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# **Orion Highlights** for 2024





**The Fellowship** of Puzzlemakers

## The uplifting and nostalgic debut novel from Samuel Burr, perfect for fans of The Thursday Murder Club and Lessons in Chemistry

Abandoned at birth on the steps of the Fellowship of Puzzlemakers, Clayton was raised by the sharpest minds in the British Isles and finds himself among the last survivors of a fading institution.

When the esteemed crossword compiler Pippa Allsbrook passes away, she bestows her final puzzle to him: a promise to reveal the mystery of his parentage and prepare him for his future.

Yet as Clay begins to unpick the clues, he uncovers something even the Fellowship have never been able to solve . . .



SAMUEL BURR is a TV producer who has worked on the BAFTAnominated The Secret Life of 4-Year-Olds. He graduated from the Faber Academy and the Westminster Film School.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398712300 × Royal, 368pp, £16.99 TPB: 9781398712317 x Royal, 368pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398712331 x £16.99 Audio: 9781398712348 × 10hrs, £24.99





## The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wastelands Sarah Brooks

# An extraordinary novel set onboard the Great Trans-Siberian Express – perfect for fans of *Piranesi, The Night Circus,* Stacey Halls and Jessie Burton

It is the end of the nineteenth century and the world is awash with marvels. But there is nothing so marvellous as the Wastelands.

Nothing crosses this land of terrible miracles except the Great Trans-Siberian Express: a train built to carry anyone who dares.

Onto the platform steps a curious cast of characters who must survive their journey together – but it is said there is a price that every passenger must pay. A price beyond the cost of a ticket . . .

#### JUNE



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Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781399607537 :: Royal, 384pp, £16.99 TPB: 9781399607544 :: Royal, 384pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781399607568 :: £16.99 Audio: 9781399607575 :: 12hrs, £24.99

# Orion Highlights for 2024





All the Colours of the Dark Chris Whitaker

# The gripping, sweeping new epic from the critically acclaimed no.1 international bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*

When teenager Patch is abducted, his best friend, Saint, will do anything to find him. But when she does, it will break her heart.

In a pitch-black room, Patch feels a hand in his. Her name is Grace and she paints the darkness with her words. But when he escapes, there is no sign she ever existed.

While Patch searches for Grace, Saint hunts down the man who took them. Even if finding the truth means losing each other forever . . .

#### JULY



Hertfordshire, UK www.chriswhitaker.com @chriswhitakerauthor @WhittyAuthor CHRIS WHITAKER is an award-winning author. *We Begin at the End* was a no.1 bestseller and winner of the CWA Gold Dagger and Theakston Old Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year.

Literary Crime HB: 9781398707658 × Royal, 592pp, £20 TPB: 9781398707665 × Royal, 592pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398707689 × £20 Audio: 9781398712263 × 10hrs, £24.99





### A fresh and razor-sharp debut novel, perfect for fans of *How to Kill Your Family* and *My Sister, the Serial Killer*.

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Alabama, USA www.tashacoryell.com TASHA CORYELL teaches English at the University of Alabama, where she holds an MFA and is a PhD candidate. *Love Letters to a Serial Killer* is her debut novel.

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### Breakdown Cathy Sweeney

Dublin, Ireland



Slow Down How Degrowth Communism Can Save the Earth Kohei Saito

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#### 'Mothers are not supposed to go on road trips.' A debut novel from the author of *Modern Times*

One winter morning in Dublin, a woman wakes in her suburban home. Her husband is next to her in bed, her children sleeping nearby. Without thinking much about it, she walks out the front door and never comes back. She finds herself in service stations and shopping centres, hotel bars and hairdressers – and in the beds of strange men.

Finally, alone in a cottage in Wales, she faces up to what she has been ignoring inside herself, her family and modern society: signs of breakdown.

CATHY SWEENEY studied at Trinity College and taught English at secondary level for many years before turning to writing. Her work has been published in various magazines and journals.

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## The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World Bettany Hughes

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## A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks David Gibbins

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### **Green Dot** Madeleine Gray

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# The Physics of Sorrow

Georgi Gospodinov (Translated by Angela Rodel)

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# 'Brilliant. Riveting. Sharp. Funny. Dark. I want to give *Green Dot* all the adjectives but will content myself with saying it is one of the best books you will read all year' Elizabeth Day

At twenty-four, Hera is a violently unsatisfied disaster, adrift in a sea of hangovers, malaise, ex-girlfriends and a spectacularly mind-numbing office job. Until a green dot on her computer screen changes everything.

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MADELEINE GRAY is a writer and critic from Sydney. She has an MSt in English Literature from Oxford and is a current doctoral candidate at the University of Manchester.

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*The Physics of Sorrow* is a dazzlingly inventive, sharply funny, mind-expanding novel from one of Europe's most important writers.

GEORGI GOSPODINOV's works have been translated into twenty-five languages and shortlisted for over a dozen international prizes. His most recent novel, *Time Shelter*, won the 2023 International Booker Prize.

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### The Story Smuggler

Georgi Gospodinov (Translated by Kristina Kovacheva and Dan Gunn)

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#### **Final Verdict** A Holocaust Trial in the Twenty-first Century **Tobias Buck**

London, UK

# An inventive and touching meditation on language, translation and storytelling, from the International Booker Prize-winning author of *Time Shelter*

In this exquisite literary gem, Georgi Gospodinov invites the reader on a winding journey through his own memories and meditations.

He shows us a childhood under Communism, a particularly Bulgarian variety of melancholy, the freedom and thrills found in reading and writing, and the coming of age of one extraordinary writer.

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# The extraordinary story of the last trial of a Nazi war criminal and its implications for history, memory and justice

On 17 October 2019, a historic trial begins in Hamburg. Bruno Dey, a former SS member, is accused of being an accessory to the murder of thousands at Stutthof concentration camp. The trial comes at a poignant moment for Germany, with the last members of the war generation – victims and perpetrators alike – disappearing, along with all first-hand knowledge of how the Holocaust came to pass.

Against the backdrop of modern Germany, as well as Buck's own family history, *Final Verdict* interrogates the significance and legacy of this extraordinary trial.

TOBIAS BUCK was born in Jugenheim, Germany. He is the managing editor of the *Financial Times* and the recipient of several prestigious journalism prizes.

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CELIA HAYLEY is a freelance writer and editor who has worked with some of the finest authors. The notable books she has curated include *The Best of A.A. Gill.* 

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Laura is a perfectionist and an extremely capable air ambulance doctor. She's worked hard to get there: gruelling years at medical school, new motherhood and new jobs, all made bearable by her two best friends, level-headed Olivia and live wire Anjali.

And then, one night, life overturns in a moment and the past threatens to shatter the present. Can even those we trust with our lives be dangerous in the right circumstances? And is there a limit to what we would do for those we love?

CHRISTIE WATSON is Professor of Medical Humanities at UEA and worked as an NHS nurse for over twenty years. Her debut novel, *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away*, won the Costa First Novel Award, and her first memoir, *The Language of Kindness*, was a no.1 *Sunday Times* bestseller. Her work has been translated into twenty-three languages and adapted for theatre.

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**Power and Glory** Elizabeth II and the Rebirth of Royalty **Alexander Larman** 

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Practice Rosalind Brown

Norwich, UK

# How Elizabeth II rescued the British monarchy from disaster

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ALEXANDER LARMAN, author of several books including *The Crown in Crisis*, serves as the *Spectator*'s world edition books editor and writes on literature and arts for various publications.

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ROSALIND BROWN grew up in Cambridge and now lives in Norwich. Her work has appeared in *Best British Short Stories* 2017, Lighthouse, Ambit, MAI: Feminism, Visual Culture and Propel Magazine.

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The Chain The Relationships That Break Us, the Women Who Rebuild Us Chimene Suleyman

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### Everything Is Predictable

How Bayes' Remarkable Theorem Explains the World **Tom Chivers** 

London, UK

#### A memoir exposing one man's control over many women, and the trauma and sisterhood formed despite – and in spite – of him

In January 2017, Chimene Suleyman headed to a Queens abortion clinic with her boyfriend, the father of her nascent child. Through an extraordinary chain of events, she would come to discover the truth of her boyfriend's life, realising she and many other women had been subtly, poisonously and patiently betrayed.

No matter how intelligent or self-aware, women can be manipulated into performing age-old roles of self-sacrifice and subordination. In this remarkable memoir, Chimene demonstrates the deception women face daily, both from individuals and society itself.

#### CHIMENE SULEYMAN is a writer from London and the coeditor of *The Good Immigrant USA*.

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#### A fascinating intellectual history that takes a littleknown idea and shows how it affects huge areas of our lives

Thomas Bayes was an eighteenth-century Presbyterian minister and amateur mathematician whose obscure life belied the profound impact of his work. Like most research into probability at the time, his theorem was mainly seen as relevant to games of chance, like dice and cards. But its implications soon became clear, affecting fields as diverse as medicine, law and artificial intelligence.

Fusing biography, razor-sharp science communication and intellectual history, *Everything Is Predictable* is a captivating tour of Bayes' theorem and its impact on modern life.

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## THE HYPOCRITE





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#### APRIL

#### The Illusionist The True Story of the Man Who Fooled Hitler Robert Hutton

London, UK

# A novel about a father and a daughter, generational divides and whether one should bite one's tongue out of love

The Aeolian islands, 2010. Sophia, on the cusp of adulthood, spends the summer with her father in Sicily. Working as his amanuensis, she types the novel he dictates, and their relationship begins to fracture.

London, 2020. Sophia's father, a 61-year-old novelist who doesn't feel himself to be a bad or outdated person, sits in a theatre watching his daughter's play. As the play takes the shape of their Sicilian holiday, he is forced to watch his purported crimes play out in front of him.

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ROBERT HUTTON spent sixteen years covering the British government for Bloomberg and is now sketch writer for *The Critic* magazine. He is the author of several books.

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### The Morningside Téa Obreht

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## The Waiting Game

The Untold Story of the Women Who Served the Tudor Queens **Nicola Clark** 

London, UK

# The Tiger's Wife author returns with a story about the residents of a luxury tower block in a dying world

There's the world you can see. And then there's the one you can't.

When Silvia and her mother are expelled from their home in a not-too-distant future, they end up at The Morningside, a crumbling luxury tower block.

Enchanted by the mysterious residents, Silvia begins seeing the world with magical possibilities. But her mission to unravel the truth about their lives, and her own life, may end up costing her everything . . .

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#### Agent Zo The Untold Story of Fearless WW2 Resistance Fighter Elżbieta Zawacka Clare Mulley

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The Missing Thread How Women Shaped the Course of Ancient History Daisy Dunn

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# The incredible story of Elżbieta Zawacka, the Second World War female resistance fighter known as Agent Zo

Agent Zo was the only woman to reach London from Warsaw during the Second World War as an emissary of the Polish Home Army command. She was secretly trained by the Special Forces in the British countryside and became the only woman to be parachuted back behind enemy lines to Nazioccupied Poland.

Through archival research and exclusive interviews with people who knew and fought alongside Zo, Clare Mulley brings this forgotten heroine back to life and transforms how we view the history of women's agency in the Second World War.

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DAISY DUNN is a classicist, art historian and cultural critic. She's won several awards and accolades, and was named as one of the leading female historians in the *Guardian*.

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The Cove A Cornish Haunting Beth Lynch

Cambridge, UK

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Artwork from *The Painter's Daughters*, published by Phoenix (p.30)



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CATHY RENTZENBRINK grew up in Yorkshire, spent many years in London and now lives in Cornwall. A novelist and acclaimed memoirist, Cathy speaks and writes on life, death, love and literature.

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JOEL GION plays tambourine and maracas with The Brian Jonestown Massacre. He was born in San Jose but calls San Francisco home.

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Strange Things Are Happening Adventures in Music Richard Norris

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**The Blues Brothers** An Epic Friendship, the Rise of Improv and the Making of an American Film Classic

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#### Hip-Hop Is History Questlove

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#### Smokin Jo, a legend in the club world and the only woman to win the prestigious International DJ of the Year Award, tells her remarkable story

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This tell-all memoir charts a life of transitions, farce and freestyled endurance. This is a story of minorities accepted first into the mainstream, then reluctantly ushered into the VIP area, but never made to feel at home.

SMOKIN JO (born Joanne Joseph) is an English DJ and record producer from London.

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London, UK

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VIVIEN GOLDMAN is a British writer, musician and journalist. She is presently professor of punk and reggae at New York University.

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JENNIFER LUCY ALLAN is a journalist (*Guardian, The Quietus, The Wire*) and broadcaster (BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio 4). She runs the archival record label Arc Light Editions.

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London, UK

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TED KESSLER is a music journalist (*NME*, *Q*). He has authored two books: *My Old Man* (Canongate, 2016) and *Paper Cuts* (White Rabbit, 2022).

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*Hit So Hard* is a testament to the enduring power of Schemel's music and an important record of the drug culture that threatened to destroy it.

PATTY SCHEMEL is an American drummer, songwriter and comedian, best known for her work with the platinum-selling band Hole. She lives in Los Angeles with her wife and daughter.

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#### Last Night a DJ Saved My Life

The History of the Disc Jockey

Bill Brewster, Frank Broughton

London, UK

## The first comprehensive history of the disc jockey, reborn in the White Rabbit Deep Cuts series

This classic book is the whole unruly story of dance music in one volume. It recreates the dancefloors that made history, conjuring their atmosphere and bringing you the voices of the DJs and clubbers at their heart: from grime, garage, house, hip-hop, disco, to techno, soul, reggae, rock'n'roll and EDM.

In 1999 this was the first book to do justice to the DJ's roller coaster ride. Twenty years later, it's fully refreshed, carefully updated and filled with even more stories, including two brand new chapters.

BILL BREWSTER is a DJ, music journalist and editor. FRANK BROUGHTON is a music journalist.

Electronic Music PB: 9781474625609 x B format, 848pp, £14.99

## White Rabbit Deep Cuts

On Some Faraway Beach The Life and Times of



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On Some Faraway Beach The Life and Times of Brian Eno David Sheppard

London, UK

### The authorised biography of Brian Eno, the 'Father of Ambient Music', reborn in the White Rabbit Deep Cuts series

A sonic alchemist to the stars, Brian Eno's address book is a veritable who's who of rock and pop. Tellingly, his involvement with Roxy Music, David Bowie, Talking Heads and U2 coincided with these artists producing their most challenging and critically revered work.

*On Some Faraway Beach* is the first serious, critical examination of the life and times of Brian Eno, from an idiosyncratic childhood to 1960s art school and the sharp end of pop charts around the world.

DAVID SHEPPARD is a music journalist who has written for *Mojo*, *Q*, *Uncut* and the *Observer*. He's the author of previous biographies of Leonard Cohen and Elvis Costello.

Music Biography PB: 9781399605717 x B format, 512pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781399605724 x £14.99



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#### **Solid Foundation** An Oral History of Reggae

#### **David Katz**

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### Out of print for a decade, David Katz's classic history is reborn in the White Rabbit Deep Cuts series

*Solid Foundation* is the definitive history of Jamaican reggae, from the earliest pioneers to the stars of the twenty-first century.

Drawing on more than 300 first-hand interviews with the likes of Lee 'Scratch' Perry and Augustus Pablo, this landmark book details the entire evolution of Jamaican popular music, including ska, rock steady, roots reggae, dub, dancehall, ragga and more. First published in 2004, *Solid Foundation* has been revised and updated to bring the story into the twenty-first century.

DAVID KATZ is a DJ and music journalist, who has also produced documentaries for radio and contributed to documentaries and feature films. Originally from San Francisco, he currently lives in London.

Biography: Arts and Entertainment PB: 9781399606141 x B format, 448pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781399606158 x £14.99

Artwork from *Head North*, published by Trapeze (p.46)



### **Fiction & Non-fiction**

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Launched in October 2016 with a mission to publish books that create space, take risks and start conversations, **TRAPEZE** has established itself as one of the most vibrant, dynamic – and commercially successful – imprints in the industry. Twice nominated for Imprint of the Year at the British Book Awards, and already the home of twenty-nine *Sunday Times* bestsellers, Trapeze reflects the world around us, tapping into the subjects that readers want to talk about now.

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#### **Head North** A Rallying Cry for a More Equal Britain

#### Andy Burnham & Steve Rotheram

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#### Unspeakable Shaking Pleasures An Erotica Collection Lucy Debussy

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#### Ambitious, courageous and thought-provoking, this is the vision for Britain we deserve and the one we need now more than ever

Andy Burnham and Steve Rotheram share their experiences of modern politics, from how the Hillsborough disaster shaped them and their time as MPs in Westminster witnessing its systematic flaws, to leaving to become Mayors up North and battling Boris Johnson during the Covid-19 pandemic.

They propose a ten-point plan to rewire and reimagine our country. A timely discussion around Northern voices, devolution and the failed promises of 'levelling up', it outlines how we can spread power throughout the UK and push for a fairer future.

## ANDY BURNHAM and STEVE ROTHERAM have been the mayors for Greater Manchester and the Liverpool City Region respectively since 2017.

Politics / Society & Culture HB: 9781398719736 × Royal, 240pp, £22 TPB: 9781398719774 × Royal, 240pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398719750 × £22 Audio: 9781398719767 × 10hrs, £24.99

## A collection of upmarket yet accessible historical erotica, centring feminine sexual power

A Spanish Inquisitor's daughter breaks out of piety to tap into her talents as a dominatrix. A woman inhabiting a male identity as a sailor explores a heady sexuality that dances across gender lines.

An exacting auctioneer loves putting the bidding paddles to good use, and a journalist follows a travelling circus to discovers a carnal awakening with the man who keeps the aerialists flying . . .

The erotic stories in this collection take the reader into a world of sensuality that is distinct, delightful and filled with pleasure.

LUCY DEBUSSY's work has been published in *Erotic Review, Best Women's Erotica* and *Mammoth Book of Best New Erotica.* Lucy Debussy is a pseudonym.

Erotica / Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398718869 :: A format, 176pp, £12.99 eBook: 9781398718876 :: £12.99 Audio: 9781398718883 :: 4hrs 10mns, £24.99



#### I'm F\*cking Amazing Anoushka Warden

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Across Mountains, Land and Sea

One Refugee's True Story of Survival **Arman Azad** 

## Frank, explicit and hilarious, this novel tracks the desires of a thirty-something woman trying to rediscover her sexual mojo

Maybe fannies and long-term love don't work well together . . .

Her fanny found her orgasms and love. But moving into her thirties, completely committed to a serious boyfriend, it suddenly can't get wet. It hurts. It might be broken. Surely there must be some way to get it going again?

Setting off on a desperate quest to fix her fanny, there's no limit to what she'll try. But what becomes of happily-ever-after for a woman who can't stand sex with the best guy ever?

ANOUSHKA WARDEN is a writer for stage and screen. Her second play won the 2020 Platform Presents Playwright's Prize. She's an associate artist at Pentabus Theatre Company and a podcast producer.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398714090 × Royal, 352pp, £20 TPB: 9781398714106 × Royal, 352pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398714120 × £20 Audio: 9781398714137 × 10hrs, £24.99

## The extraordinary true story of hope, courage and survival and one boy's journey across the world to find safety

When Arman was thirteen, he was forced to flee his village in the mountains of Afghanistan. Separated from his family he embarked on an astonishing journey across snowy mountains, treacherous land and unforgiving seas, until he reached Dover clinging to the underside of a lorry.

It was in the UK that he realised his journey had only just begun. This is Arman's unbelievable story of seeking a better life and education, and the marks left by displacement.

ARMAN AZAD is a pseudonym used to ensure the safety of the author's family in Afghanistan. He lives in the UK and works to improve the lives of displaced people across the world.

Autobiography: General HB: 9781409199328 × Royal, 304pp, £22 TPB: 9781409199335 × Royal, 304pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781409199359 × £22 Audio: 9781409199366 × 8hrs, £24.99



#### **It's Not Banter, It's Racism** What Cricket's Dirty Secret Reveals about Society

**Azeem Rafiq** 

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Open Season How Much Are You Allowed To Want? Cassie Werber

London, UK

#### A call to arms for greater accountability from the former Yorkshire cricketer turned whistleblower and activist

When, on 16 November 2021, Yorkshire cricketer Azeem courageously spoke out about his experiences of racism at Yorkshire County Cricket Club he was told that it was 'friendly banter' and that he was a troublemaker. The case blew up and millions of people voiced their support.

*It's Not Banter, It's Racism* is the story of how one cricketer started a nationwide conversation and provides a bracing look at the moments that led up to and defined the meeting where Azeem shared his truth.

AZEEM RAFIQ is a first-class cricketer whose accusations of racism and bullying against Yorkshire County Cricket Club became the subject of significant media attention.

Society & Culture HB: 9781398712409 × Royal, 304pp, £22 TPB: 9781398712416 × Royal, 304pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398712430 × £22 Audio: 9781398712447 × 8hrs, £24.99

## Two couples begin dating one another in a story that delves into the complexities of sex, love, honesty and betrayal

Hura and Cillian are on the brink of planning a family. But when Hura's career gets derailed, they decide to explore a fantasy: opening their relationship.

Roses has never been monogamous, but her connection with elusive James is electric. Thrown by the intensity, she suggests they try sleeping with other people.

When these couples collide, life spins out of control. Roses and James fight secrets from their pasts; Cillian and Hura test the limits of trust. They must decide which lines to draw, or to cross  $\ldots$ 

CASSIE WERBER is a journalist and podcaster. She co-founded the theatre company ChoppedLogic, where she co-wrote and performed in several plays. Her screenplays *Anmer* and *Rewild* were both shortlisted for 4 Screenwriting.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398714908 x Royal, 336pp, £20 eBook: 9781398714922 x £20 Audio: 9781398714939 x 12hrs, £24.99



Fifty Minutes Her therapist should be the one person she can trust... Carla Jenkins

Exeter, UK



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Shoulder to Shoulder A History of Solidarity, Coalition and Chaos Jake Hall

Sheffield, UK

#### A young working-class woman dealing with bulimia gets embroiled in an exploitative relationship with her older, male therapist

Dani is desperate to overcome her demons and return to university. Using her limited earnings, she begins to see psychotherapist Richard Goode. He's sophisticated, educated and worldly, and Dani's symptoms improve as Richard unpicks her self-loathing.

She assumes her fantasies about him are unrequited – but to Dani's shock, her therapist shatters the professional boundary. Their relationship devolves into one of twisted desire and manipulation.

Then Richard tries to deny their relationship altogether, and Dani knows she must seek justice . . .

## CARLA JENKINS is a writer and teacher. She is studying for a PhD in creative writing at the University of Exeter. *Fifty Minutes* is her debut novel.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398715844 :: Royal, 368pp, £20 eBook: 9781398715868 :: £20 Audio: 9781398715875 :: 10hrs, £24.99

### Author and journalist Jake Hall sheds light on the astounding untold lives of marginalised activists

Shoulder to Shoulder is a love letter to the pioneers of solidarity and coalition, offering a new global look at our histories of standing together and opening the door to moments where we worked through difference to build a better future for everyone.

Through astounding research and fascinating storytelling, Jake Hall takes us into the world of these trailblazers, bringing their tales to life and exploring the inexplicable joys and brutal realities of their fights for justice.

JAKE HALL (they/them) is an author and journalist who has been writing about intersectionality and queer culture for over a decade and has written extensively for magazines and newspapers.

History: LGBTQIA+ HB: 9781398718593 x Royal, 320pp, £22 eBook: 9781398718616 x £22 Audio: 9781398718623 x 9hrs, £24.99



## Half-Blown Rose

Can you escape from life and into love?

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#### This Close to Okay One moment of love can change a life Leesa Cross-Smith

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#### A Black American woman has to remake her life after her husband's betrayal, leading to a year of art and passion in Paris

Vincent is in vibrant Paris to escape a painful betrayal: her husband's bestselling book divulged devastating, unknown secrets about his past. She's due to see him again at their son's wedding, however, an intense affair with Loup – a man half her age – introduces complications.

Immersive and intimate, *Half-Blown Rose* traverses Paris, art, travel and the messy complexities of romantic relationships, as Vincent tries to decide what she wants, and who she'll be.

LEESA CROSS-SMITH is the the multi-award-winning author of several novels. *Half-Blown Rose* was the Amazon Editors' Spotlight for June 2022 and the inaugural pick for Amazon's editorial director Sarah Gelman's book club.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction MMP: 9781398718661 × B format, 320pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781398718678 × £9.99 (April 2023) Audio: 9781398718685 × 12.5hrs, £21.99 (April 2023)

### A spellbinding story about a therapist who stops a man jumping off a bridge and the beginning of a relationship

On a rainy night, therapist Tallie spots a man, Emmett, standing on a bridge ready to jump. She convinces him to come back to her house.

Over the emotional weekend that follows, Tallie provides Emmett a safe space – but he isn't the only one who needs healing. As they reach the truth of what brought Emmett to the bridge – as well as the hard truths Tallie has grappled with since her divorce – they explore hope found in unlikely moments, and the magic of human connection.

LEESA CROSS-SMITH is the multi-award-winning author of several novels. *Half-Blown Rose* was the Amazon Editors' Spotlight for June 2022 and the inaugural pick for Amazon's editorial director Sarah Gelman's book club.

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#### All That We've Got

Sometimes life pushes you over a line . . . and friendship can bring you back

#### Jendella Benson

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### *The Stepford Wives* meets *Get Out* in this mind-bending thriller, the adult debut of YA sensation Nicola Yoon

When Jasmyn and her family move to the predominantly Black town of Liberty, California, she expects to find liberals and social justice activists striving for racial equality. What she discovers is a terrible secret that threatens to destroy her world in ways she could never have imagined.

Because it transpires that Liberty is the staging ground for a group of Black people recruiting others to undergo a process to become white, forgetting their past lives and identities to escape the trauma of their current existence.

NICOLA YOON is a no.1 *New York Times* bestselling author and co-creator of the US imprint Joy Revolution and Yooniverse Media, with a first-look film/TV deal with Anonymous Content.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398715394 × Royal, 272pp, £20 TPB: 9781398715400 × Royal, 272pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398715424 × £20 Audio: 9781398715431 × 10hrs, £24.99

## Two young Black women become entangled when one is caught up in the drug gang run by the other's new boyfriend ...

Fifteen-year-old Abi is drawn into working for a county lines drug gang via her friends while hoping for a way to help her mum. Meanwhile, her neighbour Mimi is a single mum by her former youth pastor (a fact nobody in her family wants to examine too closely). When Mimi meets seemingly charming high-roller Raph, things become dangerous as he becomes more domineering – and then he turns out to be the head honcho of the gang in which Abi was ensnared and barely escaped...

JENDELLA BENSON is head of editorial at Black Ballad, the award-winning digital platform for Black British women. She's written for *Metro* online and *Independent Voices* and is a TEDx speaker. *Hope and Glory* was Jendella's first novel.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction HB: 9781398702349 × Royal, 288pp, £20 TPB: 9781398702356 × Royal, 288pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398702370 × £20 Audio: 9781398702387 × 8hrs, £24.99



#### **Our Country in Crisis** Britain's Housing Emergency and How We Rebuild

#### Kwajo Tweneboa

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#### JULY

#### Unheard The Medical Practice of Silencing Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan

London, UK

#### The game-changing book from viral activist and campaigner Kwajo Tweneboa that investigates and exposes the truth of our broken society

*Our Country in Crisis* is the real and human look at how we are continually failing the most vulnerable in our society, from someone on the frontlines. Kwajo Tweneboa investigates how we have got to this point, exposing the incomprehensible failures of our government and the brutal reality of lives ruined and lost.

Kwajo proves that there are real and reachable ways to improve our housing, education and healthcare, and hope this book will be a catalyst for meaningful change.

Social activist KWAJO TWENEBOA campaigns tirelessly against poor social housing conditions and has been highlighted by the *Big Issue* as a changemaker.

Society & Culture HB: 9781398719262 × Royal, 304pp, £20 eBook: 9781398719286 × £20 Audio: 9781398719293 × 8hrs, £24.99

## Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan reveals the real-life devastating impact of medical silencing and offers life-saving advice for patients

In *Unheard*, Dr Dhairyawan will describe how medicine struggles to uphold the principles of evidence and impartiality. As both a doctor and a patient who was not listened to in her own experience of endometriosis, Dr Dhairyawan gives a unique perspective on our health system and asks how a culture of silencing has for so long remained unchecked, and how doctors and patients can tackle it head on.

This is a story of the unheard, and a timely exposé of the medical world.

DR RAGESHRI DHAIRYAWAN qualified as a doctor in 2004 and has been an NHS consultant in sexual and HIV medicine since 2012. She is based at Barts Health NHS Trust in Whitechapel.

Autobiography: Medicine HB: 9781398718692 × Royal, 320pp, £22 eBook: 9781398718715 × £22 Audio: 9781398718722 × 8hrs, £24.99



#### When We Ruled

The Rise and Fall of Twelve African Queens and Warriors **Paula Akpan** 

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## Discover the reigns of twelve African queens and warriors from across the continent, by pioneering historian and writer Paula Akpan

In *When We Ruled*, Paula Akpan takes us into the worlds of twelve powerful women, following their stories and how they came to rule and influence the futures of their people. Through deep research and discovery, Akpan uncovers new truths and grapples with uncomfortable realities, allowing us to be immersed in countless moments of bravery, intrigue and, for some, the unravelling of their rule.

This game-changing narrative of twelve lives is a spellbinding and immersive history that is nothing short of revelatory.

PAULA AKPAN is a Black British historian and writer. She gained a distinction in her MA in Black British history and has credits in *Vogue, Teen Vogue, Stylist* and more.

African History HB: 9781398719897 × Royal, 320pp, £22 TPB: 9781398719903 × Royal, 320pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398719927 × £22 Audio: 9781398719934 × 13hrs 20mns, £24.99

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Honest and real lessons on love, life and family as you grow

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#### Please Don't Take Mummy Away

The true story of sisters left frightened, cold and alone. Can they be reunited with their mum? Maggie Hartley

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#### The first book from online agony aunt and TV star Georgia Kousoulou, perfect for Mother's Day

Georgia's life altered drastically when she had her son, Brody, and changed from 'me' to 'Mum'. She found herself saying, 'Oh, I wish I knew . . .' to everyone. How many times have you caught yourself saying it? I wish I knew that becoming a mum would be the hardest and most rewarding experience at the same time.

In her honest, down-to-earth style, Georgia shares the lessons she's learnt about family, relationships and love, becoming your agony aunt as she shares advice alongside her own motherhood journey.

GEORGIA KOUSOULOU is an influencer and television personality from *The Only Way Is Essex*, loved online and on screen for her honesty in the face of all life's ups and downs.

Parenting: Advice and Issues HB: 9781399619837 × Demy, 304pp, £18.99 eBook: 9781399619844 × £18.99 Audio: 9781399619851 × 6hrs, £24.99

#### A powerful and moving true story from *Sunday Times* bestseller, Maggie Hartley. Perfect for fans of Cathy Glass and Toni Maguire

When police are called to a local supermarket, they find an angry shopkeeper and a silent young woman. It's the third time Zoe has been caught stealing. As police officers search Zoe's flat, they find 7-year-old Coco and 2-year-old Lola alone, huddled on the floor in a freezing bedroom, crying for their mummy.

The girls are taken into care. It looks like a simple case of neglect, but with Maggie's help can Zoe convince Social Services that love is enough to be a good mum?

MAGGIE HARTLEY has fostered more than 300 children during twenty years as a foster carer and is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of over 20 books.

Adoption and Fostering MMP: 9781399620888 × B format, 336pp, £8.99 eBook: 9781399620895 × £8.99 Audio: 9781399620901 × 6hrs, £24.99



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#### **The Darkroom**

Case Files of a Scotland Yard Forensic Photographer **A.J. Hewitt** 

London, UK



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#### The Mysterious Mrs Hood

A True Victorian Mystery of Scandal, Arson, Murder & Betrayal **Kim Donovan** 

**Brighton**, UK

## A remarkably gripping and moving account of life as a Scotland Yard crime scene photographer

For years, A.J. Hewitt was the first person onto a crime scene. Before the detectives and the forensics teams, it was just A.J. and the body, the only sound her flashbulb as it lit up scenes of unimaginable horror.

In *The Darkroom*, A.J. takes us into the shadowy world of the crime scene photographer, from murders to suicides, accidents to assassinations. The photographs she has taken have put killers behind bars, freed the innocent and helped bring justice.

A.J. HEWITT is a professionally trained photographer who spent almost a decade as a forensic photographer with New Scotland Yard.

Criminal or Forensic Psychology MMP: 9781841884851 × B format, 352pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781841884868 × £9.99 Audio: 9781841884875 × 10hrs, £24.99

#### Unravel the story of Mary Jane Bennett in this real-life Sherlock Holmes case that gripped the nation

Great Yarmouth, September 1900: a young woman is found dead, a bootlace tied tightly around her neck. She is quickly identified as Mrs Hood, but despite national attention in the press, nobody knows her.

The curious case is decreed a 'Sherlock Holmes mystery' in the scandal-hungry, crime-obsessed press. Only when Scotland Yard get involved do the layers of mystery start to peel away . . .

'Mrs Hood' was actually Mary Jane Bennett. This is her fascinating story as told by her great-great niece.

KIM DONOVAN is a senior academic librarian at the University of Brighton. When she isn't teaching students research skills, she's rooting around in archives and libraries, infected with 'the detective fever'.

Historical Crime & Mysteries MMP: 9781399615389 × B format, 288pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781399615396 × £9.99 Audio: 978139965402 × 10hrs, £24.99



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#### **So Good** Food You Want to Eat, Designed by a Nutritionist **Emily English**

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## The brand-new healthy eating cookbook from the nation's favourite cooking duo, The Hairy Bikers

Packed with delicious and nutritious recipes, this is fuss-free, affordable and filling food that is full of flavour and fun. Inspired by the ingredients of the Mediterranean, Si and Dave will help you cut out processed foods and ready meals, making the most of fresh ingredients to create mouth-watering meals, with the perfect balance of vegetables, grains, fruit, olive oil and protein. With this new book they make controlling your weight even more accessible, convenient and quick, with a diet that you can sustain and enjoy for the long-term.

SI KING and DAVE MYERS, aka The Hairy Bikers are the nation's favourite cooking duo, who have published thirty books and sold more than 6 million copies of their books through TCM.

Diets and Dieting TPB: 9781399607360 × Crown Quarto, 192pp, £18.99 eBook: 9781399607377 × £18.99

#### Qualified nutritionist and social media star Em The Nutritionist teaches you how to live a healthy, delicious lifestyle

When we think of nutrition and 'eating well' so many of us jump to the words 'diet', 'unenjoyable' and 'sacrifice'. Sometimes we can see healthy eating as something we *should* do rather than something you *want* to do. This book aims to change that. To alter your perception of eating well and shift away from an all or nothing approach.

This is the go-to book to help you kick unhealthy faddy diets for good. In *So Good*, Emily explains the principles of healthy living in a fun and relatable way, with over 80 vibrant, tasty recipes steeped in nutritional science that are easy and inexpensive to make.

EMILY ENGLISH is a fully qualified, registered nutritionist and runs her own private clinic in London. She shares recipes and advice across her social media channels.

Health and Wholefood Cookery HB: 9781399620055 × Crown Quarto, 240pp, £25.00 eBook: 9781399620062 × £25.00



**Missing** A Life Finding the Lost and Justice for the Living **Charlie Hedges** 

**Buckingham**, UK



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#### Sitdowns with Female Gangsters

Up close and personal with the world's most dangerous women **Shaun Attwood** 

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### From the UK's foremost missing persons expert, a story about searching for the lost, vulnerable and abducted

In a career spanning nearly four decades working for the Missing Persons Bureau and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre, Charlie Hedges has been involved in some of the most high-profile cases of recent years.

From abductions and trafficking, to accidents and the vulnerable, Charlie has seen into the dark shadows of life. In his first book, Charlie tells us his unique story of finding those who desperately need to be found, and the people who will never leave him.

CHARLIE HEDGES is one of the UK's foremost experts on missing persons, and has been involved in some of the most high-profile cases of recent years and was awarded an MBE in 2015.

True Crime MMP: 9781399616188 × B format, 336pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781399616195 × £9.99 Audio: 978139961201 × 8hrs, £24.99

#### Up close and personal with the world's most dangerous women – featuring an introduction from one of the UK's bestselling true crime authors, Kerry Daynes

Drawing on many hours of interview material, Shaun collates a collection of hard-hitting conversations with nine of the most dangerous female gangsters.

With fascinating insights and gripping narratives, it includes interviews with Black Widow, a female gangster who previously worked for the Krays; a gang member turned prison rights activist; and the mastermind at the heart of the UK's most sprawling county lines operations.

SHAUN ATTWOOD is an activist, speaker, YouTuber, host of the *Shaun Attwood True Crime Podcast* and *Attwood Unleashed*, and the author of multiple true crime books. He is also a former trafficker who ran an international ecstasy ring in Arizona, before he was arrested in May 2002 and served six years in prison.

#### True Crime

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#### Your Pocket Therapist Break free from old patterns and transform your life Dr Annie Zimmerman

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#### Romanticise Your Life

How to find Romance & Joy in the everyday **Beth McColl** 

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## Understand your childhood, break free from limiting patterns and start living the life you deserve

Do you feel like you're stuck making the same mistakes in life? Perhaps you can see the pattern and know it's not helping you, but you don't know how to change it. Well, *Your Pocket Therapist* does. In this new book, Dr Annie Zimmerman will show you how to break your old patterns for good and start living the richer, more fulfilling life you deserve.

By breaking down complex ideas and offering simple exercises throughout, this confidence-boosting guide gives you the expert tools you need to find more purpose, resilience and joy in every day.

DR ANNIE ZIMMERMAN is a psychotherapist and academic known on Instagram and Tiktok as Your Pocket Therapist. She has been posting since 2021 and has amassed a large and dedicated following.

Therapy HB: 9781398716018 × Demy, 336pp, £18.99 TPB: 9781398716025 × Demy, 336pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398716049 × £18.99 Audio: 9781398716056 × 6hrs, £24.99

## The ultimate how-to guide to romanticising your life and finding joy in the everyday

Exploring all areas of life from solo travelling to the joy of friendships, tapping into your Main Character Energy, and taking control of your dating life, in this must-have guide Beth McColl shows you how romance is about appreciating the small things, because they can be just as magnificent as meeting the love of your life.

BETH McCOLL is a writer and journalist for publications such as *Metro* and *Glamour*. She has over 130,000 Twitter followers and is known for her tweets that regularly go viral.

Lifestyle, Self-help, Relationships HB: 9781398720862 :: Cutdown B format, 240pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398720879 :: £16.99 Audio: 9781398720886 :: 5hrs, £24.99



#### And How Does That Make You Feel?

Everything You (N)ever Wanted to Know about Therapy

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#### MARCH

#### Runner's High How to squeeze the joy from every step Jenni Falconer

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#### Dr Julie Smith meets Adam Kay in this hilarious and heartfelt behind-the-scenes exposé of a therapist's practice

Psychotherapist Josh Fletcher takes us on a candid and human journey into the individual sessions of four patients, sharing their self-discovery and recovery as they engage in therapy for the first time. Fletcher lets us into the inner thoughts of a therapist, from shock and sympathy while in session, to how it feels to run into a client on a messy night out.

And How Does That Make You Feel? is darkly funny, illuminating and full of promise that a better future is always possible.

JOSHUA FLETCHER is an author, therapist and media personality specialising in anxiety. Having been diagnosed with several anxiety conditions, Joshua combines his professional knowledge with lived experience to educate and help others.

Therapy, Memoir HB: 9781398713208 × Demy, 416pp, £18.99 TPB: 9781398713215 × Demy, 416pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398713239 × £18.99 Audio: 9781398713291 × 10hrs, £24.99

#### Experience that runner's high on repeat with running tips and advice from radio presenter and host of RunPod Jenni Falconer

There is nothing like the runner's high you experience after pulling on your running shoes, getting outside and putting one foot in front of the other; and with Jenni Falconer's invaluable running advice in your back pocket, you will be ready to hit your favourite running route with even more bounce in your step.

*Runner's High* will cover everything from finding your running routine, overcoming setbacks, exploring new places, the joy of running slowly and the power of finding your own running community.

JENNI FALCONER is a beloved broadcaster and presenter who currently presents the breakfast show on Smooth Radio. She has run eight marathons and has interviewed countless runners.

Running & Fitness TPB: 9781398720893 :: Cutdown B format, 240pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398720909 :: £16.99 Audio: 9781398720916 :: 6hrs, £24.99



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**Feel It All** A Therapist's Guide to Reimagining Your Relationship with Sex

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**New Happy** Why We Got Happiness So Wrong & How You Can Get It Right

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#### From certified sex therapist Casey Tanner comes an expansive, paradigm-shifting guide to human sexuality that dismantles limiting cultural attitudes

In *Feel It All*, Tanner will provide a comprehensive guide to uncovering your own expansive approach to sexuality and relationships. Moving through the phases of therapy, Tanner helps readers to assess and unpack the core beliefs surrounding relationships, sexuality, gender and more. Identify past trauma and pathways to healing and redefine sex by building a definition based on knowledge and possibilities, rather than by its potential consequences.

This book will help readers to explore new frameworks for their sex lives and intimate relationships.

CASEY TANNER (she/they) is an AASECT-certified sex therapist and creator of @queersextherapy. She is a global thought leader in millennial and Gen Z gender and sexuality.

Self-help TPB: 9781398716292 × Royal, 240pp, £18.99 eBook: 9781398716322 × £18.99 Audio: 9781398716339 × 6hrs, £24.99

### Take control of your happiness with this must-have guide from the creator of the mega platform @newhappyco

In *New Happy*, happiness expert and popular Instagram artist Stephanie Harrison shares her groundbreaking new philosophy of happiness. With illuminating artwork, inspiring stories and ten years' worth of research, this eye-opening guide will help you discover your authentic self, find true, lasting happiness and use it to help others.

If you have ever asked yourself, 'Who am I really?' 'Why aren't I happy yet?' or 'What am I supposed to do with my life?' this book is for you. Stop looking for happiness in all the wrong places and start experiencing it – today.

STEPHANIE HARRISON is the founder of The New Happy. She has written over 300 articles, is a regular contributor for Harvard Business Review and CNBC and is a keynote speaker for Fortune 100 companies.

Self-help / Personal Growth & Happiness HB: 9781398722088 × Royal, 256pp, £20 TPB: 9781398722125 × Royal, 256pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398722095 × £20 Audio: 9781398722101 × 5hrs, £24.99



#### JUNE

#### **Dark Calories**

How vegetable oils destory our health and how we can get it back **Dr Cate Shanahan** 

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## The Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before? of nutrition – a paradigm-shifting book backed up by data and clinical experience

Through a narrative account of the rise of the vegetable oil industry, a walk through the alarming science and an action plan to help you take your health back into your own hands, Dr Cate Shanahan shows how three factors – a combination of endless advertising soundbites, undisclosed conflicts of interest in research and the failure of medicine to focus on prevention – have turned nutrition science into a farce.

DR CATE SHANAHAN is a board-certified family physician and *New York Times* bestselling author. She trained in biochemistry and genetics at Cornell University before attending Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Diets & Nutrition TPB: 9781398720732 × Royal, 288pp, £18.99 eBook: 9781398720749 × £18.99 Audio: 9781398720756 × 6hrs, £24.99

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#### Harbor Lights A Collection of Stories by James Lee Burke

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Nurse Kitty: After the War

#### JANUARY

#### Nurse Kitty: After the War Maggie Campbell

Manchester, UK

#### A brand-new short story collection from the awardwinning James Lee Burke

Short stories from one of the most popular and widely acclaimed icons of American fiction, featuring a never-before-published novella.

These eight stories move from the marshlands on the Gulf of Mexico and the sweeping plains of Colorado, to prisons, saloons and trailer parks across the South, weaving together love, friendship, violence, survival and revenge.

Hailed as the godfather of Southern Noir, JAMES LEE BURKE is a bestselling author, winner of the Edgar Award and the CWA Gold Dagger and has been a Guggenheim fellow.

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#### Inspired by the first NHS hospital, the Trafford General, and perfect for fans of *Call the Midwife* and *The Nightingale Girls*

1950. Kitty Longthorne is now a Sister at Manchester's Park Hospital. With dizzying numbers of children with polio being admitted, a sharp uptick of major trauma from road accidents and growing political conflict everywhere, there's no shortage of drama at the hospital.

Outside of the hospital, Kitty is finally ready to marry her fiancé, Dr James Williams. But with the growing Cold War tensions, Kitty and James come under scrutiny because of two people close to them. Will they ever be able to set a date for the wedding?

MARGARET CAMPBELL grew up in post-war Manchester and worked as a seamstress and a midwife before becoming a writer. Margaret now lives in a cottage overlooking the rolling Pennines.

Saga MMP: 9781409191834 × B format, 336pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781409191841 × £9.99 Audio: 9781409191858 × 10hrs, £24.99



#### The Clinic Cate Quinn

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JANUARY

#### The Excitements CJ Wray

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#### An addictive murder mystery dripping with glamour and suspense, perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty and Sarah Pearse

This place will change your life ... or end it. Welcome to The Clinic.

The world's most exclusive rehab clinic offers treatment to the rich and famous, including Meg's sister Haley, a troubled country singer running from a terrible addiction.

When Haley is found dead at the clinic, professional poker player Meg goes undercover to find out why. Soon she's confronting more than her own addiction – there's a killer on the loose and anyone could be next...

CATE QUINN is a travel and lifestyle journalist for publications including *The Times*. Quinn uses her historical research skills to delve into modern-day lives through contemporary fiction. Cate also has a personal story with addiction and rehab, which she is happy to talk about in interview/feature.

Crime & Thriller HB: 9781398720459 :: Royal, 448pp, £22 TPB: 97813987720466 :: Royal, 448pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398720480 :: £22 Audio: 9781398720497 :: 10hrs, £24.99

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As young women, Josephine was a Wren who drew maps for D-Day, while Penny was an officer in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. Now in their late nineties, they are national treasures – but after the war Penny secretively found a more lucrative application as a very successful international jewel thief. As looted jewels resurface in an auction in Paris, can a much-loved and much-decorated (but frankly ancient) veteran, dressed exclusively by M&S, pull off one last daring heist? And will her sister let her get away with it?

Raised in the west of England, CJ WRAY studied psychology before embarking on a portfolio career.

Book Club HB: 9781398711839 × Royal, 352pp, £18.99 TPB: 9781398711846 × Royal, 352pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398711860 × £18.99 Audio: 9781398711877 × 10hrs, £24.99



#### The Favourite Rosemary Hennigan

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#### The Gentle Art of Fortune Hunting KJ Charles

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### A compelling and masterful suspense novel about power and justice, set on a university campus

Jessica Mooney seems like any other student at her university. She's talented, driven and looks set to be this year's 'favourite' in charismatic Professor Crane's Law and Literature class. But unlike the other students competing for his good opinion, Jessica isn't what she seems. She's carrying a dark secret.

Her sister is dead. Crane's to blame. And she's the only one who can bring him to justice.

Will Jessica be able to get the answers and justice she seeks, or will her search for revenge destroy her first?

ROSEMARY HENNIGAN is an Irish author who lives in Dublin. She studied law at Trinity College, Dublin, as well as at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a Fulbright Scholar.

Modern & Contemporary Fiction PB: 9781398718449 × Royal, 288pp, £14.99 eBook: 9781398704862 × £14.99 Audio: 9781398705043 × 9hrs, £24.99

## For fans of Casey McQuiston, Alexis Hall and Lex Croucher, this is *the* m/m enemies-to-lovers Regency romp!

Robin Loxleigh and his sister Marianne are the hit of the Season, so delightful that nobody looks behind their pretty faces.

Until Robin sets his sights on Sir John Hartlebury's heiress niece. The baronet isn't impressed by good looks or fooled by false charm. He's sure Robin is a liar, a fortune hunter and a greedy fraud.

But as the grumpy baronet and the fortune hunter start to understand each other, they also find themselves starting to care – more than either of them anticipated.

KJ CHARLES is an editor and RITA-nominated author. She lives in London with her husband, two kids, an out-of-control garden and a cat of absolute night.

Regency Romance MMP: 9781398715752 × B format, 320pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781398715769 × £9.99



The Longest Goodbye Mari Hannah

Northumberland, UK www.marihannah.com



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#### A Court of Betrayal Anne O'Brien

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## A gripping thriller about what happens when someone takes the law into their own hands, from award-winning writer Mari Hannah

Three years ago, police officer Georgina Ioannau was murdered, her killers never brought to justice. Now the prime suspects have been shot dead within hours of their return to the UK. Has someone finally taken the law into their own hands?

Seeking out the truth will force Kate Daniels to confront her own past mistakes and put her career, and her team's lives, on the line.

Multi-award winning MARI HANNAH is the author of the Stone and Oliver crime series, the Ryan and O'Neil series, and the DCI Kate Daniels series. She lives in Northumberland.

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## The captivating new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Anne O'Brien, perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir

The Welsh Marches, 1301. Strong-willed heiress Johane de Geneville is married to Roger Mortimer, Earl of March, at just fifteen years old. Soon Johane finds herself swept up in a world of dangerous secrets as her husband deposes Edward II and rules England alongside Queen Isabella.

When Richard is accused of treason, Johane is robbed of her freedom and must fight for justice – for her children and herself... Will she pay for her husband's mistakes, or will she manage to escape from a terrible fate?

ANNE O'BRIEN was born in West Yorkshire. She is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author and lives with her husband in an eighteenth-century cottage in the Welsh Marches.

Historical Fiction

HB: 9781398711198 × Royal, 464pp, £20 TPB: 9781398711204 × Royal, 464pp, £16.99 eBook: 9781398711228 × £20 Audio: 9781398711235 × 10hrs, £24.99



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Magnolia Parks: Into The Dark Jessa Hastings

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### The highly anticipated final book in the beloved Realm Breaker trilogy

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Alongside a group of reluctant allies, Corayne finds herself on a desperate journey to complete an impossible task, with untold magic singing in her blood and the fate of the world on her shoulders.

VICTORIA AVEYARD was born in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She moved to Los Angeles to earn a BFA in screenwriting at USC and splits her time between the two coasts.

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An Australian native, JESSA HASTINGS lives in California with her husband, two children, her cat and a dog she semi-regrets getting. She feels guilty writing that but is fairly confident he won't read it.

Romance

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### Owning Up George Pelecanos

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### Queen of Diamonds Beezy Marsh

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GEORGE PELECANOS is an award-winning essayist and author of twenty books set in and around Washington, DC. He was a producer, Emmy-nominated writer and story editor for acclaimed series *The Wire*.

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London, 1922. Orphaned Alice wants more than toiling long hours in Pink's jam factory. Inspired by the Queen of Thieves, Alice decides to set up her own gang: The Forty Thieves.

Sly seamstress Kate Felix has the same plan and will stop at nothing to keep Alice and her pals off her turf in the West End shops.

It isn't long before they make some powerful enemies, and Alice must sacrifice more than she ever thought if she is to become Queen of Diamonds.

BEEZY MARSH is a top 10 *Sunday Times* bestselling author. She is also an award-winning journalist, writing for the *Daily Mail*, the *Sunday Times* and others. Beezy lives in Oxfordshire.

Crime & Thriller MMP: 9781398718890 × B format, 304pp, £9.99 eBook: 9781398707771 × £9.99 Audio: 9781398722354 × 10hrs, £24.99



### The Forgotten Daughter Elsie Mason

Manchester, UK



### The Island Swimmer Lorraine Kelly

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### The second unputdownable saga in the Sixteen Streets trilogy by Elsie Mason

London, 1930s. Cathy is known by everyone as the landlady of the Robin Hood pub. But Cathy has a secret from her life before – a daughter, June, whom she had to leave behind. After all these years, can June accept her?

Cathy's friend Sofia faces her own dilemma. Encountering a man from her past, Sofia is given the opportunity to return to her hometown, Naples. It would mean escaping her own troubles in the Sixteen Streets . . . if only she dares take the chance.

ELSIE MASON grew up in South Shields on the real-life Sixteen Streets. After years as a writer, The Biscuit Factory Girls series is her most personal and heartfelt work.

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LORRAINE KELLY CBE is a Scottish television presenter, journalist and author, best known for her ITV show, *Lorraine*. She is the winner of an RTS Award for best presenter and has been awarded a 'people's choice' Scottish BAFTA. She is the author of non-fiction book *Shine*.

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### The Pieces of Us Caroline Montague

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### The Secret Beach Veronica Henry

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After losing their beautiful little daughter, grief has created a distance between Marina and Hugh. Marina knows leaving Italy is the only way they will be able to move on, but Hugh's family home in England is grey and unwelcoming.

Just when life feels like it may never regain its colour, the two come across a china coffee pot in a London shop window – with a mystery connection to Hugh's own family from many years ago.

But will the past help her heal the present?

CAROLINE MONTAGUE is the author of four novels. She is also a designer and mother to seven children and stepchildren. Caroline divides her time between England and Italy.

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Because as sure as the tide turns, there are no secrets in a small town . . .

VERONICA HENRY worked as a scriptwriter on *The Archers* before turning to fiction. She lives on the North Devon coast and has now written over twenty novels.

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### Invitation to Italy Victoria Springfield

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### Sylvia's Second Act Hillary Yablon

California, USA

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Abi is distraught when her ex-husband takes their daughter to Procida with his glamorous fiancée. Persuaded by her best friend, she heads to the island's Hotel Paradiso, and finally meets the woman she's been avoiding for years.

One-time swimming sensation Loretta runs the Hotel Paradiso. When childhood friend Salvo visits, Loretta must confront her past. But just as she's opening her heart, she discovers all is not as it seems . . .

It's a summer of new beginnings for both women – and one they'll never forget.

VICTORIA SPRINGFIELD lives in Kent with her husband in a house by the river. She likes to write in the garden or while drinking a cappuccino in her favourite café.

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So, she enlists the help of her best friend, Evie, and the pair flee to Manhattan to start a new life in the city that never sleeps. They're scrappy and determined – and they weren't born yesterday...

HILLARY YABLON is a graduate of Princeton University and The Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University. This, her debut, received the Allegra Johnson Fiction Award at UCLA.

Women's Fiction

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As each prisoner dies, the bell will ring . . .

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### R.J. ELLORY is a critically acclaimed author whose novels include the bestselling *A Quiet Belief in Angels*.

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Rome, 1659. Months after the plague, men are dying in unnatural numbers, and rumour has it that their corpses do not decay. Prosecutor Stefano Bracchi begins to investigate and realises he will have to uncover considerable horror, sorcery and deception to reach the truth.

Elsewhere in the city, Girolama and her friends are at work, helping women with childbirth, keeping them safe and foretelling their futures. But in a city made by men, being a woman is dangerous and there are no easy paths out...

ANNA MAZZOLA's debut novel, *The Unseeing*, won an Edgar Allan Poe Award, and her third novel, *The Clockwork Girl*, was a *Sunday Times* historical fiction pick for 2022.

#### Historical Fiction

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### The Emperor's Sword Christian Cameron

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### The Mapmaker's Wife Hannah Evans

Cardiff, Wales

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The Chivalry series follows William Gold, who leaves London to follow the Black Prince, from the killing fields of France, through life as a routier and criminal, to redemption with the Knights of Saint John, further disillusion and an eventual career as a professional soldier and knight.

Rich in the details of life in the High Middle Ages, the series also deals with modern issues about the role of violence in society, rules of conflict and war, and the price people pay for using violence.

CHRISTIAN CAMERON is a writer and military historian. He participates in re-enactments and experimental archaeology, and teaches armoured fighting and historical swordsmanship.

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LUCIE WHITEHOUSE grew up in Warwickshire. She is a bestselling author and writes full-time. She has contributed to *The Times*, the *Sunday Times*, the *Independent* and others. Lucie lives in Brooklyn with her family.

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This is a community built on dark secrets, and Cass has to wonder if hers, or Joni's, have finally caught up with them.

LISA ROOKES is an award-winning journalist and lecturer. She spent the start of her career as a crime reporter and news editor before moving to national newspapers and women's magazines. She lives in Holmfirth in South Yorkshire with her husband, two sons, an arthritic Labrador and a disabled pug.

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M.J. ARLIDGE has worked in television and his debut thriller, *Eeny Meeny*, was the UK's bestselling crime debut of 2014. STEPH BROADRIBB is the author of The Retired Detective Club series.

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RISS M. NEILSON is the author of the young adult novels *Deep in Providence* and *I'm Not Supposed to Be in the Dark*. She is from Providence.

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LORRAINE BROWN previously trained as an actress and has a postgraduate diploma in psychodynamic counselling. She lives in London with her partner and their son.

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Born in England in 1970, SANTA MONTEFIORE grew up in Hampshire. She is married to writer Simon Sebag Montefiore. They live with their two children, Lily and Sasha, in London.

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Born in London, D.L. DOUGLAS now lives in York with her husband and family. She's been fascinated by true crime ever since she encountered Dr Crippen at Madame Tussauds.

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## LAILA RAFI has a degree in criminology. Her first novel, *From Fake to Forever*, was shortlisted for the 2023 Katie Fforde Debut Romantic Novel Award.

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KJ CHARLES is an editor and RITA-nominated author. She lives in London with her husband, two kids, an out-of-control garden and a cat of absolute night.

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MANDASUE HELLER is the author of *Run*. She was a professional singer for many years before turning to writing. She still writes and records songs with her musician partner, Wingrove.

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KATE FORSTER is the bestselling author of *Starting Over at Acom Cottage, The Perfect Retreat, Finding Love at Mermaid Terrace* and many more books that she would want to read herself, so she wrote them. When not writing, Kate loves hanging out with family, friends and her dogs.

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WOLE TALABI, a Nigerian engineer, writer and editor, has been featured in prominent publications like *Asimov's*, *F&SF* and *Lightspeed*. Wole's hobbies include scuba diving, elegant equations and peculiar objects.

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