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Headline Press

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Headline Eternal

Headline Eternal is Headline's boutique, specialist romance imprint and our aim is to publish love stories for everyone. Our list is home to international bestsellers like Jasmine Guillory, Jo Watson, Lauren Layne, Jill Shalvis, and Mariana Zapata, as well as newer stars like Erin Sterling, Sarah Adams, Grace Reilly, Mazey Eddings and Amber V. Nicole. We pride ourselves on publishing a truly diverse range of authors and we're always on the lookout for new voices in romance fiction.

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Sweet Heat

Bolu Babalola



The most hotly-anticipated romcom of 2025, from the author of Reese's Book Club Pick and TikTok Book Awards winner Honey & Spice...

Not every relationship makes it out of university, but Kiki and Malakai were supposed to be forever. Everything was perfect, until it all went up in flames.

Two years after their epic break-up, Kiki's worked hard to put the whole thing out of mind. Her life is full of perfect distractions - a FinTech boyfriend with a flawless credit-score and very important Maid of Honour duties for Aminah's wedding.

But with best man Malakai back from New York to join the celebrations, suddenly Kiki can think of nothing else: what went wrong, and why it is still impossible to act normal around each other.

Juggling finding a new career, the prospect of her parents' restaurant being sold, and keeping her best friend from going full bridezilla, dealing with The Ex is the last thing she needs. Somehow the spark between them is still alive - and threatening to ruin everything.

It's only planning a wedding, so why does it feel like playing with fire?

LOVE FOR BOLU BABALOLA'S WRITING

'Hilarious, hot and heartfelt' **MEG CABOT**

'Romantic, sexy, fun, delicious and important' **MARIAN KEYES**

'Rarely is love expressed this richly, this vividly, or this artfully' **CANDICE CARTY-WILLIAMS**

'A triumph' **BETH O'LEARY**

'Bolu understands desire better than anyone else' **ANNIE LORD**



Bolu Babalola is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling and Waterstones Book of the year shortlisted collection, *Love in Colour*. She 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 and since then, she has worked as a writer for books and TV and as a cultural commentator, where she calls herself a 'romcomoisieur'.

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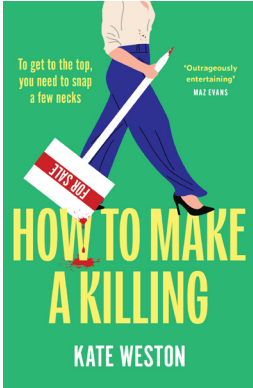
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How to Make a Killing

Kate Weston



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The women of Harrington Estates are one big happy family: women supporting women, celebrating the personal and the professional wins. But behind the agency's panelled walls, cracks threaten to split the company in two.

Founder Amanda Harrington isn't just a woman, she isn't just a business, she's a brand. A high achiever in the estate agent and mumfluencer worlds, she expects only the best from her employees.

New arrival Bella is causing tension with her constant successes - most recently securing an incredible listing for a £50 million mansion from dishy developer Tom.

No nonsense Hannah used to win Estate agent of the year on the reg, but since Bella's arrival, she needs to get back on top.

Olivia just wants to buy the perfect dream home for her husband and child - but the newcomers in the town just keep on driving those property prices upwards.

Then there's Claire. Poor Claire has lost more keys to properties than she's sold, and Bella makes sure she knows just how much of a failure she is.

So when Bella is found dead at the Open House of the £50 mil mansion, everyone's a suspect. Can Hannah find out who the real killer is - and achieve the sale of the century too?



Kate Weston is an ex-stand up comedian and the author of four YA murder mysteries, as well as her adult debut thriller *You May Now Kill The Bride*, which was published in 2024. Her most recent YA book, feminist thriller *Murder on a School Night*, was shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2024. Kate has also been a semi-finalist for Funny Women and New Comedian of the Year, longlisted for Comedy Women in Print and the Branford Boase, and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Kate lives in London with her partner and adorable cat Angus.

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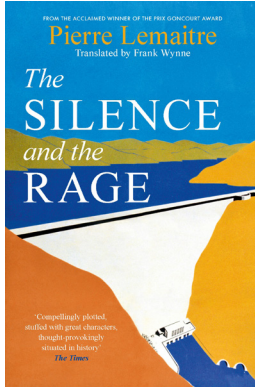
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The Silence and the Rage

July Fiction

Pierre Lemaître



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It is 1952 and the Pelletier family have returned to a life in France...

Patriarch Louis Pelletier, a successful businessman with a dark past, has remained with his wife in Beirut, but his family have settled on French soil. Jean, the menacing eldest brother, hides a terrible secret and is trapped in a stifling marriage, though his life is enriched by his love for his three-year-old daughter. François, an up-and-coming reporter, is caught up in a volatile love affair; and Hélène, their younger sister, strives to make her own way as a journalist, but as a woman in a man's world, she faces extraordinary challenges as she fights to expose a vast industrial scandal.

Filled with twists and turns, dark and compelling, yet ripe with wit and surprising cliffhangers, *The Silence and the Rage* is the story of one remarkable family against the backdrop of France during one of its most thrilling and turbulent periods.



Pierre Lemaître was born in Paris in 1951. He worked for many years as a teacher of literature before becoming a novelist.

He has won the *Crime Writers' Association* International Dagger three times, once alongside Fred Vargas, for *Alex*, and twice as sole winner for *Camille* and *The Great Swindle*. In 2013 *The Great Swindle* (published in French as *Au revoir là-haut*) won the Prix Goncourt, France's leading literary award.

In addition to his *Brigade Criminelle* novels starring Commandant Camille Verhoeven, Lemaître writes standalone thrillers including *Blood Wedding*.

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The Room on Rue Amelie

Kristin Harmel

July Fiction



A powerful novel of fate, resistance, and family by an international bestselling author.

War has torn their love apart . . . can fate bring them back together?

When newlywed Ruby Henderson Benoit arrives in Paris in 1939 with her French husband Marcel, she imagines strolling arm in arm along the grand boulevards, awash in the golden afternoon light. But war is looming on the horizon, and as France falls to the Nazis, her marriage begins to splinter, too.

Charlotte Dachet is eleven when the Germans roll into the French capital, their sinister swastika flags snapping in the breeze. After the Jewish restrictions take effect and Jews are ordered to wear the yellow star, Charlotte can't imagine things getting much worse. But then the mass deportations begin, and her life is ripped forever apart.

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Kristin Harmel is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than a dozen novels including *The Paris Daughter*, *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*, *The Book of Lost Names*, *The Winemaker's Wife*, *The Room on Rue Amélie*, and *The Sweetness of Forgetting*. She is published in more than thirty languages and is the cofounder and cohost of the popular web series *Friends & Fiction*. She lives in Orlando, Florida with her husband and son.

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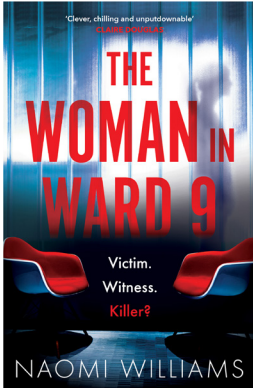
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The Woman In Ward 9

Naomi Williams

July Fiction



Victim. Witness. Killer?

Laura is found covered in blood that is not her own. With no memory of what happened, she is admitted to a high security psychiatric facility.

With no body and no other witnesses, it is down to psychologist Emma to gain Laura's trust and understand her disturbed mind.

Beneath Laura's stories of an idyllic life and a boyfriend almost too good to be true, Emma begins to unravel a darker truth. But as she listens to Laura's story, she begins to draw chilling parallels between her patient's life and her own. The man Laura describes sounds uncannily similar to Emma's own husband...

Is she entering the mind of a victim, a witness - or a killer?

With tension you could cut with a knife and twists that will have your head spinning, *The Woman in Ward 9* is sure to keep you reading late into the night.

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Naomi Williams grew up in Yorkshire and now lives in London with her family. She studied English at university and started her career teaching English and Drama, before becoming a full-time writer. *The Woman in Ward 9* is her first psychological suspense novel.

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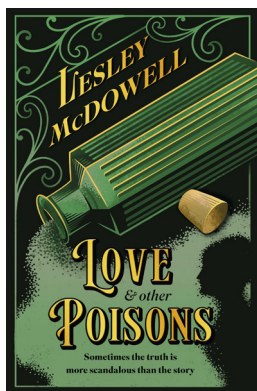
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Love and Other Poisons

Lesley McDowell

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1857, Glasgow.

A young socialite named Madeleine Smith stands accused of murdering her lover. Thousands wait outside the court to hear the result. The scandalous nature of the affair, detailed explicitly in letters published in newspapers across the world, has made her case a worldwide sensation. But when the jury find themselves unable to decide whether she is guilty, they render a verdict of 'Not Proven' - and Madeleine is freed.

1927, New York.

Harry Townsend, a handsome Hollywood film scout believes he has found the woman once known as Madeleine Smith. He wants to tell her story on film for the new 'talkie' generation. Since her trial she has lived under many names, as a glamorous society hostess in bohemian Bloomsbury to the likes of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, George Bernard Shaw and William Morris. Until suddenly, in 1890, when she disappeared off the face of the earth.

Could this quiet, secretive widow of an Irish labourer be the same Madeleine Smith who once stood trial for murder and escaped?

And if not, what has she done with her?



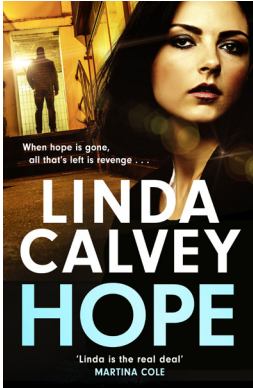
Lesley McDowell's debut novel *The Picnic* came out in 2007. In 2010 she published *Between the Sheets: The Literary Liaisons of Nine 20th-Century Women Writers*, which was shortlisted for the non-fiction prize in the 2011 Scottish Book Awards. Her second novel *Unfashioned Creatures*, about Mary Shelley's Scottish childhood friend, was published in 2013. Lesley was a literary critic for *The Herald*, *The Scotsman*, *The Independent*, *TLS* and others. She has a PhD on the work of James Joyce, and has won three Creative Scotland writers' bursaries. *Love and Other Poisons* is her fourth novel.

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Hope

Linda Calvey



Hope has always felt the odd one out in her family.

Surrounded by strong and independent women who rule London's East End, she has struggled to find her place in the world. But she has a good head on her shoulders, and she realises that she can work in the gangs and brothels her family mix in by running the books. Injury and violence is not uncommon in her line of work, but when a punter ends up dead she must work with her sisters to bring out the best the East End has to offer to keep her family safe.

For fans of Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole, *Hope* is a gritty, gripping and twisty new gangland thriller from the most authentic voice in crime fiction.

Imprint: Mountain Leopard Press

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Price: £18.99

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Linda Calvey has served eighteen years behind bars, making her one of Britain's longest-serving female prisoners. She moved to fourteen different prisons, doing time with Rose West and Myra Hindley.

Since her release, Linda has become a full-time author.

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Under Darkening Skies

Hilary Jones

July Fiction



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It is 1937, and Europe is on the brink of change...

Kitty has escaped her family home in England to join an international brigade of fighters high up on the snow-covered Spanish borders, determined to lead an effective fight against the growing Fascist forces sweeping across Spain.

In Oxford, Grace has embarked on a new posting, working with two medical scientists - one Australian, one a German refugee - on the brink of a great discovery that will impact a life-changing treatment for infection. But for now, they need to keep their findings away from the envious eyes of Nazi extremists.

And in London, Lieselotte, one of the only surviving members of a German family rounded up by fanatics in their own country, is invited to a clandestine meeting, there to be recruited to work that will divert the course of international action.

As the years pass and the bloody fighting in Europe bites, these women - bonded by idealism, love and extraordinary courage - leave an indelible mark on the historical landscape, united in their efforts to make change in a world riven by war.

UNDER DARKENING SKIES is the concluding story in Hilary Jones's compelling and dramatic trilogy of the twentieth century, covering a time of upheaval, conflict and extraordinary leaps in medicine that affect how we lead our lives now.



Dr Hilary Jones is a General Practitioner and regular contributor to multiple newspapers and television shows. He is a well-known and trusted face to millions in the UK. *UNDER DARKENING SKIES* is the concluding novel in his epic medical trilogy.

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Two Kinds of Stranger

Steve Cavanagh

July Fiction



The award-winning, *Sunday Times* Top Five bestseller returns with a brand new thriller featuring the unforgettable Eddie Flynn.

Ellie Parker had everything.

Perfect husband. Perfect apartment. Perfect friends and the perfect job. As an internet celebrity - famed for her random acts of kindness - everyone knew it.

So when a betrayal causes her to lose it all, millions of people are watching.

But even at her lowest, Ellie will always help someone in need. Which makes her the perfect target for a sadistic game.

Because as she soon learns, you can never trust a stranger - and a seemingly random encounter plunges her into a nightmare worse than she ever imagined.

The only person she can turn to is conman turned trial lawyer Eddie Flynn, who must take on a case where nothing is what it seems. With the most cruelly ingenious mind manipulating events from the shadows, everyone is in danger - including Eddie and his family.

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Steve Cavanagh has sold over a million copies of his novels in the UK alone. His nine books have all been nominated for major awards and many are international bestsellers. His third novel, *The Liar*, won the CWA Gold Dagger for Crime Novel of the Year 2018. *Thirteen* won the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2019. *Fifty-Fifty* was a Richard and Judy Book club choice and was also selected for the BBC 'Between the Covers' book club. *Twisted*, *Fifty-Fifty*, *The Devil's Advocate*, *The Accomplice* and *Kill For Me Kill For You* were all *Sunday Times* Top 10 bestsellers.

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Toast: 80 Delicious Recipes for Toast With a Twist

Katie Marshall



Elevating simple toasted bread - the world's favourite comfort food - into delicious, mouth-watering meals.

Featuring a range of international influences and celebrating fresh ingredients and exciting flavour combinations, *Toast* is packed with 80 amazing toast-topper recipes for every occasion. From simple tuna melt and Welsh rarebit to sumptuous Scandi salmon on rye and more, these tasty recipes merge super-satisfying comfort food with refined tastes and textures that transform a humble toast-based meal into showstopper staples.

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Katie Marshall is a food stylist and cookery writer, with a diploma from Leiths School of Food and Wine.

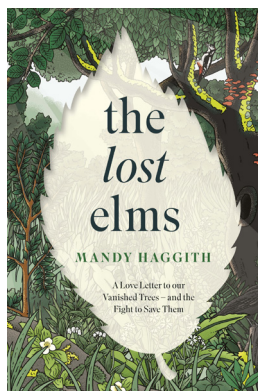
Previously the Editorial Assistant at Waitrose Kitchen, Katie left her desk job in 2013 to pursue a cookery diploma with the hope of ending up back in the food magazine world. She's since worked with publications such as *Waitrose Food*, *Good Food*, *Olive* and *National Geographic*, as well as creating social and commercial content for Coca Cola, PepsiCo, Cadbury's and Disney.

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The Lost Elms

Mandy Haggith



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Fifty years ago, a deadly pandemic raged across the world, destroying all in its path and outmanoeuvring scientists' desperate attempts to halt it.

Dutch elm disease destroyed 25 million trees in the UK alone, altering our landscape forever. Few people now living have seen a mature elm tree, yet they once covered great swathes of Europe and North America and their legacy lives on in our mythology and folklore.

The Lost Elms is a love letter to our vanished elms - the story of how we nearly lost an entire species, and the long, slow fight back. It tells the gripping story of the scientists desperately trying to halt the disease's relentless progress, and demonstrates the deadly affect globalisation can have on the environment, the importance of biosecurity and the intricate ways in which trees are interlinked with other species.

Woven throughout is a lyrical look at the elm's central place in our history, culture and folklore - the elm features heavily in Greek, Celtic, Japanese, Germanic and Scandinavian mythology; as the 'Liberty Tree' it played a symbolic role in both the American and French Revolutions; and since ancient times the elm has held associations with death and the supernatural.

However all is not lost: recent breakthroughs means some scientists now believe the elm is poised to make a comeback. This tree holds an important place in our history, and now might just offer the lesson for how we can save other disappearing species and our environment.



Mandy Haggith is an author, poet, and environmental activist. She has an Oxford degree in mathematics and philosophy, and is a lecturer in creative writing at Scotland's University of the Highlands and Islands. She is the author of five novels, four collections of poetry, and *Paper Trails: From Trees to Trash - The True Cost of Paper*.

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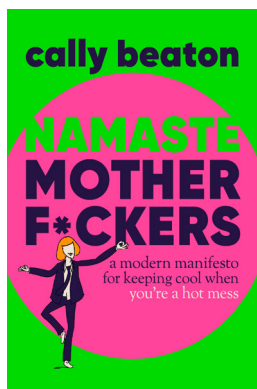
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Namaste Motherf*ckers

Cally Beaton

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Part memoir, part stereotype-defying manifesto, *Namaste Motherf*ckers* is a funny, empowering, practical book that takes an irreverent look at the author's own story of radical midlife reinvention - taking her from meetings in the boardroom to becoming a stand-up comedian - thanks to a chance conversation with the late, great Joan Rivers encouraging her to make change happen.

Sharing stories and experiences from her career, alongside lessons learned from the many celebrities and experts that have guested on her hit podcast of the same name, Cally challenges at every turn the age-old narrative that women become invisible when they cease to be fertile.

It's also a book about defying the bullshit expectation that midlife women at best maintain (looks, career, relationships), at worst decline. With ambitious thinking and personal development takeouts from her time as a coach, Cally debunks many of the myths surrounding the female of the species and gives a fresh, funny and life-affirming look at what it means to be a middle-aged woman who is willing to take a chance, put herself out there and who is also willing to fail.



Cally Beaton is a comedian, keynote speaker, awards host, business leader, podcaster, writer and entrepreneur. She has held senior management positions at some of the biggest media companies in the world. Early in her career she headed an independent television production company that was bought by *ITV* and became the youngest and only female member on the board. She left to set up an award-winning creative consultancy, *Road Trip Media*, and went on to do a ten-year stint as Senior Vice President at the US studio giant *ViacomCBS*. If you want someone to blame for bringing *South Park* and *SpongeBob SquarePants* to the world, you need look no further.

In 2021 she launched her hit podcast '*Namaste Motherf*ckers*' with a star-studded roster of celebrity guests. including Miriam Margolyes, Sir Grayson Perry, Sally Phillips, Deborah Meaden, Kirsty Wark, Omid Djalili, Susie Dent, Esther Rantzen and the Reverend Richard Coles.

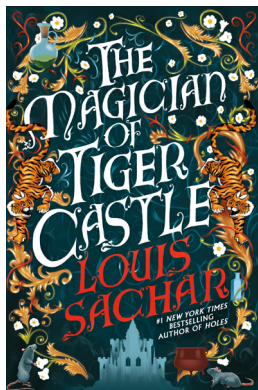
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The Magician of Tiger Castle

Louis Sachar



If saving your family, your life, your kingdom meant destroying true love - could you do it?

In 1523, in a far-away, bankrupt kingdom, there lives a magician named Anatole who considers himself to be the greatest in the land, having cured the King of a deadly illness decades ago. Except now, Anatole's spells have dried up. He can't even turn sand into gold - the most basic magic.

Anatole's chance presents itself. The wedding of the century approaches, with the princess to marry a neighbouring prince. The only problem is she's fallen in love with a lowly apprentice scribe. Anatole can save everything and everyone if he can forge the elusive anti-love potion to put an end to the young lovers' romance. But as he spends more time with them both, he begins to question what and who is right. Who is he to determine the fate of true love? Is that the purest form of magic after all?

Told with the same wit and warmth that has made Louis Sachar's books classics of children's literature, *The Magician of Tiger Castle* is a colourful and enigmatic tale of adventure, love, loss and triumph.

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Louis Sachar has written more than 25 books for young people, including *Holes*, the *Wayside School* series, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* and *Fuzzy Mud*. His books have won numerous awards, including the *Newbery Medal* and National Book Award, and have been translated into more than 40 languages. He lives in Austin, Texas.

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The Library of Second Chances

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'What's a girl to do to get her happily after, like the ones in all the books? If only it were that simple...'

When Chloe moved back to Wellbridge after her parents' deaths, she didn't think she'd still be there a year later. What was meant to be a short-term visit now has her stuck in a rut - a hideous cycle of bad Tinder dates, working overtime at the local library with Clementine, the resident library cat, and hiding behind the pages of her favourite books.

One stormy night while trying to forget yet another one of her terrible dates, Chloe discovers a faint glow coming from one of the books. A surprisingly familiar figure interrupts her peaceful evening among the library's dusty tomes.

Under the watchful eye of the head librarian, Mrs. Cook - who seems to know more than she lets on - Chloe finds herself with the perfect opportunity to learn how to be lucky in love from some of literature's most swoon-worthy heartthrobs.

But do Chloe's literary love interests hold the answers she's looking for, or is love already waiting for her where she least expects it?



Molly Reid is a pseudonym used by Poppy Kuroki. Poppy was born in Scotland and has been living in Japan since 2014. Her *ANCESTOR MEMORIES* series was bought at auction by Oneworld in the UK. *GATE TO KAGOSHIMA* (BOOK 1), a sweeping historical fantasy set in samurai-era Japan, published in summer 2024. It will publish in the US with Harper Collins in early 2025.

Poppy loves video games, cooking, history, and reading books of any genre. She lives in a beautiful town near the sea with her son.

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Knife in the Back

Karen Rose



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Naomi Cranston's five years in jail for something she didn't do were the worst of her life. Now the former NOPD cop is being targeted again by the people who framed her for stealing evidence. If she doesn't comply with their demands to deliver drugs, they'll hurt her teenage son, Everett.

When she arrives at the Burke Broussard Investigation Agency asking for help, Burke is reluctant to assist a convicted cop. But her story and her courage in standing up to the criminals touch him to the core. Even if taking on the case on puts him and the rest of his team in grave danger.

As they try to work out who is responsible for framing Naomi, they must do all they can to keep their families safe. There might be something far more sinister at play than a drugs enterprise – and someone would do anything to stop Burke and the team finding out what. And there's one question they all need to grapple with: why was Naomi targeted in the first place? And why are they determined to send her back to prison?



Karen Rose was introduced to suspense and horror at the tender age of eight when she accidentally read Poe's *The Pit and The Pendulum* and was afraid to go to sleep for years. She now enjoys writing books that make other people afraid to go to sleep.

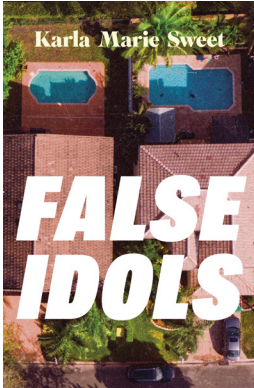
Karen lives with her family, their cat, Bella, and two dogs, Loki and Freya. When she's not writing, she enjoys reading, and her new hobby - knitting.

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False Idols

Karla Marie Sweet



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Anything can be dangerous in the wrong hands . . .

Sadie's been adrift, looking for an escape from her new house and old memories, when a chance encounter leads her to one of the most exclusive wellness classes in the city.

At first she's sceptical, but the classes - and the attention of its magnetic leader, Lilith - are transformative, other-worldly, completely addictive.

No one in Sadie's life understands that Deep Flow isn't a cult, but a community. One that offers the chance to feel powerful in her own body again, maybe even a way to finally let go of her past.

When the sisterhood, and Sadie's place within it, comes under threat, the hidden cost of being part of Lilith's inner circle becomes clear. How much would Sadie be willing to risk to prove her loyalty?

A searing look at power and exploitation in the wellness industry, *False Idols* is an unflinching, compulsive thriller by a captivating new voice in fiction.



Karla Marie Sweet is a British-American actor, screenwriter, novelist and dramaturg born and based in Manchester, UK. Recent acting credits include acclaimed road movie *Black Dog* and season 2 of Hulu's *No Man's Land*. As a writer, she has multiple television credits to her name and her comedy-drama script *DaSilva & Sharp* landed her on the 2023 Brit List. Her theatre credits include *Cheetham Hill* (for the Royal Exchange), *This Little Relic* (BBC Radio 3 and the Belgrade Theatre) and *Othello* (Watermill Theatre), a re-versioning *The Guardian* and *WhatsOnStage* awarded four stars each, calling it a "remarkable" adaptation that "moves with the pace of a thriller." Her speculative fiction novel *Another Life* was released as an Audible Original in September 2024 and was performed by Erin Doherty (The Crown) and Kingsley Ben-Adir (*One Love, Barbie*). *False Idols* is Karla's print debut.

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Dream by the Shadows

Logan Karlie



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No one told me that damnation could be beautiful.

The Kingdom of Noctis is plagued by Corruption: a curse that spreads through dreaming. The Shadow Bringer rules from his castle in the Dream Realm, stealing souls one dreamer at a time. Only an elixir, taken every night before sleeping, can halt dreams and ward off the curse. But for some, the allure of the Dream Realm proves too strong.

Esmer Havenfall desperately wants to escape her curse-stricken village. When her sister, Eden, succumbs to Corruption and their elixir-dealing parents are accused of a horrific crime, Esmer's life unravels into a nightmare. Then she dreams of the Shadow Bringer and learns that his sinister magic might be a part of her, too. Enticed by the prospect of ending her kingdom's curse and avenging her family, Esmer follows him deeper within the Dream Realm. But the prince of darkness has a haunted past, one that might change the fate of Esmer's kingdom-and her heart-forever.

Lush and vividly imagined, this seductive gothic fantasy is filled with curses, secrets, and forbidden romance, all spun together with an exhilarating thread of horror.



Logan Karlie holds a MA in English Literature from the University of Arkansas. She loves writing stories brimming with gothic themes, atmospheric worlds, and characters who fight to overcome the shadows that haunt them. She lives in Illinois, with her family, where she also taught high school English.

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The Lost Baker of Vienna

Sharon Kurtzman

August Fiction



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Papa whispered to Chana, 'If we get separated, if something happens to me, look after Mama and Aron. And one last thing-' He smoothed an affectionate hand over her hair. 'Remember everything I've taught you, and all your gifts. Promise me this.'

Inspired by the extraordinary experiences of the author's mother and her family during and after the Holocaust, *The Lost Baker of Vienna* is a testament to the courage and defiance of women in a world torn apart.

2018. When Zoe Rosenswieg's beloved grandfather dies, Zoe travels to Vienna to speak to an elusive man who may be the only person who can help her unearth the hidden story of her grandparents. Haunted by what she does not know, Zoe risks her journalism career and her home to find the truth.

1946. Having survived a concentration camp, Chana Rosenswieg arrives in Vienna seeking not only protection for her and her family, but also the freedom to be a baker, just as her father had once been. Torn between a black-market dealer who offers escape to Europe, and an apprentice baker who shares her dreams, Chana battles to stay true to herself and the promise she made her father to live against all odds...

Deeply moving and poignant, this sweeping dual-timeframe tale celebrates the unbreakable bonds of family and the resilience of women.



Sharon Kurtzman earned her MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. As a freelance food writer, her work has appeared in INDY Week and South Writ Large, and she served as a judge in the North Carolina Triangle's 2019 Chicken Soup Cookoff. She is also a former blogger for *The Huffington Post* and a former contributor at BetterAfter50.com. She has had two fiction pieces nominated for the Pushcart Prize, and won the 2018 Grand Prize in Carolina Woman Magazine's annual writing contest. Sharon has been a writer-in-residence at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities and is a member of the Women's Fiction Writers Association. Sharon grew up in New Jersey and now calls the South home.

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Break Room

Miye Lee



WHO IS THE BIGGEST VILLAIN IN YOUR OFFICE?

A gripping and incisive psychological drama from the internationally bestselling author of *Dallergut Dream Department Store*.

Five people discover that they have been invited to participate in a reality show titled 'Break Room'. Little do they know that they were casted for the show based off of votes by their coworkers as the people they'd least like to share a break room with. These participants are baffled by the fact that they were chosen as 'villains'. However, the story takes off as they come to realise that the kindness and consideration they believed they were showing to their coworkers were perceived as deeply unsettling and unnerving.

Welcome . . . Step into the world of the reality show, Break Room.

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Miye Lee was born in Busan in 1990. After graduating from the Busan National University School of Materials Science and Engineering, she worked as a semiconductor engineer at Samsung Electronics. Her debut novel *Dallergut Dream Department Store* published entirely funded through a crowdfunding service in Korea in 2020 and has since drawn many enthusiastic responses and favourable reviews.

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Rice: 80 Easy Rice Recipes, From Mochi to Miso and Sushi to Sake

Makiko Sano



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A glorious celebration of rice with 80 delicious recipes and text that explores preparing, cooking and storing this magnificent hero ingredient.

Affordable, versatile, delicious and satisfying, rice is a staple in Asian cuisine, a favourite ingredient that forms the backbone of tasty recipes enjoyed the world over. Building on the success of her first book *Ramen*, this second collaboration with author Makiko Sano follows her winning formula, celebrating Japan's deep connection with rice with of 80 delicious Asian recipes.

Featuring gorgeous colour recipe and step by step photographs, chapters include Kake Gohan, Donburi, Rice Noodles, Onigiri, Rice Cooker Dishes, Rice Flour, Savoury Rice and Rice Paper, with gluten-free meal ideas in each section. Along with expert advice on how to cook the perfect rice, how to make a meal in a rice cooker and how to overcome the many challenges faced when cooking rice, this is the go-to rice cookbook.



Tokyo-born **Makiko Sano** owns and runs a popular Japanese restaurant, sushi school and catering company, Suzu House, in Hammersmith, London. She wrote *SushiSlim* (2013, translated into 16 languages), which won the Gourmand World Cookbook Award, and *Shoku-iku: Japanese Conscious Eating for a Long and Healthy Life* (2016, translated into 8 languages), and most recently Welbeck's *Ramen* (2023) which topped the charts.

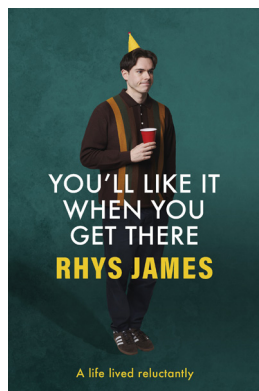
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You'll Like It When You Get There: A Guide to Life From Someone Who Doesn't Want To Do Anything

Rhys James



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Your guide to living life against a back drop of dread.

As a child Rhys was scared of everything. Or rather overcome by a sense of dread. The sentence he most feared was "Rhys, come downstairs and say hello". Dismissed as mere shyness, this is far too gentle a term for Rhys' terror which caused him to miss a quarter of a year of school due to a serious case of the Mondays (every day).

He doesn't know about wine or secret bars in Soho, doesn't speak Spanish, make pottery, or have a prize-winning allotment. Despite this, he's become a successful stand-up comedian with a long-term partner and parents who he doesn't hate (and who don't hate him, he hopes).

So this is Rhys' hilarious guide for how to live life against a back-drop of dread; it's the story of how he turned his anxieties to his advantage in order to live his life to the max - or, rather, the medium - even if he's not really sure he wants to.

My entire life has been defined by inaction. People were understandably devastated during Covid when they were forced to waste their best years stuck inside - but I had trained for it. I mean, I've always disliked my own birthday because of the immense social pressure to do something. Even when you just don't organise anything, people say: "Come on, you're not going to do NOTHING - it's your birthday. Do something. DO. SOMETHING. DO IT!"

Sorry, maybe you haven't experienced nothing? It's the best. Delicious, expectation-free nothing. What is whispered in a lover's ear? Sweet nothings. What is there to write home about? Nothing. What will you stop at? Nothing. I mean, what else could there possibly be Much Ado About? Thanks, Shakespeare. Thanks for Nothing.



Rhys James's sardonic wit combined with his playful style have made him a firm favourite on the British comedy scene. He's a "master of the lightning-paced, gag-dense, precision-delivered set" (*Guardian*), as showcased in his seven critically acclaimed sell-out solo shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and two sell-out nationwide tours.

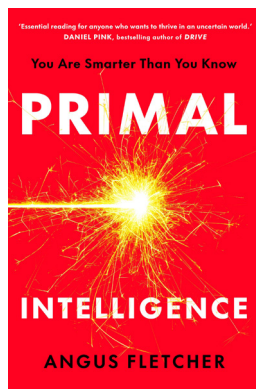
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Primal Intelligence

Angus Fletcher



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'Right now, inside your head, are all the powers you need to lead, to innovate, to make a better life. The problem is: those powers have been trained out of you by the modern world.'

The non-logical, noncomputational brain processes responsible for future thinking and imagination are vital to human intelligence. This 'low-data intelligence' is a core driver of leadership, innovation, and resilience. It helps us solve complex and open-ended problems, anticipate the future faster, experience less anxiety and anger, and rebound quicker from failure. But, in a world that prioritises logic over all else, low-data intelligence has been neglected.

In *Primal Intelligence*, Angus Fletcher presents exercises for training the low-data regions of your brain - improving your leadership, your powers of innovation, and your overall resilience. Validated by independent research trials run by the US Army and published in leading academic journals, from *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* to the *Harvard Business Review*, they have been embraced by executives at some of the world's biggest and most creative companies, and tested through scientific trials with students as young as eight.



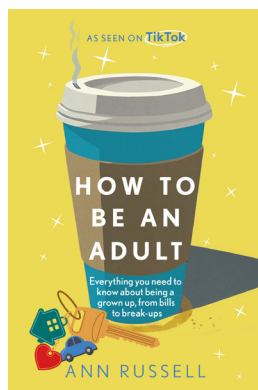
Angus Fletcher (PhD, Yale) is Professor of Story Science at Ohio State's Project Narrative, the world's leading academic institute for narrative research. He has dual degrees in neuroscience and Shakespeare. His research has been called 'mind-blowing' by Malcolm Gladwell and 'life-changing' by Brené Brown and has been endorsed by Martin Seligman, Antonio Damasio, and many of the world's other top psychologists, doctors, and neuroscientists. In 2023, he was awarded the Commendation Medal by the US Army for his 'groundbreaking' research with Special Operations into using Story Science to train innovation, leadership, and resilience.

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How to be an Adult

Ann Russell



From the much loved 'Auntie' of TikTok, and the author of *How to Clean Everything* and *How to Save Money*, *How to be an Adult* covers everything that a young (or not so young) person needs to know - the stuff that should be taught in schools but isn't.

From renting and budgeting to dealing with break ups and grief, and from how to change a plug to how to ace a job interview, no-one should leave home for the first time without a copy of this book.

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Ann Russell - a self-described 'middle class English old bag' - is a self-employed cleaner who recently found fame (and 2.5 million followers) on TikTok, where she regularly shares cleaning and general life advice. Affectionately named 'The TikTok Auntie' by commenters, Ann films hundreds of video clips every month, answering questions that range from laundry stains to dealing with grief.

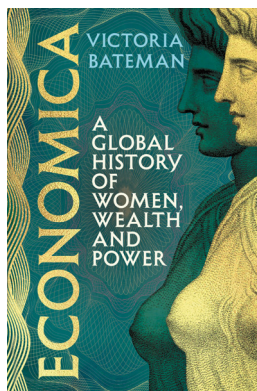
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ECONOMICA : A global history of women, wealth and power

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The journey of humanity from poverty to prosperity is filled with men who have become household names: from Giovanni de Medici, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford to Warren Buffet, Mike Bloomberg, Lakshmi Mittal and Jack Ma. But how many female entrepreneurs, merchants and industrialists can you name? You would be forgiven for thinking that, until very recently, there were none at all. After all, even today, if we gathered in one room all those who have gone from rags to riches, it would be a room full to the brim with men: less than three per cent of the world's self-made billionaires are women.

But what about Phryne, the richest woman in Ancient Athens, who offered to pay to rebuild the walls of Thebes after the city was razed to the ground by Alexander the Great? Or the canny businesswoman Khadijah, better known as the first wife of Muhammad, who, after employing him to look after her troop of trading caravans, proposed to the prophet-to-be? Or Ching Shih, a sex-worker turned pirate who amassed a fleet of ships that controlled trade in the South China Sea?

And, just as importantly, what about the everyday women who, paid only a pittance, laboured for the profit of others - the silk 'draw girls' of seventeenth-century Lyon, the bare-breasted female coal miners of the British Industrial Revolution, the 'convict maids' who laid the foundations of modern-day Australia, the female market-traders of Senegal, and the women who have toiled in many a sweatshop or paddy-field in South and East Asia?



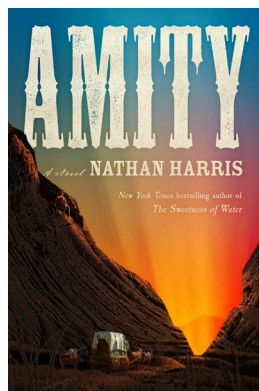
Victoria Bateman is author of the critically acclaimed *Naked Feminism: Breaking the Cult of Female Modesty* (Polity, 2023) and *The Sex Factor: How Women Made the West Rich* (Polity, 2019). She is resident economic historian on the BBC Radio 4 series *Understand: The Economy* and acts as a historical consultant to a major television production company. She has taught at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, including as Director of Studies in Economics and Lecturer in Economic History. Victoria has been profiled by *The Times* and *Daily Mail*, has written for national and international press, including the *Guardian*, *i*, *Telegraph* and *Bloomberg*, and has appeared on numerous occasions on radio and television.

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AMITY

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Baton Rouge, 1869. The Civil War might be over, but former slaves Coleman and June have yet to find the freedom they've been promised. Two years ago, the siblings were separated when their old master, Mr. Harper, took June away on a hair-brained quick money scheme to Mexico, where he hoped to escape the new reality of the post-war South. Coleman stayed behind in Louisiana to serve the Harper family, clinging to the hope that one day Mr. Harper would bring June back to him.

When an unexpected letter from Mr. Harper arrives, summoning Coleman and the Harper family to Mexico, Coleman thinks that finally his prayers have been answered. What Coleman cannot know is the tangled truth of June's tribulations under Mr. Harper out in the Mexican frontier. And soon, when disaster strikes Coleman's journey, he is forced on the run with Mr. Harper's daughter, Florence. Together, they set out into the Mexican desert to find June's last known whereabouts, all the while evading two shady brothers who'll stop at nothing to capture Coleman and Florence and collect the money they're owed. As Coleman and June separately navigate a perilous, parched landscape, the siblings learn quickly that freedom isn't always given - sometimes, it must be taken by force.

As in his Booker-longlisted debut *The Sweetness of Water*, Nathan Harris delves into the critical years of the Civil War's aftermath to deliver an intimate and epic tale of what freedom means in a society that still longs to return its Black citizens to bondage. Populated with unforgettable characters, *Amity* is a new Western for our times, and a vital addition to the literature of emancipation.



Nathan Harris is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Sweetness of Water*, which was an Oprah's Book Club pick and was longlisted for the Book Prize, shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize and won the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. He holds an MFA from the Michener Center at the University of Texas, and lives in Chicago.

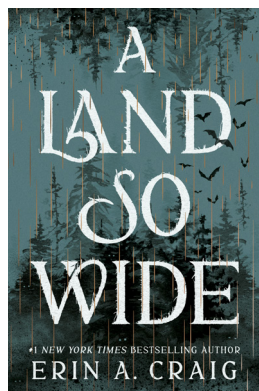
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A Land So Wide

Erin A. Craig



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Like everyone else in the settlement of Mistaken, Greer Mackenzie is trapped. Founded by an ambitious Scottish lumber merchant, the tiny town on the edge of the American continent is blessed with rich natural resources that have made its people prosperous - but at a terrible cost. The same woods that have lined the townsfolks' pockets harbor dangerous beasts: wolves, bears, and the Bright-Eyeds - monsters beyond description who have rained utter destruction down on nearby settlements. But Mistaken's founders made a deal with the mysterious Benevolence: the Warding Stones that surround the town will keep the Bright-Eyeds out - and the town's citizens in. Anyone who spends a night within Mistaken's borders belongs to it forever.

Greer, a mapmaker and eccentric dreamer, has always ached to explore the world outside, even though she knows she and her longtime love, Ellis Beaufort, will never see it. Until, on the day she and Ellis are meant to finally begin their lives together, Greer watches in horror as her beloved disappears beyond the Warding Stones, pursued by a monstrous creature. Swiftly realizing that the stories she was raised on might be more myth than fact, Greer figures out a way to escape Mistaken for the very first time. Determined to rescue Ellis, she begins a trek through the cold and pitiless wilderness. But Greer is being hunted, not only by the ruthless Bright-Eyeds, but by the secret truths behind Mistaken's founding, as well as her own origins.

***A Land So Wide* is a dark folkloric romantic fantasy, set in the beautiful but brutal Canadian wilderness: a land of blood-red Redcap trees, mysterious Boundary Stones, and the ever-present threat of those who haunt the Unclaimed Lands.**



Erin A. Craig is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *House of Salt and Sorrows* and *Small Favors*. After getting her BFA in Theatre Design and Production from the University of Michigan, she stage-managed tragic operas filled with hunchbacks, séances, and murderous clowns, then decided she wanted to write books that were just as spooky. An avid reader, a decent quilter, a rabid basketball fan, and a collector of typewriters, Erin makes her home in West Michigan with her husband and daughter.

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Hot Wax

M. L. Rio



A nostalgic love-letter to the 80s rock and roll scene, *Hot Wax* follows a band of rocker misfits, rivals and trailblazers on the tour that could have catapulted them to super-stardom, if it all hadn't come crashing down.

The paper crackled between her fingers and the wax crumbled away like old scabs as she spread the Southwest across her lap, following the road her own childish hand had traced through the desert to Las Vegas—a winding red ribbon of blood.

The summer of 1989. Rock and roll band Gil and the Kills are about to depart for their biggest tour to date. Ten-year-old Suzanne jumps at the chance to join her father, lead guitarist of the band, on the road trip of a lifetime as they criss-cross the country, from dive bars to airplane hangars.

But as their star rises, so do the tensions within the band. Suzanne's presence in the entourage creates a dangerous power struggle that threatens to engulf the entire group. The music has never been better and the fans know it. The crowds roar louder, chanting the lyrics back to them - but the Kills know that any moment they could lose it all.

When their fierce rivalry explodes in a desperate act of bloody violence, Suzanne is the only witness to a murder. Now she must choose who to believe, her father included - and whose truth she is going to tell.

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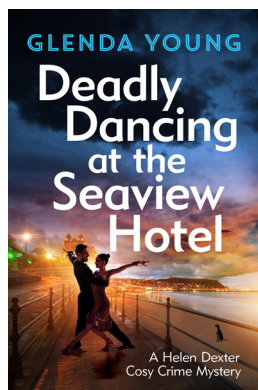
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Deadly Dancing at the Seaview Hotel

Glenda Young



The fourth in the page-turning cosy crime series from Glenda Young, this unputdownable whodunnit is perfect for fans of Julia Chapman's *Dales Detective Agency* and Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club*.

The Seaview Hotel mystery series was shortlisted for Best New Crime Series alongside bestselling series by Richard Osman and Val McDermid in the Dead Good Readers Awards.

Meet Tommy Two-Shoes, Ballroom Bev and their quirky troupe of dancers when the glamorous world of ballroom dancing comes to the seaside town of Scarborough.

However, beneath the glitter balls and sequins, there's bitter rivalry between the dancers - both on and off the dance floor - and the dancing turns deadly when one of them ends up dead.

Helen Dexter's Seaview Hotel plays host to the dance troupe when the murder takes place. Aided by her rescue greyhound Suki and the Seaview Hotel cook Jean (a no-nonsense Yorkshire woman you don't want to mess with!), Helen steps out and puts her best foot forward, but can she solve the crime?

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Glenda Young credits her local library in the village of Ryhope, where she grew up, for giving her a love of books. She still lives close by in Sunderland and often gets her ideas for her stories on long bike rides along the coast. A life-long fan of Coronation Street, she runs two hugely popular fan websites.

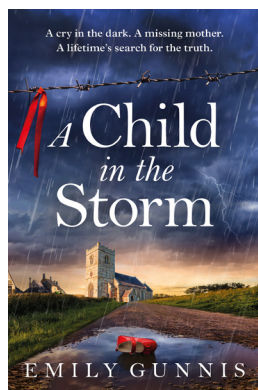
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A Child in the Storm

Emily Gunnis



The gripping and powerful new novel from the global bestselling author is a tense and moving story of cruel separation, betrayal and the triumph of love...

1983. Pregnant teenager Felicity finds support from the caring, courageous protestors at the women's peace camp at Greenham Common. But when she's arrested and thrown into the cells, her worst nightmare comes true: she goes into labour and her baby is swiftly taken away by the wardens.

2022. Locked away for manslaughter, Emma dreams of returning to the night where her carelessness caused her adopted father to die in a fire. But she cannot rewrite the past. With her adopted mother unable to forgive her, Emma is totally alone in the world, so when her new cell mate Amanda shows her kindness, Emma doesn't think twice about sharing all her secrets...something she will come to regret.

Present day. Adele steps into a nightmare when she learns her husband and young daughter have been in a boating accident, and her husband is still in a coma. She thanks her lucky stars for the good samaritan on board who helped comfort her little girl, and for that woman's ongoing attentiveness in the weeks following the accident. But what really happened on the boat that day - and is Adele's nightmare just beginning...?

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Shadow Cell

Andrew and Jihi Bustamante



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Andrew and Jihi Bustamante were a 'tandem couple': married spies who'd dedicated their lives to the CIA. They met as trainees at Langley, and got married while hunting terrorists across the globe. Then, suddenly, they were assigned to a mission so sensitive and explosive that the CIA has still never acknowledged it. The CIA's source network in a country code-named 'Falcon' - one of America's most formidable rivals - had been compromised by a mole, and the agency needed a new way to collect intelligence there. Young newlyweds the Bustamantes were considered safe choices for this daunting task precisely because they had no experience in Falcon. They were also loyal, forgettable, and completely disposable - operatives who could help to strengthen the CIA's position in Falcon while simultaneously serving as bait for the mole.

But although their superiors at the CIA didn't realize it, the Bustamantes also brought another advantage to the table: a granular understanding of how terrorist cells operate, and how the agency could exploit those same tactics to keep the West safe. Assembling a rag-tag team of fellow operatives and recruiting new sources from Falcon, the Bustamantes pioneered a new way of spying by building a cell of their own, right at the heart of the CIA.

The propulsive, untold tale of one of history's greatest intelligence crises and the unlikely band of agents who were sent in to clean up the mess, *Shadow Cell* allows us to peer behind the curtain to see how today's spy wars are being fought - and won.



Andrew Bustamante is a former CIA intelligence officer who served in the US military in Afghanistan and Iraq before being recruited into the CIA's National Clandestine Service where he served for 7 years handling sensitive operations still classified Top Secret. He is the presenter of the Everyday Spy podcast Podcast *EverydaySpy* and a sought-after media authority on military, espionage, and current events.



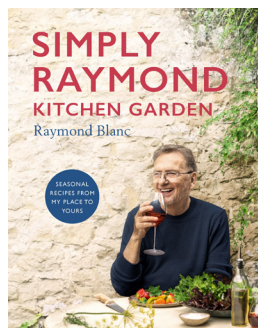
Jihi Bustamante is also a former CIA intelligence officer and the Vice-President of EverydaySpy. After earning two masters degrees and a law degree, Jihi was recruited into CIA's National Clandestine Service from a career in social work supporting female refugees fleeing sex trafficking and genocide. Unlike her public-facing husband, Jihi remains private in both her personal and professional lives.

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Simply Raymond: Kitchen Garden

Raymond Blanc



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Simply Raymond Kitchen Garden is a celebration of seasonal ingredients, grown and cooked by Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside.

The book mirrors the connection - the ethos, principles, heart and soul - between kitchen and garden. With Raymond at our side, we visit the expansive potager, a homage to the seasons; the medicinal herb garden; the dark but tempting Mushroom Valley; the Japanese Tea Garden; the vast orchard, and the bee hives, which provide honey for the hotel guests.

There are just as many tips for the keen or ambitious gardeners among us, as there are for the curious cooks. Full of wise words about sowing and planting, prepping and cooking. Whether you're about to don the gardening gloves or put on the apron, first flick through the pages for inspiration and know-how.

Let Raymond take you on a journey from the vegetable patch to the kitchen. Whether you want a quick midweek supper or something for a special occasion, you'll find over 80 simple and trusted recipes using fresh, seasonal ingredients that the whole family can enjoy together. The recipes are divided between a dozen sections, such as Breakfast and Brunch, Soups & Salads, Starters, Mains, Cheese and Desserts. Other sections include Biscuits and Cakes, Celebrations and Drinks (with mocktails and teas).

Bon Appétit!



Raymond Blanc OBE is acknowledged as one of the finest chefs in the world. Completely self-taught, his influence on gastronomy is so great that he is the only chef to have been honoured with both an OBE from Britain and the Légion d'honneur from France.

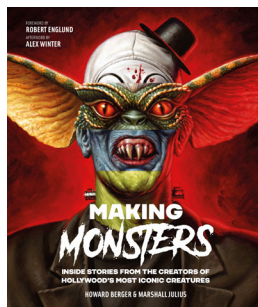
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Making Monsters: Behind the Screams With Hollywood's Mad Scientists

Howard Berger and Marshall Julius

Explore behind the scenes of the greatest monster movies ever made!



What makes a great movie monster? Academy Award-winning make-up effects artist Howard Berger and acclaimed journalist Marshall Julius have spoken to dozens of film industry legends to find out.

A celebration of monsters, monster movies and monster movie makers, *Making Monsters* delivers an illuminating, entertaining and accessible oral history of the genre, gathering an enviable array of A-list talent from make-up and digital effects legends (Tom Savini, Phil Tippet) to directors (John Carpenter, Ti West), actors (Simon Pegg, Barbara Crampton), composers (Michael Giacchino) and writers (Russell T Davies).

Packed with hundreds of images, from film stills to personal, behind-the-scenes pictures from dozens of interview subjects - many never before published - *Making Monsters* is a treasure trove of monstrous creations, and the stories behind them, that is sure to make fans jump, scream and howl with delight.

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Howard Berger is a special make-up effects artist with over 800 feature film credits including *Dances With Wolves*, *Casino*, *Kill Bill 1 & 2*, *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* and *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, for which he won the Academy Award for Best Make-up as well as a BAFTA for Best Achievement in Make-up. He lives in Los Angeles.



Marshall Julius is a film critic, blogger, broadcaster and author, whose previous books include *Vintage Geek* (September Publishing) and *Action! The Action Movie A-Z* (Batsford Film Books). He lives in Kent.

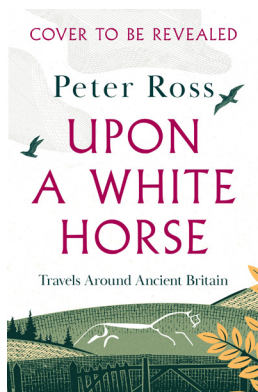
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Upon a White Horse

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Ancient monuments have forever captured our attention. We stand in awe before them, wondering what secrets are hidden between the layers of white chalk that make up the Uffington White Horse, the Cerne Abbas Giant and the Long Man of Wilmington? And what stories were shared among the towering standing sarsens of Stonehenge or against Hadrian's Wall?

Uncovering the enduring mystery of Britain's ancient sites, award-winning writer Peter Ross once again invites readers to sit beside him as he celebrates their influence on art, culture and society, explores the way their meaning has remained or evolved since their inception and simply delights in their magic.

Combing historical research and archaeological insights with stories from people to whom these sites are particularly important, *Upon A White Horse* journeys into the deep past of Britain's unconquerable and strange landscape.



Peter Ross is an Orwell journalism fellow. His writing has appeared in national newspapers and magazines in the UK and US. His book *A Tomb With A View: The Stories & Glories of Graveyards*, won the non-fiction prize at Scotland's National Book Awards and was a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week. His most recent book *Steeple Chasing* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and a Waterstones Non-Fiction Book of the Month. He is also author of the collections *Daundlerlust* and *The Passion Of Harry Bingo*. He lives in Glasgow.

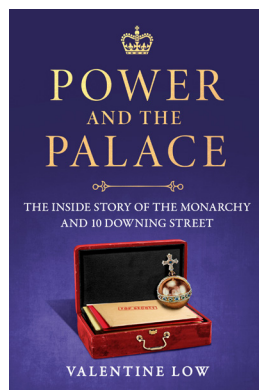
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Power and the Palace: The Intimate Story of the Royal Family and 10 Downing Street

Valentine Low



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When Sir Keir Starmer visited Donald Trump in the White House and produced a letter from King Charles inviting the president for a second state visit, it was a gesture that spoke volumes about the continuing importance of the monarchy for Britain's international relations. It was also a vivid illustration of the relationship between Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street.

Power and the Palace lifts the lid on the mysterious power dynamic at the heart of the British state: the secretive and little understood relationship between the monarchy and the government. In vivid, page-turning prose, Valentine Low examines the extraordinary political life of Queen Victoria, who exerted her will in a way that no monarch has done since, the effect that had on her son Edward VII, and the turbulent and fascinating political times of George V. We are taken behind the scenes of the wartime meetings between George VI and Winston Churchill (the origin of the weekly audience) and discover how Elizabeth II played a crucial role in modernising - and saving - the monarchy.

At the heart of the book are the famous meetings between sovereign and prime minister. Low shows how, from Victoria and Benjamin Disraeli to Elizabeth II and Margaret Thatcher, personal chemistry proved just as important as the constitutional relationship.

Based on nearly 100 interviews with senior politicians, top civil servants, royal aides and constitutional experts, *Power and the Palace* rewrites our understanding of the political power of the monarchy.



Valentine Low is the former royal correspondent at *The Times* who has been writing about the royal family for over a quarter of a century. He is known for his insight and his scrupulously fair coverage, and makes regular appearances on international television as a royal commentator. His exposure of the bullying allegations against the Duchess of Sussex attracted global attention. Valentine previously worked at the *London Evening Standard* for over twenty years, reporting from all around the world. He lives in West London.

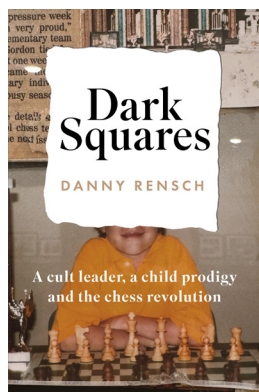
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Dark Squares: A cult leader, a child prodigy and the chess revolution

Danny Rensch



This extraordinary memoir by International Master and Chess.com co-founder Danny Rensch describes his upbringing in an abusive cult - and how chess ended up saving his life

Born into the Church of Immortal Consciousness, Danny Rensch spent his childhood navigating the isolated confines of a cult. Despite psychological manipulation, physical abuse, and neglect, he persevered. An international chess master and world-class commentator, Rensch's remarkable journey led him to being the face of Chess.com, one of the largest online gaming platforms in the world.

With unflinching honesty, Rensch recounts his life, starting from the moment he discovered chess in the summer of 1995, all the way up to being at the center of the most explosive cheating scandal in chess history.

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He chronicles the traumas of being “special” in a cult that forced separation from his mother. Mentored by an alcoholic, Russian chess master, he found solace alongside suffering in his obsession for an ancient game, and chess became his only escape. Rensch rose through the chess ranks until a medical emergency nearly took him out of the game forever. And it almost did, until Chess.com came along.

Deeply heartfelt, keenly reflective, and haunting, *Dark Squares* is the never-before-told story of Danny Rensch's resilience, survival, and his enduring love for the game that saved him.



Danny Rensch is an international chess master, world-renowned chess broadcaster and commentator, and chief chess officer for Chess.com. Rensch was a seven-time all-American chess player and a multiple-time national scholastic chess champion. He became the youngest chess master in Arizona history and today lives in Utah with his wife and four children.

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Poems & Prayers

Matthew McConaughey



From the Academy Award-winning actor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Greenlights* comes an inspiring, faith-filled, and often hilarious collection of personal poetry and prayers about navigating the rodeo of life and chasing down the original dream, belief.

My prayers are my poems are my prayers.

I've always relied on logic to make sense of myself and the world.

A prescriptionist at heart, I've always looked to reason to find the rhyme, the practical to get to the mystical, the choreography to find the dance, the proof to get to the truth, and reality to get to the dream.

I've been finding that tougher to do lately. It's more than hard to know what to believe in; it's hard to believe.

But I don't want to quit believing, and I don't want to stop believing in . . . humanity, you, myself, our potential.

I think it's time for us to flip the script on what's historically been our means of making sense, and instead open our aperture to enchantment and look to faith, belief, and dreams for our reality.

Let's sing more than we might make sense, believe in more than the world can conclude, get more impressed with the wow instead of the how, let inspiration interrupt our appointments, dream our way to reality, serve some soul food to our hungry heads, put proof on the shelf for a season, and rhyme our way to reason.

Forget logic, certainty, owning, or making a start-up company of it; let's go beyond what we can merely imagine, and believe, in the poetry of life.

Academy Award-winning actor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Matthew McConaughey** is a husband and a father, an eternal optimist, a hopeful skeptic, and a man of faith who believes that we should all start sellin' Sunday morning like a Saturday night. McConaughey is a professor of practice at the University of Texas in Austin and co-owner of The Austin FC soccer club. He and his wife, Camila, founded the just keep livin Foundation, which is dedicated to helping boys and girls transform into good men and women through programs that teach the importance of decision-making, health, education, and active living. McConaughey resides with Camila and their three children in Austin, Texas.

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Beyoncé: The Stories Behind the Songs

Annie Zaleski



The full story behind every single song Beyoncé has ever released.

Covering eight solo albums plus her work with Destiny's Child and Jay-Z, this definitive guide covers hundreds of songs, hidden gems, soundtracks, cover versions and more besides in a celebration of one of music's greatest, most versatile talents.

Award-winning music writer Annie Zaleski (*Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, *the Guardian*) explores and explains the stories behind one of music's greatest bodies of work, from early group hit 'Say My Name' and the classic 'Crazy In Love' to the acclaimed album *Lemonade* and the shock new direction of latest release *Cowboy Carter*.

A journey through pop, hip-hop, R&B and even country, this is the ultimate guide to the creative genius that is Beyoncé.

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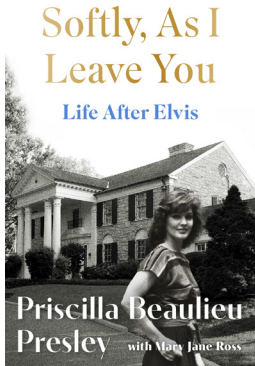
Annie Zaleski is an award-winning music author and journalist. Her work has appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, *the LA Times*, *Salon* and *Time* magazine. She has written several books on artists including *Taylor Swift*, *Lady Gaga* and *Duran Duran*. Annie lives in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

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Softly, As I Leave You: Life After Elvis: A Memoir

Priscilla Beaulieu Presley



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Priscilla Presley's final word on family, legacy - and untold stories of her life with Elvis

In the last fifteen years, Priscilla Presley has lost her daughter, grandson and mother - and seen her early life dramatized by Sofia Coppola on screen. Now 79 years old, in her new memoir Priscilla will share intimate details of her life as never before.

Here, she reveals her true opinions of Colonel Parker and the entire 'posse' surrounding Elvis, and how lonely her husband was despite global fame. She tells the story of Graceland, Elvis's sanctuary that became one of the USA's top tourist attractions, and its controversial sale and settlement on Riley Keough, Priscilla's granddaughter. She reminisces on her career as a successful businesswoman and actress, including appearing on *Dallas* for five seasons alongside the stellar cast. She explores in detail her relationship with her late daughter, Lisa Marie, including navigating Lisa's addictions and marriages, the allegations of sexual abuse that Lisa made against Priscilla's boyfriend as a teen, and Lisa's devastating death at the age of only 54.

Sofia Coppola's 2023 film *Priscilla* was based closely on Priscilla's memoir, *Elvis and Me*. Priscilla tells her story from behind-the-scenes, including her family's feelings about the film, and her own reaction to attending Venice Film Festival. Ultimately, this book is Priscilla's chance to tell her own story, of life after Elvis and her growth as her own person, with her own unique legacy.

Actor and businesswoman **Priscilla Beaulieu Presley** is the ex-wife of musical icon Elvis Presley and mother of late singer-songwriter Lisa Marie Presley. Married to Elvis for six years, Presley later ran Elvis Presley Enterprises and helped to turn Graceland into a multimillion-dollar tourist attraction. She starred in three *Naked Gun* movies with Leslie Nielsen and played the character Jenna Wade on the television series *Dallas* for five seasons in the 1980s. Director Sofia Coppola adapted Presley's best-selling memoir, *Elvis and Me*, into the movie *Priscilla*, released in November 2023.

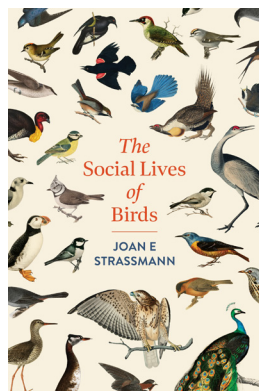
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The Social Lives of Birds

Joan E. Strassmann



Birds, like most of us, are social creatures. In groups they can do things they'd never be able to do alone. Be that evading predators or raising young, together birds collaborate, cooperate and connect.

But every group has its conflicts, and living together can come with a cost. Competing for food, mates and nests, life in a group can be hard and sometimes dangerous.

From nest hijacking and thievery to seduction, dancing and secret relationships, *The Social Lives of Birds* discovers the various ways birds socialise. Revealing the different types of bird groups and the ornithologists who study them, professor of biology and birder Joan E. Strassmann combines the latest research on and her own experiences of birds navigating social dilemmas.

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Joan E. Strassmann is a professor of biology and award-winning teacher of animal behaviour. She is the author of *Slow Birding: the Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard*, published in 2022 by TarcherPerigee, PRH. She has been a slow birder for decades and is on the board of the St. Louis Audubon Society. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the Animal Behavior Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has held a Guggenheim fellowship. She lives with her husband in St. Louis, Missouri.

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The Changing Game: The Managers, Tactics and Teams That Altered Football Forever

Martin O'Neill



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What sets the management style of Brian Clough apart? How did Alex Ferguson stay in post so long? And why was Mourinho such a Special One?

Changing the Game will answer these questions and much, much more. Encompassing the successes, failures and near-misses of iconic managers including Clough, Cruyff, Wenger, Ferguson, Mourinho, Klopp and Guardiola - and with an eye to the international game's biggest stars including Southgate and Wiegman - stellar manager Martin O'Neill brings his unique perspective to decades of footballing history. Bringing his sharp instincts and intellect through his tenures as manager for Leicester City, Celtic and the Republic of Ireland, fans will enjoy the first-hand anecdotes of how to prepare for and play against the titans of the game.

Looking at tactics and teams (from The Invincibles to the bus-parkers, and tournament footballers to Premier League conquerors), to explore the game's evolution, this book will be the armchair football manager's unmissable companion. Who was the greatest manager of all time? You'll have to read *Changing the Game* to find out.



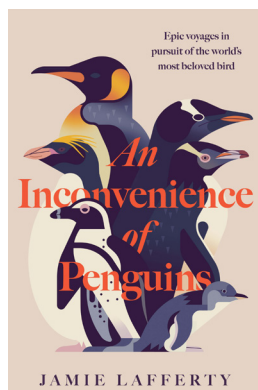
Martin O'Neill started his career in Northern Ireland, but spent most of his playing career with Nottingham Forest, with whom he won the European Cup twice, in 1979 and 1980. He was capped sixty-four times for the Northern Ireland national football team, also captaining the side at the 1982 World Cup. His career as a manager encompassed teams including Norwich City, Leicester City, Celtic, Aston Villa and Sunderland. He guided Leicester City to the Football League Cup Final three times, winning twice. As Celtic manager between 2000 and 2005, he led that club to seven trophies including three Scottish Premier League titles and the 2003 UEFA Cup Final. After joining Aston Villa, he achieved three consecutive sixth-place finishes in the English Premier League and guided them to the 2010 Football League Cup Final. O'Neill became Republic of Ireland manager in 2013 and led them to qualification for the 2016 UEFA European Championship for the third time in the nation's history, beating the reigning world champions in the process.

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An Inconvenience of Penguins

Jamie Lafferty



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The problem started, as problems often do, with a penguin.

From Kings and Emperors to Macaronis and Rockhoppers, penguins are one of the most immediately recognisable animals Earth. Yet for all that familiarity, what do we really know about them? *An Inconvenience of Penguins* follows award-winning travel writer Jamie Lafferty as he visits all 18 species in a bid to understand the birds and their extraordinarily varied habitats a little better. On voyages to some of the world's most inaccessible and challenging landscapes, he recounts the history of our unique relationship with the world's most popular bird, telling stories of the penguins, but also the people and places around them.

From getting stranded in the Galapagos to marching through African guano fields, and leading photography groups in the Antarctic to taking psychedelics on the Falklands, this is a birding quest like no other. Along the way Lafferty relives the experiences of early polar explorers, for who penguins were perplexing mysteries, welcome companions and even occasional meals, and meets the modern penguin lovers trying to save their fragile environments.

Featuring cameos from a wide cast of characters including Ernest Shackleton, Charles Darwin, and Sir Francis Drake, as well as beautiful photographs of each penguin species, *An Inconvenience of Penguins* is part-love letter to and part-biography of these remarkable creatures.



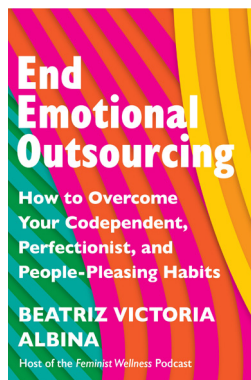
Jamie Lafferty is a regular contributor to the *Sunday Times*, the *Financial Times* and *National Geographic Traveller*, while his work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, *the Telegraph*, and *BBC Travel*. He has been nominated for over 20 awards in the travel writing industry and won Travel Writer of the Year at the Travel Media Awards in 2020 and in April 2023 won Specialist Travel Writer of the Year at the TravMedia Awards. When he's not traveling, he lives in Glasgow.

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End Emotional Outsourcing

Beatriz Victoria Albina



In *End Emotional Outsourcing*, expert nurse practitioner, million-follower podcaster and life coach Victoria Albina offers you a fresh, intersectional feminist angle to end emotional outsourcing.

Her somatic approach to emotions will change your life: a modern, science-based and actionable program to understand your habits, where they come from, and how to start sourcing your lovability and self-worth from within.

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Beatriz Victoria Albina is trained nurse practitioner with a masters in public health and additional training as a Certified Somatic Life Coach. She excels at digesting the science and communicating complex ideas in an accessible, memorable, story-driven way. She has also done the work herself, and her personal story lends humor, safety, and credibility to the page.

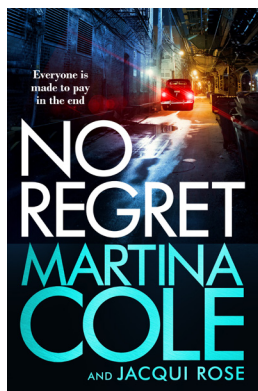
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No Regret

Martina Cole and Jacqui Rose



The brand new novel from the iconic queen of crime Martina Cole.

'The stuff of legend' *Mirror*

'The queen of crime' *Woman & Home*

'One of the best fiction authors around . . . spectacular' *Closer*

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Martina Cole's first novel *Dangerous Lady* caused a sensation when it was published, and launched one of the bestselling fiction writers of her generation.

Martina has since gone on to have seventeen No. 1 bestsellers. She won the *British Book Award for Crime Thriller of the Year* with *The Take*, which then went on to be a hit TV series for Sky 1. Four of her novels have made it on the screen, with more in production, and three have been adapted as stage plays. Her unique, powerful storytelling is acclaimed for its hard-hitting, true-to-life style - there is no one like Martina Cole.

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Yours for the Season

Emily Stone



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Mel's ex-boyfriend just made her a proposal. But not the one she was expecting...

When Finn, the love of Melanie's life, inexplicably dumps her at his sister's engagement party, Melanie is determined to put the past behind her and move on.

Then, just months later, Finn shows up at her door with an unexpected proposal: will she come home with him for Christmas this year and pretend to his mum and loved-up siblings that they're still together - just for the season?

Mel agrees to fake-date him - with one condition. She gets to publicly dump him at the end of the week.

But with Finn's mother set on making this Christmas picture-perfect, can Mel and Finn keep up the act without falling back into old feelings? As their white lie snowballs out of control, and the ice between Mel and Finn begins to thaw, Mel must decide if she really wants this to be just for the season - or something more . . .

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Emily Stone wrote her debut novel *Always in December* in an old Victorian manor house in Chepstow with an impressive literary heritage. Her other titles include *The Christmas Letter*, *Home Again for Christmas* and *One Last Gift*.

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Out of Time

Jodi Taylor



The nail-bitingly tense, rib-crackingly funny new *TIME POLICE* mission from the million-copy bestselling author of *THE CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S*.

The Time Police are accustomed to jumping to the past. This time, however, the past has come to them.

What connects a dead dinosaur with Romulus the founder of Rome, a shocking cover-up at TPHQ and a plot to murder the Princes in the Tower?

The Time Police are determined to find out, helped - and occasionally hindered - by a wayward member of St Mary's and a recently reunited Team 236. Each in their own unique way, obviously.

As if all that wasn't enough - something somewhere in the Timeline is wrong. Very, very wrong. What is the Time Map trying to tell them?

Can the Time Police find the answers before Time runs out?

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Jodi Taylor is the internationally bestselling author of over twenty-five novels and more short stories that you can shake a stick at. *Her Chronicles of St Mary's* series follows a bunch of disaster-prone individuals who investigate major historical events in contemporary time. In 2024, *The Ballad of Smallhope and Pennyroyal* accidentally grew from a short story to a full-length novel, revealing the origin story of two beloved characters who feature in both series. Jodi is also known for her gripping supernatural thrillers featuring the mysterious Elizabeth Cage together with the enchanting Frogmorton Farm series - a fairy story for adults. Born in Bristol and now living 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 write a book.

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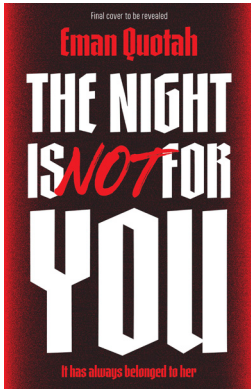
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The Night is Not For You

Eman Quotah

October Fiction



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The Night is Not For You . . . It Has Always Belonged to HER

She's a cautionary tale told by mothers to their young children, 'Come back before it gets dark.' She's a warning to lecherous young men, 'Don't wander the streets late at night.'

A man's body is found viciously murdered behind a neighbourhood's 24-hour corner store, sending shockwaves through the tightknit community in this small-town neighbourhood. All the victim's family and bystanders want is to make sense of this brutal crime and move on with their lives.

But all seven-year-old Layla wants is a pet donkey. To her, a donkey is the epitome of freedom and being self-sufficient - to think for herself, go anywhere by herself and live an independent life.

As the killings continue, Layla's world unravels. Rumours start to fly of supposed hoofprints and a woman with hair like black silk. As the ambiguous messages in lipstick and sweet smell of perfume cause the finger of blame to point towards the women, Layla herself grows into a woman.

The kind of woman she has always dreamt of becoming - A woman with sharp instincts. A woman who cannot be tamed.

This is a story of old world meets new, of modernity and isolation as a community turns on its women in an effort to protect their boys and men - but mostly importantly, this is the story of one woman's freedom.



Eman Quotah's debut novel, *Bride of the Sea*, won the Arab American Book Award for fiction. Her writing has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and many other publications. She lives outside Washington, DC, with her family.

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When They Burned The Butterfly

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COVER TO BE REVEALED

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Newly independent, a city of immigrants grappling for power in a fast-modernizing world. Here, gangsters are the last conduits of the gods their ancestors brought with them, and the back alleys where they fight are the last place where magic has not been assimilated and legislated away.

Loner schoolgirl Adeline Siow has never needed more company than the flames she can summon at her fingertips. But when her mother dies in a house fire with a butterfly seared onto her skin, Adeline hunts down a girl she saw in a back-alley bar fight - a girl with a butterfly tattoo - only to discover that she's far from alone.

Ang Tian is a Red Butterfly: one of a gang of girls who came from nothing, sworn to a fire goddess and empowered to wreak vengeance on the men that abuse and underestimate them. Adeline's mother led a double life as their elusive patron, Madam Butterfly. Now that she's dead, Adeline's bloodline is the sole thing sustaining their link with this goddess. Between her search for her mother's killer and the gang's succession crisis, Adeline becomes quickly entangled with the girls' dangerous world, and even more so with the charismatic Tian.

But no home lasts long around here. Ambitious and paranoid neighbour gangs hunt at the edges of Butterfly territory, and bodies are turning up in the red light district suffused with a strange new magic. Adeline may have found her place, but with the streets changing by the day, it may take everything she's got to keep it.



Wen-yi Lee is the author of YA horror *The Dark We Know* and forthcoming adult historical fantasy *When They Burned the Butterfly*. Her writing has appeared in venues like Lightspeed, Uncanny, Reactor, and Strange Horizons, as well as various anthologies. She is based in Singapore and is a graduate of University College London, and likes writing about girls with bite, feral nature, and ghosts.

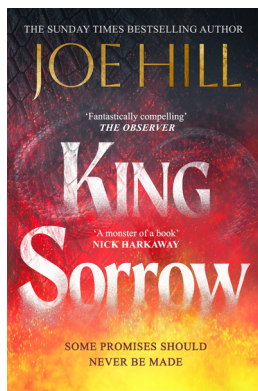
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King Sorrow

Joe Hill



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SOME PROMISES SHOULD NEVER BE MADE...

'A monster of a book...a vast, brimstoned, relentless zinger' NICK HARKAWAY

Bookish dreamer Arthur Oakes is a student at Rackham College, Maine, renowned for its frosty winters and beautiful buildings.

But his idyll - and burgeoning romance with Gwen Underfoot - is shattered when local drug dealers force him into a terrible crime: stealing rare and valuable books from the exceptional college library.

Trapped and desperate, Arthur turns to his closest friends for help: the wealthy, irrepressible Colin Wren; brave, beautiful Alison Shiner; the battling twins Donna and Donovan McBride; and brainy, bold Gwen. Together they dream up an impossible, fantastical scheme that they scarcely imagine will work: to summon the fabled dragon King Sorrow to kill those tormenting Arthur.

But the six stumble backwards into a deadly bargain - they soon learn they must choose a new sacrifice for King Sorrow each year or one of them will become his next victim. Unleashing consequences they can neither predict nor control, this promise will, over the course of four decades, shape and endanger their lives in ways they could never expect.



Joe Hill is a Sunday Times bestseller and the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Heart-Shaped Box, The Fireman, and Full Throttle. He won the Eisner Award for Best Writer for his long-running comic book series, Locke & Key, co-created with artist Gabriel Rodriguez. Much of his work has been adapted for movies and television. His second novel, Horns, was translated to film in 2014 and starred Daniel Radcliffe. His third novel, NOS4A2, is now a hit series on AMC, starring Zachary Quinto. The first season of Locke & Key was released on Netflix in early 2020 and became an overnight smash. His story, 'In The Tall Grass', co-written with Stephen King, was made into a feature for Netflix, and became a mind-bending cult horror sensation. Most recently, Hill has returned to graphic novels -- his latest comics include Basketful of Heads and Plunge for D.C., and Dying is Easy for IDW.

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The King's Ransom

Janet Evanovich



Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her gorgeous-but-infuriating ex-husband Rafer Jones. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble . . . big trouble.

As the president of a too-big-to-fail bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some of the world's most priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. It seemed like a low-risk, high-reward business move, so he jumped in with both feet. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing and worse, there's no paper trail of Harley being directed to make these risky investments. Unless the artwork can be recovered soon, it looks like Harley is going to be heading to jail as the fall guy for an ingenious crime.

Gabriela knows what she must do: travel around the world with Rafer to find the missing works of art, keep Harley out of jail, and save both his skin and his bank. Along the way, she'll encounter corruption, threats, murder, mysterious dark forces behind a global conspiracy to destroy the world's wealth, and a nefarious villain who will stop at nothing to bring the world to the brink of ruin.

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Over the last twenty-six years, **Janet Evanovich** has written a staggering forty-three New York Times bestsellers. Her bestselling Stephanie Plum novels include *Going Rogue*, *Game On*, *Fortune and Glory* and *Twisted 26*.

Janet has won several major crime fiction awards, including the CWA John Creasey Award, the Dilys Award and the Silver Dagger.

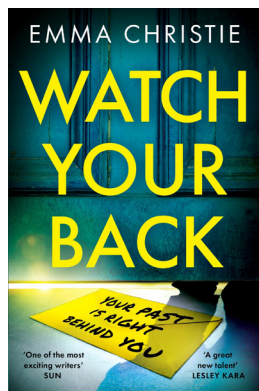
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Watch Your Back

Emma Christie



Your Past Is Right Behind You.

Jo has always kept her head down and surrounded herself with strangers who know nothing about her tragic past. But when her mother's murderer is released from prison, her past creeps into her present, and Jo is forced to question the events that led to the killing.

Then a note is slipped under the door of her flat. 'Watch Your Back', it says. Is it a threat or friendly advice? And when her ex is attacked in the street and given the same warning, Jo knows the answer: she's in danger.

But who can she trust?

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Emma Christie writes psychological thrillers set in Portobello, Edinburgh's thriving seaside neighbourhood. Her debut novel *The Silent Daughter* was shortlisted for the *McIlvanney Prize* for Scottish Crime Book of the Year 2021, shortlisted for the Scottish Crime Debut of the Year 2021 and longlisted for the Crime Writers' Association John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award 2021. It was followed in 2022 by her highly acclaimed novels *Find Her First* and *In Her Shadow*. When she's not travelling in her campervan, Emma lives in Barcelona with her girlfriend Mari and far too many plants. Find her online at www.emmachristiewriter.com.

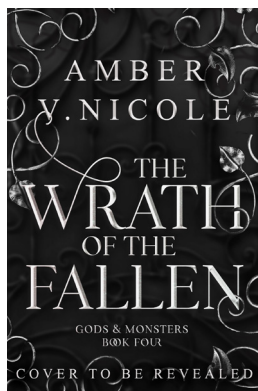
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The Wrath of the Fallen

Amber V. Nicole



As the rebellion intensifies, Dianna discovers more of her past and soon finds herself immersed in a tumultuous family history that she and Samkiel never saw coming.

Forced to venture through the Otherworld, Dianna and Samkiel start to comprehend the real power of the medallion, as figures and threats from the past surface once again to threaten their future together, and Samkiel finds himself faced with a choice: will he truly become the World Ender once again? And what does that mean for Dianna?

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Amber Nicole is an author who works full time helping animals as a vet assistant. When she isn't working she is dreaming of far off places with dragons, magic, and swords. She loves a good villain and plans to tell many stories showcasing them in the spotlight.

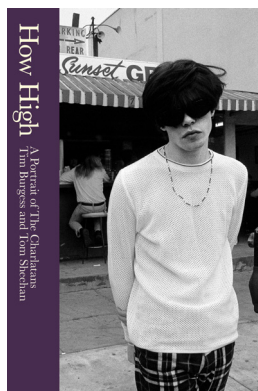
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How High: A Portrait of The Charlatans

Tim Burgess and Tom Sheehan



This is the inside story of *The Charlatans* - seen through the lens of legendary Melody Maker chief photographer Tom Sheehan alongside commentary and stories from lead Charlatan, Tim Burgess.

Hundreds of Sheehan's photographs - blending iconic shots with those seen here for the very first time - are accompanied by evocative text from Burgess, exploring his memories of a band at the very height of their powers.

Burgess and Sheehan worked together on many sessions, covering the biggest years of the band's story in breathtaking detail, capturing recording sessions, live performances, cover shoots, tours and intimate moments snatched backstage.

Beautifully presented, this book is a stunning visual history of *The Charlatans*, one of the defining bands of a generation.

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Tim Burgess is a musician, an author and a Charlatan. Lead singer of the legendary band The Charlatans, Tim is responsible for era-defining songs including 'The Only One I Know' and 'North Country Boy'. Across his work with the band, as a solo artist, DJ, presenter and host of the incredibly popular Tim's Listening Party, Burgess has been at the forefront of rock music for more than 35 years.



Tom Sheehan is a renowned music photographer. Former Chief Photographer for Melody Maker, he has taken iconic images of artists including Oasis, The Smiths, The Cure, The Jam, Mick Jagger, Ozzy Osbourne, Snoop Dogg, Tom Waits, Kate Bush and many more. Described as 'legendary' by Vice, Tom's photographs have featured in the *NME*, *The Times*, *the Guardian*, *the Observer*, *Q*, *Uncut* and *Mojo*.

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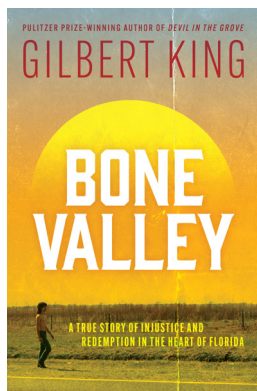
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Bone Valley: Murder & Injustice in Florida

Gilbert King



From Pulitzer Prize-winner Gilbert King, and based on the international smash hit podcast, comes a shocking expose into an egregious miscarriage of justice - *BONE VALLEY*.

Leo Schofield has spent the past 35 years in prison, convicted for the 1987 murder of his young wife, Michelle—a crime he has always denied. He narrowly escaped the death penalty and would have been released by now if he just confessed to the killing, but he refuses to do so because he's innocent.

Few seriously considered Leo's claims of innocence until 2004, when previously unidentified fingerprints from the crime scene were linked to Jeremy Scott, a troubled and violent teenager from the same town in Polk County, Florida. Now, Jeremy has confessed to Michelle's murder—as well as three other murders in the area.

Both Leo and Jeremy insist they are telling the truth, but the State of Florida refuses to believe either man.

Based on the hugely successful *Bone Valley* podcast, which *The Guardian* named one of the best podcasts of the year, this brand new investigation sheds light on one of the world's most shocking cases.

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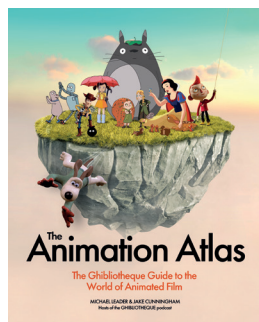
Gilbert King is the author of *Beneath a Ruthless Sun*, published by Riverhead Books in 2018. He is also the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Devil in the Grove*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction in 2013. The book was also the runner-up in nonfiction for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, a finalist for both the Chautauqua Prize and the Edgar Award, and the gold medal winner in nonfiction for the Florida Book Awards. King has written about the race and criminal justice for the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, and *Smithsonian*.

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The Animation Atlas: The Ghibliotheque Guide to the World of Animated Film

Michael Leader & Jake Cunningham



Animation is a global artform, and *The Animation Atlas* is your essential guide to this exciting, expansive world.

From the duo behind the Ghibliotheque podcast and their bestselling books comes this whistle-stop tour through animated film history. A cartography of cartoons, *The Animation Atlas* will take in everything from titans of animation from Disney, Pixar and Studio Ghibli to pioneers, innovators and rising stars from the wider world of cinema.

A truly global history of animation - Each of the 30 chapters sets down in a different country to focus on local talent that has made a global impact on the form, from Spain to South Africa and China to Chile.

Box office hits and hidden gems - Features a dazzling selection of films, from the stop-motion wizardry of Laika Studios (*Coraline*), the claymation classics of Aardman Animations (*Wallace and Gromit*), and breakout Irish dreamweavers Cartoon Saloon (*Wolfwalkers*), to the works of revered artists such as Lotte Reiniger (*The Adventures of Prince Achmed*), Jan Švankmajer (*Alice*) and Hayao Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*).

Dozens of gorgeous illustrations - Includes more than 150 photographs, artworks and stills from some of the most beautiful animated films ever made. A perfect gift for film lovers.

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Jake Cunningham is a writer and producer working in film and audio. As well as *Ghibliotheque*, he has produced podcasts with *Channel 4*, Curzon Cinemas, and the British Independent Film Awards. He has appeared on air for the *BBC World Service*, and has written and voiced video essays for the *BBC* and *Little White Lies*. He has written about film for *The I*, *BFI*, *NME* and more.

Michael Leader is a writer and broadcaster whose writing has appeared in *Sight & Sound* and *Little White Lies*, and whose voice has appeared on podcasts and radio ranging from *Ghibliotheque* and *Truth & Movies* to *BBC Front Row* and *BBC Radio 5*. For several years he was Editorial Director for Film4 Online, and Commissioning Editor of the *BBC Arts/iPlayer* series *Inside Cinema* and *Inside Games*, for which he wrote and produced short-form documentaries about, among other things, Studio Ghibli.



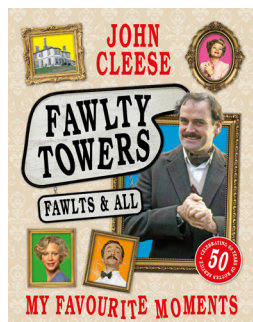
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Fawlty Towers: Fawlt's and All: A 50th Anniversary Celebration

John Cleese



Duck surprise. The car that wouldn't start. The psychiatrists. Those builders...

Fifty years ago Fawlty Towers hit British TV screens for the first time, becoming an instant classic. Now for the first time John Cleese tells his stories from behind the scenes of his favourite moments. From writing scripts that were so carefully planned they were double the length of similar shows', to casting, lighting, how the show was almost cancelled before it started, and other production shenanigans, these are your favourite moments from Fawlty Towers as you've never seen them before. Exploring the how and why of creating classic comedy, there is a laugh on every page, and a dose of nostalgia for vintage TV fans. With gorgeous commissioned illustration and archival imagery, the book revisits such iconic scenes as Basil thrashing his car, a rat appearing in a box of cheese biscuits, and Basil goose-stepping across the dining room to an audience of horrified guests.

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Written by and starring Cleese and his then-wife Connie Booth, the first series of Fawlty Towers aired in 1975, with a second series broadcast in 1979. It featured Cleese as the irascible hotel manager Basil Fawlty, Prunella Scales as his sybaritic wife Sybil, Andrew Sachs as the hapless waiter Manuel, and Booth as Polly, an efficient waitress and art student. It won three BAFTAs and, despite having only 12 episodes in total, continues to be regularly voted the best sit-com in British history.



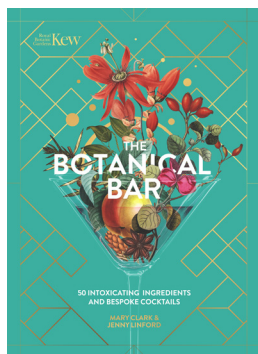
John Cleese was born and brought up in Weston-super-Mare. The success of the 1963 Cambridge Footlights Revue, which played in the West End and on Broadway, saved him from a legal career. He co-founded the legendary Monty Python comedy troupe, writing and performing in the TV series and in films including Monty Python and the Holy Grail and Monty Python's Life of Brian. In the 1970s Cleese and his first wife, Connie Booth, co-wrote and starred in the now-classic sitcom Fawlty Towers, which won three BAFTAs. He went on to appear in many other films, from James Bond to Harry Potter, and guest-starred in numerous TV shows, including Cheers and Will and Grace. He wrote his first autobiography *So Anyway*, which was published in 2014 and has sold 600,000 copies. In his twilight years he passes his time writing film scripts, making speeches to business audiences, doing seminars on creativity and teaching at Cornell University.

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Kew: The Botanical Bar

Jenny Linford, Mary Clark and Kew



The Botanical Bar is your invitation to the eclectic and aromatic world of botanical cocktails.

An intoxicating collection of 50 fragrant, floral, fruity and herbal ingredients and 50 bespoke cocktail recipes, *The Botanical Bar* explores the fascinating stories and science behind the elements of our favourite drinks.

A unique blend of stylish shoot photography and Kew's signature botanical illustrations will be brought together to create a gorgeous gift package that will appeal across plant and drinks audiences.

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The Dinner Party

Viola van de Sandt



I remember everything that happened in those three minutes at the beginning of the evening, him and me in the kitchen. That, and what happened at the end: the knife, and what I did with it.

Franca left the Netherlands behind to start her new life in England with Andrew. Andrew, whose parents lived in South Kensington but had a flat their son could 'borrow' nearby. Andrew, an old-fashioned British gentleman, who encourages her not to work but to instead focus on her writing. Andrew who suggests a dinner party with his colleagues to celebrate their big upcoming launch. A dinner party that Franca must plan and shop and cook and clean for. A dinner party during a heatwave, when the fridge breaks, alcohol replaces water and an unexpected guest joins their ranks. A dinner party where everything she once was and everything she now is comes together and she feels like she might implode.

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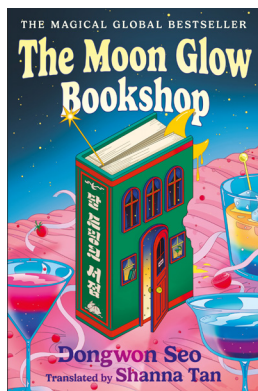
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The Moon Glow Bookshop

Dongwon Seo



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What if you could turn the pages of your own life, like the pages of your favourite book?

Somewhere along the ordinary alleys you pass by every day, a mysterious shop appears between all the other familiar buildings. Surely, you didn't see it yesterday or the day before. A large sign reads 'The Moon Glow Bookshop' but it seems to have a smaller poster on its window saying, 'If only your life were like a book'.

The faint glow of light from the shop somehow seems to offer you comfort. From just looking at the poster, you can't really tell if it's a bookstore, a bar, or a cafe. Upon opening the door and entering, the first thing that catches your eye are the shelves filled with bottles. It seems to be a bar, and as you take a sip of your desired cocktail, you feel yourself slowly entering a different world...

Boreum, a moon rabbit, and Moon, the guardian of a magical library, have abandoned their jobs as celestial custodians and started operating a mysterious shop on Earth called The Moon Glow Bookshop. At the end of a weary day, around the time when the moon rises, people make their way into the shop and choose cocktails to relive their most regrettable moments. When guests choose a drink, they're served a matching dish as part of the magical experience. The dish that goes well with the cocktail you chose could be a simple egg omelette or perhaps a ripe, juicy tomato that you cannot bear to eat because of its perfect roundness. The result could be a coincidence or destiny.

From a musician who lost her mother due to perilous mistake and is fated to lose her lover and father again, to a novelist who has become obsessed with success, and a working adult who, obsessed with making money, completely forgot their childhood dreams - everybody goes looking for answers in *The Moon Glow Bookshop*.



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The Other Child

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Things haven't been easy for Louise with her three-year-old son, Alfie. Unlike the other women in her NCT, for whom motherhood seemed to come so naturally, she never felt that all-important bond. And she can't help but feel that it's her fault that he now acts out like he does.

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What if Alfie is not her child?

What if he and Isaac were swapped at birth?

And what can she do to prove it?

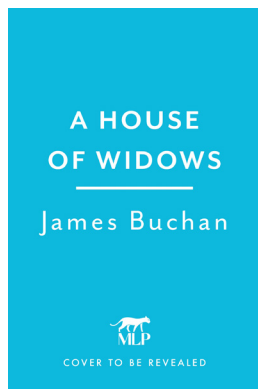
Amy Carver worked for the NHS for fifteen years, spending the first ten as a healthcare assistant in a maternity unit, where she supported women through antenatal care, childbirth, and the postnatal period. She later qualified as a nurse and earned a psychology degree, which led her down an alternative path. Now a novelist, Amy draws inspiration from her experiences to create compelling and impactful stories. A mother of three grown-up children and a nanna of four, she enjoys spending time with her expanding family.

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James Buchan is a novelist and a historian whose books have won many prizes and been translated into a dozen foreign languages. He has written widely on the modern history of Scotland, most recently in *John Law: A Scottish Adventurer of the Eighteenth Century*. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He lives on a farm in Norfolk.

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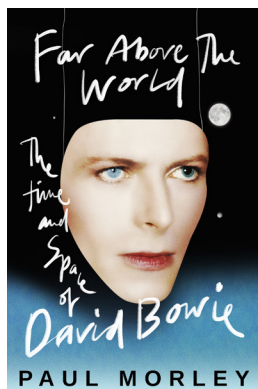
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Far Above the World: The Time and Space of David Bowie

Paul Morley



A landmark celebration of David Bowie's extraordinary life and career through key episodes in his creative journey.

In the ten years since the death of David Bowie in 2016 there has been no loss of interest in and fascination with his life, music and driven, complex personality. He is definitely one musician, one performer, destined not to be forgotten. The significant grief and sadness that greeted Bowie's death has evolved into a deeper, enduring love for his music, style, wit, artistic curiosity, sexual energy, flamboyant outsider spirit and insatiable, provocative appetite for life.

Far Above the World will document one of the UK's greatest creative artists, through the spectacularly colourful and vibrant journey of a man who constantly reinvented himself and his music. Bowie lived in the future, using the pop song to chronicle overwhelming and dangerous times, searching for the light, and creating a communication channel between post-war 20th century times and where(ever) we are now. This anniversary book will place him in the now and next, as much as is past, and argue that his songs, and his messages, reflections and warnings become ever more relevant and compelling as time passes.

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Writer, broadcaster and cultural critic **Paul Morley** has written about music, art and entertainment since the 1970s. A founding member of the electronic collective Art of Noise, he is the author of the bestselling biography *The Age of Bowie* and collaborated with music icon Grace Jones on her *New York Times* best selling memoir, *I'll Never Write My Memoirs*. His other books include biographies of Bob Dylan, Joy Division and Factory Records Tony Wilson and a history of the north. He was an artistic advisor for the David Bowie Is exhibition at the V&A.

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The Dark is Descending

Chloe C. Peñaranda



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‘The blood that binds them, may become the weapon to end them’

Reeling from the shocking betrayal that her buried memories revealed, Astraea's lost battle has only ignited a greater war. With a race against time to break Nyte's curse, Astraea must choose between putting her faith in the hand of darkness or that of her enemy, in order to bring him back.

With daylight quickly fading away and her realm on the brink of ruin, Astraea and her company set off to retrieve the Maiden's broken key. There's only one weapon that can vanquish the vengeful gods and only one hand with the ability to wield it true.

Dive into this epic finale to the *Nytefall* trilogy where dragons will fly and their bonds may choose friend or foe. Gods will face gods, fathers will face sons, and all will face the end of the world in their race against time to claim it for themselves.

Praise for **CHLOE C. PEÑARANDA**

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‘A forbidden romance to die for, a complex world, and plot twists galore’ **GENOVEVA DIMOVA**

CHLOE C. PEÑARANDA is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Nytefall* trilogy and *An Heir Comes to Rise* series.



A lifelong avid reader and writer, Chloe discovered her passion for storytelling in her early teens. Her stories have been spun from years of building on fictional characters and exploring Tolkien-like quests in made up worlds. During her time at the University of the West of Scotland, Chloe immersed herself in writing for short film, producing animations, and spending class time dreaming of far off lands.

In her spare time from writing in her home in scenic Scotland, Chloe enjoys digital art, graphic design, and down time with her three little dogs. When the real world calls... she rarely listens.

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