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THE PILGRIMS' CASTLE

A Poet, A War, A Family's Secrets

JON DAY

One Amsterdam house. Many versions of the past. A family reckoning with the truth.

Growing up, Jon Day heard the same stories as everyone else. There was the grand canal house in Amsterdam where, during the Second World War, the exiled German writer Wolfgang Frommel had hidden young Jewish men from the Nazis. It was a place, his family said, of literature and poetry, courage and sacrifice, home to an extraordinary circle of artists and intellectuals known as *Castrum Peregrini* – the Pilgrims' Castle.

But in that house, friendship didn't always mean just friendship.

Talking to family, former members of the group and those who finally chose to break their silence, Day pieces together a very different story. Behind the celebrated legend lay a hidden world shaped by the inspiring yet dangerous teachings of the controversial poet Stefan George, where ideals of beauty and mentorship became entangled with manipulation, secrecy and sexual abuse.

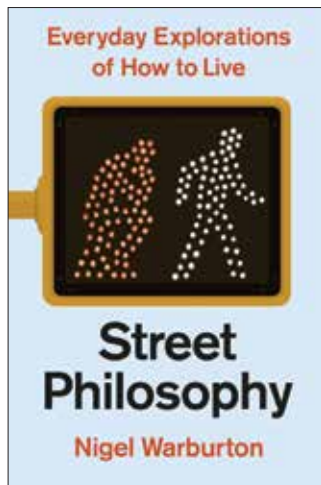
As national memory collides with suppressed testimony, *The Pilgrims' Castle* uncovers a secret history of wartime resistance, hidden coercion and the competing stories we tell ourselves to survive the past.

John Day is a writer, critic and academic. He is the author of *Homing* which was a book of the year in the *Guardian* and *The Spectator*, and was longlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year award.

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STREET PHILOSOPHY

NIGEL WARBURTON

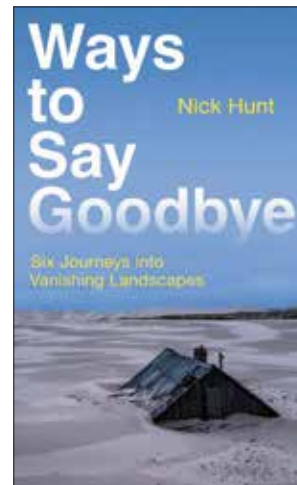
What is philosophy and how can it help us think about questions that matter?

In fifth-century Athens, Socrates discussed ideas with ordinary people in the marketplace. He wanted to get a clear sense of the most important questions people ask about the topics that matter to them, and in particular how we should live. That questioning and debating spirit is still alive in twenty-first century philosophy, though sometimes a little submerged. Philosophy involves a search for truth. Its key method is argument and debate, using evidence and reasoning to arrive at conclusions. It helps people clarify what they believe and why, as well as addressing questions about the limits of what we can meaningfully say and know.

Warburton uses a walk along a city street as a way of framing a series of philosophical explorations and discussions, from questions about the limits of individual responsibility in relation to careless driving, to the question of what makes a stencil-painted mural by Banksy a work of art. Most of these are questions about what we should do, whether in the realm of ethics or political philosophy. The experiences he describes are more or less universal, and the questions that arise from thinking about this sort of public space very quickly get into some of the most interesting and important philosophical questions about how we should live and what we value in life.

Nigel Warburton is a freelance philosopher, podcaster, and best-selling author, best known as the co-founder and main interviewer for the *Philosophy Bites* podcast.

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WAYS TO SAY GOODBYE

NICK HUNT

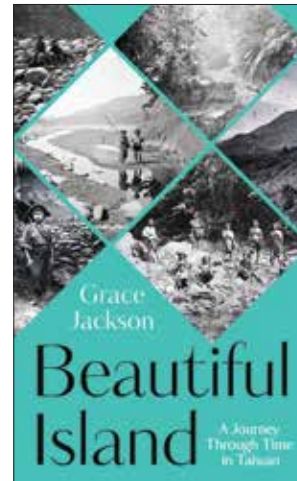
This is not a book about the end of the world – it's about the start of a new one.

From funerals for glaciers in the Swiss Alps, to selfies by the vanishing Aral Sea, the feeling that our world is coming to an end has led to a rise in 'ecological grief' and last-chance tourists.

But as one world ends, another begins. Travelling across continents, through mountains, forests, deserts, coasts and cities, Nick Hunt explores what it means to live in a rapidly changing world, and offers a way we can keep our balance as the ground shifts beneath our feet.

A finalist for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year twice, **Nick Hunt's** books have been translated into many languages. He lives in Bristol.

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GRACE JACKSON

A journey through Taiwan, in the footsteps of the world's first travel photographer.

Taiwan is – and has long been – one of the world's most coveted and contested places. It is one of the world's strongest democracies, yet as early as 2027, China threatens to invade.

A surprising figure at the heart of Taiwan's independence movement is the pioneering Victorian travel photographer John Thomson, who first photographed Taiwan's indigenous communities in the 1870s. Following in his footsteps, China specialist and historian Grace Jackson journeys through cities, mountains and villages, blending history and travel writing to paint a vivid portrait of a fascinating country fighting to exist on its own terms.

A fluent Mandarin speaker and trained historian, **Grace** was born in southwest England and educated at Cambridge and Harvard. For the past decade, she has studied and written about China and Taiwan. She lives in the Lake District.

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ANOTHER STATE IS POSSIBLE

Why Finance Took Over Climate Politics — and How To Take It Back

ROSIE COLLINGTON

Government action on the climate crisis has failed – who benefits?

There is an urgent paradox at the heart of the climate crisis: despite the ambition of international agreements and a collective commitment to action, global emissions have continued to rise.

Rosie Collington presents a clear-eyed diagnosis of the systemic failures driving climate inaction. She challenges the conventional excuses and lays bare the real problem: 'Green State Capitalism', an approach that ties environmental objectives to capitalist economic expansion. By following the money, she spotlights both the promises and flaws of state-led climate action and exposes its contradictions.

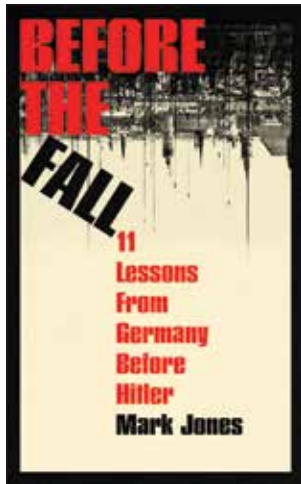
Governments are the best vehicle for preventing ecological collapse. It is only by understanding the root causes of governmental failure that we can redefine *what* and *who* the state exists for. Collington offers a vision for reshaping state structures and explores how we can work together to achieve it. The message is clear: change is within reach. Another state is possible.

Rosie Collington is a political economist and academic. Her writing has been published in the *Guardian*, *Project Syndicate* and *Jacobin*. Rosie is currently a researcher in International Political Economy at Copenhagen Business School. She lives between London and Copenhagen.

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BEFORE THE FALL

Eleven Lessons from Germany Before Hitler

MARK JONES

Urgent lessons from the last time democracy chose to end itself.

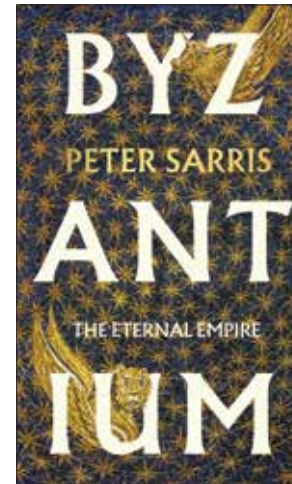
In 1919, Germany became one of the most progressive democracies in the world. Women could sit in parliament. Gay and trans rights were championed. Three-quarters of voters backed liberal parties, giving the new Weimar Republic an overwhelming mandate based on freedom and equality. This was Germany before the fall.

What followed was not the sudden arrival of dictatorship, but the gradual hollowing-out of democracy. Lies and cults of victimhood; political violence and misogyny; oligarchic power and attacks on universities, expertise and scientific knowledge; the manipulation of constitutions, courts and the institutions of the state. These forces did not destroy democracy overnight.

Today, many of those forces are once again threatening our societies. Historian Mark Jones shows how democracy can prepare itself for Nazi dictatorship while appearing to function, and the warning signs confronting us now.

Mark William Jones is Assistant Professor in History at University College Dublin. He is among the leading English language historians of modern Germany and a recognized authority on the history of the Weimar Republic.

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Peter Sarris is professor of late antique, medieval, and Byzantine studies at the University of Cambridge. He is the author or editor of eight books.

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ARASH AZIZI

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The enmity between Iran and Israel today seems so entrenched. Yet, following the Second World War, these two nations found common cause as outsiders. Iran and Israel built a partnership that profoundly shaped both countries. But over the next three decades, revolutionary passions and political ambitions gave rise to a bitter rivalry. Arash Azizi reconstructs this dramatic transformation.

Arash Azizi is a historian who has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and more. Azizi is also a lecturer at Yale University.

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TRANS FAMILY

A Radical History

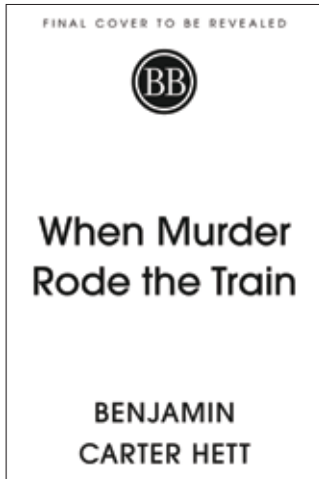
KIT HEYAM

Who gets to be a family in today's world?

The idea that 'the family' is under threat is everywhere. Yet history shows us that family has always had a more complicated relationship to gender and biology, from Greek and Christian myths of birthing fathers to the drag mothers of New York's ballroom scene. Blending globe-spanning history with memoir, Kit Heyam deconstructs the myth of 'the family' as a natural institution, revealing how humans have been complicating it from the very beginning.

Kit Heyam is a university lecturer, a queer history activist, and a trans awareness trainer who has worked with organisations across the UK.

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WHEN MURDER RODE THE TRAIN

The Nazi Hunt for a Serial Killer on the Eve of the Holocaust

BENJAMIN CARTER HETT

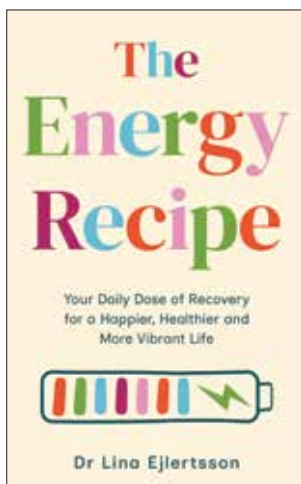
The hunt for a serial killer who terrorized Berlin at the height of Nazi rule.

In 1940-1941, a figure known as the S-Bahn murderer killed eight women by throwing them from the trains of Berlin. The city was under blackouts, but the darkness bred spikes in crime that threatened the wartime effort, including among the working women who rode the S-Bahn and staffed German munitions factories. The Nazi authorities became desperate to capture the killer, spawning the largest police investigation Berlin had ever seen.

Benjamin Carter Hett is a professor of history, and the author of six books on German and European history.

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Dr. Lina Ejertsson is a Swedish public health researcher at Lund University, known as the "recovery scientist" for her work on workplace well-being. She studies how reflection, influence, and supportive relationships are key to maintaining energy and focus.

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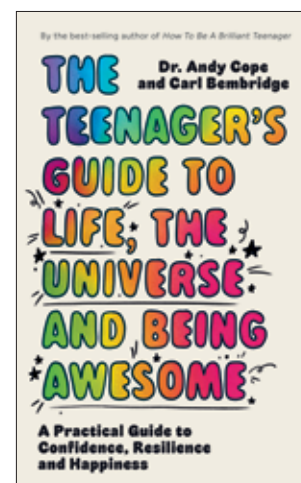
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Ann Handley is a *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, award-winning keynote speaker and writer.

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Andy Cope is a bestselling author and teacher. He has a 'PhD in Happiness' from Loughborough University.

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Ikigai is a vote of confidence in reality. If you find your ikigai, you may or may not find success, but you will find the path to truly living – to ikiru.

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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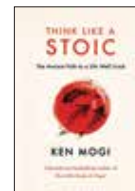
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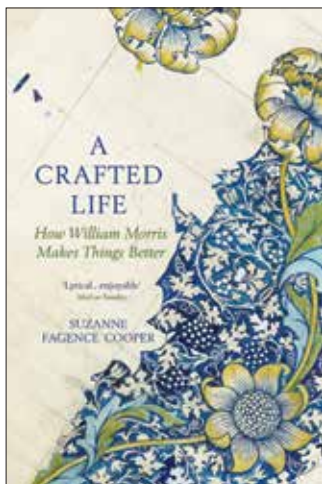
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SUZANNE FAGENCE COOPER

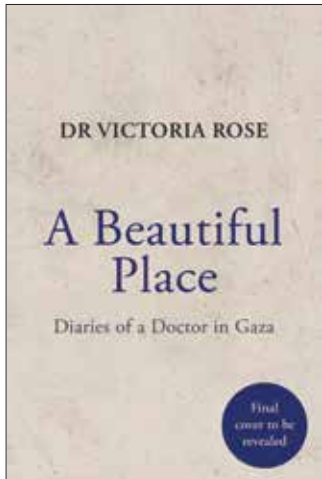
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Dr Suzanne Fagence Cooper is a writer, broadcaster and curator with expertise in nineteenth- and twentieth-century British art and culture. She spent twelve years at the V&A Museum researching the Victorian collections.

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DR VICTORIA ROSE

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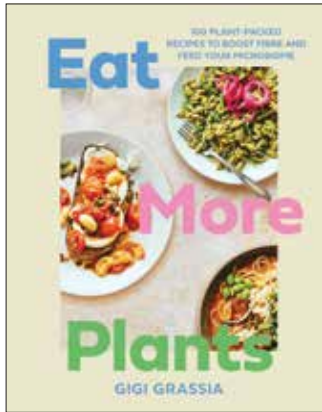
Amidst media blackouts, *A Beautiful Place* shares a rare front-line view of the emotional impact on local healthcare teams, the devastation experienced by her patients and the hope that still remains. It is a story that cannot be ignored.

Dr Rose is a British-trained Consultant Plastic Surgeon. Since 2023 she has been performing emergency surgery and medical care out of Nasser hospital, the only hospital remaining in Gaza.

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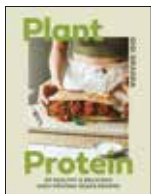
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Gigi Grassia is a personal trainer & nutritionist who is a passionate advocate for plant-based eating and holistic living. Through her Instagram page @gigi_goes_vegan, she shares her love for high-protein balanced nutritious meals and active lifestyle with her 874k followers.

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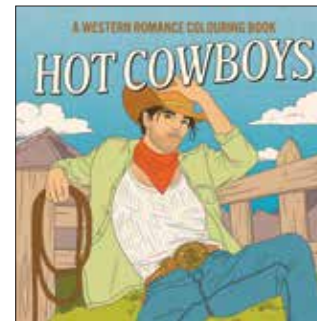
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NAVESSA ALLEN is the bestselling author of the 'Into Darkness' series. She lives on the East Coast with her husband and their spoiled cats.

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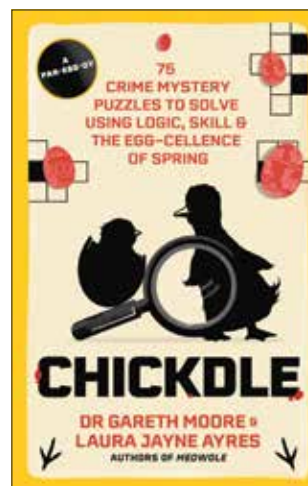
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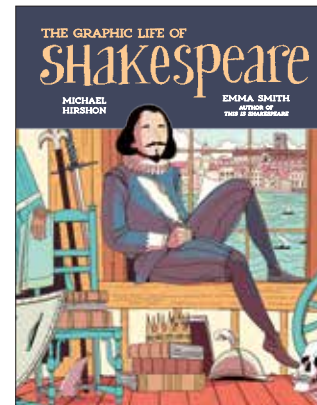
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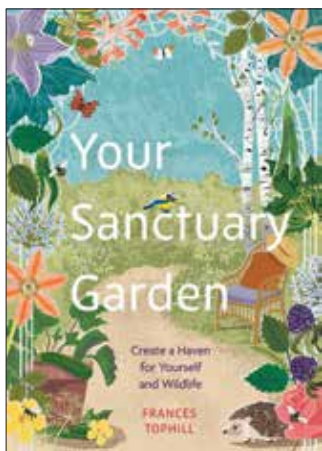
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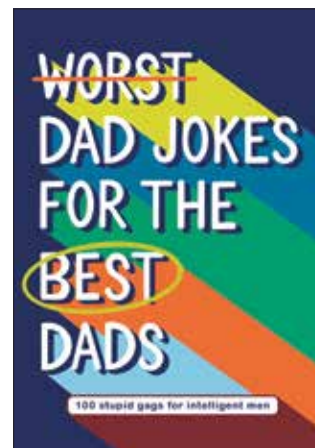
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Frances Tophill is a horticulturist, author and television presenter known for *Love Your Garden* and *Gardeners' World*. In 2022, her first show-garden won best in show at Gardeners' World Live and in 2026 she designed the RHS and The King's Foundation Curious Garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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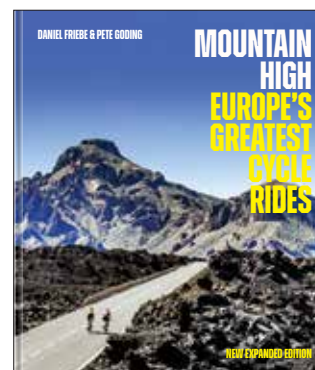
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Chuck L. Worthy is a writer and comedian, developing comedy projects with *Netflix*, *Sony Pictures* and *Color Force*.

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Daniel Friebe is a cycling journalists and veteran of sixteen Tours de France. Daniel has written numerous books on cycling and collaborated with Mark Cavendish.

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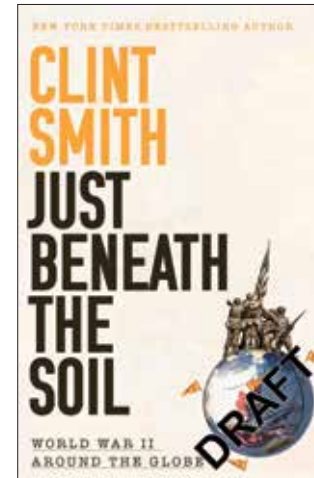
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Louis Bailey is a sociologist by training. His academic work explores experiences of trauma, marginalisation and resistance. His poetry has appeared in several anthologies by Beautiful Dragons Press, and in the TransBareAll anthology *Ten Years, Still Here*.

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Clint Smith is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *How the Word Is Passed* and two books of poetry, and is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*.

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Yemisi Adegoke is a senior journalist and reporter for the BBC. She regularly informs her audiences about the socio-political landscape of Nigeria, where she is currently based.

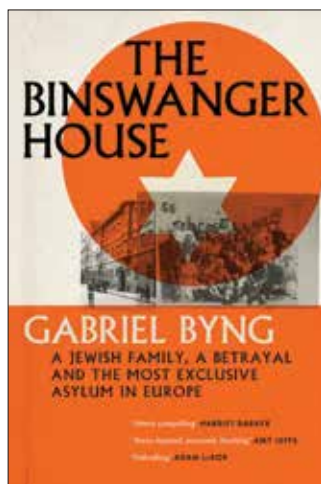
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When Dr Gabriel Byng was visiting the Jewish Museum in Berlin in the Summer of 2016, he stumbled across a photograph of his distant relative, Albert Binswanger, who was a Jewish soldier in the German Army in 1915. Upon this discovery he delayed his flight back to England and found a huge archive of his family's letters, diaries and account books.

He uncovered that Albert was the victim of a devastating betrayal that had divided his family for over seventy years. Once a wealthy liquor factory owner in Munich, when the Nazis came to power, amid violence and humiliation, Albert and his relatives needed to escape. He went to his Swiss cousin Ludwig for help, but Ludwig refused his appeal.

Gabriel went in search of Ludwig's story and made another shocking revelation: that Ludwig Binswanger was one of the most famous psychoanalysts in Europe, widely celebrated to this day, but this pivotal moment in his life has never been revealed before.

Delving deep into the archives to piece together the fragments of truth, Gabriel explores how the forces of hope and hatred had transformed his family's identity and religion across more than a century of European history.

Dr Gabriel Byng is an academic historian at the University of Vienna. Born in London, he studied at Cambridge and the Courtauld. Since then, he has held a Research Fellowship at Clare Hall, Cambridge, and a Marie Curie Individual Fellowship from the EU.

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**One man's quest to ride the entire
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A landmark of Japanese travel writing, translated for the first time, this beloved classic takes the reader on a journey through a lost world of railway travel at its peak, guided by an unapologetic obsessive.

On his quest to "complete" the timetable, to experience Japan station by station, Miyawaki Shunzo takes in not only bustling mainlines but some of its most remote regions: tiny request stops, single-car diesel units, rural dawns, silent platforms, the last light falling across a mountain valley.

His bestselling book, which gave rise to a whole new literary genre, evoked for Japanese readers parts of their country they were unfamiliar with, while celebrating the monumental nation-forging achievement its railway network – and its timetables – represented.

Throughout, Shunzo's voice remains modest, dry and perceptive, even as he grapples with timetables that allow only seconds for a transfer, unexpected operational quirks, missed connections that unravel an entire day's plans, and the ongoing question of whether it's even possible at all.

For readers who enjoyed *Tokyo Express* or *Abroad in Japan*, love the travel writing of Paul Theroux or Monisha Rajesh, or simply have a thing for trains and timetables, this is an essential blend of discovery and nostalgia.

Shunzo Miyawaki (1926–2003) was working as an editor at a major Japanese publisher when his debut work of non-fiction established him as a major literary figure in Japan, selling over 200,000 copies and giving rise to the genre of railway travelogue in Japan.

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What if diversity wasn't about difference – but survival?

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In every hive, among thousands of bees, a handful stand out. Not content with the same flowers, they are thrill-seekers, leaving their home to fly in a different direction, in search of something different. But they're not defective – by refusing to follow the masses, they secure the survival of the hive, finding new food sources for all.

In his latest book, Alex Partridge explains how, just like the Scout bees, you are wired differently for a reason. In a series of reframing exercises, he shows how your lightning-fast brain, resilience, spontaneity and pattern recognition are evolutionary advantages that you can harness for good. Alex demonstrates how to not only create incredible opportunities for yourself, your relationships and your career, but also how to see yourself as a key part of an evolutionary puzzle that wouldn't fit together without your neurodivergent brain.

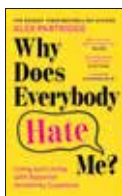
As any neurodivergent person knows, the challenge isn't just in the practical obstacles or executive functioning issues – it's about feeling on the outskirts of society, different and disordered. *The Bee Effect* changes this narrative, bringing you back into the heart of the thriving colony of humanity.

Alex Partridge is a pioneer of social media content, and founded *UNILAD* and *LADBible* at the age of 21. Diagnosed with ADHD aged 34, he now hosts the chart-topping podcast *ADHD Chatter*, which attracts an audience of thousands every week.

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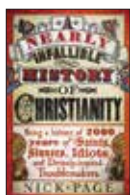


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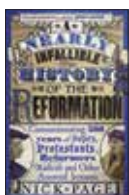
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A Journey into Britain's
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NICK PAGE

A vivid and witty journey through 101 British churches, bringing their architectural history and enduring beauty and meaning to life.

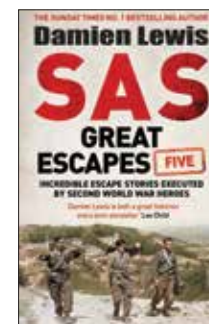
In his own ubiquitous style, prolific author and church historian Nick Page invites us on a journey through 101 of Britain's most intriguing churches and chapels. From windswept hilltop sanctuaries to hidden urban gems, he brings their history vividly to life though fascinating field trips, revealing how these buildings were shaped, how they evolved, and why they continue to captivate and speak to us today.

As Page uncovers the stories etched into arches, towers and timbered roofs, he shows how these sacred spaces have formed Britain spiritually, culturally and physically. They have weathered war, plague, prejudice and neglect. Their stones have cracked, their foundations have shifted, yet they endure – beautiful, fragile, steadfast. This is a celebration of the quiet marvels scattered across our landscape and an invitation to rediscover them with fresh eyes in the twenty first century.

Nick Page is a speaker, unlicensed historian and the author of over 80 books, including *The Bible Book*, *The Wrong Messiah* and *A Nearly Infallible History of the Reformation*. He lives in Oxfordshire with his wife Claire.

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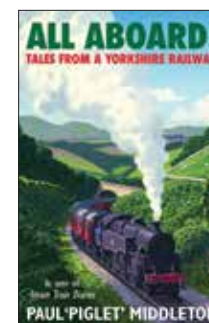
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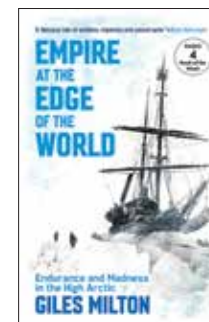
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THE STARVING BRIDE

CATHERINE CHIDGEY

An unsettling and prophetic fairy tale set in a Blackpool of the near future.

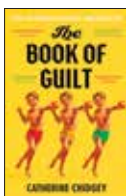
Roll up, roll up, ladies and gents! Don't miss your chance to see the sensation of the season: the *Starving Bride*!

Dumped by her boyfriend, fired from her job and estranged from her parents, Hazel Whitlock signs up for a sideshow act in Blackpool. The seaside resort has revived all the cancelled old favourites: the Wonder Midgits, Britain's Fattest Boy, the South Sea Cannibals . . . and the *Starving Bride*. On display in the iconic Blackpool Tower, with a ravenous lion prowling the enclosure, Hazel must lie in silence while spectators view her and pass judgement on her body. Time compresses and warps in this strange space, and the past returns to Hazel with full and shocking force. As the days tick down and the Showman entices ever larger crowds through the door, Hazel's old friend Gilda becomes increasingly worried for her welfare. Councillor Frank Marsh, meanwhile, investigating the stability of the Tower, is alarmed at his findings – but his concerns fall on deaf ears.

Set against a backdrop of food shortages and rising sea levels, *The Starving Bride* considers our insatiable appetite for the emaciated female form, and the dangers of ignoring the warning signs of catastrophe.

Catherine Chidgey is the author of several novels including the internationally bestselling *Pet*. Her books have been longlisted for the Women's Prize and shortlisted for the Dublin Literary Award. She lives in New Zealand.

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Escaping a tempestuous youth, Suzanne flees her native France for England with her young son, Adam. There she marries and gives birth to Rickie, a second boy. The family enjoys a comfortable, stable life in London but Suzanne never truly feels at home.

Adam and Rickie grow up together but develop very different ideas of what it is to be a man. When word comes that Suzanne's mother is dying in France, her two boys put their differences aside and accompany her on one last trip. Thrown together, the brothers begin to find common ground – until one act changes everything. As the family unravels, it is Rickie's wife, Elle, and Suzanne who bear the brunt of Adam and Rickie's toxic sibling rivalry.

The Best Boy in the World is an unflinching interrogation of masculinity, and of how men are taught to behave. It examines how radically different individual experience within a family can be and the conflict this inevitably creates. Moving through generations and across Europe, this story reveals the insidious legacy of trauma and the strength it takes to confront it.

Seán Farrell was born and brought up in the Irish midlands. His first novel, *Frogs for Watchdogs*, was longlisted for the RSL Ondaatje Prize and shortlisted for Newcomer of the Year at the Irish Book Awards.

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Jerusalem, 1939. Agata, a Jewish refugee from Prague, arrives with her uncle to repair books at an elegant limestone villa in Talbiya. There she meets **Bassam**, the youngest son of the affluent Christian Arab family who live there. Many years later, Agata's family will own the house – in the newly established state of Israel.

Spanning a turbulent century, *The House in Talbiya* is a story of two families – one Palestinian, one Israeli – whose lives are shaped by the forces of history.

Omer Friedlander is the author of the Wingate Prize-shortlisted short story collection, *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land*. He lives in New York City.

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An irresistibly playful novel of seduction, revenge and betrayal.

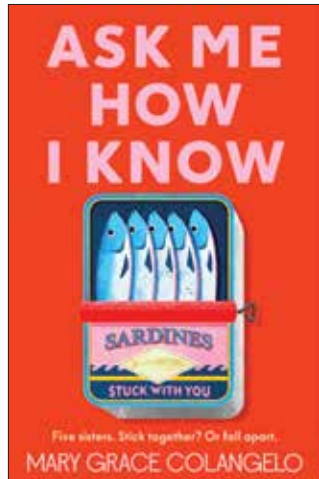
London, 1674. The King is back on the throne, the latest openings at Drury Lane are the talk of the coffee houses and yet the livelihoods of Mariana Quinn and Thomasin Rivers, playwrights with a romantic past, remain precarious.

Theatre managers are sceptical about the public's appetite for writing by women though, as Thomasin discovers, ambitious George Petheridge seems happy to plagiarise her work. Meanwhile, the box office takings are down on Mariana's provocative new play, because the Puritan Nathaniel Birch is deterring the audience by standing outside the playhouse warning of damnation.

When Mariana writes to Thomasin she proposes a game that promises to protect both their careers. With nothing to link Mariana to George, or Thomasin to Nathaniel, they'll each be free to bring down the other's adversary without suspicion. It will be a sweet revenge, as intricately plotted as their best work. For women who live by their wits, it's an irresistible proposition: drama, seduction, cross-dressing, blackmail! Yet as their masterpiece unfolds, it becomes clear that, while characters obey the rules of dramatic convention, people perform in unexpected ways.

Stephanie Bain was Head of Programming and Literary at the Almeida Theatre for many years. Her English language version of the stage play *The Years*, directed and adapted by Eline Arbo, based on the book by Annie Ernaux, earned Stephanie a joint-Olivier Award nomination for Best New Play. This is her first novel.

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As the sisters shoulder the care of their difficult mother, will they band together or fall spectacularly apart?

Mary Grace Colangelo was named a Rising Star Finalist by the Women's Fiction Writers Association in 2021. One of seven sisters herself, she lives in New York.

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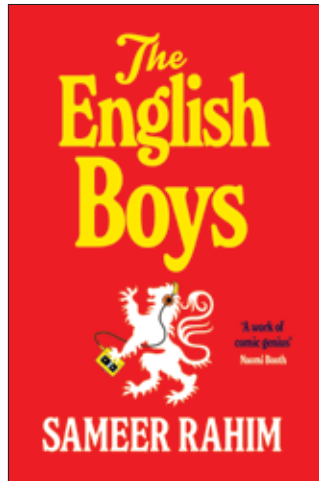
MICHELLE GALLEN

They say don't trust strangers, but what if you can't trust your own family.

Kat's life changes forever when her American aunt dies just weeks after her son is killed in a mysterious fire. Kat's wealthy widowed uncle returns 'home' to Northern Ireland bringing his last surviving child, the beautiful, all-American and dangerously bewitching Kristal Bonedust. Cousins Kat and Kristal form an intense bond but darker forces than Kat can imagine are warping her family, sowing a bitter harvest she will reap for decades to come.

Michelle Gallen's first novel, *Big Girl, Small Town*, was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award while her second novel, *Factory Girls*, won the CWIP Prize.

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SAMEER RAHIM

Two Muslim teenagers in London navigate love, literature and growing up at the turn of the millennium.

1999. Harrow High is a riot of hormones, cigarettes, Sony Walkmans and racial tension. Meanwhile, Adam Din is just trying to stay out of trouble with his strictly religious father. But an unexpected friendship with Suleyman, an eccentric classmate obsessed with that quintessential Englishman Samuel Johnson, becomes a transformative experience.

Twenty years later, Adam receives a mysterious invitation, apparently from Suleyman, whom he hasn't spoken to since school. Their reunion may finally reveal what happened between 1999 and 2001 – and why their lives took such different paths.

Sameer Rahim is a novelist, critic, and publisher. His debut novel *Asghar and Zahra* was longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize in 2019.

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Award-winning novelist Michael Hughes dives deep into his own family history to tell the extraordinary true story of the most famous detective of his time. *McParland* is a gripping literary thriller of loyalty and betrayal, and a vivid account of ruthless capitalism in Gilded Age America.

Michael Hughes was born and raised in Northern Ireland. He has worked for many years as an actor under the professional name Michael Colgan. He is the author of the novels *The Countenance Divine* and *Country*.

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Laura van den Berg is the author of the short story collection *The Isle of Youth*, and the novels *Find Me*, *The Third Hotel*, and *State of Paradise*. She is Director of Creative Writing at Harvard University.

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Haunted by his past and disturbed by the present, Cal has to find the answers that will bring him peace in both, and before Fasker will finally let him leave.

Andrew Cotter is an award-winning broadcaster and bestselling writer. In 2020, he published the bestselling memoir *Olive, Mabel and Me*, and in 2021 was followed up with a second memoir *Dog Days*. *The Owl Carver* is Andrew's first novel.

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Ashleigh Mounser is an Australian writer who has been published across print and media. *The House at Hanger Hill* is her debut novel for adults.

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Nick Beckett a.k.a. Niall Boyce has worked as a psychiatrist and medical journal editor. *The Book of Martyrs* is his first crime novel.

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Jessie Elland is an actress and author from the North East of England.

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Peter Hanington is a critically acclaimed writer and journalist. He is the author of the William Carver thrillers and *The Darkest Tide*.

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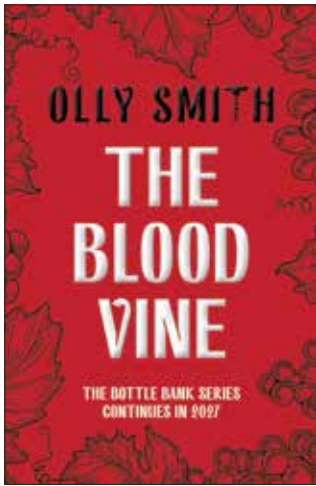
Enter Sterling Lockwood, the Hotel Orient's concierge and keeper of secrets, who joins forces with Detective Andreas to hunt down a serial killer and save the city's songbirds. The show must go on!

Alessandra Ranelli is an American author living in Vienna. Alessandra's writing is a cocktail made from a generous pour of bourbon, an ounce of film noir, and a dash of humour.

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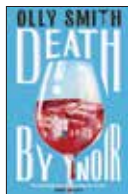
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Olly Smith is a wine expert with 19 years' presenting wine on BBC One's *Saturday Kitchen*. Olly has also been the wine columnist for the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*.

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As Helena finds herself drawn into the spotlight, what began as a lifeline quickly becomes dangerous. The deeper she digs, the more she uncovers a web of lies, imaginary fortunes, and false identities constructed as carefully as the art she writes about. Long buried secrets are stirring, and someone will go to any length to keep them hidden.

From the author of *The End of Summer* comes a dazzling literary thriller that sweeps readers into the glittering yet sinister world of international art, via the mega-yachts of the global elite. This is a story of deception, ambition, and a secret worth dying for.

Charlotte Philby is a critically acclaimed author and screenwriter. She started her career as a newspaper reporter at the *Independent*, where she was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Prize for investigative reporting. *Hot Young Things* is her eighth novel.

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Elizabeth Gill was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and as a child lived in Tow Law in County Durham where her family owned a steelworks.

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Anna Smith has been a journalist for over twenty years. She is the author of the Rosie Gilmour Series, the Kerry Casey Series and the Billie Carlson series.

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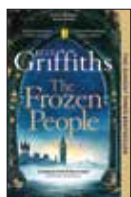
The team's latest case is that of ten-year-old Charlie Knight, who went missing back in 1998. This feels personal to Ali, not only because Charlie reminds her of her son Finn when he was a boy, but because Charlie lived with his family in Brimstone Lane, Ali's street in London's east end.

Charlie's mother is terminally ill and, desperate to find answers for her, Ali wishes to return to the day Charlie disappeared. But things don't go according to plan, and Ali finds herself caught up in the London Blitz of 1940.

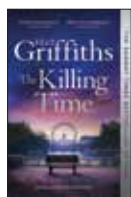
Sitting in a damp bomb shelter she asks herself the question, *how did I get here? How will I get home?* And most importantly, *how will I discover what happened to Charlie Knight before it is too late?*

Elly Griffiths is a multi-award-winning author and a No. 1 bestseller. Her many accolades include the CWA Dagger in the Library, the Edgar Award, the Fingerprint Award for Crime Novel of the Year and the Theakston Old Peculier Crime novel of the year Award.

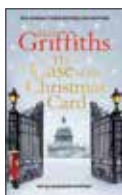
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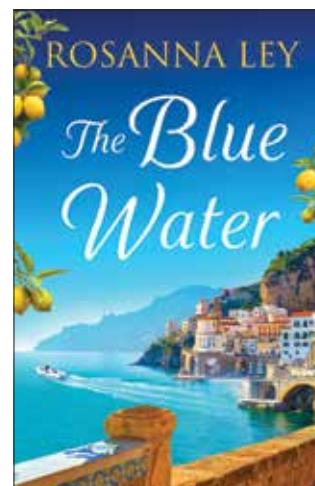
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Arturo resolves to do some travelling before settling down, and so he leaves Valentina, departing for the UK in search of adventure. Drawn to the boat-building community of Lyme Regis, he meets free-spirited Freya, whose passion is restoring vintage fabrics. The instant spark and connection between them leads to love.

Now, almost 20 years later, Valentina, Arturo and Freya live suffocatingly close to one another back in Falerio. As their families are drawn together by a new generation, those old secrets threaten to emerge, and buried emotions resurface.

Can Arturo and Freya's marriage survive the shadows of the past? And can Arturo and Valentina come to terms with their shared history and find a way of moving on?

Rosanna Ley works as a creative writing tutor. Her writing holidays and retreats take place in stunning locations in Spain and Italy. When she is not travelling, Rosanna lives in West Dorset by the sea.

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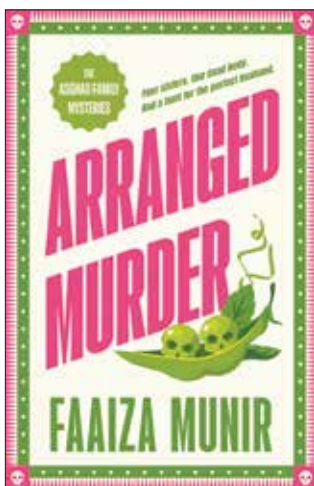
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In a bid to clear her family's name, Iman decides to investigate. And as she gets to know Dawud's extended family and friends, she begins to suspect that his death may not have been an accident after all . . .

Faaiza Munir is from Glasgow, Scotland. She lives in South London with her husband, three children and one very unbothered cat. She studied English Literature at university and some of her favourite authors are Agatha Christie, Anthony Horowitz and P. G. Wodehouse.

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As Lauren finds herself torn between two very different men – the one who vanished and the one who returned – she needs to decide what kind of love she believes in.

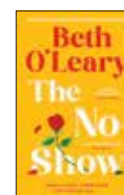
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Beth O'Leary is the multi-million copy bestselling author of seven novels, all of which have been instant *Sunday Times* bestsellers. *The Flatshare* and *The Road Trip* have also been adapted for television. She lives in Hampshire with her family.

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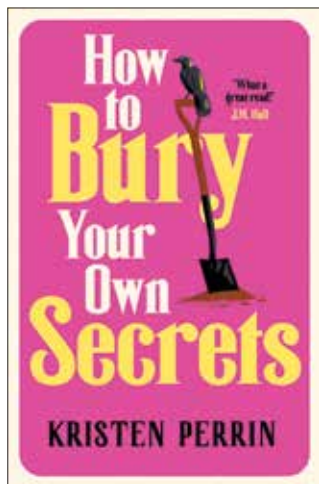
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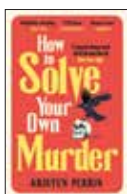
1970: The cast and crew for the supposed film of the year descend on Castle Knoll to begin production, and the influx of famous faces has the town abuzz. Newly married to the Lord of Gravesdown Hall, Frances Adams can't help but get swept up in the glamour of it all. That is, until the lead actress has a breakdown, sabotage plagues the set, and rumors of hastily covered-up scandal abound. When the screenwriter tragically falls to his death from the cliffside paths, production is finally shut down. It's obvious that the film is cursed.

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Kristen Perrin is originally from Seattle, Washington, where she spent several years working as a bookseller before immigrating to the UK. Her debut mystery *How to Solve Your Own Murder* has been translated into more than twenty languages and was an international bestseller.

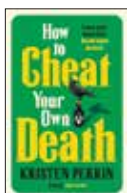
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Over the course of a stifling Long Island summer, Cleo makes a shocking discovery about the wife who went before. But will the truth destroy Cleo too?

Jane Thynne is a novelist, journalist and broadcaster. She has worked at the *Sunday Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the BBC, among others.

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Nancy Tucker is a writer and clinical psychologist, working in a child and adolescent mental health service. She is the author of three books, two works of non-fiction and her debut novel, *The First Day of Spring*, which published in 2021.

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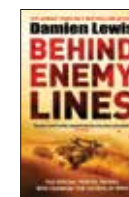
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Tracy Rees was born in South Wales. A Cambridge graduate, she had a successful career in nonfiction publishing and a second career practising humanistic counselling.

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Bruno is tracking a wolf pack after some farm animals are attacked and killed, and a wolf is found to have rabies. The wolf activity reveals human bones, still clad in half-rotted jeans. The discovery could affect plans by British incomer, Toby, who wants to create a Garden of Extraordinary Plants close to where the remains have been unearthed.

Forensics date the bones to the late 1960s – a time of political turmoil in France. Tracing missing persons from sixty years ago is not seen as priority by Bruno's superiors – and even if murder is confirmed, the killer is unlikely still to be alive.

But Bruno has a hunch and he doesn't give up easily.

Martin Walker is a prize-winning journalist and the author of several acclaimed works of non-fiction, including *The Cold War: A History*. He lives in the Dordogne and Washington, DC.

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And if the answers Leah needs lie with a man impossible to trust, this investigation will lead her down a very dangerous path.

British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer, **Remi Kone** has worked on several well-known television dramas, such as *Killing Eve*, *Spooks* and *Lewis*. She lives in London.

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Like water and oil, these two don't mix. But long hours in a hot kitchen can make a person do crazy things, and soon they're caught in a delicious mess. . .

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

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EMMA LOWTHER

An intoxicatingly dark novel, set in the stand-up comedy world, that explores ambition, loyalty and power.

2011. Juno never meant for it to happen. But amid the chaos of her first Edinburgh Fringe – working as a lowly flyer for performers like Daniel Dagleish – she falls in love: with comedy.

2016. Juno is back at the Fringe, working for Daniel once more. He is now a household name, Juno his protégée. And after years of thankless gigs and dead-end jobs, she would do anything for success of her own – no matter the consequences.

2022. Finally, Juno has made it. But even as her star is rising, the past – and those hurt along the way – is catching up to her. Perhaps the truth can't be drowned out, no matter how loud the applause.

Compulsive and haunting, *Dark Noise* is a page-turning story of ambition, performance and betrayal, set in the dark underbelly of the stand-up world.

Emma Lowther is a queer, neurodivergent, northern writer and actor. She trained as a performer at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and was a winner of the London Writer's Award.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF OTA BENG

JJ BOLA

The highly anticipated new novel from JJ Bola, depicting the remarkable true story of Ota Benga.

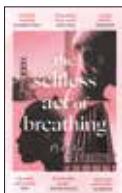
In 1904, Ota Benga, a young Congolese 'pygmy' – a person of petite stature – arrived from central Africa and was featured in an anthropology exhibit at the St Louis World's Fair. Two years later, the New York Zoological Gardens displayed him in its Monkey House, caging the slight 103-pound, 4-foot-11-inch tall man with an orangutan. The attraction became an international sensation, drawing thousands of New Yorkers and commanding headlines from across the world.

Through *The Life and Times of Ota Benga*, we follow our protagonist from the very beginning of his story in the DRC to his captivity, the international controversy it inspired, and his efforts to adjust to American life.

Written in Bola's beautiful, thoughtful prose, this is a novel of both unimaginable pain and hope.

JJ Bola is an established writer, poet and UNHCR ambassador. His three poetry collections, *Elevate*, *Daughter of the Sun* and *WORD*, were published in *Refuge* (2018), which was read out in the House of Commons during Refugee week in 2018.

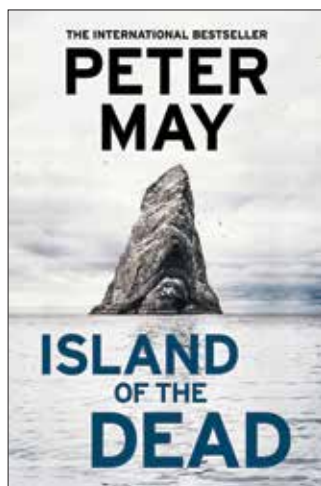
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ISLAND OF THE DEAD

PETER MAY

The return of the internationally bestselling master of crime.

When ten-year-old Ethan McGregor is torn from his comfortable Aberdeen home to the rugged island of St Columba, he finds himself having to adjust to a whole new existence. Absorbed into a ragtag group of teenagers who call themselves the *équipe*, Ethan becomes obsessed with three things. Fire. Donna Gillies. And a hatred of the island bully, Coinneach.

But in this remote, primeval and God-fearing setting of cliffs and Atlantic storms, where birds outnumber people by millions to one, there hides a terrible secret to which only the *équipe* is privy. And then, at seventeen years old, Donna is murdered, thrown to her death from the highest cliff.

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Peter May was born and raised in Scotland. He has received the USA's Barry Award for *The Blackhouse*, the first in his internationally bestselling Lewis Trilogy; and in 2014 was awarded the ITV Specsavers Crime Thriller Book Club Best Read of the Year award for *Entry Island*. Peter now lives in South-West France with his wife, writer Janice Hally.

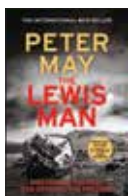
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ONE BEFORE LAST

DROR MISHANI

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A short, intense novella about love, beauty and a terrible act that threatens both.

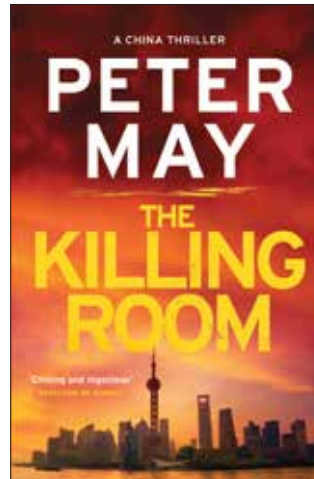
Eli is a translator in his fifties with nothing left to lose. His wife has died and his children have fled the nest, leaving him adrift.

That is until he meets Lia. She's surprising, intriguing and offers Eli a sense of possibility beyond his miserly circumstances.

But everything shifts when Eli is welcomed into Lia's home and does something unforgivable. Is it better to protect this new romance, or risk tearing it apart?

D. A. Mishani is a bestselling crime writer, screenwriter and literary scholar, specializing in the history of crime fiction. His crime novels have been translated into more than twenty languages.

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THE KILLING ROOM

PETER MAY

Li Yan and Margaret Campbell travel to Shanghai: where a new ally, and a new enemy, await.

When a mass grave containing eighteen mutilated female corpses is discovered in Shanghai, detective Li Yan is sent from Beijing to establish if the bodies are linked to an unsolved murder in the capital. Here, Li will be working with Mei Ling, deputy head of Shanghai's serious crime squad.

Li, Campbell and Mei Ling are now entering the arena of a sickening nemesis, and opening a door behind which lies each of their very worst nightmares.

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COUNT YOUR VICTIMS

DI Ryan Wilkins Mysteries

SIMON MASON

The next installment in the much loved DI Ryan Wilkins mysteries.

In shabby south Oxford, men clearing the debris of a burned-out garden room find something unusual among the ashes: a human ear. The new Superintendent of Thames Valley suspects organised crime.

Meanwhile, out on Oxford's Science Park, the offices of Agile Bionics have been under attack from student protestors, whose fury has been provoked by the false rumour of deal between the company and the Israeli military. Now Agile's director is murdered in his north Oxford townhouse, with the protestors' usual slogan spray-painted on his kitchen wall: Count Your Victims.

To everyone's surprise, the badly behaved DI Ryan Wilkins has kept his job. His partner, the impeccably behaved DI Ray Wilkins, has quit. It seems to be the end of their ramshackle partnership. But, it turns out, their relationship is set to continue, if along very different lines.

Simon Mason has pursued parallel careers as a publisher and an author. The first book in his DI Ryan Wilkins Mysteries, *A Killing in November*, received widespread critical acclaim and was shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger. The Second book, *The Broken Afternoon*, was a *Times* Audio Book of the Week and a *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Month.

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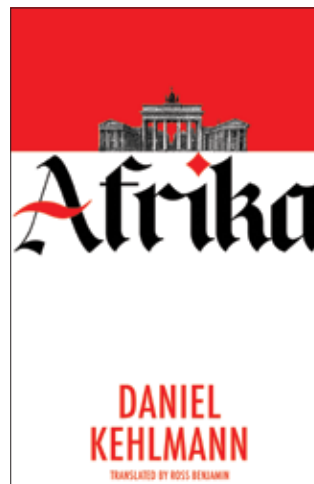
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AFRIKA

DANIEL KEHLMANN

TRANSLATOR: ROSS BENJAMIN

From 'one of the brightest, most pleasure-giving writers at work today' (Jeffrey Eugenides) comes a comic tale of casual barbarism, dangerous lunacy and accidental authority.

In the winter of 1884, the great colonial powers meet in Berlin. The order of the day: how to divide up the vast continent of Africa between them. For Legation Counsellor Strinetzky though, a minor Austrian diplomat drafted in to the conference so his superior can spend the day practicing for a piano recital, this day of grand global diplomacy is a backdrop to personal crises. His marriage is edging towards the point of no return. He's embroiled himself into a career-ending expenses scandal. And, more worryingly, a petty slight to a Prussian soldier has landed him in a pistol duel scheduled for the very next morning.

As the leaders of European imperialism bargain and allocate, their allegiances to each other constantly shifting and the political game ever more trepidatious, Strinetzky will be relieved to make it through the next two days alive, if not with honour intact. But, as it turns out, much more is riding on Strinetzky's hapless manoeuvrings than his own life.

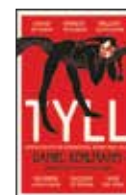
In *Afrika*, Daniel Kehlmann lays bare the absurdity and brutality of empire with imagination and deadly wit.

Daniel Kehlmann was born in Munich in 1975 and lives in Vienna, Berlin and New York. He has won numerous prizes, including the Literature Prize of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the WELT Literature Prize, and the Thomas Mann Prize, and has twice been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize.

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TIDE

ANNA RICHMOND

'Her writing is urgent and powerful which perfectly captures the mother who . . . is desperate to be believed'

Kiran Millwood Hargrave

WHAT KIND OF MOTHER IS SHE?

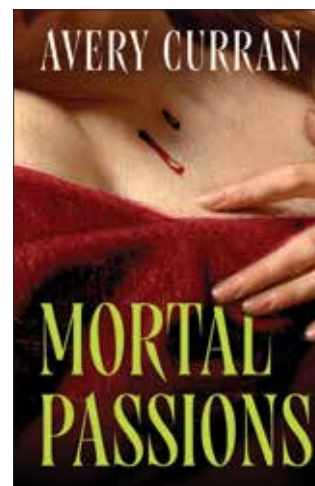
In present-day West London, Imogen struggles to connect with her young son, preferring her stay-at-home husband to take the lead. Imogen is all edges: lacking maternal instinct, more invested in her work than her family, short-fused and brittle. At her husband's insistence, she agrees to take her son to the river to mudlark, only to watch in horror as he is dragged into the water, never to be seen again.

As the police search unfolds and something dark and festering appears in Imogen's vision of the water's edge, her sanity is called into question. She forces herself to alter her story, believing that doing so will hold what's left of her family together. Instead, lies beget lies, and the frayed edges of her marriage threaten to unravel altogether.

Propulsive and unnerving, *Tide* shows a relationship in ruin and a mother, reeling and unmoored, who just wants to be believed. Anna Richmond asserts a fresh and haunting impression of what it means to be unseen in a marriage and how far one woman will go to reclaim herself.

Anna Richmond is an alumnus of the Curtis Brown Creative Novel Writing Course and was named runner-up in the Blue Pencil First Novel Award 2021 with an earlier version of *Tide*. She lives in London and writes alongside her job as a freelance social media strategist.

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MORTAL PASSIONS

AVERY CURRAN

'Curran writes with incredible precision on fear, desire and the insidiousness of authority' Julia Armfield

Laura Wyck has waited her whole life to be chosen, but in the meantime, she chooses a PhD. Specifically, at the University of ---, a coveted and prestigious institution where she has spent the best part of her life. When Laura and her closest friends are informed about ominous and extensive staff cuts, they come together to ask questions that have no answer.

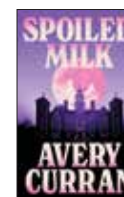
But then Laura encounters Eli and everything changes. The stranger in the library, a dream of a butch, Eli is smooth, glittering, terribly seductive . . . and they set Laura's teeth on edge. They've been tasked by the University to oversee the dismantling of everything Laura holds close, draining the institution of its lifeblood.

As Laura is pulled into Eli's magnetic orbit and bodies begin to fall, the threat of death becomes a potent, shadowy force on campus. Swept away by her newfound privileges, Laura indulges in the beauty and grandeur of Eli's world, but her peers suspect that there is something festering and rotten behind Eli's charm. Is Laura in love, or is she being held hostage?

***Mortal Passions* is a queer vampire romance that is at once an excoriating send-up of capitalism and a desperately sexy campus novel.**

Avery Curran studied History at university, she finished an MA in Victorian Studies in 2021 and a PhD on spiritualism and queerness in the nineteenth century. She was born in New York City and currently lives in London.

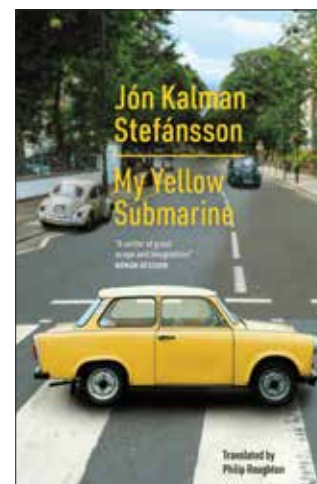
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MY YELLOW SUBMARINE

JÓN KALMAN STEFÁNSSON

TRANSLATOR: PHILIP ROUGHTON

A poignant, life-affirming coming of age novel by one of the great Icelandic writers of our times.

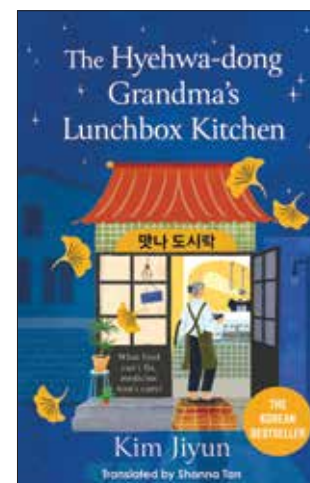
A middle-aged man on a bench in a London park sees Paul McCartney sitting nearby.

Resolving to approach him, he gathers his thoughts and takes up the thread of his memories, marked by the Beatles' repertoire . . .

From one of Europe's most compelling stylists, this life-affirming novel examines a boy's lonely childhood through timeless stories and legends, the Beatles, and the austerity of life in Iceland in the eighties.

Stefánsson's fiction has been longlisted for the International Booker Prize and Philip Roughton won the Oxford-Weidenfeld Prize for his translation of *The Heart of Man*.

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THE HYEHWHA-DONG GRANDMA'S LUNCHBOX KITCHEN

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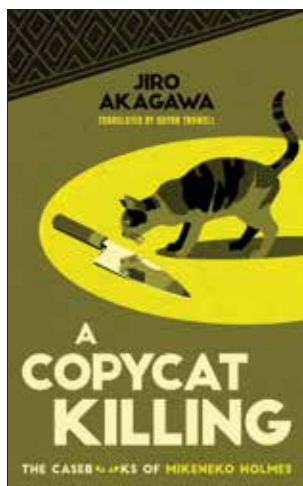
TRANSLATOR: SHANNA TAN

The follow-up to cosy Korean hit *Yeonnam-dong's Smiley Laundromat*.

Meet Madam Jeong Geum-nam, known as the Hyehwa-dong Grandma, a self-proclaimed "cool senior". Her food is the best in town but there's something else that makes her restaurant special: notes wrapped in silver foil and hidden under the rice. Notes that make people laugh, cry, heal their wounds and slowly become friends with their neighbours. But the time is coming when she will have to rely on her regulars for support.

Kim Jiyun's first novel was an international rights success with sales in many languages and more than 30,000 copies sold in MacLehose Press editions alone.

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A COPYCAT KILLING

The Casebooks of Mikeneko Holmes

JIRO AKAGAWA

TRANSLATOR: HAYDN TROWELL

The second novel in one of the most beloved crime series of all time – 30 million books sold in Japan.

Detective Katayama is leaving the force . . .

. . . eventually. But with his resignation letter gathering dust on his boss's desk, he is faced with a case that draws him back in. Two sisters murdered in the same apartment two years apart. One died almost peacefully, a smile on her face and a bullet in her heart, while the other was brutally strangled.

Curiously, there seems to be a connection with the cultural centre where his sister Harumi now works. Just before the second murder, someone signed up to every single course in the name of the victim of the first.

Normally Holmes can be relied on to drag in clues. Instead, she remains aloof, her feline face inscrutable, as if biding her time. But with the murders stacking up, what can she possibly be waiting for?

Praise for *A Game of Cat and Killer*

"Murder mystery fans and cat lovers get ready for an iconic new series" Janice Hallet

"Think Agatha Christie with claws" A.J. Finn

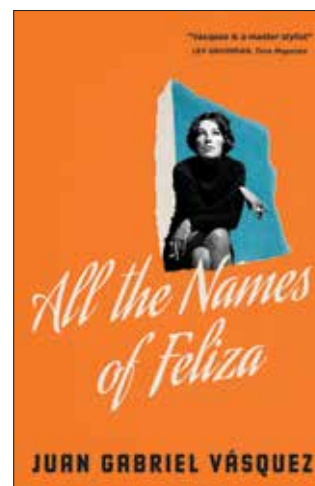
"You can absolutely see why Jiro Akagawa is such a staple of Japanese crime fiction" Kristen Perrin

Jiro Akagawa has a strong claim to being the most successful Japanese crime writer of all time, with 330 million copies of his works sold. His immensely popular Mikeneko Holmes series, which made him a household name and was adapted for TV, was inspired by a Mikeneko, or calico cat, he used to own.

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ALL THE NAMES OF FELIZA

JUAN GABRIEL VÁSQUEZ

TRANSLATOR: ANNE MCLEAN

A bold reimagining of the life of Feliza Burzstyn, who, in pursuit of artistic freedom, challenged all the conventions of her world.

Irreverent, mischievous and utterly committed to her art, Feliza Burzstyn turned Colombian culture upside down by defying convention, making extraordinary art out of scrap metal and refusing to play the simpering feminine role that her country's macho culture demanded of her. *All the Names of Feliza* is Juan Gabriel Vásquez's impassioned, engrossing portrait of a woman racing, with ingenuity and imagination, to outstrip the private and public social forces arrayed against her.

Juan Gabriel Vásquez is the winner of many literary prizes including the Dublin Literary Award, the Gregor von Rezzori Prize and the Alfaguara Prize.

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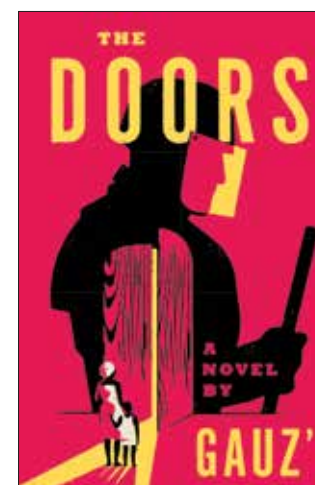
TRANSLATOR: FRANK WYNNE

A powerful new novel from the International Booker-shortlisted author of *Standing Heavy*.

Paris, summer 1996. A procession of protestors is looking for a fortress from which to defend their rights. When Madjiguène Cissé, their Senegalese spokeswoman, leads them through the doors of Saint-Bernard church, the struggle can begin. Their month-long occupation culminates in a siege that draws the attention of a whole country and puts a new category of citizens at the centre of the national debate: undocumented migrants or *sans-papiers*.

Gauz' first novel in English translation, *Standing Heavy*, was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize. He has contributed a unique introduction for this edition.

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THREE MYSTERIES FOR THE ORGANISATION

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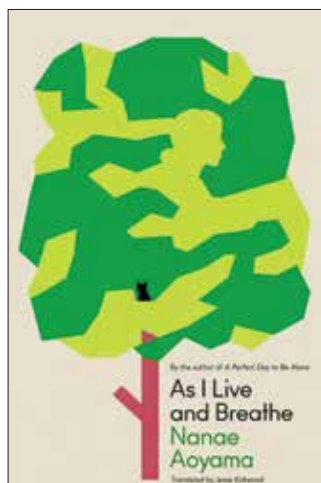
TRANSLATOR: NICK CAISTOR

A Catalan homage to the Slough House novels, with a twist of Mendoza's signature black humour.

When new recruit Vicente Misfit reports to the Organisation, a meeting is called to discuss three mysteries . . . But what is the Organisation? A secret department created in 1944 that has never ceased to exist nor had the funds to achieve anything. Suspecting a grand conspiracy, the Boss sends his operatives into the field. What they discover surprises everyone, bringing new friends, new enemies and new vigour to an ailing agency.

Eduardo Mendoza has won many of Spain's most prestigious literary prizes and this novel has sold more than 145,000 copies in Spain.

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AS I LIVE AND BREATHE

NANAE AOYAMA

TRANSLATOR: JESSE KIRKWOOD

A prodigal younger brother returns, disrupting the ordered life of a woman in her twenties negotiating life in Toyko.

Madoka is stuck in her ways. She wakes up, goes to her agency job on the subway, comes home and cooks herself a solitary dinner. Her life is simple, and simple is what she likes.

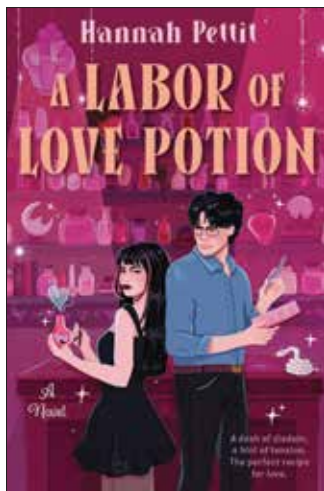
Until, out of the blue, her brother appears, looking for a place to stay. Futa is everything she's not: compulsive, enigmatic, carefree. Suddenly, seen through his eyes, her life takes on an alarming new dynamic . . .

Nanae Aoyama won the Akutagawa Prize for her second novel, *A Perfect Day to Be Alone*.

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A LABOUR OF LOVE POTION

HANNAH PETTIT

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But when an anonymous column begins slandering her business, Rosemary's forced to accept a near-impossible job to save her shop: create a rare hatred-to-love potion, a task that requires Rosemary to make someone who hates her fall madly in love with her.

Hannah Pettit is an advertising strategist. When not writing multifaceted romantasies or posting on Instagram reels, she enjoys decorating her apartment in grandma-core aesthetic.

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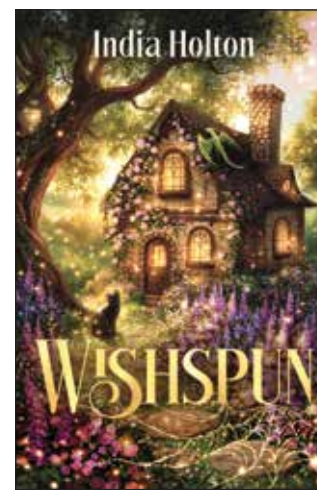
A debut romantic fantasy which retells the love story of Tristan and Iseult, weaving together a rich tapestry of Korean folklore and Arthurian legend.

Fated to the lonely life of a fox spirit, Yi-seul was raised deep in the forest, far from the superstitious village who fear the power which grows within her.

Until the sea spits Tristan of Cornwall out onto the shore of Joseon, shipwrecked and in search of a cure for his cousin's illness. With only Yi-seul to save him, their lives quickly tangle together, igniting a bond which transcends their two worlds.

MinSook McCreary is an Irish-Korean-American university academic with a doctorate in French medieval literature.

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An all-new cosy cottagecore fantasy by the bestselling author of *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels*.

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But when a stranger leaves a magical grimoire in the library, Mellyd cannot resist trying a spell from it. Just as she is doing so, Nian, a royal mage from a rival kingdom, walks in and catches her. The grimoire was used to curse his king, and Nian must urgently find a way to lift that curse or else the king will die and the kingdoms' delicate truce will be in jeopardy.

As Mellyd and Nian work together to translate the book's mysterious spells, an attraction starts to grow between them. But, pestered by nosy neighbours, a mischievous dragon, and a king so irascible it's no wonder someone cursed him, they will need all the magic they can raise to secure a happily ever after.

India Holton is the author of the *Dangerous Damsels* and *Love's Academic* series. Her books have been *USA Today* and indie bestsellers. India lives in a cottage in rural New Zealand, where she spends too much time in her garden.

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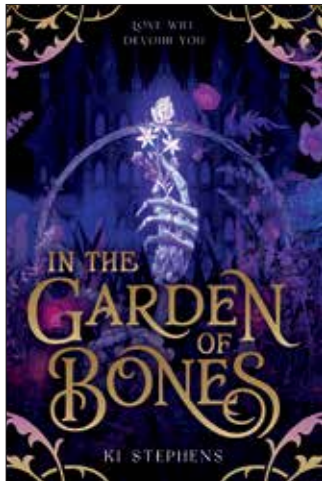
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The sizzling finale to the steamy, why-choose romantasy series.

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Jade Presley writes romantasy stories that will make you blush and leave you thirsting for more. She lives in the Colorado mountains.

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IN THE GARDEN OF BONES

KI STEPHENS

A dark and magical gothic romance about love, legacy, and the terrible cost of uncovering what should have stayed buried.

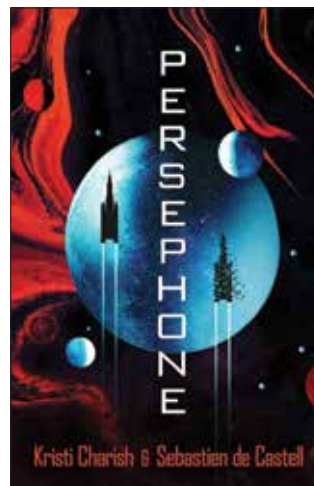
Thirteen years after her mother's suspicious death within the walls of the Eleusinia Institute, Cora steps through its iron gates with one goal: uncover the truth.

By day, Cora throws herself into her alchemy studies; by night, she searches for clues. The only distraction she can't escape is Adrian.

But Eleusinia feeds on sacrifice, and in a place where ambition outlives mercy, even love can become a casualty.

Ki Stephens is a neurodivergent author who lives and writes in North Carolina, where she shares a quiet life with her husband, daughter, and their three animals.

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Sebastien de Castell is the author of series including *The Greatcoats* and *The Malevolent Seven*. **Kristi Charish** is a scientist and author of many sci fi novels.

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Andrew Caldecott is a KC, an occasional playwright and the author of the bestselling *Rotherweird* trilogy and the *Momenticon* duology.

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ROGUE CHARMERS

CAITLYN PAXSON

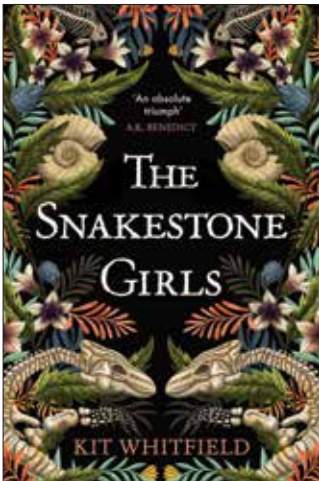
A sapphic, swashbuckling fantasy romance full of horses, hijinks, and highway robbery, from the author of *A Widow's Charm*.

Lady Isobel Arris is broke and out of options. The only way to protect her daughter, who has a powerful and forbidden Charm, lies outside the polite rules of society.

Notorious highwayman Han is the perfect thief, thanks to her long-hidden Charm. But the last thing she expects to find inside a carriage one night is the lady she fell hopelessly in love with ten years before . . .

Caitlyn Paxson is a writer and performer. She currently interprets haunted historic house museums on Prince Edward Island and moonlights as a fake spirit medium.

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Caroline is a poor fisherman's daughter. Her mother can make shadows come alive. But even Ma doesn't know what happens to a snakestone – an ammonite fossil – when Caroline studies it too long.

Letty is the unruly daughter of a gentleman philosopher. Her brother's trip to study *fossilia* will only take a few weeks. But Letty's known too little kindness to stay steady when she's left behind.

Kit Whitfield is the author of the Gyrford series. She lives in London with her husband and son in a neurodiverse family.

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Geneva Lee is a New York Times and international bestselling author whose unforgettable romances have captivated millions of readers worldwide.

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Lucy Ayrton is a lecturer, novelist and performance poet. Her debut novel, One More Chance, was a finalist in the Exeter Novel Award.

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A chillingly haunting gothic dark academia by the author of *Man, Muse, Monster*.

When vain and debt-ridden Walter arrives at the prestigious Elizabeth University, he is determined to learn what happened to his missing friend Robert.

His fellow students are not what they seem, however, and as Walter unearths the dangerous truth at the heart of Elizabeth, it is too late to run.

But Walter has secrets of his own and confronting them might be the only way to survive . . .

Naomi Gibson is an art history graduate who somehow ended up working as a quantity surveyor. Her adult debut, *Man, Muse, Monster*, published in 2026.

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CHRISTINE PILLAINAYAGAM

A brilliant laugh-out-loud workplace romcom, perfect for fans of Beth O'Leary, Sophie Kinsella and Tasneem Abdur-Rashid.

Pia and Conor never broke up; you don't need a breakup when your boyfriend ghosts you and gets back together with his ex.

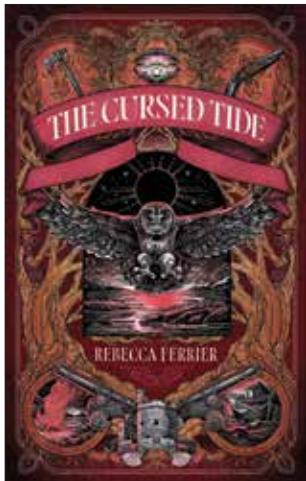
Now, fifteen years later, Conor turns up in Pia's office, pretending he doesn't know her.

Thrown together on an architectural build, Pia can't help but rediscover their connection - until she meets Jake and falls in an entirely different direction.

This could get messy . . .

Christine Pillainayagam is a retail strategist, who lives in Kent. She is the author of three YA novels as well as the blog: thelittlebrownbook.co.uk.

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Rebecca Ferrier is the winner of the 2020 Emerging Writer Award and lives in Scotland, where she writes about difficult women, sickness and the sea.

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But her secret remains buried deep. Until an unexpected friendship with a prisoner leads her life to spiral out of control.

Helen Heckety is a writer and performer from Kent. She is also disabled. She has written and toured two solo plays.

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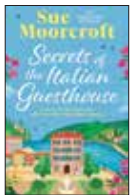
When Rosalie inherits her estranged grandmother's *pensione* in Lake Como, her life is turned upside down. Because a bustling guesthouse isn't the only surprise that awaits her in Italy...

The *pensione* hasn't just been left to Rosalie, it's also been inherited by her sisters – who she's never met.

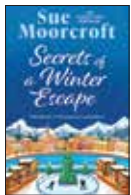
Suddenly, free-spirited Rosalie finds herself having to work with her family, as well as tied down for the first time in life. But as her heart begins to find solace in their unexpected sisterhood, is Rosalie also ready for a summer of unexpected love?

Sue Moorcroft is a *Sunday Times* bestselling and internationally acclaimed author whose work has topped the Amazon Kindle UK charts and reached the Top 100 on Amazon Kindle US, Canada, Germany and Italy.

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As she pursues clues about Rachel in Cawdor's shadowy halls and a legendary library from the ancient world that shouldn't be real, Flora comes face to face with the impossible: she is the only human in a college full of vampires.

Thrust into Cawdor's dangerous world, she unwittingly draws the attention of two ruthless vampires – the haughty and irritatingly handsome Alex Dowling and his wickedly clever and charming nemesis, Rafael Carax. With her life, and heart, on the line, she knows she can't trust either of them – even as ancient power and dark desires stir in her veins. And soon it becomes clear that something much more sinister is at play that will make Flora question everything about herself and her own past.

A Discovery of Witches meets The Mummy with a dash of kink in a spellbinding, enthralling and seductive vampire romantasy.

Natasha Solomons, writing as Tasha Solomons, is the *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous novels and her work has been translated into seventeen languages. Tasha lives in Dorset with her children. She also works as a playwright and screenwriter.

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Imaginative retelling of the story of sixth-century Berhta of Kent, first Christian queen of England, who quietly helped convert England.

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Yet history has sainted Augustine of Canterbury and left Berhta in the shadows, remembered only faintly outside Canterbury itself.

This book brings Berhta's story into the light through a vivid creative reimagining. A teenage princess of the Frankish Empire, she crosses the sea to marry a pagan king and must navigate miscarriages, betrayal, and the loneliness of being the sole Christian in a foreign land. As she learns from the women around her, Berhta shapes a gentle, contemplative, ecological form of Christianity. But the missionaries she welcomes soon trample her quiet faith with their rigid hierarchies, driving the sacred feminine underground.

This narrative uncovers the stories of the women who shaped early English Christianity. Gilbert brings to light not only their courage and resilience, but also the depth of a faith made stronger by centuries of silence.

Claire Gilbert grew up in London, of Jewish, Scots, Spanish and English heritage. She writes and speaks about ethics and spirituality in politics and public life, medicine, ecology and on Julian of Norwich. She is Director of Westminster Abbey Institute. With her partner Seán, she divides her time between London, Hastings and Ireland.

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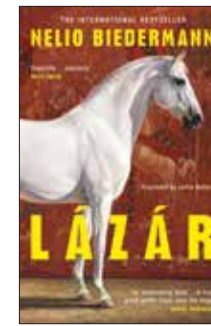
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