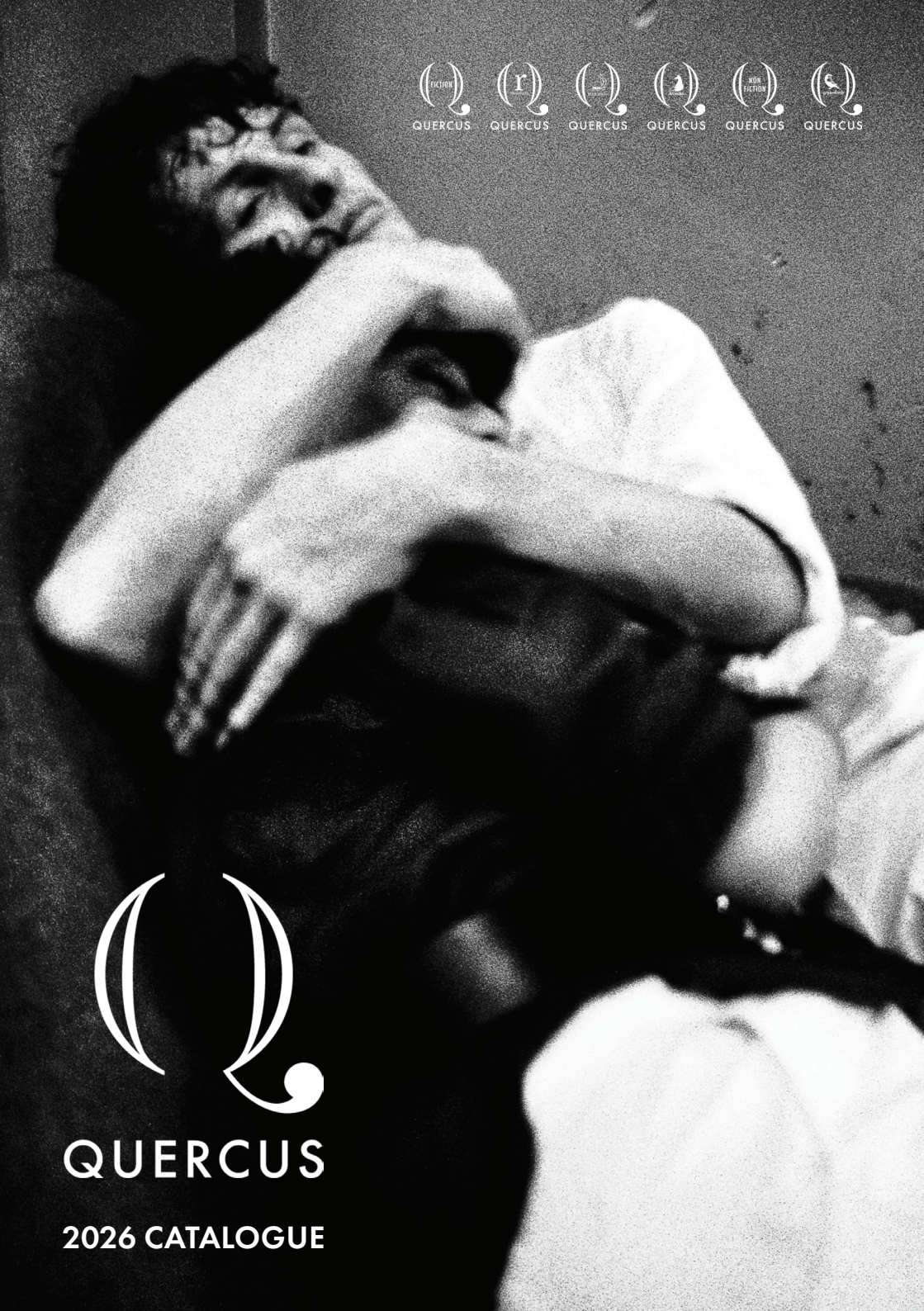


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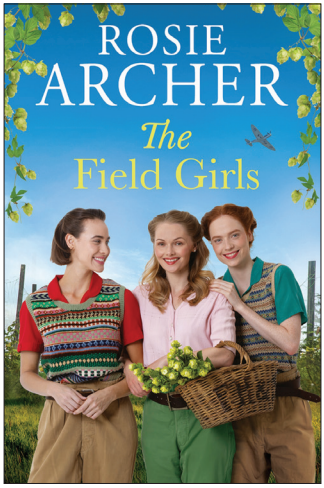
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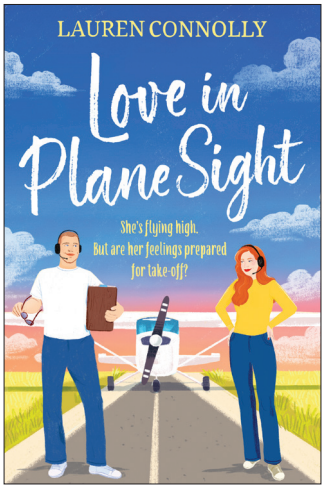
Eadie, Joy and Maureen are all doing their bit to help Britain win the war. Their work at Priddy's munitions factory is dangerous, but undoubtedly necessary.

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Rosie Archer is the author of several Second World War sagas set on the south coast of England.

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Lauren Connolly is an award-winning author of contemporary and paranormal romance stories. She's lived among mountains, next to lakes, and in imaginary worlds.

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Charlotte Duckworth is the *USA Today* bestselling author of five psychological thrillers. She also writes contemporary book club fiction under the pen name Charlotte Rixon. Charlotte lives in Surrey with her partner and their daughter.

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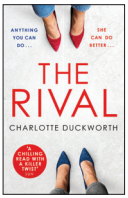
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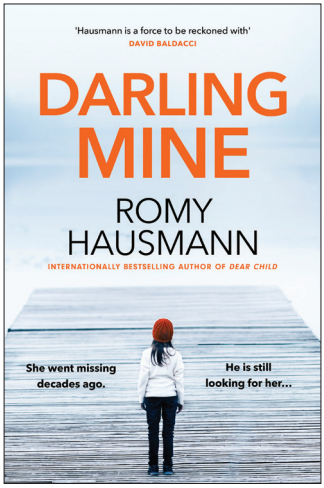
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She went missing decades ago.

He is still looking for her . . .

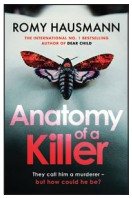
Julie Nowak has been missing since 7 September 2003. It broke her family. Only her father, Theo, doesn't give up on her. On the twentieth anniversary of her disappearance, Theo is contacted by podcaster Liv. She's come across a new lead. But if Theo wants to find out the truth he must be quick before his progressing dementia smothers everything in darkness.

Who has taken his daughter? Why does Julie's ex-boyfriend Daniel keep his mother's bedroom door locked, years after she passed away? And is there anything more gruesome than the uncertainty of not knowing what happened to your own child?

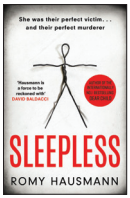
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Romy Hausmann's debut, *Dear Child*, became a number one bestseller in Germany, was published in twenty countries and has been adapted into an internationally successful Netflix series. *Anatomy of a Killer* is her third thriller. Romy lives with her family near Stuttgart.

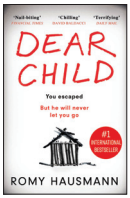
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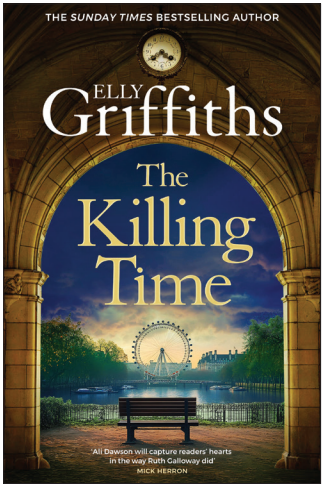
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Ali Dawson is a police detective who leads a unit that investigates cases so cold her team must travel to the distant past to solve them. But Ali and the team haven't been allowed to time-travel ever since their technical expert, Jones, got stuck in Victorian London, never to be seen again.

To distract herself from meaningless tasks, Ali decides to look into a present-day case - an apparent suicide of a young man who fell to his death from a high building. She believes the death is linked to a psychic medium called Barry Power, who convinced the boy he could fly. Ali goes to one of Power's shows where he claims to be in contact with Jones.

When Ali notices that evening that her cat, Terry, has gone missing, she decides to go back in time just long enough to prevent Terry from escaping through his open cat flap. A dangerous plan which backfires, and she finds herself once more in Victorian London, where she meets Jones, as well as Power, and the darkly mysterious Cain Templeton with whom Ali has unfinished business from her previous visit to the past . . .

Elly Griffiths is a multi-award winning author and No.1 bestseller. She has written twenty-seven crime novels for adults, four for children, and a volume of short stories. Her books for adults include the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries, the Brighton Mysteries and the Detective Harbinder Kaur series.

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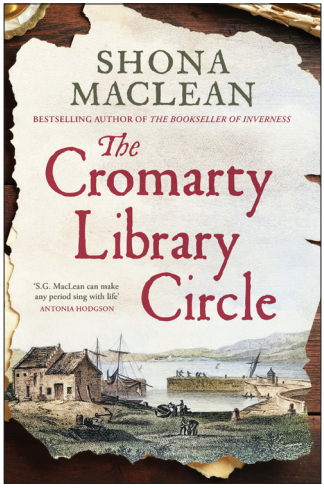
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THE CROMARTY LIBRARY CIRCLE

SHONA MACLEAN

From the bestselling author of *The Bookseller of Inverness* comes the unforgettable story of a Scottish town on the cusp of change.

Cromarty, The Black Isle, 1831.

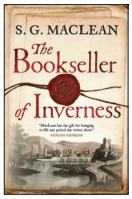
As seagulls shriek and rise on the coastal winds, a circulating library in the bustling port town of Cromarty is meeting for the first time.

Ostensibly united by a love of books, the demands of social convention have brought together a disparate group of people. Charlotte Mackenzie, the remote and fragile wife of the local laird, seeks an escape from a loveless marriage; her best friend, Rachel Mackay, a former governess who is ardently in love with her own older husband, the town's minister; the young schoolmaster, John Learmonth, newly arrived from Edinburgh with secrets in tow; and the gentle bank clerk, Ludovic Cameron who dreams of a new life across the ocean, far from his erstwhile schoolmate, the malevolent Farquhar Hossack. When the laird befriends a wounded officer, a chain of events is set into motion that threatens to upset the delicate equilibrium of the community.

Against the backdrop of mass emigrations, an encroaching cholera epidemic, political unrest and the campaign to abolish chattel slavery in the British Caribbean, the people of Cromarty must negotiate their new world and each other, flitting in and out of each other's lives through one extraordinary year.

Shona MacLean has a PhD in History from the University of Aberdeen. She is the author of two historical crime series under the name S. G. MacLean – the Alexander Seaton series and the Damian Seeker series. Her standalone Jacobite thriller, *The Bookseller of Inverness*, was Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2023.

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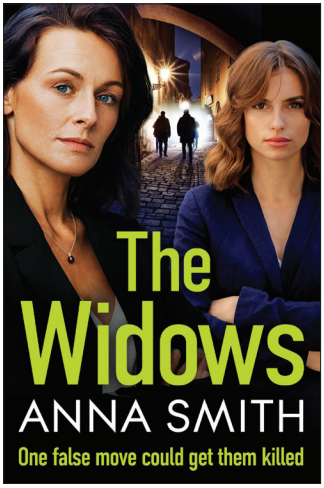
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Anna Smith has been a journalist for over twenty years and is a former chief reporter for the Daily Record in Glasgow.

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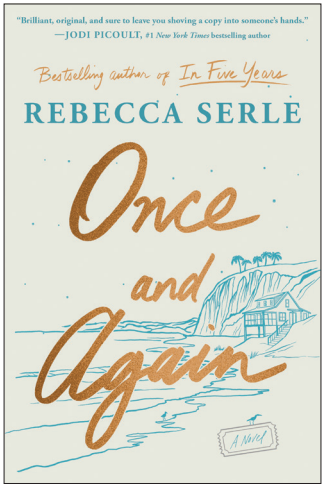
Stuntwoman Gabi hates being tied down. Stubborn and fiercely independent, she prides herself on never needing anyone's help.

Local hero Walker is the town's favourite firefighter. As strong as he is tall, he could have any woman he wants. He just can't stop thinking about Gabi.

He's fire, she's ice, and sparks fly between them. Gabi doesn't want to settle down, but could Walker be someone worth staying for?

Pippa Nixon lives in Guildford with her husband and four teenage boys. She is an alumnus of the Faber Academy.

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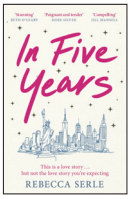
Lauren has known since she was fifteen that her mother Marcella saved Lauren's father from a deadly car accident. Dave is alive and happy, but ever since, Marcella has lived in fear of what she won't be able to reverse. Her own mother, Sylvia, is her polar opposite: a free-spirited iconoclast with a glamorous past she only hints at. Lauren has spent her life between these two role models, waiting for her own catastrophe to strike.

When Lauren's husband takes a job in New York, she moves back to her childhood home on the shores of Malibu, looking forward to surfing with her dad again and perhaps repairing an unspoken fracture in her relationship with her mother. What she doesn't expect is for the boy next to door to return home as well: Stone, Lauren's first love, who broke her heart nearly a decade before.

As Lauren falls into familiar patterns, with her family and, more dangerously, Stone, she finds herself thinking about all the choices that have brought her to this moment. And wondering, finally, if one of them should be undone.

Rebecca Serle is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *One Italian Summer*, *In Five Years*, *The Dinner List*, and the young adult novels *The Edge of Falling* and *When You Were Mine*.

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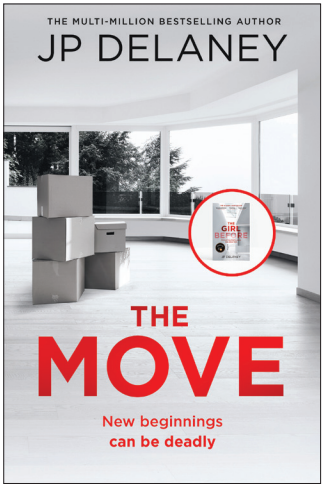
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Kate and Matt Crowther are finally moving out of London, in search of a better life for their young family. Trade Cottage seems to be the house of their dreams – and they immediately hit it off with the sellers, Rosemary and Paul Finch, who brought up their own family there.

When Kate and Matt move in, they're pleased to discover the Finches still very much in evidence: offering advice, introducing them to the local community, and becoming honorary grandparents to Will, eleven, and Tilly, nine. But when the Finches take exception to Kate and Matt's renovations, relations with the neighbours sour, and Kate and Matt find themselves subjected to a vicious campaign of hate.

But Kate isn't giving up her dream home without a fight. And it turns out Trade Cottage has secrets of its own to reveal – secrets that may endanger the very family Kate has moved there to protect . . .

JP Delaney's first psychological thriller, *The Girl Before*, was an international bestseller and has sold over a million copies worldwide. His subsequent books were also top ten bestsellers.

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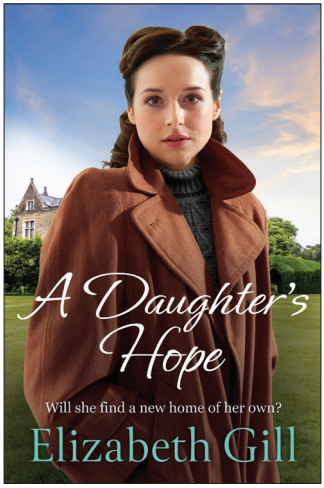
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The author of 40 novels, **Elizabeth Gill** spent all of her life in Durham, until recently moving to North West Wales to be with family.

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KATE WEBB

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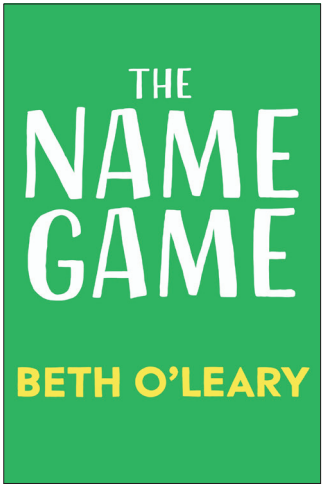
The key suspect, Aidan Tobin, was known as a loving husband and father, but his desperate attempt to take his own life is as good as a confession.

August 2021. A survivor of the attacks regains a memory of that horrific night.

Chloë Tobin never believed her father was guilty. Now, she insists that somebody else was involved. As DI Matt Lockyer and DC Gemma Broad begin to investigate, they soon discover there's more to this case than meets the eye...

Kate Webb grew up in Hampshire before reading History at Durham University. She has written several historical novels under the name Katherine Webb.

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The Isle of Ormer: population 500, soon to be 501.

Charlie Jones has landed on the island to embark on her brand new life. As the manager at Ormer's only farm shop, this job will be her perfect next chapter. Good riddance to the mainland, this is it – fresh air, and a clean slate.

Except there is one small issue . . .

Charlie Jones has also just arrived on the Isle of Ormer, to embark on his brand new life. His job at the farm shop feels like fate, and could not have come at a better moment. On Ormer, Charlie has promised himself he'll escape old friends, bad habits and heartbreak.

This second chance is the best thing that could have happened to Charlie . . . and Charlie.

That is, until they are introduced . . .

***The Name Game* is the brand new love story from the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Flatshare* and *Swept Away*, about second chances becoming new beginnings and about love finding us in the most secluded of places.**

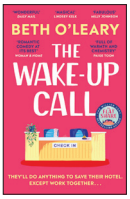
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Beth O'Leary is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author whose novels have been translated into more than thirty languages, two of which – *The Flatshare* and *The Road Trip* – have been adapted for television. She lives in the Hampshire countryside with her family.

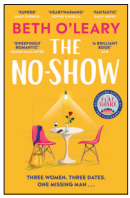
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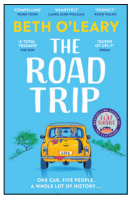
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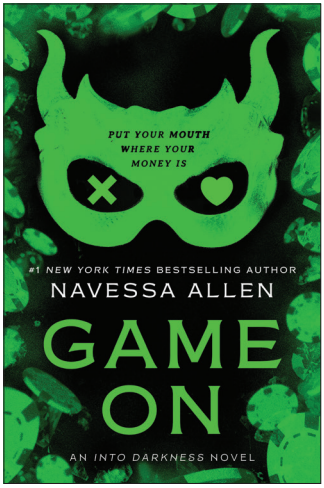
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I hate that woman.

Tyler Neumann has spent years looking for his father, and not because he wants to meet the man. No, he wants to destroy him. And he'll manipulate whoever he can to exact his revenge.

Including Stella McCormick. She's everything Tyler hates. Her wealth and privilege have protected her for her entire life, and Tyler thinks it's time she finally paid the price. Whether she's ready to or not.

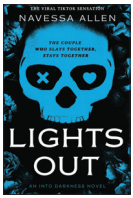
I hate that man.

Stella might not believe in love at first sight, but loathing at first sight – no question. From the moment she sets eyes on Tyler in her tattoo parlor, she knows he's the devil planning to make her life hell.

Forced to play the part of his girlfriend and invite him into her family's glittering circles, Stella quickly clocks Tyler's ulterior motives. But love and hate are two sides of the same coin, and soon she doesn't know which is worse: being blackmailed by a man who wants to ruin her, or that they can't seem to keep their hands off each other.

New York Times and *USA TODAY* bestselling author **Navessa Allen** lives in northern New England on a 200-year-old farm with her husband, their cats, and an assortment of farm animals.

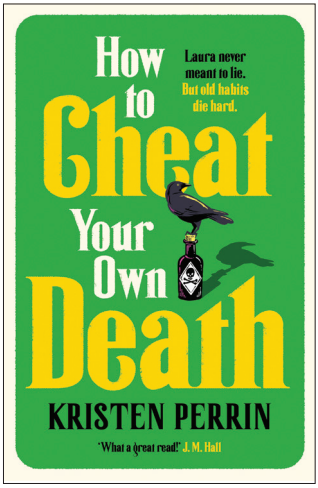
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HOW TO CHEAT YOUR OWN DEATH

KRISTEN PERRIN

The latest thrilling instalment in the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling series, in which Annie Adams and her Great Aunt Frances team up across decades to solve two interlocking murders.

Laura never meant to lie. But old habits die hard.

When Annie Adams heads to London to visit her mother, Laura, the last thing she expects to find is a dead body. Least of all for it to be Fliss, the budding artist Laura had just taken under her wing.

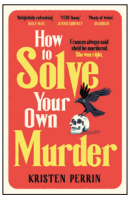
Annie is no stranger to murder - after all, she's solved a few cases already. And something about the way Fliss died feels familiar. She's seen a case like this before. Or read about it, rather, in the journals of her dead Great Aunt Frances, whose close friend was killed in the 1960s in the exact same way: with her heart surgically removed from her chest.

As threats pile up on Laura's doorstep, it soon becomes clear that she's next, and that she's hiding something . . . With her mother's life on the line, can Annie find the killer before it's too late?

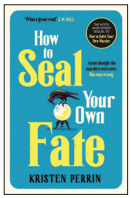
From the gritty streets of 1960s Soho to the lofty galleries of present-day West London, follow Annie and Frances as they race to bring a killer to justice.

Kristen Perrin is originally from Seattle, Washington, where she spent several years working as a bookseller before immigrating to the UK to do a Masters and PhD. Her debut murder mystery *How to Solve Your Own Murder* has been translated into over twenty languages and was a *New York Times*, *Indiebound*, *USA Today*, and *Der Spiegel* bestseller.

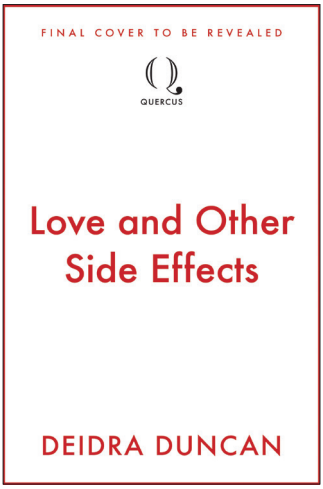
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LOVE AND OTHER SIDE EFFECTS

DEIDRA DUNCAN

An emotional friends-to-lovers medical romance, perfect for fans of Ali Hazelwood and Abby Jimenez.

Doctor Asher Foley feels like an imposter – as a lover of practical jokes, he can't shake the feeling he'll never lose his reputation as a jokester.

Jocelyn Maddox is a paradox – a confident, affectionate anaesthesiologist who refuses to love.

But when a surgical complication compels Asher to confide his insecurities to Joss, she uncovers a whole new side to him – one that might just break through her walls.

Deidra Duncan is a board-certified OB/GYN and lover of all things angsty and romantic. Based in Florida, she spends her days either delivering babies or lounging in the sun with her kids and husband.

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The Leah Hutch series

REMI KONE

From the author of *Innocent Guilt* comes a gripping new novel: Three incidents. One connection. What secrets make people kill?

London during a blistering heatwave. A man wakes in the night, assumes it's a burglar – but nothing prepares him for what he finds.

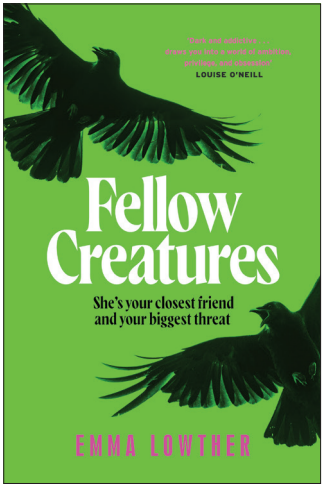
Across the city, DI Leah Hutch and DS Benjamin Randle are called to a murder. The only suspect is a friend from Leah's past who refuses to speak to anyone but her.

Meanwhile, fourteen-year-old Zed Okoro's mother has vanished. He will do anything to find her – even risk his own life.

As Leah and Randle investigate, they discover a conspiracy with roots far from home.

British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer, **Remi Kone** has worked on a number of well-known television dramas, including *Killing Eve* and *Spooks*. She lives in London.

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There, Shannon meets Victoria: dazzling, wealthy, beautiful Victoria. The two become inseparable, Victoria the shining centre of Shannon's new world.

And suddenly, Shannon is no longer a nobody. Instead she's on the inside, part of Victoria's exclusive set of promising young somethings. They spend their days competing for roles, and their nights vying for each other's affections.

But when Victoria's privilege begins to single her out from her peers, Shannon finds their friendship – and her jealousy – spinning out of control, with fatal consequences.

'Dark and addictive . . . draws you into a world of ambition, privilege, and obsession' Louise O'Neill

Emma Lowther is a queer, neurodivergent, northern writer. Winner of the 2021 London Writer's Award, Emma trained as a performer at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and now works as an actor, voiceover artist and freelance copywriter.

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ANYTHING FOR LOVE

JOANNA BOLOURI

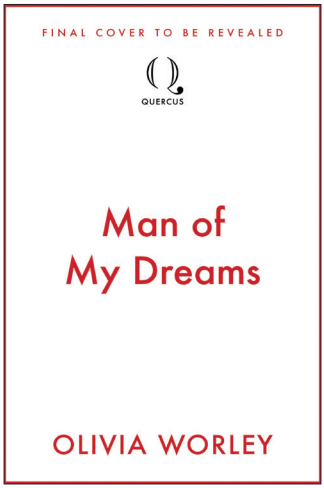
What would you do to find the one?

Sophie is in her mid-forties and has never been in love. And when she sees on Instagram that the only man she's ever properly fancied is engaged, a thought that was nagging at her becomes a full-blown crisis.

Panicked google searches follow, but luckily the internet is full of articles on how to fall in love and where to find it. One in particular catches her eye: '365 days of Yes' by Alex Stewart. Sophie decides to use this article as a guide - to say yes to everything and to put herself out there at all costs . . . to do anything for love. What could go wrong?

Joanna Bolouri worked in sales before she began writing professionally at the age of thirty. She lives in Glasgow with her daughter.

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MAN OF MY DREAMS

OLIVIA WORLEY

A romance author is shocked when one of her characters-in-progress seemingly comes to life... but is he too good to be true?

A bestselling romance author with a sad relationship track. Ivy Harcourt's been as unlucky in love as she's been successful in writing. Until she runs into Liam. Good-looking, charming, British, hot-architect Liam.

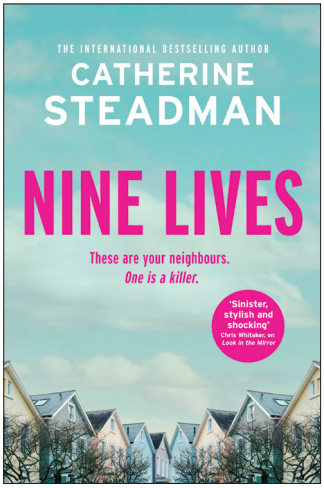
The same exact person as the love interest in her next book.

When an instant connection leads to a whirlwind relationship, Ivy is convinced she's found the dream man. Except he might be too perfect. He might be hiding something.

And Ivy may not be telling everything she knows.

Olivia Worley was born and raised in New Orleans. A graduate of Northwestern University, she now lives in New York City. Her young adult debut, *People to Follow* was published in 2023.

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NINE LIVES

CATHERINE STEADMAN

The latest addictive and twisty thriller from the author of *The Family Game* and *Look in the Mirror*.

These are your neighbours. One is a killer.

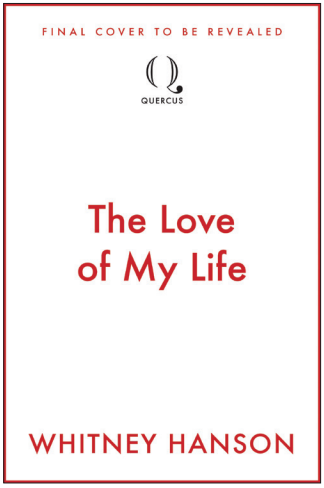
Reeling from her divorce, Frankie moves into a glamorous London neighbourhood, just her and her beautiful Persian cat.

But when Blue returns one night with two words – HELP ME – scratched roughly into his collar, Frankie realises not all is as it seems behind the pastel-coloured façade.

And what begins as a voyeuristic fascination with her neighbours and the secrets they're hiding soon turns into a perilous quest for the truth that threatens to bring untold terrors to her doorstep.

Catherine Steadman is a *New York Times* bestselling author, screenwriter and actress based in London.

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THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

WHITNEY HANSON

The brand new poetry collection from the internationally bestselling poet and TikTok phenomenon, Whitney Hanson.

the love of my life is a poetry collection that traces the process of rediscovering a love for life after change, disconnection, and personal upheaval. Using the metaphor of fires, the book is structured in three sections – **Burning**, **Ashes**, and **Reclamation** – to reflect the cycles of destruction, numbness, and renewal that accompany deep inner work.

Poet and musician **Whitney Hanson** is the author of *Home*, *Harmony*, and *Climate*. She lives in Montana.

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THE MISSED CONNECTION

TIA WILLIAMS

The brand new romance from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Seven Days in June*.

In this brand new romance from Tia Williams, we meet Sasha Cruz, a commercial casting director, who accidentally sparks a worldwide search for the sexy stranger she made a deep connection with on a flight to Paris.

Everyone loves Tia Williams' novels

'Funny, sexy, and breathtakingly romantic' Emily Henry

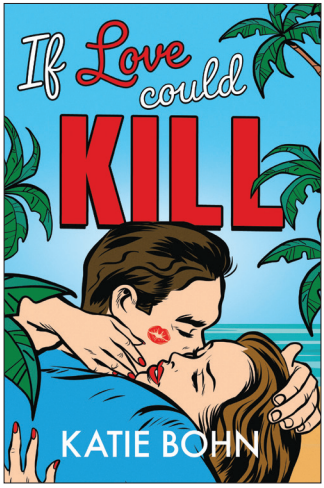
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Tia Williams is the bestselling author of several novels for adults and young adults. She lives with her family in Brooklyn.

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IF LOVE COULD KILL

KATIE BOHN

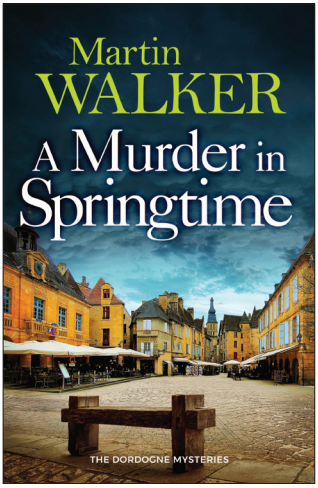
Second-chance romance meets murder mystery in this spicy, sexy summer read. Perfect for fans of Alicia Thompson and Ali Hazelwood.

Hollywood make-up artist Mara has given up on romance to focus on her career. So when an old director friend enlists her to makeover his murder mystery guests, Mara gladly agrees.

To Mara's horror, also invited is her ex, Austin, who she swore she'd never get close to again. But when one of the group is found dead, they're forced to work together to make it out alive.

Katie Bohn is a communications specialist by day and a fiction writer by night, writing about love and the mysteries that go along with it.

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A MURDER IN SPRINGTIME

MARTIN WALKER

The latest instalment in The Dordogne Mysteries in which a woman newly arrived to the quiet town of St. Denis is brutally murdered.

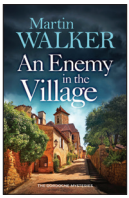
Bruno Courrèges, chief of police of the Dordogne town of St Denis, is no stranger to murder. But when he receives a phone call from his friend, Pamela, reporting a fatal attack on her newly arrived lodger, Josette Quirit, he is forced to recuse himself from the investigation due to his close ties to the case.

Luckily, he has a project to distract him. For hundreds of years, the market of St. Denis has been the beating heart of the small town. Now, suddenly, customers and stallholders alike have fallen away dramatically. Frustrated with his work – where a new, young detective has been brought in to replace him – Bruno throws himself into breathing new life into his beloved market.

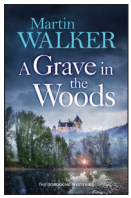
But it's not long before Bruno finds himself caught up in the investigation again when it transpires that Josette is not quite the kindly nurse she first appeared to be...

Martin Walker is a prize-winning journalist and historian. He is the author of several acclaimed works of non-fiction but is best known for his internationally bestselling Dordogne Mysteries.

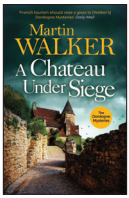
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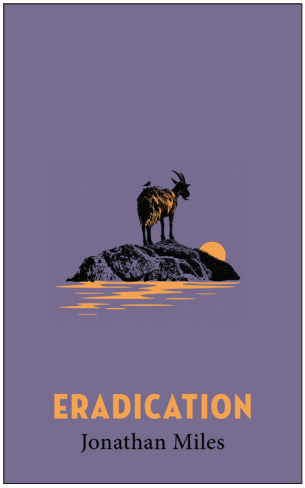
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ERADICATION

JONATHAN MILES

'A story for our times, and all powered by the writer's tremendous narrative imagination' Kevin Barry

***Eradication* is a blackly comic literary gem in which a broken man confronts a broken world on a remote Pacific island.**

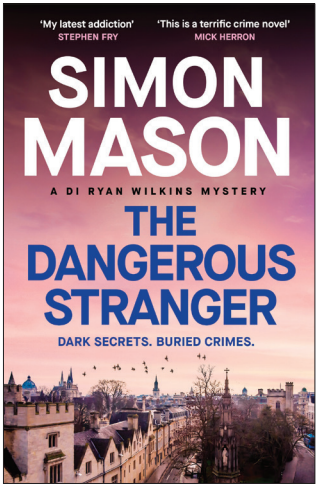
Reeling from tragedy, a former jazz musician-turned-schoolteacher named Adi answers a job listing advertising a chance to save the world. The assignment: to spend five weeks alone on the tiny, isolated Pacific Island of Santa Flora and reckon with its invasive population of goats that's sent the ecological balance severely out of whack, and in doing so preserve the countless bird and plant species from certain extinction.

What follows, however, is anything but balanced. The threats to the once-Edenic island, Adi soon learns, aren't exactly what his employers said they were – and, complicating things further, he discovers he's not alone on the island. Fearful for his own life, and for the fate of the island's, Adi spends his sun-drenched days rooting out the true threat to Santa Flora, and, by extension, to the world it occupies – and the desperate steps he must take to eradicate it.

A desert-island meditation on the contours of love and grief and solitude as well as jolt to your emotional core, *Eradication* is an utterly unforgettable reading experience, a narrative *tour de force,* and the work of a truly singular imagination.

Jonathan Miles is the author of the novels *Dear American Airlines* and *Want Not,* both *New York Times* Notable books, and the novel *Anatomy of a Miracle*. His journalism, essays, and criticism have appeared in a wide variety of publications.

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THE DANGEROUS STRANGER

SIMON MASON

'As great a contribution to the noble British genre of detective fiction as any writer for decades' Stephen Fry

On a warm and pleasant evening in Oxford, gentle city of poets and scholars, rioters outside a hotel full of asylum seekers set a young refugee on fire. The city – the country – convulses in shock. Is this who we are? It's international news of the very worst kind, and the Chief Constable demands immediate and exemplary action in bringing the perpetrators to justice. The detectives leading the investigation fill him with misgivings, however: DIs Ryan and Ray Wilkins (no relation), Thames Valley's detective pantomime horse, one Oxford-educated, the other Oxford-trailer park. He doesn't understand why they work together. Do they even get on? 'Somehow that doesn't seem necessary,' their Superintendent replies.

Who burned the boy alive? Was it a far-right extremist? Was it an ordinary person who had simply gone along to watch and got caught up in the emotion? Could it even be one of the children who were there? Deploying a range of investigative skills, some standard, some unconventional and some frankly nuts, the Wilkinses do what they do: results with chaos. But when they discover that the victim was not an asylum seeker after all, or even a resident of the hotel, the whole investigation kicks into a completely different configuration.

Simon Mason has pursued parallel careers as a publisher and an author, he has also taught at Oxford Brookes University and has been a Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Exeter College, Oxford. *A Dangerous Stranger* is the fifth book in the critically acclaimed DI Ryan Wilkins Mysteries series.

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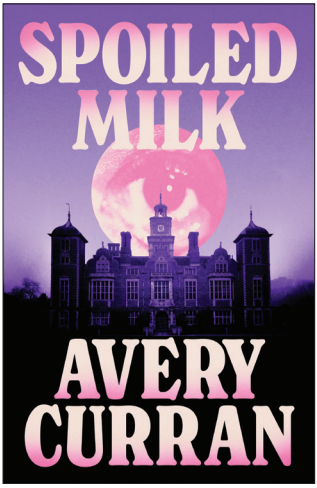
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SPOILED MILK

AVERY CURRAN

'A dirty little jewel of a novel. Curran writes with incredible precision on fear, desire and the insidiousness of authority and empire'
Julia Armfield

In 1928, Emily Locke's final year at the isolated Briarley School for Girls is derailed when Violet, the school's brightest star (and a cunning beauty for whom Emily would do anything), falls to her death on her eighteenth birthday. Emily and her buttoned-up rival Evelyn are, for once, in agreement: Violet's death was no accident. There's an obvious culprit, the French schoolmistress with whom Violet was getting a little too close – they just need to prove it.

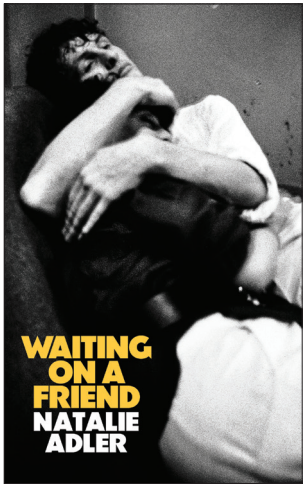
Desperate for answers, Emily and her classmates turn to spiritualism, hoping for a glimpse of wisdom from the great beyond. To their shock, Violet's spirit appears, choosing pious Evelyn as her unlikely medium. And Violet has a warning for them: the danger has just begun.

Something deadly is infecting Briarley. It starts with rotten food and curdled milk, but quickly grows more threatening. As the body count rises and students race to save themselves, Emily must confront the fatal forces poisoning the school. Emily's fight for survival forces her to reevaluate everything she knows: about Violet, Evelyn, Briarley, and, ultimately, herself.

Avery Curran channels the indelible ambience and intrigue of the classic boarding school novel while turning the beloved genre on its head in this visceral, exuberant debut.

Avery Curran studied History at university and finished an MA in Victorian Studies in 2021. She is now midway through a PhD on spiritualism and queerness in the nineteenth century. She lives in London with her girlfriend and their cat.

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WAITING ON A FRIEND

NATALIE ADLER

'A beautiful study of friendship, of how loss unmoors us, and how if we keep turning towards love, anything is possible'
Ann Napolitano

East Village, summer of 1984. Renata is a young dyke-about-town who happens to have the ability to see ghosts, which has been happening more and more frequently as her friends have started dying of what has recently been named AIDS.

So, when her best friend Mark dies, she assumes she'll see him again. There's no way Mark wouldn't give her a chance to say goodbye, would he? But to her disappointment – and increasingly, her concern – Mark doesn't appear.

Renata has other problems, too. A mysterious, police-like force has begun ridding their East Village neighborhood of anything abnormal or inexplicable. At first, she's sure they're scam artists, but it becomes clear they're actually trapping ghosts as part of a city-wide gentrification plot to make downtown safe for Reaganites. With her band of lovably eccentric pals and lovers, Renata is determined to fight back against the erasure of her friends' memories and the sanitizing of her beloved New York.

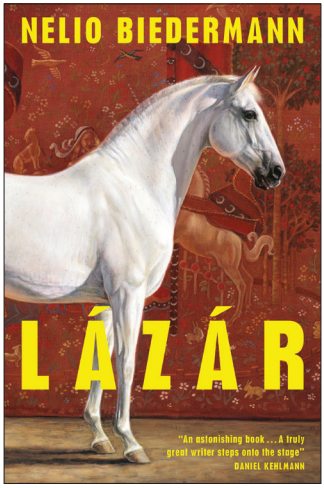
Told with humour and pathos, *Waiting on a Friend* is a genre-bending retelling of Queer history that manages to be both heartbreaking and healing.

Natalie Adler is an editor at *Lux* magazine. She has an MFA in fiction from Brooklyn College and a PhD in comparative literature from Brown University. She lives in New York City.

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A Hungarian family's journey from aristocratic decadence to impoverishment and flight – from a young author writing with the assurance of an old master.

"A truly great writer steps onto the stage" Daniel Kehlmann

Lajos von Lázár is brought into this world with the dawn of the new century, and his birth is both a miracle and a curse, his true patrimony a secret he will never know.

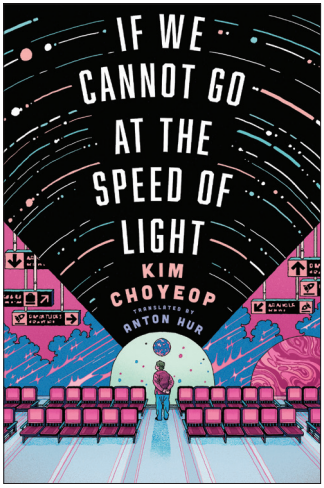
The Lázárs have ruled their Hungarian lands for generations. In their ancient castle by the edge of a dark forest that compels all who enter it to madness, they succumb to every vice and live only to satiate their desires. But the old order is crumbling, and the days of the Hapsburg Monarchy are numbered.

When Lajos inherits, they at last have a baron who can reignite the old splendours, but not even his abilities are proof against the ravages of war and occupation. It will fall to his children – a boy who talks to shadows and a girl who eschews her blue blood – to take the first faltering steps towards freedom.

A sweeping epic, taking the reader from the beginning of the twentieth century to the Hungarian National Uprising of 1956, *Lázár* would be a phenomenal achievement for a writer of any age. With its air of timeless wisdom, it reads like rediscovered classic, making it all the more remarkable that it was written when the author was just twenty-one years old.

Nelio Biedermann, born in 2003, grew up on Lake Zurich. His paternal family is of Hungarian nobility; his grandparents fled to Switzerland in the 1950s. His novel ***Lázár*** will be published in more than twenty countries.

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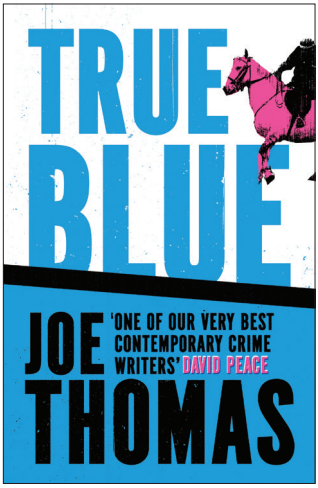
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"She's our Ted Chiang" Anton Hur, author and International-booker shortlisted translator

Kim Choyeop has a master's degree in biochemistry from Pohang University of Science and Technology. Her first short story collection sold 200,000 copies in Korea and her first novel, *The Greenhouse at the End of the World,* sold 150,000 copies.

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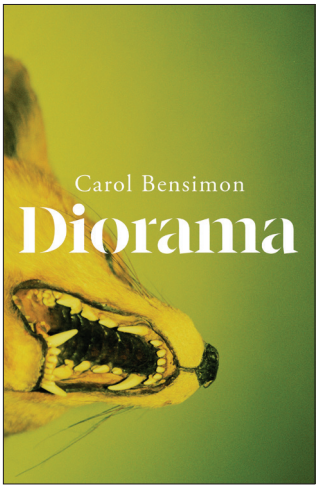
JOE THOMAS

The final book in Joe Thomas's acclaimed trilogy, taking us from Acid House to the Poll Tax riots and Thatcher's demise.

1988. Acid House has arrived in the UK. But the Second Summer of Love is no golden era for Britain. DC Noble is assigned to a task force working out of Stoke Newington, gathering evidence of police corruption. But this is a dangerous game. As the country hurtles towards riots and disorder that even the Iron Lady can't withstand, Noble walks an inexorable path towards his own inescapable fate.

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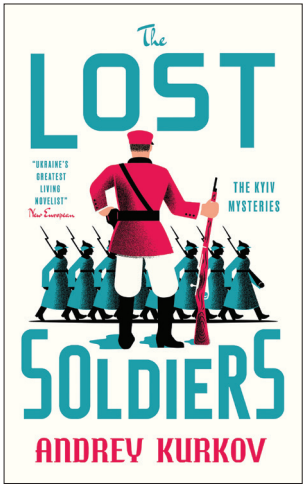
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In sleek, arresting prose that has the suspense-filled edge of a true-crime thriller, Carol Bensimon's newest novel cements her status as one of the most dynamic voices in contemporary Brazilian literature. *Diorama* fuses crime procedural, queer coming-of-age, and political drama as Bensimon constructs a moving model of memory, endangering our notions of what is or isn't still alive inside all of us.

Carol Bensimon was born in Porto Alegre in 1982. In 2012 she was selected by Granta as one of the Best Young Brazilian Novelists. She lives with her girlfriend in Mendocino, California. *Diorama* is her fourth novel.

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THE LOST SOLDIERS

The Kyiv Mysteries

ANDREY KURKOV

TRANSLATOR: BORIS DRALYUK

The third novel in the historical crime series set in 1919 that began with the International Booker-longlisted *The Silver Bone*.

Fresh from case of the stolen heart, one that shattered his belief in the regime he works for, Samson Kolechko is confronted with a mystery that borders on the impossible. How could a squad of Red Army soldiers have disappeared from the Galician bathhouse, leaving only their boots and their uniforms as proof they ever existed?

Faced with such a fantastical conundrum, Samson resorts to fantastical investigation method: stitching his operative severed ear into a bathhouse worker's jacket, he is able to eavesdrop on the man's every move. But he discovers far more than he bargained for, uncovering human remains in the stoves and the presence of a sinister religious cult in the city.

With his quick-witted new wife Nadezhda by his side, Samson must not only solve the case but navigate the political turmoil that grips Kyiv as civil war looms and trust between neighbours and comrades is eroded day by day.

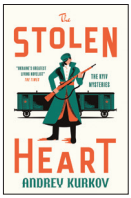
In this third instalment, Andrey Kurkov, Ukraine's greatest living novelist and a true master of absurdist storytelling, vividly depicts a city filled with political turbulence and eccentric characters - and draws playful parallels with the present day.

Andrey Kurkov, widely considered to be Ukraine's greatest novelist, is a tireless advocate for his country in times of war. His *Kyiv Mysteries* have sold more than 25,000 copies in English and he has published two International Booker-longlisted novels in the last three years.

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"NDiaye at her most dazzling" Katie Kitamura

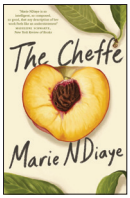
In a small, sleepy town, a mediocre witch, in a mediocre marriage, tries to pass on her gifts to her twin daughters, who have skills far beyond her own.

Lucie comes from a long line of witches, powers passed down from mother to daughter. Her own mom was formidable in her powers, but ashamed of her magic. Perhaps as a result, Lucie's own gift is weak: she can see into the future, sometimes, but more often, she can only see the present of some other location. Not very useful. And the worst part? All she can ever see are insignificant details – a scrap of outfit, the colour of the sky. Lucie's own children are initiated into their family's peculiar womanhood when they reach twelve years of age, and in a few short months, Maud and Lise are crying the curious tears of blood that denote their magical powers. Having learned, they take off quickly and fly the nest. Literally.

Witty, dreamlike and utterly enchanting, *The Witch* brings the mysteries of womanhood and motherhood into sharp relief and leaves us teetering on the edge, unbalanced by questions as seemingly unbreakable relationships break down left and right.

Marie NDiaye published her first novel at seventeen. She has won numerous prizes including the Prix Femina and the Prix Goncourt and she was longlisted for the International Booker Prize in 2016. She lives in Paris.

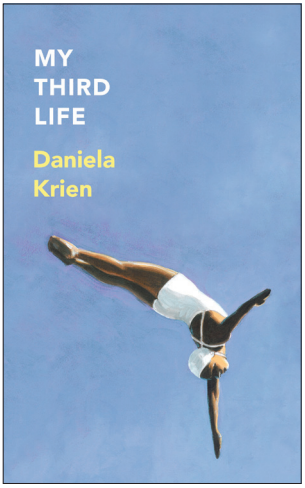
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MY THIRD LIFE

DANIELA KRIEN

TRANSLATOR: JAMIE BULLOCH

Linda is entering her third life after a period of resounding pain. Her last chapter ended with the tragic death of her seventeen-year-old daughter Sonja in a car accident, the breakdown of her marriage to her husband Richard and her long battle with thyroid cancer.

She has left her family home in Leipzig, escaping to a rural farmhouse in the Saxon countryside. There, she commits to a period of solitude and isolation, to rest and recoup away from the city that houses haunted memories and past lives.

Linda indulges in her sadness and the simplicity of her days, revolving around the upkeep of the house, feeding the chickens and tending the garden. All the while, flashbacks and memory pervade her thought.

But a chance encounter with her neighbour punctures Linda's routine. Natascha and her daughter Nine have a unique relationship with life. And through their friendship, Linda begins to reach once more towards happiness, Nine's life force pulling her back from the abyss.

In lucid, crafted prose, bestselling author Daniela Krien explores what it means to meet another version of yourself later in life, and how to surrender to new realms of love and acceptance.

Daniela Krien was born in 1975 in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, then in the G.D.R. Her novels are bestsellers in Germany and have sold in multiple territories internationally. She lives in Leipzig with her two daughters.

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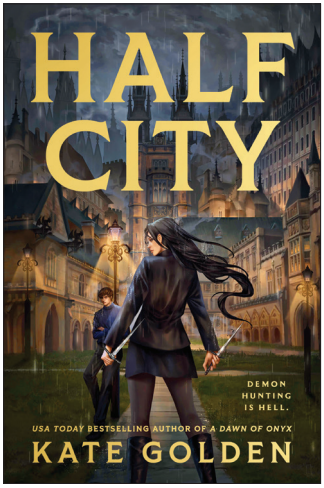
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Viv Abbot is an average twenty-one-year-old girl. She just also happens to be a demon hunter.

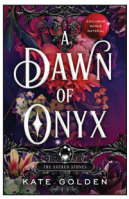
Ever since her father's murder, she's been forced to hunt deviants alone, meaning everyone, including her family, sees her as an outsider . . . Until the day she crosses paths with a dangerously alluring demon, Reid Graveheart. The reformed deviant tells her of a school for people just like her: Harker Academy for Deviant Defense. If she enrolls, she'll learn to hone her craft, work with other hunters – and never be alone again.

But Viv has a deadly secret. One that not even her new friends at Harker can know about. When strange occurrences begin to plague the students, Viv will have to figure out who she can trust, and fast . . . All while trying to ace her classes, not fall for a demon, and making it through her first year at Harker in one piece. How hard could that be?

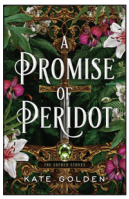
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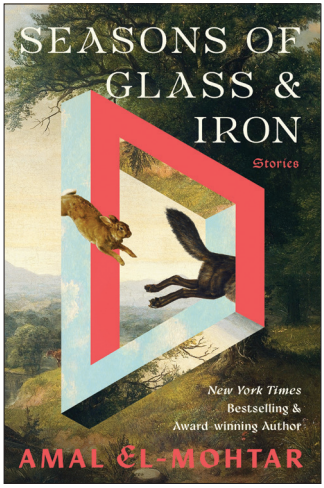
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Amal El-Mohtar is an author, editor and critic. Her short story 'Seasons of Glass and Iron' won the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards and was a finalist for the World Fantasy, Sturgeon, Aurora, and Eugie Foster awards.

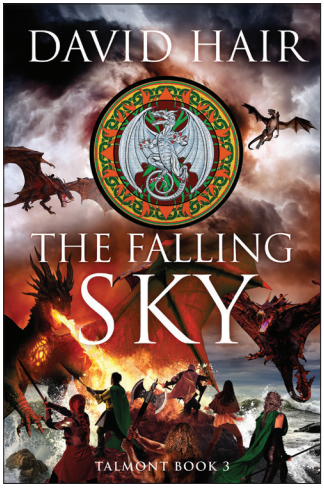
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Caitlyn Paxson is a writer, performer and historical interpreter. She has worked as a book reviewer for NPR Books and Quill & Quire.

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Meg Shaffer is the author of the bestselling novel *The Wishing Game*. She lives in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband, author Andrew Shaffer, and their two cats.

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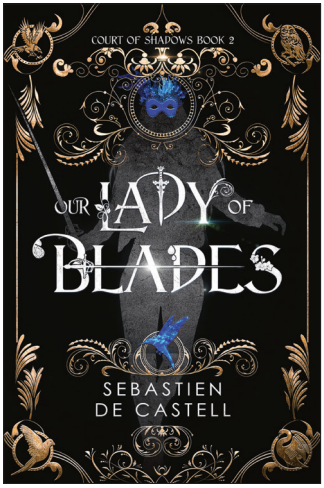
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SEBASTIEN DE CASTELL

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Sebastien de Castell's books have sold more than a million copies worldwide. He lives in Canada with his wife and two belligerent cats.

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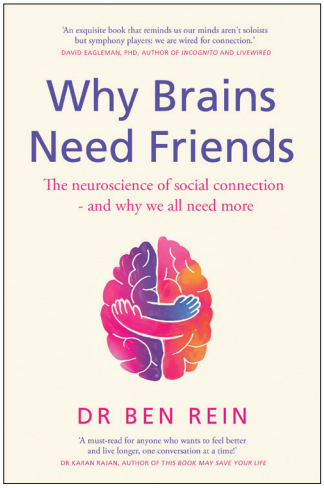
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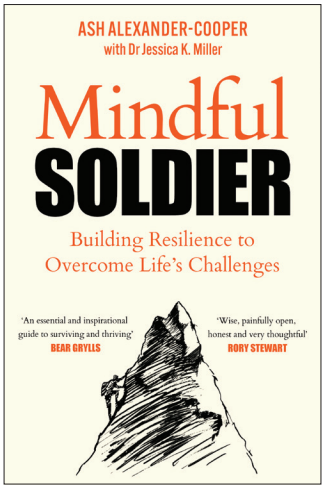
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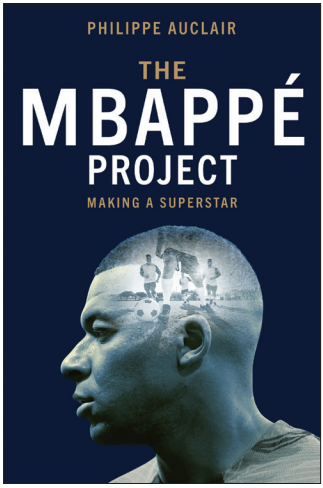
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Making a Superstar

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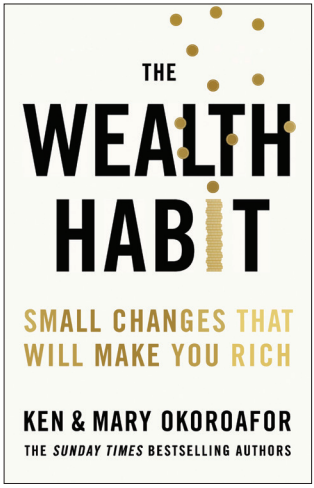
As the two dominant talents of 21st century football, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, near the end of their careers, one man is set to take their place at the very top of the game. This man is the captain of France's national team, Kylian Mbappé. A world champion at the age of nineteen in Russia, the winner of the World Cup's Golden Boot four years later in Qatar, the first player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final since Geoff Hurst in 1966, and the winner of twelve major honours with Paris Saint-Germain.

At its core this book tells of the ascent of a child of immigrants who rose to become the world's best player. Kylian Mbappé's trajectory was mapped out from a very early age by his family, with the player's full consent. For Ronaldo and Messi, their brands were developed as a consequence of their exceptional achievements on the field of play. For Mbappé, the plan was in place before he'd played a minute of football with his first professional club, AS Monaco.

Yes, Mbappé is a generational talent, but what truly sets him apart is that he is not just a sportsman: he is a project. This book tells the story of that project for the first time.

Philippe Auclair is a London-based French football writer, broadcaster and investigative journalist.

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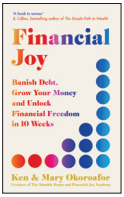
The Wealth Habit is a groundbreaking behaviour-driven approach to wealth-building that rewires the way you think about money, turning financial success into a series of tiny, effortless, repeatable actions. Instead of overwhelming readers with rigid budgets or complex investment strategies, this book reveals how small, daily financial moves compound into life-changing wealth – no matter where you start.

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Ken and **Mary Okoroafor** are the married couple behind the award-winning financial edication platform The Humble Penny. Ken is a Chartered Accountant, Cambridge MBA and former CFO who moved to the UK aged 14 as a first-generation immigrant with no money. He's now an international speaker and his clients include Netflix, Meta, Amazon and Google.

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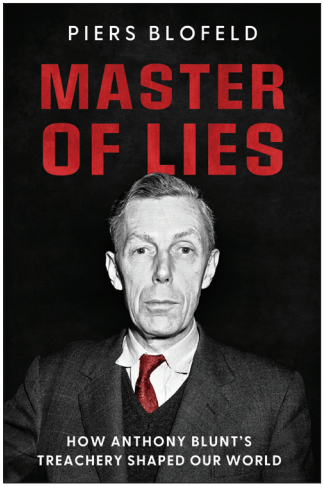
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Kit Yates is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mathematical Sciences and co-director of the Centre for Mathematical Biology at the University of Bath.

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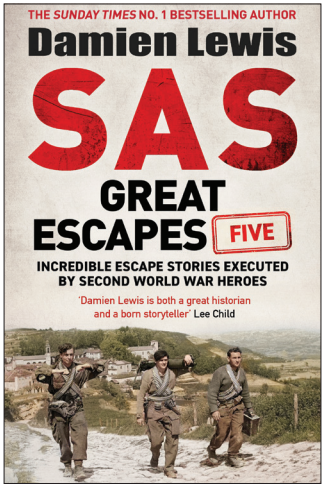
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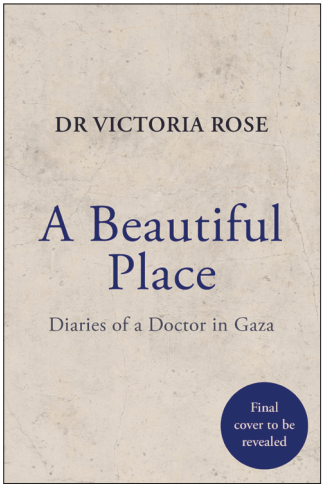
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Damien Lewis is a number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into over forty languages worldwide. For decades he worked as a war and conflict reporter for the world's major broadcasters, reporting from across Africa, South America, the Middle and Far East and winning numerous awards.

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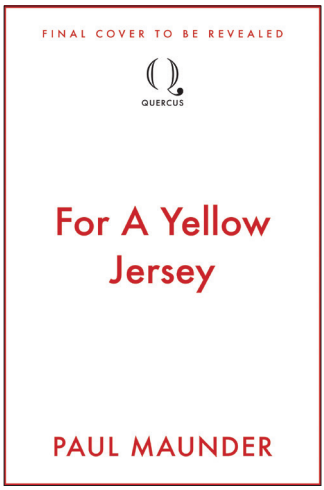
23 May, 2025. I've just stepped out onto the balcony, and there are kites, which always come out when there's a bit of wind. They're basically made out of bin bags, but it's a really lovely sight, especially on a day when I've been operating on loads of small children, just to know that there are some children left here who are flying kites...

Since 7 October 2023, both local and international doctors have risked their lives to deliver medical aid to Gaza's population. Dr Victoria Rose, a senior plastic surgeon at Guy's & St Thomas', is one of them, completing three tours over the last two years. Keeping diaries as she works in an increasingly devastated city, she reveals the pressures and demands of saving lives in a war zone, and the human stories at the heart of a humanitarian disaster. Unflinching, gripping and beautifully written, it is a story that cannot be ignored.

Miss Rose is a British-trained fully accredited Consultant Plastic Surgeon working at St Thomas' Hospital and King's College Hospital London. She is on the General Medical Council's specialist register for Plastic Surgery and is a member of The British Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Since 2023 she has been on three tours of Gaza, performing emergency surgery and medical care out of Nasser hospital, the only hospital remaining in Gaza. *A Beautiful Place* is her first book.

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It's time to celebrate the history of the women's peloton. Women's racing has its own fascinating culture – tough, collaborative, political, maverick. Those who have campaigned for equality are driven, bloody-minded and above all, passionate about cycling. This is their story.

Paul Maunder is the author *Angel of the Mountains*, the critically acclaimed biography of Belgian 1958 Tour de France winner Charly Gaul. He has also written *Rainbows in the Mud*, a study of the world of Belgian cyclocross, and *The Wind at my Back*, a memoir on the connections between landscape, cycling and creativity.

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Dr Ross Cameron is Professor of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Sheffield. He has published over 70 academic papers/book chapters on landscape plants and urban green spaces.

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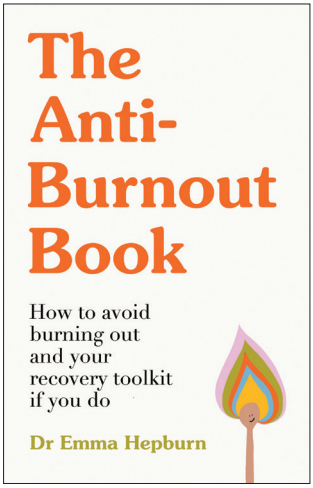
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A few years ago, Dr Hepburn personally experienced burnout, so she knows the devastating impact it can have on your mental and physical wellbeing – and how to come out the other side feeling stronger than ever. Paired with her extensive academic and professional experience in mental health, Dr Hepburn provides practical tips and strategies to help you avoid burnout, or reignite your spark if you're already in the throes of it.

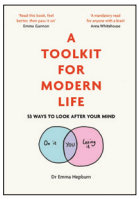
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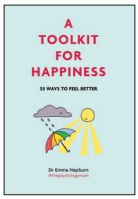
Dr Emma Hepburn is a clinical psychologist, university lecturer and neuropsychologist with over 20 years' experience of working with and treating mental health difficulties in both the public and private sector. She writes as @thepsychologymum on Instagram (148k followers).

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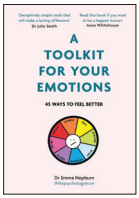
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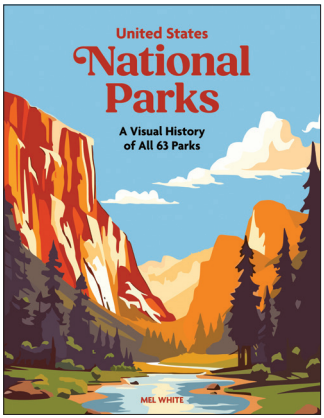


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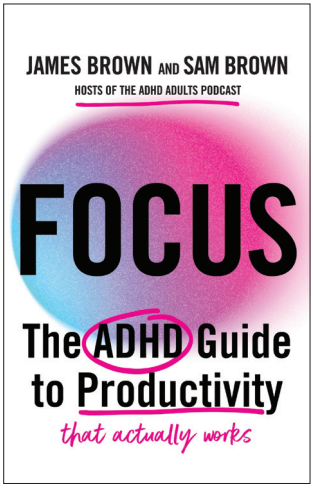
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Professor James Brown is a science communicator, author, co-founder and co-host of The ADHD Adults podcast and co-founder and Chair of the adult ADHD charity ADHDadultUK. James spent more than two decades in academia.

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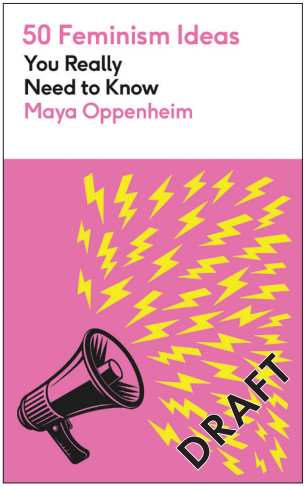
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Maya Oppenheim is a journalist and author of *The Pocket Guide to the Patriarchy*. She was the Women's Correspondent at *The Independent* – the first and only of her kind at a UK news outlet.

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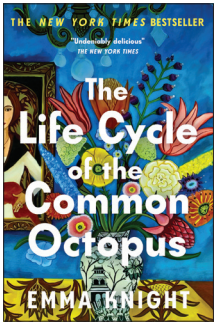
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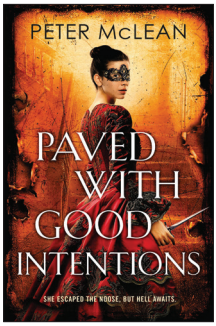
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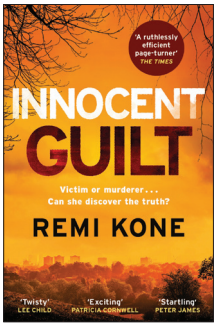
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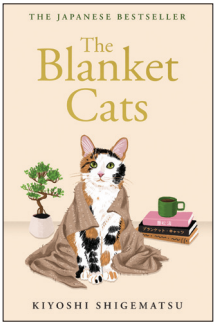
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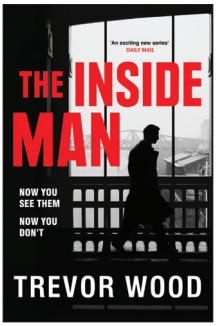
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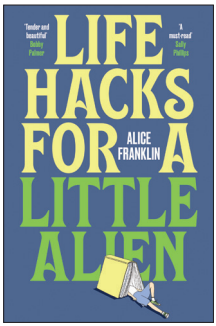
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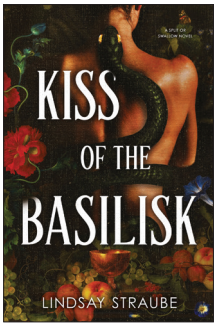
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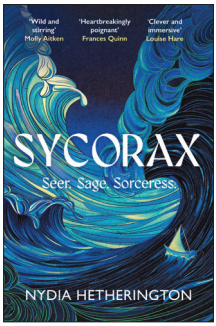
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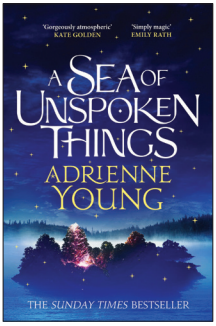
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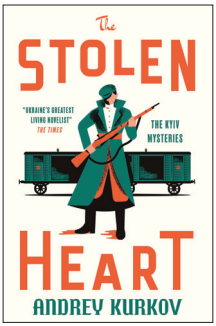
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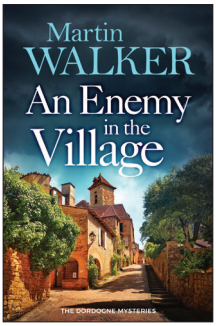
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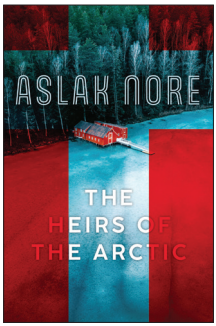
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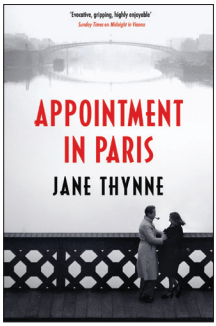
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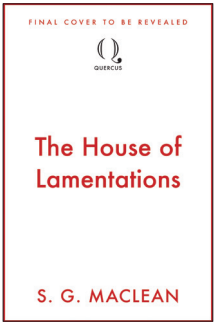
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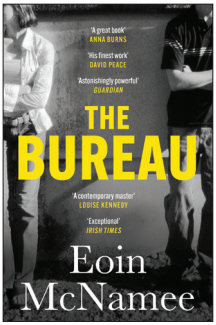
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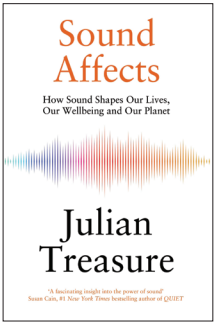
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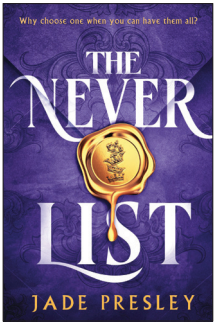
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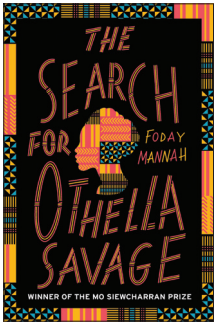
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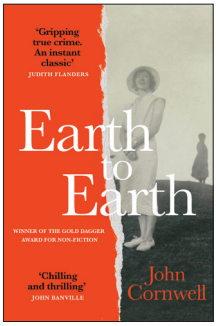
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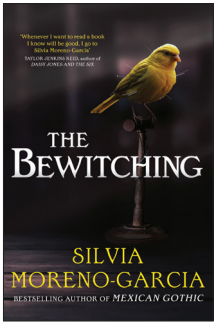
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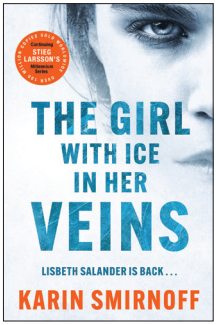
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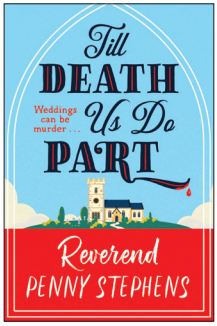
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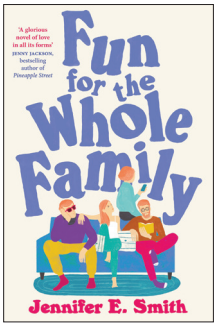
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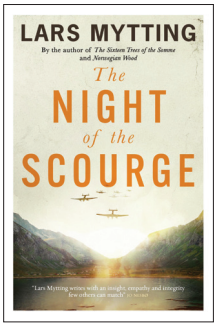
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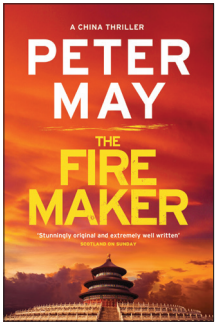
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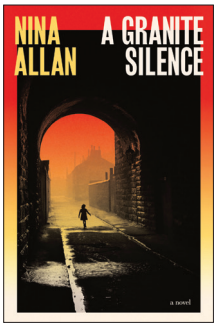
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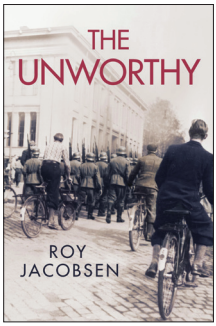
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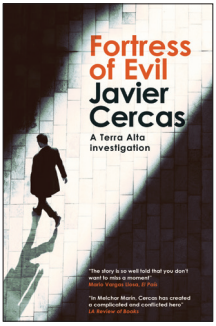
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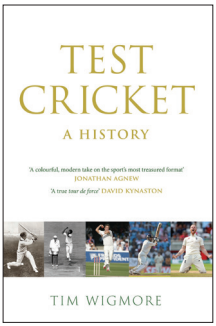


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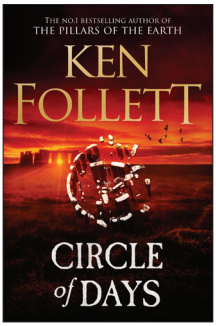


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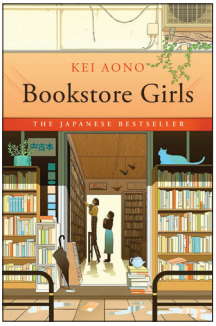


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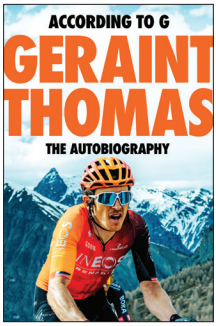
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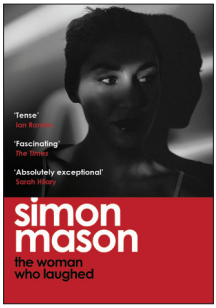
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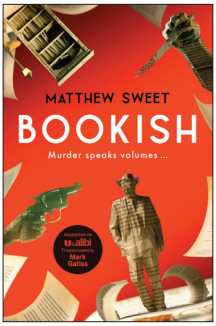
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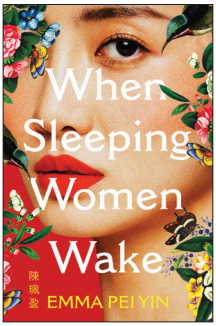
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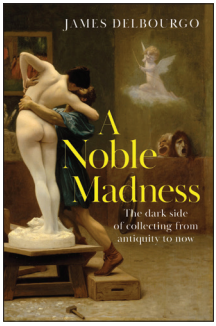
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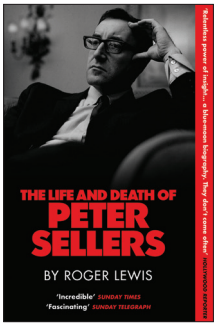
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