

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a dense forest. The river is a muddy brown color. A concrete bridge spans the river. A white police car with red and blue lights is driving on the bridge. The surrounding forest is lush green, with some trees showing yellow and orange autumn colors. Large rocks are visible in the river near the bridge.

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## HEADLINE

Headline was founded in 1986 with a single promise at its heart: to publish the books people want to read. Sometimes, the simplest ideas are best.

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## LOVE IN COLOUR

### Bolu Babalola

Love stories that truly represent the world we live in inspired by tales from the past; celebrated and retold in this unique illustrated collection, by debut author Bolu Babalola.

Join debut author Bolu Babalola as she recreates the most beautiful love stories from history and mythology and retells them with new incredible detail and vivacity. Focusing on the magical folktales of West Africa, Babalola also reimagines iconic Greek myths, ancient legends from South Asia, and stories from countries that no longer exist in our world. Babalola is inspired by tales that truly show the variety and colours of love around the globe.

A high-born Nigerian goddess feels beaten down and unappreciated by her gregarious lover and longs to be truly seen. A young businesswoman attempts to make a great leap in her company, and an even greater one in her love life. A powerful Ghanaian spokeswoman is forced to decide whether to uphold her family's politics, or to be true to her heart.

Bolu takes a step in decolonising tropes of love by creating new stories that are inspired by the wildly beautiful tales that already exist in so many communities and cultures. Moving exhilaratingly across perspectives, continents and genres, from the historic to the vividly current, *Love in Colour* is a celebration of romance in all of its forms.

Get lost in these mystical worlds and see that love, like humanity, comes in technicolour.

#### About the Author:

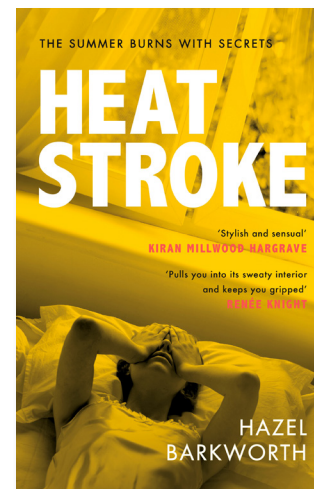
Bolu Babalola is a London-based writer, and lover of love. In 2016, she was shortlisted in 4thEstate's B4ME competition for her short story 'Netflix & Chill', a hilarious teen romance. Whilst writing scripts for TV and film, she also works as a TV and Culture columnist for Dazed, where she calls herself a 'romcomoisieur'.

#### Headline

**UK Pub:** July 2020

**UK Editor:** Katie Packer

**MS available March 2020**



## HEATSTROKE

### Hazel Barkworth

Intoxicating and compulsive, *Heatstroke* is a darkly gripping, thought-provoking novel of crossed boundaries, power and betrayal, that plays with expectations at every turn.

A dazzling debut novel of a dark love affair, set to ignite debate in summer 2020 for fans of Zoe Heller, Emma Cline, *Expectation* and *The Lemon Grove*.

The summer burns with secrets...

It is too hot to sleep. To work. To be questioned time and again by the police.

At the beginning of a stifling, sultry summer, everything shifts irrevocably when Lily doesn't come home one afternoon.

Rachel is Lily's teacher. Her daughter Mia is Lily's best friend. The girls are fifteen - almost women, still children.

As Rachel becomes increasingly fixated on Lily's absence, she finds herself breaking fragile trusts and confronting impossible choices she never thought she'd face.

It wasn't supposed to happen like this.

#### About the Author:

Hazel Barkworth grew up in Stirlingshire and North Yorkshire before studying English at Oxford. She then moved to London where she spent her days working as a cultural consultant, and her nights dancing in a pop band at glam rock clubs. Hazel is a graduate of both the Oxford University MSt in Creative Writing and the Curtis Brown Creative Novel-Writing course. She now works in Oxford, where she lives with her partner. *Heatstroke* is her first novel.

#### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** May 2020

**UK Editor:** Frankie Edwards

**PDF Available / 312pp**



**Headline Review****UK Pub:** April 2020**UK Editor:** Jess Whitlum-Cooper**PDF Available / 346pp**

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 Germany (Droemer Knauer)  
 Poland (Albatros)  
 Portugal (Quinta Essencia)

## THE ACCIDENTAL LOVE LETTER

Olivia Beirne

When Bea receives a love letter that isn't addressed to her, the temptation to open it and reply is too strong - changing her quiet, lonely life forever.

The hilarious, uplifting novel from bestselling author Olivia Beirne is for fans of Sophie Kinsella, Zoë Folbigg and Marian Keyes.

Bea used to feel confident, outgoing and fun, but she's not sure where that person went.

Over the last few months, she's found herself becoming reclusive and withdrawn. And despite living with her two best friends, she's never felt lonelier. To make things worse, she's become so dependent on her daily routine, she's started to slip out of everyone else's.

But when a mysterious battered envelope covered in stars lands on her doormat, Bea wonders if she could find the courage to open it.

It isn't addressed to her, but it could be... if you squinted...

**About the Author:**

Olivia Beirne is the bestselling author of *The List That Changed My Life* and lives in Buckinghamshire. She has worked as a waitress, a pottery painter and a casting assistant, but being a writer is definitely her favourite job yet.

**Tinder Press****UK Pub:** January 2021**UK Editor:** Eleanor Dryden**MS available March 2020**

## THE KINDNESS PROJECT

Sam Binnie

*The Trouble With Goats and Sheep* meets *Amelie* in this gorgeous and uplifting novel that celebrates kindness and community.

When Bea Adlington unexpectedly dies, it falls to her daughter Alice to sort out her affairs. And so Alice finds herself in her mother's ramshackle cottage in the heart of a tiny Cornish village with a plan to clear out and sell up as soon as possible - but it turns out that her mother had other ideas.

Unlike Alice, who has always preferred books to people, Bea was the village's unofficial agony aunt - she knew everyone, and helped everyone - and she has left Alice a series of letters she calls 'The Kindness Project', each one an unfinished task to complete around the village on her behalf.

Though it goes against her nature, Alice sees it as her duty to complete the project and so she tackles these tasks, one by one: a widow who has shut herself off from the world, a feud between lifelong friends, a frustrated young mum, it falls to Alice to help them out. It's a bumpy ride, but Alice finds herself drawn ever closer into village life, and it might just be what she needs to face up to the loss of her mother and maybe even open her own clamped-shut heart...

**About the Author:**

Sam Binnie was the 2005 winner of the Harper's/Orange Prize Short Story Competition, and lives with her husband and three children. She is still embarrassed that she forced people to camp at her wedding and that she never even saw the faces of the paramedics who half-delivered her first child, and is terrified that any future home she buys will be on the site of an old plague pit.



## THE SECRET LIFE OF ALBERT ENTWHISTLE Matt Cain

A charming, heart-warming, surprising and completely unforgettable commercial love story starring a gay protagonist searching for his long lost love, by journalist and LGBTQ+ activist Matt Cain.

Perfect for fans of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, the novels of Jonathan Harvey and *Beautiful Thing*.

It's never too late to start your life's big adventure ...

*Albert Entwistle was a postman. It was one of the few things everyone knew about him. And it was one of the few things he was comfortable with people knowing.*

64-year-old Albert Entwistle is a lonely postie in a quiet town in Northern England. He's just learned he'll be forced to retire at his next birthday. With no friends and nothing to look forward to, he realises it's finally time to be honest about who he is. He must learn to ask for what he wants, and find the courage to look for the man that, many years ago, he lost - but has never forgotten . . .

### About the Author:

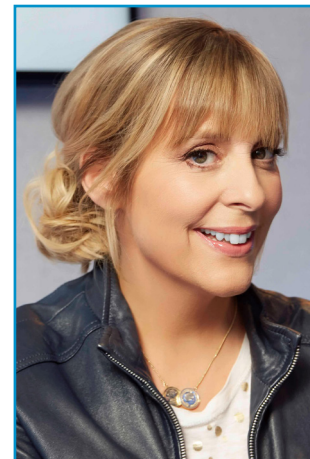
Matt Cain was born in Bury and brought up in Bolton. He spent ten years making arts and entertainment programmes for ITV before stepping in front of the camera in 2010 to become Channel 4 News' first ever culture editor. His first novel, *Shot Through the Heart*, was published in 2014 and his second, *Nothing But Trouble*, followed in 2015. *The Madonna of Bolton* published in the UK in July 2018.

### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** September 2021

**UK Editor:** Eleanor Dryden

**MS available June 2020**



## THE BEST THINGS Mel Giedroyc

A feel-good comedy about the ups and downs of life, told with all the witty warmth and brilliantly wry sense of humour.

The joyous debut novel from much-loved comedian, writer, actor and presenter Mel Giedroyc.

Sally Parker is clinging on for dear life.

Her husband has lost his business, and their savings, in one fell swoop. Her bank card has been declined. The family home, as it turns out, is not actually theirs, and the landlord is at the door. Now her daughter has gone AWOL.

All Sally wants to do is lie down.

What does an ordinary woman do when the bottom falls out?

Sally Parker is about to surprise everybody.

Most of all herself.

**Funny, warm, life-affirming and true, *The Best Things* is a big-hearted tale of failing, falling and trying to scramble back up.**

### About the Author:

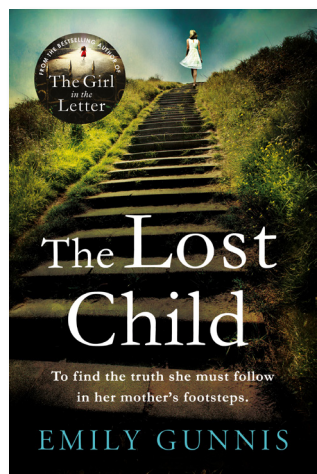
Mel Giedroyc has been warming the UK's hearts for over twenty years. Much loved as a comedian, writer, actor and presenter, Mel, alongside her comedy partner Sue Perkins, has written for French and Saunders and presented television shows such as *The Great British Bake Off* and *Children in Need*. She has presented BBC's *Eurovision Song Contest* and the new version of *The Generation Game*. Mel can be heard on radio where she presents *The Mel Giedroyc Show* on Magic FM. Mel appeared on stage in the West End production of Stephen Sondheim's musical *Company*.

### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** April 2021

**UK Editor:** Sherise Hobbs

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**THE LOST CHILD****Emily Gunnis**

The author of the bestselling *The Girl in the Letter* is back with a twisting, nail-biting and heartwrenching novel of a decades-old murder and a shocking secret.

Some novels hold you in their spell and never let you go...

A tragic death. A missing baby. A long-kept secret...

1960. Thirteen-year-old Rebecca lives in fear of her father's temper. As a storm batters Seaview Cottage one night, she hears a visitor at the door and a violent argument ensues. By the time the police arrive, Rebecca's parents are dead and the visitor has fled. No one believes Rebecca heard a stranger downstairs...

2014. Iris, a journalist, is sent to cover the story of a new mother on the run with her desperately ill baby. But fatefully the trail leads to the childhood home of Iris's own mother, Rebecca...Seaview Cottage.

As Iris races to unravel what happened the night Rebecca's parents were killed, it's time for Seaview Cottage to give up its secrets.

**About the Author:**

Emily Gunnis previously worked in TV drama and lives in Brighton with her young family. She is one of the four daughters of *Sunday Times* bestselling author Penny Vincenzi.

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**HER LAST PROMISE****Kathryn Hughes**

A woman searches for her missing mother in this captivating story of love, heartbreak and forgiveness from the bestselling author Kathryn Hughes.

A gripping, heartwrenching story of how hope can blossom in the ruins of tragedy and of the redeeming power of love.

Tara Richards was just a girl when she lost her mother. Years later when Tara receives a letter from a London solicitor its contents shake her to the core. Someone has left her a key to a safe deposit box. In the box lies an object that will change everything Tara thought she knew and lead her on a journey to deepest Spain in search of the answers that have haunted her for forty years.

Violet Skye regrets her decision to travel abroad leaving her young daughter behind. As the sun dips below the mountains, she reminds herself she is doing this for their future. Tonight, 4th June 1978, will be the start of a new life for them. This night will indeed change Violet's destiny, in the most unexpected of ways...

**About the Author:**

Kathryn Hughes was born in Altrincham, near Manchester. After completing a secretarial course, Kathryn met her husband and they married in Canada. For twenty-nine years they ran a business together, raised two children and travelled when they could to places such as India, Singapore, South Africa and New Zealand. Kathryn and her family now make their home in a village near Manchester.

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## SUMMER AT SANCASTLE COTTAGE

### Christina Jones

It's a glorious summer in Firefly Common, the old-fashioned seaside village where Kitty Appleby (almost forty, recently-single, a bit of a Julia Roberts look-alike) and her friends, Apollo and Jemini, rent the delightful Sandcastle Cottage.

But life is far from being all sunshine and lollipops as Kitty's elderly neighbours, the kindly but overbearing Mr H and his wife, keep reminding her, very soon Mavis Mulholland - the owner of Sandcastle Cottage - will return from her lottery-winning round-the-world-cruise, and will want her home back.

Kitty, Apollo, and Jemini found themselves desperately on the brink of homelessness just before Christmas, and having to face this again is devastating. And the idea of leaving Firefly Common without finding out more about the enigmatic, mysterious Vinny pulls at Kitty's heart.

As the scorchingly gorgeous Firefly Common summer unfurls, as Apollo and Jemini try to make their dreams come true, as Kitty tries hard not to fall spectacularly stupidly in love, and as Mavis Mulholland's cruise ship nears port - who will end up living happily ever after? And where...?

#### About the Author:

Christina Jones has written all her life (as well as having millions of Proper Jobs including factory worker, secretary, nightclub dancer, blood donor attendant, barmaid, waitress, civil servant and fruit picker) and is the best-selling and award-winning author of 27 books.

**Headline Accent**

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**UK Editor:** Eleanor Dryden

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## HOME GROWN

### Annie MacManus

**If you spend your life giving everything to the ones you love, do you risk losing yourself along the way?**

**Home Grown is a poignant and powerful reading group novel about family. It will appeal to fans of Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You*.**

*Home Grown* is both a powerful coming of age novel and an intimate family study. It's about home - and what a difficult place that can sometimes be.

Belfast, 2018: 34-year-old Mary McConnell disappears one Saturday morning, and her 17-year-old son Joe doesn't know where to begin looking for her.

Belfast, 1990: Mary McConnell's mother died when Mary was just two years old. She grows up longing for information about the woman she never knew. Her brother Sean is barely old enough to remember and her father too grief-stricken to tell her anything much. Mary is the one who has to hold the family together.

*Home Grown* takes us down the challenging road of Mary's life, whilst simultaneously following her son's search for his missing mother. It's a gritty, affecting novel about family, trauma, grief, addiction, and motherhood. And it asks the question - if you spend your life giving everything to the ones you love; do you risk losing yourself along the way?

#### About the Author:

Annie MacManus is an internationally renowned DJ, broadcaster, events curator and more. Annie presents the most influential show on BBC Radio 1 and can be seen on the biggest stages of music festivals around the UK and the world. She also produces her own podcast, *Finding Annie*, 'recorded in a shed at the bottom of her garden'.

**Wildfire**

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**UK Editor:** Kate Stephenson

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**Hachette Ireland**

**UK Pub:** October 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**MS available March 2020**

## THE PERFECT SISTER

**Zoe Miller**

**A gripping story of deceit, betrayal and revenge by the author of *The Visitor*, for readers of Liane Moriarty and Adele Parks.**

Once inseparable, years of resentment and jealousy have driven Alice and Holly apart. But, though they barely speak these days, Alice knows her sister is hiding something.

When she hears that a discovery at a soon-to-be-demolished apartment building has led police to re-open an 'accidental death' case, Alice thinks nothing of it. Until someone knocks at her door, with questions about Holly...

Alice doesn't believe her sister is capable of involvement in anything so sinister. But when she tries to contact Holly, she can't be reached...

Forced to dig through the past in order to uncover the truth, Alice also starts to uncover years of Holly's secrets - and to doubt her innocence. And as the evidence mounts up, she has a choice to make: does she want to help her sister clear her name, even if Alice will end up paying the price?

### About the Author:

Zoe Miller is married with three children. She lives in Dublin. Her novels include *The Visitor*, *A Husband's Confession*, *The Compromise* and *A House Full of Secrets*.



**Headline Review**

**UK Pub:** September 2020

**UK Editor:** Jess Whitlum-Cooper

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## WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

**Lizzie O'Hagan**

**Everyone gives their friends advice when it comes to dating, but what happens when it all goes wrong?**

***Sliding Doors* meets *The Flatshare* and *One Day* in December in this sweeping romantic comedy for the digital age, perfect for fans of Josie Silver and Beth O'Leary.**

Eve doesn't have time for dating, but having watched her best friend and flatmate have her heart broken one too many times, she reluctantly volunteers to play her Cupid.

Max is too much of a hopeless romantic to find the algorithms of online dating anything other than clinical, but he lives with his romantically-challenged best friend who desperately needs his advice.

And after all, what are friends for?

As Eve and Max become more involved in their best friends' relationship, they quickly realise there is a fine line between instruction and imitation, especially when they find they can't stop thinking about their best friend's date...

### About the Author:

Lizzie O'Hagan studied Law before going into publishing, where she now works as a book editor at an independent press. She writes and paints in her spare time and can usually be found behind a laptop in one of Bermondsey Street's many coffee shops near her house share in London Bridge.



## 12 HOURS TO SAY I LOVE YOU

Olivia Poulet & Laurence Dobiesz

An original love story from a voice that is fresh and intelligent, funny and tender. Ideal for readers of *The Flatshare* and *The Sight of You*

From the first time Steve saw Pippa play Juliet in St Vincent's Secondary production in Woking, 1997, he was smitten. Pippa only had eyes for her Romeo and didn't notice the shy Second Watchman as she took her place in the spotlight.

Ten years pass and their paths cross again. A connection is made and a friendship begins that will remain a constant through the highs of their first career breaks, the lows of badly judged relationships and the pain of losing a father. Until it becomes obvious to Pippa that Steve, her best friend, is more than just a friend.

Ten years later, Pippa lies in an induced coma after a road accident. At her bedside Steve asks himself – where was she going, driving so erratically on her own? How has it come to this? The doctor asks Steve if he can talk to his wife – the first 12 hours are the most critical and patients have been known to respond to the voice of their loved ones. A nurse suggests Steve tells Pippa the truth: that he loves her... that he has always loved her. And why.

So Steve begins to tell Pippa the story of their relationship. As the 12 hours slip away, he tells her things he's never told her, things he should have told her, things he is desperate for her to know. Is Pippa listening? And, if so, can she find her way back to him?

**About the Authors:** Olivia Poulet and Laurence Dobiesz are writers and actors. They have written together for radio and screen. *#blessed*, a comedy drama love story, was written by them for radio and broadcast on BBC Radio 4 last summer.

### Headline Review

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**UK Editor:** Sherise Hobbs

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## CRASHING TO A HALT

Alice Raine

Sizzling with passion, tension and twists, *Crashing to a Halt* is the third book in Alice Raine's addictive BDSM 'Club Twist' series, perfect for fans of E. L. James, Sylvia Day and Tara Sue Me.

David Halton, owner of Club Twist, begins a steamy relationship with Natalia after saving her from a drunk patron. Despite being the bartender at this sex club, Natalia is fairly inexperienced, and when David introduces her to his BDSM world, she doesn't know if this is really something that she wants.

When a fire erupts in the club, Natalia is trapped inside with the other Club Twist regulars, and David fears that he may have lost the only woman he's ever truly loved.

With side-stories from Oliver and Robyn, Marcus and Sasha, and Nathan and Stella, this is a dramatic climax not to be missed.

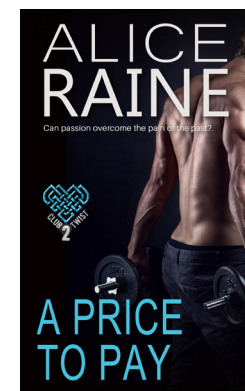
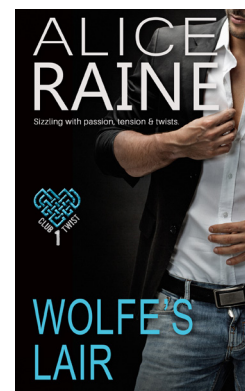
**Don't miss the beginning of this sensational series with *Wolfe's Lair* and *A Price to Pay* - out now!**

### Headline Accent

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**UK Editor:** Kate Byrne

**MS available Summer 2020**



### About the Author:

Alice Raine was born in London and educated in Manchester, but now spends her time moving from place to place around the world exploring, teaching and writing. Originally qualified as an archaeologist, Alice now splits her time between teaching and engaging her wildly overactive imagination by writing. Music is a huge influence in Alice's writing, she listens to everything from Snow Patrol and Linkin Park to Evanescence and REM.





## ORCHARD GIRLS

### Nikola Scott

From Nikola Scott, author of the bestselling novel *My Mother's Shadow*, comes a stunning new novel about friendship, love and forgiveness.

**When an act of kindness backfires amid the horrors of the war, two lives are forever entwined...**

London, 2005. Lillian finally has it all, but it hasn't come easy. With memories of her troubled upbringing always lingering, she fears her dream life could slip away at any moment...

Somerset, 1940. In the midst of war, a friendship blossoms between two young girls who need each other more than they know. But when the kindness of one leads to tragic consequences for the other, the course of both their lives is forever changed...

#### About the Author:

Born in Germany, Nikola Scott studied English and American literature before moving abroad to work as a fiction editor in New York and London. After over a decade in book publishing, she decided to take the leap into becoming a full-time writer herself. Her debut novel, *My Mother's Shadow*, was published in 2017 and her second novel *Summer of Secrets*, was published in 2018. Each has been translated into more than ten languages. Nikola lives in Frankfurt with her husband and two sons.

#### Headline Review

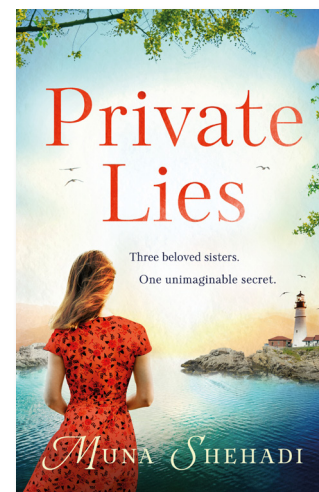
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**UK Editor:** Marion Donaldson

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France (Leduc.s)  
Germany (Rowohlt)  
Israel (Penn Publishing)  
Italy (Giunti)  
Netherlands (HarperCollins)  
Norway (Vigmostad & Bjørke)  
Portugal (Circulo de Leitores)  
Russia (Family Leisure Club)  
Slovenia (Učila)  
Sweden (Historiska)



## PRIVATE LIES

### Muna Shehadi

A compelling series of family secrets, romance, and self-discovery, perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley and Santa Montefiore.

The three daughters of stunning but unstable movie star Jillian Croft and her famous acting-teacher husband, Daniel Braddock, grew up being treated as special, even after their mother's tragic death. Years later, their world is overturned when they discover a medical document suggesting Jillian could never have given birth to them.

Whilst Olivia and Eve insist there's some mistake, quirky, impulsive middle sister Rosalind can't leave the matter alone. Rosalind has always felt separate from her poised, successful sisters. If she has a different birth mother, she wants to know.

Investigation leads her to Leila Allerton, an opera singer from New Jersey with a vibrant, close-knit family to whom Rosalind aches to belong. At first its members warmly welcome their new neighbour - but circumstances and personalities soon clash, leaving a bewildered Rosalind unsure how they'll feel when they discover her true reason for seeking them out...

#### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** December 2019

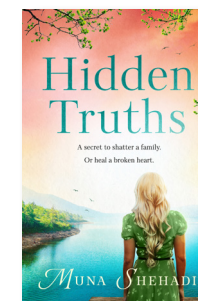
**UK Editor:** Kate Byrne

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#### Rights sold in trilogy:

Denmark (Zara)  
Germany (Bastei Lubbe)  
Italy (Sperling & Kupfer)  
Netherlands (HarperCollins)  
Norway (H. Aschehoug & Co.)  
Poland (Sonia Draga)  
Portugal (Editora 2020)

**You can read more about fascinating Jillian Croft in the other novels in of the *Fortune's Daughters* trilogy: Look for Eve's story in *Hidden Truths* and Olivia's story in *Honest Secrets*.**



## HIDDEN TRUTHS HONEST SECRETS

**UK Pub:** February 2020 **UK Pub:** April 2020

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## THE SUMMER OF TAKING CHANCES Lynne Shelby

Curl up with this charming summer romance, full of warmth, hope, second chances. The final book in the glitzy and glamorous Theatreland series.

When Emma Stevens was seventeen, she and Jake Murray were both living in the small seaside village of South Quay, dreaming of glittering careers on the stage. Jake left the village to go to drama school, and the following year, Emma planned to do the same...

Ten years later, Jake is living in London, a successful and well-known actor, while Emma is still living a quiet, uneventful life in South Quay, and working in a local hotel. Her ambitions to become a professional actress abandoned, she is an enthusiastic member of the village amateur dramatics society, and barely remembers the dreams she and Jake once shared.

Then Jake returns to South Quay for the summer...

### About the Author:

Lynne Shelby writes contemporary women's fiction and romance. Her debut novel, *French Kissing* won the Accent Press and Woman magazine Writing Competition. When not writing or reading, Lynne can usually be found at the theatre or exploring a foreign city with her writer's notebook, camera and sketchbook in hand. She lives in London with her husband and has three adult children who live nearby.



### Headline Accent

UK Pub: June 2020

UK Editor: Faith Stoddard

MS available

## UNFILTERED Sophie White

Can Ali and Shelly navigate the stormy waters of the Instagram world and keep their integrity in tact?

When Ali Jones faked a pregnancy to gain more Instagram followers, it should have made her a pariah on the insta-scene but it turns out that her followers love a bit of drama and now she's more popular than ever. So when Amy Donoghue, social media manager extraordinaire steps in to rehabilitate her image, Ali realises she may have to wade once more into the grubby insta-hole. With her ex, Sam, still ignoring her and her mother Mini having a mild grief-induced psychotic break (her scheme for scattering Miles' ashes seems not only bonkers but borderline illegal), Ali's got little else to cling on to but #sponcon and #ootds.

Meanwhile Shelly is trying to settle into her new life as a mum-of-two while being held hostage by her mysterious insta-stalker whose sole objective is to keep Shelly on Instagram. But with her fellow Mummy Influencer friends @HolisticHazel immersed in creating WYND festival (her answer to the Goop Summit) and @PolysFewBits being as non-descript as ever, Shelly must get to the bottom of it herself.

When Ali starts attending Catfishers Anonymous as a part of Amy's plan for Image Rehab, she discovers some information that may just help Shelly ...



### Hachette Ireland

UK Pub: June 2020

UK Editor: Ciara Doorley

MS available

### About the Author:

Sophie started writing a weekly column at 27 'The Domestic' for Sunday Independent's Life magazine. After the birth of her first child, she became a full-time writer, penning reviews of books and restaurants, cultural commentary and interviews for a variety of Irish publications and her first book *Recipes for a Nervous Breakdown*, part-memoir/part cookery book was published in 2016. *Mother of Pod*, the successful podcast she hosts with Jen O'Dwyer, was launched in January 2018 and they launched a second podcast, *The Creep Dive*, in January 2019.



**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** April 2021

**UK Editor:** Kate Stephenson

**MS available**

## THE SILENT GUEST Elle Connell

**Seven friends. A castle in the woods. An uninvited guest...**

**A page-turning thriller perfect for fans of Ruth Ware's *In a Dark*, *Dark Wood* and Lucy Foley's *The Hunting Party*.**

Seven friends gather at a castle in the Scottish Borders. One last girls' weekend before Georgina's wedding. Near the castle, through a path in the woods, is a loch. After a few bottles of Prosecco, the girls head down to the water to take photos. The loch is wild, lonely, and stunningly beautiful. They set their camera to self-timer and take some group shots. Later, looking back at the pictures, they see something impossible.

Behind them, eyes wide, a small, drenched boy emerges from the water.

How did he get there; where is he now; and what does he want?

The girls thought they knew each other's darkest secrets, but one of them has been hiding something terrible. Consumed by grief, she's been waiting for the perfect moment to wreak her revenge...

**About the Author:** Elle Connell studied English at the University of St Andrews, and later Shakespearean Studies at Kings College London and Shakespeare's Globe. She has worked as a researcher for Al Jazeera television, a freelance writer while living in Spain, and later as the Cruise Coordinator for the National Trust for Scotland.



**Headline Accent**

**UK Pub:** October 2020

**UK Editor:** Clare Foss

**MS available Summer 2020**

**Rights sold in the series:**  
Russia (EKSMO)

## A DEATH IN HOSPITAL Caroline Dunford

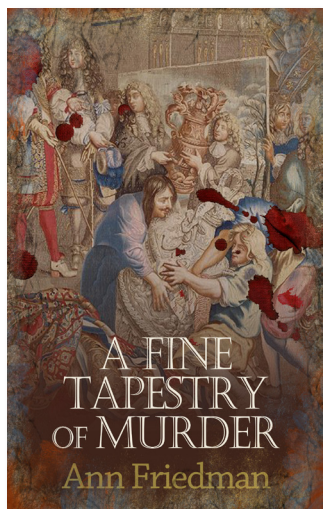
**Book 15 in The Euphemias Murder Mystery series**

After a crash course in nursing, Euphemias is sent off alone to act as a VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) at a Red Cross hospital. Merry accompanies her. Fitzroy wants her to uncover some information that he believes one of the patients from the front is concealing. However, both Merry and Euphemias become caught up in the lives of their patients and the efforts of the Red Cross to prolong life. Euphemias becomes inspired by their neutrality and willingness to help anyone. But then a series of mysterious deaths takes place. Rory arrives as a patient, badly injured. He and Euphemias finally make peace while solving the unexplained demises. Together they also uncover what Fitzroy needs to know, but decide it is an abuse of the principles of the Red Cross to forward the information to anyone. Instead Euphemias tells Fitzroy she has failed in her mission.

### About the Author:

Having previously worked as a journalist and then a psychotherapist, Caroline Dunford enjoyed many years helping other people shape their personal life stories before taking the plunge and writing her own stories. She has now published almost thirty books in varying genres, ranging from historical crime, to thrillers and romance, including her much-loved Euphemias mysteries and a new series set around WWII featuring Euphemias's perceptive daughter Hope Stapleford. Caroline also teaches creative writing courses part-time at the University of Edinburgh.





## A FINE TAPESTRY OF MURDER

### Ann Friedman

**A compelling historical murder mystery set amongst the artists in seventeenth-century Paris. For fans of C.J. Sansom and S.J. Parris.**

Paris, 1676. When a body washes up on the banks of the Bièvre river, a young woman finds herself embroiled in an intricate murder case.

At first it seems mere coincidence that the dead man was discovered outside the Royal Manufactory of the Gobelins, home to a community of artists and craftsmen. He was not one of them, after all. But Anne-Marie, a sculptor's wife, soon realises that the victim may well be known within the walls of the Gobelins - and that the killer might be amongst them.

With the police apparently disinterested, it is a mystery that is hers alone to solve. Anne-Marie's investigations will take her from the unsavoury slums of the Ile Notre-Dame to the grand ducal residences of the Place Royale. But who can she truly trust on the streets of Paris?

#### About the Author:

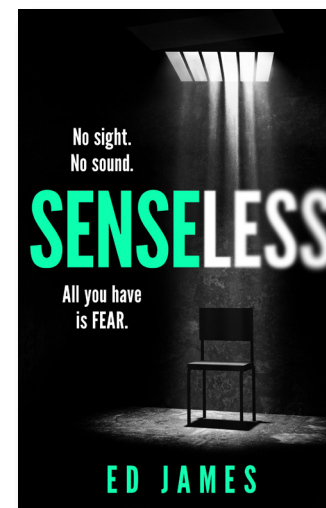
American museum curator, publicist and lecturer, Ann Friedman has published numerous articles on art and artists in various academic journals. Her first novel, *An Artist in her Own Right* was a semi-finalist on the 2008 Amazon.com Breakthrough Novel Contest. She lives in Kansas, in the USA.

#### Headline Accent

**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Frankie Edwards

**PDF available**



## SENSELESS

### Ed James

**A chilling and page-turning thriller that will grip fans of Chris Carter, M.J. Arlidge, Daniel Cole and Fiona Cummins.**

*THREE MISSING PEOPLE... ONE TWISTED PREDATOR.*

#### DAY ONE

Six weeks after vanishing, Sarah Langton is suddenly found - delirious and starved close to death. The police struggle to find any answers.

#### DAY TWO

When another missing person reappears, half-crazed and hysterical, a terrifying pattern emerges: a twisted predator is pushing his victims to insanity.

DS Corcoran, haunted by a previous case, and Dr Marie Palmer, a leading criminal psychiatrist, must try to establish a link between the survivors.

#### DAY THREE

As it becomes clear others are in grave danger, every second will be critical. But can Corcoran and Palmer unravel the deadliest of puzzles in time?

#### About the Author:

Ed James is the author of the bestselling DI Simon Fenchurch series and the self-published Detective Scott Cullen series. During his time in IT project management, Ed spent every moment he could pursuing his love for writing and has now traded in his IT project management hat in order to write full-time. He lives in East Lothian, Scotland.

#### Headline

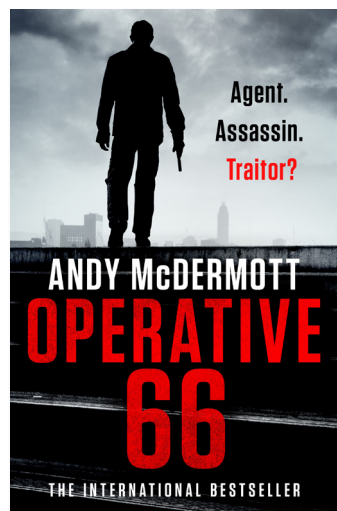
**UK Pub:** July 2020

**UK Editor:** Toby Jones

**PDF available / 400pp**

#### Rights sold:

Czech Republic (Euromedia)  
Germany (Blanvalet)  
Hungary (Publish and More)  
Italy (Newton Compton)  
Netherlands (HarperCollins)

**Headline****UK Pub:** July 2020**UK Editor:** Toby Jones**MS available**

## OPERATIVE 66

### Andy McDermott

A gripping, action-packed thriller about a deadly government assassin framed as a traitor - with the explosive action of Lee Child, David Baldacci, Gregg Hurwitz, Frank Gardner and James Swallow.

EVERY OPERATIVE KNOWS THE RULES. The mission comes first. You are a deniable asset. Betrayal is punished by death.

Alex Reeve is Operative 66. A former special ops soldier and one of the UK's deadliest weapons, he is part of the secretive SC9 - an elite security service with a remit to neutralise the country's most dangerous enemies.

But now Reeve is in the firing line. Accused of treason, Reeve is forced to flee as his team is instructed to eliminate the 'rogue asset' at any cost. Reeve must survive, alone and under the radar, with the full power of the state arrayed against him.

He doesn't know why he's a target. Or who betrayed him. But if one man has the skills necessary to uncover the truth...it is Operative 66.

From the international bestseller comes an explosive and action-packed new thriller - the perfect pulse-racing read.

**About the Author:**

Andy McDermott is the bestselling author of the Nina Wilde & Eddie Chase adventure thrillers, which have been sold in over 30 countries and 20 languages. His debut novel, *The Hunt for Atlantis*, was his first of several New York Times bestsellers. A former journalist and movie critic, Andy is now a full-time novelist. Born in Halifax, he lives in Bournemouth with his partner and son.

**Tinder Press****UK Pub:** July 2020**UK Editor:** Imogen Taylor**PDF available / 384pp**

## I SHOT THE DEVIL

### Ruth McIver

*'The press only got hold of a few photos...within a year, both boys would be dead.'*

A dark, twisty thriller of small town buried secrets for readers of *The Dry*, *The Girls* and *The Secret History*.

Twenty years ago, the devil visited the woods around Newport, Long Island, claiming the lives of two boys. A local youth was charged with murder. Case closed.

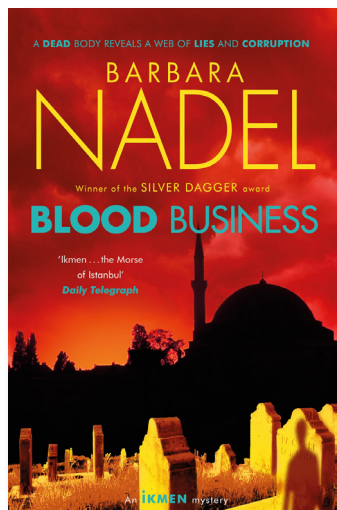
Now journalist Erin Sloane has been commissioned to dig deeper into the story and is sent notes from someone long forgotten. But can she trust what she unearths? And how can she unravel what happened when she has her own secrets to hide?

Rich with the sense of a community imploding, buried secrets, corruption and racism, *I Shot the Devil* is a stunning portrayal of teenage hysteria and sexuality.

***It was a game. But then it got real.***

**About the Author:**

Ruth McIver completed her PhD at Curtin University and is an ERC (Early Career Researcher) working in the arena of true crime inspired fiction. Ruth has written reviews, articles and interviews for *The Sunday Age*, *The Big Issue* and *Cordite*, and numerous other online and print forums. Her first fiction manuscript, *Nothing Gold*, was runner-up in the inaugural Banjo Awards (2018) and was one of seven novels selected to be pitched at Bloody Scotland Crime Festival (2014). Ruth's novel-in-verse, *The Sunset Club* (2014), is a DIY publication that was highly commended in the Anne Elder category by the FAW (Fellowship of Australian writers). *I Shot the Devil* won the 2018 Richell Prize. Ruth lives in Melbourne, Australia.



## BLOOD BUSINESS

Barbara Nadel

**Shocking secrets are revealed when a woman's body is exhumed... The gripping twenty-second mystery in the bestselling Ikmen series by Barbara Nadel, the Silver Dagger Award-winning author of *A Knife to the Heart* and *Incorruptible*.**

Brothers Ugur and Lokman Bulutare are locked in a bitter inheritance battle and need a sample of their mother's DNA to contest her Will. But when her body is exhumed, her corpse is found to be missing and a fresh body, with its heart removed, has been put in her grave. Assigned to the case, Inspector Mehmet Süleyman quickly realises that the heart has been illegally harvested, and his team has a murder inquiry on its hands.

Meanwhile, retired inspector Çetin Ikmen is tracking down a missing person: Seval Kalkan, a once-famous actress, who has joined an underground movement called the Moral Maze, whose mission is to help the destitute living on Istanbul's streets. The unidentified body in the grave cannot be Seval's, but her shocking reappearance leads Ikmen to fear that she, too, is a victim of organ harvesting...

Joining forces, Süleyman and Ikmen confront Istanbul's darkest underbelly to expose the horrifying truth of a city in crisis.

### About the Author:

Trained as an actress, Barbara Nadel used to work in mental health services. Born in the East End of London, she now writes full time and has been a visitor to Turkey for over twenty years. She received the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger for her novel *Deadly Web* and the Swedish Flintax Prize for historical crime fiction for her first Francis Hancock novel, *Last Rights*.

### Headline

**UK Pub:** May 2020

**UK Editor:** Clare Foss

**PDF available**



### Headline

**UK Pub:** November 2020

**UK Editor:** Katie Sunley

**MS available**

## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

C J Parsons

**A gripping emotional thriller about a child who goes missing, perfect for fans of Erin Kinsley and Jane Corry.**

**YOUR CHILD GOES MISSING. THEN A STRANGER BRINGS HER HOME...**

When four-year-old Sofia is taken from the park, her mother, Carrie, is beside herself with worry. Carrie has a condition which means she struggles to read facial expressions, so she is terrified she missed something that put her daughter in danger.

But just days later, Sofia is found unharmed. The police immediately suspect Josh, the man who found Sofia, but with no evidence against him they are forced to let him go without charges.

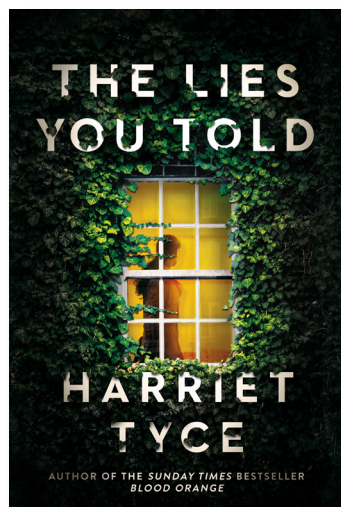
Josh is keen to make sure Sofia is safe and well and Carrie is charmed by his kindness. But with the identity of Sofia's abductor still unknown, how much should Carrie trust those who have offered their help?

Are they good Samaritans or has Carrie missed the warning signs?

**About the Author:** C J Parsons was born in Britain and grew up in Canada. She worked as a newspaper reporter at Canada's Globe and Mail before moving to Hong Kong, where she became a columnist at The South China Morning Post. In that role, she spear-headed the newspaper's Campaign on Open Justice, which led to a government inquiry, changed the legal system and won an Amnesty International award.

After returning to Britain, she moved into television news, working as a broadcast journalist for the BBC. She now works at CNN International. She lives in north London with her 11-year-old daughter.





**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** July 2020

**UK Editor:** Kate Stephenson

**MS available April 2020**

**Rights sold in previous title:**

Bulgaria (Ciela Norma)  
Croatia (24sata)  
Czech Republic (Euromedia)  
Denmark (Gyldendal)  
Estonia (Varrak Publishing)  
Finland (Otava)  
France (Robert Laffont)  
German (Heyne)  
Hungary (Publish and More)  
Alomgyar Kiado)  
Italy (Mondadori)  
Latvia (Zvaigzne)  
Norway (Gyldendal Norsk)  
Poland (Swiat Ksiazki)  
Portugal (2020)  
Serbia (Evro Book)  
Slovakia (Ikar), Slovenia (Učila)  
Spain (Penguin Random House)  
Sweden (Jentas)  
Taiwan (Eurasian)  
US (Grand Central)

## THE LIES YOU TOLD

Harriet Tyce

Shocking, dark, addictive - *Lies You Told* is the compulsive new psychological thriller from Harriet Tyce, author of *Blood Orange*. Perfect for fans of *Apple Tree Yard*, *Big Little Lies* and *Anatomy of a Scandal*.

Has she left her child in the care of a killer?

Sadie has moved back to London so her daughter can attend the exclusive school her domineering father has secured her a place at. It's highly sought-after and highly competitive - just like the other mothers, Sadie soon discovers.

While she's trying to get her daughter settled and navigate the fraught politics of the school gate, Sadie is also trying to reclaim a position in her old legal chambers - she used to practice as a criminal barrister. She's given the junior brief on a scandalous case involving a male teacher and his student. It's an opportunity to prove herself, but will she let a dangerous flirtation cloud her professional judgement? And will her sudden close friendship with another mother prevent her from seeing the truth - and the threat that she's inviting into her home?

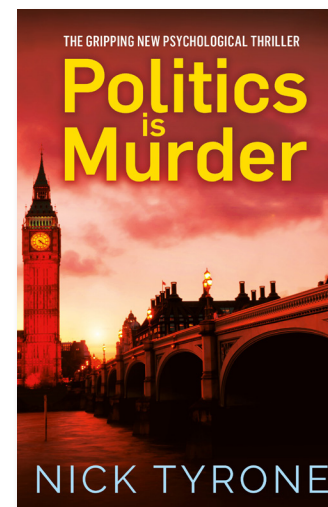
**Praise for *Blood Orange*:**

'A classy thriller with complex and compelling characters' **Clare Mackintosh**

'Complex and menacing, this is a very impressive debut' **Observer**

**About the Author:**

Harriet Tyce grew up in Edinburgh and studied English at Oxford University before doing a law conversion course at City University. She practised as a criminal barrister in London for nearly a decade, and recently completed an MA in Creative Writing - Crime Fiction. Her first novel, *Blood Orange*, published in 2019 to huge critical acclaim. *Lies You Told* publishes summer 2020.



**Headline Accent**

**UK Pub:** May 2020

**UK Editor:** Katie Sunley

**MS available**

## POLITICS IS MURDER

Nick Tyrone

A gripping political thriller set in the heart of Westminster for fans of James Patterson and Sam Bourne.

Charlotte Heard is one of few women in the male-dominated world of a Westminster think tank.

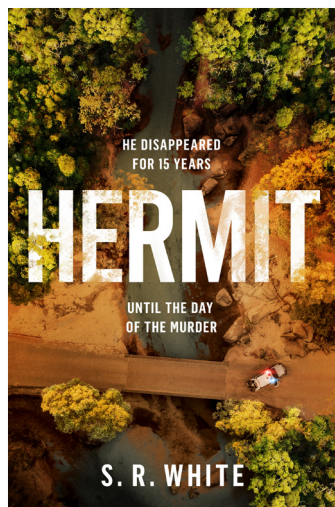
Passionate and resourceful, she has become a successful senior member of the team and a mentor to younger women in the organisation. But she is determined to fully realize her ambition and leave the think tank to become an MP.

Her dream seems within reach when she finds herself in the midst of a shocking murder investigation.

Can she uncover the truth or will it derail everything she has worked for?

**About the Author:**

Nick Tyrone is a writer and political commentator who has written for the New Statesman, Daily Telegraph, Independent and Daily Express. He has also appeared on BBC News, Good Morning Britain, Sky News, Al Jazeera and Intelligence Squared. In 2017, he wrote the book *Apocalypse Delayed: Why the Left is Still in Trouble* about the future of UK politics.

**Headline****UK Pub:** November 2020**UK Editor:** Toby Jones**PDF Available / 376pp****Rights sold:**  
Czech (Host)**HERMIT**  
**S. R. White**

**Riveting, atmospheric and unforgettably original, *Hermit* is perfect for fans of acclaimed crime authors like Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, Tana French and Susie Steiner.**

HE DISAPPEARED FOR 15 YEARS...SHE HAS 12 HOURS TO FIND OUT WHY.

After the puzzling death of a shopkeeper in rural Australia, troubled detective Dana Russo has just 12 hours to interrogate the prime suspect - a silent, inscrutable man found at the scene of the crime, who simply vanished 15 years earlier.

Where has he been? And just how dangerous is he? Without conclusive evidence linking him to the killing, Dana must race against time to persuade him to speak. But over a series of increasingly intense interviews, Dana is forced to confront her own past if she wants him to reveal the shocking truth.

Compulsive, atmospheric and stunningly accomplished, *Hermit* introduces a thrilling new voice in Australian crime fiction.

**About the Author:**

S R. White worked for a UK police force for twelve years, before returning to academic life and taking an MA in Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University, now living in Queensland, Australia.

**BELLADONNA**  
**Meg Clothier**

**A feminist literary epic in the vein of *The Binding* and *The Familiars* – a gripping pseudo-historical story with a magical twist, told in an elegant and elevated style**

In perilous times, one manuscript contains the seeds of rebellion.

Its secrets lie dormant until one woman brings them to light.

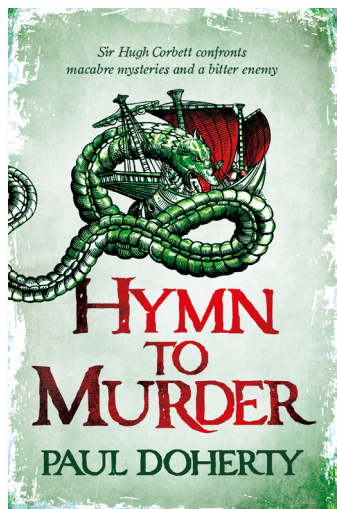
Sometimes a book can transform more than your mind.

Inspired by the Voynich manuscript, a renaissance era manuscript, which is beautifully illustrated, and is written in a language that has never been deciphered...

**About the Author:**

In her twenties, Meg studied Classics at Cambridge, sailed from England to Alaska, and worked as a journalist in London and Moscow. In her thirties, she published two historical novels, *The Girl King* and *The Empress*, ran a not-for-profit London park cafe, volunteered as a family-support visitor. Since turning forty, she and her brother have co-written *Sea Fever*, a maritime miscellany that pays tribute to a childhood spent cold, wet and scared on small boats.

**Wildfire****UK Pub:** April 2022**UK Editor:** Alex Clarke**MS available Autumn 2020**



### Headline

**UK Pub:** July 2020

**UK Editor:** Clare Foss

**MS available**

## HYMN TO MURDER

Paul Doherty

1312. The shadows around the English Crown grow ever darker in the twenty-first instalment of the much-loved Hugh Corbett series by Paul Doherty.

An enthralling medieval mystery not to be missed by fans of C. J. Sansom, E. M. Powell and Bernard Cornwell.

Secrets simmer in the lonely wasteland of Dartmoor.

Spring, 1312. At Malmaison Manor, Lord Simon is concealing a dark secret - one he arrogantly assumes will never catch up with him. But someone knows about the crime he committed and they've found a way to make him pay. And he's not alone. When he is found mysteriously slain, other deaths soon follow. Meanwhile, ships on the Devonshire coast are being deliberately wrecked, their crews slaughtered, their cargoes plundered.

Sir Hugh Corbett and Lord Simon are bound by the Secret Chancery and their search for one precious ruby - the Lacrima Christi. So, when Corbett learns of Lord Simon's death, he is once more dragged into a tangled web of lies and intrigue and it's not long before secrets of his own start to surface. As the Hymn to Murder reaches its crescendo, can Corbett confront his past and live to see another day?

### About the Author:

Paul Doherty was born in Middlesbrough. He studied History at Liverpool and Oxford Universities and obtained a doctorate for his thesis on Edward II and Queen Isabella. He is now headmaster of a school in north-east London and lives with his family in Essex.



### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** February 2021

**UK Editor:** Sherise Hobbs

**MS available**

### Rights Sold:

US (Grand Central)  
France (City Editions)  
Italy (Garzanti)  
Israel (Yedioth Books)  
Lithuania (Grup Media Litera)  
Netherlands (Meulenhoff-Boekerij)  
Norway (Vigmostad & Bjorke)  
Poland (Otwarte)  
Portugal (Planeta)  
Romania (Litera)  
Spain (Suma)  
Serbia (Vulkan)  
Sweden (Norstedts)

## WHILE PARIS SLEPT

Ruth Druart

A beautiful, powerful and unforgettable portrait of the brutality of war and the tenacity of love, in the tradition of *Early One Morning* by Virginia Bailey and M. L. Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans*

1953. Jean-Luc is a man on the run from his past. The scar on his face a small price to pay for surviving the horrors of Nazi occupation. Now, he has a new life in California, a family. He never expected the past to come knocking on his door.

Paris 1944. A young Jewish woman's past is torn away in a heartbeat. Herded on to a train bound for Auschwitz, in an act of desperation she entrusts her most precious possession to a stranger. All she has left now is hope.

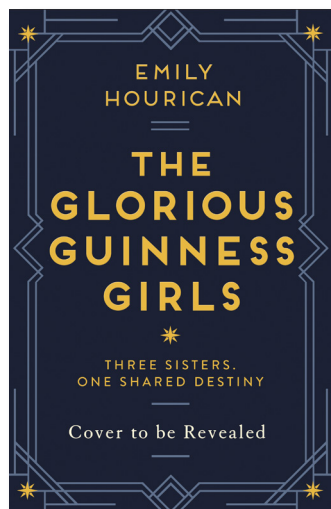
On a darkened platform two destinies become entangled. Their choice will change the future in ways neither could have imagined.

Beginning on an ordinary day and ending on an extraordinary one, *While Paris Slept* will move you and remind you of the remarkable wire of resilience threaded through the human soul.

### About the Author:

Ruth Druart grew up on the Isle of Wight, moving away at the age of eighteen to study psychology at Leicester University. She has lived in Paris since 1993, where she has followed a career in teaching. She has recently taken a sabbatical, so that she can follow her dream of writing full-time.





**Hachette Ireland**

**UK Pub:** September 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**MS available March 2020**

## THE GLORIOUS GUINNESS GIRLS

Emily Hourican

From London to Ireland in 1920s, a glorious, gripping, moving and richly textured novel which takes us to the heart of the remarkable real-life story of the Guinness Girls.

LOVE AFFAIRS, LIES, SCANDALS, SECRETS...

Aileen. Maureen. Oonagh. The private lives of the Glorious Guinness Girls fascinated a nation. But privilege always has its price...

Granddaughters of the first Earl of Iveagh, the three daughters of Ernest Guinness are glamorous society girls, the toast of Dublin and London. Darlings of the press, with not a care in the world.

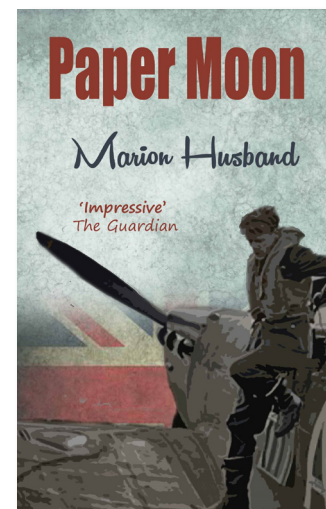
But what beautiful ruins lie behind the glass of their privileged worlds? The love affairs, the scandals, the tragedies, the secrets...

Inspired by fascinating real events and a remarkable true story, from the turmoil of Ireland's War of Independence to the brittle glamour of 1920s London, this dramatic, richly textured reading group novel takes us into the heart of a beautiful but often painful hidden world.

If you loved *Downton Abbey*, Julian Fellowes' *Belgravia*, Paula McLain's *The Paris Wife* or Therese Anne Fowler's *Z is for Zelda*, you will adore *The Glorious Guinness Girls*.

### About the Author:

Emily Hourican is a journalist and author. She has written features for the Sunday Independent for fifteen years, as well as Image magazine, Conde Nast Traveler and Woman and Home. She was also editor of The Dubliner Magazine. Emily's first book, a memoir titled *How To (Really) Be A Mother* was published in 2013. She is also the author of novels *The Privileged*, *White Villa*, *The Outsider* and *The Blamed*. She lives in Dublin with her family.



**Headline Accent**

**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Sherise Hobbs

**MS available**

## PAPER MOON

Marion Husband

The third book in the heartwarming and heart-breaking *The Boy I Love* series

In 1938, Bobby Harris moves to London where he's picked up by Jason Hargreaves, a society photographer, and poses with Nina Tate who soon becomes his lover. When the Second World War breaks, Bobby joins the RAF as a fighter pilot.

Nina marries a Canadian pilot who is killed in 1940, just before the birth of their child, Joan. Bobby takes care of Nina and Joan but in 1944 Joan dies and Bobby is shot down, suffering terrible burns to his hands and face. Bobby hides away in Thorp, his relationship with Nina destroyed. In Thorp, Bobby falls for Jane, an unhappily married schoolteacher. In London, Nina meets poet, Mick Morgan, and his son, Hugh. Hugh and Nina begin a love affair.

Through Nina, Hugh and Bobby become rivals, a rivalry that is complicated by Mick and the mysterious figure that returns to England to confront Bobby with the truth about his past.

### About the Author:

Marion Husband is a compassionate and compelling writer exploring the complexities of human nature with great empathy. Her poetry, short stories, and novels have won prizes, including the best-selling *The Boy I Love* series which was awarded the Andrea Badenoch Fiction Award and The Blackwell Prize. She has an MA in Creative Writing and has taught creative writing for many years for the Open University and has lectured on Creative Writing MA courses in Newcastle and Teesside Universities. Marion is married with two grown up children and lives in Norton in the Tees Valley.



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**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Faith Stoddard

**MS available**

## A TAINTED MARRIAGE

**Julie Roberts**

The third wonderfully plotted Regency Romance novel in Julie Roberts' unmissable Regency Marriage Laws series.

Will the memory of his first wife destroy their marriage?

Ten years after his wife's death, Alexander Kilbraith, Earl of Rossmore falls in love with the beautiful Grace Matthews and sweeps her into a whirlwind marriage.

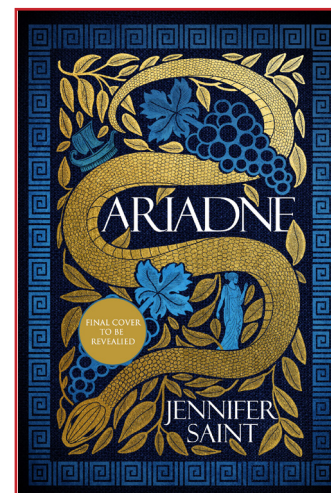
Honeymooning at Solitaire House in Dorset, Grace is perplexed and hurt when Alex consigns her to her own bedchamber and doesn't come near. Urgent business recalls Alex to London. Now alone at Solitaire, Grace meets Hugo Olsen, a Norwegian sea captain. Against social propriety, a friendship develops between them.

Geoffrey, Alex's brother, has become accustomed to the idea that he will be the next earl. With his wife and four children living at his country estate, he lives an extravagant lifestyle and supports a mistress in London. Alex's marriage and the prospect of a heir threatens to change all of this. In desperation, with creditors turning against him, Geoffrey decides Grace must disappear . . .

### About the Author:

Julie Roberts has been writing since she was fifteen years old, spending hours filling pages with adventures in wild jungles, ancient castles, Cornish smugglers' coves, capturing foreign spies and out-witting aliens from space.

Now, she writes Romantic Historical novels set in the Georgian/Regency era. She is also a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association, and at their Golden Anniversary Conference, was thrilled to achieve third place in the Elizabeth Goudge annual writing award.



**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** May 2021

**UK Editor:** Kate Stephenson

**MS available**

### Rights sold:

US (Flatiron Books)  
Czech Republic (BEta)  
Germany (Ullstein)  
Italy (Sonzogno)  
Netherlands (Orlando)  
Spain (Umbriel)

## ARIADNE

**Jennifer Saint**

In one of the most famous Greek myths, Ariadne betrayed her father, King Minos, to help Theseus defeat the Minotaur. But Theseus in turn betrayed her. This is her story.

A mesmerising retelling of the ancient Greek myth, perfect for fans of *Circe*, *A Song of Achilles* and *The Silence of the Girls*.

As Princesses of Crete and daughters of the fear-some King Minos, Ariadne and her sister Phaedra grow up hearing the hoofbeats and bellows of the Minotaur echo from the Labyrinth beneath the palace. The Minotaur - Minos's greatest shame and Ariadne's brother - demands blood every year.

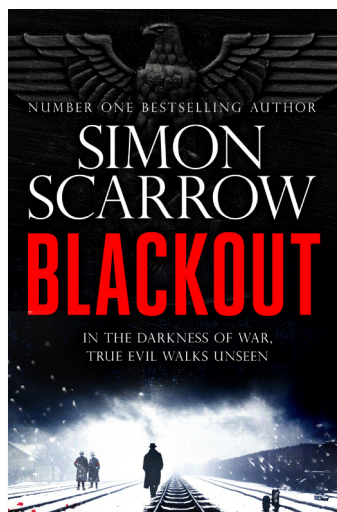
When Theseus, Prince of Athens, arrives in Crete as a sacrifice to the beast, Ariadne falls in love with him. But helping Theseus kill the monster means betraying her family and country, and Ariadne knows only too well that in a world ruled by mercurial gods - drawing their attention can cost you everything.

In a world where women are nothing more than the pawns of powerful men, will Ariadne's decision to betray Crete for Theseus ensure her happy ending? Or will she find herself sacrificed for her lover's ambition?

*Ariadne* gives a voice to the forgotten women of one of the most famous Greek myths, and speaks to their strength in the face of angry, petulant Gods. Beautifully written and completely immersive, this is an exceptional debut novel.

### About the Author:

Due to a lifelong fascination with Ancient Greek mythology, Jennifer Saint read Classical Studies at King's College, London. She spent the next 13 years as an English teacher, sharing a love of literature and creative writing with her students. *Ariadne* is her first novel.



### Headline

**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Marion Donaldson

**MS available March 2020**

## BLACKOUT Simon Scarrow

**Berlin 1939. War has begun. Winter has blanketed the city in snow and ice. A serial killer is at work... The thrilling new novel of murder and betrayal from the bestselling author Simon Scarrow**

As Germany goes to war, the Nazis tighten their terrifying grip. Paranoia in the capital is intensified by a rigidly enforced blackout that plunges the city into oppressive darkness every night, as the bleak winter sun sets.

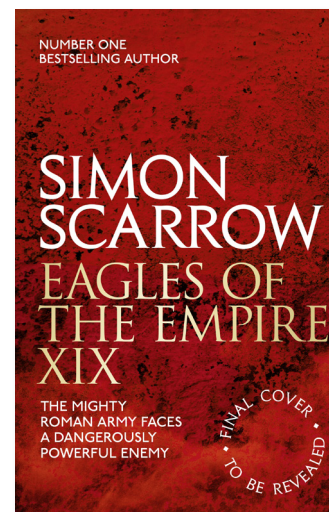
When a young woman is found brutally murdered, Criminal Inspector Horst Schenke is under immense pressure to solve the case, swiftly. Treated with suspicion by his superiors for his failure to joining the Nazi Party, Schenke walks a perilous line - for disloyalty is a death sentence.

The discovery of a second victim confirms Schenke's worst fears. He must uncover the truth before evil strikes again.

As the investigation takes him closer to the sinister heart of the regime, Schenke realises there is danger everywhere - and the warring factions of the Reich can be as deadly as a killer stalking the streets . . .

### About the Author:

Simon Scarrow is a Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author. His many successful books include his Eagles of the Empire novels featuring Roman soldiers Macro and Cato.



### Headline

**UK Pub:** November 2020

**UK Editor:** Marion Donaldson

**MS available August 2020**

### Rights Sold in Previous Titles:

Czech Republic (BB/Art)  
Germany (Heyne)  
Hungary (Gold Book)  
Italy (Newton Compton)  
Poland (Wydawnictwo Ksiaznica)  
Portugal (Saida de Emergencia)  
Russia (Eksmo)  
Slovenia (Učila)  
Spain (EDHASA)  
Sweden (Historiska Media)

## EAGLES OF THE EMPIRE #19 Simon Scarrow

**The thrilling new Macro and Cato Roman army drama from the Sunday Times bestselling author of the Eagles of the Empire series, Simon Scarrow.**

Tribune Cato and Centurion Macro, hardened veterans of the Roman army, have faced the Empire's enemies from Britannia to Parthia, from Hispania to Judea. Now once again they are on a mission that will imperil their lives and those of all who serve with them. Loyal to the last to their comrades in battle, fearless in the face of the most brutal or barbaric opponents, they are the finest men the Emperor can call on in the service of Rome.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW SIMON SCARROW, YOU DON'T KNOW ROME!

### About the Author:

Simon Scarrow's novels regularly appear on the Sunday Times bestseller hit, and have hit the top spot. Simon's books include the Eagles of the Empire novels featuring Roman soldiers Macro and Cato, most recently *Traitors of Rome*, *The Blood of Rome* and *Day of the Caesars*, as well as *Hearts of Stone*, set in Greece during the Second World War, *Sword and Scimitar*, about the 1565 Siege of Malta, and a quartet about Wellington and Napoleon. He is the author with Lee Francis of the thriller *Playing With Death* and with T. J. Andrews of the bestselling novels *Pirata*, *Arena* and *Invader*.





### Headline Review

**UK Pub:** March 2020

**UK Editor:** Sherise Hobbs

**PDF available / 432pp**

### Rights sold:

Czech Republic (Euromedia)  
Germany (Aufbau)  
Hungary (Publish and More)  
Italy (Newton Compton)  
Norway (Cappelen Damm)

## THE CHILD ON PLATFORM ONE

Gill Thompson

Inspired by the extraordinary true events of the Kindertransport, which rescued Jewish children from Nazi Germany, a heartrending novel about two mothers and the little girl whose life they save.

TO SAVE HER CHILD, A MOTHER MUST MAKE AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE.

Inspired by the children who escaped the Holocaust. Perfect for readers of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris and *My Name is Eva* by Suzanne Goldring.

Prague 1939. Young mother Eva has a secret from her past. When the Nazis invade, Eva knows the only way to keep her daughter Miriam safe is to send her away - even if it means never seeing her again.

But when Eva is taken to a concentration camp, her secret is at risk of being exposed.

In London, Pamela volunteers to help find places for the Jewish children arrived from Europe. Befriending one unclaimed little girl, Pamela brings her home.

Then when her son enlists in the RAF, Pamela realises how easily her own world could come crashing down...

### About the Author:

Gill Thompson is an English lecturer who completed an MA in Creative Writing at Chichester University. Her debut novel, *The Oceans Between Us*, was a No. 1 digital bestseller and has been highly acclaimed. She lives with her family in West Sussex and teaches English to college students.



## THE CUCKOO

Leo Carew

Leo Carew's much-lauded *Under the Northern Sky* trilogy draws to its spellbinding conclusion in a tale of sacrifice, courage, and a battle to end them all...

Though apparently victorious in their battle for primacy over the Sutherners, the Anakim find themselves unable to celebrate. The young Black Lord, Roper Kynortasson, is dealing with the aftermath of a great betrayal that has seen the death of one of his greatest fighters; and the dark influence of the Kryptea is spreading like cancer through his people, threatening to destroy everything he has fought for.

And when he discovers that the young upstart Bellamus and his exiled queen Aramilla are raising a powerful army to reclaim their lands once and for all, Roper realises he is holding on to his victory, and his life, by a thread - and that thread is very close to snapping...

### About the Author:

Leo Carew is a Cambridge graduate of Biological Anthropology, currently studying medicine at Barts and the London Medical School. Apart from writing, his real passion is exploration, which led him to spend a year living in a tent in the High Arctic, where he trained and worked as an Arctic guide. *The Cuckoo*, the second book in his *Under the Northern Sky* trilogy, publishes in spring 2021.

### Wildfire

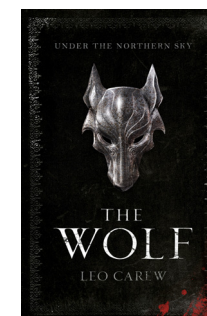
**UK Pub:** February 2021

**UK Editor:** Ella Gordon

**MS available Summer 2020**

### Rights Sold in series:

US (Little Brown)  
France (JC Lattes)  
Germany (Goldmann)  
Russia (EKSMO)  
Serbia (Vulkan)



**Headline****UK Pub:** April 2020**UK Editor:** Frankie Edwards**PDF Available / 512pp****Rights sold in series:**

France (HC Editions)  
 Germany (Penhaligon)  
 Hungary (Medin24)  
 Italy (Corbaccio)  
 Japan (Hayakawa)  
 Sweden (Lind)

## PLAN FOR THE WORST (St Mary's 11)

### Jodi Taylor

The eleventh book in the bestselling *Chronicles of St Mary's* series. If you love Jasper Fforde, Ben Aaronovitch or Doctor Who, you won't be able to resist Jodi Taylor.

*I would have trusted this man with my life. Until a couple of days ago, anyway.*

You know what they say – hope for the best, but plan for the worst.

Max is quite accustomed to everything going wrong. She's St Mary's, after all – disaster is her default state. Not. A. Problem.

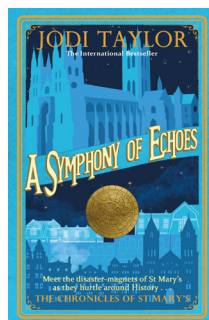
And then, after one fateful night at the Tower of London in 1483, everything she thought she knew for sure comes crashing down around her.

Too late for plans. The worst has happened. And who can Max trust now?

### THE CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S SERIES

The St Mary's Series follows a group of tea-soaked, special forces-trained historian disaster magnets as they hurtle their way around History, experiencing it in real-time.

Headline acquired the series from Accent Press and it has so-far sold over 900,000 copies and garnered thousands of 5\* reviews on Amazon and fans around the world.

**Headline****UK Pub:** October 2020**UK Editor:** Frankie Edwards**MS available Summer 2020**

## HARD TIME (Time Police 2)

### Jodi Taylor

Team Weird are back causing havoc in the Time Police in this irresistible spin-off series by international bestseller Jodi Taylor, author of *The Chronicles of St Mary's*.

**If you love Doctor Who, Ben Aaronovitch and Jasper Fforde, you'll love the Time Police.**

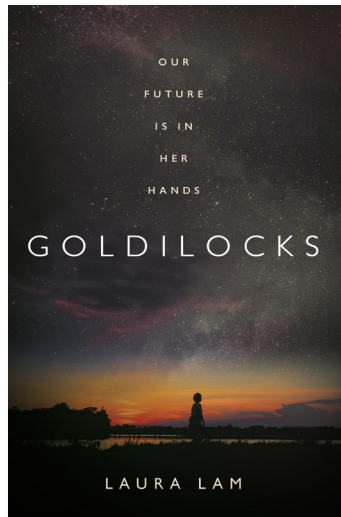
A time slip in Versailles, problems in the Ice Age and illegal time travellers in need of rescue. Must be a job for the Time Police.

Luke, Jane and Matthew are back and ready to cause havoc - inadvertently or otherwise - in their latest adventures.

**About the Author:**

Jodi Taylor is the author of the bestselling *Chronicles of St Mary's* series, the story of a bunch of disaster-prone historians who investigate major historical events in contemporary time. Do NOT call it time travel!

Born in Bristol and educated in Gloucester (facts both cities vigorously deny), she spent many years with her head somewhere else, much to the dismay of family, teachers and employers, before finally deciding to put all that daydreaming to good use and pick up a pen. She still has no idea what she wants to do when she grows up.



**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** April 2020

**UK Editor:** Ella Gordon

**PDF available / 352pp**

**Rights sold:**

US (Orbit)  
Germany (Droemer Knauer)  
Hungary (Alexandra)  
Turkey (Cinar)

### **GOLDILOCKS**

**Laura Lam**

**A high-powered high-concept feminist dystopian thriller, that fans of *The Power* and *The Martian* will love**

Ravaged by environmental disaster, greed and oppression, our planet is in crisis. The future of humanity hangs in the balance - and one woman can tip it over.

Despite increasing restrictions on the freedoms of women on Earth, Valerie Black is spearheading the first all-female mission to a planet in the Goldilocks Zone, where conditions are just right for human habitation.

It's humanity's last hope for survival, and Naomi, Valerie's surrogate daughter and second-in-command, has been waiting her whole life for an opportunity like this - to step out of Valerie's shadow and really make a difference.

But when things start going wrong on the ship, Naomi starts to suspect that someone on board is concealing a terrible secret - and realises time for life on Earth may be running out faster than they feared . . .

This is *Station Eleven* meets *The Martian* - a bold and thought-provoking new high-concept thriller

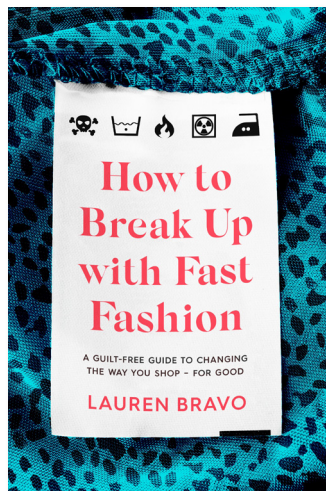
#### **About the Author:**

Laura Lam is the author of several science fiction books, including Radio 2 Book Club selection *False Hearts*. Originally from California, she now lives in Scotland with her husband, and currently teaches Creative Writing at Edinburgh Napier University.

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**Headline Home**

**UK Pub:** January 2020

**UK Editor:** Anna Steadman

**PDF Available / 304pp**

## HOW TO BREAK UP WITH FAST FASHION Lauren Bravo

**A fun and practical guide to changing the way you shop**

You probably know the statistics: global clothing production has roughly doubled in just 15 years, and every year an estimated 300,000 tonnes of used clothing ends up in UK landfill.

Fast fashion is the ultimate toxic relationship. It's bad news for the planet, our brains and our bank balances. We can't go on like this; our shopping habits need an overhaul.

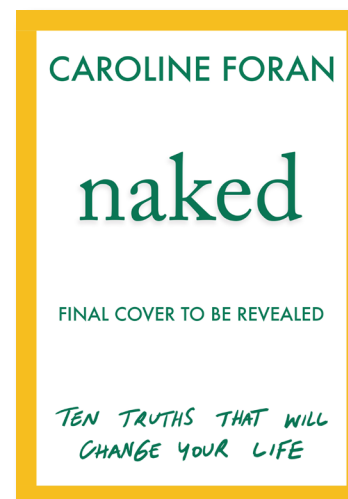
Journalist Lauren Bravo loves clothes more than anything, but she's called time on her affair with fast fashion in search of a slower, saner way of dressing. In this book, she'll help you do the same.

*How To Break Up With Fast Fashion* will help you to change your mindset, fall back in love with your wardrobe and embrace more sustainable ways of shopping - from the clothes swap to the charity shop. Full of refreshing honesty and realistic advice, Lauren will inspire you to repair, recycle and give your unloved items a new lease of life without sacrificing your style.

Because fashion belongs to everyone, but no outfit should cost us the earth.

### About the Author:

Lauren Bravo is a freelance journalist who writes about fashion, popular culture, food, travel and feminism, for places like *Grazia*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Stylist*, *easyJet Traveller*, *Time Out*, the *Telegraph* and the *Guardian*. Her first book, *What Would The Spice Girls Do?* was published by Transworld in 2018. In 2019, Lauren went on a year-long fast fashion ban. She volunteers in a charity shop once a week (to get first dibs on all the best clothes). She is on Twitter and Instagram as @laurenbravo.



## NAKED: TEN TRUTHS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE Caroline Foran

In her new book, *Naked: Ten Truths to Change Your Life*, Caroline Foran is back with her no-frills, bullsh\*t-free style to show us how some of our ingrained thoughts and beliefs prevent us from fulfilling our potential and shows us how changing the way we think will help change our lives.

### About the Author:

Caroline Foran is a bestselling author, journalist and podcaster working in Dublin. She also runs her own digital publishing venture, GAFFInteriors.ie. She is the author of *Owning It* and *The Confidence Kit*, both Irish bestsellers.

**Hachette Ireland**

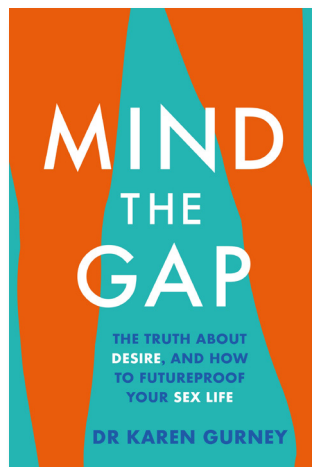
**UK Pub:** May 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**MS available**

### Rights sold in *The Confidence Kit*:

US (The Experiment)  
France (Marabout)  
Germany (Trias)  
Russia (Alpina)



## MIND THE GAP

### Dr. Karen Gurney

**A book that turns everything you thought you knew about female sexuality on its head, with practical advice on how to bulletproof your sex life**

Did you know that there is an orgasm gap of around 30% between heterosexual couples when they have sex?

In *Mind The Gap*, Dr Karen Gurney, a clinical psychologist and certified psychosexologist, explores not just this gap, but the gaps in our knowledge of so much of the most important new science around sex and desire.

In this book, you will learn that nearly everything that you've been led to believe about female sexuality isn't actually true. And that, despite what you might think, it is possible to simultaneously feel little to no spontaneous desire and have a happy and mutually satisfying sex life long term.

Exploring the mismatch between ideas about sex in our society and what the science tells us, *Mind The Gap* also explains how this disconnect lies at the root of many of our sexual problems.

Combining science with case studies, practical exercises and tips, this is a book for anyone who wants to better understand the mechanics of desire and futureproof their sex life, for life.

**About the Author:** Dr Karen Gurney is a highly specialised clinical psychologist and certified psychosexologist, and is a recognised national expert in the theory and practice of therapy around all aspects of sexual wellbeing and function. She is currently Lead Psychosexual Therapist at 56 Dean Street (Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), as well as Director of The Havelock Clinic, an independent sexual problems service based on Harley Street.

**Headline Home**

**UK Pub:** March 2020

**UK Editor:** Anna Steadman

**PDF Available / 336pp**

**Rights sold:**

China (Beijing Time)  
Russia (EKSMO)



## THE SKIN NERD 2

### Jennifer Rock

**Following on from the bestselling The Skin Nerd: Your Straight-talking guide to feeding, protecting and respecting your skin, comes the new best-seller from expert Jennifer Rock, aka The Skin Nerd.**

From debunking 'beauty' myths, to learning to love the skin you have, to psychodermatology which examines the link between the mind and the skin and mental health, to skin routines for busy lives and how to become smarter at understanding skin care ingredients, this book is the next step to understanding and taking control of your life-long journey with your skin.

### About the Author:

Jennifer Rock is an award-winning skin lecturer and a multi-award winning dermal facialist and aesthetician. She is the founder of The Skin Nerd online skin consultancy and the Cleanse Off Mitt makeup removal tool. She has lectured alongside world-renowned dermatologists such as Dr. Marc Ronert of IMAGE Skincare and Dr. Ahmar Khan, the co-creator of the London Harley Street Medical Hospital.

Jennifer realised her passion for skin health when she was brought for her first facial by her mother at the tender age of thirteen. After years of working as a skin therapist, lecturing worldwide and being the brand ambassador for multiple cosmetic skincare brands, she became The Skin Nerd, using social media to get skininformation out there, sometimes through the medium of song.

Nowadays, you'll find her standing at the helm of The Skin Nerd HQ, on television, in the pages of well-known publications and speaking on the radio. Her end goal is to put as many people as possible on the road to skin health.

**Hachette Ireland**

**UK Pub:** September 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**MS available May 2020**

**Rights sold in previous title:**  
China (CITIC)



## UNDER THE OLIVE TREE: Recipes from my Greek Kitchen Irini Tzortzoglou

Debut cookbook of family recipes from the 2019 winner of MasterChef.

*Under the Olive Tree* is a stunning and user-friendly collection of delicious Greek family recipes from Irini Tzortzoglou, the reigning champion of MasterChef UK. Including accessible, everyday dishes for the home cook, as well as an entertaining section full of Irini's tips and tricks for when you have a little more time or want to impress your guests.

Not only is Irini a fabulous cook, but she is a great teacher who cannot wait to show readers the dishes of her beloved homeland. With over 80 recipes, from breakfasts to quick dinners via salads full of sunshine, and on to feasting for Christmas, Easter and dinner parties, this cookbook is Irini's celebration of Greece.

'These recipes represent me as a cook and diner in that I like to experiment a little in putting flavours together, mixing classic combinations with my own touches.'

Recipes include:

- \* Chickpea and cumin fritters with a lemon and coriander yoghurt dip
- \* Cured salmon with star anise, yoghurt and ouzo cream, cucumber and fennel salad
- \* Aubergine filled with bulgar, sultanas, sundried tomatoes and pine nuts

### About the Author:

Irini Tzortzoglou was born on the Greek island of Crete, but has lived in the UK for forty years. Her home is in Cartmel in Cumbria, with her husband, John. She studied at Kingston University, is a re-tired banker and a grandmother. In 2019, Irini won MasterChef in the first all-female final seen on the show.

### Headline Home

**UK Pub:** July 2020

**UK Editor:** Lindsey Evans

**Sample spreads available  
Spring 2020**



## WHAT MAKES US HUMAN? Jeremy Vine & Phil Jones

Exploring the meaning of life through one question, a series of famous names and influential thinkers all answer the question: *What Makes Us Human?*

The result is a dazzling insight into what gives meaning to our life and to us as a species: from Professor Brian Cox on the particles of dust that make us, to Caitlin Moran on the joy of Friday nights, and Richard Dawkins on humanity's innate curiosity. We all want to understand our place in the universe, whether from a religious, scientific or everyday perspective, and this illuminating book presents over 100 fascinating different perspectives.

Originally broadcast as a popular feature on the Jeremy Vine Show, this archive of short essays includes philosophers, historians, authors, politicians, comedians and TV celebrities. Amongst the many well-known names are Andrew Marr, Prof Brian Cox, David Starkey, Justin Welby, Marian Keyes, Richard Dawkins, and Stephen Fry.

### About the Authors:

Jeremy Vine presents a weekday show on Radio 2, radio's most popular news programme. He also presents *Jeremy Vine on Channel 5*, a daily current affairs show, and fronts *Eggheads*, one of the longest running quiz shows in British TV history. He lives in Chiswick.

### Headline

**UK Pub:** August 2021

**UK Editor:** Fiona Crosby

**Partial available.**





**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** TBC

**UK Editor:** Alex Clarke

**Proposal available.**

## THE PERSIANS Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones

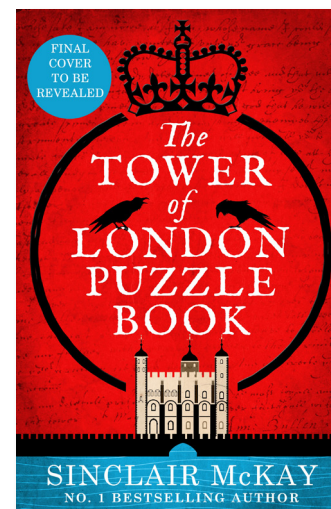
An authoritative overview of the history of the Persian Empire – told in an accessible and lively style, with an emphasis on crafting the history from original sources rather than the post-Roman Empire revisionist history that has prevailed.

The Great Kings of Persia ruled over the largest Empire of antiquity, stretching from Libya to the Steppes of Asia and from Ethiopia to Pakistan. At the heart of the Empire, in modern-day Iran, was the fabled palace-city of Persepolis where the Achaemenid monarchs held court in unparalleled grandeur. From here, Cyrus the Great, Darius, Xerxes, and their heirs passed laws, raised armies and received tribute as the earthly regents of the gods. But the Achaemenids were one of the great dysfunctional families in history. Brothers fought brothers for succession rights, wives and concubines plotted to promote their sons to the purple, and eunuchs and courtiers manipulated their way to the Great Kings' ears. The Persians is a saga of unrivalled power, ambition, betrayal, revenge, and murder – I, Claudius in an exotic Middle Eastern setting.

Professor Llewellyn-Jones unearths the magnificent splendour of ancient Persia, exploring its conquests and the extraordinary harmony it promoted throughout the Empire, together with the dramatic conflicts that tore the Persian royal family apart. In *The Persians*, a long-vanished world of warfare, ceremony and ritual, of the hunt and the feast, of palaces and tents, of magi and wise men, and of concubines and castrati, is vividly brought to life.

### About the Author:

Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones is Professor of Ancient History at Cardiff University. He is one of the world's foremost experts on Persian history, and has written extensively on ancient Iran, the Near East, and ancient Greece. *The Persians* will be his first full-length narrative history book for the trade.



**Headline**

**UK Pub:** May 2020

**UK Editor:** Katie Packer

**MS available**

### Rights sold in previous titles:

US (Hachette Books)  
China (Beijing White Horse)

## THE TOWER OF LONDON PUZZLE BOOK Sinclair McKay

Take a deep dive into the incredible history of the Tower of London and crack conundrums inspired by the incredible events that still haunt the Tower's walls to this day.

The newest puzzle book from the bestselling author of *Bletchley Park Brainteasers*...

The Tower of London is one of the world's most famous landmarks, with its iconic Beefeaters guarding the gates, Crown Jewels that remain securely within and ravens that flock to its walls. It holds a rich history of invasion, intrigue and murder that has captured imaginations for decades.

From the Norman Conquest to the Reformation and through the break with Rome; from the murder of a King to the execution of numerous queens; from exotic animals held captive, to Nazi spies in the 1940s, the Tower of London has seen a parade of pageantry, political violence and passionate revolution that is shocking and ultimately, fascinating.

Now it's time to use your smarts to take on brilliant brainteasers and incredible conundrums inspired by the Tower of London's greatest events. From logic games involving daring attempts on the Crown Jewels to decoding messages smuggled around the Tower by its famous prisoners, to finally discovering what happened to the princes murdered in their sleep, this book will be a maze of additively brilliant challenges that will take you through the most secret and sacred recesses of this extraordinary London citadel.

### About the Author:

Sinclair McKay is the author of the Sunday Times bestseller *Bletchley Park Brainteasers* as well as the bestselling *Secret Life of Bletchley Park*. He writes for the Spectator and the Telegraph and spends much of his life eyebrow-deep in dusty archives!



Hachette are delighted to announce the next phase of their global publishing programme for books based on the biggest game in the World – Fortnite.

Fortnite has gone from strength to strength – now with over 200 million registered players globally, and over 80 million monthly players. Fortnite has seen another year of incredible changes, starting with a huge asteroid blowing up the map to mark the launch of Chapter 2! The new chapter brings ever-more creative game modes, player outfits and add-ons keep the millions of Fortnite fans hungry for more.

Meanwhile, the Hachette publishing programme has already seen huge success in 2018-19, with over 100,000 Official Fortnite 2019 Calendars sold in the UK in just six weeks, and over 350,000 items of stationery printed globally in the run up to the festive season.

Internationally, major foreign rights deals have already been signed in 9 languages: **French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Russian, Swedish, Ukrainian and Japanese...** with more to follow.



## FORTNITE: ULTIMATE LOCKER

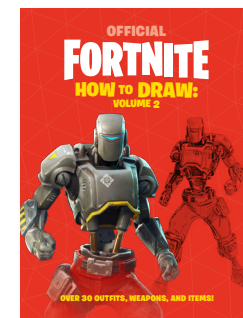
UK Pub: May 2020

The complete Visual Encyclopedia - A comprehensive, catalogue-style guide to all the weapons/outfits/items available in Fortnite, modelled on the successful Pokemon Essential Handbook.

## FORTNITE: HOW TO DRAW VOLUME 2

UK Pub: June 2020

An easy, step-by-step guide to enable YOU to draw Fortnite's most iconic Outfits, weapons, accessories, and more



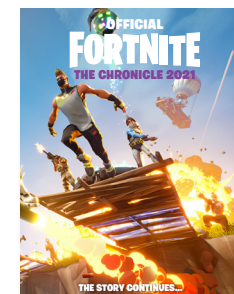
## FORTNITE: 2021 CALENDAR

UK Pub: July 2020

## FORTNITE: CHRONICLE 2021

UK Pub: August 2020

All the craziest highlights from Fortnite's latest seasons in the brand-new official annual.



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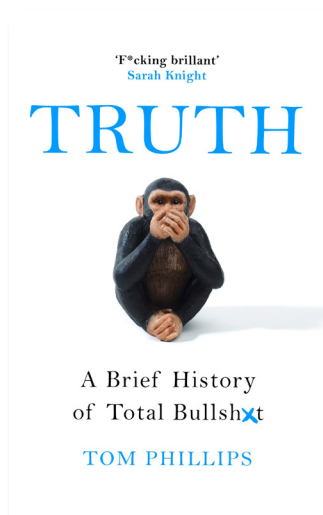
UK Pub: October 2020

All the Latest Looks from Battle Royale!

## THE ART OF FORTNITE

UK Pub: October 2020

The Complete Visual History of Battle Royale!

**Wildfire****UK Pub:** September 2019**UK Editor:** Ella Gordon**PDF Available / 304pp****Rights Sold:**

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## TRUTH: A Brief History of Total Bullsh\*t

### Tom Phillips

**A hilarious journey through the most bizarre and brilliant lies told by humans through the ages, from the author of *HUMANS: A Brief History of How We F\*cked It All Up***

This is a book about TRUTH - and all the ingenious ways, throughout history, that we've managed to avoid it.

We live in a 'post-truth' age, we're told. The US has a president who openly lies on a daily basis (or who doesn't even know what's true, and doesn't care). The internet has turned our everyday lives into a misinformation battleground. People don't trust experts any more.

But was there ever really a golden age of truth-telling? As the editor of the UK's leading independent fact-checker, Tom Phillips deals with complete bollocks every day. Here, he tells the hilarious story of how we humans have spent history lying to each other - and ourselves - and asks an important question: how can humanity move towards a truthier future?

**About the Author:**

Tom Phillips is the editor of Full Fact, Britain's leading independent fact-checking organisation. Previously he was the editorial director of BuzzFeed UK, where he divided his time between very serious reporting on important issues... and making jokes.

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## HOT MESS

### Dr. Matt Winning

**A hilarious guide to saving the planet.**

We are currently facing a global Climate Emergency. I'm sure you've noticed. But why does the end of the world need to be depressing? This book *Hot Mess* aims to both lighten the mood and enlighten readers on climate change.

"It's getting hot in here. So relocate your homes," as Nelly once sang. The planet is warming faster than at any other time in human history. The causes are man-made and the irreversible impacts will change all our lives and the future of humanity forever.

Everyone wants to know why it's happening and what they can do to save the world. However, climate change is a bit like doing your tax return - complicated, terrifying, insurmountable, and, if we're quite honest, rather boring. Therefore, many ordinary people (quite rightly) simply zone out or watch another episode of Great British Bake Off. So how can we solve it? Cakes! Sorry I got distracted.

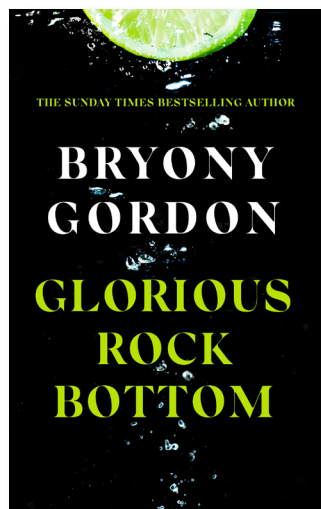
*Hot Mess* engages readers on the biggest issue of our time in a humorous and accessible manner with simple and often stupid analogies and solutions that are grounded in real science. In the book, Dr Matt Winning lists the most common questions he gets asked about climate change and answers them in a bitesize, comedic way with just the right amount of nerdiness.

But most importantly the readers will find climate change funny, and if we can do that, well, we can do bloody anything.

**About the Author:**

Dr Matt Winning is a stand-up comedian with a PhD in climate change policy and an environmental researcher at University College London in the Institute for Sustainable Resources. He regularly publishes academic papers and gives public lectures on tackling climate change. Matt has written and performed three critically acclaimed stand-up shows about climate change at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and has taken these to many science & comedy festivals and on tour.



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## GLORIOUS ROCK BOTTOM

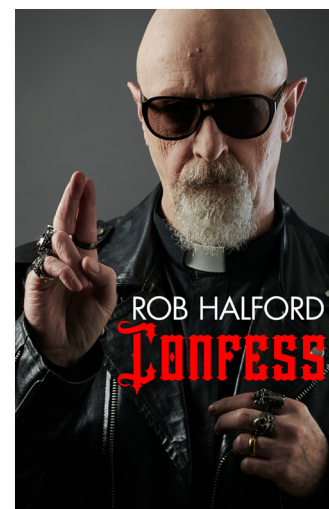
### Bryony Gordon

Bryony Gordon is a respected journalist, a number-one bestselling author and an award-winning mental health campaigner. She is also an alcoholic. This is a sobriety memoir like no other.

In *Glorious Rock Bottom* Bryony opens up about a toxic twenty-year relationship with alcohol and drugs and explains exactly why hitting rock bottom - for her, a traumatic event and the abrupt realisation that she was putting herself in danger, time and again - saved her life. Known for her trademark honesty, Bryony re-lives the darkest and most terrifying moments of her addiction, never shying away from the fact that alcoholism robs you of your ability to focus on your family, your work, your health, your children, yourself. And then, a chink of light as the hard work begins - rehab; AA meetings; endless, tedious, painful self-reflection - a rollercoaster ride through self-acceptance, friendship, love and hope, to a joy and pride in staying sober that her younger self could never have imagined.

Shining a light on the deep connection between addiction and mental health issues, *Glorious Rock Bottom* is in turn, shocking, brutal, dark, funny, hopeful and uplifting. It is a sobriety memoir like no other.

**About the Author:** Bryony Gordon has become one of The Telegraph's best-loved writers. She is the author of the bestselling *The Wrong Knickers* plus The Sunday Times Number One bestsellers *You Got This* and *Mad Girl* which was nominated for a British Book Award. She is the presenter of the *Mad World* podcast and in 2016 she founded Mental Health Mates, now a global peer support network which encourages people with mental health issues to connect and get out of the house. In 2017 she won the MIND Making A Difference Award for her work in changing the perception of mental health in the media. She lives in South London with her husband and daughter, and their two guinea pigs.

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## CONFESS

### Rob Halford with Ian Gittins

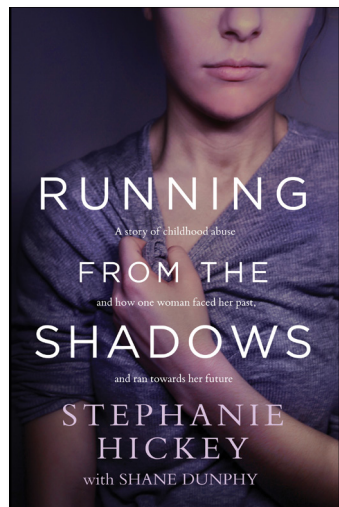
The full, frank and shocking autobiography of Judas Priest's Metal God. Rob Halford is the legendary frontman of Judas Priest, one of the most successful heavy metal bands of all time.

Known as 'The Metal God' by his devoted, global fan base, Rob Halford has always subverted the norm, and *Confess* will offer readers a compelling and honest look at the struggles he has faced with addiction and his sexuality as well as exploring his music and his many brushes with controversy.

There have been few vocalists in the history of heavy metal whose singing style has been as influential and instantly recognizable as Halford's. *Confess*, published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Judas Priest - and described by Halford himself as 'exciting, fun, disturbing and terrifying' - will celebrate five decades of the guts and glory of rock-n-roll.

**About the Author:**

*Confess* is written with Ian Gittins, co-writer of the New York Times bestseller, *The Heroin Diaries* by Nikki Sixx.



**Hachette Ireland**

**UK Pub:** February 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**PDF Available / 320pp**

## **RUNNING FROM THE SHADOWS** **Stephanie Hickey**

**A powerful true story of abuse and survival and how one woman found a way back to herself.**

In *Running from the Shadows* Stephanie Hickey tells, in her own words, how she survived abuse at the hands of a trusted family member and of how running, a simple physical activity helped her achieve mindfulness, but also to rediscover love and faith in her body - to reclaim it.

Charting her life growing up in the rolling countryside of Waterford in the safety of her beloved family to the moment her childhood was shattered, to the court case where she waived her anonymity, to how she was able to reclaim a sense of herself through the sport which became like a therapy, *Running from the Shadows* is told with humour, strength and incredible courage -- a book that reveals how, even when things seem at their bleakest, a run through the Irish countryside, can bring you back into the light.

### **About the Author:**

Stephanie Hickey lives in County Waterford with her partner of sixteen years. She has four children and runs most days in the valleys of the townlands where she grew up. She ran a half-marathon six months after taking up running and she has never looked back.



### **Headline**

**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Fiona Crosby

**MS available April 2020.**

## **BAILEY: MY REASON TO LIVE** **Andy Hutchins**

**Bailey is the heartwarming tale of how a street dog and a homeless man saved each other from the streets and found a reason to live.**

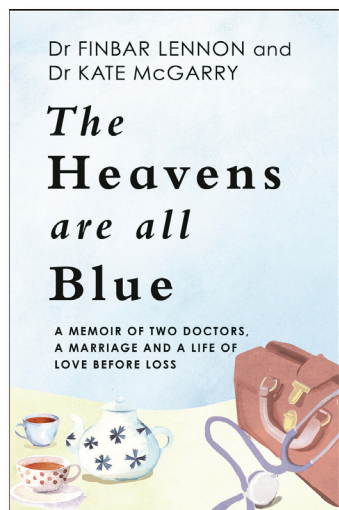
*'He saves my life every day. I wake up, I think of drugs, but I walk my dog and ten minutes later my mindset's changed.'*

Bailey is the heart warming tale of Andy Hutchins, a former drug addict and homeless man, and his life-saving relationship with his dog, Bailey. After twenty years of living on the streets, addiction and being in and out of prison, Andy bought Bailey on the street as a four-week-old puppy, still blind, on the day in late 2011 when he left prison for the last time.

From this puppy Andy learned long forgotten life lessons, about giving and receiving love, responsibility, trust and companionship. Bailey transformed his life and continues to do so. With their story, they raise awareness about the realities of being homeless as well as how a small gesture of kindness can change someone's life for the better.

### **About the Author:**

Andy Hutchins is amazed and grateful to have reached the grand old age of 50. Unwanted at home, he was raised in a Hells Angels clubhouse. Twenty years of homelessness, drug addiction and crime followed but somehow failed to claim him. At his lowest point, he met a helpless 4-week-old puppy and named him Bailey. From this puppy Andy learned long forgotten life lessons, about giving and receiving love, responsibility, trust and companionship. Bailey transformed his life and continues to do so. Andy now has a home and is free from the grip of addiction. The scarf-wearing, bag-carrying Bailey is a well-known and loved member of his local London community.



**Hachette Ireland**

**UK Pub:** April 2020

**UK Editor:** Ciara Doorley

**PDF Available / 288pp**

#### About the Authors:

Dr Finbar Lennon is a medical graduate of UCD. He trained in Dublin, London and Edmonton. He was appointed a consultant general surgeon in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda in 1982. Since his retirement in 2012 he teaches undergraduate medical students in the Mater Hospital in Dublin. He was recently appointed an Associate Professor in Clinical Surgery in UCD.

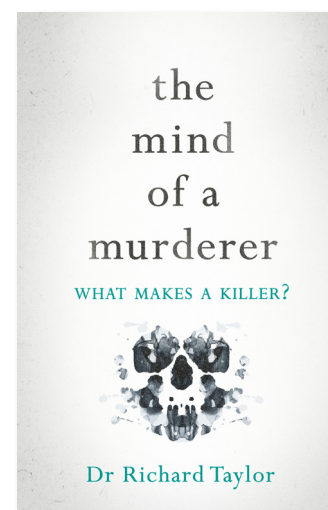
Dr Kate McGarry was an honours medical graduate of UCD after winning an entrance scholarship to UCD, going on to win the Bellingham Gold Medal in clinical medicine in St. Vincent's Hospital, where she did her early postgraduate training. Her later training took place in the Hammersmith and Great Ormond Street hospitals in London, and the clinical pharmacology department in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Kate was a Fellow on the Royal College of Physicians for twenty-five years and she was also President of the Irish Heart Foundation. In October 2019, The Royal College of Physicians in Ireland honoured Kate with a prestigious new award, the Dr Kate McGarry Prize, which will be awarded annually to doctors in training.

### THE HEAVENS ARE ALL BLUE Dr Finbar Lennon & Dr Kate McGarry

**The stunning heart-warming memoir about two doctors, a husband and wife, coming to terms with a devastating diagnosis.**

When Dr Kate McGarry was diagnosed with an advanced cancer of unknown origin she resolved to write a book to chart her experience: as a woman coming to terms with such devastating news and what this meant to her as a wife and a mother but also, crucially, how she experienced cancer and its treatment as a doctor, who had become a patient.

As Kate adjusted to living with cancer and underwent treatment, she enlisted the help of her husband, fellow doctor, Finbar to help her write the book but then she sadly passed away on the 5 January 2018. With no writing experience, and wrestling with his own heartache, Finbar set about finishing their story. The result is a touchingly beautiful memoir about love, grief and togetherness.



**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** January 2021

**UK Editor:** Ella Gordon

**MS available March**

### THE MIND OF A MURDERER Dr. Richard Taylor

**A gripping and eye-opening insight into life as a forensic psychiatrist, from one of the most experienced doctors in the field.**

*'Whodunnit' doesn't matter so much, not to a forensic psychiatrist. We're more interested in the 'why'.*

In his 26 years in the field, Richard Taylor has worked on well over a hundred murder cases, with victims and perpetrators from all walks of life. In this fascinating memoir, Taylor draws on some of the most tragic, horrific and illuminating of these cases - as well as dark secrets from his own family's past - to explore some of the questions he grapples with:

*Why do people kill? Does committing a monstrous act make someone a monster? Could any of us, in the wrong circumstances, become a killer?*

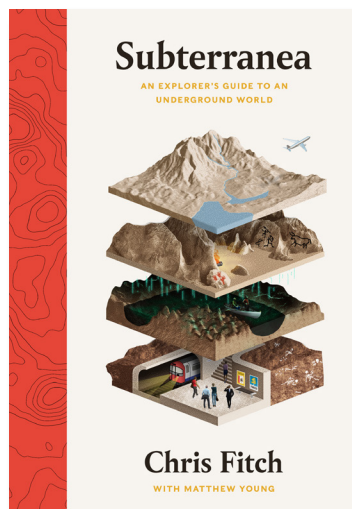
As Taylor helps us understand what lies inside the minds of his patients, using their own words to tell their stories, he presents us with the most important challenge of all: how can we find common humanity, even in the darkest of human deeds - and why it is so vital that we try?

*The Mind of a Murderer* is a fascinating exploration into the psyche of killers, as well as a unique insight into the life and mind of the doctor who treats them. For fans of *Unnatural Causes*, *The Examined Life* and *All That Remains*.

#### About the Author:

Richard Taylor trained as a doctor at University College London. He completed post-graduate training at the Bethlem and Maudsley hospitals and then took up a post as a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist. Since then he has gained extensive experience working on cases involving all types of crime. He works both as an expert witness and as a treating forensic psychiatrist on all types of crime.





## SUBTERRANEA

**Chris Fitch** with Matthew Young

**A lavish, gorgeously-illustrated look at the strange worlds below the surface of our planet.**

**If you were to peel back the Earth's surface like an orange, then take a sly peek underneath, what extraordinary things would you see?**

*Subterranea* is where the world's remaining mysteries are yet to be found. For millennia, across nations and cultures, it has been a hotbed of fantastical stories. It's where humans have kept their most sacred treasures and their darkest secrets. It's where we have found evidence of our past and may, at some point, find an escape route for our uncertain future. But what would we find there today?

From the underground cities of Cappadocia to smuggling tunnels on the US-Mexico border, caves full of tiny blind dragons and a seed vault located 1300km inside the Arctic circle, *Subterranea* demonstrates that the world below our feet is every bit as vivid and evocative as the world we see around us. Lavishly illustrated and replete with maps and photographs of little-explored locations, *Subterranea* is the unique, untold and utterly unforgettable story of our planet from the inside.

### About the Author:

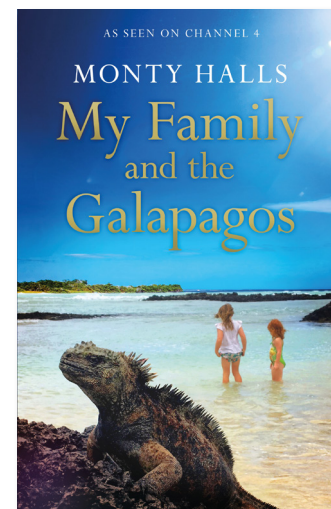
Chris Fitch is a writer, geographer, and storyteller based in New Zealand. He is a senior staff writer for *Geographical*, the magazine of the Royal Geographical Society, which has seen him travel from Greece to Australia, from Kenya to the Galápagos Islands, uncovering stories about wildernesses, culture, conservation, and more. Previously he lived in the Solomon Islands, South Korea, and Taiwan. His debut book, *Atlas of Untamed Places* was nominated for a 2018 Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award. His second book, *Globalography*, was published in November 2018.

**Wildfire**

**UK Pub:** August 2020

**UK Editor:** Lindsay Davies

**Sample spreads available**



## MY FAMILY AND THE GALAPAGOS

**Monty Halls**

The Galapagos Islands have captured hearts and captivated imaginations for centuries. Such is their ecological importance that in 1978 the archipelago was declared the first ever World Heritage Site, a testament to our collective desire to preserve the magic and diversity that inspired Darwin. Monty Halls first visited the islands almost twenty years ago and his immediate fascination with their wild beauty would go on to shape the rest of his life.

As an explorer, marine biologist, ex-Royal Marine and now President of the Galapagos Conservation Trust, Monty is a passionate advocate for those fighting to save the Galapagos. In 2017, he and his dedicated research team - his wife, Tam, and their two young daughters, Molly and Isla - moved to Santa Cruz to experience just what life is like in the world's most spectacular tourist destination. As weeks turned into months, the Halls family were in turn spellbound by the beauty of the islands and heartbroken by the devastation that humans are inflicting upon them. One stint there was never going to be enough, and just two years later they found themselves heading back, this time staying on one of the remotest and most challenging islands, diving into the culture of the Galapagos and the desperately needed conservation work taking place there.

Written with warmth, humour, and authority, *My Family and the Galapagos* follows Monty and his family as they navigate life on the most important archipelago on the planet and strive to preserve it for generations to come.

### About the Author:

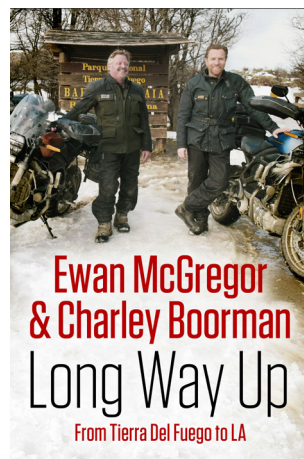
Monty Halls is a writer, broadcaster, speaker, naturalist, former Royal Marine, marine biologist and the President of the Galapagos Conservation Trust. His experience covers two decades of leading teams in some of the most remote environments on earth and presenting numerous wildlife documentaries.

**Headline**

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**UK Editor:** Sarah Emsley

**PDF Available / 336pp**



### Headline

**UK Pub:** September 2020

**UK Editor:** Sarah Emsley

**Material available March 2020**

Following the global success of their previous books, *Long Way Round* and *Long Way Down*, Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman are back together again, partnering this time with Apple+ TV, for a three-month, 13,000-mile adventure across the physical landscape of South America, and through the deep emotional territory of a unique friendship. Older and wiser, and riding electric Harley Davidsons for the very first time, they have embarked on a once-in-a lifetime trip from the southernmost tip of South America, Tierra del Fuego, through the incredible landscapes of Bolivia and Peru and bustling Mexican towns, all the way up to the City of Angels.

*Long Way Up* is a page-turning, frank and highly entertaining travel book about two men riding round the world together and, against all the odds, living their dreams. It's also about two friends who drifted apart and found each other again, each one newly appreciating the profound value that a deep long-term friendship can bring. Here, with their trademark humour and honesty they tell their story - the drama, the dangers and the sheer exhilaration of riding together again, through a trip filled with jeopardy, magic and wonder.

### About the authors:

**Ewan McGregor OBE** is one of Britain's most successful movie actors, well known for taking on challenging and inspirational roles. McGregor's numerous film successes include, *Shallow Grave*, *Trainspotting*, *Moulin Rouge* and the *Star Wars* prequels. He is also a keen motorbike rider and adventurer.

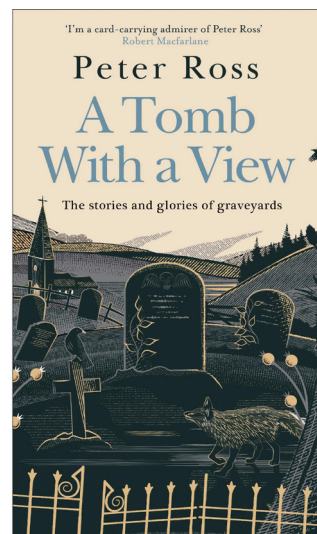
**Charley Boorman** is a modern-day adventurer, travel writer and entertainer. He met Ewan on the set of *The Serpent's Kiss* (1997), and since then has presented numerous adventure documentaries including the hit prequels to *Long Way Up*: *Long Way Round* and *Long Way Down*.

## LONG WAY UP Ewan McGregor & Charley Boorman

*Long Way Up* sees Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman reunited for the trip of a lifetime, for fans of *Long Way Round* and *Long Way Down*, or any motorbike adventure enthusiast.

"It's not just about our love of motorcycling and meeting people and embracing cultures. It's also about who we are as people and how important true friendship is to both of us".

Following the global success of their previous books, *Long Way Round* and *Long Way Down*, Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman are back together again, partnering this time with Apple+ TV, for a three-month, 13,000-mile adventure across the physical landscape of South America, and through the deep emotional territory of a unique friendship. Older and wiser, and riding electric Harley Davidsons for the very first time, they have embarked on a once-in-a lifetime trip from



### Headline

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**UK Editor:** Richard Roper

**Partial available.**

## A TOMB WITH A VIEW Peter Ross

Orwell Prize-nominated journalist Peter Ross uncovers the stories and glories of graveyards.

For readers of *The Salt Path*, *Mudlarking*, *Ghostland*, Kathleen Jamie and Robert MacFarlane.

Enter a grave new world of fascination and delight as award-winning journalist Peter Ross uncovers the stories and glories of graveyards. Who are London's outcast dead and why is David Bowie their guardian angel? How did a thousand skulls come to be stacked beneath a church in Kent? Why is the music hall star who sang 'I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' buried on a hillside in Glasgow far from the sound of the silvery sea?

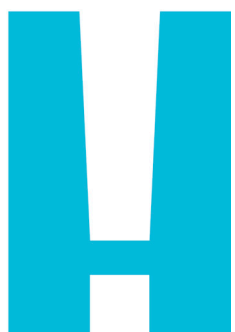
All of these sorrowful mysteries - and many more - are answered in *A Tomb With A View*, a book for anyone who has ever wandered through a field of crooked headstones and wondered about the lives and deaths of those who lie beneath.

So push open the rusting gate, push back the ivy, and take a look inside...lives and deaths of those who lie beneath.

### About the Author:

Peter Ross is an award-winning journalist based in Glasgow. An eight-times winner at the Scottish Press Awards and shortlisted for the Orwell journalism prize, he is a regular contributor to the *Guardian* and *The Times*. His *Boston Review* story on reading Orwell in the age of Trump was named as a Notable Essay in *The Best American Essays 2018*, edited by Hilton Als.

He is the author of the non-fiction collections *Daundlerlust* and *The Passion Of Harry Bingo*, published by Sandstone Press. The latter was shortlisted as non-fiction book of the year at the Saltire



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