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## 2021 SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

### FICTION:

#### **THE FAIR BOTANISTS by Sara Sheridan (p.2)**

A bewitching and immersive story set in Edinburgh centring around the highly sought after bloom, the Agave Americana plant, which has the city stirring with excitement and secrets ready to unfold...we've teamed up with the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, and can't wait for readers to fall in love with these characters and the city.

#### **SEVENTEEN by John Brownlow (p.16)**

An electrifying thriller about hitman, Seventeen, who is assigned to kill his predecessor...until suddenly the hunter becomes the hunted. H&S pre-empted, with auctions in Germany, Netherlands and offers elsewhere.

#### **HER PERFECT TWIN by Sarah Bonner (p.17)**

This debut is the most suspenseful, pacy thriller we've read in a long time, about two estranged twin sisters, one of whom must assume the identity of the other when she 'accidentally' murders her twin...Hodder Studio bought this at pre-empt with Grand Central and Goldmann on board too.

### NON-FICTION:

#### **BURN by Ben Short (p.24)**

The power of the writing, the honesty, the dark humour and the idiosyncratic characters – from flashy London ad-men to a sullen forester to a peregrine falcon on the windowsill – make this book unputdownable. Sceptre are publishing in 2022.

#### **ALEXANDRIA by Dr Islam Issa (p.25)**

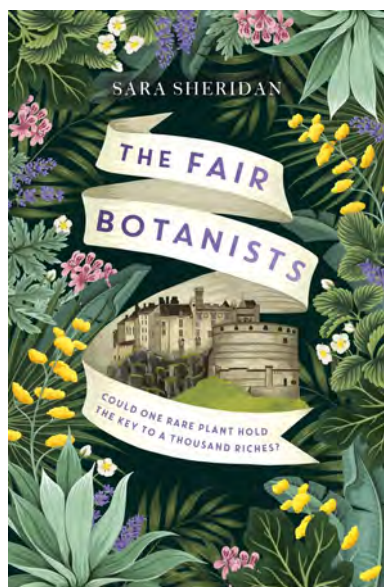
Fascinating history of the city, Alexandria, from pre-Homeric times to the present day. Alexandria was the crucible of cultural exchange between East and West for millennia. It was the undisputed global capital of knowledge that constantly pressed humanity into its next era with key figures who helped shape its identity and fortunes. Lead title for Sceptre in 2023.

#### **STRONG FEMALE LEAD by Arwa Mahdawi (p.28)**

A response to the woeful inadequacy of male leadership, and an investigation into the qualities demonstrated by the female leaders showing us how it's done. Including original research and interviews with Madeleine Albright, Mary Robinson, Alicia Garza, and many others.

# THE FAIR BOTANISTS

SARA SHERIDAN



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: 05 August 2021**  
**Editor: Lily Cooper**  
**Length: 384**

It's the summer of 1822 and Edinburgh is abuzz with rumours of King George IV's impending visit. In botanical circles, however, a different kind of excitement has gripped the city. In the newly-installed Botanic Garden, the Agave Americana plant looks set to flower - an event which only occurs once in several decades.

When newly widowed Elizabeth arrives in Edinburgh to live with her late husband's aunt Clementina, she's determined to put her unhappy past in London behind her. As she settles into her new home, she becomes fascinated by the beautiful Botanic Garden which border the grand house and offers her services as an artist to record the rare plant's impending bloom. In this pursuit, she meets Belle Brodie, a vivacious young woman with a passion for botany and the lucrative, dark art of perfume creation.

Belle is determined to keep both her real identity and the reason for her interest the Garden secret from her new friend. But as Elizabeth and Belle are about to discover, secrets don't last long in this Enlightenment city.

**And when they are revealed, they can carry the greatest of consequences . . .**

## **About the Author:**

Sara Sheridan is an Edinburgh-based writer of over 20 books including cosy crime noir mysteries set in 1950s Britain and historical novels based on the real-life stories of late Georgian and early Victorian explorers. She has also written non-fiction, as well as books for children. Sara has been named one of the Saltire Society's 365 most influential Scottish women, past and present.

# REASONS TO GO OUTSIDE

## Esme King



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: April 2022**  
**Editor: Kimberly Atkins**  
**Length: 320**

Pearl Winter is 59 years old, but she hasn't left her house in over 40 years, since she arrived in Dartmoor as a teenager to live with her mother and stepfather. They are now dead and she is completely alone, kept company only by her pet crows and by the troubled memories of how and why she first became agoraphobic.

Connor Matthews is lacking any kind of routine. His mother's sudden death and few years ago and his father's subsequent remarriage to the ghastly Yvo have left him feeling like a stranger in his own home. There's no way he can spend the summer indoors – so he applies for the job of Pearl's gardener for the summer.

Despite their differences Pearl and Connor become friends, and start to help each other recover lost dreams. And the changes that they start to make affect not only their own lives, but the lives of so many people connected to them.

### **About the Author:**

Esme King is a former news journalist and an award-winning short film writer and director. She was inspired to write REASONS TO GO OUTSIDE after interviewing a woman with agoraphobia. Esme lives in Devon with her husband, two children and rescue dogs, Monty and Milo.

# THE SILENT CHILD

J KELLY



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: April 2022**  
**Editor: Jo Dickinson**  
**Length: 400**

**Is it ever too late for the past to find a voice?**

**1944:** Leo Stern arrives in the camp of Taborz with his wife Irena and their two daughters. The Sterns are briefly spared from the chambers when they are witnesses to a horrifying incident, but in a place that humanity has deserted, Leo is forced to make unimaginable choices to keep his family alive.

**1961:** For seventeen years, Hanna has been unable to remember her name, or how she was separated from her family at the end of the war, until the discovery of an anonymous letter among her late uncle's possessions reveals her real identity - Hanna Stern - and sets her off to Berlin in search of her past.

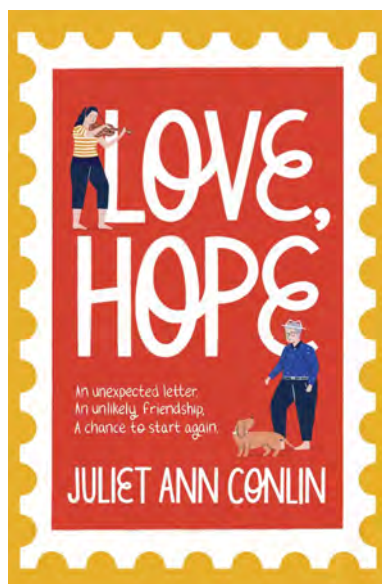
Aided by ex-boyfriend Peter, Hanna begins to piece together the shocking final days of Taborz. But Hanna isn't the only one with an interest in the camp, and lurking in the shadows is someone who would prefer Hanna's history to remain silent . . .

## **About the Author:**

Jim Kelly was born in north London. He went to Sheffield University to study geography – especially the emotional attachment of people to place. He worked in regional newspapers before moving to the *Financial Times* in 1987, becoming education correspondent. In 1985 he attended Wolfson College, Cambridge, as a Press Fellow, studying freedom of information. In 2002 he left the *FT* to write crime thrillers, winning a 'Dagger' in the Crime Writers' Association awards in 2006, and the New Angle Prize for Literature in 2011. His books have been published in the US and translated into German, Norwegian, Dutch, Japanese and Italian. He was a Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Essex University between 2012-2016.

# LOVE, HOPE

JULIET ANN CONLIN



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: December 2021**

**Editor: Thorne Ryan**

**Length: 320**

**LOVE, HOPE is an uplifting, life-affirming novel about overcoming loneliness and finding happiness. Hope's life is getting smaller and less musical than ever. That is until she meets Arnold Quince.**

Arnold had the happiest of lives, until he lost his beloved wife Marion. Now, five years on, he is sick, lonely and just counting down the years until he can be with Marion again.

When Hope and Arnold are pushed into writing to one another neither has any idea how much their life is about to change.

Mostly made up of hand-written letters, this novel is a really charming read. Juliet Ann Conlin's writing brings the characters to life from the very start, adding that vital touch of magic that uplifts needs, making it stand out from the crowd.

### **About the Author:**

Juliet Conlin was born in London and grew up in England and Germany. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from Lancaster University and a PhD in Psychology from the University of Durham. Her most recent novels include 'The Lives Before Us' (Black & White, 2019), and 'Sisters of Berlin' (Black & White, 2020), the former which has been published in Germany by Rowohlt.



# THE TRIVIA NIGHT

ALI LOWE



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: June 2022**  
**Editor: Kimberly Atkins**  
**Length: 352**

**'Sharing is caring' is the motto at Darley Heights, an exclusive public school in the wealthy suburbs of Sydney. So perhaps it's no surprise when talk turns to swinging at the school's annual Trivia Night . . .**

Initially horrified, a group of parents - fuelled by alcohol and marital boredom - make a reckless pact. The rules are clear: partners are swapped, for one night only, with no strings attached.

But in the harsh light of day, the friends must face the consequences of their risky game. As the four couples navigate the shady aftermath of their wild night, marriages are strained, secrets risk exposure - and revenge turns fatal.

Can any marriage survive the ultimate test?

And is it still cheating if everybody's game?

## **About the Author:**

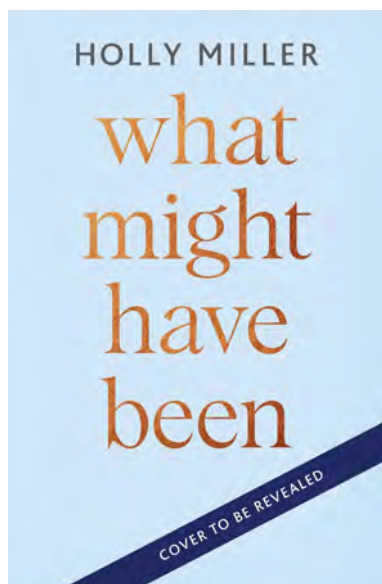
Ali Lowe has been a journalist for 20 years. She has written for bridal magazines, parenting titles, websites and newspapers in London and then Australia, after she moved to Sydney fourteen years ago on a trip that was meant to last a year. She was Features Editor at *OK!* in London, where she memorably stalked celebrities in Elton John's garden at his annual White Tie and Tiara ball.

Ali lives on the northern beaches of Sydney with her husband and three young children.



# WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

HOLLY MILLER



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: June 2022**

**Editor: Kimberly Atkins**

**Length: 416**

**Markets Sold:**

**Netherlands (HarperCollins)**

**Germany (Random House GmbH)**

**Russia (AST)**

**Serbia (Vulkan)**

**US (Putnam/PRH)**

**US (Penguin Group USA)**

***The Sight of You* Markets Sold:**

Brazil (HarperCollins), Bulgaria (Hermes), Croatia (Profil Knjiga), Denmark (Palatium), Estonia (ERSEN OÜ ERAM), France (Calmann-Lévy), Germany (Blanvalet), Greece (Minoas), Taiwan (Spring International), Hungary (Publish and More), Israel (Tchelet Books), Italy (HarperCollins), Korea (Hans Media), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Netherlands (HarperCollins), Norway (Bastion), Poland (Muza), Portugal (Editorial Presença), Romania (Nemira), Russia (AST), Serbia (Vulkan), Slovenia (Učila), Sweden (Printz), Turkey (Yakamoz Kitap), US (Putnam/PRH)

**A romantic and unforgettable story about the little moments that change our lives from the author of *THE SIGHT OF YOU*.**

The day that changes Lucy's life starts in the worst way possible when she is abruptly fired from her job. Drowning her sorrows in a nearby bar, Lucy spots her ex-boyfriend Max walking past outside. Should she stay where she is and ignore him or should she step outside and say hello?

Everything hinges on the outcome of this one decision. In two storylines, we see what happens when Lucy follows both her head and her heart, and how the ripples from this moment change her whole life.

A heartbreaking, uplifting and unforgettable novel for anyone who has ever paused to wonder what might have happened if you made a different choice.

## **About the Author:**

Holly Miller was born and grew up in Bedfordshire. Since university she has worked as a marketer, editor and copywriter. Holly currently lives in Norfolk with her partner and their dog.

# THIS YEAR, MAYBE

JENNY GLADWELL



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: September 2021**  
**Editor: Melissa Cox**  
**Length: 416**  
**Option Publishers:**  
**Bulgaria (Ciela Norma)**  
**Czech Republic (Grada)**  
**Finland (Otava)**  
**Germany (Goldmann Verlag)**  
**Italy (Newton Compton)**  
**Norway (Gyldendal Norsk)**  
**Slovakia (Fortuna)**

**Sometimes you have to fall apart to become whole again .**

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Kate is a successful interior designer with two wonderful kids. Kate is also a recent widow, a grieving daughter and worrying about how to pay the bills.

Her life might look perfect from the outside, but making things look better than they are is just how Kate copes. Her mother, Jean, worries about her - but she has her own problems. A mystery from the past has come back to haunt her, and she decides now is the time to put the pieces together.

When romance makes an appearance in both their lives, can mother and daughter lay the past to rest - and begin again?

## **About the Author:**

Jenny Gladwell is a pen name for Genevieve Herr. Genevieve was born and grew up in London and began working in publishing after university. She studied for a Creative Writing MA alongside her job as a children's book editor at Scholastic, and her dissertation was awarded the Sophie Warne Memorial essay prize for outstanding emerging writer. Genevieve lives in Scotland with her family.

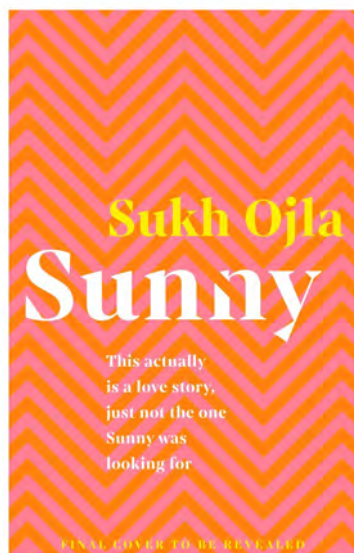
*'Fabulously festive, swoonfully romantic and endlessly enjoyable - I loved it!'* - Isabelle Broom, on A GIFT IN DECEMBER

*'A great piece of storytelling - it swept me away'* - Sue Moorcroft on A GIFT IN DECEMBER

*'Uplifting, heartwarming . . . A feel-good festive debut that sparkles with wit, warmth, romance and mystery'* - Ella Griffin on A GIFT IN DE-

# SUNNY

SUKH OJLA



**Hodder Studio**

**Publication: February 2022**

**Editor: Sara Adams**

**Length: 384**

**This actually is a love story, just not the one Sunny was looking for . . .**

Sunny is the queen of living a double life. On the one hand, she's thirty, flirty and thriving. But on the other, she's just moved back in with her parents while all her friends are getting married, buying houses and having babies. To complicate matters further, she's a secret serial dater, sneaking out of the house every night, leaving her parents with a trail of little white lies.

But one day, her two lives collide in her parents' hallway as she's trying to slip out the front door under the cover of darkness. Only the truth will get her out of this one . . . But to Sunny's horror, her mum isn't as appalled as expected, and instead offers a strange deal. Sunny can keep going on dates, as long as Sunny's mum gets to choose who she dates. What could be worse?!

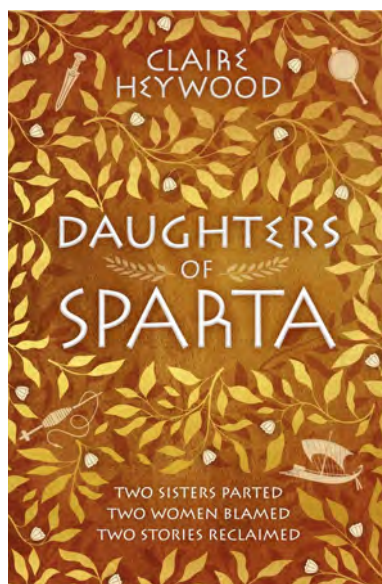
After numerous cringeworthy, awkward and sometimes soul-destroying dates, Sunny has the chance to stop lying to her mum and start being honest . . . about everything.

### **About the Author:**

Sukh Ojla is a comedian, actor and writer. Her first play *Pyar Actually* toured nationwide in 2017 and 2018. She has performed on Jonathan Ross's Comedy Club, BBC2's Big Asian Stand Up Show and across the BBC Asian Network. In 2019, she took her debut solo show *For Sukh's Sake* to Edinburgh, which received rave reviews. Sukh will soon be embarking on a nationwide tour with her new show *Life Sukhs*. *SUNNY* is her debut novel.

# DAUGHTERS OF SPARTA

Claire Heywood



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: July 2021**

**Editor: Thorne Ryan**

**Length: 352**

**Markets sold:**

**Czech Republic (Euromedia)**

**Germany (Droemer Knauer)**

**Portugal (Planeta)**

**Spain (Planeta)**

**US (Penguin Books)**

**For millennia, two women have been blamed for the fall of a mighty civilisation - but now it's time to hear their side of the story . . .**

As princesses of Sparta, Helen and Klytemnestra have known nothing but luxury and plenty. With their high birth and unrivalled beauty, they are the envy of all of Greece.

Such privilege comes at a high price, though, and their destinies are not theirs to command. While still only girls they are separated and married off to legendary foreign kings Agamemnon and Menelaus, never to meet again. Their duty is now to give birth to the heirs society demands and be the meek, submissive queens their men expect.

But when the weight of their husbands' neglect, cruelty and ambition becomes too heavy to bear, they must push against the constraints of their sex to carve new lives for themselves - and in doing so make waves that will ripple throughout the next three thousand years.

*'Absolutely riveting!' - Alka Joshi, New York Times bestselling author of The Henna Artist*

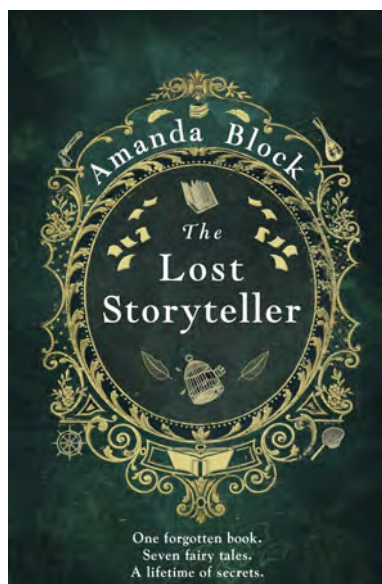
*'Required reading for fans of Circe . . . a remarkable, thrilling debut' - Fiona Davis, New York Times bestselling author of The Lions of Fifth Avenue*

## **About the Author:**

Claire Heywood is a scholar of the ancient world, having gained a 1st Class BA in Classical Civilisation and an MA with Distinction in Ancient Visual and Material Culture, both from the University of Warwick. Her deep understanding of the ancient world, coupled with her fascination with women's forgotten voices, inspired her to write this book.

# THE LOST STORYTELLER

AMANDA BLOCK



**Hodder Studio**

**Publication: July 2021**

**Editor: Sara Adams**

**Length: 320**

**Markets sold:**

**Japan (Tokyo Sogensha)**

**Netherlands (House of Books)**

Rebecca can hardly remember her father Leo Sampson. All she knows is that he was a beloved children's television star who disappeared when she was just six years old, and her family have managed very well without him thank you very much.

But when Ellis, a journalist, turns up at Rebecca's office asking for information about Leo, she begins to wonder if there is more to the story of her father's disappearance than her family have led her to believe.

Then Rebecca is given a book of seven fairy tales, written by Leo, dedicated to his daughter. And through the magic of each of these stories, Rebecca has the chance to get one step closer to the lost storyteller, her father, to discover who he was and what he went through - and even where he might be now . . .

## **About the Author:**

Originally from Devon, Amanda moved to Edinburgh in 2007, where she attained a master's degree in creative writing. Since then, she's divided her time between ghostwriting, editing, and tutoring, and in 2017 she founded Invisible Ink Literary Consultancy.

Amanda's writing is often inspired by myths and fairy tales, which she uses as starting points to tell new stories. Her short fiction has been published in various magazines and anthologies, and shortlisted in contests such as the Bridport Prize and the Mslexia Short Story Competition. THE LOST STORYTELLER is her first novel.



# THE MUSEUM OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

MIKE GAYLE



Hodder & Stoughton  
 Publication: July 2021  
 Editor: Nick Sayers  
 Length: 352

The superb new novel from the bestselling author of *Half A World Away* and *All the Lonely People*.

Inspired by a box of mementos found abandoned in a skip following a house clearance, THE MUSEUM OF ORDINARY PEOPLE is a poignant, thought-provoking but ultimately uplifting story of memory and love, grief, loss and the things we leave behind. It is another brilliant novel from an author who seems to have the absolute knack of writing topical, engaging, heartwarming stories which really connect with readers.

*'This author's books just get better and better' - Good Housekeeping*

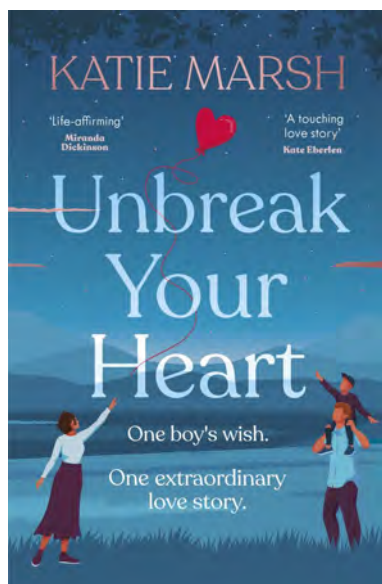
*'Mike Gayle is the king of touching, human stories' - Heat*

## About the Author:

Mike Gayle was born and raised in Birmingham. He has written for a variety of publications including *The Sunday Times*, the *Guardian* and *Cosmopolitan*. Mike became a full time novelist in 1997 following the publication of his *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller *My Legendary Girlfriend*, which was hailed by the Independent as 'full of belly laughs and painfully acute observations,' and by *The Times* as 'a funny, frank account of a hopeless romantic'. Since then he has written thirteen novels including *Mr Commitment*, *The Man I Think I Know*, and *Half a World Away*.

# UNBREAK YOUR HEART

Katie Marsh



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: May 2021**  
**Editor: Kimberly Atkins**  
**Length: 432**

**Three broken hearts. One extraordinary love story.**

Seven-year-old Jake's heart is failing and he doesn't want to leave his dad, Simon, alone. So he makes a decision: to find Simon someone to love before he goes.

Beth is determined to forget the past. But even when she leaves New York to start afresh in a Lake District village, she can't shake the secrets that haunt her.

Single dad Simon still holds a candle for the woman who left him years ago. Every day is a struggle to earn a living while caring for his beloved son. He has no time for finding someone new.

But Jake is determined his plan will succeed - and what unfolds will change all three of them forever.

## **About the Author:**

Katie had a ten-year NHS career before leaving to write full-time. She lives in the countryside with her family, and is the author of four novels, including the 2018 World Book Night pick *My Everything* and the e-book bestseller *A Life Without You*. She loves strong coffee, the promise of a blank page and stealing her husband's toast.



# THE GALAXY, AND THE GROUND WITHIN

Becky Chambers



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: February 2021**  
**Editor: Molly Powell**  
**Length: 336**  
**Markets sold:**  
**US (HarperCollins)**  
**Option publishers:**  
**Bulgaria (Studio of A)**  
**Czech Republic (Host)**  
**France (Sarl Librairie L'Atlante)**  
**Germany (S. Fischer)**  
**Portugal (Darkside)**

**FROM *THE SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND HUGO AWARD WINNER FOR BEST SERIES . . .**

**The stunning finale to the award-winning *Wayfarers* series.**

When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from the planet Gora, three strangers are thrown together unexpectedly, with seemingly nothing to do but wait.

Pei is a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, torn between her duty to her people, and her duty to herself. Roveg is an exiled artist, with a deeply urgent, and longed for, family appointment to keep. Speaker has never been far from her twin but now must endure the unendurable: separation.

Under the care of Ouloo, an enterprising alien, and Tupo, her occasionally helpful child, the trio are compelled to confront where they've been, where they might go, and what they might be to one another.

Together they will discover that even in the vastness of space, they're not alone.

## **About the Author:**

Becky Chambers is a science fiction author based in Northern California. Her books have also been nominated for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Locus Award, and the Women's Prize for Fiction, among others. Becky has a background in performing arts, and grew up in a family heavily involved in space science. She spends her free time playing video and tabletop games, keeping bees and looking through her telescope.

# WHAT PLANET CAN I BLAME THIS ON?

ELLIE PILCHER



Hodder Studio

Publication: June 2021

Editor: Bea Fitzgerald

Length: 336

**The stars are not in position - and Krystal Baker is determined to make them fall in line.**

It's Krystal's 29th birthday. This year:

- Her boyfriend finally proposed after six years of dating (only for her to find out he cheated on her for five and a half of them)
- She landed her dream job as a writer at Craze magazine (which swiftly fell into administration)
- She moved into her dream flat overlooking the city (just for the pipes to explode making the place unliveable)

As she mourns everything wrong in her life, her best friend mutters the dreaded words: Saturn Return. The time in a woman's life where Saturn returns to the position it was in on the day of their birth, 29.5 years ago, and, according to legend, everything goes to shit. Krystal has never bought into astrology but maybe it's time to re-evaluate - because if the stars got her into this mess, they can get her out of it. And she only has six months to make things right.

Loaded with crystals, horoscopes, tarot cards and a carefully aligned chakra or two, Krystal's determined to have her life back on track by the time Saturn returns. No longer shall she brand herself a 'human disaster' because this time it's not her fault, it's written in the treacherous stars.

**It's Krystal versus the universe in a fight for her future that she's determined to win.**

## About the Author:

Ellie Pilcher is a writer based in South London. She works in book publishing and is a freelance journalist regularly featured on BBC Radio 5 Live, *The Telegraph*, *Huffington Post* and many others. She also runs a Careers, Books and Lifestyle blog called *EllesBellesNotebook*, and is a public speaker on topics including social media, zero waste lifestyle and career growth.

# SEVENTEEN

JOHN BROWNLOW



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: August 2022**

**Editor: Eve Hall**

**Length: 384**

**Rights sold:**

**German auction (ongoing)**

**Dutch auction (ongoing)**

**SEVENTEEN is a larger-than-life, non-stop thriller for fans of the Jason Bourne franchise, *I Am Pilgrim* and Gregg Hurwitz**

Seventeen is a hitman, the best in the world, so-called because there were sixteen before him, stretching back through the decades. Every government organization in the world wants his services and every other high-level hitman has placed a target on his back. Because to be the best, you have to beat the best.

When Seventeen is ordered to find and kill his predecessor, the hit goes wrong and hunter turns to hunted. An ultraviolet duel develops between two assassins at the height of their powers, but when they fight themselves to a standstill, the real target of the hit emerges, and they must join forces to defeat their joint enemy — and in the process prevent an unjustified war that could kill hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians.

**SEVENTEEN is the first in a series that is action-packed, smart and driven by a fresh, sharp voice that will stick with**

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

John Brownlow holds British/Canadian citizenship and lives two hours north of Toronto. He wrote the film *Sylvia*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Daniel Craig, the TV series *Fleming* about Ian Fleming's work as a spy and the genesis of James Bond, and the TV series *The Miniaturist*, adapted from Jessie Burton's best-selling novel. You can follow him on Twitter @johnbrownlow.

# HER PERFECT TWIN

SARAH BONNER



**HER PERFECT TWIN. YOUR NEW OBSESSION.**

When Megan discovers photographs of her estranged identical twin sister on her husband's phone, she wants answers.

Leah already has everything Megan has ever wanted. Fame, fortune, freedom to do what she wants. So when Megan confronts Leah, an argument turns to murder.

The only way Megan can get away with killing Leah is to become her.

But when lockdown hits, how can she continue living two lives? And what happens when her husband, the man closest to her, knows all her secrets?

**HER PERFECT TWIN IS THE MOST ADDICTIVE, TWISTY THRILLER YOU'LL READ IN 2022. DON'T MISS THIS WILD RIDE OF A NOVEL.**

**About the Author:**

Sarah grew up in Salisbury, dreaming of a career as a writer and performer. Instead, she became an accountant! After a fifteen-year career, she decided to answer her original calling and completed her first novel. She lives in West Sussex with her husband and very spoiled rescue dog.

**Hodder Studio**

**Publication: January 2022**

**Editor: Sara Adams**

**Length: 320**

**Markets Sold:**

**US (Grand Central)**

# THE DARK

EMMA HAUGHTON



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: August 2021**

**Editor: Jo Dickinson**

**Length: 384**

**Markets Sold:**

**Czech Republic (ALPRESS)**

**Germany (Droemer Knaur)**

**Korea (Kachi)**

**Netherlands (Luitingh  
Sijthoff)**

**Poland (Burda Media)**

**Russia (AST)**

**ONE DEAD BODY.**

**TWELVE SUSPECTS.**

**TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR DARKNESS.**

In the most inhospitable environment - cut off from the rest of the world - there's a killer on the loose.

A&E doctor Kate North has been knocked out of her orbit by a personal tragedy. So when she's offered the chance to be an emergency replacement at the UN research station in Antarctica, she jumps at the chance. The previous doctor, Jean-Luc, died in a tragic accident while out on the ice.

The move seems an ideal solution for Kate: no one knows about her past; no one is checking up on her. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect that Jean-Luc's death wasn't accidental at all. And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes for them all . . .

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

Emma Haughton grew up in Sussex, studied English at Oxford and worked as a journalist for several national newspapers, including *The Times* Travel section. Emma has written several non-fiction books for schools as well as YA thrillers. *THE DARK* is her first crime novel.

# THE THIRTY-ONE DOORS

KATE HULME



**A telephone rings and a woman's voice pleads for someone, anyone, to come at once to Scarpside.**

But when new to the area policeman, Frank Glover, arrives on the property, he finds every window of the grand house ablaze with light, the dining room set for a dazzling dinner party, music playing. And no guests.

Frank Glover is about to find out that Scarpside is a house like no other.

With new horrors and clues behind each door, the long-hidden secrets of Scarpside are about to be revealed.

**But it's already too late.**

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

Kate writes suspenseful adult fiction. She's drawn to big ideas tagged onto real, in-depth characters and enjoys putting characters in ominous settings and giving them a mysterious, difficult problem to tackle.

In her day job she develops and produces creative concepts for heritage clients, researches and creates text for them and runs workshops in how to write and plan heritage stories. She enjoys going down a rabbit hole of historic research and loves the unique things you find that you could never make up - these strange details are what make books a pleasure to read too.

**Coronet**  
**Publication: October 2021**  
**Editor: Melissa Cox**  
**Length: 352**

# THE UNDISCOVERED DEATHS OF GRACE MCGILL

C.R. ROBERTSON



Grace McGill is an insular, friendless woman, living in Glasgow in her 30s. She has her beloved cat, and she has her own business - deep cleaning the houses of Undiscovereds. People who die alone and stay that way until they are found weeks, sometimes months, later.

While working in the home of a man named Tommy Agnew, her suspicions are aroused by a hidden photograph and a stack of newspapers, all from the same date over many, many years.

Grace can't get the mysterious life and sad death of Tommy Agnew out of her head, and she soon begins an investigation that could cost her her life. The past has stayed buried for many years already, but Grace has never been one to brush things under the carpet . . .

**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: January 2022**  
**Editor: Eve Hall**  
**Length: 320**

### About the Author:

A former journalist, Craig Robertson had a 20-year career with a Scottish Sunday newspaper before becoming a full-time author. He interviewed three Prime Ministers, reported on major stories including 9/11, Dunblane, the Omagh bombing and the disappearance of Madeleine McCann. He was pilloried on breakfast television, beat Oprah Winfrey to a major scoop, spent time on Death Row in the USA and dispensed polio drops in the backstreets of India.

His first novel, *Random*, was shortlisted for the 2010 CWA New Blood Dagger, longlisted for the 2011 Crime Novel of the Year and was a *Sunday Times* bestseller. He has been both longlisted and shortlisted for writing prizes.



# THE RUSSIAN DOLL

MARINA PALMER



***How much did she just say the salary was?***

When Ruth Miller returns a dropped scarf to Elena Shilkov, she is whisked from a dreary shared flat to a world of unimaginable luxury.

The super-rich Russian wants a new personal assistant and won't take no for an answer.

Ruth gets accommodation, an amazing pay-cheque, and a complete wardrobe makeover.

**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: November 2021**  
**Editor: Nick Sayers**  
**Length: 320**

And she's good at the job: distributing gifts, attending galas, dealing with the high-society movers and shakers fighting for Elena's attention.

But the sinister truth is that nothing is quite what it seems in Elena's dangerous, deceptive world.

**Ruth should get away.**

**But it's already too late.**

**About the Author:**

Marina Palmer is the pseudonym of bestselling British author Imogen Robertson. Now based in London, Imogen was born and brought up in Darlington and read Russian and German at Cambridge. Before becoming a writer, she directed for TV, film, and radio. She is the author of several novels, including the *Crowther* and *Westerman* series. Imogen was shortlisted for the CWA Ellis Peters Historical Award 2011 and the CWA Dagger in the Library Award 2012.

# THE COURIER

## HOLLY DOWN



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: June 2021**  
**Editor: Thorne Ryan**  
**Length: 320**

**She sees much more than you think . . .**

Five years ago, Laurel Lovejoy had it all. The high-powered city job, the loving husband, the perfect daughter. Now, she is forty and alone, and working for a courier service. But she has discovered that being a delivery driver comes with a superpower: it makes her invisible. People accept her presence without question. They go about their lives, unaware of just how much she sees - how much she knows.

Laurel is particularly fascinated by the residents of Paradise Found, an exclusive gated cul-de-sac. She sometimes even finds her way there when she's not working, using her days off to soak up as much information about the inhabitants and their lives as she can. Everyone needs a hobby.

Then one day Laurel sees something in one of the houses - something that blows her whole world apart, and will have devastating consequences for everyone involved . . .

### **About the Author:**

Holly studied PPE at New College, Oxford, and later became a solicitor. She began writing as a hobby at law school, along with hot yoga and marathon running; only the writing has continued. In 2016, Holly undertook a writing course at City University. She is married to James and they have two young children, Cleo and Delilah - Delilah being the exact same age as THE COURIER since she was born the same week as the first word was written! They live in north London.

# OTHER PEOPLE'S CLOTHES

CALLA HENKEL



Sceptre

Publication: July 2021

Editor: Francine Toon

Length: 320

Markets Sold:

France (Les Arènes)

Italy (Ugo Guanda)

US (Doubleday)

Hoping to escape the pain of the recent murder of her best friend, art student Zoe Beech finds herself studying abroad in the bohemian capital of Europe — Berlin.

Zoe relies on the arrangements of fellow exchange student Hailey Mader, who finds them an apartment to rent from eccentric cult crime writer, Beatrice Becks.

However, soon strange things start happening and the girls are convinced that Beatrice has a way to watch their every move. The friends decide to play Beatrice at her own game, constructing their own dramatic narrative of wild parties and secrets. Until their lives spiral out of control into much darker territory . . .

**A brilliantly plotted and beautifully written book that really gets under your skin.**

## About the Author:

Calla Henkel is an American writer, playwright, director and artist living in Berlin. She has staged plays at Volksbühne Berlin, The Whitney Museum of Art, as well as at New Theater, the experimental theatre space she founded and programmed in Berlin from 2013-2015. Her art writing has been published in periodicals such as *Texte zur Kunst*, *Spike*, *Mousse*, and others. Her artistic work with Max Pitegoff has been exhibited in museums and galleries worldwide. She currently operates a bar, performance space and film studio called TV in Berlin. *OTHER PEOPLE'S CLOTHES* is her debut novel.

# BURN

BEN SHORT



**Fire does not destroy, it transmutes; flames burn, but they can also craft. Leaving my old life and entering the woods induced a similar act of alchemy in me. This is the story of that transformation.**

BURN is a frank and inspiring story about letting go of what we're told to want, about risking everything to find happiness and about craft and nature restoring life. It's part *H is for Hawk* nature writing (of the elemental, harsh kind), and part *The Salt Path* or *The Outrun*, a memoir about finding solace in the outdoors.

**Sceptre**

**Publication: May 2022**

**Editor: Juliet Brooke**

**Length: 320**

**About the Author:**

Ben Short is a charcoal burner and woodsman, working in the Dorset countryside. This was not always the case. Eight years ago he was an advertising writer plying his trade in London. But the work left him unsatisfied and he no longer wanted to continue in that business. This is his story.

# ALEXANDRIA

DR ISLAM ISSA



**Sceptre**  
**September 2023**  
**Editor: Juliet Brooke**  
**Length: 416**  
**Full delivery: June 2022**

**This is the story of a small fishing village that rapidly became the most coveted spot in the world.**

ALEXANDRIA is the first history of the city from pre-Homeric times to the present day. Alexandria was the crucible of cultural exchange between East and West for millennia. It was the undisputed global capital of knowledge that constantly pressed humanity into its next era. But it also witnessed natural disasters, plagues, crusades and violence.

Major empires fought over Alexandria (including the Greeks, Ottomans, French, and British) and key figures shaped the city (Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Saint Mark the Evangelist, Admiral Nelson, Napoleon Bonaparte, Aristotle and many others) each putting their own stamp on its identity and fortunes. This mystical city forces us to reconsider the links between East and West, religion and science, tradition and renovation, myth and reality, the classical and the modern, and ultimately, past and present.

## **About the Author:**

Dr Islam Issa is a multi-award-winning historian at Birmingham City University. He presented the TV documentary *Cleopatra and Me: In Search of a Lost Queen* (BBC Four) and various programmes on BBC Radio 3. He curated three high-profile public exhibitions, has published extensively in his field, and has written for such outlets as *The Guardian*, *New Statesman*, and *Times Literary Supplement*. *Alexandria* will be his first book for the trade.

# THE LOST CAFÉ SCHINDLER

MERIEL SCHINDLER



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: May 2021**  
**Editor: Rupert Lancaster**  
**Length: 432**  
**Markets Sold:**  
**Brazil (Ciranda Cultural)**  
**Germany (Berlin Verlag)**  
**Hungary (Europa)**  
**Russia (Azbooka Atticus)**

*'An extraordinary and compelling book of reckonings, a wonderful melding of the personal and the political, the family and the historical.'* PHILIPPE SANDS

*'An extraordinary, cadenced and moving story'* EDMUND DE WAAL

Kurt Schindler was an impossible man. His daughter Meriel spent her adult life trying to keep him at bay. But when Meriel came to her father's house to clear out his belongings after his death, she began to discover the truth about her notorious and extraordinary family: Oscar Schindler, Alma Schindler, the composer wife of Gustav Mahler and Walter Gropius, Hitler's Jewish doctor - Dr Bloch, and Franz Kafka. Finally, and perhaps most poignantly of all, her father's actual whereabouts on Kristallnacht when he was said to have witnessed the Nazis beating his father half to death and ransacking the family home.

Through the story of the Café Schindler and the threads that spool out from it, this moving book weaves together memoir, family history and an untold story of the Jews of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It explores the restorative power of writing, and offers readers a profound reflection on memory, truth, trauma and the importance of cake.

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

Meriel Schindler spent the first fifteen years of her life growing up in central London before suddenly being moved to a convent school in provincial Austria. Five years later she moved back to the UK to study French and German at university and is now an employment lawyer, partner and head of a team at Withers LLP, a law firm.



# TUNNEL 29

HELENA MERRIMAN



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: August 2021**  
**Editor: Rupert Lancaster**  
**Length: 416**  
**Markets Sold:**  
**Brazil (Intrinseca)**  
**Finland (WSOY)**  
**France (Editions Stock)**  
**Italy (Mondadori)**  
**Japan (Kawade Shobo)**  
**Lithuania (Baltos Lankos)**  
**Netherlands (Balans)**  
**Portugal (Presenca)**  
**Spain (Salamandra)**  
**Sweden (Forum)**  
**US (Public Affairs)**

**It's August, 1962, exactly one year after Germany's capital was physically divided. Joachim Rudolph is digging a tunnel under the Berlin Wall. But he isn't tunnelling out of the East. He's tunnelling in from the West. Why? To help dozens of people escape from East Germany.**

In this fascinating account you'll learn about the psychological effects of living behind a wall, and how people in the East defied the Stasi by getting information from the outside world. And find out about East Germany's mass of informants - including the Stasi agent who infiltrated the group and handed the tunnellers' plans over to their enemy.

**ACCLAIM FOR THE TUNNEL 29 PODCAST:**

*'Combining the fun of a thriller that we know will end happily with grim perspective on history and tyranny... stunning' - New Yorker*

*'A truly exciting yarn... creates a sense for the listener of being right there in the tunnel, experiencing the dangers.' - Observer*

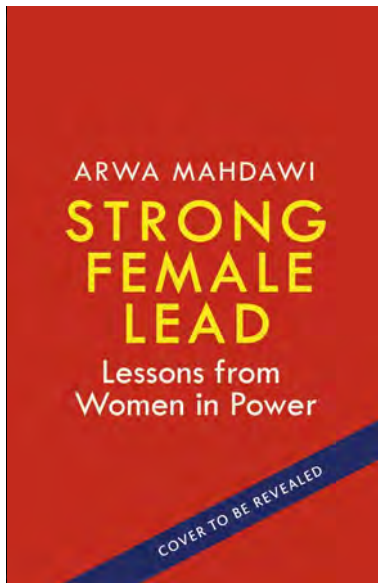
**About the Author:**

Helena Merriman is an award-winning presenter and producer who presents The Inquiry on the BBC World Service, and is the creator and presenter of the hit podcast, Tunnel 29.



# STRONG FEMALE LEAD

ARWA MAHDAWI



**Hodder Studio**

**Publication: October 2021**

**Editor: Harriet Poland**

**Length: 272**

The first two decades of the 21st Century have seen financial collapse, a global pandemic, the devastation of our environment and the disintegration of democracies. But while some at the top are telling us 'it is what is it', there's a new generation of leaders showing the world how to be better. They're building trust, investing wisely and acting decisively. And they've got one thing in common.

Women have been taught to 'lean in' and act like men to get ahead. But as the financial, environmental, and social systems crumble, isn't it time we had a different plan? And most importantly, what can women in power teach all of us about leadership?

## **About the Author:**

Arwa Mahdawi is a London-born, New York-based writer, speaker, and business consultant. Arwa writes a weekly column for the *Guardian* covering everything from politics to pop culture. She is also the creator of the viral website Rent-A-Minority, which is an 'Uber for diversity.' (Yes, before you ask, it's satire.)

# FIRMAMENT

SIMON CLARK



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: August 2021**  
**Editor: Ian Wong**  
**Length: 336**

**We all know that the atmosphere exists - but how much do we really understand it? What exactly is it? What is it made of, how did it come about and how does it generate the weather patterns and climates that we experience every day? How is scientific research into the atmosphere carried out? And - perhaps most pressingly - what exactly is climate change, according to the actual science?**

In *FIRMAMENT*, atmospheric scientist and science communicator Simon Clark offers a rare and accessible tour of the ins and outs of the atmosphere and how we know what we know about it. From the workings of its different layers to why carbon dioxide is special, from pioneers like Pascal to the unsung heroes studying climate change today, *Firmament* introduces us to an oft-overlooked area of science and not only lays the ground work for us to better understand the debates surrounding the climate today, but also provides a glimpse of the future that is possible with this knowledge in hand.

**About the Author:**

Simon Clark is a scientist, video producer, and online educator. Simon read Physics at St. Peter's College, Oxford before researching a PhD in atmospheric physics at the University of Exeter. During his studies he began creating YouTube videos about student life and his research, and has since accrued nearly 20 million views. *FIRMAMENT* is his first book.

# GIFTS OF GRAVITY AND LIGHT

## Anthology



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: July 2021**  
**Editor: Rupert Lancaster**  
**Length: 352**

**GIFTS OF GRAVITY AND LIGHT is a new collection of nature writing that shines a light on the natural world in all its biodiversity as experienced by those who, for reasons of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, class, upbringing or disability, are not often seen or heard when it comes to nature writing.**

With a foreword by Bernadine Evaristo, and contributions from Kaliane Bradley, Pippa Marland, Testament, Michael Malay, Tishani Doshi, Jay Griffiths, Luke Turner, Anita Roy, Raine Geoghegan, Zakiya Mckenzie, Alys Fowler and Amanda Thomson - these are the voices of those whose perspective is not necessarily that of a 'insider'.

Telling in the story of the year in four broad sections - Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn - this is an almanac that will entertain, surprise and enthrall everyone for whom nature is as important as breathing.

### **About the Authors:**

Anita Roy is a writer, editor and publisher of mixed British and Indian heritage. Her work has appeared in *Granta*, *Guernica*, *The Clearing* and the Dark Mountain project. She has recently published an acclaimed novel for children and the nature diary *A Year at Kingcombe: The Wildflower Meadows of Dorset*.

Pippa Marland is a writer and academic whose current research, funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

# TRUST NO ONE

MICHAEL GROTHAUS



**Hodder Studio**  
**Publication: November 2021**  
**Editor: Harriet Poland**  
**Length: 288**

**Deepfake technology can create video evidence of just about anything: Natalie Portman in an orgy; Donald Trump declaring nuclear war; the United States winning the World Cup. The only limit is the imagination. In a time where fake news and disinformation is becoming harder and harder to identify, it is more essential than ever to understand the dark origins of deepfakes.**

Journalist Michael Grothaus goes down the rabbit hole as he interviews the morally dubious, yet incredibly talented creators of this content. This book will open a window into the communities transforming reality; from incels to hackers in the very underbelly of the internet.

Challenging, enlightening and terrifying, this book will ask the questions other people are too scared to: what happens when you can no longer believe your own eyes.

### **About the Author:**

Michael Grothaus is a novelist and journalist. Having got his start over 20 years ago writing for Screen, his work has since appeared in *Fast Company*, *VICE*, the *Guardian*, *Litro Magazine*, *The Irish Times*, *Quartz*, and others. His debut novel *Epiphany Jones*, a story about the alienating aspects of the internet and sex trafficking among the Hollywood elite, was longlisted for the John Creasy New Blood Dagger Award in 2017. *TRUST NO ONE* is his first non-fiction book.

# CENTRES OF CIVILISATION

PAUL STRATHERN



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: November 2021**

**Editor: Kirty Topiwala**  
**Length: 208**

**Option Publishers:**  
**Brazil (L & PM)**  
**Bulgaria (CoLibri)**  
**China (Citic Press)**  
**Greece (Dioptra)**  
**Italy (Il Saggiatore)**  
**Portugal (Temas e Debates Bertrand)**  
**Romania (Editura Trei)**  
**Russia (EKSMO)**  
**Serbia (Laguna)**  
**Slovakia (Eastone)**  
**US (Pegasus)**

**Great cities are complex, chaotic and colossal. These are cities that dominate the world stage and define eras; where ideas flourish, revolutions are born and history is made.**

Through 10 unique cities, from the founding of ancient capitals to buzzing modern metropolises, Paul Strathern explores how urban centres lead civilisation forward, enjoying a moment of glory before passing on the baton.

We journey back to discover Babylonian mathematics, Athenian theatre and intellectual debate, and Roman construction that has lasted millenia. We see Constantinople evolve into Istanbul, revolutionary sparks fly in Enlightenment Paris, and the railways, canals and ships that built Imperial Britain. In Moscow men build spaceships while other men starve, New York's skyscrapers rise up to a soundtrack of jazz, Mumbai becomes home to immense wealth and poverty, and Beijing's economic transformation leads the way.

Each city has its own distinct personality, and CENTRES OF CIVILISATION brings their rich and diverse histories to life, reminding us of the foundations we have built on and how our futures will be shaped.

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

Paul Strathern writes books about science, history, philosophy and literature, including two series, *Philosophers in 90 Minutes* and *The Big Idea: Scientists Who Changed the World*, and the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance*. He won a Somerset Maugham award for his novel *A Season in Abyssinia*. He formerly lectured in philosophy and mathematics at Kingston University. He lives in London.

# SWITCHCRAFT

DR ELAINE FOX



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: March 2022**  
**Editor: Kirty Topiwala**  
**Length: 304**  
**Markets Sold:**  
**Brazil (Editora Best Seller)**  
**China (Citric Press)**  
**Germany (DTV)**  
**Taiwan (Ping's)**  
**Japan (NHK)**  
**Korea (Gimm-Young)**  
**Netherlands (Uitgeverij Ten Have)**  
**Russia (EKSMO)**  
**US (HarperCollins)**

**Introducing your new psychological superpower: agility.**

The world is changing faster than ever, and it's easy to feel left behind. The happiest and most successful people on the planet are able to adapt to these changes. They all have one thing in common: mental agility. Luckily all of us can hone this valuable skill. We can learn to change our habits, adapt to situations, flex our emotions and thrive. We just need to know how.

Drawing on 25 years of scientific research, as well as working with the world's top athletes and businesspeople, Oxford psychologist Elaine Fox has developed a framework for a supercharged form of agility she calls Switchcraft. And using stories, case studies and interactive exercises, Fox shows us how to perfect it in three simple steps: **1) Understand yourself, 2) Understand the situation, and 3) Adapt.**

SWITCHCRAFT shows us how to be flexible in the ways we think, feel and behave. It helps us solve problems, make better decisions, and escape the mental ruts that can cause anxiety. Start with one change: SWITCHCRAFT.

## **About the Author:**

Elaine Fox is Professor of Psychology and Affective Neuroscience at Oxford University where her lab group, the Oxford Centre for Emotion and Affective Neuroscience, is world-leading in the quest to understand the roots of mental health. In September 2019, Professor Fox was appointed to a highly prestigious role by the UK Government's Department of Research and Innovation (UKRI) to lead a national strategy to enhance the profile, impact and quality of mental health research in the UK.



# A DELICATE GAME

HANA WALKER-BROWN



**Hodder Studio**  
**Publication: August 2021**  
**Editor: Harriet Poland**  
**Length: 288**

**A footballer dies of dementia, younger than he should.**

**A 14 year old rugby player is hit in the head and told to play on, he dies on the pitch.**

**A scientist reveals endemic brain disease in NFL players and is discredited.**

**A survivor of domestic abuse can't remember details when standing up in court.**

This is the story of the degenerative brain disease, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). This is a story of power, of science and sport, and of the bodies that society deems worth sacrificing.

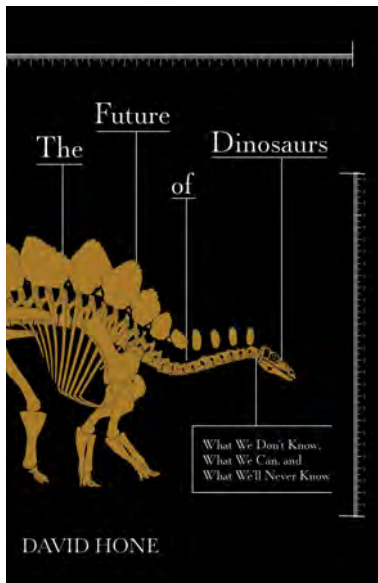
In 2019, Hana Walker-Brown created The Beautiful Brain, an award-winning podcast about West Bromwich Albion hero Jeff Astle and CTE. Delicate States continues that story, exploring a hidden disease that the powerful don't want you to know about. It uncovers miscarriages of justice, violence against women, racial discrimination, institutional corruption, privilege, greed, hope and redemption.

## **About the Author:**

Hana Walker-Brown is a multi-award-winning audio documentary maker, writer and currently an Executive Producer for Broccoli Content, a London based podcast production company founded in direct response to the lack of opportunities for minority talent both in front and behind the mic, great content and break through industry barriers.

# THE FUTURE OF DINOSAURS

DAVID HONE



**Hodder & Stoughton**

**Publication: February 2022**

**Editor: Huw Armstrong**

**Length: 288**

**Palaeontologist Dr David Hone tells us everything we know about dinosaurs - and everything we don't yet know.**

We have made more discoveries about dinosaurs in the last 20 years than we have in the previous 200, and there is a wealth of cutting edge research that has never been written about before, from their skin (some had feathers) to their extinction (the myth of the meteorite), much of which is David's own personal research and discovery. How does it feel to discover a new dinosaur? David Hone can tell you - he has personally discovered 12 new species himself.

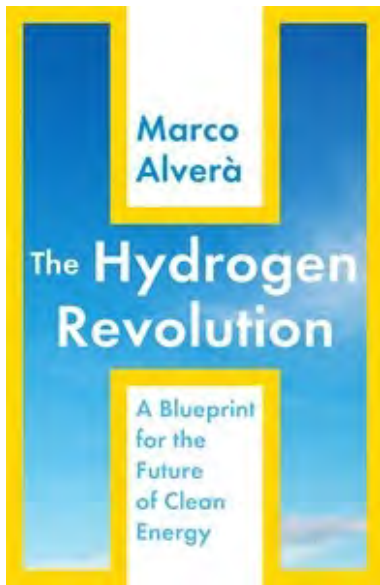
And there is much still to discover. What colour were dinosaurs? Did they mate for life? How did they rear their young? Did they migrate in winter? How did they communicate? Did they eat fish? Just what are the T-Rex's tiny arms actually for? In *THE FUTURE OF DINOSAURS* Dr David Hone shows us the extraordinary advances in palaeontological research that are starting to fill in these gaps, and sets out the future of dinosaurs for the next generation.

## **About the Author:**

Dr David Hone is a paleontologist, writer and lecturer at Queen Mary, University of London. His research focuses on the behaviour and ecology of the dinosaurs and their flying relatives, the pterosaurs. He writes about dinosaurs for the *Guardian*, the *Telegraph*, *National Geographic* and *The Huffington Post*.

# THE HYDROGEN REVOLUTION

MARCO ALVERA



**Hodder Studio**

**Publication: February 2022**

**Editor: Izzy Everington**

**Length: 288**

This is not just another climate change book. This is a comprehensive manifesto on the missing link between us and truly clean energy: Hydrogen.

Marco Alverá, a pioneering voice in this field, will explore the market-based solutions that Hydrogen offers, moving the fight against climate change from a space of morally-motivated activism to financially incentivized global change. From introducing Hydrogen as the hot commodity it is to exploring how existing infrastructure can be adapted to embrace Hydrogen, this is truly plan blueprint for the future of clean energy.

This book is for everyone: for the policy maker, for the business person, for the curious, and for the activists because if there's one lesson to take away, it is this: there is hope, for us and our planet.

## **About the Author:**

Marco Alverá is CEO of Snam, Europe's largest gas pipeline company that deals in natural gas and has been making forays into Hydrogen fuel. He was born in New York and brought up between the US, Italy and the UK. He studied at LSE reading economics and worked at Enel, the world's largest renewable-energy company, before moving to Snam.

After 20 years in the industry, he has explored every aspect of energy from renewable to oil to gas, and the challenges we face; production, transportation and infrastructure. He is uniquely positioned to make the case for Hydrogen as the energy future.

# RESCUE

IAN GOLDIN



**Sceptre**

**Publication: May 2021**

**Editor: Juliet Brooke**

**Length: 160**

**An optimistic vision of the future after Covid-19 by a leading professor of globalisation at the University of Oxford.**

We are at a crossroads. The wrecking-ball of Covid-19 has destroyed global norms. Many think that after the devastation there will be a bounce back. To Ian Goldin, Professor of Development and Globalisation at the University of Oxford, this is a retrograde notion.

He believes that this crisis can create opportunities for change, just as the Second World War forged the ideas behind the Beveridge Report. Published in 1942, it was revolutionary and laid the foundations for the welfare state alongside a host of other social and economic reforms, changing the world for the better.

Ian Goldin tackles the challenges and opportunities posed by the pandemic, ranging from globalisation to the future of jobs, income inequality and geopolitics, the climate crisis and the modern city. It is a fresh, bold call for an optimistic future and one we all have the power to create.

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

Ian Goldin is Professor of Development and Globalisation at the University of Oxford. He was economic advisor to President Mandela, Vice President of the World Bank and the founding Director of the Oxford Martin School, which brings together over 300 Oxford faculty members to address global challenges. He is a regular keynote speaker on Ted, Google, Zeitgeist and at Davos.

# WHAT THE F\*CK series

KIT EATON



Hodder Studio

Publication: April 2021

Editor: Isabelle Everington

Length: 176

**Tech explained - this series offers short-form deep-dives into science concepts that we're a bit embarrassed to admit we know nothing about.**

## WHAT THE F\*\*K IS THE DARK WEB?

Even the way the everyday internet works is a mystery to us and its darkest corners are, of course, more deeply shrouded. So, let's go on a journey from the birth of the Net through the strangest dark services - need a hitman to bump off your superfluous...er...beloved spouse? - to the surprisingly positive uses of dark technology, including dodging the watchful eye of oppressive censors.

## WHAT THE F\*\*K IS THE CLOUD?

Join us on a journey from the very first iterations of the internet that we know and (sometimes) love, all the way through thorny issues of data collection and storage and discover the mysterious place where The Cloud ominously hovers.

## WHAT THE F\*\*K IS 5G?

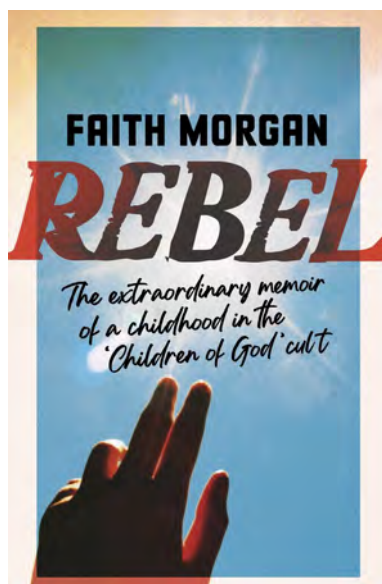
Believe it or not, 5G could change the way you live. This book will explain this missing radio link that will propel us into the future of self-driving cars and VR. Oh, and along the way we'll explore why 5G and coronavirus are very definitely and completely, utterly, not the same thing

### About the Author:

Kit was once told by a teacher that he would become a writer so, contrarily, he went off and qualified as a scientist. Now, with a brain full of eclectic ideas, he loves writing about technology, science, oh . . . all sorts of different things.

# REBEL

FAITH MORGAN



**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**Publication: June 2021**  
**Editor: Briony Gowlett**  
**Length: 368**

Faith grew up in the Children of God cult (known latterly as The Family). Faith travelled the world as a child with the Children of God - to Argentina, Mexico, Spain, India and Greece. Her story features a supporting cast of multiple siblings, eccentric parents and countless transient friends, spiritual leaders, and abusers. And the story of her life in the cult concludes in London, where she is isolated from her family and used as a domestic slave. Faith shares her post-escape experiences of re-entering education for the first time since she was ten, her self-directed deprogramming, and her quest for justice through campaigning and confrontation.

In REBEL, Faith writes about how we need to look and to see what is hiding in plain sight. But more than this, we all need to be wiser to our own vulnerability as adults, our credulity and susceptibility to misinformation and our readiness to take the bait, when it looks like the answer.

### **About the Author:**

Faith Morgan was born in 1973 to an Argentinian father and English mother. The third child of seven, she was the first of her siblings to be born into the cult The Children of God, later known as The Family of Love. During her time in the cult she lived in communes and travelled extensively as directed by the cult leaders with the purpose of spreading the word. In early 1991, aged 19, she found the courage to escape and now lives in the Home Counties with her family. Faith Morgan is a pseudonym.



# MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

PETER SCHEMEICHEL



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**Editor: Roddy Bloomfield**

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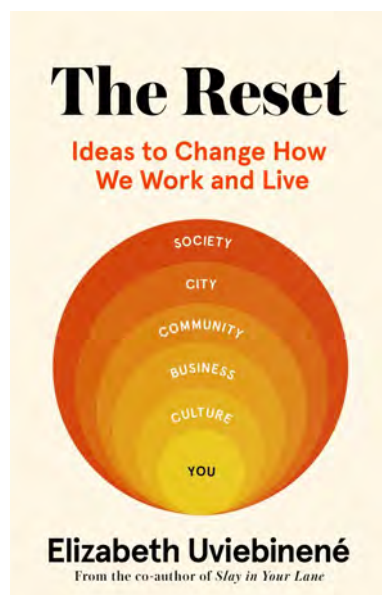
**The son of a Danish nurse and Polish musician, Peter Schmeichel is an undisputed giant of the global game.** He was a serial winner with Manchester United and Denmark, and he rivals Gordon Banks and Lev Yashin for the title of the greatest goalkeeper of all time. Alex Ferguson labelled him 'bargain of the century' when he reflected on the £505,000 Manchester United paid to sign him in 1991.

Schmeichel became a key figure in the club's successes during the decade ahead, culminating when he captained United in the incredible, last-gasp Treble-clinching win over Bayern Munich in the 1999 Champions League final.

A complex character, Schmeichel's story is no mere litany of triumphs. In the book, he recalls how he nearly died at the age of 15. His own son Kasper has followed him to the sport's summit, winning the Premier League with Leicester and taking over in Denmark's goal.

# THE RESET

Elizabeth Uviebinené



**Hodder Studio**  
**Publication: April 2021**  
**Editor: Harriet Poland**  
**Length: 208**

**A fundamental rethink of how we and work and live. Because if we're going to really benefit from the radical shift of 2020, we have to rethink how we fit into an ecosystem.**

If we rethink how we fit in, everything resets around us - the work culture we exist in, the businesses we work for, the communities we're a part of, the cities we live in and the society we shape. We can't just rethink one strand of society; we need to rethink everything together. It's time for a Reset.

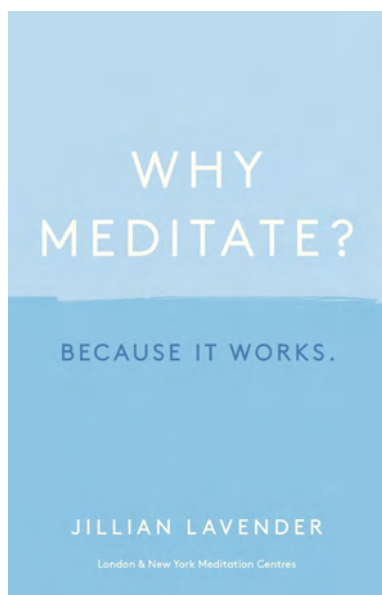
Full of progressive thinking, and original interviews from Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and Nadia Whittome MP, and many others, THE RESET is optimistic, positive and provocative, offering fresh perspectives on the way we live now, and a punchy idea for how we might live in the future.

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

Elizabeth Uviebinené is a multi-award winning author, speaker and columnist at the *Financial Times*. She is the co-author of *Slay In Your Lane: The Black Girl Bible*, the critically acclaimed bestseller which won the Groucho Maverick Award, the Marie Claire Future Shapers Award and was shortlisted for the Specsavers National Book Award. She is also co-curator of the anthology *Loud Black Girls*. Elizabeth began her career in marketing and is now a brand strategist, working on campaigns for businesses such as Nike and Bumble. She is currently creating 'The Female Takedown', a documentary podcast exploring the rise and fall of the millennial #Girlboss.

# WHY MEDITATE

JILLIAN LAVENDER



**Yellow Kite**

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**Editor: Carolyn Thorne**

**Length: 192**

**Written by Jillian Lavender the co-director of both the London and New York Meditation Centres, Why Meditate? explains exactly what meditation is and, most importantly, what it will do for you. This is not a 'how to' book. This is a 'why do' book. This is an accessible guide with illustrations that explains why a daily meditation practice is more necessary in your busy life than ever.**

Through teaching Vedic Meditation, the world's most ancient form of meditation, Jillian has helped thousands of people across the globe transform their lives and now she's sharing her much sought-after wisdom in her debut book. From busting the common meditation myths to discussing case studies from real-life meditators, from teaching you simple meditation tips and techniques to exploring how meditation can help to ease anxiety and depression, Why Meditate? is the one resource you need to help you thrive in the modern world.

### **About the Author:**

Jillian Lavender is a Vedic wellness and meditation expert. She has been teaching meditation for almost 20 years. She co-directs the London Meditation Centre and New York Meditation Centre with her partner, Michael Miller.

She was born in New Zealand and trained under the world-renowned teacher Thom Knowles. She is a regular speaker at Balance and Live Well. She has been featured in *The Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *Mind Body Green* and on BBC Radio 2.

# HANDBOOK FOR HARD TIMES: A monk's guide to fearless living

## GELONG THUBTEN



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**Brazil (Buzz)**

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Ten Have)**

**Romania (BOOKZONE)**

**Serbia (Laguna)**

**Slovakia (Albatros Media)**

**Turkey (Güney Kitap Yayın  
Dagitim)**

**Vietnam (Huy Hoang Cul-  
tural)**

**US (St Martin's Press)**

In **HANDBOOK FOR HARD TIMES** *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Monk's Guide to Happiness* Gelong Thubten teaches us to understand that happiness, kindness and resilience can be cultivated through reframing life's difficulties as opportunities for transformation.

Meditation and mindfulness practices help us to access deep reserves of inner strength as we learn how to 'lean into' our suffering. Thubten suggests how we can find meaning in pain and discomfort, transforming deeply ingrained patterns of fear and resistance. As we discover how hard times can enhance the development of mindfulness, compassion and forgiveness, we can develop a fearless outlook on life and lasting, unshakeable happiness.

This approachable and practical book, complete with meditations, is designed for modern times, and will be a valuable resource to anyone during times of struggle, but also during all times to encourage and build resilience and help us find inner contentment and peace.

### **About the Author:**

Gelong Thubten is a Buddhist monk, meditation teacher and author from the UK. He ordained as a monk 26 years ago at Samye Ling Tibetan Monastery in Scotland, and he has spent over six years in intensive meditation retreats, the longest of which was 4 years long. He is now regarded as one of the UK's most influential meditation teachers, with pioneering work in providing non-religious mindfulness programmes to businesses, hospitals, schools, universities, prisons and addiction counselling centres.

# THE DECISIVE MIND

Sheheryar Banuri



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**A new model for understanding and optimising your decision-making skills.**

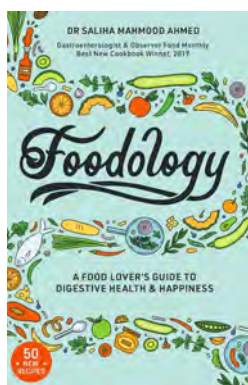
**Have you ever wondered why you make bad decisions? Or why it's so hard to make a decision in the first place?**

Through pioneering research into behavioural science, decisions expert Dr Sheheryar Banuri has designed an entirely novel decision-making framework which can be adopted into everyday life to help us better our decision-making skills by understanding and streamlining the process. The result? Simple, effective and efficient techniques to combat indecision.

THE DECISIVE MIND will draw on examples from evolutionary psychology, examine our ability (or inability) to prioritise and highlight the scenarios that force decision-making errors, and help us understand our own minds. By unpicking a lifetime's worth of misconceptions about our own decision-making patterns and habits, this book will guide you on your first steps towards optimising your own brain space.

## **About the Author:**

Dr Sheheryar Banuri is a behavioural economist and an expert on motivation and incentives, behaviour, and public policy. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. His work has provided policy guidance to the governments of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Burkina Faso. His work has been published in academic journals such as *Social Science and Medicine*, the *European Economic Review*, the *World Bank Economic Review*, and *Social Choice and Welfare* (among others).



FOODOLOGY by Saliha Mahmood Ahmed

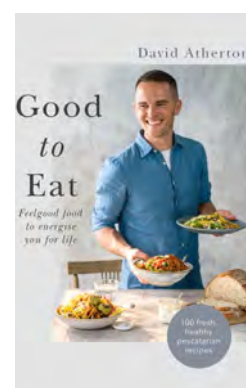
**Yellow Kite: May 2021 / Editor: Nicky Ross**

A game-changing exploration of the amazing organ that is the human gut, which will transform your relationship with food.

GOOD TO EAT by David Atherton

**Yellow Kite: May 2021 / Editor: Nicky Ross**

A cookbook that shows that healthy food can be tasty, and tasty food can be good for you. The book indulges our craving for baked goods, filling foods and sustaining meals but leaves us feeling good.



ONE POT, THREE WAYS by Rachel Ama

**Yellow Kite: August 2021 / Editor: Liz Gough**

Rachel Ama takes batch cooking one step further, offering three creative and flavoursome ways to serve and use one one-pot recipe. This is fun, fresh, simple and nourishing vegan cooking packed with taste.

COMFORT MOB by Ben Lebus

**Yellow Kite: September 2021 / Editor: Carolyn Thorne**

From MOB Kitchen comes 100 comforting and nourishing recipes that make you feel good. Celebrating all things crispy, squidgy, cheesy, spicy, warming, sticky, nourishing . . . all the flavours, textures and feel of comfort pulled together in one book.







**EVERYDAY COOK** by Donal Skehan

Yellow Kite: September 2021 / Editor: Nicky Ross

A collection of simplified and doable classic recipes; veg-packed food has never looked this good! With 30 minute meals, one pot wonders, meals to prep ahead, easy dinner favourites, recipes to batch cook and freeze, and dessert classics.

**RAMSAY IN 10** by Gordon Ramsay

Yellow Kite: October 2021 / Editor: Nicky Ross

Max 10 minutes to prep and 10 minutes to cook - Ramsay in 10 is your new everyday cookbook. 3 Michelin-star chef Gordon Ramsay returns with 100 new exciting speedy recipes inspired by his hit YouTube series, Dinner in 10, challenging you to get in the kitchen, reel in the whole family and start cooking.



**MEAT FREE MEXICAN** by Thomasina Miers

Yellow Kite: April 2022 / Editor: Nicky Ross

100 fresh, vibrant vegetarian and vegan recipes that use vegetables and pulses to create flavourful, colourful and fantastic food. With notes on eating sustainably and by season, MEAT-FREE MEXICAN is a celebration of flavour, heat, texture and fresh produce.