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Wildfire

April 2022

Editor: Ella Gordon

Extent: 336

Rights sold:

US (Little, Brown)

An Olive Grove in Ends

The dazzling debut novel about love, faith and community, by an electrifying new voice

Moses McKenzie

*** ONE OF THE OBSERVER'S 10 MUST-READ DEBUT NOVELISTS OF 2022 ***

'A rare glimpse into the harsh realities of street life and love in luminous prose, rendered with sensitivity and without sentimentalism. An astonishing debut' Cherie Jones, author of *How The One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House*

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 slaps 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.

About the author:

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.



Atalanta

Jennifer Saint

An stunning new retelling from Jennifer Saint, the Sunday Times bestselling author of *Ariadne* and *Elektra*.

When a daughter is born to the King of Arcadia, she brings only disappointment.

Left exposed on a mountainside, the defenceless infant Atalanta, is left to the mercy of a passing mother bear and raised alongside the cubs under the protective eye of the goddess Artemis.

Swearing that she will prove her worth alongside the famed heroes of Greece, Atalanta leaves her forest to join Jason's band of Argonauts. But can she carve out her own place in the legends in a world made for men?

Wildfire

April 2023

Editor: Alex Clarke

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

US (Flatiron Books)

Previous Rights Sold for

Ariadne:

China (CITIC Press)

Croatia (Mozaik knjiga)

Czech Republic (Beta)

France (De Saxus)

Germany (Ullstein)

Greece (Kaktos Publications)

Hungary (Könyvmolyképző)

Italy (Sonzogno)

Lithuania (Alma Littera)

Netherlands (Orlando)

Poland (Muza)

Portugal (Edições Almedina)

Brazil (Planeta)

Russia (Corpus Books)

Serbia (Vulkan Izdavaštvo)

Slovakia (Slovensky Tatran)

Spain (Ediciones Urano)

Turkey (Epsilon Yayinevi)

US (Flatiron Books)

Praise for Jennifer Saint's books:

'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

About the author:

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





Honey & Spice

The romcom of the decade from the Sunday Times bestselling Bolu Babalola

Bolu Babalola

From the Sunday Times bestselling author, Bolu Babalola, comes the romantic comedy we've all be waiting for.

The sharp-tongued (and secretly soft-hearted) Kiki Banjo is an expert in relationship-evasion, and likes to keep her feelings close to her chest.

As the host of the popular student radio show, Brown Sugar, it is her mission to make sure the women who make up the Afro-Caribbean Society at Whitewell University also do not fall into the mess of 'situationships', players and heartbreak.

Headline Review

July 2022

Editor: Katie Packer

Extent: 448

Rights sold:

Portugal (HarperCollins)

Germany (Julia Eisele)

Previous Rights sold for

Love in Colour:

Brazil (HarperCollins)

Germany (Julia Eisele)

Netherlands (Uitgeverij Orlando)

But when Kiki meets the distressingly handsome and charming newcomer Malakai Korede - who she has publicly denounced as 'The Wasteman of Whitewell' - her defences are weakened and her heart is compromised.

A clash embroils them in a fake relationship to salvage both their reputations and save their futures, and soon she finds herself in danger of falling for the very man she warned her girls about. A funny and sparkling debut, *Honey & Spice* is full of delicious tension and romantic intrigue that will make you weak at the knees.

About the author:

Bolu Babalola is the author of the Sunday Times bestselling and Waterstones Book of the year shortlisted collection, *Love in Colour*. She is a London-based writer, and lover of love.

In 2016, she was shortlisted in 4thEstate's B4ME competition for her short story 'Netflix & Chill', a hilarious teen romance and since then, she has worked as a writer for books and TV and as a cultural commentator, where she calls herself a 'romcomoisneur'.



MOTHER'S DAY

Abigail Burdess



COVER TO BE REVEALED

Wildfire

March 2023

Editor: Jack Butler

Extent: 384

Mother's Day

The compulsive and page-turning thriller

Abigail Burdess

She gave you life. What if she wants it back?

The last thing Anna needs is a baby. Abandoned, adopted and living hand to mouth, she never dreamt of having a real family.

But when she meets her birth mother, everything changes - because the same day, she learns she's going to be a mother too.

Marlene is eccentric, generous with her considerable fortune and overjoyed to become a grandmother. Anna's living the dream. But is it her dream, or someone else's?

Now she will have to decide what she's willing to sacrifice for a real family - her future, her freedom, even her unborn child.

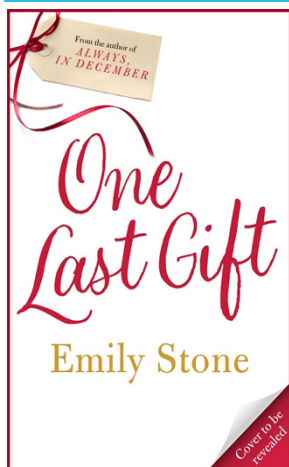
'Superbly written and darkly funny, *Mother's Day* is an epic psychological thriller that revels in the visceral horror of family relationships. So brilliantly and horrifyingly executed I simply couldn't look away. Abigail Burdess is a refreshing and original writer - don't take your eyes off her.'

Janice Hallett, author of *The Appeal* and *The Twyford Code*

About the author:

Abigail Burdess has written for and acted in various comedy shows for the television, radio and stage. She also sometimes writes TV for kids, as well as plays and musicals. She lives in London with her husband, Robert Webb and their two children.

Mother's Day is her first novel.



One Last Gift

The beautiful and brand new love story for 2022

Emily Stone

I think I've figured out that sometimes the best gifts in life are the ones you don't expect...

Follow your heart on this heartwrenching and uplifting romantic journey, from London to the Hamptons to the south of France and the beautiful Welsh mountains, from the author of *Always, in December*.

For as long as Cassie can remember, there had always been the three of them: Cassie, her beloved big brother Tom, and Tom's best friend Sam.

Since Cassie and Tom's parents had died, and Sam's dad was never around, the three kids had stuck together like glue, getting into mischief, with Tom always looking out for Cassie, and Tom's best mate put on earth to annoy her.

Now they are adults and nothing much has changed: Tom is sorted, cocky Sam is going places and Cassie is... well, Cassie thinks she's figured it all out.

And then tragedy happens and three becomes two.

For Cassie picking herself up and moving on seems unimaginable. But then she finds the envelope with her name written on it, asking her to follow the clues to a treasure hunt carefully laid out for her months before. It promises to lead her to one last gift.

And suddenly what seemed like an ending just might be the beginning of something remarkable, unexpected, beautiful and new..

About the author:

Emily Stone lives and works in Chepstow and wrote *Always, in December* in an old Victorian manor house with an impressive literary heritage. Her debut novel was partly inspired by the death of her mother, when Emily was seven, and wanting to write something that reflected the fact that you carry this grief into adulthood, long after you supposedly move on from the event itself.

Headline Review

October 2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

Germany (Penguin Verlag)
Italy (Newton Compton)
US (Ballantine Books)

Previous Rights Sold for

Always, In December:

France (BrageLonne)
Germany (Penguin Verlag)
Hungary (Cartaphilus)
Italy (Newton Compton)
Norway (Bladkompaniet)
Poland (Burda Media)
Romania (Nemira)
Russia (Exem Licence)
Slovakia (Grada Slovakia)
Sweden (Louise Bäckelin)
US (Ballantine Books)





Peach Blossom Spring

A glorious, sweeping novel about family, migration and the search for a place to belong

Melissa Fu

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.

Wildfire

March 2022

Editor: Ella Gordon

Extent: 400

Rights sold:

Hungary (Alexandra Könyvesház)

Netherlands (Ambo | Anthos)

Italy (Mauri Spagnol SpA)

US (Little, Brown)

Germany (S. Fischer)

'Glorious and tender, exquisitely written and beautifully nuanced' Jennifer Saint, author of *ARIADNE* 'Magical and powerful' Nguyen Phan Que Mai, author of *THE MOUNTAINS SING*

About the author:

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.



Wildfire

March 2023

Editor: Serena Arthur

Extent: 368

The Book of Eve

Meg Clothier

A book whispers. A woman hears its power. A man will stop at nothing to silence them both.

‘It is wonderful - beautiful. It is dangerous - sinful. It is the best thing that could have come to me. It is the worst.’

Beatrice is the convent’s librarian. For years, she has shunned the company of her sisters, finding solace only with her manuscripts. But she longs for knowledge of the outside world - a world ruled by men in which women can play no part. One carnival night, it seems her prayers are answered: two women, badly injured and desperate for help, are abandoned at the convent’s gate.

Moments from death, one of them presses something into Beatrice’s hands: a bewitching book whose pages have a dangerous life of their own. But the men of the city, bent on the book’s destruction, are closing in. Beatrice must do all she can to protect it - no matter what the cost.

About the author:

Meg Clothier studied Classics at Cambridge, sailed from England to Alaska, and worked as a journalist in London and Moscow. She now lives and writes in Somerset. The Book of Eve is her third novel.



River Sing Me Home

Eleanor Shearer

Powerful, propulsive, moving and redemptive, RIVER SING ME HOME tells of a mother's desperate search to find her stolen children and her freedom. We whisper the names of the ones we love like the words of a song. That was the taste of freedom to us, those names on our lips.

Mary Grace, Micah, Thomas Augustus, Cherry Jane and Mercy. These are the names of her children. The five who survived. The faces Rachel cannot forget. The law says her people are now free. But for Rachel freedom means finding her children, even if their stories will be more than she can bear. With fear snapping at her heels, Rachel keeps moving. From sunrise to sunset, through the cane fields of Barbados to British Guiana and on to Trinidad, to the dangerous river and the open sea.

Only once she finds the truth can she stop to rest.

Only then can she bring her children home.

Headline Review

February 2023

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

Czech Republic (Euromedia)

Denmark (Gyldendal A/S)

Italy (Mauri Spagnol SpA)

US (Berkley Books)

About the author:

Eleanor Shearer is a mixed-race writer and the granddaughter of Windrush generation immigrants. She splits her time between London and Ramsgate so that she never has to go too long without seeing the sea. For her Master's degree in Politics at the University of Oxford, Eleanor studied the legacy of slavery and the case for reparations. Her fieldwork was in St. Lucia and Barbados.

The inspiration for River Sing Me Home came to Eleanor after she discovered a tiny footnote in an exhibition she was attending about the Windrush. Mothers in slavery in the British colonies lived in constant fear of their children being sold. When the Slavery Abolition Act came in in the 1830s, it didn't mean freedom, so many mothers went in search of their lost children.



The Housekeepers

Alex Hay

A dazzling historical blockbuster – think *Ocean's Eight* meets the 'behind closed doors' secrets of *The Maid* and the old-time decadence of Edwardian England, as written by the likes of Stuart Turton or Laura Purcell.

London, 1905. Mrs King is no ordinary housekeeper. Born into a world of con-artists and thieves, she's made herself respectable, running the best house in Mayfair. It's packed with treasures, a glittering symbol of wealth and power. But dark secrets lurk there too. And when Mrs King starts asking questions, she's quickly dismissed from her position.

Luckily, she knows exactly who to turn to in her pursuit of revenge and recruits an eclectic group of women from the very fringes of society. A black-market queen from London's East End, out to settle her scores. An actress desperate for a magnificent part. A seamstress dreaming of a better life. And Mrs King's predecessor as housekeeper, with her own desire for vengeance. Together they come with an audacious plan: to rob that house of its every possession, and make a fortune beyond their wildest dreams.

But there's one thing Mrs King wants even more than the money – the truth. And she'll run any risk to get it.

Headline Review

Spring 2024

Editor: Frankie Edwards

Extent: 337

Rights Sold:

Germany (Insel & Suhrkamp)

US (Graydon House)

About the author:

Alex Hay grew up in Cambridge and Cardiff and has been writing as long as he can remember. He studied History at the University of York, and wrote his dissertation on female power at royal courts, combing the archives for every scrap of drama and skulduggery he could find.

He has worked in magazine publishing and the charity sector, and is a graduate of the Curtis Brown Write Your Novel course.

The Housekeepers is his debut novel and won the Caledonia Novel Award 2022.

Alex lives with his husband in South East London.

We've got a story to tell ...

THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
KNOW ABOUT
TED

Matt Cain



COVER TO BE REVEALED

There's Something You Should Know About Ted

The joyful, uplifting and intriguing new novel from the author who brought us #AlbertEntwistle

Matt Cain

A charming, heart-warming and surprising story about love, friendship and learning to be true to yourself, by journalist and LGBTQ+ activist Matt Cain. 41 year-old Ted Ainsworth has worked in his family's ice-cream business, in the quiet Lancashire town of St Luke's-on-Sea, for his whole life. But the truth is, Ted has never wanted to work for the family firm - he doesn't even like ice cream, although he's never dared tell his domineering parents.

When Ted's husband abruptly leaves him, Ted realises he's got nothing. He doesn't know how he can go on. But Ted isn't alone. His best friend, the flamboyant Andrea, is determined to help Ted - she hasn't forgotten that he once helped her through her worst time. She knows that Ted has a secret dream, and she's going to help him on his way. Despite his parents, the disapproval of locals - and a series of mysterious letters that may threaten the happiness of Ted's nearest and dearest ...

About the author:

Matt Cain is an author, a leading commentator on LGBT+ issues, and a former journalist. He is currently a presenter for Virgin Radio Pride UK, was Channel 4's first Culture Editor, Editor-In-Chief of Attitude magazine, and has judged the Costa Prize, the Polari Prize and the South Bank Sky Arts Awards.

He won Diversity in Media's Journalist Of the Year award in 2017 and is an ambassador for Manchester Pride and the Albert Kennedy Trust, plus a patron of LGBT+ History Month. Born in Bury and brought up in Bolton, he now lives in London.

Headline Review

February 2023

Editor: Jennifer Doyle

Extent: 400

Previous Rights Sold for *The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle*:

Germany (Ullstein)

Italy (Mondadori)

Netherlands (De Fontein)

US (Kensington)

Untitled Emily Gunnis

Emily Gunnis



This is a gripping heartwrenching story from the global bestselling author of *The Midwife's Secret* and *The Girl in the Letter*.

Emily Gunnis's new novel is a gripping, heartwrenching story of tangled secrets, set over three generations, that you won't be able to put down.

From a heartbreaking secret held by a young woman working at Bletchley Park in WWII... to a troubled teenage girl's disappearance decades later that goes unsolved.....and finally to the woman in the present day determined to pull the threads together and right a terrible old wrong, no matter what the personal cost...

Headline Review

October 2023

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 384

Previous Rights Sold for *The*

Midwife's Secret:

Germany (Heyne)

Lithuania (Tyto Alba)

Romania (Grup Media Litera)

Sweden (Printz Publishing)

Previous Rights Sold for

The Lost Child:

Denmark (Jentas)

Germany (Heyne Verlag)

Italy (Garzanti Libri)

Lithuania (Tyto Alba)

Norway (Strawberry)

Poland (Swiat Ksiazki)

Portugal (2020 Editora Lda)

Romania (Grup Media Litera)

Russia (AST)

Sri Lanka (Bookrack Publishers)

Sweden (Printz Publishing)

Get ready to untangle a mystery hidden for decades...

'Compelling, twisty, heart-wrenching... A novel that stays with you. I was gripped' Sophie Kinsella

'Utterly gripping, taut and powerful. An emotionally charged, compulsive, moving novel'
***** Adele Parks

About the author:

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



Frank and Red

Matt Coyne

Frank is a miserable old curmudgeon. An agoraphobic recluse and widower whose only company is the 'ghost' of his wife, Marcie. He is estranged from friends and family and is entirely cut off from the rest of the world.

That is until he meets **Red**.

Red is six years old. He's a funny, imaginative, and kind little boy who - following the separation of his parents - moves in next door. **Red** is fascinated by his new neighbour and seemingly oblivious to Frank's grumpy demeanour and strange ways.

What on Earth will come of this unlikely friendship? Only time will tell...

Wildfire

September 2023

Editor: Alex Clarke

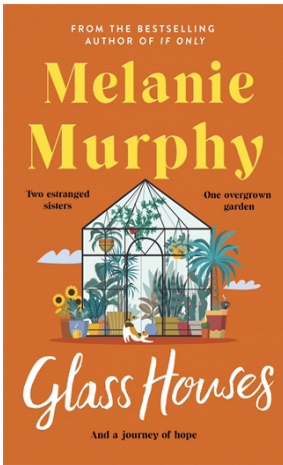
Extent: 288

About the author:

Matt Coyne is 44 years old and a writer from Sheffield, South Yorkshire. In September 2015, Matt's life was turned upside down by the arrival of his son Charlie. After three months of fatherhood, he logged on to Facebook and wrote about his experience of having to live with 'a furious, sleep-murdering, unstable and incontinent, breasts-obsessed midget lodger'. Within days, his post about surviving the first few months of parenthood became a viral sensation and was shared all over the world.

Following this, Matt created his popular blog Man vs. Baby, which now has over 200,000 followers, and subsequently wrote a Sunday Times-best-selling book based on his first year of parental triumphs and disasters entitled Dummy.

Matt lives in Sheffield with Charlie, his partner Lyndsay and a Jack Russell terrier with 'issues' called Eddie.



Hachette Books Ireland

May2022

Editor: Joanna Smyth

Extent: 416

Glass Houses

the moving and uplifting new novel from the bestselling author of *If Only*

Melanie Murphy

Jenna Walker has suddenly found herself with no job, no boyfriend, nowhere to live - and she's been wondering for a while now if, apart from her beloved cat Bertie, she has anything to live for. She really doesn't want to turn up on her sister's doorstep but that feels like her only option...

Already stretched between her job and the demands of looking after their mother, Rosie is not happy about having yet another person to take care of. If only one thing in her life would work out the way she wants it to...

When their grieving neighbour, a retired doctor, has the idea to start a mysterious community garden project, the sisters soon find themselves persuaded to get involved. And as they spend time working side by side, watching what they plant together grow and flourish, strange and wonderful things start to happen, things that will change their lives forever.

From the author of bestseller *If Only*, *Glass Houses* is a magical, uplifting novel about family, reconnection and learning not to take anything for granted.

About the author:

Melanie Murphy is an award-winning lifestyle Youtuber and best-selling author from Ireland.

With over 850K followers across social media, Melanie is a virtual best friend for those looking for advice on sexuality, relationships, confidence and mental health.

Named Blogosphere's 'Influencer of the Year 2018' and Gossies 'Best Social Media Star of 2020' Melanie's Youtube videos have amassed nearly 68 million views from an international online family that love her warm, honest and relatable content.

She is the author of two bestselling books: *Fully Functioning Human (Almost)*, a memoir and life-guide, and *If Only*, her debut novel.



Rome for the Summer

A feel-good, escapist summer romance about finding love and following your heart

Lynne Shelby

*Escape to Rome with this sparkling summer romance!
'A genuinely witty and original romance I loved it!' Woman Magazine*

Kate Harper has always loved the painting that has hung in her parents' dining room for years, never suspecting that it is worth a fortune. When her art dealer boyfriend cheats her family out of the proceeds of the painting's sale, she is left devastated and alone.

Kate discovers that two hundred years ago, the girl in the painting, Charlotte Browne, ran off to Rome with the artist who painted her portrait, but her eventual fate is unknown.

Hoping to uncover the mystery of what happened to Charlotte, Kate seizes the chance of a summer job in Rome, where she strikes up a friendship with Jamie Taylor, an English artist. As they explore the city and start to piece together the surprising secrets of Charlotte's life, Kate finds herself wondering if a summer in Rome can mend a broken heart...

Headline Accent

June 2022

Editor: Clare Foss

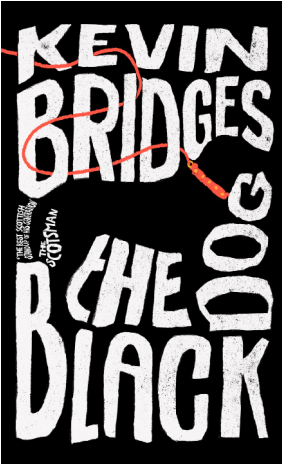
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About the author:

Lynne Shelby writes contemporary women's fiction and romance. Her debut novel, *French Kissing* won the Accent Press and Woman magazine Writing Competition.

When not writing or reading, Lynne can usually be found at the theatre or exploring a foreign city with her writer's notebook, camera and sketchbook in hand. She lives in London with her husband and has three adult children who live nearby.

Connect with Lynne Shelby on Twitter @LynneShelby5, Facebook/LynneShelbyWriter, or visit her website at www.lynneshelby.com



The Black Dog

Kevin Bridges

The Black Dog is the exciting debut novel from one of Britain's most-loved comedians, Kevin Bridges. Declan dreams of becoming a writer. It's a dream that helps him escape the realities of his life - going through the motions at college and stacking supermarket shelves part-time, whilst fighting a battle with the ever-darkening thoughts in his head. He has his pet Labrador for companionship and his best friend-turned-mentor, a pseudo-intellectual who works as a greenskeeper at the local municipal golf course, both of which help keep the worst of his anxieties at bay.

But following a drunken row with local gangsters, Declan's worries threaten to spiral out of control. James Cavani - Declan's idol and his hometown's claim to fame - is a renowned writer, director and actor. But despite his success, his past hasn't relinquished its hold of him, and through his younger sister's battle with drug addiction, he finds himself returning to a world he thought he had escaped.

At face value, their lives couldn't be more different, but perhaps fate has a way of bringing kindred spirits together - and perhaps each holds the other's redemption in their hands.

About the author:

Having started performing stand up in 2004 shortly after his seventeenth birthday, Kevin Bridges has ascended the ranks and is regarded as one of the UK's top comedians. He has made numerous television appearances on shows including *Live at the Apollo*, *The Jonathon Ross Show*, *Graham Norton Show* and fronted his own BBC One series *Kevin Bridges - What's the Story*.

He has won multiple awards and performed four critically acclaimed, box office record-breaking tours. His most recent tour included a staggering nineteen night run in his hometown of Glasgow's twelve-thousand capacity Hydro arena. He has released four chart-topping DVD's and his 2014 autobiography was a Sunday Times bestseller. In 2022 Kevin will return to the stage with his latest stand-up show coinciding with the release of his debut novel.

Wildfire

August 2022

Editor: Alex Clarke

Extent: 400



The Book Pharmacy

Stephanie Butland

Famously, Loveday Cardew loves books more than she loves people. But the Lost for Words bookshop needs people to survive . . . Loveday thinks she has everything she needs at last: Nathan, her mother, and her beloved bookshop in the heart of old York. But when the world comes crashing to a halt, Loveday realises just how much she - and everyone in the city around her - needs companionship to survive. Rosemary and George have been married for 50 years.

But as their time together is running out, they decide to set out on their last journey together - an enchanting one of bookish rediscovery - without ever leaving the bench at the bottom of their garden in Whitby. When Loveday receives a letter from Rosemary asking for help, Loveday has an idea. She's always found friendship in books. What if she could find a way to help her bookshop weather this crisis - and, in turn, help others survive?

Headline Review

February 2023

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 400

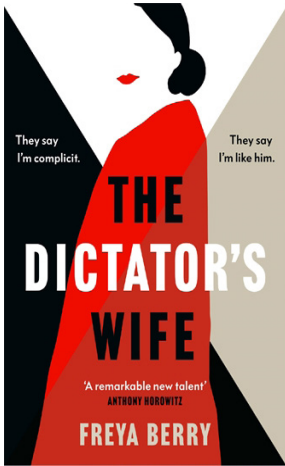
About the author:

Stephanie Butland is the author of the beloved bookshop tale *Lost for Words*, as well as *The Woman in the Photograph* and *The Curious Heart of Ailsa Rae*.

Stephanie lives in Northumberland, close to the place where she grew up. She writes in a studio at the bottom of her garden, and loves being close to the sea.

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Headline Review

February 2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 416

Rights sold:

Portugal (Presença)

Russia (StorySide)

'Demands to be devoured in one sitting. Sumptuously written... One of the most compelling literary debuts of the year' GLAMOUR, *Top 30 Books Coming in 2022*
CHARLOTTE PHILBY

'One of the most original debuts I have read' -Daisy Goodwin.

The Dictator's Wife

The darkly gripping debut novel EVERYONE is talking about in 2022

Freya Berry

'I am not my husband. I am innocent. Do you believe me?'

The beautiful, enigmatic wife of a feared dictator stands trial for her late husband's crimes against the people. The world will finally know the truth.

But whose?

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.

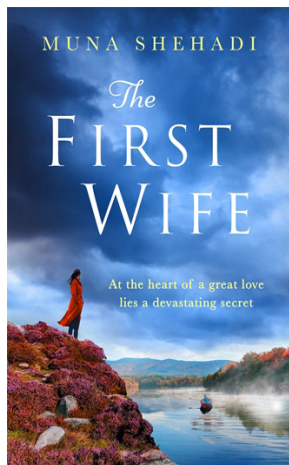
I am innocent.

Do you believe me?

About the author:

Freya Berry was born in 1991, 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.



The First Wife

An electric read of dramatic family secrets you won't be able to put down!

Muna Shehadi

Holly Penny expects that attending the funeral of her ex-husband at the elegant mountain resort they enjoyed together so often will be momentous and emotional. Lyle was the love of her life; they were happier than she'd ever imagined being, until a split second changed their lives and eventually destroyed their marriage.

Surrounded by luxury she could once take for granted, what Holly doesn't expect is to discover that Lyle kept their long, loving relationship a secret from the two women he married after her. Even more troubling, stories the other wives tell bear little resemblance to the man Holly knew so well. As the weekend unfolds, guided by detailed instructions Lyle left behind, new jarring surprises surface and new connections are formed that will force Holly to redefine both her future and, more wrenchingly, her past.

Headline Review

June 2022

Editor: Kate Byrne

Extent: 400

Rights sold:

Netherlands (HarperCollins)

Rights sold for *Private Lives*

(*Book 1 in the fortune daughters trilogy*):

Denmark (Forlaget Zara)

Germany (Bastei Lübbe)

Hungary (Cartaphilus)

Italy (Sperling and Kupfer)

Netherlands (HarperCollins)

Norway (H. Aschehoug & Co)

Poland (Sonia Draga)

Portugal (PRH Grupo Editorial)

Sweden (Printz Publishing)

About the author:

Muna Shehadi's lifelong love of reading inspired her to become a writer. Muna grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, lives in Wisconsin, and has a much-loved summer place on the beautiful coast of Maine, all of which she couldn't resist featuring in her Fortune's Daughters trilogy.

To find out more, visit at munashehadi.com.



Headline Review

July 2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 448

Rights sold:

Germany (Bastei Lubbe AG)
 France (City Editions)
 Hungary (Central Kiadóí Csoport)
 Lithuania (Tyto alba)
 Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)
 Norway (Vigmostad & Bjørke)
 Portugal (Planeta de Livros)
 Russia (ST Licence Agency Ltd)
 Spain (SUMA)
 US (Graand Central)
 Finland (Sitruuna Kustannus)

The Last Hours in Paris: Set in WW2 Ruth Druart

”War brings them together.”

Liberation will tear them apart.

A POWERFUL PORTRAIT OF WAR. A HEARTBREAKING STORY OF LOVE. THE EXTRAORDINARY NEW NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF WHILE PARIS SLEPT.

Paris 1944.

Elise Chevalier knows what it is to love...and to hate. Her fiancé, a young French soldier, was killed by the German army at the Maginot Line. Living amongst the enemy Elise must keep her rage buried deep within.

Sebastian Kleinhaus no longer recognises himself. After four years spent fighting a war he doesn't believe in, wearing a uniform he despises, he longs for a way out. For something, someone, to be his salvation.

Brittany 1963. Reaching for the suitcase under her mother's bed, eighteen-year-old Josephine Chevalier uncovers a secret that shakes her to the core. Determined to find the truth, she travels to Paris where she discovers the story of a dangerous love that grew as a city fought for its freedom. Of the last stolen hours before the first light of liberation. And of a betrayal so deep that it would irrevocably change the course of two young lives life for ever.

About the author:

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



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The Last
Message

Catherine Hope

COVER TO BE REVEALED

Headline Eternal

April 2023

Editor: Kate Byrne

Extent: 336

The Last Message

The breathtaking love story of the year that will grip your heart in every way...

Catherine Hope

A message meant for another. A love meant only for her. If you love Holly Miller's *The Sight of You*, Rebecca Serle's *In Five Years* and Nicholas Sparks, you won't want to miss the breathtaking love story of the year that will grip your heart in every way.

This year I am sending my last message to you. I don't know if I'll ever be able to forgive myself, and I will never forget you, but I have to find a way let you go. When Lizzie is woken in the night by a text message clearly not meant for her, she is intrigued and haunted by the words she sees.

After losing her beloved twin brother, she knows something of grief and the struggle rebuild a life. Nick, a widower for three years, is haunted by the disappearance and presumed death of his wife. When these two lonely hearts are drawn together, an unexpectedly deep and powerful emotional connection is formed. Perhaps finally this is the chance for both of them to live again - if they can overcome scars of the past which have a longer reach than either could have imagined.

About the author:

Catherine Hope's love of reading began at a young age. Her parents always had a book close by, although they read vastly different genres, which rubbed off on her as she devoured everything from romance to espionage. She fondly remembers her mom with a book propped against her cosy covered teapot at lunchtime.

Catherine started telling stories as a child, and it naturally grew into a passion for writing. Her goal is to breathe life into her characters and worlds and transport her readers into the pages of heartache and triumph. Catherine is excited for her debut release coming in early 2022 - *The Last Message*, with Headline Eternal.

When Catherine's not writing or thinking up fresh stories, she spends time with her family, friends, and menagerie of pets. But she's always ready to jet off to explore the world, where many of her experiences find their way into her books. Catherine lives in a small town in Ontario, Canada.

THE LEGACY
OF HALESAM
HALL

Jenni Keer



COVER TO BE REVEALED

Headline Accent

September 2022

Editor: Kate Byrne

Extent: 432

The Legacy of Halesham Hall

A captivating dual-time novel with an intriguing family puzzle at its heart

Jenni Keer

Solve the house's puzzle. Claim the Bellingham inheritance . . . Uncover the truth behind the mysterious legacy of Halesham Hall in this page-turning dual-time novel from the author *The Secrets of Hawthorn Place*.

A love that seems lost, may still yet be found, for real love always endures.

1890. One summer evening changes everything for Sidney and Leonard Bellingham when their beloved mother disappears from the family home, Halesham Hall. Left with their bitter father, they are taught to trust no one but themselves, with brother pitted against brother to see who is worthy of inheriting the Bellingham Board Games company. But the series of twisted games they are forced to play will have far reaching consequences.

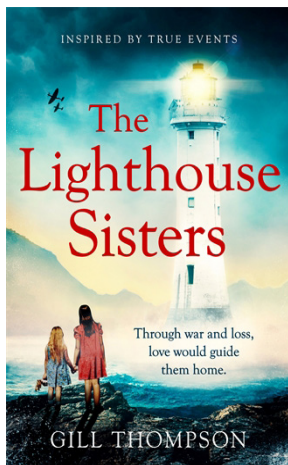
1920. Phoebe Bellingham arrives at Halesham Hall determined to solve the puzzles that will allow her to claim back the Bellingham inheritance. But this legacy involves more than one secret, and soon Phoebe realises that the stakes are higher than she ever could have imagined.

About the author:

Jenni Keer is a history graduate who embarked on a career in contract flooring before settling in the middle of the Suffolk countryside with her antique furniture restorer husband.

She has valiantly attempted to master the ancient art of housework but with four teenage boys in the house it remains a mystery. Instead, she spends her time at the keyboard writing women's fiction to combat the testosterone-fuelled atmosphere with her number one fan #Blindcat by her side. Much younger in her head than she is on paper, she adores any excuse for fancy-dress and is part of a disco formation dance team.

Visit her website: jennikeer.co.uk and find her on Facebook/[jennikeerwriter](https://www.facebook.com/jennikeerwriter) and Twitter [@JenniKeer](https://twitter.com/JenniKeer)



The Lighthouse Sisters

In war, two sisters must fight for love and freedom. Heartwrenching WW2 historical fiction for 2022

Gill Thompson

CAN TWO SISTERS IN WAR FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO EACH OTHER? INSPIRED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF REAL PEOPLE.

A gripping, heartbreaking story of two sisters in occupied Jersey during WWII - one a nurse, who is transported to Nazi Germany, the other, who volunteers for the island's resistance movement - from the author of *The Child on Platform One*.

Headline Review

August 2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 448

Rights Sold:

Italy (Newton Compton)

Previous Rights Sold for

The Child on Platform One:

Czech Republic (Euromedia)

France (City Editions)

Germany (Aufbau Verlag)

Hungary (Publish and More)

Italy (Newton Compton)

Portugal (Planeta de Livros)

Spain (Duomo Ediciones)

Sweden (Svenska Historiska)

1996: The war may have ended decades earlier, but for the elegant woman sitting alone now, the images live on in her memory: her sister's carefree laughter, the inky black of a German soldier's boots, the little boats that never came back. And the one constant through it all: the lighthouse that always guided them back to the island.

1940: For sisters Alice and Jenny life is just beginning when the Nazis seize control of the island of Jersey, driving the girls down separate paths. While Alice is forced by the enemy to work in the German hospital, Jenny is attracted to the circle of islanders rising up to resist the occupiers. And as the war tightens its grip, it will cause each of the sisters to make an extraordinary choice, experience unimaginable heartbreak and emerge forever changed...

About the author:

Gill Thompson is an English lecturer who completed an MA in Creative Writing at Chichester University. Her novels *The Oceans Between Us* and *The Child on Platform One* were both digital bestsellers and have been highly acclaimed. She lives with her family in West Sussex and teaches English to college students.



The Midnight House

A spellbinding and gripping mystery of a beautiful house in Ireland and a heartwrenching family secret

Amanda Geard

People disappear. 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.

Headline Review

May 2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 432

Rights sold:
Czech Republic (Alpress)

About the author:

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.

The Movement

Ayisha Malik

It's time to take your power back But first you're going to have to pick a side . . .

Every time Sara Javed switches on her laptop, checks her phone or goes outside, people are shouting. Everyone seems to be angry about something and she just wishes that they would all shut up. Until she realises that perhaps she should take her own advice . . .

Her voluntary silence is first met with polite, if somewhat disconcerted, alarm. But as her silence inspires others, what Sara doesn't anticipate is inadvertently becoming the figurehead for what becomes a global phenomenon: 'The Silent Movement'.

As outrage grows over the protest, and global structures start to shift, the lives of strangers and those closest to Sara start to unravel. Sara and two women inspired by her actions, Grace and Zainab, must reconsider what it means to them to have a voice - or face grave repercussions.

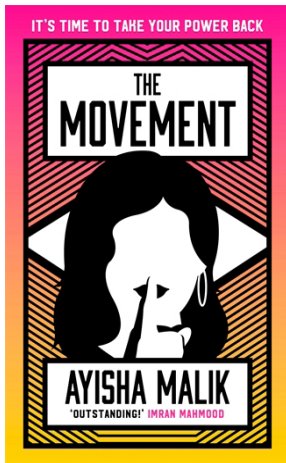
** The anticipation is already building for Ayisha Malik's fiercely original and bold new book, *THE MOVEMENT*, coming spring 2022 **

About the author:

Ayisha Malik's novels *Sofia Khan is Not Obligated*, *The Other Half of Happiness*, and *This Green and Pleasant Land* were met with great critical acclaim, and have been optioned for television.

Ayisha was a WHSmith Fresh Talent Pick and *Sofia Khan* was the CityReads London Festival book, 2019. She is winner of The 2020 Diversity Book Awards and has been shortlisted for The Asian Woman of Achievement Award, Marie Claire's Future Shapers' Awards and the Hospital Club h100 Awards.

Her children's books include a re-telling of Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* and *The Seven Sisters*. *Sofia Khan is Not Obligated* and *This Green and Pleasant* are optioned for television. She lives in South London.



Headline Review

July 2022

Editor: Eleanor Dryden

Extent: 448



Hachette Books Ireland

September 2022

Editor: Ciara Doorley

Extent: 320

Rights Sold for
The Glorious Guinness Girls:
 Film & TV (Treasure)
 US (Grand Central)

The Other Guinness Girl

The dazzling new bestseller charting the lives of one of
Emily Hourican

Honor Guinness is rich, aristocratic, shy and awkward - nothing like her glamorous cousins Aileen, Maureen and Oonagh.

But when she marries the charming and ambitious, American Henry 'Chips' Channon, together, they make the perfect couple. Determined to conquer London society, they are soon at the heart of the best social circles -- including a close friendship with the Prince of Wales and Mrs Wallis Simpson.

But within the marriage, all is less than perfect.

Meanwhile, Honor's best friend, the beautiful, enigmatic Doris, is focussed on marrying well to provide security to her family. Born to a German-Jewish mother, she has charm and looks but not Honor's advantages of birth and connection.

Set 1932-1936, *The Other Guinness Girl* is an evocative story of excess and wealth against a backdrop of events that changed Europe: The rise of Nazism, the abdication of a king, and the slide into World War II.

But will Honor, find her place in this world - with or without her husband?

About the author:

Emily Hourican is a journalist and author. She has written features for the Sunday Independent for fifteen years, as well as Image magazine, Condé Nast Traveler and Woman and Home. She was also editor of The Dubliner Magazine.

Emily's first book, a memoir titled *How To (Really) Be A Mother* was published in 2013. She is also the author of novels *The Privileged*, *White Villa*, *The Outsider* and *The Blamed*, as well as two bestselling novels about the Guinness sisters: *The Glorious Guinness Girls* and *The Guinness Girls: A Hint of Scandal*. She lives in Dublin with her family.



The Spanish Wedding Disaster

Karen King

A gorgeous, sun-soaked romance set in Southern Spain - the perfect holiday beach read for fans of Milly Johnson and Jo Thomas.

Some people are romantics. Some aren't. When Sophie and Maddie are summoned to a mysterious, top-secret meeting by their best friend Kate's partner, and told that he's planning to whisk Kate away for a surprise wedding in Gibraltar, it's immediately clear that bubbly florist Sophie is a total romantic. And that freewheeling, purple-haired Maddie is not.

Soon, Maddie finds herself reluctantly organising venues, planners and ceremonies; trying not to think of her own memories of Andalucia, and those she's lost touch with there. Meanwhile Sophie's hoping this dreamy gesture might spur on her own boyfriend to similar plans . . . and absolutely not thinking at all about Kate's gorgeous brother-in-law-to-be.

But Kate's got no idea what's going on. And as the stresses pile up and the group jet off to the sunny south, it seems it's not just Kate who might get a surprise in Spain - one that could change everything . . .

Headline Accent

June 2022

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 352

About the author:

Karen King is a multi-published author of both adult and children's books. She has had eight romantic novels published, 120 children's books, two young adult novels, and several short stories for women's magazines.

The Cornish Hotel by the Sea became an international bestseller, reaching the top one hundred in the Kindle charts in both the UK and Australia.

Karen is a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association, the Society of Authors and the Society of Women Writers and Journalists.

She now lives in Spain where she loves to spend her non-writing time exploring the quaint local towns with her husband, Dave, when she isn't sunbathing or swimming in the pool, that is.



The Visa

Lizzie O'Hagan

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.

This sparkling, topsy-turvy romcom is perfect for fans of Josie Silver, Beth O'Leary and Mhairi McFarlane.

Headline Review

March 2022

Editor: Bea Grabowska

Extent: 384

Rights sold:
Denmark (Palatium)

About the author:

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



UNTITLED NIKOLA SCOTT

Nikola Scott

May 1953.

England is finally starting to recover from World War Two. Shop shelves are filling, the young Princess Elizabeth is about to be crowned, and 22-year-old Isobel McIntyre is a young doctor-in-training at a London university.

Eight years after the men have returned from war, most women have been relegated to the home again. Isobel's finding it hard keeping her head down among the casual discrimination of her professors and other students, even without the secret she's keeping . . . Because, one terrifying night eight years ago, Isobel took someone else's identity. She seized a chance for a fresh start and walked away into another woman's life without thinking about what she'd done. Now, when she crosses paths with estranged 'relations', Isobel is presented with a choice.

Does she protect her new life, the one that allows her freedom and a career? Or, if she tells the truth, will it mean she's failing the people she's always hoped to protect - as well as losing any chance at love?

From the author of *My Mother's Shadow*, *Summer of Secrets*, and *The Orchard Girls*: an evocative new novel of one woman struggling to protect herself and her dreams, in a city in tatters. Can Isobel hide her secret - or will love

Headline Review

May 2023

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 368

Rights sold in *The Orchard Girls*:

Czech Republic: (Euromedia)
Denmark (Forlaget Turbulenz)
Israel (Tchelet Books)
Italy (Giunti Editore)
Netherlands (HarperCollins)
Norway (Vigmostad & Bjørke)
Romania (S.C. Humanitas)
Slovakia (Ikar)
Sweden (Svenska Historiska)

About the author:

Nikola Scott started her career in book publishing before she became a writer herself a decade later.

Her acclaimed debut novel, *My Mother's Shadow*, was translated into over thirteen languages and became a long-running bestseller in Norway.

Her second novel, *Summer of Secrets*, was also published widely around the world. Nikola lives in Frankfurt with her husband and two sons.



Headline Review

February2022

Editor: Sherise Hobbs

Extent: 400

Rights sold:
Germany (S. Fischer)
Portugal (Presença)
Romania (Nemira)

12 Hours To Say I Love You

Read the most romantic and heartwrenching book of 2022

Olivia Poulet and Laurence Dobiesz

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

As Pippa lies unconscious, fragments of the past flash through her mind. The day she met Steve Gallagher, 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.

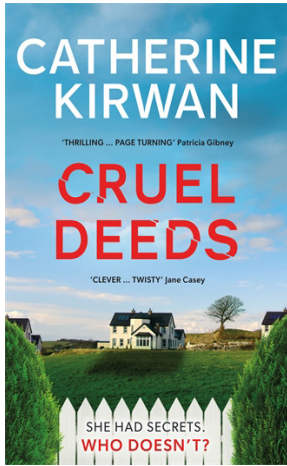
Meanwhile Steve sits at her bedside, his eyes fixed on her pale, still face. He has no idea where his wife was going when she crashed. No clue as to why she became distracted behind the wheel. All he knows is that she is his world. And that he wasn't there when she needed him most.

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?

About the author:

Olivia Poulet and Laurence Dobiesz are writers and actors based in London. Married for five years, they have written together for radio and screen. #blessed, a comedy drama love story, was written by them for radio, and broadcast on BBC Radio 4.



Hachette Books Ireland

February 2022

Editor: Ciara Doorley

Extent: 464

Cruel Deeds

Catherine Kirwan

A Successful lawyer is found murdered.

Finn Fitzpatrick barely knows Mandy Breslin from the firm where they both work. Mandy moves in the privileged world of the senior partners' clique. Finn keeps to herself.

But Mandy has secrets and, as Finn is drawn deeper into her dead colleague's life, she soon discovers that Mandy's not the only one at the firm hiding something.

As Finn uncovers a web of lies that comes very close to home, she quickly realises that Mandy's killer might be nearer than she thinks. Who wanted Mandy dead? And who can Finn turn to, when she can't trust anyone?

'Pacy, gripping and atmospheric ... a cracking read!' Andrea Carter

A propulsive mystery that feels both fresh and assured' Catherine Ryan Howard

'A clever twisty tale that feels completely authentic, Catherine Kirwan is onto another winner' Jane Casey

'Atmospheric and intriguing with a brilliantly relatable heroine and an explosive, gripping conclusion, nothing in Cruel Deeds is quite as it seems.' Sam Blake

About the author:

Catherine Kirwan grew up in the parish of Fews, County Waterford. She studied law at University College Cork and she now lives in Cork City where she works as a solicitor.



It Ends At Midnight

The addictive new thriller from the bestselling author of Blood Orange

Harriet Tyce

'A blisteringly brilliant read. Harriet Tyce is at the very top of the thriller game.' Sarah Pinborough

'Intriguing characters, deceptive twists and a punch-to-the-gut finale. Harriet Tyce always delivers.' John Marrs *'I devoured this gripping novel in a couple of sittings, and raced to the shocking end.'* Alex Michaelides

It's New Year's Eve and the stage is set for a lavish party in one of Edinburgh's best postcodes. It's a moment for old friends to set the past to rights - and move on. The night sky is alive with fireworks and the champagne is flowing.

But the celebration fails to materialise. Because someone at this party is going to die tonight. Midnight approaches and the countdown begins - but it seems one of the guests doesn't want a resolution.

They want revenge.

About the author:

Harriet Tyce grew up in Edinburgh and studied English at Oxford University before doing a law conversion course at City University. She practised as a criminal barrister in London for nearly a decade, and subsequently 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 second novel, *The Lies You Told*, published in summer 2020. *It Ends at Midnight* is her third novel. Slovakia (Ikar)

Wildfire

April 2022

Editor: Jack Butler

Extent: 336

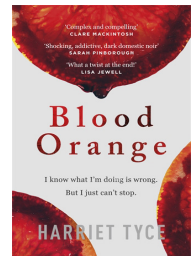
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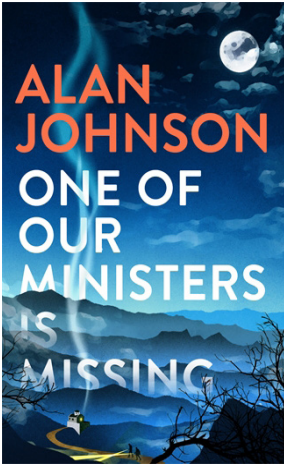
Romania (Grup Media Litera)
Russia (Ripol)
Polish (Swiat Ksiazki)
Finland (Otava)

Previous Rights Sold for *Blood Orange*:

Bulgaria (Ciela Norma)
China (Eurasian)
Croatia (24sata)
Czech Republic (Euromedia)
Denmark (Gyldendal A/S)
Estonia (Kirjastus Varrak)
Finland (Otava)
France (Éditions Robert Laffont)
Germany (Heyne)
Hungary (Publish and More)
Italy (Mondadori)
Israel (Tchelet Books)
Japan (Hayakawa Shobo)
Latvia (Zvaigne ABC)
Lithuania (Lietuvos)

Macedonia (Knigoholicari)
Netherlands (Muelenhoff Boekeriej)
Norway (Gyldendal Norsk)
Poland (Dressler Dublin)
Portugal (2020 Editoria)
Romania (Grup Media Litera)
Russia (Ripol)
Serbia (Evro Boo)
Slovenia (Učila)
Spain (Penguin Random House)
Sweden (Jentas)





One Of Our Ministers Is Missing

Alan Johnson

A government minister in the Foreign Office has vanished into thin air. On holiday in Crete, Lord Bellingham had been solo trekking in the White Mountains when he mysteriously disappeared. After a vast search and rescue operation, the local police have no leads, save for a mobile phone discarded on a cliff edge. Assistant Commissioner Louise Mangan of the Met Police is sent to assist in the investigation but soon discovers that there are more layers to this case than the local police realise. Lady Bellingham is less than forthcoming, the family nanny is hiding something, and a scandal is brewing back in London that could destroy the minister's reputation for good. Under pressure from the powers that be, can Louise find the missing minister, or will she discover something much more sinister at play?

Praise for *The Late Train to Gipsy Hill* and Alan Johnson:

'Featuring espionage, the Russian Mafia and a gorgeous female on a train with a deadly secret, the tantalising plot has set Alan up for dominance of the bestseller charts for years to come' Fiona Phillips

'Is there no limit to his talents? . . . I absolutely loved Alan's new thriller, it's brilliant.' Hunter Davies' Blends gentle humour and brutal assassination into a cracking crime thriller.' The Sun

About the author:

Alan Johnson's childhood memoir *This Boy* was published in 2013. It won the Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize, and the Orwell Prize, Britain's top political writing award. His second volume of memoirs, *Please Mr Postman* (2014) won the National Book Club award for Best Biography. The final book in his memoir trilogy, *The Lond and Winding Road* (2016), won the Parliamentary Book Award for Best Memoir.

Alan was a Labour MP for 20 years before retiring ahead of the 2017 general election. He served in five cabinet positions in the Governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown including Education Secretary, Health Secretary and Home Secretary. He and his wife Carolyn live in East Yorkshire.

Wildfire

September 2022

Editor: Alex Clarke

Extent: 352



Elektra

The highly anticipated Ancient Greek retelling from the bestselling author of *Ariadne*

Jennifer Saint

An exciting and equally lyrical new retelling from Jennifer Saint, the Sunday Times 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?

About the author:

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

Wildfire

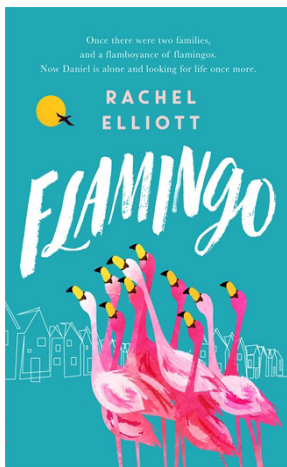
April 2022

Editor: Alex Clarke

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

Dutch (Uitgeverij Orlando)
France (De Saxus)
German (Ullstein Buchverlage)
Italian (Sonzogno)
Lithuania (UAB Alma Littera)
Polish (Muza S.A.)
Portugal (Edições Almedina)
Romania (Grup Media Litera)
Russia (Corpus Books)
Spain (Ediciones Urano)
US (Flatiron Books)



Tinder Press

February 2022

Editor: Imogen Taylor

Extent: 400

Rights sold:
Germany (Mare)

Flamingo

Longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022, an exquisite novel of kindness and hope.

Rachel Elliott

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.

About the author:

Rachel Elliott is the author of *Whispers Through a Megaphone*, long-listed for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2016 and *Do Not Feed The Bird*. She is also a psychotherapist, and lives in Bath.



Just For Today

The party has to end sometime...

Nell Hudson

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.

Tinder Press

June 2022

Editor: Amy Perkins

Extent: 304

Rights sold:

Russia (Exem Licence Ltd)

About the author:

Nell Hudson grew up on a farm in Worcestershire. She graduated from the Oxford School of Drama in 2012 and has been working as a professional actor ever since. *Just For Today* is her first novel.



Psalms For The End Of The World

Cole Haddon

It's 1962 and physics student Grace Pulansky believes she has met the man of her dreams, Robert Jones, while serving up slices of pecan pie at the local diner. But then the FBI shows up, with their fedoras and off-the-rack business suits, and accuses him of being a bomb-planting mass-murderer. Finding herself on the run with Jones across America's Southwest, the discoveries awaiting Gracie will undermine everything she knows about the universe.

Her story will reveal how scores of lives - an identity-swapping rock star, a mourning lover in ancient China, Nazi hunters in pursuit of a terrible secret, a crazed artist in pre-revolutionary France, an astronaut struggling with a turbulent interplanetary future, and many more - are interconnected across space and time by love, grief, and quantum entanglement.

Headline

September 2022

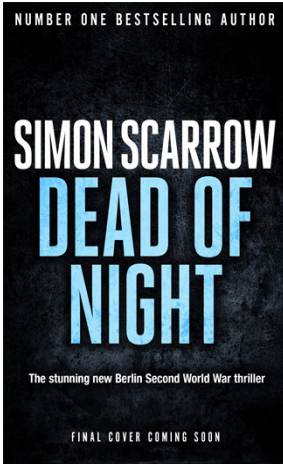
Editor: Toby Jones

Extent: 528

Spanning continents, centuries, and dimensions, this exquisitely crafted and madly inventive novel - a triple-disk, concept-album of a book - is a profound yet propulsive enquiry into the nature of reality - the perfect immersive read for fans of David Mitchell, Emily St. John Mandel, Neil Gaiman and Margaret Atwood.

About the author:

Cole Haddon is an Australian-American film, television, and graphic novel writer. His first screenplay was commissioned by Warner Bros., and he has gone on to receive 25 more commissions from studios, networks, and production entities in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and across Europe. *Dracula*, his first TV commission, was produced by NBC and Sky Living starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers.



Dead of Night

Simon Scarrow

The stunning new thriller set in wartime Berlin following the acclaimed *Blackout*, from the Sunday Times-bestselling author.'

The people of Berlin, in the early days of the Second World War, are as terrified of those within the cruel regime as of the enemy without. When Alois, a fourteen-year-old boy at a Hitler Youth camp, dies suddenly, it's officially dismissed as a tragic accident.

But the wounds that he died of are not consistent with the events described. Another boy in the same unit flees when Alois's mother tries to question him. Convinced of foul play, she contacts the police. Criminal Inspector Horst Schenke, aware of the malevolent power of the Nazi party in every corner of the justice system, hesitates to get involved, but he cannot ignore a potential cover-up.

When Schenke uncovers shocking inconsistencies in the case, he is ambushed and beaten. Shaken but undeterred, he presses on. As he seeks to uncover the truth and bring the guilty to justice, Schenke and those he cares about face grave danger. For those with secrets to protect will stop at nothing to bury them.

Headline

February 2023

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

Germany (Piper)

Rights sold for *Blackout*:

France (City Editions)

Germany (Piper)

Italy (Newton Compton)

Japan (Hayakawa Shobo)

Portugal (Saida de Emergência)

Spain (EDHASA Editora)

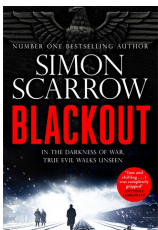
Sweden (Svenska Historiska)

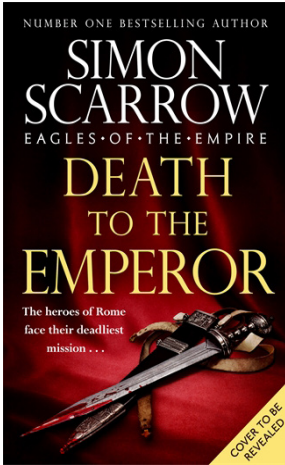
US (Kensington)

About the author:

Simon Scarrow is a Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author.

His successful books - which have sold over 5 million copies - include his *Eagles of the Empire* novels featuring Roman soldiers Macro and Cato, most recently *The Emperor's Exile*, *Traitors of Rome* and *The Blood of Rome*, as well as *Blackout*, a bestselling World War II thriller, and many more. He lives in Norfolk with his wife.





Death to the Emperor

Simon Scarrow

1st-century Britannia is the setting for an epic and action-packed novel of tribal uprisings, battles to the death and unmatched courage in the Roman army ranks. From Simon Scarrow, author of the bestsellers *The Emperor's Exile*, *Centurion* and *The Gladiator*. The 21st Eagle of the Empire novel. If you don't know Simon Scarrow, you don't know Rome!

It is AD 60. The hard-won province of Britannia is a thorn in the side of the Roman Empire, its tribes swift to anger, and relentless in their bloody harassment of the Roman military. Far from being a peaceful northern enclave, Britannia is a seething mass of bitter rebels and unlikely alliances against the common enemy. Corruption amongst greedy officials diverts resources from the locals who need them. For the military, it's a never-ending fight to maintain a fragile peace. Now it's time to quell the most dangerous enemy tribes. Two of Rome's finest commanders - Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro - are charged with a mission as deadly as any they have faced in their long careers.

Can they win the day, or could this be the last battle? A stunning and unforgettable story of warfare, courage and sacrifice as brave men face an enemy with nothing to lose . . .

Headline

November 2022

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 352

Rights sold:
Germany (Heyne)

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Untitled Eagles of the Empire 22

Simon Scarrow

1st-century Britannia is the setting for an epic and action-packed novel of tribal uprisings, battles to the death and unmatched courage in the Roman army ranks.

From Simon Scarrow, author of the bestsellers *The Honour of Rome*, *Centurion* and *The Gladiator*. The 22nd Eagle of the Empire novel. If you don't know Simon Scarrow, you don't know Rome! Two heroes of the Roman army - Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro, now battle-scarred veterans, tough and resilient - lead their best men into the midst of an enemy both fearless and resourceful.

Far from Rome in cold, rainy, unwelcoming Britannia, the soldiers need all their training to stand strong and undaunted as constant attacks challenge morale. And a leader like no other sends fear through the ranks: Boudica.

A stunning and unforgettable story of warfare, courage and sacrifice as brave men face an enemy with nothing to lose . . .

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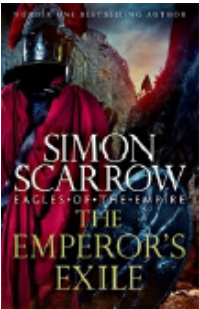
November 2023

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 352

Previous Rights Sold for

The Emperor's Exile:
 Czech Republic (BB/art)
 Germany (Heyne)
 Hungary (Gold Book)
 Italy (Newton Compton)
 Portugal (Saída de Emergência)
 Slovenia (Učila)
 Sweden (Historiska)



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Warrior

The epic story of Caratacus, warrior Briton and enemy of the Roman Empire...

Simon Scarrow

From the author of the Sunday Times bestsellers *The Honour of Rome* and *The Emperor's Exile* comes a brilliant new novel about the dangerous warrior Caratacus - a barbarian who threatened the future of the Empire.

The Romans invaded Britannia in AD 43 confident of victory. They encountered a divided and ill-equipped enemy, scattered across tough terrain. But one man was not prepared to surrender. Caratacus - quick-witted youngest son of a tribal king - had been trained from birth to be a warrior of power and grit. Tough training with the Druids made a war machine of a man already strong, cunning and charismatic.

With Caratacus driving them forward, the tribes prepare to repulse an enemy anticipating an easy victory. Fighting not only to stay alive but for their very way of life, these men form a mighty force. The battle is on! The brand new series from the Sunday Times bestselling authors of *Invader* and *Pirata: Warrior*, the story of Britannia's barbarian warlord Caratacus.

Headline

June 2023

Editor: Marion Donaldson

Extent: 368

About the author:

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About Time

Jodi Taylor

ABOUT TIME

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COVER TO BE REVEALED

Headline

October 2022

Editor: Frankie Edwards

Extent: 416

Previous Rights sold
for *Doing Time*:
Turkey (Perseus)



From the bestselling author of *THE CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S: Jodi Taylor is quite simply the Queen of Time* C. K. MCDONNELLAfter their heroic efforts to safeguard the Acropolis and prevent the Paris Time-Stop, the Time Police have gone from zero to hero in but a single bound.

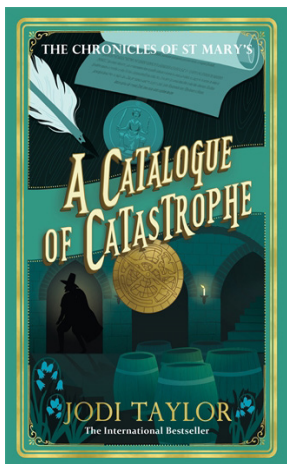
Then one fateful mission to apprehend a minor criminal selling dodgy historical artefacts blows up in all their faces. An officer is attacked within TPHQ. A prisoner is murdered. And investigations are about to lead to the one place where no officer can legally tread. Worst of all, trouble is brewing for Team Weird as a surprise revelation tears the team apart.

For Commander Hay, battling to keep the Time Police afloat in a sea of storms, this will turn out to be a very long day.

About the author:

Jodi Taylor is the internationally bestselling author of the *Chronicles of St Mary's* series, the story of a bunch of disaster prone individuals who investigate major historical events in contemporary time. Do NOT call it time travel! She is also the author of the *Time Police* series - a *St Mary's* spinoff and gateway into the world of an all-powerful, international organisation who are NOTHING like *St Mary's*. Except, when they are.

Alongside these, Jodi is known for her gripping supernatural thrillers featuring Elizabeth Cage together with the enchanting *Frogmorton Farm* series - a fairy story for adults.



A Catalogue of Catastrophe

Chronicles of St Mary's 13

Jodi Taylor

BOOK 13 IN THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING CHRONICLES OF ST MARY'S SERIES

Jodi Taylor is quite simply the Queen of Time. Her books are a swashbuckling joyride through History' C. K. McDonnell

For fans of Richard Osman's Thursday Murder Club series, Jasper Fforde and Doctor Who.

Finally - finally! - Max has that nice office job she's always wanted. The one with no heavy lifting and no one tries to kill her. Well, one out of two's not bad...Punching well above their weight, Max and Markham set out to bring down a sinister organisation founded in the future - with a suspicious focus on the past.

Max's focus is staying alive long enough to reunite with Leon and Matthew, alternately helped and hindered by St Mary's. Who aren't always the blessing they like to think they are. But non-stop leaping around the timeline - from witnessing Magna Carta to disturbing a certain young man with a penchant for gunpowder - is beginning to take its toll.

Is Max going mad? Or are the ghosts of the past finally catching up with her?

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Headline

April 2022

Editor: Frankie Edwards

Extent: 512

Previous Rights sold for

Just One Damned thing

After Another:

Czech Republic (Euromedia)

Estonia (Kirjastus Varrak)

France (HC Éditions)

Germany (Blanvalet)

Italy (Gatzanti)

Japan (Hayakawa Shobo)

Sweden (Bokförlaget Lind)

Russia (StorySide AB)

US (Skyhorse Publishing)

Film/TV (Write Shoot)





Wildfire

August 2022

Editor: Serena Arthur

Extent: 352

Rights sold:

US (Orbit US)

Previous Rights Sold for

The Wolf

(*The UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY Series, Book 1*):

France (Éditions Jean-Claude Lattès)

Germany (Goldmann)

Russia (Exem Licence)

US (Little, Brown)

Serbia (Vulkan Izdavaštvo)

The Cuckoo (The UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY Series, Book 3)

Leo Carew

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...

'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

About the author:

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

A Year In Space

Dr Becky Smethurst



Brought to you by the infectiously enthusiastic team behind the Royal Astronomical Society's Supermassive podcast, *The Year in Space 2023* highlights the most exciting space news from the past 12 months and looks forward to the year ahead.

Packed with features, interviews, in-depth explainers and stunning photography, it covers everything from the launch of the James Webb telescope to the latest news from Mars and the efforts to get astronauts back to Moon.

The book includes practical tips on how to get the best results when stargazing and what you should look out for in the night sky in 2023.

Fun, engaging and accessible, this is essential reading for every space geek.

Wildfire
September 2022

Full colour,
annual format,
128pp.

About the author:

Dr Becky Smethurst is an astrophysicist at the University of Oxford and star of the astronomy-themed YouTube channel, 'Dr Becky', which has 394,000 subscribers and 24 million total views. Her co-host on the Supermassive podcast, Izzie Clarke, has a Masters degree in Physics and is an experienced science journalist and podcast producer.

Richard Hollingham is an award-winning space journalist and broadcaster, writer for BBC Future and commentator for the European Space Agency. And finally, BBC radio presenter, producer and podcaster Sue Nelson is the award-winning author of Wally Funk's Race for Space.



A History of the World in 74 Borders

Jonn Elledge

People have been drawing lines on maps for as long as there have been maps to draw on. Sometimes rooted in physical geography, sometimes entirely arbitrary, these lines might often have looked very different if a war or treaty or the decisions of a handful of tired Europeans had gone a different way. By telling the stories of these borders, we can learn a lot about how political identities are shaped – and about human folly.

From the Roman attempts to mark the bounds between civilisation and barbarians, to the secret Sykes-Picot agreement, to the reason why landlocked Bolivia still maintains a navy, this is a fascinating, witty and surprising look at the history of the world told through its borders.

Wildfire

May 2024

Editor: Alex Clarke

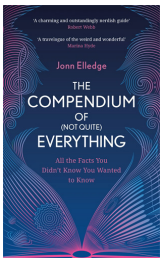
Extent: 352

Rights sold for
The Compendium of (Not Quite) Everything:
 China: (Ginkgo)
 Germany (Goldmann)
 Poland (Insignis)

About the author:

Jonn Elledge is a regular contributor to the Big Issue and the New Statesman, a less regular contributor to other titles such as the Guardian and Wired, and an almost constant contributor to the weekly Newsletter of (Not Quite) Everything.

His previous book, *The Compendium of (Not Quite) Everything*, was published by Wildfire in 2021, and he is the co-author with Tom Phillips of the forthcoming *Conspiracy: A History of B*lllocks Theories, and How Not to Fall for Them*, which is being published in July 2022.

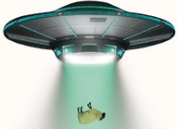


'Witty'
Sarah Knight

'Utterly brilliant'
Jeremy Clarkson

'Very funny'
Mark Watson

CONSPIRACY



A History of
B*ll*cks Theories,
and How Not to
Fall For Them

TOM PHILLIPS
& JONN ELLEDGE

Conspiracy: A History of B*ll*cks Theories, and How Not to Fall for Them

Tom Phillips and Jonn Elledge

From the Satanic Panic to the anti-vaxx movement, it's always been human nature to believe we're being lied to by the powers that be (and sometimes, to be fair, we absolutely are).

But while it can be fun to indulge in a bit of Deep State banter on the family Whatsapp group, recent times have shown us that some of these theories have taken on a life of their own - and in our dogged quest for the truth, it appears we might actually be doing it some damage.

Wildfire

July 2022

Editor: Ella Gordon

Extent: 384

Rights sold:

China (Shanghai Joint)
Korea (Will Books Publishing)

Rights sold for *Truth*:

Brazil (Red Tapioca)
China (Shanghai Joint)
Finland (Tammi)
France (La Librairie Vuibert)
Germany (Goldmann)
Indonesia (PT Elex)
Japanese (Kawade Shobo)
Korea (Will Books)
Lebanon (Arab Scientific)
Netherlands (De Bezige Bij)
Norway (Spartacus)
Poland (Albatros)
Romania (Trei)
Russia (AST)
Serbia (Laguna)
Spain (Paidos)
Slovakia (Eastone)
Sweden (Tukan)
Ukraine (KM Books)
US (Hanover Square)

In *Conspiracy*, Tom Phillips and Jonn Elledge take us on a fascinating, insightful and often hilarious journey through conspiracy theories old and new, to try and answer an important question: how can we learn to log off the QAnon message boards, and start trusting hard evidence again?

About the authors:

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

Jonn Elledge is a regular contributor to the Big Issue and the New Statesman, a less regular contributor to other titles such as the Guardian and Wired, and an almost constant contributor to the weekly Newsletter of (Not Quite) Everything. He was previously assistant editor of the New Statesman, where he was responsible for launching and editing the urbanism site CityMetric, hosting the Skylines podcast and writing a lot of angry columns about the housing crisis.



High Caucasus

A Mountain Quest in Russia's Haunted Hinterland

Tom Parfitt

High Caucasus is Tom Parfitt's wonderfully atmospheric memoir-cum-travel narrative about the 1,000-mile walk he made to lay to rest a ghost. On the 1 September 2004, at the Beslan siege in Russia when Chechen terrorists took more than 1,000 people captive at celebrations held to mark the first day of the school year. Lasting three days, the siege reached a bloody climax when two bombs exploded inside the school and Russian troops stormed the building, sparking a fire in the gymnasium where the captives were held. In the chaos, 334 hostages, more than half of them children (the youngest two years old), died.

Never a war correspondent, Tom was emotionally pulverised, and his solution was to turn back to his lifelong love of walking, to a nature cure of sorts. Having long loved the Caucasus, he also wanted to understand why the mountain peoples there, people like the Chechens, were so angry at Russia.

That was how Tom came to walk 1,000 miles across the North Caucasus, starting in Sochi in the Black Sea and walking the mountain ranges to Derbent, the ancient fortress city on the Caspian. His route took him through the homelands of proud, little-known peoples – the Abkhazians, the Karachays, the Balkars, the Ingush, the few surviving Circassians - through bear-haunted forests, across high altitude pastures and over the shoulder of Elbrus, Europe's highest mountain. That meant crossing the political and tribal fault-lines of seven Russian republics: Adygea, Karachayev-Cherkesiya, Kabardino-Balkariya, North Ossetia, Ingushetia, Chechnya and Dagestan.

About the author:

A new exciting writer, very much in the style of Robert McFarlane and Nicolas Crane, Tom Parfitt is the Times' correspondent in Moscow. He moved to Moscow as a young man, having learnt fluent Russian at university, and quickly became a correspondent for the Guardian, the Telegraph and the Times. He is also a fellow of the Royal Geographic Society.

Headline

July 2023

Editor: Iain MacGregor

Extent: 352

Max Verstappen Biography

Mark Hughes

A definitive and intriguing biography of Max Verstappen, Formula 1's hottest new superstar, Lewis Hamilton's great rival, and the winner of the 2021 World Drivers' Championship.

No Hollywood scriptwriter could possibly have envisioned the breathless, adrenaline-pumping climax to the 2021 Formula 1 season. On the very last lap of the final race of an unbelievably arduous and controversial season, Red Bull's Max Verstappen nervelessly overtook the seven-time World Champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes to clinch the first place that thrust the young prodigy to the narrowest of victories and to his first World Drivers' title. It surely won't be his last.

Verstappen may only be 24 years of age, but the Dutch motorsport sensation has now completed his seventh season in the high-octane world of F1: 141 race starts, 60 podium finishes and 20 Grand Prix victories barely tell the story - this young man has already left an indelible mark on the sport [...]. And the phenomenal success of Netflix's Drive to Survive documentary series has elevated his worldwide popularity still further.

Widely respected motorsport writer and F1 insider Mark Hughes is perfectly placed to write the most authoritative narrative on Verstappen's incredible rise through the ranks to F1 glory. Hughes' immaculate credentials and first-rate access enable him to generate fresh and fascinating insights, and to paint a fully-rounded and richly-textured portrait of one of the most exciting young sportsmen on the planet.

About the author:

Mark Hughes is the Grand Prix editor for Motor Sport magazine, an F1 correspondent for The Sunday Times and technical editor for the renowned motor racing annual Autocourse.

He also provides analysis for TV coverage of F1, currently working in the role of technical analyst for Sky Sports. He has 32k followers on Twitter.

Hughes has written a number of F1-related books: Speed Addicts (HarperCollins) won Best Illustrated Book at the 2006 British Sports Book Awards; Lewis Hamilton, The Full Story (Icon Books) was released in 2008; and he co-authored Crashed And Byrned (Icon Books), which won the 2008 William Hill Irish Sports Book of the Year.



Headline

September 2023

Editor: Jonathan Taylor

Extent: 288



Mini Big Ideas

From the internationally acclaimed author of *Mini Philosophy*, here are 150 big ideas in bite-sized chunks.

Jonny Thomson

Every so often, a new idea comes along that changes everything. Vaccinations. Relativity. Fascism.

Can we imagine a world before the invention of writing? What would Christianity have looked like without with a concept of hell?

Sometimes these ideas come along suddenly: Copernicus suggesting the earth revolves around the sun; Gutenberg's printing press, Darwin's theory of evolution. Sometimes they evolve over generations: the institution of marriage; the development of animal husbandry; the understanding of genetics. Either way, once the idea gains a foothold, nothing is the same again.

This fascinating little book tells the stories behind 150 revolutionary concepts and explains why they are important. Taken from the realms of science, politics, society, religion and technology, these are the big ideas that have changed the world - in a nutshell.

About the author:

Jonny Thomson teaches philosophy in Oxford. He runs a popular Instagram account and website called *Mini Philosophy*, the result of his conversations with students and a somewhat masochistic obsession with reading dense philosophical works.

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The Art of Explanation

Ros Atkins

Explanation – conveying meaning – is an art. And the BBC presenter and journalist Ros Atkins, creator of the viral ‘Ros Atkins on...’ explainer videos, is something of a master of the form. In this book, Ros shares the secrets he has learned from years of working in high-pressure newsrooms, identifying the six elements of a good explanation and the ten steps you need to take to express yourself as persuasively and accurately as possible.

A practical and accessible guide to getting across complex information clearly – whether for business, educational or social purposes – The Art of Explanation is a must-read for anyone who wants to improve their communication skills.

About the author:

Ros is an award-winning BBC News anchor who created and presents Outside Source on the BBC News Channel and BBC World News – one of the top-rating UK news programmes with a global audience of millions. His ‘Ros Atkins on...’ explainer videos have become a phenomenon, garnering millions of views across multiple BBC platforms, making Ros one of the BBC’s most-watched journalists.

Ros is also the creator of the multi-award-winning 50:50 Project, which now works across over 100 organisations in over 25 countries to diversify representation in media content.

In November 2021, Radio 4 announced that Ros would be the new co-presenter on the Media Show in the coming months.



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The Limits of Genius

How Some of the World's Greatest Minds Were Surprisingly Stupid

Katie Spalding

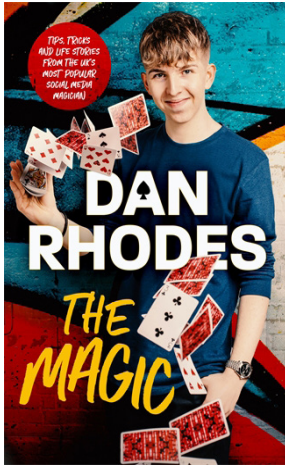
The more you delve into the stories behind history's greatest names, the more you realise they have something in common: a mystifying lack of common sense. Take Marie Curie, famous for both discovering radioactivity and having absolutely zero lab safety protocols. Or Lord Byron, who literally took a bear with him to university. Or James Glaisher, a hot-air balloon pioneer who nearly ended up as the world's first human satellite...

From Nikola Tesla falling in love with a pigeon to non-swimmer Albert Einstein's near-fatal love of sailing holidays, *The Limits of Genius* is filled with examples of the so-called brightest and best of humanity doing, to put it bluntly, some really dumb shit. These are the stories that deserve to be told but never are: the hilarious, regrettable and downright baffling lesser-known achievements of the men and women who somehow managed to bungle their way into our history books.

About the author:

Katie Spalding spent ten years of her life studying maths, which is just about the upper limit on how much maths you can do before people start actively avoiding you at parties. Ironically, the high point of her academic career was appearing on University Challenge twice, during which times she answered zero questions on maths or science but performed surprisingly well on the 'historical cross-dressers' and 'New World monkeys' round.

Katie now writes for the science news website IFLScience, and has supplied research for the TV show QI and its sister podcast No Such Thing as a Fish.



The Magic

Dan Rhodes

Dan Rhodes is one of the most successful and beloved YouTuber and TikTok influencers in the world with more than 5 billion views on YouTube and the most viewed personal post ever - over 300 million views - on TikTok.

In this, his debut book, Dan brings together the love and joy he has continually derived from magic - from the very first moment he received a magic kit from his parents when he was six years old setting him on his journey from amateur magician to global TikTok and YouTube star - and the book also gives tips and insights into how you could become a social media inspiration too.

With striking illustrations throughout and clear 'trick guides' to help young magicians get started - along with some really impressive sleights of hand for the more experienced illusionist - Dan's book also contains a fascinating history of the craft of the magician, highlighting the skill and dedication it takes to become a true master.

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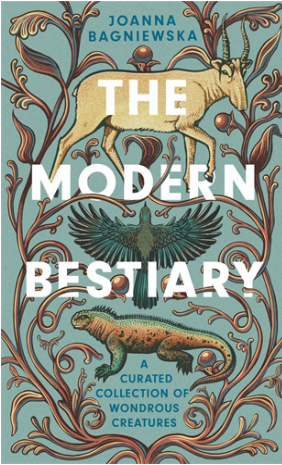
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About the author:

Dan Rhodes is an awe inspiring 18-year-old close up magician from Oldham who took the world by storm after he sawed Amanda Holden in half during his Britain's Got Talent audition in 2019.

Dan's passion for all things magic began aged just six years old after he received a magic kit for Christmas from his family. Dan is extremely precise, focused & creative when it comes to creating and honing his illusions, and he is now one of the biggest social media stars in the world.



The Modern Bestiary

A Curated Collection of Wondrous Creatures

Joanna Bagniewska

From the familiar to the improbable, the gross to the endearing, *The Modern Bestiary* is a compendium of curious creatures. It includes both animals that have made headlines and those you've probably never heard of, such as skin-eating caecilians, harp sponges, or zombie worms - also known as bone-eating snot flowers.

Arranged by elements (Earth, Water, Air, The Modern Bestiary contains well-known species told from new, unexpected angles (rats that drive cars; fish that communicate by passing wind, as well as stranger and lesser-known creatures, including carnivorous mice that howl at the moon, cross-dressing cuttlefish, and antechinus - small marsupials that literally mate themselves to death.

Finally, there are the 'aliens on Earth' - the incredible, the surreal, the magical - such as tardigrades, tongue-eating lice and immortal jellyfish, creatures so astonishing that they make unicorns look rather commonplace. Written by a zoologist with a flair for storytelling, this is a fascinating celebration of the animal kingdom.

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About the author:

Dr Joanna Bagniewska is a zoologist and science communicator. She completed her undergraduate degree at Jacobs University Bremen and Rice University in Houston, and obtained her MSc and doctorate from the University of Oxford's zoology department.

After a stint at a start-up company, where she trained bees to detect illegal substances, Joanna went on to lecture at Nottingham Trent University and the University of Reading. Her academic interests include conservation biology, behavioural ecology and the intersection of technology and zoology.

Joanna has worked on a range of species, ranging from wombats and wallabies to mole-rats and jackals. She currently splits her time between two roles: senior lecturer in environmental sciences at Brunel University London, and communications and public engagement officer at the University of Oxford's Department of Paediatrics. This is her first book.

Tutankhamun - Pharaoh, Icon, Enigma

Ten Tales of Egypt's Enduring King

Joyce Tyldesley

A hundred years ago, a team of archaeologists in the Valley of the Kings made a remarkable discovery: a near-complete royal burial, an ancient mummy, and golden riches beyond imagination. The lost tomb of Tutankhamun ignited a media frenzy, propelled into overdrive by rumours of a deadly ancient curse. But amid the hysteria, many stories - including that of Tutankhamun himself - were distorted or forgotten.

Tutankhamun: Pharaoh, Icon, Enigma takes a familiar tale and turns on its head. Leading Egyptologist Joyce Tyldesley has gathered ten unique perspectives together for the first time: that of the teenage pharaoh and his family, ancient embalmers and tomb robbers, famous Western explorers and forgotten Egyptian archaeologists. It's a journey that spans from ancient Thebes in 1336 BCE - when a young king on a mission to restore his land met an unexpected and violent end - to modern Luxor in 1922 CE - as the tomb's discovery led to a fight over ownership that continues to this day. Above all, this is the story of Tutankhamun, as he would have wanted to be remembered.

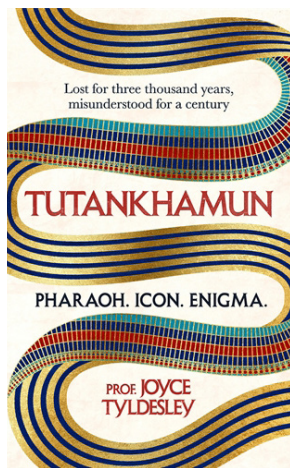
Piecing together three thousand years of evidence and unpicking the misunderstandings that surround Egypt's most famous king, this book offers a vital reappraisal on his life, death and enduring legacy.

About the author:

Joyce Tyldesley was born in Bolton, Lancashire. She studied archaeology at Liverpool and Oxford Universities, before writing a series of academic yet accessible books on ancient Egypt, including several books for children.

Her 2008 book *Cleopatra: Egypt's Last Queen* was a Radio 4 "Book of the Week". Her 2012 book *Tutankhamun's Curse* (published as *Tutankhamun* in the USA), won the Felicia A. Holton Book Award of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Joyce currently holds a chair in Egyptology at the University of Manchester.



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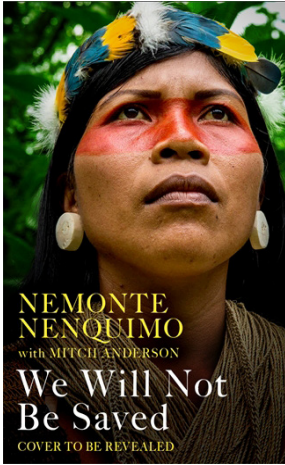
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We Will Not Be Saved

Nemonte Nenquimo

‘I’m here to tell you my story, which is also the story of my people and the story of this forest.’

Born into the Waorani tribe of Ecuador’s Amazon rainforest, Nemonte Nenquimo was taught about plant medicines, foraging, oral storytelling, and shamanism by her elders. Age 14, she left the forest for the first time to study with an evangelical missionary group in the city.

Eventually, her ancestors began appearing in her dreams, pleading with her to return and embrace her own culture. She listened. Two decades later, Nemonte has emerged as one of the most forceful voices in climate-change activism. She has spearheaded the alliance of indigenous nations across the Upper Amazon and led her people to a landmark victory against Big Oil, protecting over a half million acres of primary rainforest.

Her message is as sharp as the spears that her ancestors wielded - honed by her experiences battling loggers, miners, oil companies and missionaries. In this astonishing memoir, she partners with her husband Mitch Anderson, founder of Amazon Frontlines, digging into generations of oral history, uprooting centuries of conquest, hacking away at racist notions of Indigenous peoples, and ultimately revealing a life story as rich, harsh and vital as the Amazon rainforest herself.

About the author:

Nemonte Nenquimo, a Waorani leader, was born in Ecuador’s Amazon, one of the most bio-diverse and threatened rainforests on the planet. She is the co-founder of both the Indigenous-led non-profit Ceibo Alliance and its partner organization, Amazon Frontlines. Nemonte led her people in an historic legal victory against the oil industry, protecting half-a-million acres of rainforest and setting a precedent for Indigenous rights across the region. Her leadership has been widely recognized; in 2020, she won the Goldman Environmental Prize for Central and South America and was named to the BBC 100 Women and *Time* 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Mitch Anderson is co-founder and Executive Director of Amazon Frontlines, a non-profit organization based in the Upper Amazon, which defends indigenous peoples’ rights to land, life, and cultural survival. In 2011, he moved to Ecuador’s northern Amazon to start a grassroots clean water project with Indigenous communities living downriver from contaminating oil operations. Through building more than 1,000 clean water systems in over 70 villages, Mitch supported the formation of the Ceibo Alliance, an Indigenous-led non-profit that won the prestigious UN Equator Prize and whose victories for the Amazon rainforest have inspired millions worldwide.

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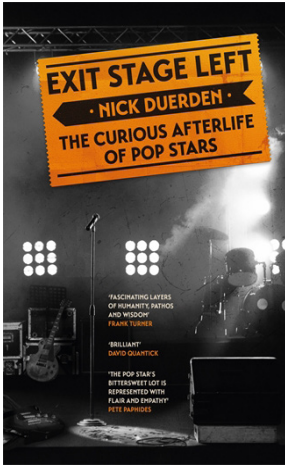
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Exit Stage Left

The curious afterlife of pop stars

Nick Duerden

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 happens when fame abruptly passes, and shifts, as it does, onto someone else?

This is the world the pop star is required to inhabit. It's invariably eventful. We know all about them when they're at the top of their game, of course, but they tend to reveal far more of their true selves once they've peaked, and are on their way down. This is the point at which they are at their most heroic, because they don't give up. They keep on striving, keep making music, and refuse simply to ebb away. Some sustain themselves on the nostalgia circuit, others continue to beaver away in the studio, no longer Abbey Road, perhaps, so much as the garden shed. But all of them, in their own individual ways, still dare to dream.

Exit Stage Left features tales of drug addiction, bankruptcy, depression and divorce, but also of optimism, a genuine love of the craft, humility and hope. This is a candid, laugh-out-loud and occasionally shocking look at what happens when the brightest stars fall back 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,

About the author:

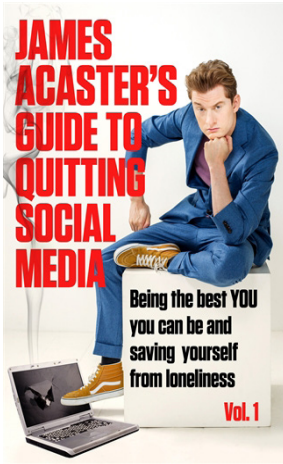
Nick Duerden is a writer and freelance broadsheet journalist. He has written widely on the arts, family and health, and is the author of two novels, a memoir on fatherhood, and other non-fiction works.

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James Acaster's Guide to Quitting Social Media

James Acaster

This is a self help book like no other. Because you are not helping yourself, James Acaster is helping you. When James quit all forms of social media in 2019 he felt like he'd been born anew, but he was worried he'd suffer withdrawal and get lured back online to compete in a never ending popularity contest with only one possible winner (f*cking Zuckerberg). He knew that in order to stay clean he'd have to replace everything social media used to give him with three-dimensional, real-life activities.

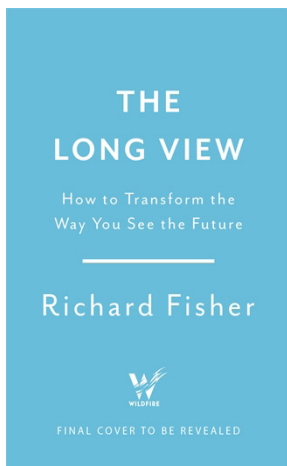
And so it was that James found ways to anonymously bully strangers, see photos of everyone's dogs, get invited to as many parties as possible, immediately know about all celebrity deaths, get public figures fired, argue with everybody about everything, and so much more without even owning a phone (he painted over the screen of his old one to stop himself looking at Instagram).

His life is amazing and yours could be too if you buy *James Acaster's Guide to Quitting Social Media*, Being the best you can be and saving yourself from Loneliness Vol 1. You will also need to do everything the book tells you to. Including helping us promote the book by tweeting about it.

About the author:

James Acaster was born in Kettering, Northamptonshire in 1985. He left school age 17 so he could play drums in a band called The Wow! Scenario with his friend Graeme. Three people, including the people in the band, liked the band. He began performing stand-up comedy in January 2008.

He has been nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy Award five times and has appeared on Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You, Live At The Apollo and Russell Howard's Good News.



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The Long View

How to Escape the Age of Short-termism

Richard Fisher

Human beings have a unique view of time, able to comprehend the past and future like no other species. Yet modern-day pressures have supercharged our short-termist tendencies and trapped us in the present, at the mercy of reactive politics, quarterly business targets and 24-hour news cycles. It wasn't always so.

In medieval times, craftsmen worked on cathedrals that would be unfinished in their lifetime. Indigenous leaders fostered intergenerational reciprocity. And in the early twentieth century, writers and intellectuals dreamed of worlds thousands of years hence. Now, as we face unprecedented long-term challenges, how do we rediscover that sense of far-sightedness?

Richard Fisher charts the path to a longer-term perspective, taking in centuries-old businesses in Japan, the world's longest-running scientific projects in Europe, and global languages that reframe the concept of time itself.

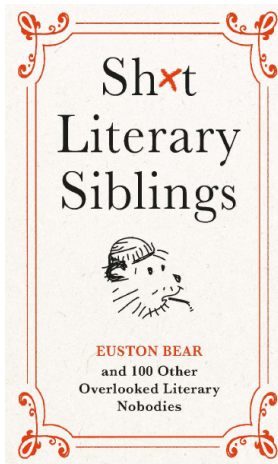
He examines the psychological biases and cultural pressures that discourage the long view, and talks to the growing number of people from the worlds of philosophy, technology, science and the arts who are exploring smart ways to overcome them.

If we can only look up and see the long view that lies ahead, humanity stands

About the author:

Richard Fisher is a senior journalist with BBC Global News in London, where he writes, commissions and edits stories for BBC Future and bbc.com, specialising in science, technology and health journalism.

From 2019-20, Richard was a Knight Science Journalism fellow at MIT, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



Sh*t Literary Siblings

The Fence

The imagined worlds of books are populated by some of the most loved and recognisable characters we know. But for every famous detective, Victorian heroine and beloved children's character there often exists an overlooked, often rubbish, and frequently downright sh*t sibling. These unfortunate nobodies have never had the spotlight turned upon them. Until now.

Meet the likes of...

Euston Bear - currently living off Burger King wrapper sandwiches after ending up at the wrong station/Walter Wonka - a Kettering dentist with a phobia of dwarves/Gandalf the Greggs - bearded, pastry-covered piss wizard who spends long periods of time in the high/street bakery chain

The Honourable Jeremy Dracula - younger brother of the Count. Vegetarian. And many more.

With illustrations to help you spot these oddballs hanging around on the streets, *Sh*t Literary Siblings* is a must have slice of humour for the book lover in your life.

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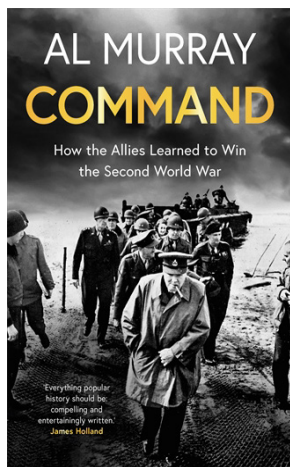
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About the author:

The Fence is an independent, print and online satirical magazine founded in London in 2019. The magazine publishes a range of content, from essays to fiction, discussing politics and culture in the UK and Ireland.



Command

How the Allies Learned to Win the Second World War

Al Murray

My bookshelves were groaning with WW2 books, Hitler's baleful eyes staring out at me from covers and spines for any new visitor (or passing burglar) to wonder if I might be a fan or at least mildly obsessed.' - Al Murray

The podcast has built up a loyal, nationwide fanbase and has given birth to its own annual three-day festival. In his first serious narrative book, *Command* showcases Al Murray's passion for this pivotal period in the Twentieth Century, as he writes an engaging, entertaining and sharp analysis of the key allied military leaders in the conflict. *Command* highlights the performance and careers of some of the key protagonists who commanded armies, as well as the lesser-known officers who led divisions, regiments and even battalions for the British, Commonwealth and United States of American armies.

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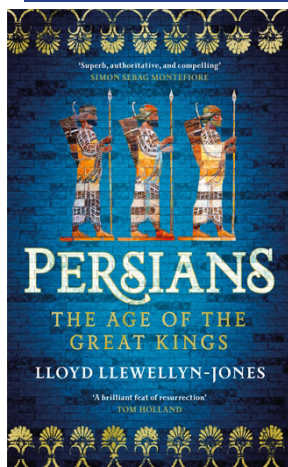
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By showcasing each combat commander across every theatre of operations the allies fought in, Murray tells the story of how the Western Allies rebounded from early shocking defeats (Dunkirk and Pearl Harbor) to then victories (El Alamein and D-Day) in its efforts to defeat the Axis forces of Nazi Germany and Japan, and what that tells us about the characters and the challenges that faced them. *Command* will be the book all fans of Second World War History will want to buy who appreciate a true enthusiast of the genre who has something new and compelling to say.

About the author:

Al Murray is one of the most successful comics in the UK with his alter-ego The Pub Landlord and has had four previous bestselling books, *The Pub Landlord's Book of British Common Sense*, *The Pub Landlord Says Think Yourself British*, *Great British Pub Quiz Book* and *Watching War Films with my Dad*.

One of the most popular live comedy acts in the country, Al has sold out arenas nationwide, including London's O2 Arena. He has earned numerous awards and accolades, such as the British Comedy Award for his ITV1 series *Al Murray's Happy Hour*, the Perrier Award and two Olivier Award nominations.



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Persians

The Age of The Great Kings

Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones

Persians is a definitive new history of the Persian Empire, the world's first superpower. 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.

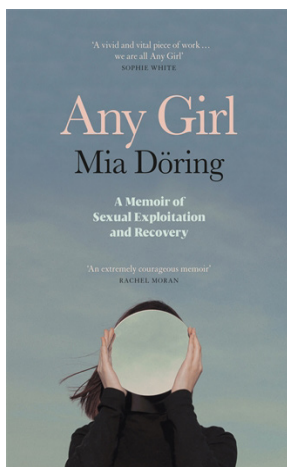
Professor Llewellyn-Jones, however, calls upon original Achaemenid sources, including inscriptions, art, and recent archaeological discoveries in Iran, to create an authentic 'Persian Version' of this remarkable first great empire of antiquity - the Age of the Great Kings.

About the author:

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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Any Girl

A Memoir of Sexual Exploitation and Recovery

Mia Döring

“It became untenable for me to remain silent about a part of my life I had long kept secret. I had to follow the persistent, uncomfortable pull of truth, wherever it would lead me.”

From the outside looking in, the young life of Mia Döring seemed unremarkable, as she pursued her studies at a prominent Dublin art college, immersed in a vibrant social scene.

Unbeknownst to those around her, however, Mia’s life was anything but ordinary. At age sixteen, she had been sexually exploited by an older man, which carved a direct path into the Irish sex trade, where she remained for several years until finally leaving it behind over a decade ago, at age twenty-four.

In her literary memoir *Mia*, a psychotherapist specialising in sexual trauma, excavates her difficult history as she sets about integrating her past with her present-day life. Along the way, she presents an ardent and intelligent refutation of a culture that affirms and applauds the industrialised sexual violation of women and girls, ultimately offering something more precious – a way forward for society bedded in true understanding and compassion.

Any Girl is a ferociously honest, intensely tender and utterly unforgettable book that is as thought-provoking as it is timely.

About the author:

Mia Döring is a writer and psychotherapist specialising in sexual trauma. She lives and works in Dublin. Her essays, fiction and articles have been published in *Litro Magazine*, *The Bohemyth*, *Ropes Journal* and *Huffington Post*. *Any Girl* is her first book.



Closer to the Edge

Climbing to the Ends of the Earth

Leo Houlding

Leo Houlding started climbing at ten years of age in the Lake District and was the youngest person (and first Briton) to free climb El Capitan in Yosemite National Park in the United States at eighteen years, which cemented his reputation. He has since gone on to summit the world's toughest peaks and explore the most extreme places on our planet.

During such explorations he has had to deal with tragedy when close friends and colleagues have been killed or badly injured, and he will discuss how you deal with such loss and carry on. Honest, raw and exhilarating, *Closer to the Edge* will be a 'warts-and-all' insight into the extreme life of one of Britain's best mountaineer adventurers.

What drives him? How does he assess risk and judge what level he'll take himself to be successful, and how does he balance this with teaching his own children the lessons he has learnt in some of the world's most dangerous and extreme places.

About the author:

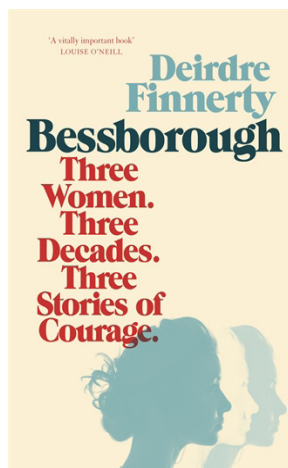
Leo Houlding is world-class mountaineer, adventurer, television presenter and popular public speaker. He lives in the Lake District with his wife and two children.

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Bessborough

Three Women. Three Decades. Three Stories of Courage.

Deirdre Finnerty

I read Bessborough in one sitting, veering from fury to devastation within a matter of pages. A vitally important book.' Louise O'Neill

For over seventy years, Bessborough House, a grand country mansion on the outskirts of Cork city, operated as one of Ireland's biggest mother and baby institutions. Women and girls who walked up its stone steps were warned never to reveal their true identities and gave birth to babies they would not be allowed to keep.

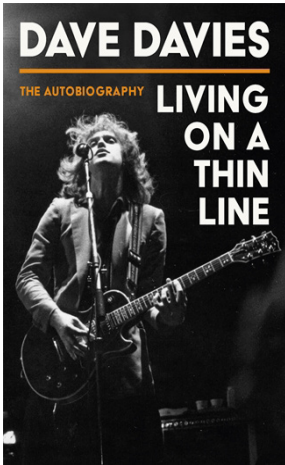
In *Bessborough: Three Women. Three Decades. Three Stories of Courage*, a trio of remarkable women confined there in the 60s, 70s and 80s, tell their truths. Their vivid accounts take us right inside the walls of the secretive institution and give us a deep insight into how their experiences impacted their lives afterwards.

The result is a stark portrait of a system that split families apart - and a moving account of love, loss and reconnection.

About the author:

Deirdre Finnerty is an award-winning journalist and producer for the BBC, specialising in international news. She started her career in the BBC World Service, and has worked in the BBC's Brussels, Washington and Westminster bureaux.

The Bessborough: Three Women. Three Decades. Three Stories of Courage is her first book and the project won the Society of Authors Antonia Fraser Award in 2020. Originally from County Mayo, she now lives and works in London.



Living on a Thin Line

Dave Davies

The all new, must-read memoir by legendary Kinks guitarist Dave Davies.

Dave Davies is the co-founder and lead guitarist of epoch-defining band the Kinks, a group with fifty million record sales to their name.

In his autobiography, Davies revisits the glory days of the band that spawned so much extraordinary music, and which had such a profound influence on bands from The Clash and Van Halen to Oasis and Blur.

Full of tales of the tumultuous times and the ups-and-downs of his relationship with his brother Ray, along with encounters with the likes of John Lennon and Jimi Hendrix, this will be a glorious read for Kinks fans and anyone who wants to read about the heyday of rock 'n' roll.

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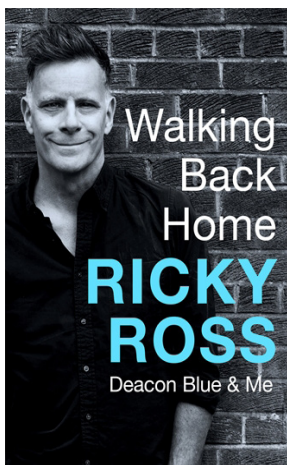
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About the author:

Dave Davies is the lead guitarist and occasional vocalist for legendary rock band The Kinks. As a solo musician, he has recorded several albums and toured the world. In 2003 he was named as one of the 100 greatest guitarists of all time by Rolling Stone magazine.



Walking Back Home

Ricky Ross

In 1986, Ricky Ross started a full-time career in music, which has lasted for over 35 years. His earlier working life was spent in youth work and teaching in his home city of Dundee, and his adopted home of Glasgow. It was in these two cities where he spent his formative years learning how to write and play songs.

Having always written about the people and places who've made an impact on his life, it's no surprise that this is how he has approached *Walking Back Home*, his first ever memoir, which takes the reader on a journey from Ricky's childhood to the rollercoaster of leading his band Deacon Blue to top of the charts and the band's eventual break-up and his solo career.

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Editor: Richard Roper

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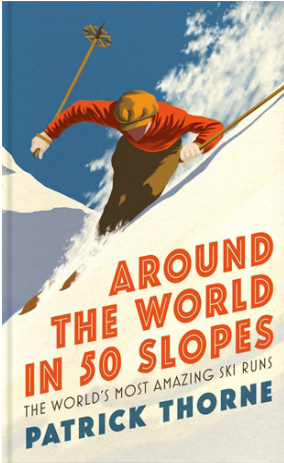
'I started to write about the years I spent putting the band together, on the first time we ever played in America, and about some of the musical characters I've met along the way [...] However, I still want to talk about the smell of *Born To Run* when I first got it home and how I saw the *Buzzcocks* looking at a Cliff Richard album sleeve in a Dundee Record Shop window. I still want to tell the stories of my Grandparents and parents and the woman whose voice was so vulnerable when she got up to sing at our church.

For all these years I've told stories. Sometimes these days I also tell them on the radio. I've met some amazing people and their stories need told too. The first time Deacon Blue ever played Wembley Arena I started to introduce a song only to hear, 'Get on with it' shouted from Row Z. We proceeded with the song, but I often thought I'd quite like to finish that

About the author:

Ricky Ross formed Deacon Blue over 30 years ago, and 2022 sees the 35th anniversary of the release of their debut album, *Raintown*. A string of bestsellers followed it.

Ricky presents a number of radio shows including BBC Radio Scotland's Americana music show *Another Country* (for which he has won two Sony awards and a CMA International Trophy in 2015) and *Sunday Morning With*, as well as Ricky Ross's *New Tradition* for BBC Radio 2.



Around The World in 50 Slopes

The stories behind the world's most amazing ski runs

Patrick Thorne

This armchair travel book details the amazing history behind 50 of the best - or, in some cases, most surprising - ski trails in the world. Veteran ski journalist Patrick Thorne has unearthed the incredible stories behind 50 unique runs from the utterly unmissable to the totally unexpected.

Discover the two different Alpine ski areas who claim to be Hannibal's route through the mountains with his elephants; the controversy around Sarenne in France, which attracts half a million skiers every winter, but cannot truly be considered 'black'; and why Belalp in Switzerland is host to an annual witch-themed festival that sees costumed skiers take to the slopes. Away from Europe, the book features offbeat and fascinating global ski destinations such as Scotland, Iran and even North Korea.

Complimented with practical information and hand-drawn trail maps, it is the perfect gift for the skier in your life.

Wildfire

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Editor: Philip Connor

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About the author:

Patrick Thorne is a veteran ski journo who has been collecting a database of reference material on ski resorts worldwide since the 90s; he also runs the Green Ski Resort Guide database.

Has written a dozen ski guides, including Powder: The Greatest Ski Runs on the Planet (Quercus, 2014).

He is editor-in-chief of InTheSnow website and magazine.



How to Clean Everything

Ann Russell

From everyone's favourite online cleaning expert and 'TikTok Auntie', this is the only cleaning book that you will ever need.

How to Clean Everything is full of genuinely useful tips and tricks, and advice about not just what but also what not to do. Covering everything from laundry to accidents, and cleaning room by room, this book also contains sections on more general household maintenance, particularly useful for renters or anyone living away from home for the first time. Ann's approach is realistic, reassuring and easy to follow whatever your circumstances.

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Editor: Anna Steadman

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About the author:

Ann Russell - a self-described "middle class English old bag" - is a self-employed cleaner who recently found fame (and 1.4 million followers) on TikTok, where she regularly shares cleaning and general life advice.

Affectionately named 'The TikTok Auntie' by commenters, Ann films hundreds of video clips every month, answering questions that range from laundry stains to dealing with grief.

Keeping up with the Chemo

Sarah Standing



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Editor: Sarah Emsley

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Sarah Standing is a wife, a mother, a journalist, a toy shop owner, a grandmother, a great friend, a daughter, and a lover of life. She does not have the time, or inclination, to deal with cancer. But shit happens. After a week or two of struggling to catch her breath, Sarah pops along to see her GP for a few tests.

By the end of the day, she has a bag of what looks like bone broth draining from her body and is dealing with a diagnosis of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. It's cancer, says her doctor, but it's the good kind.

Radiating personality from the very first page, this memoir is filled with joy, hope and love, and screams 'FUCK YOU, CANCER' at the top of its lungs. Covering the six months that Sarah undergoes chemo - separated from her family by the laws of lockdown - this book will make you laugh, sob and grab life firmly by the balls so you can live the hell out of it.

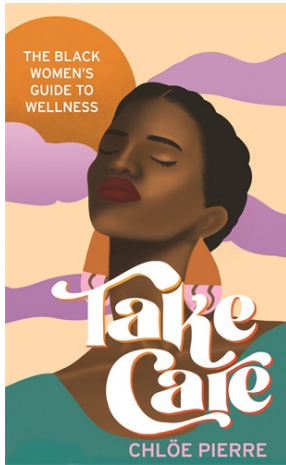
About the author:

Born in 1959 to actress Nanette Newman and writer, actor and director Bryan Forbes, Sarah Standing started her career in writing by winning a Vogue Young Writers competition at the age of fourteen. After six months working on Woman's Own, she spent the next five years freelancing, writing features for The Evening Standard, The Evening News, Ritz Magazine and presenting a weekly radio show for Radio London.

In 1984 she married actor John Standing and moved to Los Angeles, taking a seven year writing sabbatical, whilst she gave birth and took care of three children in quick succession.

Moving back to London in 1991 she became a contributing editor at Tatler Magazine. In 2002 she began writing features for The Telegraph and had a weekly fashion column on Saturdays, following which she became Travel and Lifestyle editor at The Spectator.

Today she writes regular features for GQ, Woman and Home, The Times and the Daily Mail, and co-owns and runs the independent toy shop Starbags in Pimlico.



Take Care

The Black Women's Guide to Wellness

Chloë Pierre

Join the wellness revolution by Black women, for Black women.

Take Care prioritises Black women and their experiences and encourages them to take care of themselves in order to bring their best self into the world. A space for Black women to cultivate their joy is truly a necessity at a time when Black lives are at the forefront of discussions online and in the media, and *Take Care* is the book to ensure that.

Chloe Pierre, founder of *thy.self*, the brand making self-care inclusive, wants to inspire Black women to take time to care for themselves. In this book she consults experts to create an inspiring and practical guide that offers ways to help you:

- Be your authentic self
- Embrace your beauty and feel body positive
- Deal with grief, loss and mental health issues
- Create a supportive and uplifting community
- Practice self-love every day

Take Care is a book of warmth, happiness and light, and will help you to refocus and put yourself first.

About the author:

Chloe Pierre is the Black female founder of *thy.self*, which she was inspired to launch in October 2018 after struggling to find a space that resonated to her within wellness.

Chloe's mission is to make wellness more approachable and accessible to the people that its origins are derived from. Chloe started her career working in fashion PR and over the last decade, has expanded her experience into marketing, where she now serves as a Digital Marketing Consultant for some of the biggest global brands including Nike Jordan, BBC and H&M. *Take Care* is her debut book.

The Power Decade

Susan Saunders

The menopause for many women is a daunting time of change, of unexpected health challenges, of rollercoaster emotions and unprecedented shifts in how we feel physically and emotionally. But we emerge wiser than before, and stronger than we know. For many, the years immediately post-menopause bring other seismic changes too - empty nests, re-evaluated careers, losses and gains as individual as we are.

The decade that takes us from our early 50s to early 60s is a time for us to take stock, to power ahead, to decide who we are and how we want to live as we face the future. And the foundation for that, whatever those decisions might be? Our health, physical and mental.

The years immediately after the menopause are the most important for a woman's health: the actions we take now will shape and define the rest of our lives. At the same time, we're dealing with everything from falling hormone levels to weakening bones: add in a pervading feeling that we've lost identity and we have a toxic environment in which to grow older. But this is the time to step away from the prevailing narrative of failing faculties and oncoming illness and instead power up to make the changes which will define how we age. From now, for the rest of our lives...

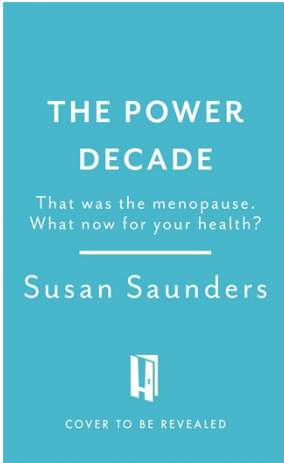
Susan talks to experts about all areas of a woman's life and looks at:

- * What's happening in your body post-menopause
- * What is good nutrition post-menopause?
- * How to exercise post-menopause
- * How to get your mindset on track to create your Power Decade
- * How to get motivated for the best possible health

Also included is a practical plan that lays out daily small habits which can have a huge impact - through meals, movement, mindset and motivation - to power through the post-menopausal decade.

About the author:

Susan Saunders is a TV producer, writer and health coach. Through one-to-one coaching, workshops and classes, she helps people across the world age well. Her website is www.susansaundershealth.com



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Butter: A Celebration

Olivia Potts

If you want to be a good cook, a joyful cook, you need to understand butter.'

Butter: A Celebration is a joyous immersion in all things butter, revelling in its alchemical power to transform almost any dish, from good to transcendent. Award-winning food writer Olivia Potts takes us on a grand tour of butter and its many varied applications, from old school chicken Kiev to millefeuille, from oysters Rockefeller to Iranian tahdig.

This is a book to be savoured for its wonderful writing, as well as for its irresistible recipes and expert introduction to patisserie, too. Full of history, anecdotes and, of course, delicious recipes resplendent with butter, it includes:

- *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
- *Brioche feuilletée
- *Damson plum crumble

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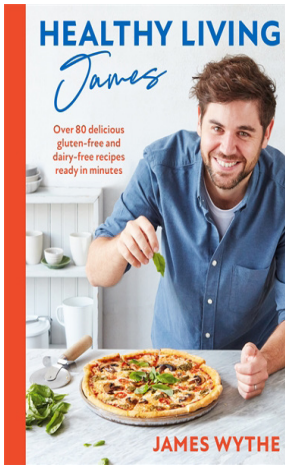
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About the author:

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.



Healthy Living James

Over 80 delicious gluten-free and dairy-free recipes ready in minutes

James Wythe

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? Goopy 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.

Recipes include:

- * Mushroom Stroganoff
- * 20-Minute Fish Curry
- * Chickpea & Avocado Smash Burgers
- * Cheesy Gnocchi Bake
- * Meat-Free Ball Marinara Sub
- * Garlic Flatbread
- * Salt & Vinegar Smashed Potatoes

About the author:

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. 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.

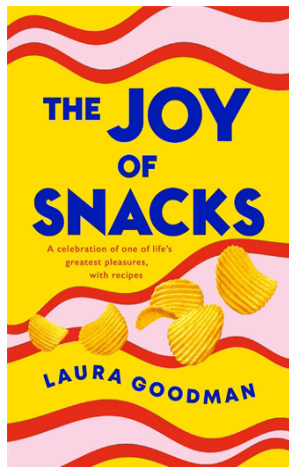
He decided to start a blog to share the recipes he was creating, in order to try and help others looking for gluten-free and dairy-free recipes, and in 2016 'Healthy Living James' was born. The blog attracts 300,000 page views a month and has a social following of 290,000.

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The Joy of Snacks

A celebration of one of life's greatest pleasures, with recipes

Laura Goodman

This book is a celebration of snacks in all their glorious forms, guaranteed to fill your day with snacking joy.

It's full of lists, essays and recipes to take you from your morning coffee (cinnamon crumble cakes and cherry-marzipan hand pies) to your evening wine (oeufs durs mayonnaise and mushroom pate) via salsas, hot dips, crispy bits, crab nachos and frozen pina coladas in the sun.

The Joy of Snacks will lift your spirits while satisfying your deepest snacking desires, helping you squeeze the joy out of life's big and small moments, whether it's party time or Monday morning.

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Editor: Anna Steadman

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About the author:

Laura Goodman is a food writer whose work has appeared in the Sunday Times, Eater, Food52, Lucky Peach and Waitrose Magazine. From January 2019 to January 2020 she wrote a weekly column about snacks for Grazia.

Her first cookbook, Carbs, was published by Quadrille in 2018. Nigella Lawson called it 'wonderful', Meera Sodha called it 'joyful, funny and intelligent' and Rukmini Iyer called it her 'favourite cookbook'.

