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### **Basic Books**



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# Evergreen

How living longer will transform Society and the Economy

### Andrew J Scott

A call for a radical re-examination of the way we think about health, ageing and the future.

Alongside climate change and inequality one of the biggest challenges facing the world today paradoxically arises from one of the greatest achievements of the twentieth century. For the first time in human history, thanks to advances in medical science and public health, the majority of people will live into their 70s and 80s and there are more people alive aged over 60 than under 5.

Rather than celebrating this extraordinary achievement, however, we see an ageing society as a threat, we worry about a growing care burden and the challenges of financing these longer lives, we fear a shrinking economy and a society riven by intergenerational conflict.

These concerns are all entirely legitimate if we don't make urgent and major reforms to every aspect of society and the economy.

*Evergreen* provides a roadmap for these changes. It argues that we have the potential to tackle these issues to create a healthier, happier and more productive society in the future. The first part of the book outlines the health and demographic trends which have brought us to this point, establishes the key myths and misunderstandings which have clouded our approach so far, and identifies the key issues which need to be addressed. Part 2 outlines the longevity agenda and focuses on the science of living longer and healthier and the transformations needed for our health systems, economy and personal finances to be able to sustain these changes. The final part looks at the social, political and philosophical issues around delivering an evergreen society.

### About the author:

Andrew J Scott is a Professor of Economics at London Business School. He has previously held posts at Harvard University, London School of Economics and Oxford University, where he was a Fellow of All Souls. He was the Non-Executive Director for the UK's Financial Services Authority 2009-2013. He is currently on the advisory board of the UK's Office for Budget Responsibility, the Cabinet Office Honours Committee (Science and Technology), co-founder of The Longevity Forum, a member of the WEF council on Healthy Ageing and Longevity and a consulting scholar at Stanford University's Center on Longevity.

He is the co-author (with Lynda Gratton) of *The 100 Year Life* (Bloomsbury, 2016) and has been published in English, Chinese, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Taiwanese, Turkish and Thai. *The New Long Life* was published by Bloomsbury in May 2020 and rights have been sold in Chinese, Danish, Italian, Korean, Japanese, Russian and Greek.



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### **Rights sold:**

Brazil (Record) Germany (Droemer Knaur) Italy (Marsilio Editori) Netherlands (De Fontain) Spain (Alfaguara Negra) Serbia (Vulkan)

# Speak of the Devil

### **Rose Wilding**

An unforgettable literary who-dunnit from an exceptional new talent.

New Years Eve, 1999

Seven women are gathered around a severed head in a seedy Newcastle hotel room.

Each has a very good reason to have done it, each swears she didn't.

As we follow the women, and the detective trying to solve the case, we discover how they each came to know, love and ultimately despise the man who has wound up dead.

The wife, the teenager, the ex, the journalist, the colleague, the friend, and the woman who raised him...Who killed Jamie Spellman?

Speak Of The Devil is an unforgettable debut about deceit, betrayal, the lengths we will go to see what we need to see...and the fallout when we can't do it for one moment longer.

### About the author:

Rose Wilding is a queer, working class writer from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. She has an MA in Creative Writing from The University of Manchester and works in customer service. This is her first novel.

### Baskerville



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# Meantime

### **Frankie Boyle**

The exhilarating, hilarious, and gripping crime debut novel from Frankie Boyle, one of Britain's best known comedians and writers.

THE DEAD DESERVE JUSTICE. INSTEAD THEY GOT FELIX MCAVEETY.

Marina Katos's body is found in a park and the police don't seem to know or care who committed the crime.

In a haze of tranquillisers, hallucinogens and Valium, her best friend Felix McAveety decides to solve the murder. To break through his drug-induced fog and get closer to the truth Felix enlists the help of a dying crime novelist, Jane Pickford, and his crisis-ridden friend Donnie.

Their quest takes them into the dark heart of Scottish politics, the orbit of drug dealers, and the matrix of AI, encountering Independence activists, the intelligence services and stalkers, as they seek justice for Marina.

*Meantime* is an exhilarating, wild ride through Glasgow's multicultural present and examines its colonial past. It's dazzlingly funny, grappling with big ideas, and is heartbreakingly tinged with personal and political loss.

### About the author:

Frankie Boyle is one of the UK's premier comedians and writers and is the author of three bestselling non-fiction books including *My Shit Life So Far*, and *Work! Consume! Die!* 

Boyle is also known for his shows New World Order (BBC2), Tramadol Nights (Ch4), Frankie Boyle's Tour of Scotland (BBC2), and his best selling DVD's and Netflix Special. Frankie also regularly contributes articles for the broadsheet press. He has topped the podcast charts with the first three volumes of his eight volume Promethiad sequence.



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# **Needless Alley**

### **Natalie Marlow**

An outstanding piece of lierary noir and the first in a PI series set in 1930s Birmingham.

'Buried between the lawyers of Temple Row and the merchants of New Street, and always in shadow, Needless Alley caught little passing trade. However, William did not need it. Those who required his services sought him out, and the only indication of William's business was his own piece of shining Birmingham brass, a small plaque above the narrow door to his office which read, "Mr William Garrett, Private Enquiry Agent".

Birmingham, 1933. Private enquiry agent William Garrett, a man damaged by shell-shock and a working-class childhood, specialises in facilitating the divorce cases of Birmingham's elite by photographing adulterers in flagrante. This despite the fact that he heaves his guts up with remorse after every job.

With the help of his best friend – charming, out-of-work actor Ronnie Edgerton – William organises a honey trap for Clara Moreton, the wife of a leading fascist. Although William's burgeoning romantic feelings for Clara mean he immediately regrets this decision, the entrapment goes ahead with deadly results. William is led into a Chandleresque journey to uncover a network of illicit photo shoots and upper-class corruption. His investigation takes him back to the seedy canal-side pubs of his youth, the crumbling manor houses of 1930s Warwickshire, and into the less familiar hidden spaces of the city's queer, bohemian society.

*Needless Alley* explores the complexities of gender and class dynamics through the lens of hard-boiled noirish detective fiction. Marlow's debut will also appeal to fans of Benjamin Myers *The Gallows Pole*, Louise Welsh's *The Cutting Room, Peaky Blinders* and Denise Mina's *The Long Drop*.

### About the author:

Natalie Marlow is a working-class writer who was born and still lives in the West Midlands. After completing her MA in Creative Writing at the UEA, she began her PhD at Birkbeck College, University of London. She has taught Creative Writing both at Birkbeck and De Montfort University in Leicester. So far, she has been unable to shake off her life-long obsession with hard-boiled detective fiction and film noir. And if you're asking, she likes her coffee strong enough to build a garage on.

### John Murray

NIAMH PRIOR Catchlights



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# Catchlights

### **Niamh Prior**

*Catchlights* sets the innocence of childhood against the violence of adulthood, the joys of a passion against the horros of an obsession, and the reality of death against the magic of life.

An Irish vagrant with a strange ability wanders Kew Gardens. She knows that the fine weather is going to break and the impending rain casts her mind back to a riverbank where a shady fisherman once asked for her help.

The same fisherman, years later, runs into a childhood friend and becomes intrigued by his wife. She in turn is charmed by his boldness and his confidence. One day she goes out for a walk and never returns.

In another time, in another place, a photographer notices two ghostly figures - of a man and a woman - on pictures developed from his vintage lens. The images become clearer with each roll of film, but his dogged investigation of the mystery could cost him dearly.

So spool out the lives in *Catchlights*: the past contains the present and future; shallow and deep acts of cruelty, love, selfishness and kindness reverberate for years.

### About the author:

Niamh Prior studied English with Film and TV Studies at Brunel University London, and later Creative Writing at University College Cork where her PhD was funded by the Irish Research Council. Her poetry and fiction have been published in journals including *Penny Dreadful, Southword and the Stinging Fly.* She lives near the sea in County Cork.

### John Murray



### **Olivia Fitzsimons**

**JM Originals** 

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# **The Quiet Whispers Never Stop**

### **Olivia Fitzsimons**

Set in Northern Ireland in the 1980s and 1990s, *The Quiet Whispers Never Stop* is a story of love, obsession and escape, an uncompromising, lyrical tour-de-force that marks the arrival of an extraordinary new voice in Irish fiction.

In 1982, Nuala Malin struggles to stay connected, to her husband, to motherhood, to the smallness of her life in the belly of a place that is built on hate and stagnation. Her daughter Sam and baby son PJ keep her tethered to this life she doesn't want. She finds unexpected refuge with a seventeen-year-old boy, but this relationship is only temporary, a sticking plaster on a festering wound. It cannot last and when her chance to leave Northern Ireland comes, Nuala takes it.

In 1994, Sam Malin plans escape. She longs for a life outside her dysfunctional family, far away from the North and all its troubles, free from her quiet brooding father Patsy, who never talks about her mother, Nuala; a woman Sam barely knew, who abandoned them twelve years ago. She finds solace in music, drugs and her best friend Becca, but most of all in an illicit relationship with a jagged, magnetic older man.

She is drawn to him, and he to her, in a way she can't yet comprehend.

Sam is more like her mother than she knows.

### About the author:

Olivia Fitzsimons is from County Down, Northern Ireland and now lives in Wicklow, but never lost her accent. She studied History at Trinity College Dublin and Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. The Quiet Whispers Never Stop is her debut novel. It was an Irish Writers Centre Novel Fair Winner 2020. She works as a screenwriter and in film development.

### John Murray



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# Rights sold in *The Secret Lives of Colour*:

China (Shanghai Insight Media) Estonia (Kirjastus Varrak) France (Editions du Chene) Germany (Hoffman und Campe) Greece (Crete University Press) Italy (DeA Planeta) Japan (Pie International) Korea (Will Books Publishing) Latvia (Zvaigzne ABC) Netherlands (Meulenhoff) Poland (Foksal) Romania (Barogue Books & Arts) Russia (Eksmo) Saudi Arabia (Jarir Bookstore) Slovakia (Ikar)

# The Race to the Future

### **Kassia St Clair**

Peking to Paris: *The Race to the Future* in 1907 will tell the grandest adventure caper nobody has ever heard of: an endurance rally halfway across the world at the dawn of the twentieth century, when cars were still in their infancy.

Following a route with very few actual roads, through countries riven with political strife, the story of the Peking-to-Paris race captures the essence of an era of profound social, cultural and technological upheaval.

Featuring an eccentric Italian prince, his chauffeur, a conman, petrolbearing camels and cars whose engines had to be wound up like mechanical toys, this is an unforgettable tale of ill-advised bravado under adversity.

### About the author:

Kassia St. Clair's first book, *The Secret Lives of Colour*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, a Radio 4 Book of the Week and has been translated into over a dozen languages; her second, *The Golden Thread*, was a *Sunday Times* Book of the Year and was shortlisted for the Somerset Maugham Award. She lives in London.



Spain (Urano) Taiwan (Motif Press) Thailand (Open Society Co.) Turkey (Libronet) Ukraine (KM Books) US (TarcherPerigee)

# Rights sold in The Golden Thread:

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# The Gathering Storm

The Countdown to the Second World War

### MICHAEL JONES

John Murray

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# The Gathering Storm

# The Countdown to the Second World War

### **Michael Jones**

The thrilling account of the countdown to the outbreak of World War Two.

Summer, 1939.

The remarkable events that occurred between the Nazi-Soviet pact and the German army's eventual invasion of Poland on 1 September were neither foreseeable nor inevitable. Gathering Storm is the riveting new account of this most precarious and fraught race against time.

In a countdown covering the ten days from the aftermath of the Nazi-Soviet pact on 24 August 1939 to the outbreak of war on 3 September, Mike Jones' gripping narrative uses a wide range of source material - many completely new - to provide a fresh, global retelling of events, anchored by the deteriorating relations between Britain and Germany.

Penetrating the halls of power during the slide towards catastrophe, The Gathering Storm is a stunning new depiction of Prime Minister Chamberlain's Downing Street in this moment of crisis, the manoeuvrings of the Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, President Franklin Roosevelt, King Leopold of Belgium, King Emmanuel of Italy, as well as the opposing machinations of Hitler, Ribbentrop, Hess, Göring and Mussolini - and of course the stark voices of Chamberlain and Churchill.

### About the author:

Michael Jones was awarded a history PhD by Bristol University, and subsequently taught at Glasgow University and Winchester College. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a member of the British Commission for Military History, and works now as a writer, media consultant and presenter. He has written books on the battles of Bosworth, Agincourt and Stalingrad, the siege of Leningrad and the battle for Moscow, as well as *Total War: From Stalingrad to Berlin*. Most recently he has co-authored *The King's Grave: The Search for Richard III*.

### Two Roads



# An Atlas of Endangered Animals

### MEGAN MCCUBBIN

# Two Roads

April 2023

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# An Atlas of Endangered Animals Megan McCubbin

A beautifully illustrated and fascinating compendium of some of the world's most vulnerable creatures - and how they can be saved.

There are currently 41,415 listed endangered species, and over 16,000 of them are threatened with extinction. Some are well known, while others are at risk of being forgotten before they're gone.

This book takes just 20 of these amazing creatures, from the 'celebrities' of the red list - the tigers, the northern white rhino, the kakapo - to the lesser-known, and sometimes lesser loved ones, and paints a portrait of them, their world, and the people trying to protect them.

An Atlas of Endangered Animals is a beautifully illustrated, fascinating and important document of an incredible world at risk, and, just maybe, a handbook for restoring it.

### About the author:

Megan McCubbin is a zoologist, wildlife TV presenter, conservationist and photographer. Her interest stems from a childhood growing up in and around the Isle of Wight Zoo, which specialises in the rescue and rehabilitation of ex-circus and pet trade animals.

She most recently presented *Winterwatch* alongside Chris Packham, and is the founder of The Self-Isolating Bird Club on twitter, and co-founder of Wildlife Rebellion.

A keen photographer, in 2019 she was appointed as the coordinator and judge of Young Bird Photographer of the Year.