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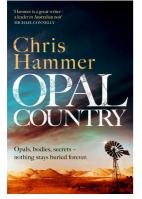


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Opal Country Chris Hammer



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 06/01/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781472272966



The unmissable standalone thriller from Chris Hammer, 'master of Australian noir' and award-winning author of the international bestsellers *Scrublands*, *Silver* and *Trust*.

Opals...

In the desolate outback town of Finnigans gap, police struggle to maintain law and order. Thieves pillage opal mines, religious fanatics recruit vulnerable youngsters and billionaires do as they please.

Bodies...

Then an opal miner is found crucified and left to rot down his mine. Nothing about the miner's death is straight-forward, not even who found the body. Homicide detective Ivan Lucic is sent to investigate, assisted by inexperienced young investigator Nell Buchanan.

But Finnigans Gap has already ended one police career and damaged others, and soon both officers face damning allegations and internal investigations. Have Ivan and Nell been set up, and if so, by whom?

Secrets...

As time runs out, their only chance at redemption is to find the killer. But the more they uncover, the more harrowing the mystery becomes, and a past long forgotten is thrown into scorching sunlight.

Because in Finnigans Gap, nothing stays buried for ever.



Chris Hammer was a journalist for more than thirty years, dividing his career between covering Australian federal politics and international affairs. Chris's non-fiction book, *The River*, published in 2010 to critical acclaim, was the recipient of the ACT Book of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the Walkley Book Award. *Scrublands*, his first novel, was published in 2018 and won the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award, as well as being shortlisted for Best Debut Fiction at the Indie Book Awards, and Best General Fiction at the ABIA Awards. It has also been longlisted for the Ned Kelly Best Crime Novel of the Year. *Scrublands* was optioned for television by Easy Tiger (a FremantleMedia company).

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The Smuggler's Girl Jennie Felton



Imprint: Headline Pub: 06/01/2022 Format: Paperback Price: £6.99 ISBN: 9781472274953



'One of the nation's favourite saga writers' Lancashire Post

In the grand tradition of **Josephine Cox**, **Dilly Court** and **Rosie Goodwin**, comes a page-turning and enthralling new saga from Jennie Felton.

She always knew a piece of her heart was missing...

Cecile has been raised to a life of privilege at Polruan House, by her widowed father and aunt. Now she's of age, they are determined that she make a proper match, but Cecile's heart belongs to their coachman, Sam - most definitely not suitable marriage material.

When Sam turns to his friend, smuggler Zach Carver, for help eloping with Cecile, Zach tells of a recent encounter with Lise, a beautiful but poor girl in St Ives, who is the mirror image of Cecile.

And so a daring plan is born to briefly swap the girls. But bringing Cecile and Lise together will uncover an astonishing family secret of a bold escape from a loveless marriage, a treacherous shipwreck and a sister thought lost to the sea long ago...

For more heartwrenching, heartwarming saga, look out for *The Stolen Child* and *A Mother's Sacrifice*, out now!

And don't miss Jennie's Families of *Fairley Terrace* series, which began with Maggie's story in *All The Dark Secrets* and continued with Lucy's story in *The Miner's Daughter*, Edie's story in *The Girl Below Stairs*, Carina's story in *The Widow's Promise* and Laurel's story in *The Sister's Secret*.

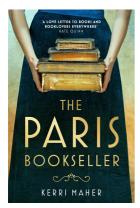


Jennie Felton grew up in Somerset and now lives in Bristol. She has written numerous short stories for magazines as well as a number of novels under a pseudonym. Her Families of Fairley Terrace Sagas series is about the lives and loves of the residents of a Somerset village in the late-nineteenth century, and started with *All The Dark Secrets*.

Visit Jennie on Facebook **www.facebook.com/JennieFeltonAuthor** and follow her on Twitter for all her latest news.

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The Paris Bookseller Kerri Maher



Imprint: Headline Review Pub: 11/01/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781472290762



The captivating story of a trailblazing young woman who fought against incredible odds to bring one of the most important books of the twentieth century to the world.

PARIS, 1919.

Young, bookish Sylvia Beach knows there is no greater city in the world than Paris. But when she opens an English-language bookshop on the bohemian Left Bank, Sylvia can't yet know she is making history.

Many leading writers of the day, from Ernest Hemingway to Gertrude Stein, consider Shakespeare and Company a second home. Here some of the most profound literary friendships blossom – and none more so than between James Joyce and Sylvia herself.

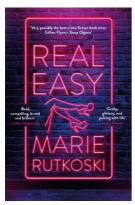
When Joyce's controversial novel Ulysses is banned, Sylvia determines to publish it through Shakespeare and Company. But the success and notoriety of publishing the most infamous book of the century comes at deep personal cost as Sylvia risks ruin, reputation and her heart in the name of the life-changing power of books...



Kerri Maher holds an MFA from Columbia University and was a writing professor for many years. She now writes full-time and lives with her daughter and dog in a leafy suburb west of Boston, Massachusetts.

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Real Easy Marie Rutkoski



Imprint: Tinder Press Pub: 18/01/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £18.99 ISBN: 9781472277480



Three Women meets Tana French in a breathtaking crime novel that asks what it means to be a woman in a dangerous world. From *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Rutkoski comes a mystery with characters you will never forget.

Very possibly the best crime fiction book since Gillian Flynn's *Sharp Objects* ...this book is a winner, whichever way you turn it' **Neel Mukherjee**

It's 1999, and Samantha has danced for years at the Lovely Lady strip club.

She's not used to taking anyone under her wing - after all, between her disapproving boyfriend and his daughter, who may as well be her own child, she has enough to worry about. But when Samantha overrides her better judgment to drive a new dancer home, they are run off the road. The police arrive at the scene of the accident - but find only one body.

Georgia, another dancer, is drawn into the investigation as she tries to assist Holly, a detective with a complicated story of her own. As the point of view shifts from police officers and detectives to club patrons, the women circle around a list of suspects, all the while grappling with their own understanding of loss and love.

As they get closer to the truth they must each confront a fundamental question:

How do women live their lives knowing that men can hurt them?

A compulsive, unflinching, and unexpectedly hopeful thriller set in a midwestern strip club, told in the spirit of Gillian Flynn and Tana French.



Marie Rutkoski is a *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels for children and young adults. She grew up in Illinois as the oldest of four children, and has lived in Moscow, Prague, and Paris.

She holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Harvard University, and is now a professor of English literature at Brooklyn College, where she teaches Shakespeare, children's literature, and fiction writing. She lives in Brooklyn with her family and two cats, Cloud and Firefly.

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Imprint: Headline Review Pub: 20/01/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £14.99 ISBN: 9781472248589



From the queen of feelgood fiction, an uplifting new novel of friendship, families and finding love . . .

Amber, Lachlan and Raffaele met as teenagers in the seaside home of kind-hearted foster parents. Arriving in glorious Cornwall was the best thing that ever happened to them - and now, as adults, their bond is stronger than ever.

But Amber has a secret. She's in love with Lachlan. She can't confess her feelings because that would never work. Restless Lachlan dates a lot and definitely isn't the settling-down type. Surely it's better to keep him as a friend than to risk losing him for good?

Raffaele has his own dilemma. He had the dream girlfriend in Vee, until it all went horribly wrong . . . and he still can't understand why. Is Vee hiding something from him?

Now their widowed foster dad Teddy thinks he's found love again. Younger, charming and strikingly beautiful, is Olga as perfect as she seems? Or will she end up breaking Teddy's heart?

Against a backdrop of sparkling seas and sunny skies, the unexpected is always just around the corner. Welcome to Lanrock!

'Reading Jill is always such a joy' Veronica Henry

'One of my favourite authors' Katie Fforde

Gloriously romantic and completely life-affirming, Jill Mansell's wonderful new novel set in sunny Cornwall will make you believe in love again.

Jill Mansell started writing fiction while working in the NHS, after she read a magazine article that inspired her to join a local creative writing class. She has since written over twenty *Sunday Times* bestsellers, including *It Started With A Secret, Maybe This Time, This Could Change Everything, The One You Really Want* and *You And Me, Always*, and her books have sold over 13 million copies around the world.

Jill's hobbies include buying stationery, particularly magical new colours of ink for the fountain pen she uses to write all her books. She lives in Bristol with her family.



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Diane Chamberlain

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A small town divided by prejudice. A secret that won't remain silent... The powerfully gripping and moving new novel from a Sunday Times bestselling author.

The Last House on the Street

1965. A young white female student becomes involved in the fight for civil rights in North Carolina, falling in love with one of her fellow activists, a Black man, in a time and place where an interracial relationship must be hidden from family, friends and especially the re-emerging Ku Klux Klan. As tensions rise in the town, she realises not everyone is who they appear to be.

2020. A recently widowed architect moves into the home she and her late husband designed, heartbroken that he will never cross the threshold. But when disturbing things begin to happen, it's clear that someone is sending her a warning. Who is trying to frighten her away, and why?

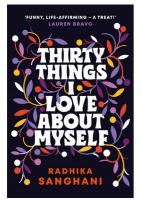
Decades later, past and present are set to collide in the last house on the street...



Diane Chamberlain is a multiple *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author whose books have been published in more than 20 languages. She is beloved by readers around the world for novels that inspire conversation, are rich with emotion and laced with secrets. Her years working as a social worker and psychotherapist inspired many of her characters and stories. Born and raised in New Jersey, she now makes her home in North Carolina, the setting for her most recent books.

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30 Things I Love About Myself Radhika Sanghani



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IT'S TIME FOR A BRAND NEW KIND OF LOVE STORY.

Are you ready?

Because Nina Mistry isn't . . .

30 Things I Love About Myself is the exuberant, witty, irresistible, hilarious and unforgettable story of Nina Mistry, who finds herself accidentally locked in a prison cell on the night of her 30th birthday, where she discovers a tatty little self-help book that will inspire her to take a long hard look at her life, who she really is and what she wants - and to put into action a self-love journey like no other!

This is a book for anyone who has ever had a self-worth wobble, or is watching someone they love struggle; it is for anyone who has ever failed, and got themselves back up again; or whose life has veered off the tracks. **IT IS THE BOOK YOUR BEST FRIEND WOULD RECOMMEND YOU START READING RIGHT NOW!**

If you love . . .

- emotionally intelligent, fresh, sophisticated fiction

- your humour and brilliantly drawn characters mixed with a clever and insightful feminist take on diversity in the media, casual sexism, racism, beauty ideals, online abuse and true self-care

- the - RARE - kinds of books that, as soon as you finish, you immediately want to pass on to the women in your life you love most

... then you will LOVE 30 Things I Love About Myself

Follow @RadhikaSanghani #30Things to be the first to find out more ...

Radhika Sanghani is an award-winning features journalist and influential body positivity campaigner. She writes regularly for the *Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Elle, Guardian, Grazia, Glamour* and *Cosmopolitan*; was recently in *Italian Vogue* and a guest on BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour and is a regular guest on Sky News and Good Morning Britain; is a TedX speaker on body positivity; runs a charity initiative with AgeUK fighting loneliness in older women and is a 2020 BBC Writers Room graduate.

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Fuccboi Sean Thor Conroe



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 25/01/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781472293107



'Got under my skin in the way the best writing can' SHEILA HETI

A fearless and savagely funny examination of masculinity under late capitalism, from an electrifying new voice

Set in Philly one year into Trump's presidency, Sean Thor Conroe's audacious, freewheeling debut follows our eponymous fuccboi, Sean, as he attempts to live meaningfully in a world that doesn't seem to need him. Reconciling past, failed selves -- cross-country walker, SoundCloud rapper, weed farmer -- he now finds himself back in his college city, trying to write, doing stimulant-fueled bike deliveries to eat. Unable to accept that his ex has dropped him, yet still engaged in all the same fuckery -- being coy and spineless, dodging decisions, maintaining a rotation of baes -- that led to her leaving in the first place. But now Sean has begun to wonder, how sustainable is this mode? How much fuckery is too much fuckery?

Written in a riotous, utterly original idiom, and slyly undercutting both the hypocrisy of our era and that of Sean himself, Fuccboi is an unvarnished, playful, and searching examination of what it means to be a man.

'Sean Conroe isn't one of the writers there's a hundred of. He writes what's his own, his own way' NICO WALKER

SEAN THOR CONROE was born KAMURA SHO in Tokyo in 1991. He was raised in Scotland, Upstate New York and Northern California. In 2014, he walked from Philly to Colorado. He studied Writing and Reading and Philosophy at Swarthmore College. He started attending the Columbia University School of the Arts in 2019. His writing has appeared in New York Tyrant, The Nervous Breakdown, Hobart, Vol 1 Brooklyn, Expat, Soft Cartel, Gay Death Trance, HTML Giant, Back Patio, and X-R-A-Y. He hosts the book podcast 1storypod and lives in Harlem.

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12 Hours To Say I Love You Olivia Poulet and Laurence Dobiesz



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TWO PEOPLE. ONE LOVE STORY. TWELVE HOURS TO TELL IT ...

What if the love of your life was slipping away?

Whir, beep, click, breath. Whir, beep, click, breath.

Pippa Gallagher is rushed in to hospital following a traffic accident.

As Pippa lies unconscious, she is aware of fragments. The day she met Steve Gallagher, her best friend and the man who would become the love of her life. The heartbreak she felt tonight as she got into her car, her eyes blurry from tears.

Meanwhile Steve sits at her bedside, his eyes fixed on her pale, still face. He has no idea where his wife was going when she crashed. No clue as to why she became distracted behind the wheel. All he knows is that she is his world. And that he wasn't there when she needed him most.

For the next twelve hours, Steve tells Pippa all the reasons he loves her.

But is it too late? Can Pippa find her way back to him?

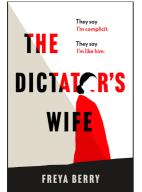
Gripping, moving and beautifully observed, this is a love story told from both sides, with warmth, tenderness and so much heart.



Olivia Poulet and **Laurence Dobiesz** are writers and actors based in London. Married for six years, they have written together for radio and screen. #blessed, a comedy drama love story, was Pick of the Week for BBC Radio 4. Their short film, Deliver Me, won the Special Jury Award at the 2020 London City Film Awards. It was the first instalment from The Repertory Shorts, which sees them write and act in a series of shorts alongside an ensemble of film makers. As an actor, Olivia is known for THE THICK OF IT, IN THE LOOP, BACK, DOC MARTIN and HOLBY CITY. Laurence is best known for playing Alexander Randall in OUTLANDER.

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The Dictator's Wife Freya Berry



Imprint: Headline Review Pub: 17/02/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781472276308



'I know you would like to hate me. History is written by the victors, and these are always men...'

The wife of a toppled dictator stands trial for her husband's crimes.

The world will finally know the truth. But whose?

Visceral and thought provoking, powerful and emotional, haunting and heartbreaking, *The Dictator's Wife* will hold you in its grip until its gut-wrenching conclusion.

WOMAN

I learned early in life how to survive. A skill that became vital in my position.

WIFE

I was given no power, yet I was expected to hold my own with the most powerful man in the country.

MOTHER OF THE NATION

My people were my children. I stood between him and them.

I am not the person they say I am. I am not my husband. I am innocent.

Do you believe me?

A gripping and timely story, *The Dictator's Wife* will keep you turning the pages long into the night...



Freya Berry is twenty-nine, studied English Literature at Trinity College, Cambridge, and worked for several years as a financial and political journalist at Reuters and then the *Daily Mail*. Freya splits her time between London and the Welsh coast. *The Dictator's Wife* is her debut novel, inspired by the close observation of the wives of some of the world's most powerful leaders.

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Flamingo Rachel Elliott



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A novel of love, homelessness, and learning to be fearless.

In the garden, there were three flamingos. Not real flamingos, but real emblems, real gateways to a time when life was impossibly good. They were mascots, symbols of hope. Something for a boy to confide in.

First, there were the flamingos. And then there were two families. Sherry and Leslie and their daughters, Rae and Pauline - and Eve and her son Daniel.

Sherry loves her husband, Leslie. She also loves Eve. It couldn't have been a happier summer. But then Eve left and everything went grey. Now Daniel is all grown-up and broken. And when he turns up at Sherry's door, it's almost as if they've all come home again. But there's still one missing. Where is Eve? And what, exactly, is her story?

FLAMINGO is a novel about the power of love, welcome and acceptance. It's a celebration of kindness, of tenderness. Set in 2018 and the 80s, it's a song for the broken-hearted and the big-hearted, and is, ultimately, a novel grown from gratitude, and a book full of wild hope.

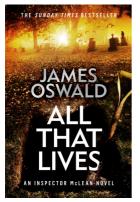


Rachel Elliott is the author of *Whispers Through A Megaphone* (Pushkin Press), long-listed for the Bailey's Women's Prize in 2016 and *Do Not Feed The Bear* (2019, Tinder Press). She is also a psychotherapist.

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All That Lives James Oswald



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The latest book in the *Sunday Times* bestselling Inspector McLean series, from one of Scotland's most celebrated crime writers.

An archaeological dig at the old South Leith parish kirkyard has turned up a mysterious body dating from around 700 years ago. The experts wonder if she wasn't murdered and dumped, but some suspect that this gruesome discovery is a sacrifice, placed there for a specific purpose.

Then a second body is unearthed. This victim went missing only thirty years ago - but the similarities between her death and the ancient body's suggest something even more disturbing.

Drawn into the investigation, McLean finds himself torn between a worrying trend of violent drug-related deaths and uncovering what truly connects these bodies. When a third body is discovered, and too close for comfort, he begins to suspect dark purpose at play - and that whoever put them there is far from finished.

Praise for James Oswald:

'The new Ian Rankin' Daily Record

'Creepy, gritty and gruesome' Sunday Mirror

'Crime fiction's next big thing' Sunday Telegraph

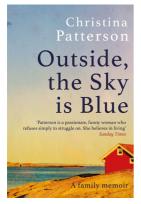


James Oswald is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling Inspector McLean series of detective mysteries, as well as the new DC Constance Fairchild series. James's first two books, NATURAL CAUSES and THE BOOK OF SOULS, were both short-listed for the prestigious CWA Debut Dagger Award. WHAT WILL BURN is the eleventh book in the Inspector Mclean Series.

James farms Highland cows and Romney sheep by day, writes disturbing fiction by night.

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Outside, the Sky is Blue Christina Patterson



Imprint: Tinder Press Pub: 17/02/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781472282620



A beautifully drawn, heart-breaking yet also joyful memoir of growing up, of living with mental and physical ill health, and of working out what it means to be in a family, what it means to lose a family – and what it's like when you are the last one left.

When Christina Patterson's brother Tom died very suddenly, she faced the harrowing task of clearing out his house. Tom had always been the one who held on to the family treasures and memories, but now Christina had to sift through box after box of letters, papers, photos and belongings, not just of Tom's, but of their parents and their older sister, Caroline.

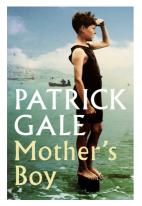
Those boxes, albums and papers tell the story of a young couple who decide, when their children are small, to swap a glamorous diplomatic life in Rome for a housing estate in Surrey. But their new suburban life, of trips to National Trust houses, fizzy drinks over TV costume drama and walks at Wisley Gardens, is increasingly disrupted by Caroline's erratic behaviour. As she is diagnosed with schizophrenia, Tom seeks solace in sport and Christina in a youth club where she hopes to meet boys, but finds God.



Christina Patterson is a writer and broadcaster. She writes for *The Sunday Times, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph* and *The Daily Mail,* as well as magazines ranging from *Harper's Bazaar* to *Red.* Her first book *The Art of Not Falling Apart* was published in 2018. She regularly appears on radio and TV news programmes, hosts the podcast Work Interrupted and is a speaker, facilitator, conference chair and coach. A former columnist at *The Independent* and Director of the Poetry Society, she has contributed to books on poetry, literature and health.

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Mother's Boy Patrick Gale



Imprint: Tinder Press Pub: 01/03/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £20.00 ISBN: 9781472257413



'One of the joys of Gale's writing is how even the smallest of characters can appear fully formed, due to a charming wickedness alongside deeper observations' *Irish Times*

Laura, an impoverished Cornish girl, meets her husband when they are both in service in Teignmouth in 1916. They have a baby, Charles, but Laura's husband returns home from the trenches a damaged man, already ill with the tuberculosis that will soon leave her a widow. In a small, class-obsessed town she raises her boy alone, working as a laundress, and gradually becomes aware that he is some kind of genius.

As an intensely private young man, Charles signs up for the navy with the new rank of coder. His escape from the tight, gossipy confines of Launceston to the colour and violence of war sees him blossom as he experiences not only the possibility of death, but the constant danger of a love that is as clandestine as his work.

MOTHER'S BOY is the story of a man who is among, yet apart from his fellows, in thrall to, yet at a distance from his own mother; a man being shaped for a long, remarkable and revered life spent hiding in plain sight. But it is equally the story of the dauntless mother who will continue to shield him long after the dangers of war are past.

'A writer with heart, soul, and a dark and naughty wit, one whose company you relish and trust' *Observer*



Patrick Gale was born on the Isle of Wight. He spent his infancy at Wandsworth Prison, which his father governed, then grew up in Winchester before going to Oxford University. He now lives on a farm near Land's End. One of this country's best-loved novelists, his most recent works are *A Perfectly Good Man*, the Richard and Judy bestseller *Notes From An Exhibition*, the Costa-shortlisted *A Place Called Winter* and *Take Nothing With You*. His original BBC television drama, *Man In An Orange Shirt*, was shown to great acclaim in 2017 as part of the BBC's Queer Britannia series, leading viewers around the world to discover his novels.

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Peach Blossom Spring Melissa Fu



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'Glorious and tender, exquisitely written and beautifully nuanced. I finished it with tears in my eyes and will be recommending it to everyone I know' JENNIFER SAINT, *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF ARIADNE

With every misfortune there is a blessing and within every blessing, the seeds of misfortune, and so it goes, until the end of time.

It is 1938 in China, and the Japanese are advancing. A young mother, Meilin, is forced to flee her burning city with her four-year-old son, Renshu, and embark on an epic journey across China. For comfort, they turn to their most treasured possession - a beautifully illustrated hand scroll. Its ancient fables offer solace and wisdom as they travel through their ravaged country, seeking refuge.

Years later, Renshu has settled in America as Henry Dao. His daughter is desperate to understand her heritage, but he refuses to talk about his childhood. How can he keep his family safe in this new land when the weight of his history threatens to drag them down?

Spanning continents and generations, *Peach Blossom Spring* is a bold and moving look at the history of modern China, told through the story of one family. It's about the power of our past, the hope for a better future, and the search for a place to call home.

'Accomplished and utterly gripping, Peach Blossom Spring had me hooked, and completely unable to put it down until I'd finished. Crossing multiple generations and continents, this is the story of a single family living through war, heartbreak and passion ... Fu imbues all her characters with real, complex personalities and desires, which makes this a compulsive read. One of my best books of the year.' **Catherine Menon, author of FRAGILE MONSTERS**

'Magical, and powerful, Peach Blossom Spring brings to life the costs of wars and conflicts while illuminating the spirit of human survival. Inspired by her father's real-life experiences and her determination to comprehend her family's past, Melissa Fu has gifted us with a timely, moving, and universal novel' Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, author of THE MOUNTAINS SING

Melissa Fu grew up in Northern New Mexico and now lives near Cambridge, UK, with her husband and children. With academic backgrounds in physics and English, she has worked in education as a teacher, curriculum developer, and consultant. She was the 2018/19 David TK Wong Fellow at the University of East Anglia. *Peach Blossom Spring* is her first novel.

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Chivalry Neil Gaiman



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From the award-winning creators Neil Gaiman and Colleen Doran comes a stunning new graphic novel.

An elderly widow buys what turns out to be *the* Holy Grail from a second-hand shop, setting her off on an epic journey with an ancient knight who lures her with ancient relics in the hope of winning the cup.

From the Eisner and Bram Stoker-award winning team of *Snow, Glass, Apples* comes a beautiful, brand-new graphic novel adaptation.

'Like Ray Bradbury before him, [Neil Gaiman] writes lovely little horror stories, fairy tales and fantasies which are as familiar as they are fabulous, stories that are never quite what the reader expects...' A.V. CLUB

'A combination of a superb script, with Gaiman at his evocative, inventive best, and masterful artwork from Doran' STARBURST on *Snow, Glass, Apples*

Neil Gaiman is the author of over thirty acclaimed books and graphic novels for adults and children, including AMERICAN GODS, STARDUST, CORALINE and THE GRAVEYARD BOOK. His most recent novel for adults, THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE was highly acclaimed, appeared on the hardback and paperback *Sunday Times* bestseller lists and won several awards, including being voted Book of the Year in the National Book Awards 2013: 'Some books you read. Some books you enjoy. But some books just swallow you up, heart and soul' Joanne Harris.

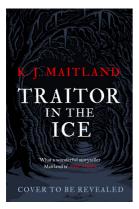
The recipient of numerous literary honours, Neil Gaiman's work has been adapted for film, television and radio. He has written scripts for *Doctor Who*, worked with authors and illustrators including Terry Pratchett, Dave McKean and Chris Riddell, and THE SANDMAN is established as one of the classic graphic novels. As George R R Martin says: **'There's no one quite like Neil Gaiman.'**

Originally from England, Neil Gaiman now lives in America.

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Traitor in the Ice K. J. Maitland



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Praise for the first novel in the series, The Drowned City

Dark and enthralling... the mysterious Daniel Pursglove has all the qualifications for a memorable series hero' ANDREW TAYLOR

'This gripping thriller shows what a wonderful storyteller Maitland is' *THE TIMES*

How do you catch a killer when no one is who they seem in this captivating historical novel for readers of C.J. Sansom, Andrew Taylor's *Ashes of London* and Kate Mosse.

Winter, 1607. A man is struck down in the grounds of Battle Abbey, Sussex. Before dawn breaks, he is dead.

Home to the Montagues, Battle has caught the paranoid eye of King James. The Catholic household is rumoured to shelter those loyal to the Pope, disguising them as servants within the abbey walls. And the last man sent to expose them was silenced before his report could reach London.

Daniel Pursglove is summoned to infiltrate Battle and find proof of treachery. He soon discovers that nearly everyone at the abbey has something to hide - for deeds far more dangerous than religious dissent. But one lone figure he senses only in the shadows, carefully concealed from the world. Could the notorious traitor Spero Pettingar finally be close at hand?

As more bodies are unearthed, Daniel determines to catch the culprit. But how do you unmask a killer when nobody is who they seem?



Karen Maitland is an historical novelist, lecturer and teacher of Creative Writing, with over twenty books to her name. She grew up in Malta, which inspired her passion for history, and travelled and worked all over the world before settling in the United Kingdom. She has a doctorate in psycholinguistics, and now lives on the edge of Dartmoor in Devon.

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Devon

The Visa Lizzie O'Hagan



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In this sweeping, romantic comedy, affairs are to be expected, and falling in love is betrayal... This topsy-turvy romcom is perfect for fans of Josie Silver, Beth O'Leary and Mhairi McFarlane.

For a commitment-phobe who's never taken a girl on a third date, Jack finds getting married to his old friend Maya pretty easy. He's a New Zealander in need of a visa to stay in the country, and she doesn't believe in marriage anyway. Simple.

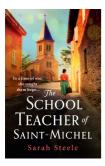
Maya and Jack live in wedded, sex-less bliss, until one day Jack starts to get serious with someone else. . .

Suddenly Maya finds herself falling into a role she never thought she'd be: a wife - and a scorned one at that - who is falling uncontrollably, undeniably, and entirely inconveniently, in love with her own husband.

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The Schoolteacher of Saint-Michel Sarah Steele



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Inspired by real acts of bravery and resistance, The Schoolteacher of Saint Michel is a heartrending and deeply moving story of one woman's courage and sacrifice during World War II, from the author of The Missing Pieces of Nancy Moon.

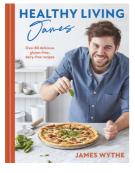
France, 1942. At the end of the day, the schoolteacher releases her pupils. She checks they have their identity passes, and warns them not to stop until the German guards have let them through the barrier that separates occupied France from Free France. As the little ones fly across the border and into their mothers' arms, she breathes a sigh of relief. No one is safe now. Not even the children.

Berkshire, present day. A letter left to her by her beloved late grandmother Gigi takes Hannah Stone on a journey deep into the heart of the Dordogne landscape. As she begins to unravel a forgotten history of wartime bravery and sacrifice, she discovers the heartrending secret that binds her grandmother to a village schoolteacher, the remarkable Lucie Laval...

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Healthy Living James James Wythe



Imprint: Headline Home Pub: 03/03/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £20.00 ISBN: 9781472289582



A dairy-free rich chocolate tart that only takes 10 minutes to make? Banana waffles drizzled with maple syrup that are gluten-free? Flaky sausage rolls that are totally plant-based? Gooey nut butter choc pots made without eggs and ready to eat, fresh from the oven, in just 15 minutes?

If you have suffered ill health or have food allergies and intolerances and are looking for recipes that can be made in minutes, with instructions you can understand, using ingredients you probably already have and are **guaranteed healthy and tasty**, then this is the only cookbook you need in your kitchen.

Healthy Living James includes 80 delicious recipes, each one **gluten**free, dairy-free, egg-free and mainly plant-based (but with easy options to add in meat or fish). Every recipe aims to teach you how easy it is to cook this food, using affordable supermarket ingredients and a couple of pots and pans, even if you have limited time, energy or skill. And the recipes are no trouble to adapt to suit you, with plenty of ideas for ingredient swaps so you can use whatever flour, milk, cheese, meat or fish you fancy.

Recipes include:

Chocolate Peanut Butter Shake & Take Oats Strawberry Granola Pot Tex-Mex Quinoa Salad

James Wythe is a professional food blogger and health coach. Ten years ago his life changed overnight. He went to bed after a meal out with friends and the next morning couldn't get up. He would remain bedbound for the next 2 years, unable to communicate, eat, sleep, tolerate light or sound, watch TV or look at his phone. After 6 months of tests he was diagnosed with ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) and told there was no cure, but on the advice of a nutritionist he cut out all gluten and dairy from his diet and very slowly began to get better.

Cooking became James' daily challenge and the thing that got him out of bed three times a day. He decided to start a blog to share the recipes he was creating, in order to try and help others looking for gluten-free and dairy-free recipes, and in 2016 'Healthy Living James' was born. The blog attracts 300,000 page views a month and has a social following of 290,000.

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Sex Bomb Sadia Azmat



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Sadia is a comedian who loves sex. She is also a hijab-wearing Muslim woman. The two are in a lifelong relationship, but it's complicated.

In this vibrant, funny and conversation-starting memoir, Sadia shows how the different sides of her identity and personality have fought and embraced each other over the course of her life. From being viewed as a 'sister' being a real cock-block, to growing up and being criticised by Muslim's and white people alike for speaking out on sex; from her experiences of dating Asian men and White men to her tumultuous relationship with her headscarf, Sadia is unafraid to give you the honest truth. In the end she looks to the future for herself and women alike, what does it mean to be sexually liberated? And can you truly separate the girl from the headscarf?

SEX BOMB is *The Wrong Knickers* meets *It's Not About the Burqa* and offers a whole new look at the experiences of a Muslim woman. Crackling with humour and exploding with personality, this is the memoir you do not want to miss.



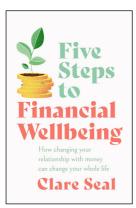
Sadia Azmat is a British Asian stand-up comedian and writer from East London. Through a chance encounter with a comedian in a call centre, she was introduced to the circuit, and now she is a regular stand-up. In 2018 Sadia launched her critically acclaimed BBC podcast 'No Country For Young Women' which was named as one of the 'Best audio 2018' by the Observer and Apple's Top picks for 2018. *Sex Bomb* is her first book.

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Five Steps to Financial Wellbeing

How changing your relationship with money can change your whole life

Clare Seal



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It's impossible to talk about wellbeing without addressing our financial wellbeing.

While it may be true that money can't buy you happiness, you will struggle to find balance and contentment in all other areas of your life when you aren't in control of your finances.

In *Five Steps to Financial Wellbeing*, Clare Seal walks you through five straightforward, achievable steps to take to change your relationship with money for good, and in doing so, change the rest of your life for the better.

This book also addresses the deeper fundamentals of a healthy relationship with money, from building self-worth to tackling consumerism. *Five Steps to Financial Wellbeing* is a toolkit to help readers of all ages and life stages establish a healthy, positive relationship with money, avoid problem debt, save and invest for the future and above all, take control of your finances instead of letting your finances control you.



When **Clare Seal** reached what seemed like a breaking point in her relationship with money in spring 2019, she turned to Instagram to make herself accountable, posting anonymously about her journey out of debt as @myfrugalyear. She immediately struck a chord, and in just one year found a following of 45k people, her posts offering advice and solidarity to a growing community of people in a similar situation. A new voice on the finance scene, Clare has already been sought out by the Telegraph, Huffington Post, Grazia and Hello! Magazine to give her opinion on topics relating to debt, money and the challenges facing millennials. Clare Seal is a working mother of two, and lives with her husband and children in South West England..

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Untitled Sheila O'Flanagan



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FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE NO. 1 BESTSELLERS THE WOMEN WHO RAN AWAY, HER HUSBAND'S MISTAKE AND THE MISSING WIFE

'Sheila writes with such verve and positivity and emotional intelligence - she knows just what it is to be a woman' Veronica Henry

'One of my favourite authors' Marian Keyes

'Reading a Sheila O'Flanagan novel always feels like sitting down for a cup of tea with a friend - she writes with such warmth and empathy' Beth O'Leary

'Do I rejoice when a new Sheila O'Flanagan book hits the shelves? I do' Roisin Meaney

Eden found perfect love with Andy. How it ended was shocking. For the five years since, her little daughter Lila - and Eden's secret letters to Andy - have been all she needed. And Andy's family like it that way.

Rafe wants nothing more than to start a new life back home in Ireland. It's time for him to turn the page on his own tragedy. And every woman in the neighbourhood is ready to help a single dad settle in.

When Eden and Rafe meet, it seems that everyone has a good reason for thinking their tentative relationship is bad idea, despite the distant past that links them.

New relationships are rarely easy, especially if you've loved deeply before. And when there's opposition, it can bring you closer - or drive you apart . . .

Sheila O'Flanagan is the author of nearly 30 bestselling novels including *The Women Who Ran Away, Her Husband's Mistake, The Hideaway, What Happened That Night* and *The Missing Wife.* She lives in Dublin with her husband.

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It Ends At Midnight Harriet Tyce



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THE EXPLOSIVE, ADDICTIVE NEW THRILLER FROM *SUNDAY TIMES* AND KINDLE #1 BESTSELLER HARRIET TYCE.

New Year's Eve, when the clock strikes twelve. A lavish party in one of Edinburgh's best postcodes is sent spiralling into chaos when two guests fall tragically from the roof, impaled on the cast iron railings below.

For Tess, it was about more than reuniting with long lost friends. Recently diagnosed with an illness that could be terminal, it was her last chance to make things right. Having grown apart from her husband Marcus, she knew this would be the perfect opportunity to renew their vows, surrounded by everyone they love.

Their time is running out. Tess' closest companion Sylvie knows this better than anyone. She's trying desperately to offer her friend some closure from the guilt that has plagued them both for decades.

But as midnight approaches and the countdown begins, it becomes clear that someone doesn't want a resolution.

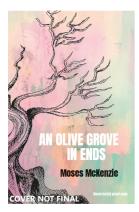
They want revenge.



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

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An Olive Grove in Ends Moses McKenzie



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THE DAZZLING DEBUT NOVEL ABOUT LOVE, COMMUNITY AND DREAMS DEFERRED - BY AN EXCITING NEW LITERARY VOICE

Sayon Hughes, a young black man from Bristol, dreams of a world far removed from the one in which he was raised. Far removed from the torn slips outside the bookie's, the burnt spoons and the crooked solutions his community embraces; most of all, removed from the Christianity of his uncaring parents and the prejudice of law-makers.

Growing up, Sayon found respite from the chaos of his environment in the love and loyalty of his brother-in-arms, Cuba; in the example of his cousin Hakim, a man once known as the most infamous drug-dealer in their neighbourhood, now a proselytising Muslim; and in the tenderness of his girl, Shona, whose own sense of purpose galvanises Sayon's.

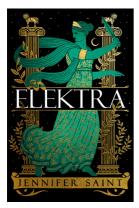
In return, Sayon wants to give the people he loves the world: a house atop a grand hill in the most affluent area of the city, a home in which they can forever find joy and safety. But after an altercation in which a boy is killed, Sayon finds his loyalties torn and his dream of a better life in peril.



Moses McKenzie is of Caribbean descent and grew up in Bristol, where he still lives and writes full-time. *An Olive Grove in Ends* is his first novel. Moses wrote *An Olive Grove in Ends* aged 21.



Elektra Jennifer Saint



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 28/04/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £14.99 ISBN: 9781472273918



The new novel from *The Sunday Times* top ten bestselling author of *Ariadne*.

The House of Atreus is cursed. A bloodline tainted by a generational cycle of violence and vengeance. This is the story of three women, their fates inextricably tied to this curse, and the fickle nature of men and gods.

Clytemnestra

The sister of Helen, wife of Agamemnon - her hopes of averting the curse are dashed when her sister is taken to Troy by the feckless Paris. Her husband raises a great army against them, and determines to win, whatever the cost.

Cassandra

Princess of Troy, and cursed by Apollo to see the future but never to be believed when she speaks of it. She is powerless in her knowledge that the city will fall.

Elektra

The youngest daughter of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon, Elektra is horrified by the bloodletting of her kin. But, can she escape the curse, or is her own destiny also bound by violence?

Praise for Jennifer Saint and ARIADNE:

'A lyrical, insightful re-telling' Daily Mail

'Relevant and revelatory' Stylist

'Energetic and compelling' Times

'An illuminating read' Woman & Home

'A story that's impossible to forget' Culturefly

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

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The Ultimate Body Plan for New Mums Gemma Atkinson



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The ultimate holistic fitness guide for new mums, to include a gentle 12-week Bump to Body exercise plan, 75 nutritious and simple recipes, and tips on self-care.

The Ultimate Body Plan for New Mums is the second fitness and recipe book from actress, presenter and fitness guru Gemma Atkinson. Based on her own experiences, Gemma wants to help other new mums ease their way back into exercise and nourish themselves with the right kinds of food.

This is not about weight loss or dieting, or unachievable workout routines. Instead, it's a book that keeps things real, with a focus on safe post-natal exercises that have been divided into those you can do at home and those you can use to build your confidence when returning to the gym. These exercises form the 12-week Bump to Body Plan, which can be started six weeks after giving birth.

Along with 75 nutritious and simple recipes, perfect for fitting around a newborn baby's routine, the book will also include self-care advice for being kind to yourself during those early weeks and months of getting used to being a new mum.

Gemma Atkinson is an actress (Hollyoaks, Casualty, Emmerdale), radio presenter and fitness guru. She currently hosts Drive Time on Hits Radio every weekday, co-hosts Steph's Packed Lunch on Channel 4 and works with a wide range of brands from fitness to health foods, household goods, ethically sourced beauty products and baby lines. She made it to the final of Strictly Come Dancing in 2017 and her partner, and father to her daughter Mia, is professional dancer Gorka Marquez. She's been vegetarian since Christmas 2019 and has seen a significant improvement in her health as a result.

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Butter: A Celebration Olivia Potts



Imprint: Headline Home Pub: 14/04/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £25.00 ISBN: 9781472284648



Butter: A Celebration is a joyous immersion in all things butter, reveiling in its alchemical power to transform almost any dish, from good to transcendent. There hasn't yet been a book in the market dedicated to this single essential ingredient, and Olivia is here to put that right.

She takes us on a grand tour of butter and its applications, from steak to millefeuille, from crumpets to Iranian tahdig. This is a book that can be savoured for its wonderful food writing and an invitation to unabashed pleasure alone, as well as for its irresistible recipes and expert introduction to patisserie, too. It's full of history, of anecdotes and, of course, recipes; so many delicious recipes!

Recipes include:

*Turkish eggs with yoghurt and chill butter *Butter-basted rib eye steak *Steamed artichoke with anchovy butter *Grilled kippers with horseradish butter *Buttermilk pancakes *Sticky gingerbread *French salted butter biscuits *Damson plum crumble



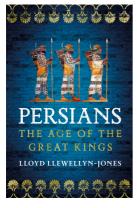
Olivia is an award-winning writer and chef. After a career at the criminal bar, she retrained in professional patisserie at Le Cordon Bleu.

She is resident cookery columnist at the *Spectator* and has written for *delicious, Sainsbury's Magazine, Grazia, Glamour, The Times, Guardian* and *Telegraph*.

She was the winner of the Fortnum & Mason Debut Food Book Award for her memoir *A Half-Baked Idea* and the Guild of Food Writers' Food Writer Award in 2020.



Persians Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones



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The Great Kings of Persia ruled over the largest Empire of antiquity, stretching from Libya to the Steppes of Asia, and from Ethiopia to Pakistan. At the heart of the Empire was the fabled palace-city of Persepolis where the Achaemenid monarchs held court in unparalleled grandeur. From here, Cyrus the Great, Darius, Xerxes, and their heirs passed laws, raised armies, and governed their multicultural Empire of enormous diversity.

The Achaemenids, however, were one of the great dysfunctional families of history. Brothers fought brothers for power, wives and concubines plotted to promote their sons to the throne, and eunuchs and courtiers vied for influence and prestige.

Our understanding of the Persian Empire has traditionally come from the histories of Greek writers such as Herodotus - and as such, over many centuries, our perspective has been skewed by ancient political and cultural agendas. Professor Llewellyn-Jones, however, calls upon original Achaemenid sources, including inscriptions, art, and recent archaeological discoveries in Iran, to create an authentic 'Persian Version' of this remarkable first great empire of antiquity - the Age of the Great Kings.



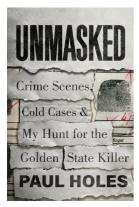
Born in Cefn Cribwr, Wales, **Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones** is Professor of Ancient History at Cardiff University and Director of the Ancient Iran Program for the British Institute of Persian Studies.

He has previously taught at Edinburgh University, where he was Professor of Ancient Iranian and Greek History. He has spent extensive time in Iran, and is a specialist in the histories and cultures of Persia, the Near East, and Greece.

He has also appeared on the BBC, Channel 4, in *The Times* and other media outlets. His previous books include *King and Court in Ancient Persia, Ctesias' History of Persia, The Culture of Animals in Antiquity,* and *Designs on the Past: How Hollywood Created the Ancient World.*

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Unmasked Paul Holes



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From the detective who helped catch the Golden State Killer, a memoir about investigating America's toughest cold cases, and the rewards - and toll - of a life spent solving crime.

For a decade, from 1973, The Golden State Killer stalked and murdered Californians in the dead of night, leaving entire communities afraid to turn off the lights. Then he vanished, and the case remained unsolved.

In 1994, when cold-case investigator Paul Holes came across the old file, he swore he would unmask GSK and finally give these families closure. Twenty-four years later, Holes fulfilled that promise, identifying 73-yearold Joseph J. DeAngelo. Headlines blasted around the world: one of America's most prolific serial killers had been caught.

That case launched Paul's career into the stratosphere, turning him into an icon in the true-crime world. But while many know the story of the capture of GSK, until now, no one has truly known the man behind it all.

In UNMASKED, Paul takes us through his memories of a storied career and provides an insider account of some of the most notorious cases in contemporary American history, including the Zodiac Killer, Laci Peterson's murder and Jaycee Dugard's kidnapping. But this is also a revelatory profile of a complex man and what makes him tick: the drive to find closure for victims and their loved ones; the inability to walk away from a challenge - even at the expense of his own happiness. This is a story about the gritty truth of crime solving when there are no 'case closed' headlines. It is the story of a man and his commitment to his cases, and to the people who might have otherwise been forgotten.



Paul Holes retired as a cold case investigator after spending over 27 years working for the Sheriff and District Attorney's Offices during his tenure in Contra Costa County, located in the Bay Area, California. Having experience in both forensic and investigative assignments, Paul throughout his career specialized in cold case and serial predator crimes, developing and applying investigative, behavioural and forensic expertise in notable cases such as Zodiac, Golden State Killer and Jaycee Dugard. Paul is frequently sought out by investigators to consult on the most complex and high profile cases.

Exit Stage Left The curious afterlife of pop stars Nick Duerden



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A quirky, thought-provoking look at the curious afterlife of pop stars from David Hepworth, Pete Paphides, Bob Stanley and Craig Brown, as well as thought-provoking human interest stories like Moondust by Andrew Smith, and books by Jon Ronson, Louis Theroux and Stuart Maconie.

Nick Duerden has spent many years interviewing the most famous musicians on the planet. Without exception, they are at their most interesting when they've peaked, and when they are on their way down. In many ways, this is when these former idols are at their most heroic, too, because they reveal themselves not only to be humane and sensitive, but also still driven to create, to fulfil their lingering dreams, to refuse to live quietly.

Some sustain themselves on the nostalgia circuit. Others continue to beaver away in the studio, no longer Abbey Road so much as the garden shed. The desire for adulation is a light that never goes out. We live in a culture obsessed by the notion of fame - the heedless pursuit of it, the almost obligatory subsequent fallout. But what's it like to actually achieve it, and what's it like when fame abruptly passes, and shifts, as it does, onto someone else?

These are tales of heroin addiction, bankruptcy, depression, divorce - but also of optimism, a genuine love of the craft, humility and hope. All of which makes EXIT STAGE LEFT a fascinating, laugh-out-loud funny and often shocking look at what happens when the brightest of stars fall down to earth.

Featuring brand new interviews with the likes of: Bob Geldof, Shaun Ryder, Robbie Williams, Roisin Murphy, Stewart Copeland, Billy Bragg, Wendy James, Alex Kapranos, Joan Armatrading, Leo Sayer, Gary Lightbody, Lisa Maffia, Tim Booth, Bill Drummond, Rufus Wainwright, David Gray, and Justin Hawkins.

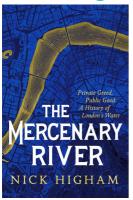
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The Mercenary River

Private Greed, Public Good: A History of London's Water

Nick Higham



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No city can survive without water, and lots of it. Today we take the stuff for granted: turn a tap and it gushes out. But it wasn't always so. For centuries London, one of the largest and richest cities in the world, struggled to supply its citizens with reliable, clean water. The Mercenary River tells the story of that struggle from the middle ages to the present day.

Based on new research, it tells a tale of remarkable technological, scientific and organisational breakthroughs; but also a story of greed and complacency, high finance and low politics. Among the breakthroughs was the picturesque New River, neither new nor a river but a state of the art aqueduct completed in 1613 and still part of London's water supply: the company that built it was one of the very first modern business corporations, and also one of the most profitable. London water companies were early adopters of steam power for their pumps. And the Chelsea Water Company was the first in the world to filter the water it supplied its customers: the same technique is still used to purify two-thirds of London's drinking water. The book also chronicles our changing relationship with water and the way we use it. For much of London's history water had to be rationed.

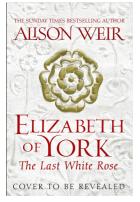
Amongst many stories, Nick Higham's page-turning narrative uncovers the murky tale of how the most powerful steam engine in the world was first brought to London; the extraordinary story of how one Victorian London water company deliberately cut off 2,000 households, even though it knew they had no alternative source of supply; the details of a financial scandal which brought two of the water companies close to collapse in the 1870s; and finally asking whether today's 21st century water companies are an improvement on their Victorian predecessors.



Nick Higham hails from London and is a journalist who has spent 30 years at the BBC: fifteen as their arts and media correspondent and also hosting 'Meet the Author' on the BBC News Channel. His interest in London's water began with the New River, which originally ran to New River Head on the borders of Islington and Clerkenwell, within sight of the building housing the London Metropolitan Archives where much of his book was researched.

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Elizabeth of York, the Last White Rose Alison Weir



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May Fiction

A serious achievement' THE TIMES on the SIX TUDOR QUEENS series

'Weir is excellent on the little details that bring a world to life' GUARDIAN

Alison Weir, Sunday Times - bestselling author of the SIX TUDOR QUEENS series, returns with a captivating new trio of novels spanning three generations of history's most iconic family, the Tudors.

Mother. Trailblazer. Queen.

The spellbinding story of Elizabeth of York, the first Tudor gueen.

PRAISE FOR THE SIX TUDOR QUEENS SERIES:

'Weir is excellent on the little details that bring a world to life' Guardian

'Profoundly moving... lingers long after the last page' Elizabeth Fremantle

'Well researched and engrossing' Good Housekeeping

'Utterly gripping and endlessly surprising' Tracy Borman

'Hugely enjoyable . . . Alison Weir knows her subject and has a knack for the telling and textural detail' Daily Mail

Alison Weir is the bestselling female historian (and the fifth-bestselling historian overall) in the United Kingdom, and has sold over 3 million books worldwide.

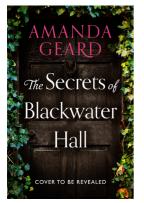
She has published twenty history books, including her most recent non-fiction book, Queens of the Crusades, the second in her England's Medieval Queens guartet. Alison is also the author of twelve historical novels, including the highly acclaimed Six Tudor Oueens series about the wives of Henry VIII, all of which were Sunday Times bestsellers.

Alison is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an honorary life patron of Historic Royal Palaces.



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The Midnight House Amanda Geard



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GENERATIONS COME AND GO, BUT SECRETS REMAIN . . .

My Dearest T,

Whatever you hear, do not believe it for a moment...

1940: In south-west Ireland, the young and beautiful Lady Charlotte Rathmore is pronounced dead after she mysteriously disappears by the lake of Blackwater Hall. In London, on the brink of the Blitz, Nancy Rathmore is grieving Charlotte's death when a letter arrives containing a secret that she is sworn to keep - one that will change her life for ever.

2019: Decades later, Ellie Fitzgerald is forced to leave Dublin disgraced and heartbroken. Abandoning journalism, she returns to rural Kerry to weather out the storm. But, when she discovers a faded letter, tucked inside the pages of an old book, she finds herself drawn in by a long-buried secret. And as Ellie begins to unravel the mystery, it becomes clear that the letter might hold the key to more than just Charlotte's disappearance.

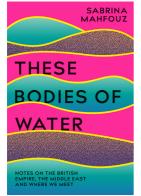
Moving between 1940, 1958 and 2019, this is an unforgettable and spellbinding story of secrets, war, love and sacrifice. Perfect for fans of Kate Morton, Santa Montefiore and Louise Douglas.



Born in Australia, **Amanda Geard** has lived all over the world, from a houseboat in London to a Norwegian Island, before settling in County Kerry in Ireland. Her writing has appeared in *The Irish Times, The Journal, writing.ie, Nordic Reach* and *Vertical Magazine*. Her short story *Not Yet Recycled* won the New Irish Writing Award in October 2019.

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These Bodies of Water Sabrina Mahfouz



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Are you not made of Suez silt? How do we know you won't shore our boats by making yourself bigger than we made you?

Sabrina Mahfouz once sat in a Whitehall interview room and was interrogated about everything from her political leanings to her private life. It was ostensibly a job interview, but implicit in their demands was the unspoken question: as a woman of Middle Eastern heritage, could she really be trusted?

Years later, Sabrina found herself confronting the meaning behind this interrogation, and how it was specifically informed by the British Empire's historical dominance in the Middle East. THESE BODIES OF WATER investigates this history through the Middle Eastern coastlines and waterways that were so vital to the Empire's hold. Interwoven with her own personal experiences, Sabrina combines history, politics, myth and poetry in a devastating examination of this unacknowledged part of Britain's colonial past.

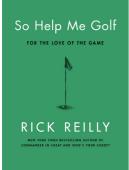
Part history, part polemic and part intimate memoir, THESE BODIES OF WATER is a tapestry of writing that tells the story of Britain's relationship with the Middle East in the most revealing terms.



Sabrina Mahfouz is a writer and performer, raised in London and Cairo and working across multiple art forms, including film, TV, opera, dance and music. She is a Royal Society of Literature Fellow and a resident writer at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Her previous theatre work includes A History of Water in the Middle East, Chef and Dry Ice. Sabrina has edited the anthologies Smashing It: Working Class Artists on Life, Art & Making It Happen, Poems From a Green and Blue Planet and The Things I Would Tell You: British Muslim Women Write and she is an essay contributor to the multi-award-winning The Good Immigrant.

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So Help Me Golf Rick Reilly



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This is the book Rick Reilly has been writing in the back of his head since he fell in love with the game of golf at eleven years old. He unpacks and explores all of the wonderful, maddening, heartmelting, heart-breaking, cool, and captivating things about golf that make the game so utterly addictive.

We meet the PGA Tour player who robbed banks by night to pay his motel bills, the golf club maker who takes weekly psychedelic trips, and the caddy who kept his loop even after an 11-year prison stint. We learn how a man on his third heart nearly won the U.S. Open, how a Vietnam POW saved his life playing 18 holes a day in his tiny cell, and about the course that's absolutely free.

We'll visit the eighteen most unforgettable holes around the world (Reilly has played them all), including the hole in Indonesia where the biggest hazard is monkeys, the one in the Caribbean that's underwater, and the one in South Africa that requires a shot over a pit of alligators; not to mention Reilly's attempt to play the most mini-golf holes in one day.

Reilly will admire and unload on all the great figures in the game, from Phil Mickelson to Bobby Jones to the simple reason Jack Nicklaus is better than Tiger Woods. Reilly will explain why we should stop hating Bryson DeChambeau unless we hate genius, the greatest upset in women's golf history, and why Ernie Els throws away every ball that makes a birdie. Plus all the Greg Norman stories Reilly has never been able to tell before.

Connecting it all will be the story of Reilly's own personal journey through the game, especially as it connects to his tumultuous relationship with his alcoholic father, and how the two eventually reconciled through golf.

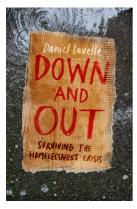
This is Reilly's valentine to golf, a cornucopia of stories that no golfer will want to be without.



A screenwriter and New York Times bestselling author, Rick Reilly wrote for Sports Illustrated and appeared on and wrote for ESPN. In addition to being voted the National Sportswriter of the Year eleven times, he has also been recognized with the Damon Runyon Award for Outstanding Contributions to Journalism. USA Today called him 'the closest thing sports writing ever had to a rock star'.

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Down and Out Daniel Lavelle



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 26/05/2022 Format: Hardback Price: £20.00 ISBN: 9781472279095



At once a powerful memoir, unflinching polemic and probing investigation into modern homelessness in the UK, by awardwinning investigative journalist Daniel Lavelle.

As a care-leaver who has experienced homelessness himself, awardwinning investigative journalist Daniel Lavelle has spent his life navigating social services that are not fit for purpose and leave many vulnerable people slipping through the cracks. Because despite the right to adequate housing being enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the reality is another story - in 2018, 726 people died on the streets of Britain, and the number of people sleeping rough is rapidly increasing year on year.

In *Down and Out*, Daniel draws on his own experiences, as well as those of the witty, complex, hopeful individuals he has encountered who have been shunned or forgotten by the state that is supposed to provide for them, in order to shine a powerful light on this world.

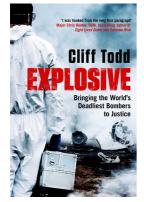
Down and Out is a true state-of-the-nation examination of modern homelessness, assessing its significance, its precursors and causes, as well as the role played by government, austerity, charities, and other systems in perpetuating this crisis. Ultimately, it seeks to ask how we as a society might one day change our practices and attitudes in order to bring it to an end.



Daniel Lavelle is a freelance feature writer from Manchester. He left care at 19 and experienced homelessness for the first time not long after. He graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a BA in History while he was living in a homeless hostel. He writes regularly on topics such as mental health, homelessness and culture for the *Guardian* (for whom he co-authored the series 'The Empty Doorway' with Simon Hattenstone) and has written for *New Statesman* and the *Independent*. He has an MA in Journalism from Goldsmiths and in 2017 he received the *Guardian*'s Hugo Young award for an opinion piece on his experience of homelessness. 'The Empty Doorway' won Feature of the Year at the British Journalism Awards 2019 and was shortlisted for a National Press Award. He lives in London.

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Explosive Cliff Todd



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THE STORY OF BRITAIN'S LEADING FORENSIC EXPLOSIVES SCIENTIST, WHO FOR NEARLY THREE-DECADES INVESTIGATED SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL BOMB ATTACKS IN HISTORY.

Cliff Todd devoted his life to bringing bomb makers to justice. He and his colleagues at the Ministry of Defence's Forensic Explosives Laboratory are the unsung heroes of terrorist bomb attacks - the men and women in white suits who piece together who planted the bombs, what a device consisted of and how the perpetrators might give themselves away.

They played a pivotal role in uncovering the secrets behind some of the world's most horrifying terrorist outrages. *Explosive* tells the stories of these high-profile cases and details, for the first time, the contribution Todd and his team made in tracking down bombers during a time when Britain was under attack first by the IRA and then by Islamic extremists inspired by al-Qaeda.

Explosive takes the reader into the murky world of the amateur bomb maker, and reveals what Todd's department achieved in many now infamous attacks, including the device concealed in a radio cassette player that brought down Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, the IRA attacks on Warrington in Cheshire, the Bali nightclub bombings of 2002, and the 7/7 onslaught in central London that claimed 56 lives and injured 784 others in 2005.

In *Explosive*, Todd takes us step by step through the investigations, explaining the chemistry, the forensic work and the emotional toll on him and his staff as they sought to recreate and understand what had happened at some of the most shocking tragedies in modern peacetime history.

Cliff Todd, a trained chemist, joined the Forensic Explosives Laboratory (FEL) in 1987. He worked his way up to become the agency's principal forensic investigator, leading a team of specialists in explosives analysis. In the course of his work he dealt with major bombings in Britain, but also travelled extensively around the world on behalf of the FEL. He is now retired and lives in Derbyshire. 'In forensic explosives investigations the key - whatever the setting and the pressure you are under,' says Todd, 'is to try to keep an open mind and not rush to judgement.'

The Cuckoo Leo Carew



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Leo Carew's much-lauded UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY trilogy draws to its spellbinding conclusion...

Albion continues to be divided by revolt and bloodshed, as alliances collapse and are made anew.

Driven obsessively for glory, the upstart Bellamus and his exiled queen Aramilla are marshalling resistance and building a powerful army.

Returning to the Hindrunn, Keturah is forced to fend for herself, battling enemies on all sides just when she is most in need of a place of safety.

And all the while, the young Black Lord must deal not only with the aftermath of a great betrayal, but the cold shadow of the Kryptea, threatening to destroy everything he has fought for...

WHAT REVIEWERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE BREATHTAKING WORK OF LEO CAREW:

'The next George RR Martin' Mail on Sunday

'Imagine Game of Thrones rewritten by John le Carré... A marvellously accomplished debut' *Guardian*

'Full of dark conspiracies, larger-than-life characters, and tense battles' Paul Hoffman, author of *The Left Hand of God*



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

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Just For Today Nell Hudson



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The party has to end sometime

It all starts on New Year's Eve. A night that has to be a success, whatever the cost. For Joni and her friends, it'll be a party that promises all the high stakes and glamour of any other, but by sunrise they'll be dealing with something darker than the usual post-party comedown.

Not that they let this stand in their way. For this is their year to revel in all that the playground of London has to offer: sneaking into places they shouldn't, breaking every rule, falling in love with the wrong people. All the while avoiding one undeniable truth: it's not if the party ends, it's how.

JUST FOR TODAY is a bittersweet evocation of the end of innocence, and an exhilarating celebration of having nothing to lose - until suddenly, you do.



Nell Hudson is a professional actor, graduating from the Oxford School of Drama in 2012. She is best known for her recurring roles as Laoghaire in the international TV series *Outlander* and Nancy Skerrett in the ITV period drama *Victoria. Just For Today* is her first novel.

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It All Comes Down To This Therese Anne Fowler



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The new novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Therese Anne Fowler follows three sisters in the aftermath of the death of their matriarch, whose last request might change everything... Perfect for fans of Celeste Ng, Mary Beth Keane and Jodi Picoult.

'A feast of a read: compelling, heart-breaking, and inevitable' Jodi Picoult on A Good Neighbourhood

'There's no doubting this novel's power' Daily Mail on A Good Neighbourhood

'How differently the Geller sisters' lives would have turned out had C.J. Reynolds not been released from prison that February. . .'

Manhattanite Marti Geller is going to die soon.

She hasn't told her daughters Beck, Claire and Sophie but, in her final bequest, she has stated that the family summer house in Maine must be sold as soon as possible.

And it would have been, if C.J. Reynolds hadn't been released from prison at the same time as her death. And Marti Geller's secrets might have disappeared with that summer house, if the released prisoner hadn't decided to make his way to Maine at the same times as her daughters.

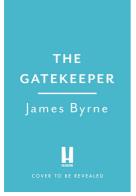
As this seemingly unconnected group all head for the remote island, everything the daughters thought they knew about their mother is about to shatter. . .



Therese Anne Fowler is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel *Z*: *A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald* and *A Well-Behaved Woman*. Raised in the American Midwest, she moved to North Carolina in 1995. She holds a BA in sociology/cultural anthropology and an MFA in creative writing from North Carolina State University.

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The Gatekeeper James Byrne



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Dez' Limerick is a "retired" British mercenary, checking out sunny Southern California when he finds himself in the wrong place at the right time, interrupting the kidnapping attempt of a military equipment corporation CEO's daughter.

Helping her to uncover a deadly plot buried within her own company, Dez exposes a sinister conspiracy that turns out to be bigger, more dangerous, and more personal at every explosive turn.

With a sharp narrative voice, propulsive plot and a lead character who could arm-wrestle Lee Child's Jack Reacher and Gregg Hurwitz's Orphan X, The Gatekeeper introduces one of the best new action thriller series in years.

'What a welcome blast of freshness James Byrne's *The Gatekeeper* is to the world of thrillers! Great plot, great pacing, and a voice that jumps off the page.' Gregg Hurwitz, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'Adrenaline charged! James Byrne delivers an action-packed, twista-minute thrill ride' Lisa Gardner, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

James Byrne is a journalist by day and a novelist by night. He lives in Portland, Oregon and this is the first Dez Limerick thriller.

Oregon

Summer Bedding Selected Short Stories Deborah Moggach



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In one new volume, an irresistible collection of stories from two previous works, SMILE and CHANGING BABIES, with additional stories, previously unpublished in book form.

'What informs Moggach's excellent stories is not just the exactness of her observation, but the quality of warmth and affection' *Sunday Times*

From swimming on Hampstead Heath to illicit trysts in hayfields, or counting stock in corner shops and stifling parenting classes to pedicures in Florence, this collection of short stories includes some previously unpublished in book form, and covers the gamut of human nature - our foibles, our loves, our desires, hopes, ambitions and failures.

Rich in observation and speckled with a delicious dark humour, SUMMER BEDDING: THE SELECTED SHORT STORIES confirms Deborah Moggach's place as one of our finest observers of human life.

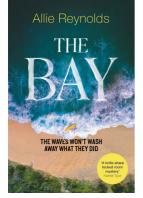
'I love clever books that make me laugh. Deborah Moggach, queen of social comedy, is on top form' Cathy Rentzenbrink



Deborah Moggach, OBE, is a British novelist and an award-winning screenwriter. She has written twenty novels, including *Tulip Fever, These Foolish Things* (which became the bestselling novel and film THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL), and *The Carer*. She lives in London.

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The Bay Allie Reynolds



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The tide's coming in. Every wave seems to lap a little higher. Erasing, bit by bit, the traces of what I did.

Kenna arrives in Sydney to surprise her best friend. But Mikki and her fiancé Jack are about to head away on a trip, so Kenna finds herself tagging along for the ride.

Sorrow Bay is beautiful, wild and dangerous. A remote surfing spot with waves to die for, cut off from the rest of the world. Here Kenna meets the people who will do anything to keep their paradise a secret.

Sky, Ryan, Clemente and Victor have come to ride the waves and to disappear from life. But what did they leave behind? And how will they feel about Kenna turning up unannounced?

As Kenna gets drawn into their world, she sees that everyone has their own fears to overcome and secrets to hide.

What has her best friend got involved in and can she protect her? Because there's one thing that each member of the tribe keeps telling her: **nobody ever leaves.**

A word of warning. This place isn't perfect, nor are the people here. There's a darkness inside all of us and The Bay has a way of bringing it out. Everyone here has their secrets but we don't go looking for them, because sometimes it's better not to know.



British-born **Allie Reynolds** is a former freestyle snowboarder who spent five winters in the mountains of France, Switzerland, Austria, and Canada. Her short fiction has been published in women's magazines in the UK, Australia, Sweden, and South Africa. She lives by the beach in Queensland, Australia. Her debut novel, SHIVER, published in 2021 to wide acclaim.



Love From the Pink Palace Jill Nalder



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'Jill met the crisis head on. She stood at the heart of the storm. She went to the hospitals and the funerals and the marches. She held the hands of so many men. She lost them, and remembered them, and somehow kept going' Russell T Davies, creator of Channel 4's IT'S A SIN

When Jill Nalder arrived at drama school in London in the early 1980s from her small Welsh hometown, she was ready for her life to begin. With her band of best friends - mostly young, talented gay men with big dreams of their own - she grabbed London life by the horns: partying with drag queens at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, throwing cabarets at her glamorous 'Pink Palace' flat, flitting across town to whatever performing jobs they could get.

But soon rumours started to spread from America about a frightening illness that people were calling the 'gay flu', and Jill and her friends - fabulous Juan Pablo, Jae with his beautiful singing voice, wise-beyondhis-years Dursley, and so many others - found that the carefree existence they had built for themselves was suddenly under threat.

In this moving memoir, Jill Nalder (the inspiration behind IT'S A SIN's Jill Baxter) tells the story of her life during the AIDS crisis, and that of her friends and colleagues, doctors and nurses, activists and fundraisers. She recounts how she juggled a busy West End career while campaigning for AIDS awareness and research, educating herself and caring around the clock for her sick loved ones. Most of all, she shines a light on those who were stigmatised and shamed, and remembers those brave and beautiful boys who were lost too soon.

Jill Nalder is originally from Neath, South Wales. She is a successful West End actress and was the inspiration behind Jill Baxter's character in Russell T. Davies' Channel 4 programme IT'S A SIN. She was also one of the founders and first chairperson of West End Cares, now called Theatre MAD: Make A Difference. To date the charity has raised aroound £14 million for HIV/AIDS.

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