

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

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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:

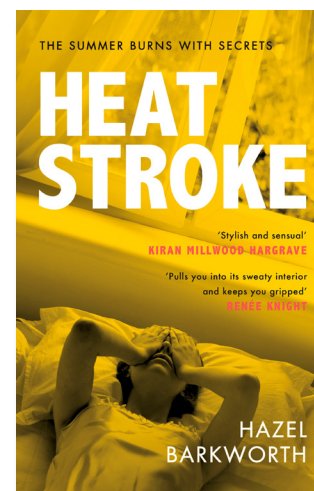
Bolu Babalola is a London-based writer, and lover of love. In 2016, she was shortlisted in 4thEstate's B4ME competition for her short story 'Netflix & Chill', a hilarious teen romance. Whilst writing scripts for TV and film, she also works as a TV and Culture columnist for Dazed, where she calls herself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



Tinder Press

UK Pub: January 2021

UK Editor: Leah Woodburn

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.



Headline Review

UK Pub: September 2021

UK Editor: Eleanor Dryden

MS available June 2020

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*.

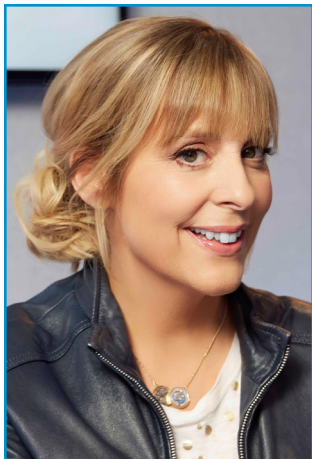
It's never too late to start your life's big adventure ...

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: April 2021

UK Editor: Sherise Hobbs

MS available July 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*.



Wildfire

UK Pub: May 2021

UK Editor: Kate Stephenson

MS available Summer 2020

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'.



Headline Review

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UK Editor: Jess Whitlum-Cooper

MS available March 2020

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.



Headline Review

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UK Editor: Sherise Hobbs

MS available Summer 2020

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.



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*.

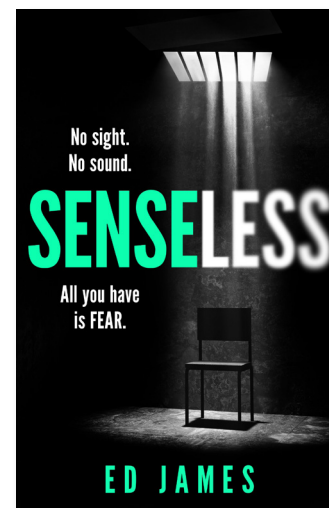
Seven friends gather at a castle in the Scottish Borders. One last girls' weekend before Georgina's wedding. Near the castle, through a path in the woods, is a loch. After a few bottles of Prosecco, the girls head down to the water to take photos. The loch is wild, lonely, and stunningly beautiful. They 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.



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.

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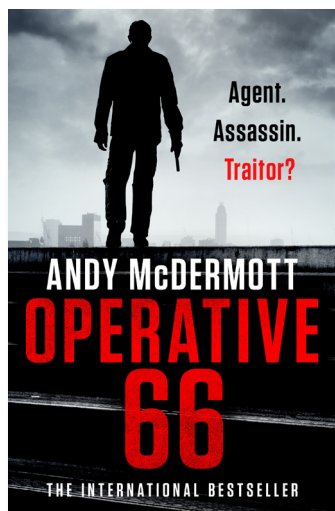
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**Headline****UK Pub:** July 2020**UK Editor:** Toby Jones**MS available**

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.

**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.

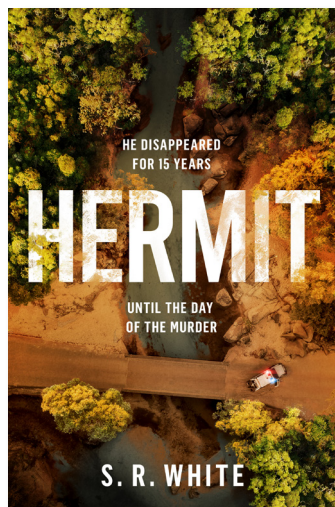
But just days later, Sofia is found unharmed. The police immediately suspect Josh, the man who found Sofia, but with no evidence against him they are forced to let him go without charges.

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.

**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.

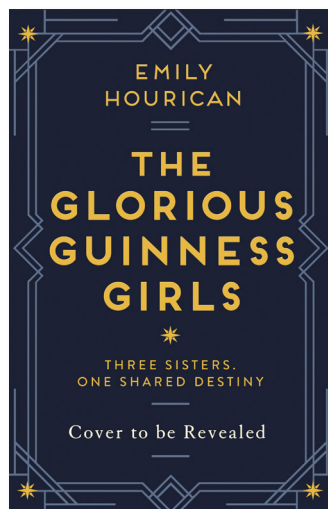
Sometimes a book can transform more than your mind.

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 2020**UK Editor:** Alex Clarke**MS available Autumn 2020**



Hachette Ireland

UK Pub: September 2020

UK Editor: Ciara Doorley

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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.

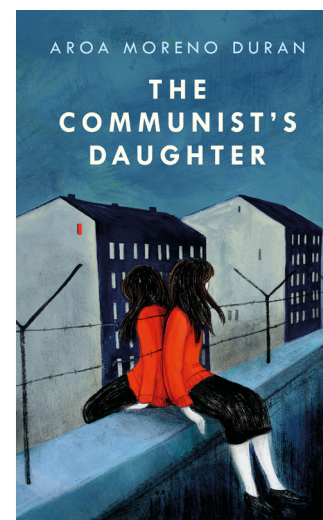
But what beautiful ruins lie behind the glass of their privileged worlds? The love affairs, the scandals, the tragedies, the secrets...

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.



Tinder Press

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THE COMMUNIST'S DAUGHTER Aroa Moreno Duran

A stunning Spanish novel, depicting the tragedy of twentieth century Europe through one family's story of betrayal.

For fans of *All the Light We Cannot See* and *The Lives of Others*.

Katia has spent her childhood in the eastern shadow of the Berlin Wall. For her father, refugee of the civil war in Spain, the communist side of Germany represents everything he fought and suffered for. Katia knows no other way of life, until a chance encounter with a young man from the West leaves her to wonder what the other side might offer. It's only after she's made the perilous journey that Katia understands all she has left behind, and years until she will finally know the devastating consequences it had on her family.

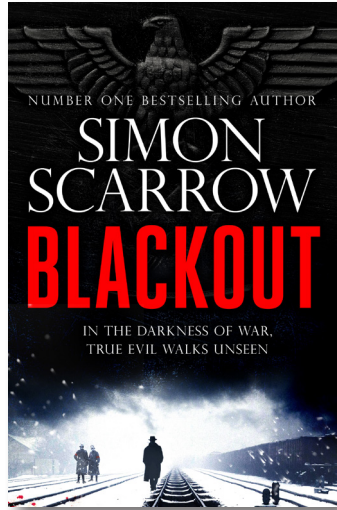
Translated for the first time in English, this exquisite and powerful novel punches right to the heart of how one choice can change a whole future.

'A fascinating story of personal and political uprootedness. . . written with the delicacy that touches the reader's heart' **Manuel Vilas**

Winner of the Premio Ojo Crítico

About the Author:

Aroa Moreno Durán is the author of the critically acclaimed debut novel *The Communist's Daughter*, winner of the Premio Ojo Crítico for Best Fiction of the Year. She studied journalism in Madrid, has a Masters in Publishing, and a Masters degree in Radio and TV. She is the author of two poetry collections, and author of two biographies on Frida Kahlo and Federico García Lorca. She has taught journalism workshops in Mexico and now writes for Infolibre, La Marea and other media.



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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 . . .

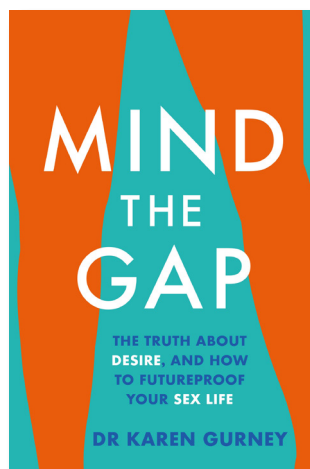
About the Author:

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.

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NON-FICTION



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.

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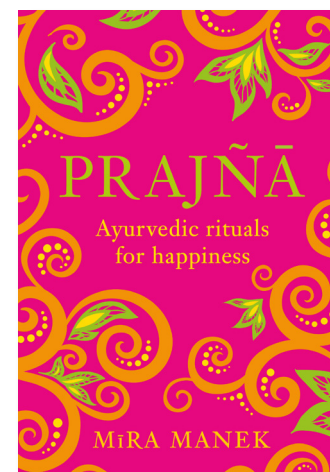
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PRAJÑĀ: Ayurvedic Rituals for Happiness Mira Manek

Beautifully simple age-old rituals for modern-day living that will enhance your wellbeing and bring you happiness.

Prajña is the Sanskrit word for wisdom, and this book brings the ancient wisdom of Ayurveda into your life by guiding you through easy to follow practices for every day and every occasion. Rituals are a way of getting back to yourself and making space for what is really important.

The rituals in this book offer inspiration from the moment you wake up and need the energy and positive mindset to help you start the morning, to night-time practices that allow you to wind down, relax and get the most benefit from the healing power of sleep.

Ayurveda is one of the world's oldest healing systems, rooted in the principle of a mind-body-spirit connection that is more relevant than ever to our busy modern lives. This book extracts the essence of this Indian philosophy and provides a wealth of timeless rituals, from breathing exercises to recipes, to effect positive change in your life.

About the Author:

Mira Manek was born and raised in London, where she grew up in a family strongly rooted in its Indian heritage. She grew up speaking Gujarati and learned Sanskrit at school. This, in conjunction with attending Ram Kathas (nine-day spiritual events) from a young age all over India, inspired Mira's passion for Indian philosophy and spirituality, and Ayurveda in particular. Her first book, *Saffron Soul*, is a cookbook inspired by the vegetarian food of the Gujarat region. Mira runs a café at Triyoga Soho, Chai by Mira, and hosts events and retreats around the UK and the rest of the world.

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BARBAROSSA Stewart Binns

Drawing on remarkable and never-before-seen material, the extraordinary story of one of the most horrific and devastating encounters of the Second World War.

Sunday June 22nd 1941: 6 million Nazi troops marched on Moscow, with a brutal scorched-earth tactic that saw millions of Soviet citizens massacred. A level of brutality only paralleled after the Soviet's triumphed at Stalingrad, and took mindless revenge as they marched back into Berlin.

Operation Barbarossa is infamous as one of history's darkest moments. Here, Stewart Binns draws on Russian archives to paint a uniquely intimate picture of the war, human conflict and misery from the Soviet perspective.

The Bloodiest War in History is rendered in panoramic detail matching details about tactical manoeuvres with harrowing personal stories and extraordinary accounts of civilian hardship and bravery.

About the Author:

Stewart Binns began his professional life as an academic. He passed selection for the SAS in 1980 and served for three years before settling into a career as a schoolteacher, specialising in English and history. Later in life he began a successful career in television. He has won a BAFTA, a Grierson, an RTS and a Peabody for his documentaries. Stewart has written two highly acclaimed historical series.



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SUBTERRANEA Chris Fitch with Matthew Young

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

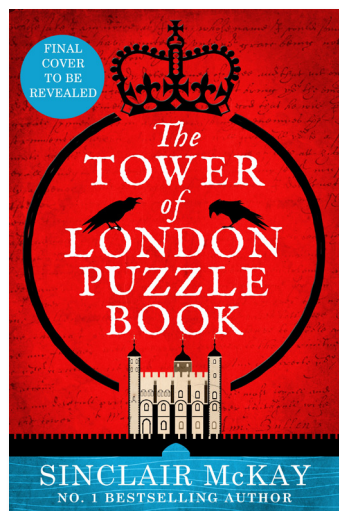
If you were to peel back the Earth's surface like an orange, then take a sly peek underneath, what extraordinary things would you see?

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.

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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!



WILL THIS HOUSE LAST FOREVER?

Xanthi Barker

A deft and honest examination of a complex father/daughter relationship, writing and a multi-faceted grief, from a fresh and remarkably assured voice.

Appealing to fans of Deborah Levy's *Hot Milk* and Max Porter's *Grief is the Thing With Feathers*.

A daughter's love letter to a father with whom she had a complicated relationship – a celebrated and charismatic poet, his children and wives had to make do with only scraps of his time and attention, which makes the process of coming to terms with his death even harder for her to bear.

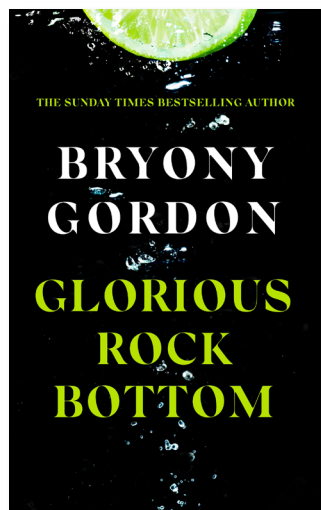
In her mid-20s, Xanthi's eccentric poet father Sebastian Barker died. His absence felt familiar, the loss was not quite new. When Xanthi was a baby, her father left the family to pursue poetry and a new relationship. Her life was then punctuated by brilliant and brutal moments where he'd come and go, and Xanthi would do all she could to capture his shifting interests. After his death, she can write what she wants, hold all the contradictory parts of her father in her gaze and meet it with her own.

Written in three different timelines, *Will This House Last Forever* tells the story of Xanthi and Sebastian's relationship, his short illness and death, and the unreality she experienced after he died. It's a deeply moving story, one that captures the unexpected hugeness of everyday moments as Xanthi tries to work out how to mourn the loss of her father, his love and the love he never gave.

About the Author:

Xanthi Barker lives in London and works in education. She has short stories in various anthologies and has been shortlisted for the Fish Prize. Xanthi is the daughter of Sebastian Barker and granddaughter of Elizabeth Smart and George Barker of *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down And Wept* fame.

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GLORIOUS ROCK BOTTOM

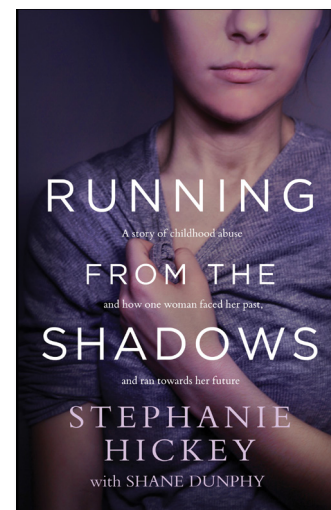
Bryony Gordon

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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RUNNING FROM THE SHADOWS

Stephanie Hickey

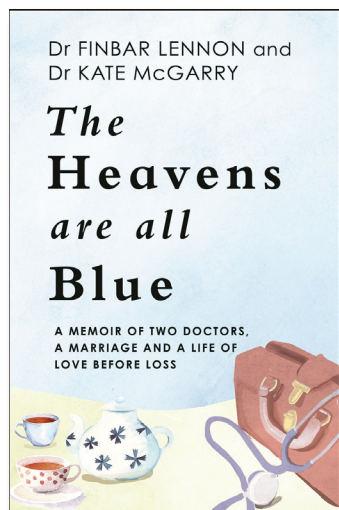
A powerful true story of abuse and survival and how one woman found a way back to herself.

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.



Hachette Ireland

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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.

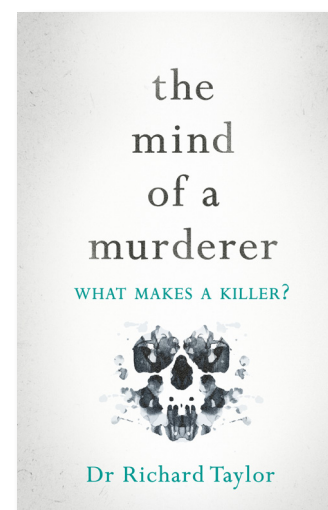
Dr Kate McGarry was an honours medical graduate of UCD after winning an entrance scholarship to UCD, going on to win the Bellingham Gold Medal in clinical medicine in St. Vincent's Hospital, where she did her early postgraduate training. Her later training took place in the Hammersmith and Great Ormond 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.



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UK Editor: Ella Gordon

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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:

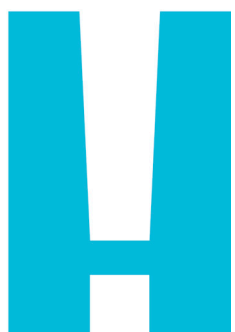
Why do people kill? Does committing a monstrous act make someone a monster? Could any of us, in the wrong circumstances, become a killer?

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.



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