws the world together like nothing else. There has never been a comprehensive history of the World Cup that has considered the matches, goals, players, coaches, scandals and bidding process, and also placed the tournaments within a socio-political framework. The story of the World Cup is also the story of the world; this book tells its definitive history.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jonathan Wilson is the editor of the *Blizzard* and a freelance writer for the *Guardian*, *World Soccer* and *Sports Illustrated*. He is the author of twelve books, including *Inverting the Pyramid: The History of Football Tactics* and *Behind the Curtain: Football in Eastern Europe*.



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Red Planet

How Manchester United Took Over the World

Luke Bainbridge

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

Journalist Luke Bainbridge recounts the remarkable journey of how a humble football club from northern England became the most valuable sports brand in the world. This book tells of a fight for world domination and the creation of a Red Planet, against all the odds.



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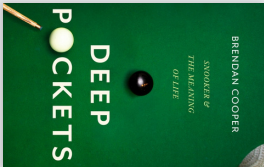
Frank and Fearless

A Life in Boxing

Frank Warren

The story of legendary Hall of Fame boxing promoter and manager Frank Warren.

Frank reflects on his forty-year career and all of the greats he worked with, along with the battles he had to win to reach the top – not least the battle to stay alive after he was shot in an attempted assassination in 1989.



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Deep Pockets

Snooker and the Meaning of Life

Brendan Cooper

A thought-provoking philosophical consideration of the game of snooker.

Snooker celebrates subtlety, slowness, and mystery, and as such attracts literary and intellectual followers, as Brendan Cooper, writer and snooker fan, argues. Discussing everything from truth, loss, luck and more, this book illustrates just how much one game of snooker can offer us.

Baxter Dury

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.



Chaise Longue

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

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.



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The Rejects

Jamie Collinson

An intimate, thoughtful look at people who've been kicked out of bands, what they experienced and what came afterwards.

Imagine you've made it. You and your friends have hit the big time in music and you're going to be a star. But then, quite suddenly, it's over. Your best friends don't want you anymore, and you're on the outside. Perhaps they're tired of your bad habits, they think you're not good enough, or they sense you just don't want it as much as they do. Whatever the cause, you're a reject. So, what do you do next?

Featuring a player rejected by both Nirvana and Soundgarden who became a decorated special forces soldier, Britpopers who spiralled into addiction before becoming novelists and missionaries, the terrifying story of Guns 'N' Roses' first drummer, super-rejecting band leaders, self-destroying rappers, troubled hard rock bassists and girl-band burouts, *The Rejects* takes an intimate, thoughtful look at people who've been kicked out of bands, what they experienced and what came afterwards.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jamie Collinson has worked in the music business for over twenty years, working with Arctic Monkeys, Franz Ferdinand and Wiley. He's written for the *Guardian*, *Spectator* and for music magazines.



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This book Will Make You Feel Something

Masturbation meditations to use on your own or with a partner

Florence Bark
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.

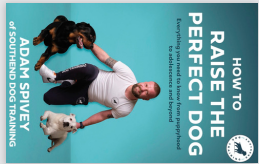
A word from the editor:
There have been lots of interesting books about the vagina and a few revelatory books about the female orgasm – but how many books can you think of that explain the ins and outs (literally) of how to masturbate and also gives you the material to masturbate to? This is one of the most game-changing books I've ever acquired.
Emily Barrett

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Florence Bark is a sex commentator on the Come Curious podcast F**ks Given, which has 21.6k subscribers on YouTube and 6.4k followers on Instagram. She has a further 22k followers on her own Instagram where she talks about sex, intimacy and relationships.

Key sales points:

- **WELLNESS TREND:** Masturbation is increasingly touted as self-care and an important part of wellbeing.
- **PUBLICITY HOOK:** The taboo around female masturbation still needs to be broken. It's starting that, even though nearly all women masturbate, over half don't feel comfortable admitting it.
- **READY AUDIENCE:** Women now count for a third of porn users and audio porn especially is on the rise among women. Subscribing to audio porn is more time-consuming and a bigger commitment than downloading an audiobook, providing a great opportunity here.
- **USER-FRIENDLY:** The stories are 1,500 words each, which, when read aloud, equals nine minutes - the average time a woman takes to masturbate.



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How to Raise the Perfect Dog

Adam Spivey
No bulls**t dog training advice from the man behind TikTok sensation Southend Dog Training (3.6m followers).

Have you ever wished you could get the dog in your life to behave better? Southend Dog Training founder Adam Spivey can help. In this book he teaches you everything you need to know to communicate more effectively and understand your dog. Adam has worked with thousands of dogs and has seen pretty much every behavioural issue going, as well as plenty of common mistakes owners make.

In this indispensable book, he won't just tell you what to do to get your dog to listen to your commands, but will also help you to understand how your dog thinks and why they might be struggling with certain things. No matter how big or small your dog's issues, the inimitable straight-talking approach that has made Adam Spivey and Southend Dog Training a TikTok sensation will get you to a better place with your best friend. Plakus have a second book with Adam planned for publication in December 2023.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Spivey began training dogs in 2012 and very quickly built up an amazing reputation. In December 2019 he co-developed an online training platform, with more than 3 million followers across TikTok, Instagram and Facebook and 100,000 members worldwide.

The Little Book of Magic series

Sarah Bartlett

A series of beautifully presented gift books designed to guide you through the power of magic.

Filled with practices, simple rituals and enchantments, The Little Book of Magic series is an illuminating guide to harnessing the power of magic for self-care and personal harmony.

Titles in the series:

- The Little Book of Love Magic (February 2023)
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- 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 covering 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: daily challenges we need to overcome to thrive. Tackling these challenges 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, this book will help you change your mindset for the better. 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 be transformed as you gain confidence, self-esteem, and look at anxiety and anger in a new 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.



I Promise it Won't Always Hurt Like This

17 Assurances on Grief
Clare Mackintosh

An accessible roadmap for lost grievers who are looking for compassion, understanding and hope, 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 and seemingly never-ending. Wherever you are with your grief, *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 there are no neat, labelled stages for grief. When we're grieving we need time and understanding. This is the book she needed then. With 17 short, compassionate assurances, you can turn to it when you're looking for solace, or hope, when you 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 two million copies worldwide.

Excessively Obsessed

Natasha Oakley

Modern, practical business and brand lessons from Natasha Oakley, Super Influencer and co-founder of Monday Swimwear.

Part memoir, part prescriptive tips and ideas, this book will be full of modern and practical business lessons from Natasha Oakley, co-founder of Monday Swimwear and The Pilates Class. Natasha is a hugely dynamic business woman, and isn't afraid to try, fail and create something new from her mistakes; she is constantly on the path to growth.

In her book, she hopes to show readers how to find a balance between their brand and their personal life, how to generate a huge brand following, how to build contacts when no one knows who you are, how to rise above cancel culture and the pressures of social media to use it powerfully and with purpose, and so much more. The practical elements of her book will reveal themselves through her own story, showing readers how to find the keys to access their own unique potential.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Natasha Oakley is a pioneer Super Influencer with over 3 million followers. Natasha counts Model, Presenter, Designer, Producer, Entrepreneur, CEO and Digital Influencer amongst her many talents and credits.

Bibliotherapy

The Healing Power of Reading

Bijal Shah

An exploration of reading as a form of therapy - and practical advice on curating reading lists for every mood and occasion.

In *Bibliotherapy*, bibliotherapist and counsellor Bijal Shah draws on her personal experience, work with clients and research to explore the healing power of reading. From the history of how therapeutic reading evolved - and the important role played by great writers such as the Stoics, Montaigne, Eliot and Wordsworth in its popularisation - to first-hand stories from clients who have struggled with grief, relationships and illness, this book explores just how comforting and life-changing reading can be.

Bijal imparts practical advice and explains how bibliotherapy really works, while offering an A to Z reading list of books for every mood and taste. 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 Withney

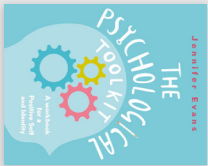
An accessible, comforting book for anyone experiencing unmanageable levels of stress, written with warmth and humour.

Stress is a nasty infectious rash, but it's how we deal with it that counts. This book gives you forty ways to manage it and stop it spreading. You'll learn how smashing plates works wonders, that watching lambs (not eating them) can help, and that you should always, always listen to someone called Gina.

It's for anyone who has woken up at four o'clock in the morning dreading their day at work. It's for anyone who feels like the world is piling up on them with family arguments, money worries and the dog doing lethal farts in the kitchen again. If it feels as though stress is taking over your life, it's time to smash it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Withney 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.



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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 and to help you understand that your most important relationship is the one that you have with your self.

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.

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Little Treatments, Big Effects

How to Build Meaningful Moments that Can Transform Your Mental Health

Jessica Schleider

An introduction to single-session interventions which could transform the mental healthcare system into one that's accessible to all.

If you've ever wanted mental health support but haven't been able to get it, you are not alone. In fact, you're part of the more than 50% of adults and 75% of young people worldwide with unmet psychological needs.

Little Treatments, Big Effects integrates cutting-edge psychological science, lived experience narratives and practical self-help activities to introduce a new type of therapeutic experience to audiences worldwide: single-session interventions. Its chapters unpack why systemic change in mental healthcare is necessary; the science behind how single-session interventions make it possible; how others have created 'meaningful moments' in their recovery journeys (and how you can, too); and how single-session interventions could transform the mental healthcare system into one that's accessible to all.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessica L. Schleider, PhD, is a psychology professor, scientist, author and internationally recognised expert on single-session mental health interventions. She was selected as one of *Forbes Magazine's* '30 Under 30' in 2020.

Unseen, Unheard, Undervalued

Managing Loneliness, Loss of Connection and Not Fitting In

Janina Scarlet

An ACT-based self-help guide to address the epidemic of loneliness, and help readers to compassionately foster connection.

Everyone feels lonely. It is a universal emotion, but we are often made to feel ashamed, oppressed and stigmatised about experiencing it.

Being seen means that someone notices you and includes you. Being heard means to be listened to without interruption, gaslighting or invalidation. Being valued means being respected and treated with compassion and kindness. When all three of these needs are met, we experience a sense of belonging.

This book will help you reduce your shame around loneliness, to help you manage it, and to foster a sense of belonging. It will help you identify how loneliness may show up in your life and help you discover actionable steps you can take to feel seen, heard and valued. You deserve nothing less.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Because I Said So

Why society is childist and how breaking the cycle of discrimination towards children can change the world

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

A call to action for anyone who cares about children, whether raising them, teaching them or just remember being one.

Society is making great strides in increasing awareness of oppression and injustice, but one group remains under-discussed and mistreated: children. Commonly recommended parenting and discipline methods, such as sleep training and public shaming treat children in inhumane ways that would cause uproar if adults were treated similarly.

Children's needs and feelings are frequently dismissed and ignored; and because we have been raised to believe that the rights of children matter less than those of adults, we subconsciously continue the cycle of childism from one generation to the next. This is an urgent call to action and a timely book, blending childcare history, sociology, psychology, anthropology, current affairs and pop-culture coverage. If we want to change the world for the better, we must start with treating our children better.

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The Danish Way of Raising Teens

What the happiest people in the world know about raising confident, healthy teenagers with character

Ibgen 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 Ibgen Sandahl, will bring to life the six core principles Danes use to raise their children, and how it applies to teenagers. 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.

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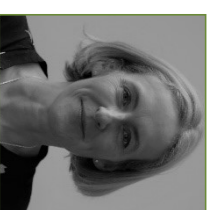
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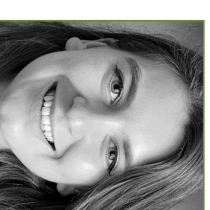
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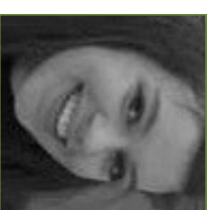
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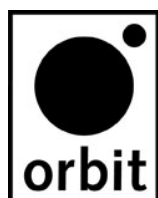
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