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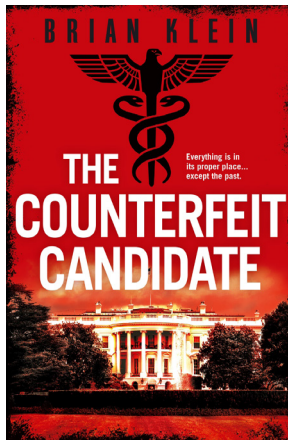
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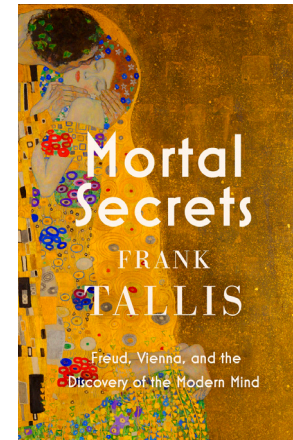


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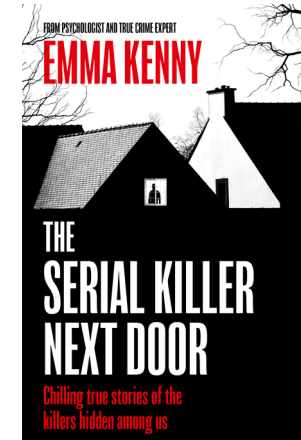


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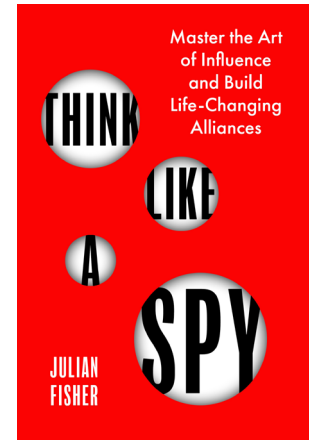
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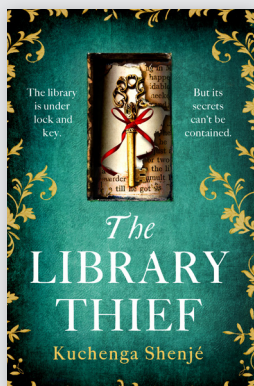


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FICTION



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The Library Thief

Kuchenga Shenjé

The extraordinary, conversation-starting debut for 2024: *The Binding* meets *Fingersmith* by way of *Wide Sargasso Sea*... A compelling historical mystery.

The library is under lock and key. But its secrets can't be contained.

1896. After he brought her home from Jamaica as a baby, Florence's father had her hair hot-combed 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 Belfield's library is old and full of secrets – but none so intriguing as the whispers about his late wife.

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

'A tantalising read that swells with secrecy and intrigue. It's hard to believe that Kuchenga Shenjé writes of the past, and not of the present.'

A beautifully and skilfully written debut'

Candice Carty-Williams, author of *Queenie*

Key sales points:

- A spell-binding historical mystery, perfect for readers of *The Binding* (58k copies sold) and *The Miniaturist* (102k copies sold).
- With its evocative descriptions of rare books and their restoration, a grand library and its secrets, and the letters and diaries that piece together the house's mystery, *The Library Thief* is catnip for booklovers everywhere.
- *The Library Thief* will be a major highlight title for Sphere, with US rights already sold in a four-way auction to Hanover Square Press, as well as an exciting launch for spring '24 with stunning proofs and a creative, unmissable campaign.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kuchenga Shenjé is a writer, journalist and speaker with work on many media platforms including *Stylist*, *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 Library Thief* is her first novel; the ultimate marriage of her passions for history, mystery and rebels.



The Italian Garden

Charlotte Betts

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

Lake Como, 1919. The garden of Villa Marchese was once a sight to behold. Now, overgrown and unloved, the flowers that once bloomed are nothing but a reminder of the tragic events of Flora Marchese's death.

When horticulturist Violet Honeywell is commissioned to restore the once exquisite garden, she immediately accepts and sets off on a life-changing adventure. Violet instantly becomes enchanted by the Italian way of life, and under the beguiling warmth of the Bellagio sun, she falls in love with a man who can never truly be hers – Flora's grandson.

But when a discovery at the Lake uncovers buried truths that have haunted the family for decades, Violet starts to delve deeper into the dark secrets of their past, and she quickly begins to realise that not everything in the Marchese family is what it seems...

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 the Romantic Novelists' Association Joan Hessayon Award.



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Even Beyond Death

Fiona Melrose

A historical literary bodice-ripper: a stimulating and swashbuckling love story set amid the courts of 17th century Avignon.

Even Beyond Death is an account of the life of the 24-year-old Marquis Jehan Beaudelaire – as told to his Scribe. It is 1657, Avignon, and the Marquis needs a wife, an heir and, most pressing, a new valet. Enter Jonathan Kryk who is... oh god he is perfect. But despite Jehan's wealth, he is caught in a trap of his time and his position. Unable to live freely as he wishes, Jehan must ask himself what is he willing to risk, for love.

Full of juicy detail of the goings on at court, Fiona Melrose's breathtakingly bold new novel is at its heart an intimate depiction of love, passion, tenderness and devotion – even beyond death. Smart, high-spirited and highly original historical fiction at its finest.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Melrose is a novelist whose debut novel, *Midwinter*, was longlisted by the Women's Prize and her second, *Johannesburg* was shortlisted for the RSL Encore Award.



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Ithaca, House of Odysseus and The Last Song of Penelope

Claire North

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

Following the critically acclaimed *Ithaca* and *House of Odysseus* comes the final novel in Claire North's *Songs of Penelope* trilogy – an exquisite, gripping tale that breathes life into ancient myth.

This is the story of Penelope of Ithaca, famed wife of Odysseus, as it has never been told before. A stunning literary masterpiece that presents Penelope not just as the faithful, wistful wife of Odysseus, but as one of the most masterful queens of ancient Greece.

Each book in this ground-breaking trilogy can also be read as a standalone novel: three novels retelling different moments in the life of Penelope, with each story being narrated by a different goddess. The first book is narrated by Hera, the second by Aphrodite and the final book is narrated by Athena.

'Claire North brings a powerful, fresh and unflinching voice to ancient myth.'
Jennifer Saint, author of *Ariadne*

'Ithaca conjures up a world in which women, abandoned by their men, must weave their own destinies.'
The Times

- *Ithaca* was a *Sunday Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Year
- Rights have sold in 12 territories and counting: USA, France, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, Russia, Brazil, Lithuania, Croatia and the Netherlands.
- Stands apart from other retellings of classic myths for its utterly unique, irreverent voice.
- Strong appeal for fans of Greek myth retellings such as *Circe* and *Ariadne*, but also powerful feminist works such as *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Power*.
- Claire North's books have sold over 750,000 copies in the English language and she's won the World Fantasy Award and the John W. Campbell Award plus many other short-listings.

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.

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Lankos)
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(Universo dos
Livros)
Russian (MIF)
Spanish (Trini
Vergara)
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US (Orbit US)

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.

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

1943. War is raging and Alix is enlisted as a spy in America's fledgling intelligence organisation, the Office of Strategic Services. She 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 jeopardise her future, Alix realises 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.

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 she'd thought...



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The Gathering Storm

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

The landmark 100th novel by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, and eagerly-awaited return to her epic *Morland Dynasty* series.

England, 1936. The reign of Edward VIII has begun, but danger for the monarchy looms on the horizon. At home in Morland Place, Polly Morland feels alone and abandoned, with her brother summoned to France by his old employer. James soon finds himself travelling to Russia, whereas Polly will voyage on the Queen Mary to New York and her long-lost love. Soon the family are scattered from Hollywood to war-torn Spain.

Working for the Air Ministry on new fighter planes, Jack fears that his children are not taking the increasingly tense situation in Europe seriously enough. The nation is divided over which is the greater threat: Communist Russia, or Fascist Germany. As the storms of war gather, they will threaten to overwhelm the Morlands and destroy all that they have worked for...

The *Morland Dynasty* series was launched in 1980 with *The Founding*, and has sold over 250k copies to date. The series is published in Norway (H. Aschehoug & Co), Denmark (JP/Politikens) and Sweden (Printz).

Bestselling
series -
over 250K
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles is the author of the hugely popular *Morland Dynasty* novels, the contemporary Bill Slider mystery series, and the WW1 epic family drama series *War at Home*.



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Salome

Joanna Courtney

The second novel in a bold new historical fiction series reclaiming the lives of three extraordinary women: Cleopatra, Salmone and Mary Magdalene..

A dutiful royal daughter. At fourteen, Princess Salome knows she will soon be ready for marriage - one that will satisfy the ambitions of her mother Herodias. But it is Herodias's own sudden remarriage that will change Salome's life in a way she did not expect.

A girl who loved to dance. Uprooted to Judea, Salome finds herself in a land full of strange people - none more so than the prophet John 'the Baptist', who condemns her mother and stepfather for their respective divorces. When John is imprisoned for inciting rebellion, Herodias forces Salome to ask for his head as a gift for her dancing.

A woman ready to fight. Haunted by her part in John's death, Salome is a very different woman when, a year later, John's protégé, Jesus of Nazareth, begins to gain prominence with his anti-establishment teachings and, thanks in a large part to her own mother, meets a rebel's fate. Now Salome is prepared to stand up for what she believes in - whatever the cost.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joanna Courtney is a bestselling author of historical fiction, who discovered her passion for ancient history while studying medieval literature at Cambridge.

The Virago Book of Friendship

Rachel Cooke (ed)

A fond, fascinated look at female friendship using the writings - fictional, diaries, letters - of friends.

Award-winning journalist Rachel Cooke dives deep in this celebratory and explanatory book of friendship, including the thoughts of Jane Austen, Nora Ephron, Elena Ferrante, Alison Bechdel, Nan Goldin and Vivian Gornick, Helen Garner and Sheila Heti.



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A Cage Went in Search of a Bird

A collection of brand-new short stories written by major international writers and inspired by Kafka, one of the greatest and most enigmatic geniuses of twentieth-century literature, to commemorate one hundred years since his death.

CONTRIBUTORS

Ali Smith, Tommy Orange, Naomi Alderman, Helen Oyeyemi, Keith Ridgway, Yiyun Li, Charlie Kaufman, Elif Batuman, Leone Ross, Joshua Cohen. With an introduction by Becca Rothfeld.



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Wise Women

Sharon Blackie and Angharad Wynne

A collection of stories from European myth and folklore which celebrate older women.

For Western women entering the second half of life, there are few easily identifiable, positive fairy-tale or folkloric narratives and characters with which we can identify. With this book, mythologist Dr Sharon Blackie and storyteller Angharad Wynne aim to fill this gap.



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I Will Live

Lale Gül (translated by Kristen Gehrman)

I'm A Fan meets *Educated* in this fierce, funny international bestseller about a young Turkish-Dutch woman rebelling against her strict religious upbringing.

Büsra is living a double life. At home she and her mother fight about everything – about Büsra coming home late, about how much freedom her brother Halil enjoys in comparison to her, and what she wears. But out in the world, everything is different. Büsra is studying Dutch literature at university, and she reads everything she can get her hands on. She works at a restaurant, where she wears her tight dresses and serves alcohol. And her biggest secret of all: she has a boyfriend, and she is passionately and sinfully in love with him.

I Will Live is a bold, fiery and devastating novel about a young woman's struggle for freedom. By turns tender, furious, sexy, philosophical and probing, it is a rallying cry against patriarchal injustice, and a tribute to independent thought and courage.

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 at the weekends. In *I Will Live* she disputes everything she was taught there and more.

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Malma Station

Alex Schulman (translated by Rachel Wilson-Broyles)

A time-slip literary puzzle, taking place in the same location in three different decades, from acclaimed Swedish author Alex Schulman.

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, and with his fifth book and first novel, *The Survivors*, made his big international debut.

Levitation for Beginners

Suzannah Dunn

An unsettling novel about the secrets, lies and omissions of a small rural community by bestselling novelist Suzannah Dunn.

It's 1972 and ten-year-old Deborah is living a ten-year-old life: butterscotch angel delight, Raleigh chopper bikes, the Bee Gees, flares and ponchos. But pretty new girl Sarah-Jayne breezes into Deborah's school, full of gossip and speculation, and unlikely but thrilling stories about levitation. The other girls are dazzled but Deborah is wary and keeps her distance.

But Deborah changes tactics, keeping her friends close and her enemy closer; stepping up for some of Sarah-Jayne's levitation sessions. When she's invited to Sarah-Jayne's lovely house, where she meets her charming family and encounters Sarah-Jayne's big sister's fiancé, Max, she senses that all isn't quite as it seems.

'A deliciously unsettling read'

Clare Chambers, bestselling author of *Small Pleasures*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Since her debut novel *Darker Days Than Usual* in 1990, **Suzannah Dunn** has written six critically acclaimed contemporary novels, a short story collection and several historical novels.



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Hollie McNish

A brand-new poetry collection from the award-winning poet, the companion piece to the *Sunday Times* bestselling *Slug*.

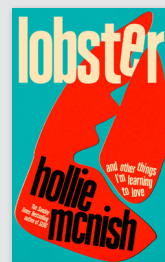
This book is written out of both hate and love for the world. As people, we are capable of both love and hate; amazement and disgust; fun and misery. So why do we live in a world that is constantly telling us to hate, both ourselves and others? We are told constantly to be repulsed by our own bodies, bodies that let us laugh and sweat and eat toast, amongst other activities; to be ashamed of pleasure; to be embarrassed by fun. In this brand-new collection, Hollie McNish brings her inimitable style to the question of what have been taught to hate, and if we might learn to love again.

'Never have we needed her more' Stylist

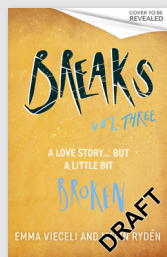
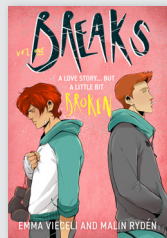
'She writes with honesty, conviction, humour and love' Kae Tempest

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hollie McNish is an award-winning poet based between Cambridge and Glasgow. She is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling *Slug*, Ted Hughes Award-winning *Nobody Told Me* and poetry collections *Plum*, *Cherry Pie* and *Papers*.



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Breaks volumes 1-3

Emma Vieceli and Malin Rydén

Before *Heartstopper*, there was *Breaks*. The enemies-to-lovers queer webcomic sensation... that's a little bit broken..

With millions of views and thousands of subscribers on webcomic platforms, *Breaks* is perfect for fans of popular LGBTQ+ graphic novels, such as Alice Osman's *Heartstopper*, who might be looking for something darker and more mature, as well as manga and anime fans.

Volume 1

Cortland Hunt has made some dangerous mistakes. Now he's waiting quietly for those mistakes to catch up with him. Ian Tanner coasts through life denying the spark of anger beneath his laid back exterior. When school politics and personal lives become a battleground, the pair find that what they share may just be their only safe haven. *Breaks* is the story of two young men discovering who they were, who they are, and who they will become. It's a love story . . . but a bit broken.

Volume 2

Ian and Cortland are all too aware that the bubble they've made for themselves can't last. Shifting relationships and tested friendships may be the least of their worries, though, as they learn more about each other and the pasts they'd rather leave behind. Familial legacy, fragile ambition and potentially devastating secrets; their budding relationship is going to need a stronger foundation than secrecy if they want to face what life has in store for them together.

Volume 3

The story concludes with Vol 3, with the complete series now published in print for the first time. All three volumes are perfect for fans of popular LGBTQ+ graphic novels who might be looking for something darker and more mature.

"I. Love. This. Book."

Christina Strain

"The kind of long-running queer romance we need"

Comicsbeat.com

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Emma Vieceli has worked as an artist and writer across multiple publishers, genres and formats; winning the writers' Scribe award for best graphic novel with her *Life in Strange* comic series in 2022.

Malin Rydén is the author of the bestselling interactive fiction books *Fallen Hero: Rebirth* and *Fallen Hero: Retribution*, as well as co-author of the critically acclaimed comic *Breaks*.

The Many Lies of Veronica Hawkins

Kristina Pérez

Gone Girl meets *Big Little Lies* in a twisty dark thriller set in the world of Hong Kong's super-rich, where secrets may get you killed...

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 written non-fiction and YA novels, and spent nearly a decade as a journalist in Asia. After three years at Zeno Agency, she set up Pérez Literary & Entertainment in February 2023.



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Pity Party

Daisy Buchanan

The new heartachingly relatable, unflinchingly real and truly affecting novel from the bestselling author of *Insatiable*.

Katherine lives by the rules, ticks all the boxes and prepares for the worst, even while she hopes for the best. Then the worst actually happens and, as she tries to navigate life as a young widow, it turns out she was not prepared at all.

Nothing scares Katherine more than stopping, but everyone insists she needs to take some time for herself. *Head to a wellness retreat, they said, enjoy some me-time, they said...* Except this retreat isn't the pity party she was hoping for. Instead of massages, she has erotic meditation, and instead of spa treatments she has scream therapy. Katherine has never lost control in her life. In fact, she's fairly certain that if she starts screaming she might never stop.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Daisy Buchanan is an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster. She hosts the chart-topping podcast *You're Booked*. The TV rights for her first novel, *Insatiable*, have been sold to Filmnation.



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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
- Translated into **31 languages**
- *Happiness For Beginners* has been **optioned for TV**
- *Chocolate Lovers' Club* is being **adapted as a stage musical**

Love is a Curse

Keith Stuart

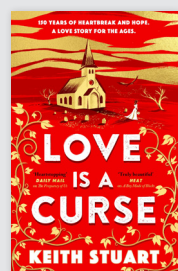
Bestselling author Keith Stuart shares an imaginative, soaring story, told over 150 years, of a family cursed to always lose their true love.

A single sentence 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?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keith Stuart is the author of the internationally bestselling *A Boy Made of Blocks* and *The Frequency of Us*. Keith is also a journalist and has written for publications including *Empire*, *Red* and *Esquire*, and is the former games editor of the *Guardian*.



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Friends of Dorothy

Sandi Toksvig

Contemporary, funny, wise and witty on LGBT+ fun, games - and prejudice - this is an uplit novel from the beloved Sandi Toksvig.

Amber and Georgie shut the front door of the house of their dreams, at last, alone and ready to start their lives together. Recently married, they want to start a family (with the help of their gay best friend, Jack) but they are not alone in this dream. Upstairs, squatting on an old red sofa is the former owner, eighty-year old foul-mouthed, straight-talking Sheila – and she's not moving out.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sandi Toksvig has been on British stage, screen and radio for over forty years and was awarded an OBE for Services to Broadcasting. She is the mother of three children, married and lives in London.

So Good to See You

Francesca Hornak

A funny, sharply observed and poignant novel about friendship, love, class and money.

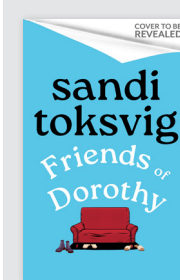
Caspar Campbell and John-Pencey Delahunt's wedding promises to be the event of the summer, with four days of celebrations at a remote chateau in Provence. It's been over a decade since Caspar's three best friends from Oxford have been in one room. Surely they can set aside their differences for one weekend to celebrate his marriage?

But the reality is more complex. People pleaser Rosie is dreading a weekend with her ex, trustafarian Serge. Actor Daniel is battling demons and resentments. And Serge, desperate to reconnect with fiancée Isla, finds himself caught in a social media storm.

As the cake is cut and champagne begins to flow, historic rivalries surface and secrets threaten to explode. A big wedding always throws up a few surprises – but this is going to be a weekend that nobody forgets.

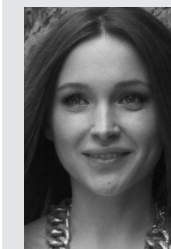
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Francesca Hornak is a journalist and writer. Her debut novel, *Seven Days of Us*, was a BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick and translated around the world.



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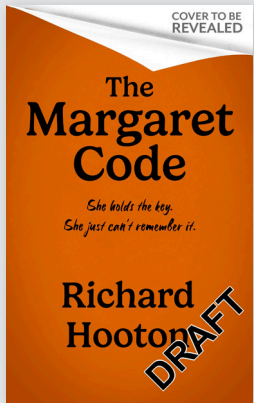
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The Margaret Code

Richard Hooton

Elizabeth is Missing meets *The Maid* in this compulsive and charming debut crime novel.

89-year-old Margaret has lived on Garnon Crescent all her life, except for those few years she never talks about. She knows all the neighbours; their hopes, their heartbreaks.

Only recently, Margaret's memory isn't what it used to be. She is sure Barbara, her best friend and neighbour, told her something important. Something she was supposed to remember.

When Barbara is found dead, Margaret determines to recover her missing memory. She and her grandson James begin to investigate, but soon strange incidents occur in her home. Margaret's daughter thinks her memory is getting worse, but Margaret knows somebody wants her out of the way.

Because Margaret holds the key to solving this crime. If only she could remember where she put it.

A word from the editor:

'I was captivated from the first page by the charm of Margaret's voice and the delightful relationship between this unique grandmother-grandson detective duo. The Margaret Code is truly a novel that fires on all cylinders. Both a tense murder mystery and a celebration of love in all its enduring forms.'
Rosanna Forte, Editorial Director

Sales points:

- Perfect for fans of *The Maid*, this is the ultimate in big-hearted, plotty crime novels with an unforgettable voice.
- The grandmother-grandson pairing of amateur sleuths is inspired by the author's own relationship with his grandmother as a teenager.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Hooton has received numerous prizes for his short fiction. *The Margaret Code*, his debut novel, is inspired by his relationship with his grandmother, who died of dementia when he was a teenager.



A Game of Lies

Clare Mackintosh

The clever, twisty new thriller from the #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and international sensation.

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 A Game of Lies:

'Packed with twists' Alex Michaelides

'Smart, sharp writing' Shari Lapena

'Brilliantly plotted' Sarah Pearse

Sales points:

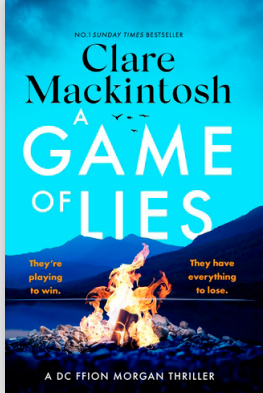
- Clare's books have sold over 2 million copies worldwide and been translated into 40 languages.
- Her latest thriller *The Last Party* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and drew rave reviews from authors including Patricia Cornwell, Ruth Ware and Peter James.
- Her smart, emotional and character-led thrillers are perfect for fans of Lucy Foley and Lisa Jewell.



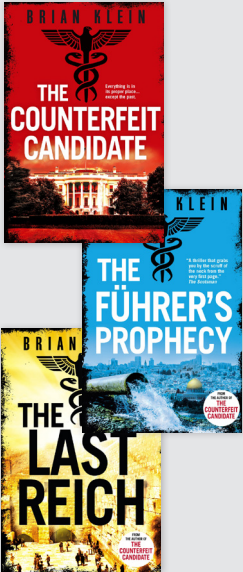
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clare Mackintosh is the multi-award-winning author of seven *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 68 weeks in the *Sunday Times* bestseller chart. Clare lives in North Wales with her husband and three children.

Over 182,000 copies sold of the DC Ffion Morgan series!



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The Reich Trilogy

Brian Klein

An alternative-history scenario of Nazi leader Hitler secretly surviving WWII to establish a dynasty that would, one day, deliver on his despicable mission...

The Counterfeit Candidate

Three audacious thieves carry out the biggest safe depository heist in Argentine history, escaping with more than one hundred million dollars' worth of valuables. Within hours, an encrypted phone call to America triggers a blood-soaked manhunt as the thieves are tracked down, systematically tortured, then murdered.

Chief Inspector Nicolas Vargas of the Buenos Aires Police Department and Lieutenant Troy Hembury of the LAPD are sucked into a dark political conspiracy concealing an incredible historical truth stretching from the infamous Berlin bunker to Buenos Aires and to Washington, which threatens the very heart and soul of American democracy.

Praise for The Reich Trilogy:

"A brilliant concept, written with verve and completely enthralling. The best 'What If?' thriller I've read since 'Day of the Jackal'"
Peter James

"Absolutely brilliant. A high-octane political thriller that kept me guessing until the last page"
Jeremy Clarkson

"An instant classic"
Reader's Digest

Key sales points:

- Over 60,000 copies sold in the series to date.
- Ranked #1 bestselling political thriller on Amazon.
- Readers love the series: it has received almost 6,000 Amazon reviews, averaging 4.3, including 3,700 5-star reviews.
- The film/TV rights have been optioned and 6-part TV series is in development.
- Perfect for fans of Munich Wolf by Rory Clements and Fatherland by Robert Harris.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brian Klein is an award-winning television director, with over twenty-five years' experience in the industry. His work regularly appears on Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC and Sky. He directed twenty-five seasons of the iconic car show, Top Gear.



The Last Visitor

Martin Griffin

An evocative, atmospheric thriller set on an uninhabited island, where a young woman must work out which of her research team is really a killer...

The island was abandoned for fifty years. So how did the body get there?

Five-hundred kilometres from land in the middle of Atlantic Ocean lies Navigaceo. A tiny island that was hastily abandoned fifty years ago and has been uninhabited ever since.

Until now. Tess Macfarlane is a documentary filmmaker tasked with capturing the wild beauty of Navigaceo. Accompanied by a small team of researchers, her job is to film everything she sees.

But Tess sees too much: a body. It's clearly recent. It shouldn't be there. And the victim is wearing the same expedition uniform as her colleagues.

Someone has been here already and everyone on the team is a suspect. More than one of them could be a murderer. With five days until they are returned to the mainland, Tess must be careful, or hers might be the next body found on the shore...

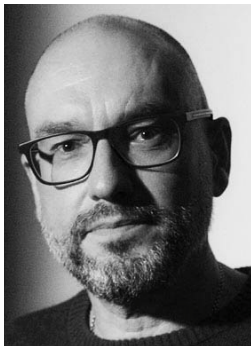
Praise for Martin Griffin:

"If there is a finer crime debut this year, it will be a surprise... Stunning"
Daily Mail

"Fresh, gripping and addictive! An absolute gem of a crime novel!"
Allie Reynolds, author of Shiver

"Tense!"
The Sun

"Clever and bold... Anything you think you know, you don't"
Lisa Gardner, author of One Step Too Far



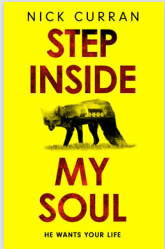
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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.



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Step Inside my Soul

Nick Curran

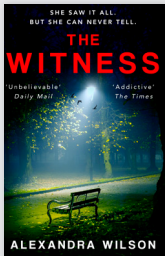
He wants your life... The next gripping psychological thriller from Nick Curran.

Back in the late '90s, Matt Langley's shocking debut novel, *The Devil's Debt*, secured him as a Bright Young Thing, appearing on all the chat shows. And then it all stopped; there was no second book.

Now, with his marriage to Naz on the rocks, they're trying to start over. They've moved to a farmhouse deep in the wilds of Northumbria, where no one knows them, and for a while their new life is fragile but good. Matt's leading a writing group at the library and is even thinking about writing again. There, he meets Marlin: a quiet young man who's survived unthinkable things. They form a bond over *The Devil's Debt* – Marlin's copy is filled with underlinings and notes – and when he finds Marlin sleeping rough, invites him to their house until Marlin is back on his feet. But Marlin is a malevolent cuckoo they've brought into their home. And that was their first big mistake.

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 Witness

Alexandra Wilson

The first superb, authentic novel by the bestselling author and young mixed-race British barrister is a unique and shocking must-read legal thriller.

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 teacher saw him standing over a body in a park, a knife still in hand. But his up-and-coming barrister Rosa knows how people prejudice, but most of all, she suspects something is amiss. This boy comes from her neighbourhood. From a good family. So she begins to dig... As Rosa discovers secret upon terrible secret, she moves closer to finding a testimony that could win the case - or bring the whole establishment down on her.

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

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alexandra Wilson is a junior barrister who attended University of Oxford and BPP University. She was awarded the first Queen's scholarship by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. Wilson's non-fiction book *In Black and White* (Octopus) has sold more than 20,000 copies and received rave reviews.

The Reunion

Bronwyn Rivers

The Hunting Party meets *The Dry* in this tense, atmospheric locked-room thriller set in the Australian bush.

Ten years ago, five friends went into the forest. Only four came back out. Now, someone is looking for answers.

High school classmates Hugh, Charlotte, Alex, Laura and Jack reunite to attend their friend Ed's 10-year memorial, hosted by Ed's overbearing mother, Mary, at her isolated farm in the bush. They've barely seen each other since they were teenagers, but perhaps reconnecting is what they all need – an opportunity to move on from Ed's death.

But Mary has other plans. Convinced something sinister happened on that fateful hike, she wants answers, and it soon becomes clear that Mary will do almost anything to uncover the truth... and as temperatures and tensions rise, the friends realise the danger they're in. With their survival at stake, the group must decide whether they're willing to confront the past and the secrets they swore to keep.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bronwyn Rivers grew up in New South Wales, and moved to the UK to take a doctorate on nineteenth-century women's novels at Oxford. She now lives in Sydney with her husband and two children.

Closer Than She Thinks

Zoe Lea

Someone has been watching... and they know Louise's secret. A gripping psychological thriller for fans of Harriet Tyce and Rachel Abbott.

Louise never thought she'd be the sort of woman to have an affair. She's a good wife, a good mother and a good daughter - even if she is far from happy. But everything changes when Louise crosses paths with Oscar, a man fifteen years her junior. She knows what they're doing is wrong, but she just can't stop...

When odd messages begin to arrive, it seems clear that someone has been watching Louise, and that they know her secret. They don't just want Louise to stop her affair with Oscar though - they want much more. And they will stop at nothing to get it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

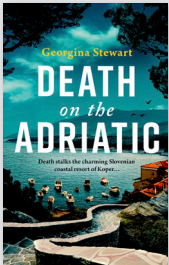
Zoe Lea lives in the Lake District, UK with her husband, two children, dogs and peregrine falcons. As well as writing, she helps manage an animal tracking company used for raptors and other wildlife.



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Death on the Adriatic

Georgina Stewart

A debut crime novel set in Slovenia from a fresh new voice following in the footsteps of Inspector Montalbano.

In the picturesque Slovenian seaside resort of Koper, on the Adriatic shore, a body is found in a lonely, rocky spot on a coastal path. When it is identified as that of a police inspector, Ivan Furlan, his brother is arrested without further investigation, since it is well known that the brothers had fallen out over inherited property.

Then a whistle-blower sends an anonymous message to headquarters in the capital, Ljubljana, asking for urgent assistance to prevent a miscarriage of justice, and Petra Vidmar, the youngest serving female police inspector in the Slovenian police, is despatched to sort things out.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Georgina Stewart grew up in Oxford. She gained a First in History at Cambridge University, followed by an M. Phil. in Medieval History. After a short spell as a trainee accountant, she moved to Slovenia with two goals: to learn the language, and to write a book. She has now achieved both of these aims.



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The Weekend Guests

Liza North

Old friends. A weekend they'll never forget . . . A compulsive psychological thriller, perfect for fans of *The Hunting Party*.

A weekend on the wild, beautiful Dorset coast. Seven adults, six kids. A childminder, the ultimate special treat. It should be perfect: old friends, a stunning house, champagne and wind-strung beaches. But it isn't. Relationships won't stay still. Memories won't stay put. Then the parents take a night out, and come back to catastrophe.

Fourteen years earlier, five students at the University of Edinburgh made an irrevocable mistake. One they thought no-one else knew about. Until now.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

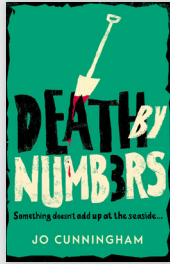
Liza North is an academic, writer, and former journalist. She has a BA from Oxford University and a PhD in Philosophy from University College London, and has written for the *Financial Times* and *Guardian*.

Death By Numbers

Jo Cunningham

An uplifting, offbeat mystery set between London and the perilous seaside town of Eastbourne.

Jo Cunningham's debut novel introduces Una, a risk-averse insurance actuary who uncovers a series of mysterious deaths at odds with her research. When the deathly data points indicate her mum's town of Eastbourne, Una has no choice but to put herself in danger to find out what's going on...



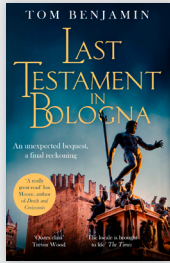
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The Bologna Vendetta

Tom Benjamin

The sixth atmospheric Bologna-set crime thriller in the Daniel Leicester series from novelist Tom Benjamin, now optioned for TV.

When Daniel Leicester searches for his late wife's missing bicycle, he is transported to her final days a decade earlier. As unfinished business bleeds into the present, Daniel begins to suspect Lucia's accidental death may not have been an accident after all.



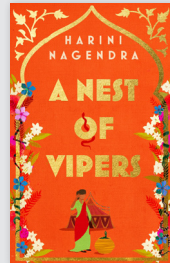
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A Nest of Vipers

Harini Nagendra

The third in this charming, joyful cosy crime series set in 1920s Bangalore.

Harini Nagendra's third novel sees sari-wearing amateur sleuth Kaveri investigate the mysterious disappearance of a celebrity magician from the famous Bangalore circus, inadvertently riling up the police and a gang of thugs. Could it have something to do with Edward, Prince of Wales' impending visit to Bangalore?



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Seven Lively Suspects

Katy Watson

The third sleuthing outing for the Three Dalias, a contemporary mystery series with a Golden Age feel.

The Dalias are called upon by a true crime podcast to investigate a cold case with eerie echoes of Lettice Davenport's books, and a more recent murder at a crime fiction festival in the picturesque Cotswolds... Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Jessica Fellowes.

Three Dalias
Mysteries
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The Venetian Sanctuary

Philip Gwynne Jones

The latest gripping Nathan Sutherland thriller from novelist Philip Gwynne Jones, set in beautiful Venice.

When an Englishman on retreat at the monastery in the San Francesco del Deserto island is found strangled by the altar, Nathan is called to help – both with removing the language barrier, and working out what past events could drive someone to murder in an ancient monastery in the middle of a lagoon...

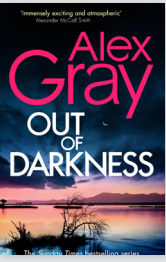
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a million
copies sold
worldwide!

Out of Darkness

Alex Gray

The thrilling twenty-first instalment in the *Sunday Times* bestselling William Lorimer series.

DSI William Lorimer and his wife Maggie are on holiday in bustling and beautiful Zimbabwe. Back in Glasgow, PC Daniel Kohi, former inspector with the Zimbabwean police, finds himself uncomfortably close to a murder investigation. Daniel's possible connection gives rise to rumours in Zimbabwe, putting William and Maggie in unimaginable peril...



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Iain M. Banks

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Iain Banks came to widespread and controversial public notice with the publication of his first novel, *The Wasp Factory*, in 1984. *Consider Phlebas*, his first science fiction novel, was published under the name Iain M. Banks in 1987 and began his celebrated ten-book *Culture* series. He is acclaimed as one of the most powerful, innovative and exciting writers of his generation.



The Culture series

The classic space opera of stunning power and awesome imagination, from the modern master of science fiction.

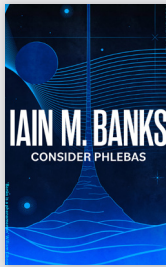
The war raged across the galaxy. Billions had died, billions more were doomed. Moons, planets, the very stars themselves, faced destruction, cold-blooded, brutal, and worse, random. The Idirans fought for their Faith; the Culture for its moral right to exist. Principles were at stake. There could be no surrender...

Praise for the *Culture* series:

'Epic in scope, ambitious in its ideas and absorbing in its execution'
Independent on Sunday

'Banks has created one of the most enduring and endearing visions of the future'
Guardian

Orbit UK are reissuing stunning new editions of all ten books in the *Culture* series in autumn 2023, to tie in with an exclusive collection of drawings.



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The Culture : The Drawings

A stunning, large-format hardback featuring original drawings by Iain M. Banks, giving a fascinating insight into the creation of his bestselling *Culture* universe – an essential collector's edition for all Iain M. Banks fans.

This extraordinary collection celebrates the dazzling worldbuilding of Iain M. Banks, one of the most important and influential writers in modern science fiction.

Faithfully reproduced from notebooks he kept in the 1970s and 80s, these annotated original illustrations depict the ships, habitats, geography, weapons and language of Banks' *Culture* series of novels in incredible detail.



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Long Live Evil

Sarah Rees Brennan

A fantasy for anyone who ever had a crush on the villain in the first adult novel from beloved YA author Sarah Rees Brennan.

Rae is a bookworm who prefers fictional men over real-life boyfriends. But her life takes a strange turn when she is trapped by magic inside her favourite fantasy series, and she finds herself pitted against her suddenly living and breathing crush, the 'Once and Forever Emperor'. In a palace on the brink of war, she has become the villainess in his tale, and she needs to take control of the narrative before it, and the Emperor, take control of her... fatally.

This adult epic fantasy debut from Sarah Rees Brennan puts the reader in the villain's shoes: expect a cast of dilettante aristocrats, knights-in-armor, magic-wielding warriors, sarcastic servants and one particularly murderous, if annoyingly handsome, bodyguard.

'Supremely satisfying [...] delicious, subversive treat of a book'
Leigh Bardugo

'Brilliant'
Holly Black

A word from the editor:

'I've followed Sarah's career for a long time and admired her fantasy world-building, her audacious wit and her ability to create romances you can't tear yourself away from. If you've ever been too obsessed with a fantasy TV show, read fan fiction, or wished that a fictional man was real, Long Live Evil is the book for you.'

Jenni Hill, Editorial Director

Sales points:

- **IS IT ROMANCE OR FANTASY? IT'S ROMANTASY, BABY:** a must for BookTok lovers, Sarah J. Maas fans and everyone who's ever had a crush on the villain (think the Darkling, Loki, Rhysand...), this bad boy romance in a fantasy world is everything TikTok ever wanted
- **THE ULTIMATE WISH FULFILLMENT NOVEL FOR FANTASY FANS:** our main character travels to the world of her favourite fantasy novel, meeting her favourite characters, something all book lovers will adore and identify with
- **EVERYONE LOVES SARAH REES BRENNAN:** this author's triumphant debut in adult fantasy comes with stellar recommendations from superstar authors such as Leigh Bardugo and Holly Black, not to mention support from booksellers - on publication and in the run up to launch, Sarah's fans will be creating plenty of buzz about the book
- **RIGHTS SENSATION** - this novel sold in seven different territories, with several major pre-empts!

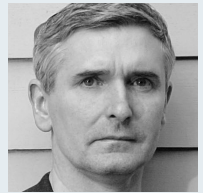
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Rees Brennan was born in Ireland by the sea. After world travel and surviving stage 4 cancer, she settled there in the shadow of a 300-year-old library. Writing young adult fiction, she was a Lodestar, Mythopoeic and World Fantasy finalist, Carnegie nominee and *New York Times* bestseller. *Long Live Evil* is her first adult work.

M. R. Carey

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. R. Carey has written many novels, radio plays and screenplays, including the million-copy bestseller *The Girl With All the Gifts*. Under the name Mike Carey he has written for DC and Marvel, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*.



Echo of Worlds

Following the critically acclaimed *Infinity Gate* comes the second novel in the highly original Pandominion duology.

A thrilling adventure set in the multiverse that tells of humanity's expansion across millions of dimensions, and the AI technology that might see it all come to an end... Two mighty empires are at war - and both will lose, with thousands of planets falling to the extinction event called the Scour. At least that's what the artificial intelligence known as Rupshe believes.

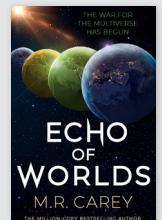
Since publication in March 2023, *Infinity Gate* has sold more than 48,000 copies, been shortlisted for the Philip K. Dick award and selected as one of the *New York Times* Best Science Fiction and Fantasy picks of 2023.

Praise for the Pandominion duology:

'An immense achievement: an impeccably crafted book'
New York Times

'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*



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Once Was Willem

From the bestselling M. R. Carey comes an utterly unique and enchantingly dark fantasy fable like no other.

This is the tale of Once Was Willem, who - eleven hundred years after the death of Christ, in the kingdom that had recently begun to call itself England - rose from the dead to defeat a great evil facing the humble village of Cosham.

Pennick for all its beauty was ever a place with a dark reputation. The forests of the Chase were said to be home to nixies and boggarts, and there was a common belief, passed down through many generations, that the castle housed an unquiet ghost of terrible and malign power. These rumours I can attest were all true; indeed they fell short of the truth by a long way...

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How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days

Jessie Sylva

A comfort read fantasy romance between a halfling and a goblin for fans of *Legends and Lattes*.

When a halfling, Pansy, and a goblin, Ren, each think they've inherited the same cottage, they make a bargain: they'll live in the house together and whoever is driven out first forfeits their ownership. Amidst forced proximity and cultural misunderstandings, the two begin to fall in love.

But when the cottage - and their communities - are threatened by a common enemy, the duo must learn to trust each other, and convince goblins and halflings to band together to oust the tall intruder.

Perfect for fans of cosy fantasy novels including *Legends and Lattes*, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

A word from the editor:

"Imagine a classic romcom taking place in those cosy scenes in the hobbit's Shire from The Lord of the Rings. Expect magical forests, interfering wizards, lots and lots of home cooking and maybe even a kiss at the Harvest dance! This book is just perfect for fans of cosy fantasy and romantic fantasy, and it also taps into popular aesthetic trends such as cottagecore and goblincore."

Jenni Hill, Editorial Director

Sales points:

- Appeals to Gen Z/TikTok trends such as #cottagecore and #goblincore.
- Hits the increased consumer demand for cosy fantasy and romantic fantasy.
- This is an #ownvoices romance, with endearing characters, cosy fantasy worldbuilding and plenty of heart.
- This will be launched simultaneously by Orbit US and UK in spring 2025, with publicity and marketing campaigns for maximum global impact.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessie Sylva is a recovering lawyer living in Toronto with her wife and two cats. She writes fantasy with an emphasis on queer joy, telling stories full of magic, adventure, and, of course, kissing. The cosy fantasy *How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days* is her debut novel, although her first writing commission was *The Official Dragon Age Cookbook*.

Richard Swan

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. He now lives in Sydney with his wife and two sons.



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The Empire of the Wolf trilogy

The *Sunday Times* bestselling blockbuster trilogy, perfect for fans of *The Witcher*, Brandon Sanderson, John Gwynne and Anthony Ryan.

The Empire of the Wolf simmers with unrest. Rebels, heretics and powerful patricians all challenge the power of the imperial throne. Only the Order of Justices stands in the way of chaos. Sir Konrad Vonvalt is the most feared Justice of all, upholding the law by way of his sharp mind, arcane powers and skill as a swordsman. At his side stands Helena Sedanka, his clerk and protégé, orphaned by the wars that forged the empire.

In *The Justice of Kings* Sir Konrad and Helena investigate the murder of a provincial aristocrat and they unearth a conspiracy that stretches to the very top of imperial society. In the epic sequel, *The Tyranny of Faith*, Sir Konrad Vonvalt returns to Sova to find the capital city gripped by intrigue and whispers of rebellion. Along with his allies, he must face down these threats to the throne while also leading the rescue mission for the Emperor's grandson who's been kidnapped, leading him to the southern frontier and face-to-face with the puritanical fury of Bartholomew Claver. This battle comes to a head in *The Trials of Empire* as Sir Konrad and Helena seek allies in the wolfmen of the southern plains and pagan clans of the north to have any chance of beating Bartholomew, particularly now he wields infernal powers bestowed upon him by a demonic patron...

'A stunning piece of modern fantasy writing'

RJ Barker

'Utterly compelling, thoroughly engrossing and written with such skilful assurance I could barely put it down'

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The Glass Sabre

The first novel in an unmissable new epic fantasy series from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Rich Swan, packed full of action, intrigue and adventure.

For two hundred years Sova has rebuilt, and now sits on the cusp of industrialisation. Glory and riches beckon. To usher in a new golden age of expansion, the prince-electors have voted to reinstate the Imperial monarchy. With the blessing of an eager, jingoistic people, the new Emperor, Zelenka Haugenate, is handed the reins of the Empire of the Wolf.

But a mysterious plague is sweeping through the north, while the Empire's colonial proxy war is at risk of total collapse in the south. Worse still, magic-users across the Empire have lost contact with the spirit world. Is this a natural phenomenon... or the realisation of an ancient apocalyptic prophecy known as the Great Silence?



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The Outcast Mage

Annabel Campbell

A major epic fantasy debut following a young woman in search of her own identity who may make or break the entire world: full of intrigue, magic and dragons.

Naila, a young mage, risks being exiled from her academy and the magical city of Amoria, if she can't unlock her powers. When she learns that she possesses an ancient power not seen in centuries, it unleashes a chain of events that will drive an entire continent to war. For Naila - whether she wishes it or not - is the mythical Destroyer. A being who can save or destroy the world. With its inventive magic system, vibrant non-western setting and diverse cast of characters, *The Outcast Mage* will appeal to fans of *City of Brass*, *The Bone Shard Daughter*, *The Poppy War* and *The Priory of the Orange Tree*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Annabel Campbell writes fantasy with fierce female characters, disaster wizards and all the fun tropes. She has a PhD in cardiovascular science, and when not making things up for a living, she works from home in Scotland as a Medical Writer.



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A Song of Legends Lost

M. H. Ayinde

A gripping tale of revenge and rebellion from a major new voice in epic fantasy.

In the Nine Lands, only those of noble blood can summon the spirits of their ancestors to fight in battle. But when a commoner from the slums accidentally invokes a powerful spirit, she finds it could hold the key to ending a centuries-long war.

But not everything that can be invoked is an ancestor. And some of the spirits that can be drawn from the ancestral realm are more dangerous than anyone can imagine.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. H. Ayinde was born in London's East End. She was the 2021 winner of the Future Worlds Prize, which was created to discover new writers of science fiction and fantasy from ethnically diverse backgrounds. *A Song of Legends Lost* is her debut novel.

The Sunken Archive Duology

Sylvie Cathrall

A charming fantasy set in an underwater world with magical academia and a heartwarming penpal romance, perfect for fans of Emily Wilde's *Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.

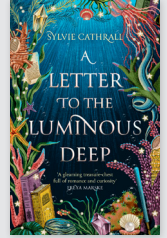
A beautiful discovery outside the window of her underwater home prompts the reclusive E. to begin a correspondence with renowned scholar Henerey Clel. The letters they share are filled with passion, at first for their mutual interests, and then, inevitably, for each other. Together, they uncover a mystery from the unknown depths, destined to transform the underwater world they both equally fear and love. But by no mere coincidence, a seaquake destroys E's home, and she and Henerey vanish.

A year later, E's sister Sophy, and Henerey's brother Vyerin, are left to solve the mystery of their siblings' disappearances with the letters, sketches and field notes left behind. As they uncover the wondrous love their siblings shared, Sophy and Vyerin learn the key to their disappearance - and what it could mean for life as they know it.

The heartwarming and cosy pen pal romance concludes in *A Letter to the Lonesome Shore*, the final book in the Sunken Archive duology, publishing in April 2025.

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 Drowned World Duology

Eliza Chan

Debut fantasy inspired by East Asian mythology and watery folk tales, that's perfect for fans of *Jade City* and *The Bone Shard Daughter*.

Welcome to Tiankawi - shining pearl of human civilization and safe haven for those fleeing civil unrest. 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 respect of her human colleagues wasn't hard enough, everything Mira has worked towards is put in jeopardy when Nami, a knowit-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 paying, or if Tiankawi should be left to drown.

Revolution continues to brew in Tiankawi in book 2, *Tideborn*, publishing February 2025.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eliza Chan is a Scottish-born Chinese-diaspora author whose work has been published in *The Dark*, *Podcastle*, *Fantasy Magazine*, *The Best of British Fantasy* and on Tor.com.



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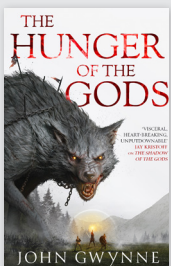
The Nightmare in Him

Suzanne Wright

The second instalment in the seriously spicy romantasy trilogy from worldwide bestselling author Suzanne Wright, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas.

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Witch Wynter sought safe haven in Devil's Cradle with the seven Ancients, who provide protection and shelter for a substantial fee. Wynter already wears the brand of Cain – marking her and her soul in his service. But as their relationship deepens, Wynter must make a choice from which there's no turning back...



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The Fury of the Gods

John Gwynne

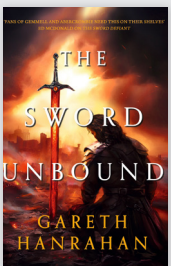
The hugely-anticipated final book in John Gwynne's bestselling Norse-inspired epic fantasy series, packed with myth, magic and bloody vengeance.

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Varg has overcome the trials of his past and become an accepted member of the Bloodsworn, but now he and his newfound comrades face their biggest challenge yet: slaying a dragon. All paths lead to Snakavik, where the lines are being drawn for the final battle – a titanic clash that will shake the foundations of the world, and bear witness to the true fury of the gods.

'A masterfully crafted, brutally compelling Norse-inspired epic'
Anthony Ryan

'Reminds me of all that I love in the fantasy genre'
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The Sword Unbound

Gareth Hanrahan

Gareth Hanrahan's acclaimed epic fantasy series continues with dark myth, daring warriors and bloodthirsty vengeance.

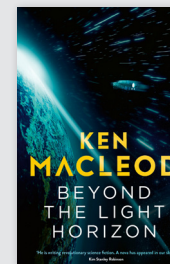
Twenty years ago, Alf and his companions defeated the Dark Lord and claimed his city. Now they find themselves unwilling rebels, labelled traitors. As rebellion blazes across the land, Alf navigates a maze of conspiracy, wielding a weapon of evil. The black sword Spellbreaker, ever hungry for slaughter, has found its purpose in these dark days. But can Aelfric remain a hero, or is his legend tarnished forever?

Beyond the Light Horizon

Ken Macleod

The thrilling conclusion to the Lightspeed trilogy, a gripping tale of first contact and dark conspiracies set among the stars.

In the far reaches of the galaxy, John Grant discovers a planet of humans who believe he has travelled not only through space to find them, but time. On Apis, the mysterious Fermi appear to have vanished; but Marcus Owen, the robot AI now plagued with sentience, knows that the Fermi would not easily abandon the native life of Apis, nor take kindly to mankind asserting dominance on their world...



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The Fire Within Them

Matthew Ward

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

The Kingdom of Khalad stands alone, severed from the rest of the world by an ancient war. Its folk toil behind a wall of living mist, beholden to an undead king. But hope lies with two figures: Kat, an accomplished thief, and Vallant, a rebel and folk hero. Together they must light a fire that will burn away the corruption and tyranny of King Diar's rule.



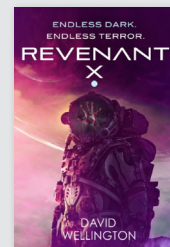
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David Wellington

The terrifying second novel in the Red Space series - a survival horror adventure in deep space from Arthur C. Clarke award-nominated author David Wellington.

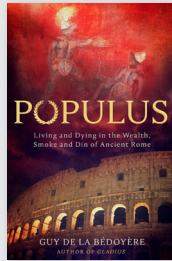
The crew of the Artemis have survived the furious onslaught of the Basilisk and can now pursue their original mission: investigating why Earth's first deep space colony has fallen silent. The site is deserted. Or so they think. Some of the colonists remain. But they're no longer human...



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Populus

Living and Dying in the Wealth, Smoke and Din of Ancient Rome

Guy de la Bédoyère

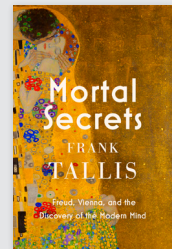
A Time Travellers Guide to Ancient Rome – by one of the best historians of the ancient world.

Living in ancient Rome was superbly and vividly recorded by Rome's historians, philosophers and poets who were acutely aware of the seething and voluptuous nature of a city that ruled the known world. Through the words of Tacitus, Seneca, Martial, and ordinary Romans, Guy de la Bédoyère introduces a world of violent politics, civil 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.

Populus places those who experienced Rome in person at the forefront of their story, from the rabble-rousing senator Clodius Pulcher to Pliny the Elder and Hortensia who defended the rights of women in court to the ex-slave and celebrity baker Eurysaces.

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 *Time Team* for fifteen years, is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and an accredited lecturer of the Arts Society.



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Mortal Secrets

Freud, Vienna and the Discovery of the Modern Mind

Frank Tallis

A lively and accessible portrait of Sigmund Freud and the unprecedented era of creativity that shaped his ideas.

From 1890 and through the early 20th century, Vienna became a dazzling beacon. The city was powered by an unprecedented number of extraordinary people - artists Klimt and Schiele, thinkers such as Theodor Herzl, and fashion icons like Empress Sisi. Conversations in coffee houses and salons spurred advances in almost every area of human endeavour: science, politics, philosophy, and the arts.

The influence of early 20th century Vienna is still detectable all around us - but the place where it is at its strongest is in our heads. The way we think about ourselves has been largely determined by Vienna's most celebrated resident: Sigmund Freud. *Mortal Secrets* is the story of Freud's life, Vienna's golden age, and an essential reappraisal of Freud's legacy. 'A magisterial treatment of a towering thinker' – Publishers Weekly.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Frank Tallis is a writer and clinical psychologist. He has published over 30 scientific papers and is the author of non-fiction *The Incurable Romantic* and *The Act of Living*, and a psychoanalytical detective series set in Freud's Vienna - *Liebermann Papers*.

Blood and Treasure

The Economics of Conflict from the Vikings to Ukraine

Duncan Weldon

The story of the economics of conflict, for readers of *Black Box Thinking* and *Freakonomics*.

Wars are expensive, both in human terms and monetary ones. For centuries, the phrase 'blood and treasure' has sought to encapsulate these costs.

Using the concepts of incentives and institutions, *Blood and Treasure* examines why Genghis Khan should be regarded as the father of globalisation, how New World gold and silver kept Spain poor, why some economists think of witch trials as a form of 'non-price competition' and how pirate captains were pioneers of effective HR techniques. Along the way it considers why some medieval kings were right to arm their soldiers with inferior weapons, takes some management lessons from Joseph Stalin and analyses the changing economic costs of war and ask whether war is always bad for the economy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Duncan Weldon is a writer, broadcast and former economist. He was previously the Britain Economics Correspondent at *The Economist* and the Economics Correspondent for *Newsnight*. He is a regular commentator on radio and television.



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Prosecuting the Powerful

Steve Crawshaw

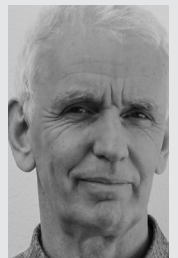
Could Putin ever be out on trial for his crimes? Steve Crawshaw shows how it is more likely than you might think.

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 - whom Steve interviewed - to Liberia's Charles Taylor and Sudan's Omar al-Bashir have all ended up behind bars. Could Putin be next?

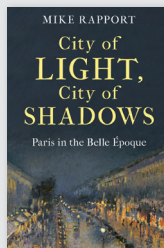
Starting with reporting on crimes in Ukraine, Crawshaw delves into the heroic history of how in the early 20th-century Raphael Lemkin coined the term "genocide"; how the PM of Trinidad & Tobago was instrumental in setting up the International Criminal Court; and how the US passed a law to storm the Hague and rescue any of its soldiers put on trial there.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steve Crawshaw worked as foreign correspondent for the *Independent* and at Human Rights Watch, Amnesty and Freedom From Torture. The author of several non-fiction works, he has reported on the ground on war crimes for 30 years.



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City of Light, City of Shadows

Paris in the Belle Époque

Mike Rapport

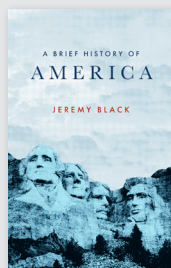
This elegantly written, vivid chronicle of Paris during the Belle Époque brings to life some of best-known characters and buildings of the era.

Paris in the Belle Époque is remembered as a golden age of cultural flourishing and political progress. The period between the revolutionary 1870s and the outbreak of war in 1914 saw the modern French capital take shape: by day Parisians could admire the rising Eiffel Tower and Sacré-Coeur Basilica, and roam the Bohemian world of the Moulin Rouge at night.

But as Mike Rapport reveals, beneath the elegant veneer Paris was at war with itself: it was also an era of social and religious unrest, arguments over women's emancipation and what it meant to be French. Told through the eyes of the greatest personalities of the age - novelist Émile Zola, feminist activist Marguerite Durand, Vietnamese diplomat Nguyễn Trọng Hiệp and socialist politician Jean Jaurès - it weaves together stories of splendour and suffering, offering a brilliant account of the shadows cast across the City of Light.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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A Brief History of...series

Jeremy Black

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 America, February 2024

The next in this series of admirably concise yet nevertheless comprehensive titles looks at the history of all Americans as well as America; its environmental history and its linkage to economic history; the political shaping of America; and America in the world, from being a colony to post-Cold War America and tracing the history from the 1500s to the present day.

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*.

Adventures in Volcanoland

What Volcanoes Tell Us About the World and Ourselves

Tamsin Mather

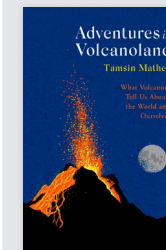
Mixing memoir, travel and popular science, *Adventures in Volcanoland* shows how volcanoes shape our planet, and its future, for fans of Robert MacFarlane.

Adventures in Volcanoland charts journeys across deserts, jungles and 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, the cultural and religious roles they have played throughout history, and the science behind their formation and eruptions.

Volcanoes have fascinated humans for millennia, their eruptions charted throughout history, seeming to show us how the earth has been living, breathing and changing for billions of years. This book explores questions, including: Why are these geological mammoths found where they are? What can they teach us about our environment, the Anthropocene and climate change? Are there volcanoes on other planets, and what might they tell us about whether we could live there if we exhaust our own habitat? How can we predict if volcanoes might explode?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tamsin Mather MAE is a British Professor of Earth Sciences at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford and a Fellow of University College, Oxford.



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Stone Lands

Fiona Robertson

An enchanting memoir of the deep past and the personal present, perfect for readers of *The Salt Path*.

Across the countryside stand some of the most enchanting prehistoric sites that have fascinated us for centuries - Britain's megaliths. With their beguiling history and captivating structures mysteriously sculpted through time, each site offers a sense of awe and wonder to the lives of those who go looking for them.

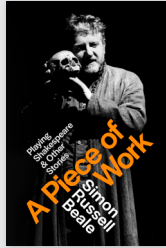
In *Stone Lands*, Fiona Robertson uncovers the magic and rich history of Britain's most incredible megaliths, exploring how these stones are threaded through folklore, the past and the present. Revealing stories of Morris dancers, dowsers and pagans to artists, musicians and walkers to archivists and archaeologists - standing stones have truly been the cornerstone to a thousand tales. Beautifully woven through her journey across the landscapes is Fiona's own story, as she details how these magnificent stones uplifted her during the incurable cancer diagnosis and untimely death of her husband.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Robertson is Publisher of Watkins and Nourish. She has a deep interest in history with a BA in Modern History from The Queen's College, Oxford, and an MA in South Asian Studies from SOAS.



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A Piece of Work

Playing Shakespeare & Other Stories

Simon Russell Beale

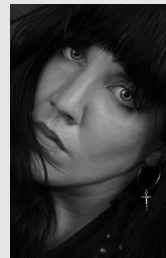
An exploration of the amazing creative partnership between actor Simon Russell Beale and director Sam Mendes.

Simon Russell Beale is one of the most popular and critically acclaimed talents in British theatre. He was first noticed in comic roles at the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he forged collaborations with Sam Mendes whom he has continued to work with. Since 1995 he has been a regular player at the National Theatre.

In *A Piece of Work* Simon Russell Beale ranges widely, discussing his life and acting - with a particular focus on Shakespeare - from early days as Desdemona in a school production of *Othello*, to the title roles in *Hamlet* and *Macbeth*, and his work in films such as *The Death of Stalin*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Simon Russell Beale studied at Cambridge before joining the RSC. Described by the *Daily Telegraph* as 'the finest actor of his generation', he has been lauded for both his stage and TV work, winning many awards including the Olivier Award for Best Supporting Actor, the Evening Standard Best Actor Award and the BAFTA Best Actor Award.



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It's Terrible The Things I Have to Do To Be Me

Reflections on Femininity and Fame

Philippa Snow

A collection of essays exploring femininity, self-image and performance in the lives of fourteen famous women.

From the Golden Age of Hollywood to the age of TikTok, famous women have always created an idea of themselves that they can sell. This book explores this idea through seven essays about duos of famous women whose personas and professional stories make interesting mirrors for each other.

From doomed, ultra-sensual blondes with Mommy issues (Marilyn Monroe and Anna Nicole Smith), to quite literally self-made women whose embodiment of beauty standards lay them bare to sabotage and scandal (Pamela Anderson and Caroline "Tula" Cossey), the lives and stories of these stars are particular, and in some cases contain bizarre and outlandish details, but the reflections they lead us to are universal, enlightening and relevant.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Philippa Snow is a writer based in Norwich. Her reviews and essays have appeared in publications including *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The White Review*, *Vogue*, and *The New Statesman*. She was shortlisted for the 2020 Fitzcarraldo Editions Essay Prize.

Infantilised

How Our Culture Killed Adulthood

K.J. Hayward

The definitive grown-up's guide to a cultural landscape predicated on the primacy and constancy of youth.

Have you noticed that increasingly in everyday life, rather than being addressed like a mature adult, you're treated like an irresponsible child in constant need of instruction and protection? From unnecessary health and safety signage telling you how to walk up a flight of stairs, to being talked down to by barely educated politicians, there's a sinking feeling that instead of inhabiting a mature, grown-up world, you've been enrolled into something resembling universalised adult day-care.

In this topical new work, cultural theorist and academic Dr K.J. Hayward exposes the deep social, psychological, and political dangers of a world characterised by denuded adult autonomy. Brimming with anecdotes and examples that span everything from the normalisation of infantilism on 'reality TV' to the rise of a new class of political 'infantocrat', this comprehensive book also offers an insightful and at times humorous account of infantilism's seductive appeal.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keith J. Hayward is Professor of Criminology at the Faculty of Law (University of Copenhagen). He has published widely in the areas of criminological theory, visual and popular culture, and terrorism and fanaticism. He is the author, co-author, or editor of 12 books.

Feminism For a World on Fire

Natasha Walter

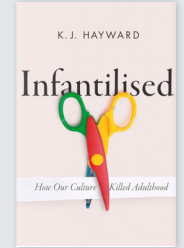
The feminist book we need now: taking feminism back to its radical roots while encompassing today's urgent concerns about economics and climate change.

This book harnesses the anger and impatience that many women feel as we experience a world defined not only by growing inequality and misogyny but also by the impending climate and nature emergency. In its exposure of the failures of individualist feminism, this book is not afraid to speak unwelcome truths.

But it also maps out a way to move forward, and by bringing what is most valuable in feminist and environmental thought and action together this book forges a realistic and relevant vision for our changed times. In a world that now stands on the brink of catastrophe, we can no longer rely on the same old stories. This is the time to build new relationships both with one another, and with the planet.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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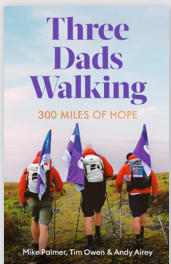
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So Tell Me What You Want

Nicki Chapman

The riveting behind-the-scenes story of the 90s and 00s music scene from TV and Radio's Nicki Chapman, former music management executive.

Chapman supported so many of the major artists who 'made it' during the 90s and 00s, and smashed through the glass ceiling while doing so. This is her story of promoting, managing and touring with Prince, Amy Winehouse, Bowie, Take That, The Spice Girls and many more – along with her transition from looked-over assistant to judge on *Pop Idol*.



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Three Dads Walking

Mike Palmer, Tim Owen and Andy Airey

3 dads, 3 daughters, 300 miles of hope.

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. 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 (and blisters). A feature film of their moving story is planned, along with a documentary.



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My Fishing Life

Ashley Mullenger

A transformative and big-hearted memoir about life at sea, for fans of *The Shepherd's Life* and *The Salt Path*.

My Fishing Life is both a rallying cry and a love letter, rinsed down with salty humour, to an industry often misunderstood from 'Fisherman of the Year' Ashley Mullenger. One woman's unique story of boat, skipper, sea and catch ultimately becomes a transformative view of a world that impacts deeply on us all.

The Serial Killer Next Door

Emma Kenny

Based on her smash hit tour, psychologist Emma Kenny asks: 'Would you know if you were living next door to a serial killer?'

Taking readers on a journey into the dark side of humanity, Emma Kenny explores the ingredient list of experiences that turns regular people into murderous monsters, with an in-depth analysis of the crimes that shook the world. From Ted Bundy to Joanna Dennehy, Richard Ramirez to Dennis Rader and many more, Emma explores the crime scenes and criminal minds of some of the most notorious serial killers of our time. She also unveils shocking stories of lesser-known killers that even the most dedicated true crime fan will be surprised by.

Join Emma in this entertaining and informative exposé of their warped and depraved world as she separates truth from myth and lifts the lid on some of the most infamous criminals in modern history. Understand how their minds work, what motivates them and, crucially, what they look for in a victim.

A word from the editor:

'Emma tells captivating stories, with fascinating details of crimes and expert insight, while always honouring the victims. Her existing fans will love this outstanding book, as will the wider true crime community'

Tig Wallace, Senior Commissioning Editor

Sales points:

- Emma has passionate fans on her social media platforms (463k Facebook; 230k YouTube) on which she has established herself as a prominent figure in the true crime community.
- Emma is in the midst of a massive *The Serial Killer Next Door* tour, regularly performing at 1000-1500 seater range venues around the UK, with another approx. 100+ dates lined up through to 2025. She has a passionate audience who she says are asking for a book (as they readily buy up other merch).
- After the book was announced in February, the pre-order link reached #1 in serial killers; #1 in Murderer Biographies; #1 in true crime bestsellers and hot new releases - and #71 in all books!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Kenny is a highly experienced presenter and professional psychologist, with qualifications recognised by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and the British Psychological Society. Emma writes a weekly therapy column, and shares her expertise on TV and radio.



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The Most Bizarre True Crime Stories Ever Told

Jack Rosewood

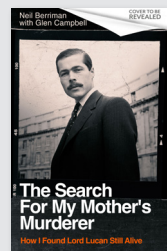
A collection of the most mind-boggling and outrageous True Crime cases you've ever read.

Are you a hardcore true crime fan? Are you tired of hearing the same old stories over and over, and long to be truly disturbed by strange and scary details? Then you are sure to enjoy *The Most Bizarre True Crime Stories Ever Told*!

Inside you'll find: tales of the paranormal (did a dead woman really solve her own murder?); terrifying mysteries (what was happening in the Soka Forest of Horrors?); the strangest details of true crime cases (how many murder attempts can one man survive?); and bizarre true crime stories you've never heard before! Delivering horrifying, interesting, weird and disturbing tales, this book gets true crime connoisseurs excited.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jack Rosewood was the market's bestselling True Crime author in 2022. The son of a crime journalist, he grew up fascinated by the stories his father would tell, inspiring him to create his own tales of murder and madness.



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The Search For My Mother's Murderer

Neil Berriman with Glen Campbell

The explosive account of the unsolved Lord Lucan murder mystery of Sandra Rivett, written by her son.

Fifty years ago, on 7th November 1974, Richard John Bingham, the 7th Earl of Lucan, vanished into the night. Stuffed into a mail sack in the basement of his Belgravia townhouse was the battered and lifeless body of his children's nanny. Her name was Sandra Eleanor Rivett. She was my mother.

After a decade of research and travelling, I have finally confronted the man I believe bludgeoned my mother to death. He is now 89 years old and lives under a false identity in Australia. He's moved around a lot and changed names many times, always one step ahead. In 2022, three universities conducted independent tests comparing the images I'd secretly filmed of this elderly, well-spoken Englishman with historical photographs of Lucan using AI algorithms. They all came back with a very high percentage match. The verdict: Lucan is still alive.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Neil Berriman is the son of Sandra Rivett, the children's nanny who was murdered on the night of November 7th 1974 in the basement of the town house on Lower Belgrave Street. He speaks to the press regularly about Lord Lucan and runs www.lordlucanthetruth.com/

Glen Campbell is a veteran investigative journalist of BBC documentaries including *Panorama*.

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: 211 nations initially entered the 2022 edition. By 1930, football had outgrown the Olympic Games, and a new competition, run by Fifa, would take international football to the next level. After a shambolic 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 considering the matches, goals, players, coaches, scandals and bidding process, placing 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 has written twelve books, including *Inverting the Pyramid* and *Behind the Curtain*.

The Intelligent Person's Guide to Football

Simon Jordan

TalkSPORT's most popular and incisive presenter, Simon Jordan, reveals how the beautiful game really works.

You thought you knew about football, and how it really works? This intelligent and perceptive reading will certainly change the way you'll think about the beautiful game...

Incisive, flamboyant and outspoken, Simon Jordan is one of the nation's favourite football pundits. The popular TalkSPORT host remains the most intelligent and eloquent pundit on air. In his new book, the former Crystal Palace owner will examine how football really works: from agents and club owners to tactics, players and the fans.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Simon Jordan is an English businessman and former owner of Crystal Palace Football Club. Jordan is currently known for his role as a co-presenter on the weekday mid-morning TalkSPORT programme, White and Jordan.



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Accidental

The Greatest (Unintentional) Science Breakthroughs and How They Changed The World

Tim James

An exploration of unintentional world-changing discoveries in science, for fans of *Elemental* and *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 rival research. Science moves at a rate of inches per decade and we like it that way. But occasionally, just occasionally, a complete fluke happens and changes everything. From an untimely sneeze in a petri dish leading to antibiotics to the discovery of microwaves via melted chocolate, this is a rip-roaring adventure through science gone wrong, accidentally changing humanity for the better.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tim James is an expert in science communication, an author, YouTuber, public lecturer at the Institute of Physics and an inventor. His first book *Elemental* was called one of the best books of 2018 by the *Daily Mail*.

The Work Smarter Guides

This series of short books will be the 'pirate' equivalent of business advice: the antidote to conventional wisdom, dull business theory and bluffers' guides. It provides proven, actionable advice and shortcuts to achieving success in business learned through practice, rather than a textbook approach full of technical jargon and theory..

Kirk Kinnell, an internationally-acclaimed hostage negotiator, and **Jim Houghton**, a top drawer mergers and acquisitions dealmaker, combine four decades of experience to explain to the reader the smartest way to do business in the real world; while **Louise Clarke**'s utilises her experience as a Managing Partner at a strategic business consultancy to share her presentation knowledge. And **Maria Morozova-Duthoit**'s 20 years of sales experience is combined with bestselling author and acknowledged expert of business development

David Kean's knowledge of selling to provide readers with a comprehensive guide to selling.

- *The Work Smarter Guide to Negotiation* by Jim Houghton and Kirk Kinnell
- *The Work Smarter Guide to Presenting* by Louise Clarke
- *The Work Smarter Guide to Sales* by Maria Morozova-Duthoit and David Kean



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I Promise it Won't Always Hurt Like This

18 Assurances on Grief

Clare Mackintosh

An accessible roadmap for lost grieverers 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, there when we least expect it and seemingly never-ending. Wherever you are with your grief and whoever you're grieving for, *I Promise It Won't Always Hurt Like This* is here to support you. To tell you, until you believe it, that things will get easier.

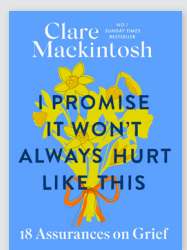
When bestselling writer Clare Mackintosh lost her five-week-old son, she searched for help in books. All of them wanted to tell her what she should be feeling and when she should be feeling it, but the truth - as she soon found out - is that there are no neat, labelled stages for grief, or crash grief-diets to relieve us of our pain. What we need when we're grieving is time and understanding. With 18 short assurances that are full of compassion - drawn from Clare's experiences of losing her son and her father - this is the book she needed then.

Sales points:

- On the anniversary of her son's death in 2020, Clare shared some promises on Twitter for people who were newly going through grief. It made 19 million impressions and had over 250,000 engagements, which proves that Clare really knows how to communicate on this subject. People commented and shared from as far and wide as the United States, Spain, India and Eastern Europe.
- This is the book you buy when you're desperate for hope, and it's also the comforting, supportive book you buy your friends and family when you don't know how else to help.
- The 18 promises make this an accessible, unacademic read and marks a point of difference with all other grief books. It's perfect for people who don't have the energy to read something heavy and theoretical, or which might depress them further. It's realistic and sympathetic, and it puts the reader front and centre, rather than the author's experiences.
- This book brings the topic of grief up to date, with references to the Covid-19 pandemic that so many people will still be dealing with the fall-out from.

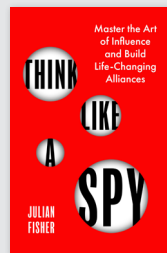
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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Think Like a Spy

Master the Art of Influence and Build Life-Changing Alliances

Julian Fisher

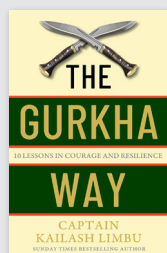
Discover the secrets skills of persuasion taught to intelligence officers and learn how to apply them yourself.

Every day, intelligence officers achieve the unimaginable. They persuade people to share classified secrets with them. To become traitors, in fact. And their targets do it willingly, despite the risk of imprisonment, torture and, even, execution. Spies achieve this thanks to their structured use of nine secret skills of espionage. In *Think Like a Spy*, you'll learn these techniques and how to adapt them for effective and ethical use in your own life.

Everyone is capable of thinking like a spy and of using that thinking to transform their lives. This is your opportunity to learn how.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Julian Fisher overcame long odds to win a place at Oxford University to study PPE. His varied career includes working for government in the field of international relations, founding his own private intelligence boutique, and acting as the lead trainer on the Channel 4 series, *Spies*.



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The Gurkha Way

10 Lessons in Courage and Resilience

Kailash Limbu

Discover the secrets of the Gurkha mindset and learn how to live courageously from *Sunday Times* bestselling soldier Kailash Limbu.

Captain Kailash Limbu has been on five tours of active service in Afghanistan with the Gurkhas. Over more than two decades in the British Army, he has been on the front line of the fighting in Helmand Province, on risky resupply missions and operations in Sierra Leone, and shared moments of peace and happiness with his brothers in the mess. All these experiences have shaped a man of rare honesty, courage and humility.

In *The Gurkha Way*, he shares the moments that made him, the lessons he has learned and the principles at the heart of the Gurkha mindset, so that readers too can conquer adversity, find their inner strength, embrace life's challenges and lead with honour.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Captain Kailash Limbu was born in 1981 in Khebang, Nepal. He joined the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles in 1999 and has been on operations in Bosnia, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. He is the author of the bestselling *Gurkha* and *Gurkha Brotherhood*.

Contraception

The Complete Lowdown

Alice Pelton

The definitive, myth-busting book on female contraception from the experts behind *The Lowdown*, the world's first contraceptive review platform and community.

The choices we make with our contraception can have wide-ranging consequences for our health, and yet nearly 80% of women suffer with side effects, often because we don't know that there are other options available. From being offered the full range of brands of pill, to trying to get an appointment to have a coil fitted or removed, choosing the right option is a frequently bewildering journey, littered with trial and error and unhelpful misinformation.

Based on the invaluable advice from users of *The Lowdown's* website, the medical expertise of the specially trained GPs who form their in-house team, and the latest in what we know about reproductive health, *Contraception* is for anyone seeking clarity about birth control.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alice Pelton is one of the world's leading experts on women's experiences with contraception, and since founding *The Lowdown* in 2019, she has become a spokesperson to drive for change, working with the UK government and appearing in many media outlets.

The Book of Enchanted Living

Reconnect to the magic and wonder of nature

Sarah Bartlett

A beautiful exploration of our unique and magical relationship with nature.

In a world full of demands and obligations, it is easy to get stuck in the same tiring routines - but what if instead we chose to embrace a life full of joy and enchantment? Nature offers the perfect antidote for weary souls. Carving out time to truly experience and engage with the wonder and beauty of the world around us can help ease our minds, soothe our spirits, and leave us feeling euphoric.

This enchanting little book offers rituals, intentions and affirmations that will allow you to commune with nature so that you can belong to both its wildness and its tenderness. By aligning with the rhythms of the natural world, you will learn to reconnect to the enchantment deep within you to live an authentic life filled with meaning and possibility.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Bartlett trained at the Faculty of Astrological Studies in London and the Centre for Psychological Astrology. She has been astrologer for the *Evening Standard* and has written twenty books, including the bestselling *Little Book of Magic* series.

The Lowdown.

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Adam Spivey

The only dog training you will ever need, written by the founder of social media sensation Southend Dog Training (over 4m followers combined).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Spivey began training dogs in 2012 and very quickly built up an amazing reputation. His straight-talking approach to training and no-nonsense attitude has won him legions of fans and clients. In December 2019, Adam and his business partner Evan Norfolk partnered up and developed an online training platform, with more than 4 million followers and 12,000 members worldwide.

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How to Raise the Perfect Dog

Build a bond with your dog that will last a lifetime.

This book tells you everything you need to know to train your puppy, with straight-talking advice from Southend Dog Training founder Adam Spivey.

The first twelve months or so of a dog's life are the hardest work, but Adam Spivey can help. He will help you both thrive as you learn to understand your dogs needs and behaviours.



How to Train Your Dog

Tackle problem behaviours and understand how your dog thinks.

In this indispensable book Adam shows you how to build a better connection with your dog and solve any behavioural issues with simple, proven training techniques. 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.

How to Raise the Perfect Family Dog

How to train the perfect family-friendly dog and create a happy, harmonious home.

An essential read if you are expecting your first child or have children already and are thinking about adding a dog to the mix.

This all-in-one book will give families the confidence and knowledge to properly train, take care of and establish a lasting bond with their well-behaved furry friends.

How to Sort Your Self-Esteem

40 Ways to Improve Your Confidence and Self-Worth

James Withey

40 simple, practical and often amusing techniques, to help strengthen your sense of self-worth.

Low self-esteem affects nearly everyone. Your sense of worth is dependent on social, genetic and environmental factors that impact how you feel about yourself. Very few people feel completely confident and comfortable in their own skin.

This book will help strengthen your sense of self-worth, whether your self-esteem impacts you on a daily basis or are experiencing a crisis of confidence for the first time.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Withey is the author of the bestselling books *How to Tell Depression to Piss Off* and *How to Get to Grips With Grief*. He is the founder of the Recovery Letters project, trained as a person-centred counsellor and worked in addiction, homelessness and mental health services.



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The Long Sleep

A Practical Guide to Supporting Young People with Suicidal Thoughts

Kate Hill

An updated edition of a classic text - the essential guide to the understanding and prevention of suicide in young people.

Worldwide, suicide is one of the leading causes of death amongst young people. Many more young people have experienced suicidal thoughts, self-harmed or attempted suicide. What makes someone particularly vulnerable? Why do proportionally more young men than women resort to suicide? What can be done to support people and prevent young deaths?

The Long Sleep explores the origins, symptoms and meanings of young peoples' suicidal crises and argues the need for sensitive responses and improved understanding. Combining moving accounts from relatives and young attempters with the evidence of extensive research into the subject, Kate Hill offers important and timely insights into an area fraught with fear and denial. This revised edition was co-ordinated by Kate's sister, Anna Hill, with support from Dr Ailsa Snaith and Dr Andrew Parsons.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kate Hill began this book after her brother's death, aged twenty. It inspired further research at the University of Oxford Department of Psychiatry, where she worked with the Centre for Suicide Research and Samaritans.



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Excessively Obsessed

Find your passion, build your business, learn your limits, love your life

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. Natasha is a hugely dynamic businesswoman, 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 3.6 million followers, a Model, Presenter, Designer, Producer, Entrepreneur and CEO.



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The Power in You

Rachaele Hambleton

A guide filled with life lessons to find your power and to turn dark days into sunlight.

Rachaele Hambleton has been through more than most in her forty years on this planet, but throughout it all she found her power. From being placed into foster care as a teenager, spending 10 years in an abusive relationship, to building her beautiful chaotic blended family with the love of her life, Josh. Rachaele's life has been filled with dark days, but now she's ready to share how she found her light.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rachaele Hambleton, aka Part-Time Working Mum, is a double *Sunday Times* bestselling author and one of the most popular parenting personalities online. Rachaele fights hard for awareness of domestic violence and is an ambassador for Kidscape.

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A guide for parents of thirteen to twenty-one-year-olds

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Ockwell-Smith is the mother of four children. She has a BSc in Psychology and is a well-known parenting expert, specialising in gentle parenting methods. She writes a parenting blog read by 3 million parents a year. Her books have sold over 550,000 copies.



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When the Naughty Step Makes Things Worse

Parenting for Children (and Adults) Who Need Something Different

Dr. Naomi Fisher and Eliza Fricker

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Henry Lewis is a powerhouse creative: writer, actor, director and puzzle genius. He is the Artistic Director of Mischief and writes, produces and performs for the company, including *The Play that Goes Wrong*.



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Trees in Winter

Henry Lewis

A beautiful celebration of trees, featuring over thirty of celebrated printmaker Richard Shimell's stunning prints.

Trees in Winter is about the healing properties of nature and of walking, especially during the coldest season, when the inclination is for so many of us to stay indoors. It is also about the joy of learning a craft and practising it.

This beautiful book will feature over thirty of Richard Shimell's stunning prints of winter trees, all created in his studio on the wooded slopes of Dartmoor National Park. Alongside his work, Richard will share his own inspiring journey of finding creativity and connection with the landscape around him.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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