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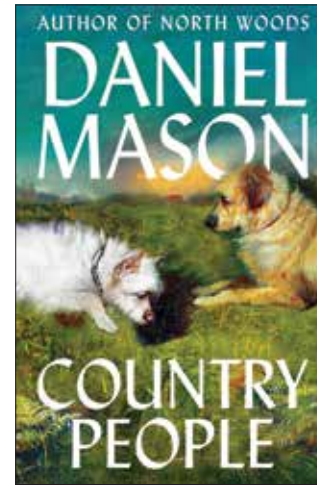
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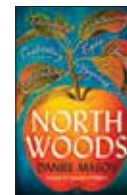
Miles Krzelewski is a devoted husband, a doting father beloved for his outlandish bedtime stories, and the proud owner of a truffle-hunting dog in a land with no truffles. He is also a bit lost, twelve years late with his PhD on Russian folktales and increasingly haunted by a sense that he's become a disappointment to his family.

So when his wife Kate accepts a visiting professorship at a prestigious college in the far away forests of Vermont, he decides that this will be the year to finally move forward with his life.

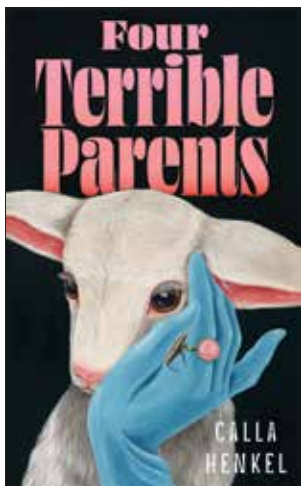
But Miles is a man of many enthusiasms, who possesses, in Kate's words, 'a great capacity to fall in with anyone, anywhere'. Soon he finds himself entangled with a ghostly tree surgeon, a scythe-mad biochemist, a Shakespearean temptress and a photographer of snowflakes. He also stumbles upon a bizarre local legend, which, he begins to suspect, might not be a legend at all.

**Daniel Mason** is the author of six books, including *The Piano Tuner*, *The Winter Soldier*, *A Registry of My Passage Upon the Earth* – a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize – and *North Woods*, a *New York Times* Bestseller and Top Ten Book of the Year, and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and Dublin Literary Award. He is an associate professor in the Stanford University Department of Psychiatry.

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**Calla Henkel** is an American novelist, playwright, director and artist currently living in LA. *Four Terrible Parents* is her third novel.

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**Andrew Cunning** lives in Belfast. He taught literature and theology at various universities, and now teaches English in an all-ability secondary school. *Clara and Christina* is his first novel.

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Who better to reunite our not terribly united Kingdom than Miriam Margolyes OBE in one unforgettable book, packed with heroes and villains, jokes and deep insights, surprises and, of course, lashings of sauce. Expect memories & mammaries, Arsenal & arseholes, politics, filth, and absolutely everything in between.

**MIRIAM MARGOLYES OBE** is the Bafta-winning actress who knocked back Warren Beatty and injected sex into the Cadbury's Caramel Bunny: the award-winning documentarian who became a *Vogue* cover star aged 83. Her three books have all been bestsellers. This is her fourth.

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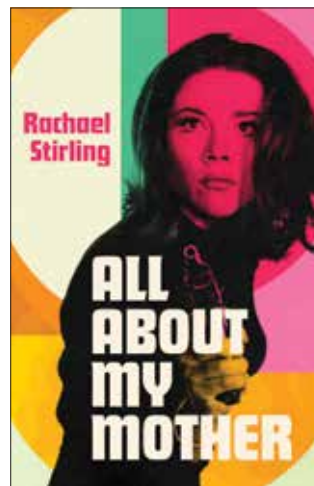
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**The vivid, unforgettable and unapologetic life and opinions of Dame Diana Rigg told by her daughter Rachael Stirling. This has the added bonus of not just being the untold, no-holds barred life of a legend but the debut of a blazing new writing talent.**

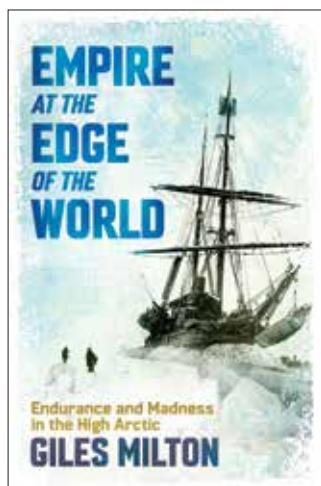
Legendary actress Diana Rigg was a force to be reckoned with. Her 50+ year, multi-award-winning career included everything from the iconic smart-talking, cat-suited Emma Peel in the *Avengers* to being the only Bond girl 007 ever married, unforgettable stage performances in *Mother Courage, Jumpers* and *Medea* and TV appearances in *Detectorists* and as Oleana Tyrell in *Game of Thrones*. She never wrote an autobiography (but she clearly thought a lot about it) – her highly unconventional life was full of incident and drama and she knew everyone.

Her only child Rachael Stirling is an actress too – but it turns out that she is also a wonderful writer. Mother and daughter were always very close and when Diana was diagnosed with terminal cancer at the start of lockdown, she moved in with Rachael and her family... *All About My Mother* is Rachael's honest, funny, gossipy, sad and extremely moving attempt to bring the woman she knew and loved back to life on the page.

'Perhaps you've never heard of Diana Rigg. That doesn't matter, for in these pages I intend to conjure her up in all her glory, and I promise you will feel as if you do know her by the end. My hope is that you to find life all the richer for having her in it.'

**Rachael Stirling** is a successful actress (*Tipping the Velvet, Detectorists, Doctor Who, Rivals*). She lives in South London with her husband, Guy Garvey, and and son. This is her first book.

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Endurance and Madness in the High Arctic

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**One man's lust for empire sent a team of adventurers into the Arctic – only one came back.**

1913, the Arctic Circle. Charismatic explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson is obsessed with a frozen speck of land in the Siberian Arctic: Wrangel Island. Believing that whoever possesses it would control the future – air routes, resources, even the balance of power in the northern hemisphere, he takes an impossible gamble. Dispatching a small, ill-equipped venture to stake a frozen colony in Britain's name, it is a triumph of brilliance, ego and breathtaking hubris.

What follows is a catastrophe of starvation, madness and geopolitical risk. As winter seals the island in ice, relief ships fail to arrive and tensions among the colonists spiral toward despair. While diplomats spar and warships steam north, the settlers are left to endure scurvy, polar bears, and the terror of abandonment. At the centre of it all stands one unlikely survivor – a young Inuit seamstress who miraculously outlasts them all . . .

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**Giles Milton** is the million-copy, internationally bestselling author of a dozen works of narrative history, including *Nathaniel's Nutmeg* and *Checkmate in Berlin* which are being developed into major screen projects. His books have been translated into twenty-five languages. Milton is the writer of the podcast series *Ministry of Secrets*.

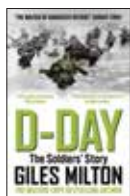
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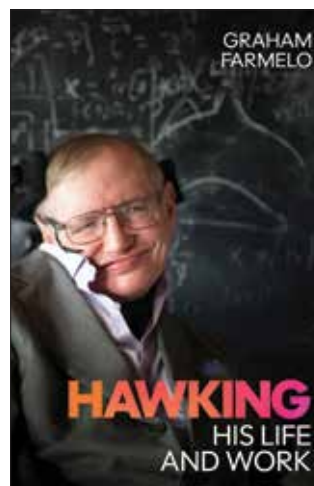
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## HAWKING

His Life and Work

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**A landmark biography of the iconic cosmologist and author of the 25+ million-copy-selling *A Brief History of Time*, by the Costa Award-winning biographer.**

Stephen Hawking was one of the world's most remarkable thinkers – a brilliant theoretical physicist who, throughout his extraordinary career, expanded our understanding of the origins and structure of the universe and unravelled some of its greatest mysteries. But even more remarkable is that none of this should have been possible: an earth-shattering diagnosis at 21 years of age predicted that Hawking only had two years to live, not long enough to complete his PhD.

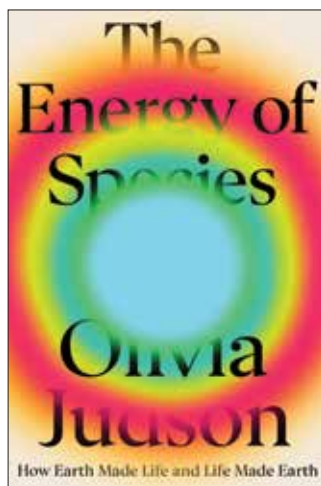
In this vividly written and exhaustively researched first major biography of Hawking, Costa Award-winning biographer and science writer Graham Farmelo explores how the young Stephen – desperate for his voice to be heard – defied the odds to become the most famous and revered scientist of his generation. It reveals the man behind the theories – the political activist, the enthusiastic traveller, the reveller, the husband, the father, the disability advocate, the bestselling author, the international celebrity – who, even as motor neurone disease robbed him of his speech and mobility, continued to pursue his ambition of 'a complete understanding of the universe'.

Stephen Hawking defied all medical expectations and lived for 76 years. *Hawking* is the definitive portrait of this unique man and exceptional intellect.

**Graham Farmelo** is an award-winning science writer and biographer, and the winner of the 2012 Kelvin Prize and Medal. Farmelo is a Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge, and a regular Visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. His biography of the reclusive Nobel Prize-winning Physicist, Paul Dirac, *The Strangest Man* (Faber & Faber), won the 2009 Costa Biography Award and the 2010 *Los Angeles Times* Science Book Prize.

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How Earth Made Life and Life Made Earth

OLIVIA JUDSON

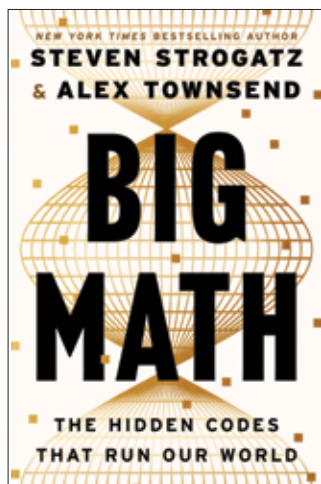
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## BIG MATH

The Hidden Codes That Run Our World

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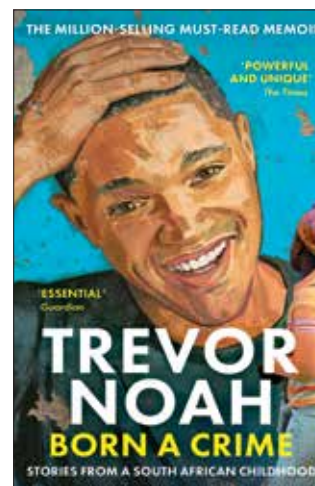
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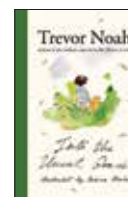
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**Trevor Noah** is one of the most successful comedians in the world and was the host of the Emmy Award-winning *The Daily Show* for seven years. He has written three books: *Born a Crime*, *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime* (for young adults) and the inspirational, illustrated fable *Into the Uncut Grass*

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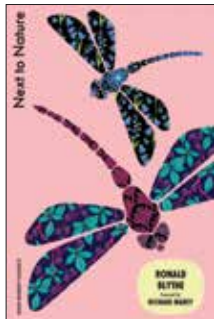
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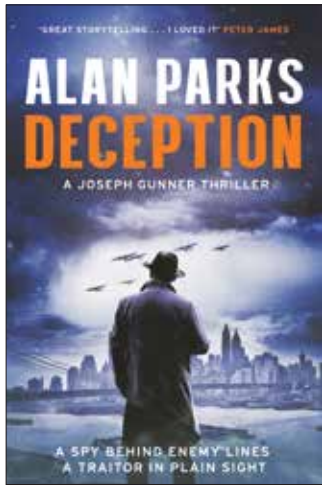
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## DECEPTION

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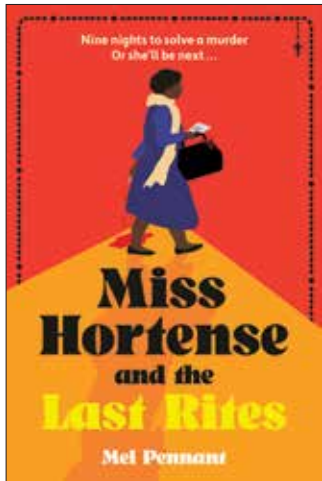
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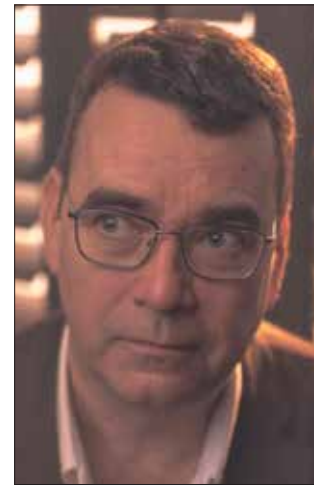
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NATALIE MARLOW

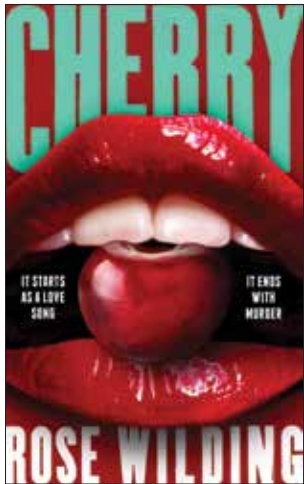
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**Natalie Marlow** is a historical crime novelist with a fascination for the Midlands. Her debut novel, *Needless Alley*, starring detective William Garrett, received glowing reviews from press and readers alike.

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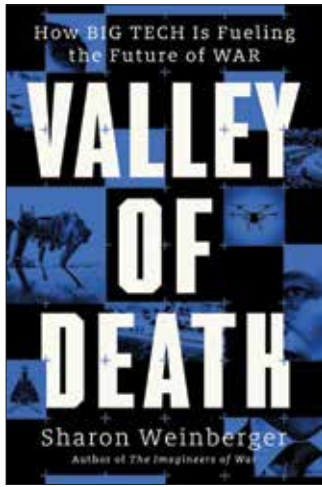
**Rose Wilding** is a crime writer from Newcastle upon Tyne. When not murdering fictional people, she can be found reading feminist sci-fi or posting pictures of her chihuahuas on Instagram.

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**Sharon Weinberger** has been writing on national security issues for more than twenty-five years. She was the National Security Editor at the *Wall Street Journal* from 2022 to 2026. Also the author of *The Imagineers of War*, *A Nuclear Family Vacation* and *Imaginary Weapons*, she is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has held fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, MIT's Knight Science Journalism program, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

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To succeed they'll need to learn how to navigate the larger-than-life world of the flapping track, all while dark secrets from Bertie's past threaten to unravel the operation. Do Reg and George have what it takes to pull off the gamble of a lifetime?

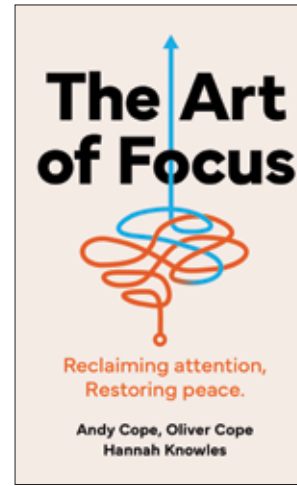
**Louise Powell** is a working-class writer from Middlesbrough. She won the Sid Chaplin Northern Writers' Award, and was the joint recipient of the Peter Lathan Prize for New Playwriting. She has a PhD in English from Sheffield Hallam University. *Underdogs* is her first novel.

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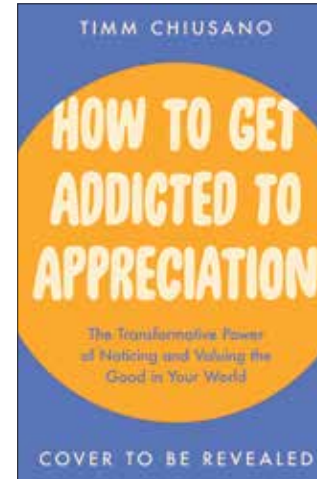
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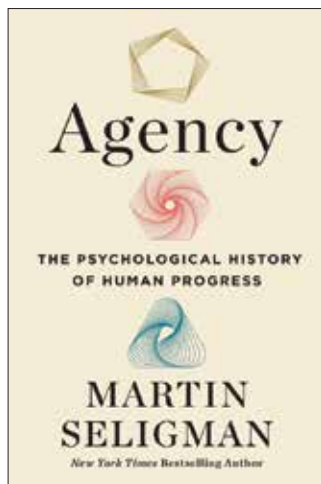
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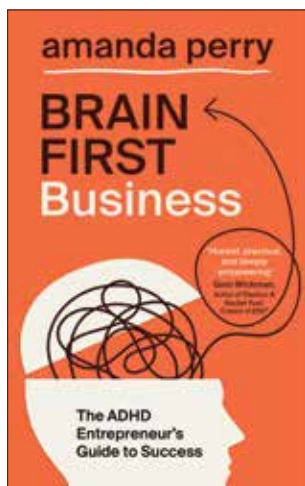
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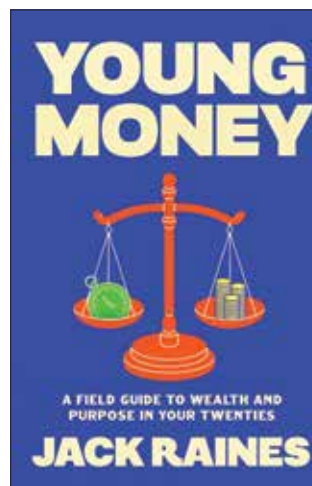
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National correspondent Symeon Brown has undertaken the largest known data study of Britain's black middle class and elite to compile a forensic critique of how race, capital and identity entwine – and what's lost, gained and discovered through social mobility. With style, depth and an incisive eye, Brown unravels the web of class and gender that shapes black Britain today and reconciles the cultural and political conversations surrounding black British identity with the present reality. Whether dissecting the preference of educated black women to be single, the rise of black Conservative power brokers or how the triumph and assimilation of black elites mask the barriers facing the black working class, Brown renders visible the psychological and material cost of class aspiration.

**Symeon Brown** is a correspondent on *Channel 4 News*. He has worked for the *Guardian* and the Black Cultural Archives. Symeon's journalism has won a Medical Journalists' Association Award and a Criminal Justice Alliance Outstanding Journalism Award.

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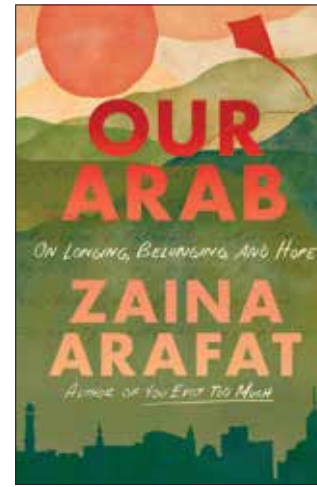
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## ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE US

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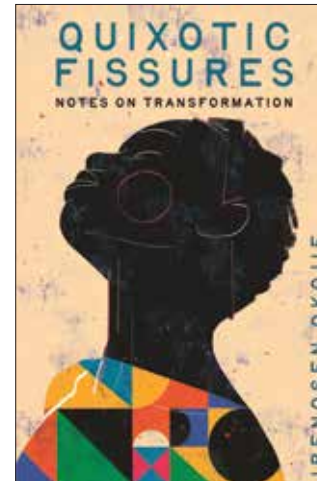
The stunning final novel from one of New Zealand's greats follows five Māori women through a century of profound change.

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***Bitter Melon* is a tender, funny, heart-bruised road trip into memory, mortality and the fierce, fragile love between a daughter and the father she's still learning to understand.**

**Liv** is a writer of Jamaican and Guyanese descent via South London. She's received various accolades, including LGBTQI+ Broadcaster of The Year and Rising Star at Wow. At 21, Liv founded the award-winning media company gal-dem.

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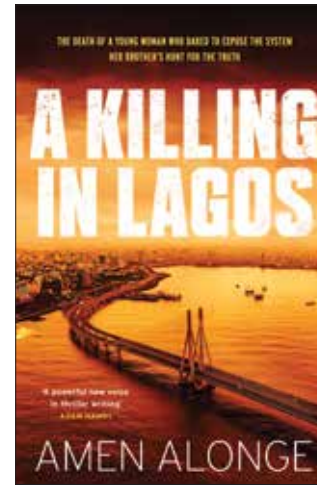
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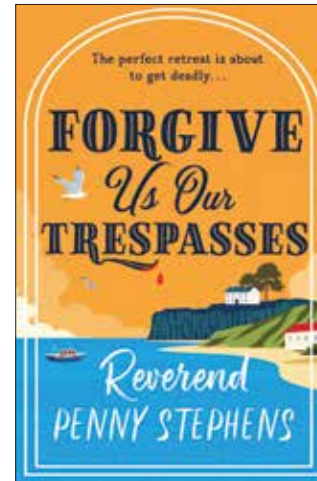
**The must-read suspense thriller of summer 2026. Perfect for fans of Femi Kayode, Michael Connolly and Dennis Lehane.**

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**Amen Alonge** was born in Lagos and moved to London as a teenager. He is a qualified solicitor practising corporate law, alongside writing fiction.

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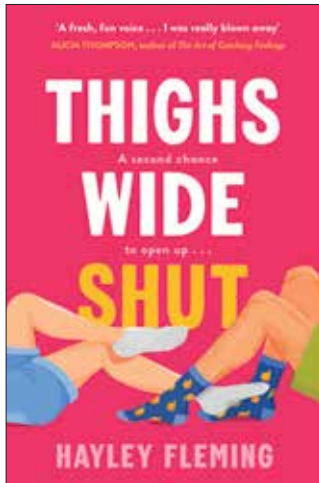
New to the idyllic village of Fletching, Kate is determined for her family to have a fresh start, though she misses her old life.

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**Tia Williams** is the bestselling author of *Seven Days in June*, *A Love Song for Ricki Wilde*, and *The Perfect Find* – now a Netflix film starring Gabrielle Union. Tia lives with her family in Brooklyn.

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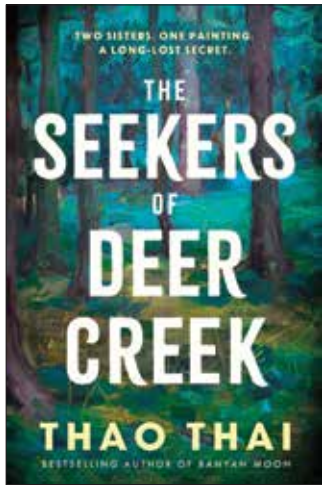
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## THE SEEKERS OF DEER CREEK

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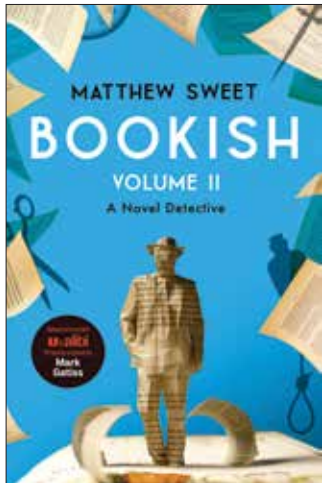
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**Thao Thai** is the author of *Banyan Moon*, the July 2023 Read with Jenna title, Barnes & Noble Discover Pick, and Book of the Month selection. A recipient of the 2024 Ohio Arts Council's Individual Excellence Award, her work has been published in the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *WIRED*, *Elle*, *Lit Hub*, and other publications.

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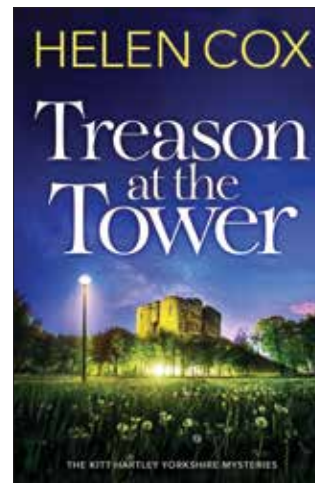
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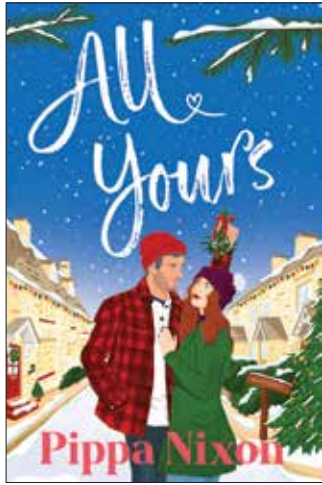
It's November in York, and Kitt Hartley is looking forward to a well-earned sabbatical.

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**Helen Cox** is a Yorkshire-born novelist and poet. She has written for a range of publications and has had her stories translated into several languages.

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**Pippa Nixon** lives in Guildford with her husband and four teenage boys where she has a reputation for watching horror films from behind cushions and never failing to burn garlic bread. She is an alumna of the Faber Academy.

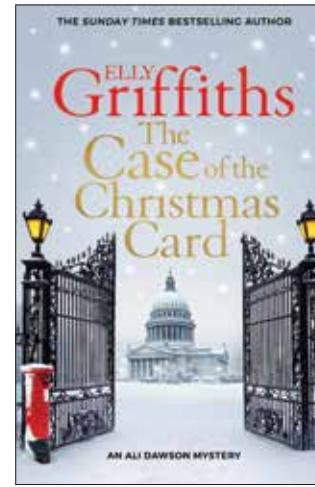
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**Elly Griffiths** is a multi-award-winning author and a No. 1 bestseller. She has written twenty-seven crime novels for adults. Elly's many accolades include the CWA Dagger in the Library, the Edgar Award and the Theakston Old Peculier Outstanding Contribution Award.

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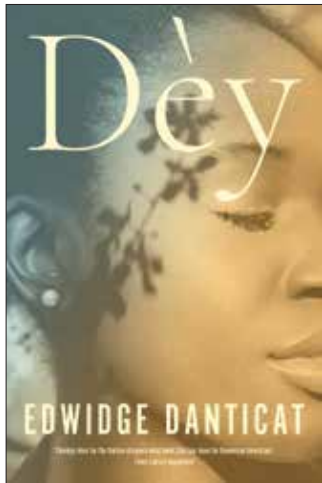
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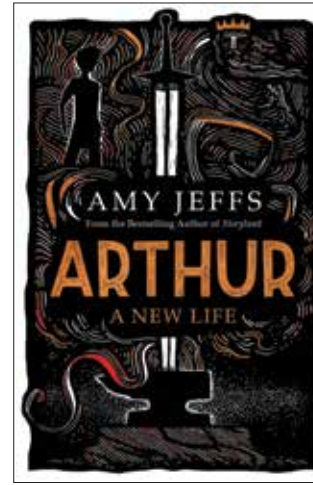
When Magnolia, a successful Haitian American real estate agent in Miami, hears the terrifying sounds of gunfire while shopping for her daughter's birthday gift, she vows to keep it from her family.

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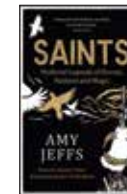
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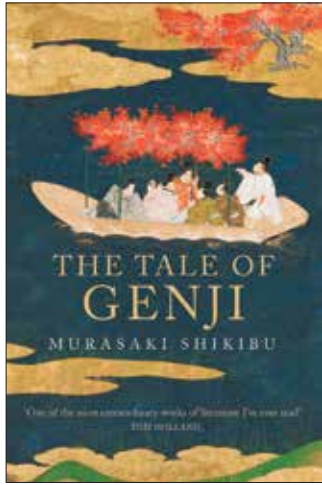
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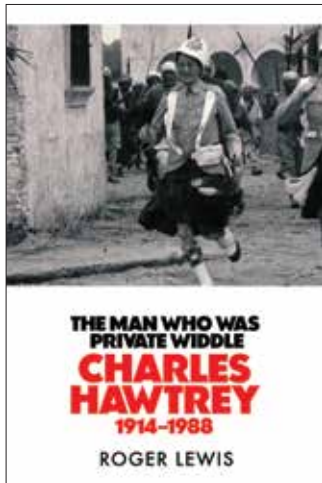
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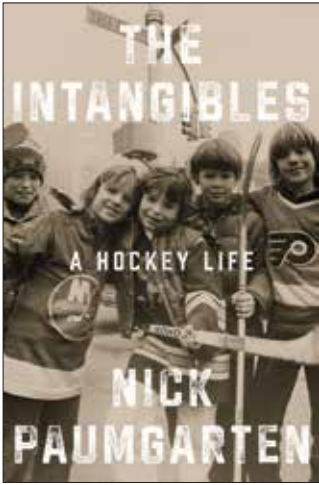
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NICK PAUMGARTEN

**The long-awaited first book by the award-winning *New Yorker* staff writer – a memoir that follows his lifelong obsession with the game of hockey.**

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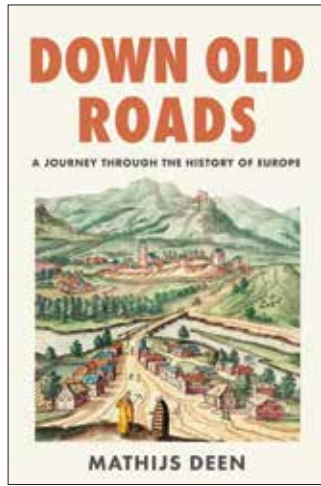
**Nick Paumgarten** has been a staff writer at the *New Yorker* since 2005. Prior to that, he spent five years as an editor and writer at the magazine. He has covered a wide range of subjects, including politics, finance, art, music, food, technology, mountaineering, sports-talk radio, elevators, boxer-bartenders, commuters, and canoes.

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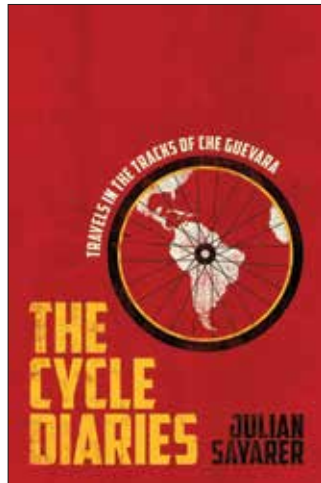
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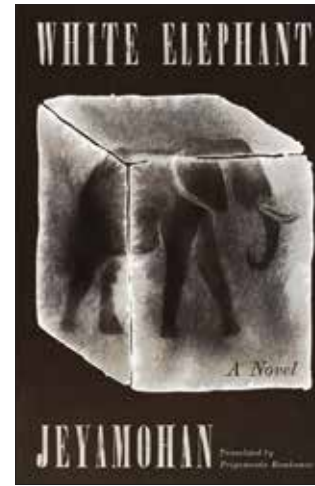
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## THE NINE LIVES OF A BOOKSHOP CAT

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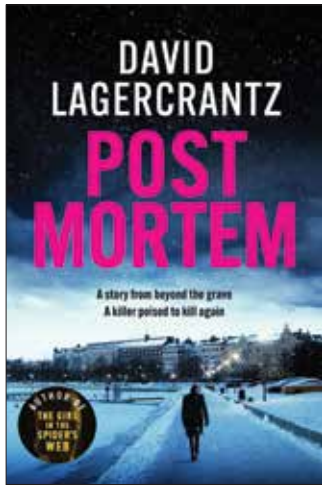
**A cat in his ninth life goes to live in a bookshop with four other cats who also once belonged to famous writers.**

Abandoned by his family, Kinnosuke is drawn to the city in search of food, and he comes across the Hokuto-do Bookshop, owned by a curious woman who has already given a home to four contented cats.

Soon Kinnosuke begins to notice the shop's quirks, but if he wants to learn more of its secrets, he will have to reveal his own about the life he shared with the author.

**Kentaro Utsugi** is from Koshigaya, Saitama Prefecture. *The Nine Lives of a Bookshop Cat* won the Japan Fantasy Novel Grand Prize 2024 and will be translated into more than 15 languages.

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DAVID LAGERCRANTZ

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**David Lagercrantz** was born in 1962, and is an acclaimed author and journalist. In 2015 *The Girl in the Spider's Web*, his continuation of Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy, became a worldwide bestseller and was made into a film by Sony Pictures (2018).

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## HOW CAN MY MANAGER BE SO STUPID?

KAZUMASA HAYAMI

TRANSLATOR: HAYDN TROWELL

**Japanese booksellers loved this candid, funny story about what it's really like to work with books.**

Kyoko Tanihara still loves books. Just about. But she finds herself distracted, tearing her hair out at the mere sight of her infuriating manager.

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Detective Yoshitaro Katayama is afraid of many things: heights, dark spaces, blood and . . . women.

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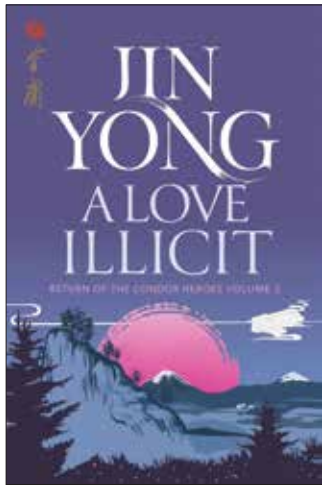
But the murders don't stop, and soon Katayama has a different surprise on his hands: a calico cat named Holmes, orphaned when her owner falls victim.

Surely that's the last thing Katayama needs. Until Holmes begins to display some uncanny investigative instincts of her own . . .

**Jiro Akagawa** is one of Japan's most prolific and celebrated mystery writers. In a career that spans several decades, he has sold more than 330 million copies of his books, and won many prestigious awards including the Japan Mystery Literature Award and the Yoshikawa Eiji Prize for Literature.

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**Jin Yong** is one of the world's bestselling writers, with more than 300 million of his works sold. He is beloved across China for his wuxia novels, and was awarded an O.B.E. in 1981.

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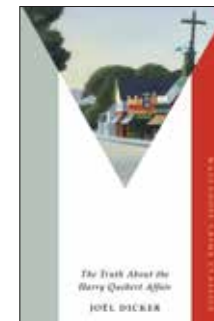
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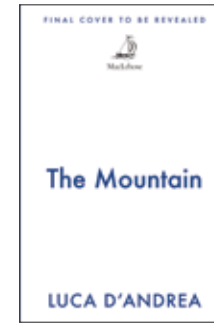
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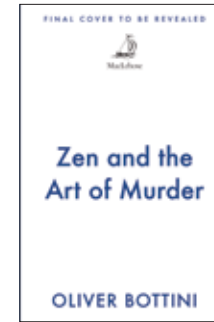
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**Lindsay Straube** is a writer living in Portland, Oregon. She drinks tequila with lemon and watches TV with subtitles on. On any given Tuesday, you can find her at the movies.

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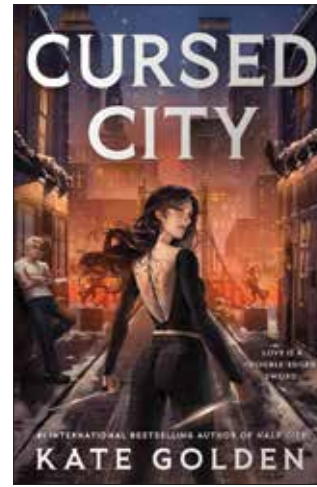
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**Kate Golden** is the bestselling author of The Sacred Stones trilogy. She lives in Los Angeles where she works in the film industry.

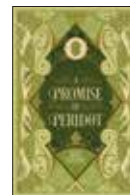
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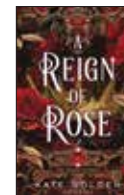
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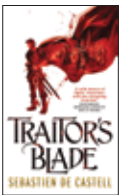
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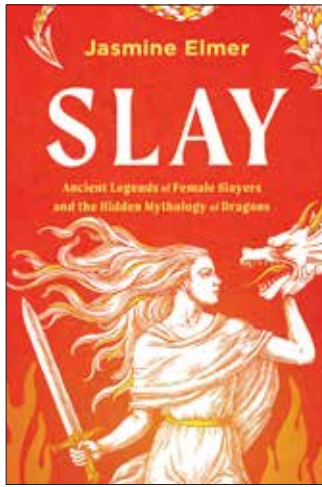
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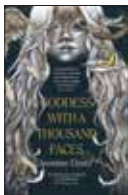
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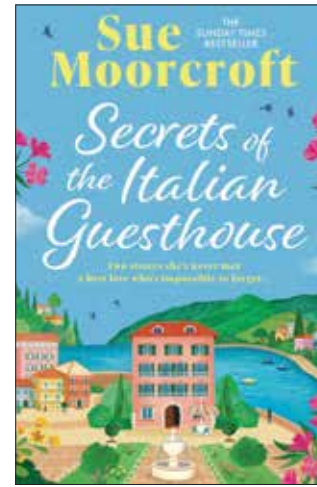
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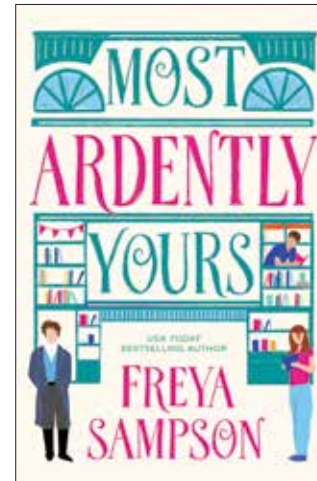
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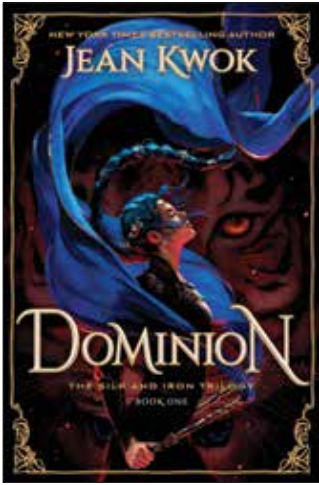
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**Adam Simcox** is a London-based filmmaker and photographer who has worked with numerous high-ends commercial clients and gigs featuring Jarvis Cocker, Hard-Fi and Soul Asylum.

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**Faith Gladwin** studied political science at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, and still resides on the East Coast. When she's not writing about weird women, she can be found reading, obsessively scrolling Pinterest, and trying to keep her plant army alive.

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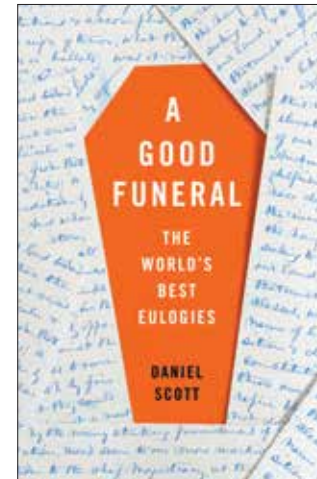
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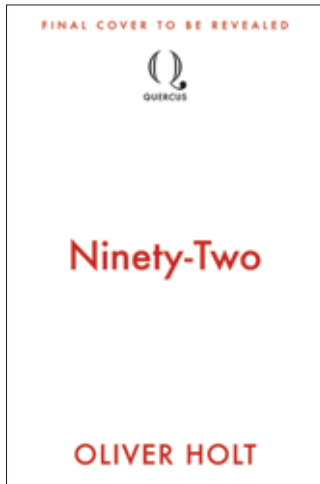
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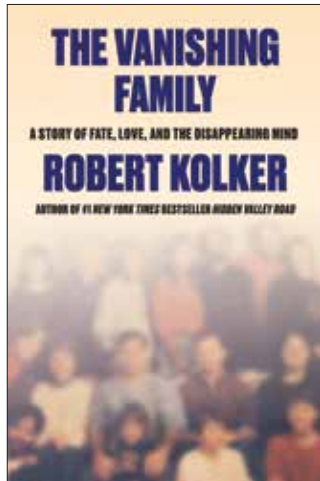
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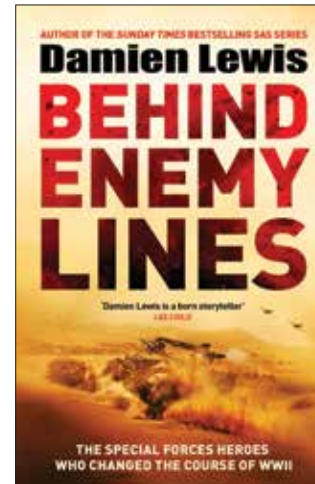
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Gibson's response was typical: his next vehicle he christened 'Wha Daur' – a phrase culled from the Scottish ballad, 'Who dares meddle with me?'. Wha Daur proved to be the slowest and most unwieldy of their Long Range Desert Group patrol – the unit that served as the forerunners of the SAS – but that didn't stop Gibson from spearheading a string of daring and audacious missions.

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Mouret’s clothes were something new, stemming from a wonder at and respect for the female form. Others were making clothes by the rules, and finding the women who fit those rules too. But Mouret looked at the woman first, and created clothes that gave her power – something that came naturally to a person who had had to fight his way to find his place in the world.

**Roland Mouret** is a French fashion designer based in London. His father a butcher; his mother a maid in a Lourdes hotel for religious devotees. Thirty-six years later, their inherent contradictions would fuse together, when Mouret first draped a dress.

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**Tim Wigmore** is the author of *Crickonomics* – a Waterstones sports book of the Year – and *Cricket 2.0: Inside the T20 Revolution*, which won the Wisden Book of the Year and *Daily Telegraph* Cricket Book of the Year in 2020. He is a sports writer for the *Daily Telegraph*, and has also written for *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, ESPN, Cricinfo and *The New Statesman*. *Test Cricket* was the *Sunday Times* Sports Book of the Year, and shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award, in 2025. It was also shortlisted for The Cricket Society MCC Awards and The Sports Book Awards for best cricket book of the year in 2026.

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**Ken Mogi** is a neuroscientist, writer and broadcaster based in Tokyo. He has published more than 30 papers on cognitive and neurosciences, over 100 books in Japan covering popular science, essay, criticism and self-help and sold close to 1 million copies.

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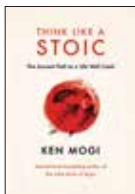
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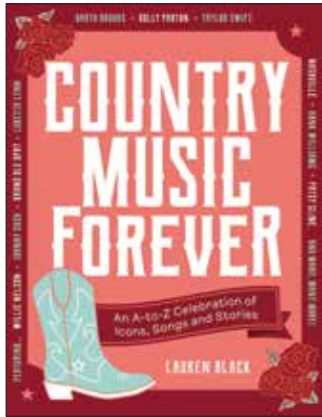
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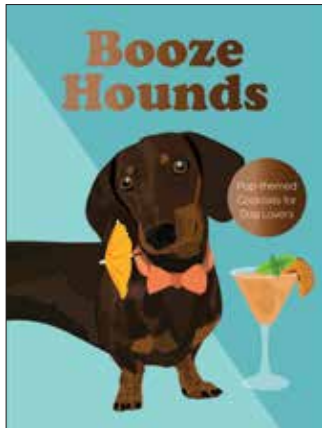
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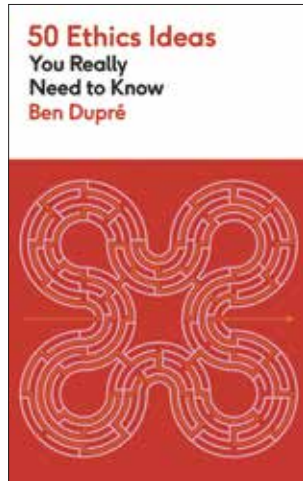
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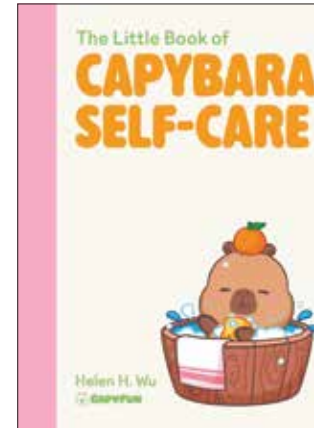
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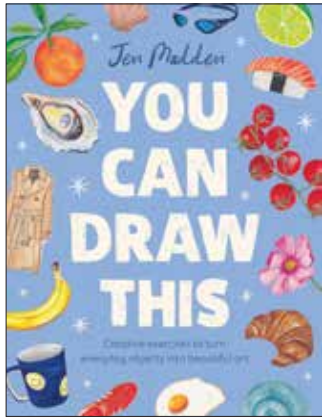


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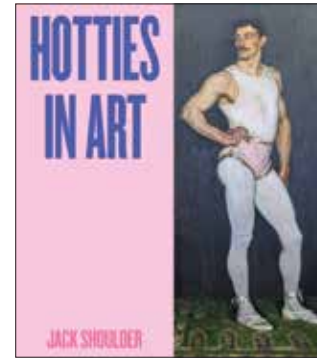
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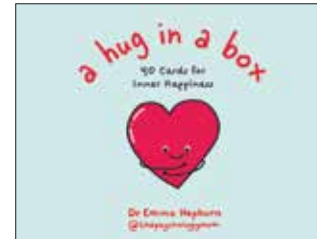
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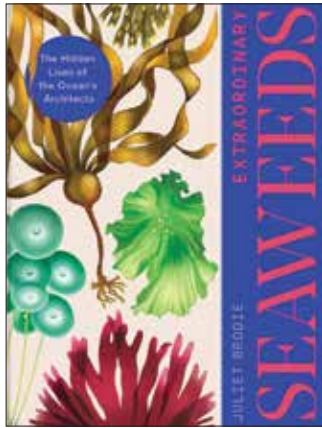
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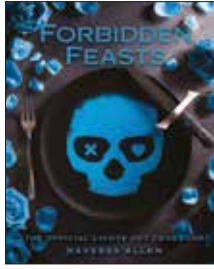
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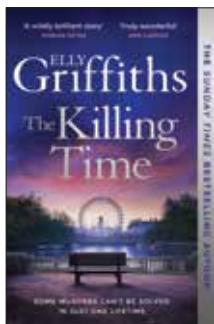
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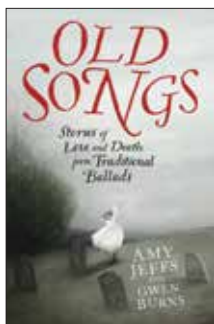
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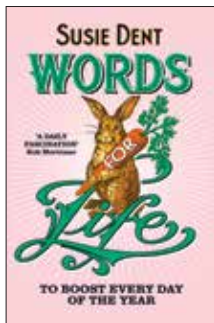
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