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Never Flinch

From the No. 1 Bestselling author of HOLLY

Stephen King

Keynote

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Description

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When the Buckeye City Police Department receives a disturbing letter from a person threatening to 'kill thirteen innocents and one guilty' in 'an act of atonement for the needless death of an innocent man', Detective Izzy Jaynes has no idea what to think. Are fourteen citizens about to be slaughtered in an unhinged act of retribution? As the investigation unfolds, Izzy realises that the letter writer is deadly serious, and she turns to her friend Holly Gibney for help.

Meanwhile, controversial and outspoken women's rights activist Kate McKay is embarking on a multi-state lecture tour, drawing packed venues of both fans and detractors. Someone who vehemently opposes Kate's message of female empowerment is targeting her and disrupting her events. At first, no one is hurt, but the stalker is growing bolder, and Holly is hired to be Kate's bodyguard - a challenging task with a headstrong employer and a determined adversary driven by wrath and unhinged righteousness.

Featuring a riveting cast of characters both old and new, including world-famous gospel singer Sista Bessie and an unforgettable villain addicted to murder, these twinned narratives converge in a chilling and spectacular conclusion - a feat of storytelling only Stephen King could pull off.

Thrilling, wildly fun and outrageously engrossing, *Never Flinch* is one of King's richest and most propulsive novels.

Sales Points

- **MEGASELLING NEW KING TITLE:** King's new novel for 2025 is a sensational thriller that will appeal to his fans in every genre. We are aiming for a No 1 bestseller - HOLLY, the previous novel featuring Holly Gibney, was a *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestseller across all lists
- **ENTRY POINT FOR NEW READERS:** a standalone thriller with a large cast which will appeal to new readers.
- **BACKLIST BOOST POTENTIAL:** this features Holly Gibney, so we can cross-promote with previous novels featuring Gibney

Reviews

- 'Stephen King has always been a first-rate storyteller' - *The Times*, *Thriller of the Month (on HOLLY)*
- 'Brilliantly observed' - *Independent (on HOLLY)*
- 'One of the greatest storytellers of the past century. . . a master at revealing the horrors that lurk beneath the surface of what looks like ordinary life' - *Daily Mail*

Author Biography

STEPHEN KING is the author of more than seventy books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His crime thrillers featuring Holly Gibney include *Mr Mercedes*, winner of the Edgar Award for best novel, and *The Outsider*, both of which were adapted into successful TV series, as well as *Finders Keepers*, *End of Watch* and the title story from *If It Bleeds*.

Many of his titles are the basis for major motion pictures including *IT*, *Stand By Me* (adapted from *The Body*) and *The Shawshank Redemption*, which is IMDb's top-rated movie of all time.

King is the recipient of *The Sunday Times* Award for Literary Excellence 2022, the 2020 Audio Publishers Association Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2018 PEN America Literary Service Award, the 2014 National Medal of Arts, and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.



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The Full Moon Coffee Shop

The bestselling Japanese healing classic

Mai Mochizuki

Keynote

For fans of **BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD**, the contemporary fantasy set in a cat-run, astrology-themed Kyoto coffee shop translated into 17 languages

Description

Your **NEXT BIG READ** if you love **BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD**

'Lose yourself in a world of talking cats with this cult bestseller' **GLAMOUR**

'Feel-good fiction for those needing a redirection' **BOOKLIST**

NO.1 BESTSELLER TRANSLATED INTO 20 LANGUAGES

Under a glittering full moon, a Kyoto coffee shop with no fixed location or hours appears only where and when it's needed. It's run by talking cats serving the finest teas and coffees, delicious desserts and age-old astrological wisdom.

The Full Moon Coffee Shop attracts customers who have lost their way in their life, from a down-on-her-luck screenwriter to a failed video game developer. In the middle of the night, the feline guides will set them on their destined paths...

Heartwarming and magical, THE FULL MOON COFFEE SHOP will remind you that it's never too late to discover your purpose.

Sales Points

- **THE NEXT BIG READ for lovers of the BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD series** (#1 TCM **322.4k**; #2 TCM **76.6k**; #3 TCM **29.5k**; #4 TCM **14.2k**; #5 TCM **10.3k**)
- **AN INSTANT CLASSIC OF 'HEALING FICTION'**: Other comps include **DAYS AT THE MORISAKI BOOKSHOP** (TCM 103.5K); **THE KAMOGAWA FOOD DETECTIVES** (TCM 20.9K); **WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY** (TCM 57.5k); **THE GUEST CAT** (TCM 185.7k)
- **INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING PHENOMENON**: The original was published by **Japan's largest publishing house** and sold **400k+** copies. It was so successful that it spawned **17 translations (sold across 20 territories)** and **4 sequels**.
- **DREAM PARTNER IN NA**: We've sold **the first four books to Ballantine (PRH) in a SIX-FIGURE DEAL**. The acquiring editor Hilary Teeman is **publishing alongside us**.

Author Biography

Mai Mochizuki fell in love with Chihiro Sakurada's illustrations when she saw them on social media, and they inspired her to write *The Full Moon Coffee Shop*.

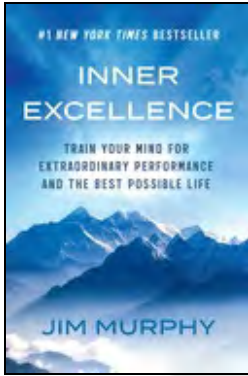
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Inner Excellence Train Your Mind for Extraordinary Performance and the Best Possible Life

Jim Murphy

Keynote

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SECRET TO PEAK PERFORMANCE

Description

TRAIN YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS

Discover the bestselling training system that has developed world champions - a step-by-step manual for mastering your mind for peak performance and living with absolute fullness of life. *Inner Excellence* shows you how to:

- DEVELOP SELF-MASTERY** - and let go of what you can't control.
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- REMOVE MENTAL BLOCKS** - and get out of your own way.
- TRAIN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND** - and release limiting beliefs.

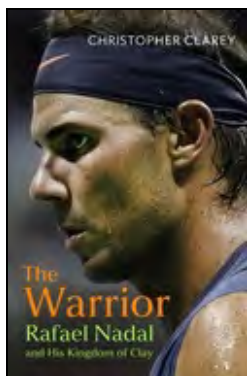
As a professional baseball player, Jim Murphy's sense of worth revolved around results. He was focused on achievement but also afraid of failure. When he started coaching professional and Olympic athletes, he often encountered the same mindset. He became obsessed with learning how the best in the world performed with poise under pressure. After years of research, Murphy had a revelatory insight: that the pursuit of extraordinary performance and the pursuit of the best possible life are the same path. Filled with exercises, techniques and tools that will improve every area of your life, *Inner Excellence* trains your heart and mind for extraordinary performance and the best possible life.

Sales Points

- **200,000+ COPIES SOLD IN THREE WEEKS:** The self-published edition of the book was a no.1 *New York Times* bestseller and flew up the charts in the US and internationally following an endorsement from NFL player AJ Brown. It has stuck high in the rankings and continues to sell week on week, with no sign of slowing down.
- **ORION IGNITE'S LEAD LAUNCH TITLE:** The first title to be published on new imprint Orion Ignite, backed with an unmissable campaign focused on year-round promotion on the biggest slots.
- **AN UNMISSABLE GLOBAL MOMENT:** Publishing alongside Grand Central in the US where this will be a huge priority title. Rights have also sold in 10 countries with more auctions underway.
- **ATOMIC HABITS MEETS THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE:** A simple and clear step-by-step guide to peak performance by a performance coach to the best athletes and leaders.

Author Biography

JIM MURPHY is a Performance Coach to some of the best athletes and leaders in the world. Murphy leads Inner Excellence offsite retreats around the globe, and he is the president of the Inner Excellence Freedom Project, whose mission is to build communities to alleviate spiritual and physical poverty around the world.



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The Master: The Brilliant Career of Roger Federer; *Davis Cup Yearbook 1999: The Year in Tennis*; *Davis Cup Yearbook 1997: The Year in Tennis*

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The Warrior Rafael Nadal and His Kingdom of Clay Christopher Clarey

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *The Master*, an intimate biography of tennis's living legend Rafael Nadal - publishing in Nadal's final year before retirement.

Description

An intimate biography of tennis's living legend Rafael Nadal.

Tennis is not short on history. When Nadal arrived on the scene in 2005, the record for men's singles titles at the French Open stood at six, held by Bjorn Borg. Almost twenty years later, Nadal has more than doubled Borg's total with a mind-boggling fourteen titles. His record will undoubtedly remain his signature achievement - the stat that will define him in memory twenty, fifty, even a hundred years from now. Fourteen certainly looks like the only major tennis record that will never be broken even if Nadal, a modest champion despite his flashy résumé, rejects that kind of definitive thinking.

Nadal has won big and won often on any of tennis's surfaces, securing two Wimbledon titles on grass and four U.S. Opens on acrylic hardcourts. But clay, the slowest and grittiest of the game's playgrounds, is where it all comes together best for his explosive movement and warrior mindset. Clay is the canvas on which he has mastered his choreography, underlining the precision, speed, and raw power required to accomplish one of the most impressive sporting achievements of the 21st century - it is the essential stuff of his life and success.

Legendary sports reporter and bestselling author Christopher Clarey has interviewed Nadal and his coaches from his first French Open victory at nineteen, marking his debut as a rising star on the premier clay-court event in the world, to his most recent victory in 2022, closing out an astonishing career as one of the greatest players of all time. Brimming with behind-the-scenes insight into the story of a global sporting icon, *The Warrior* is a must-read account for the loyal sports fan - and anyone interested in the evolution of excellence.

Sales Points

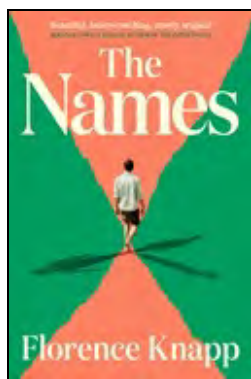
- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING TRACK:** *The Master* was a global phenomenon, hitting the charts in the UK, Switzerland, and in the US as a *New York Times* bestseller.
- **NATURAL FOLLOW UP:** Like Federer, Nadal is an icon of men's tennis, considered among the greatest players of all time.
- **HAPPY WARRIOR ON HIS WAY OUT:** Like Federer a couple of years ago, Nadal is at the tail end of an incredible career - 14 French Opens. We will publish in his final year before retirement.
- **NEW YORK TIMES VETERAN CORRESPONDENT:** Christopher Clarey has covered tennis for decades and when he writes you get all that shared history with his tennis subjects.
- **COMPS:** *The Master* by Chris Clarey (62k all formats). But also: *Open* by Andre Agassi (90k HBs, 75k PBs); *Tiger Woods* by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian (6k PBs); *Andrea Pirlo: I think therefore I play* by Andrea Pirlo with Alessandro Alciato (40k PBs); *I Am Football: Zlatan Ibrahimovic* (100k HBs); *My Life in Red and White* by Arsene Wenger (62k HBs).

Author Biography

Christopher Clarey was the tennis correspondent for the *New York Times* and has covered international sports for nearly thirty years for *The Times* and *International Herald Tribune*, where he was chief sports correspondent and a longtime columnist. He is the author of *The Master: The Brilliant Career of Roger Federer* which was a *New York Times* bestseller.

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The Names

'The best debut novel in years' Sunday Times

Florence Knapp

Keynote

The unforgettable debut novel that became an instant global sensation, *The Names* asks how a name can shape the course of a life and explores the single what-if moments that can overturn a person's fate

Description

Tomorrow - if morning comes, if the storm stops raging - Cora will register the name of her son. Or perhaps, and this is her real concern, she'll formalise who he will become.

It is 1987, and in the aftermath of a great storm, Cora sets out with her nine-year-old daughter to register the birth of her son. Her husband intends for her to follow a long-standing family tradition and call the baby after him. But when faced with the decision, Cora hesitates. Going against his wishes is a risk that will have consequences, but is it right for her child to inherit his name from generations of domineering men? The choice she makes in this moment will shape the course of their lives.

Seven years later, her son is Bear, a name chosen by his sister, and one that will prove as cataclysmic as the storm from which it emerged. Or he is Julian, the name his mother set her heart on, believing it will enable him to become his own person. Or he is Gordon, named after his father and raised in his cruel image - but is there still a chance to break the mould?

Powerfully moving and full of hope, this is the story of three names, three versions of a life, and the infinite possibilities that a single decision can spark. It is the story of one family, and love's endless capacity to endure, no matter what fate has in store.

Sales Points

- **ORION'S SUPERLEAD PUBLICATION:** Acquired by Phoenix after a 13-way UK auction, *The Names* will be a major event publication; Orion's biggest debut of 2025 and a huge priority across the Hachette group.
- **INTERNATIONAL SENSATION:** US rights were acquired after a ten-way auction by Pam Dorman at Penguin Random House USA. Translation rights have been pre-empted or sold at auction in over twenty languages. Major opportunities are being lined up for a truly global publication.
- **HIGH-CONCEPT PITCH, QUALITY WRITING:** Perfectly delivers the rare combination of a strong hook and pitchable premise with immense emotional power.
- **PERFECT BOOK CLUB PICK:** *The Names* has a huge amount for readers to discuss, including the different versions of the protagonist's life and the themes of nature and nurture, fate and free will, and how childhood shapes our lives.

Author Biography

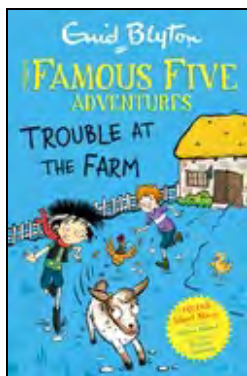
Florence Knapp has previously written a non-fiction book about a centuries-old method of quilt making, as well as contributing to a book for the V&A Museum. She lives just outside London with her husband and their dog. Their two children have now flown the nest. *The Names* is Florence's debut novel and will be translated into more than twenty languages.

Market

For fans of: literary and book club fiction in the vein of Kate Atkinson's *LIFE AFTER LIFE* and *A GOD IN RUINS*; Emma Donoghue's *ROOM* and David Nicholls' *ONE DAY*. Readers of Maggie O'Farrell, Ann Patchett and Miranda Cowley Heller will love *THE NAMES*.

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Famous Five Adventures: The Mysterious Noise
Famous Five Adventure: Five and the Missing Prize
Famous Five Adventure: Five and the Library Mystery

Famous Five Colour Short Stories: Trouble at the Farm

Enid Blyton and Sufiya Ahmed (Illustrated By Jennifer Jamieson)

Keynote

Introducing The Famous Five to younger readers with this NEWLY-CREATED story for children aged 5 and up!

Description

The Five are having fun planting vegetables on a farm. But when all of their hard work is ripped up out of the ground, it's up to the Five to find the thief before even more food is stolen!

Set in the world of Enid Blyton's best-loved series, this newly created story follows Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog on a special new adventure. The story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations on every page - perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently.

Also look out for: *The Birthday Adventure*, *Five to the Rescue!*, *Five and the Runaway Dog*, *Message in a Bottle*, *Timmy and the Treasure*, *The Mysterious Noise*, *Five and the Missing Prize* and *The Library Mystery*, illustrated by Becka Moor.

Enid Blyton's eight original short stories about the Famous Five are also available as early readers illustrated by Jamie Littler. Collect them all: *A Lazy Afternoon*, *George's Hair Is Too Long*, *Well Done*, *Famous Five*, *Five and a Half-Term Adventure*, *When Timmy Chased the Cat*, *Five Have a Puzzling Time*, *Good Old Timmy* and *Happy Christmas, Five!*

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Sales Points

- These colour short stories are a brilliant way for existing fans to enjoy *The Famous Five* - and an innovative, lively introduction to the series for newly-confident readers
- This is an addition to the popular range of existing *Famous Five* colour short stories, which have combined sales of over 100,000 in the UK [TCM]
- The text is broken down into short chapters and there are colour pictures on every spread, making these books the perfect stepping stone from picture books to longer chapter books

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

Sufiya Ahmed (Author)

Sufiya Ahmed worked in advertising and in the House of Commons before becoming a full-time author. In 2010, she set up the BIBI Foundation which arranges visits to the Houses of Parliament for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Sufiya has written several children's books including *Famous Five: Timmy and the Treasure*, *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* and *Under the Great Plum Tree* which was longlisted for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards. Follow Sufiya on Twitter @sufiyaahmed.

Jennifer Jamieson (Illustrator)

Jen Jamieson loves creating quirky, feisty and friendly characters and bringing their



wonderful personalities to life. She has a passion for inclusiveness and is a strong advocate for representation in children's books. She loves the idea that we can change the world with the books we create. Jennifer's work is instantly recognisable due to her rich, bright colour palette, quirky patterns and detailed textures. Her two young children provide her with endless inspiration for her work.

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Nightshade

Pre-Order the Brand New Blockbuster Thriller from the Number One Bestseller

Michael Connelly

Keynote

#1 Sunday Times bestselling author Michael Connelly introduces a new cop relentlessly following his mission in the seemingly idyllic setting of Catalina island

Description

PRE-ORDER THE NEW THRILLER FROM MILLION COPY SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER MICHAEL CONNELLY

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Stilwell has been "exiled" to a low-key post policing rustic Catalina Island, after department politics drove him off a homicide desk on the mainland.

But while following up the usual drunk-and-disorderlies and petty thefts that come with his new territory, Detective Stilwell gets a report of a body found wrapped in plastic and weighed down at the bottom of the harbor. Crossing all lines of protocol and jurisdiction, he starts doggedly working the case.

Soon, his investigation uncovers closely guarded secrets and a dark heart to the serene island that was meant to be his escape from the evils of the big city.

CRIME DOESN'T COME BETTER THAN CONNELLY:

'The pre-eminent detective novelist of his generation'
IAN RANKIN

'The best mystery writer in the world'
GQ

'A superb natural storyteller'
LEE CHILD

'A master'
STEPHEN KING

'America's greatest living crime writer'
DAILY EXPRESS

'One of the great storytellers of crime fiction'
SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

Sales Points

- **A RARE OPPORTUNITY:** Connelly debuts a new hero and setting, creating a great opportunity to go after new readers. This is the first of two Michael Connelly novels in one year! Connelly has not published a summer thriller since FAIR WARNING in 2020, which stayed on bestseller lists for multiple weeks.
- **HIT TV SERIES:** The Connelly universe onscreen continues to expand. Season 3 of The Lincoln Lawyer airs Autumn 2024 on Netflix. Bosch: Legacy's third season will air in spring 2025, and the new Renée Ballard series starring Maggie Q will air in the second half of 2025-both on Amazon Prime in the UK.
- **NUMBER 1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Connelly is a mega-brand and growing fast, with over 80 million copies sold worldwide and recent UK #1s in both hardback and paperback.

Author Biography

Michael Connelly is the author of thirty-nine previous novels, among them *New York Times* bestsellers *The Waiting*, *Resurrection Walk*, and *Desert Star*. His books, which include the Harry Bosch series, the Lincoln Lawyer series, and the Renée Ballard series, have sold more than eighty-nine million copies worldwide. Connelly is a former newspaper reporter who has won numerous awards for his journalism and his novels. He is the executive producer of four television series: *Bosch*, *Bosch: Legacy*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, and the upcoming *Ballard*. He spends his time in California and Florida.



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The Retirement Plan

The most entertaining and deliciously dark debut of 2025

Sue Hincenbergs

Keynote

Deliciously **dark humour**, **twists** galore, and ultimately, extremely **warm-hearted**, THE RETIREMENT PLAN is the perfect meeting point of BAD SISTERS, THE WHITE LOTUS and HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY.

Description

<h2>Dark humour, dirty deeds, marriages and murder . . . The most entertaining crime debut of 2025!</h2>

'An absolute scream from the first page to the last' Janice Hallett, author of *The Appeal*

Their husbands are driving them mad, and murder is on their minds . . . but the men have a plan of their own.

Pam, Nancy and Shalisa once imagined retirement would mean setting aside their worries, picking up their margaritas, and lying back in a hot tub. Right up until their husbands lost their life savings in a reckless investment.

Now, the men are on the wives' last nerves, and collecting their life insurance sounds more appealing than growing old together. But enlisting the help of the local barber/hitman isn't merely the most daring thing the friends have ever done - it's also where the trouble really begins.

Because they don't realise their husbands have some tricks up their sleeves. And there's no turning back now . . .

From the first laugh to the final twist, *The Retirement Plan* is full of characters who will steal your heart while plotting their dark deeds.

'Clever, funny, tender. A triumph' Jennie Godfrey, author of *The List of Suspicious Things*

'Funny, twisty, deviously dark!' Sarah Pearse, author of *The Sanatorium*

'A total riot' Clare Pooley, author of *The Authenticity Project*

'Thoroughly addictive' Ian Moore, author of *Death and Croissants*

'Relentlessly entertaining' Chris Brookmyre, author of *The Cracked Mirror*

'Absolutely hilarious' Jessica Bull, author of *Miss Austen Investigates*

'Packed full of humour and charm' Amy McCulloch, author of *Breathless*

'Deliciously funny and unpredictable' Keith Stuart, author of *A Boy Made of Blocks*

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL PHENOMENON:** The novel sold all around the world in **major pre-empts** - with the US and Canada sharing our cover, readers will be **seeing it everywhere** in 2025
- **LITTLE, BROWN'S COMMERCIAL SUPERLEAD FOR 2025:** Backed with an **unmissable year-long marketing and publicity campaign** that will reach readers wherever they are
- **THE YEAR'S BIG BOOK:** For readers who have to have that one huge book a year, such as **Nita Prose's THE MAID** (19.8k ABM), **Benjamin Stevenson's EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE** (44k ABM) and **Richard Osman's THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB** (203.4k ABM)
- **COMING TO SCREENS SOON:** Film and TV rights sold to Wiip, **the production studio behind MARE OF EASTTOWN**, to be produced by Will Gluck (EASY A, PETER RABBIT, ANYONE BUT YOU)

Reviews

- *'The Retirement Plan* by Sue Hincenbergs is jaw-droppingly hilarious, but that's just the start. This wild story is meticulously plotted with wonderfully vivid characters and is **an absolute scream from first page to last**. So slick I can't believe it's a debut - strong contender for my cosy crime book of the year!' - *Janice Hallett*
- *'The Retirement Plan* is **a razor sharp, clever, funny novel which is also surprisingly tender**. I gulped it down over a couple of days and found myself both laughing, and gasping out loud at the twists and turns the story took. I defy you not to



be rooting for these characters. It's a triumph.' - *Jennie Godfrey*

- **'Relentlessly and rambunctiously entertaining.'** A feel-good crime caper that could put a smile on the face of any hitman' - *Chris Brookmyre*

Author Biography

Sue Hincenbergs is a former television producer who has worked on multiple award-winning programmes ranging from sitcoms to lifestyle. She oversaw the content on two national daily shows, including Canada's longest-running morning show before turning her talents to live music specials. *The Retirement Plan* is her darkly humorous first novel.

Sue lives in Toronto with her (very much alive) husband, her scruffy, middle-aged rescue dog Kramer, and the rooms full of the stuff her three sons left behind when they moved out. The porch light is always on in case one comes by for a visit.

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Rewind It Back

Liz Tomforde

Keynote

The fifth book in the phenomenal, tiktok sensation, Windy City series. A spicy sports romance, following the fan favourite character of Rio...

Description

Rewind It Back is the fifth book in the hugely popular Windy City Series!

Stay tuned for more details on Rio's book...

Sales Points

- **TIKTOK SENSATION:** The Windy City series is hugely popular on TikTok, with #liztomforde having over 20 million views, and #windycityseries having 5 million. Liz has a neverending stream of superfans, and they are growing day by day.
- **PHENOMENAL SALES FIGS:** Only a year after first paperback publication, we have already sold well over half a million copies of Liz Tomforde's books across the series, with all the first three books staying in The Bookseller's Heatseekers' charts for at least 10 weeks. And in a recent trip to the UK, Liz proved she can also sell-out events - a huge number of fans came to meet Liz in the UK in autumn 2024, further proving their obsession with her.
- **A NEW BRAND:** With four books already published in the series, and this being the fifth, we are growing Liz book on book and always continuing to build her brand identity.
- **PHENOMENAL READER REVIEWS:** Liz's fans absolutely LOVE her books, and the proof really is in the reviews: 'SWEET MOTHER this is my new favourite book . . . literally left a mark on my soul'; 'I laughed and cried and swooned'; 'I can't believe it's over. I want to turn back to page 1 and start all over again!'
- **OVER HALF A MILLION SALES:** We have invoiced well over half a million sales for Liz and the Windy City series since the paperback of MILE HIGH published in August 2023. Liz in an unstoppable force and the fans are absolutely hooked!

Author Biography

Born and raised in Northern California, Liz Tomforde is the youngest of five children. She grew up watching and playing sports. She loves all things romance, traveling, dogs, and hockey. She herself is a flight attendant, but when she's not traveling or writing, Liz can be found reading a good book or taking her Golden Retriever, Luke, on a hike in her hometown.

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Caught Up
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Champion Mindset Coach Yourself to Win at Life

Patrick Mouratoglou

Keynote

Discover the winning strategies for life from legendary tennis coach, Patrick Mouratoglou

Description

'He took me from great to historic.' - Serena Williams, Winner of 23 Grand Slams

Tennis is one of the most emotionally demanding and challenging sports in the world. To succeed, players need to embrace failure and learn to stay committed and confident, point after point. It is a sport which most reflects life.

An international icon in the world of tennis, legendary coach Patrick Mouratoglou has worked with some of the world's biggest players - from Serena Williams and Coco Gauff to Stefanos Tsitsipas, Simona Halep and Holger Rune. Now, in *Champion Mindset*, he presents the invaluable principles, skills, and mindsets that have made tennis championships and applies them to challenges and opportunities we face every day.

Taking you on a transformative journey in ten commandments, Patrick guides you through a series of insightful anecdotes and practical advice that will help you unlock your true potential. You will discover the depth of your inner strength, your discipline, your tenacity and how to handle your emotions.

Whether you're an aspiring athlete, a professional in search of a competitive edge in the workplace, or simply seeking to improve your life, *Champion Mindset* will empower you to redefine your limits and unlock your true potential.

Sales Points

- **ACCESSIBLE IDEAS WITH A CLEAR PITCH** - You don't have to play, or even like, tennis to understand the lessons in this book. They are universal, accessible, and clear. The mindset discussed in this book, and the key themes he talks about, can be applied to your life and career.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR WITH A MASSIVE PLATFORM:** With over **1m followers on Instagram; 381K subscribers on YouTube; and 551K followers on TikTok**, Patrick is a hugely respected and popular coach. He had an episode on Netflix's 'The Playbook', which was directed by LeBron James, and is a regular on 'Break Point'. There is no other person who could write this book.
- **BACKLIST OPPORTUNITY:** This book will be timeless. Patrick has the respect and credentials to make this *the* book on the subject. I see this book very much as Tim S. Grover's *Relentless* (**PB: 25,000**), which continues to backlist here and has huge audio figure.
- **TYING INTO MARKET TRENDS:** Readers are increasingly looking for books which offer them something and impart wisdom. Books in this area which you could compare this title to would be: Eddie Hearn's *Relentless* (**HB: 34K**); W Tim Gallwey's *Inner Game of Tennis* (**PB: 27K**); David Epstein's *The Sports Gene* (**PB: 26K**).

Author Biography

With over 20 years at the top of the tennis industry, Patrick Mouratoglou is one of the most famous and respected tennis coaches of the 21st century. With 10 Grand Slams titles, 4 Coach of the Year awards, 33 coaching single titles, 2 Olympic medals and over 40 players who have reached the Top 100 under his instruction - Patrick Mouratoglou knows how to succeed.

Born in France in June 1970, Patrick grew up in a family of Greek descent, Patrick hit his first tennis ball at the age of 6 and has not looked back since. At the age of 26, Patrick started his coaching career and set up the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy in Paris and then in the South of France, in 2016 - a decision driven by a passion to scout new talents that would change his own life and the face of tennis for generations to come.

Patrick has worked with some of the biggest names in tennis and helped them achieve their goals. Players such as Grigor Dimitrov, Laura Robson, and Serena Williams. His academy has also worked closely with Stefanos Tsitsipas, Alexei Popyrin, Coco Gauff, Jason Tseng and Rudi Molleker.

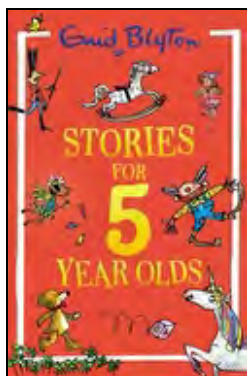
He has written "Educate to Win" and "The Coach" and acts as a freelance tennis column writer for several tennis magazines. He is also an international TV Consultant for ESPN, Fox Asia and Eurosport International where he gets his own TV Show.

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BIC 2.1	Tennis (WSJR2) Self-help & personal development (VS) Human growth & development (MFKH)
Binding	Trade Paperback
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Extent	224 pages
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Previous Titles

Enid Blyton wrote many of the 20th century's most popular children's series, including *The Famous Five*, *The Naughtiest Girl*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree*, *The Adventure Series*, *Malory Towers*, *St Clare's* and *The Adventures of Wishing-Chair*.

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Stories for Five-Year-Olds

Enid Blyton (Illustrated By Mark Beech)

Keynote

A fun collection with magic, adventure and bedtime stories perfect for children aged five from the world's best-loved storyteller!

Description

A collection of short stories perfect for children aged five from the world's best-loved storyteller!

Read about the time the pixies moved into the playroom and when a cloak that could make you invisible vanished in this exciting collection of short stories from Enid Blyton. Perfect for children aged five and up!

These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom.

Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

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Sales Points

- A new shorter offering of stories, ideal for children aged 5 plus!
- Enid Blyton's short story collections have sold over 700,000 copies in the UK and export [Vista sales]
- These short stories are perfect for newly confident readers to read alone or for shared reading

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

Enid Blyton is one of the worlds' best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

Mark Beech (Illustrator)

Mark Beech was born in Pendle, Lancashire and loved to draw from an early age. His very popular work regularly includes scary dragons, wild dinosaurs, grumpy witches and many other whacky creatures. He is the illustrator of all the *Magic Faraway Tree* books. Mark lives in the Forest of Bowland, where he enjoys walking with his dog Bungle.

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Speak to Me of Home

From the author of the runaway bestseller *American Dirt*

Jeanine Cummins

Keynote

Can the truth bring them back together before it's too late? A classic novel of a family in crisis, from the author of the runaway bestseller *AMERICAN DIRT*

Description

'A riveting tale of three generations, this is storytelling at its finest'

JOHN BOYNE, author of *The Heart's Invisible Furies*

'Why hadn't she said to her daughter *I love you beyond reason and none of this matters at all and every day that you breathe is a gift?*'

Rafaela Acuña y Daubón remembers everything that matters: her beautiful childhood in San Juan, her marriage to Peter, uprooting their children, Ruth and Benny, to the American Midwest, and losing all sense of her place in the world. So she tells no one when her memory begins to slip.

Her daughter, in New York with a family of her own, wishes she could forget her muddy feelings about where she comes from - the same feelings which motivated her 22-year-old daughter Daisy to reconnect with their past.

Daisy, who has momentarily forgotten everything, hears the word *critical* in a hospital room in San Juan and remembers, all at once, the car that hurtled towards her, the terrible storm, and something else. What was it?

Now Ruth and Rafaela must return to the city where it all began, to gather by Daisy's bedside and confront the twists of fate that have caused a growing rift in their family and led them to this moment.

Sales Points

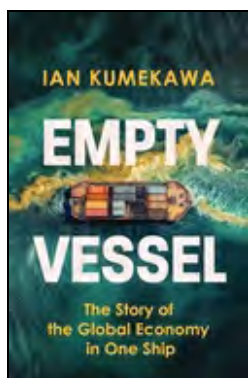
- **Extraordinary sales track record:** *AMERICAN DIRT* was a huge international success, with over 3.5 million copies sold across all markets. It was a US, Irish and Australian no. 1 bestseller, and a UK top five bestseller in hardback and paperback. It was an Oprah's Book Club and Richard and Judy Book Club pick.
- **Three women you'll never forget.** Rafaela, Ruth, Daisy, each is a product of her own generation, and each is bound by ties of love to the others. Jeanine Cummins has said she feels 'passionately attached' to these characters and readers of classic family in crisis fiction like *LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE* and *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* will instantly take them to heart.
- **Fiction with its finger on the pulse.** *SPEAK TO ME OF HOME* is heartfelt, funny, and brilliantly insightful on so many of the issues that shape our lives, from hyphenated identity and belonging, to families separated by huge geographical distances, to the pitfalls of social media and the need to be present for those we love most in the world. This is contemporary storytelling at its richly entertaining best.
- From the reviews for *AMERICAN DIRT*: 'Heartstopping, doesn't let up' *The Times*; 'Exhilaratingly written' *I Paper*; 'Never loses steam' *Vogue*; 'I read this book with my heart in my mouth' ***** (Reader Review); 'It will stay with me for ever' ***** (Reader Review). **There are 170,000 reviews currently on Amazon with a 4.5 average star rating.**

Reviews

- '*Speak to Me of Home* explores the compassion, frustration, and determination of emigrants from Puerto Rico to America. Cummins' characters leap off the page, many suffering homesickness, some hiding secrets, but all filled with love. A riveting tale of three generations, this is storytelling at its finest' - John Boyne, author of *The Heart's Invisible Furies*

Author Biography

Jeanine Cummins is the author of *AMERICAN DIRT*, which has sold over 3.5 million copies globally, and has been translated into 37 languages, the novels *THE OUTSIDE BOY*, *THE CROOKED BRANCH* and the true crime work *A RIP IN HEAVEN*, all of which are published by Tinder Press. *AMERICAN DIRT* was selected for Oprah's Book Club and the Richard and Judy Book Club and was a no. 1 *New York Times* bestseller, and reached no. 2 in the *Sunday Times* bestseller lists. She lives in New York with her husband and two children.



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Empty Vessel

The Story of the Global Economy in One Ship

Ian KumeKawa

Keynote

A jaw-dropping microhistory of the global economy over the last fifty years told through the many lives of a single ship, from a brilliant young historian.

Description

'Thrilling, meticulous and wondrously original' PHILIPPE SANDS

A jaw-dropping microhistory of the global economy over the last fifty years told through the many lives of a single ship.

At 94 meters long and 9,500 deadweight tonnes, once called the *Bibby Resolution*, is an unremarkable hulk, crossing the oceans unnoticed. And yet, the astonishing journey of this boat can tell us the story of the modern world.

First built as a Swedish offshore oil rig in the 1970s, it went on to become a barracks for British soldiers in the Falklands War in the 1980s, a jail off New York in the 1990s, a prison in Portland in the 2000s, and accommodation for Nigerian oil workers off the coast of Africa in the 2010s. It has been called *Safe Esperia*, *HMP The Weare*, even 'The Love Boat'. In each of its lives this empty vessel has been commanded by economic forces much larger than itself: private investment, war, mass incarceration, imperial interests, national sovereignty, inflation, booms, busts and greed.

Through its encounters with a world of island tax havens, the English court system, exploited labour forces, free banking zones or immigration politics, the ordinary boat at the heart of this story reveals our complex modern economy to us, connecting the dots of a dramatically changing world in the making, and warning us of its dangerous consequences.

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** An engrossing and expansive account of the world economy over the last fifty years - all told from the perspective of a single ship.
- **RISING STAR AUTHOR:** Ian is a multiply talented young academic and natural writer. He is a Prize Fellow in Economics, History and Politics at the Center for History and Economics, with a PhD in History from Harvard and MPhil from Cambridge. This is his Trade debut.
- **INTERNATIONAL:** This is the story of globalism in one boat. We follow its journey around the world - from Sweden to the USA, from Germany to Nigeria - this book will appeal to international audiences due to its truly global scope.
- **COMPS:** *The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford (13.4k HB, 232k pb); *Edible Economics* by Ha-Joon Chang (10k HB, 12.7k pb); *Crashed* by Adam Tooze (9k HB, 10.7k pb)

Reviews

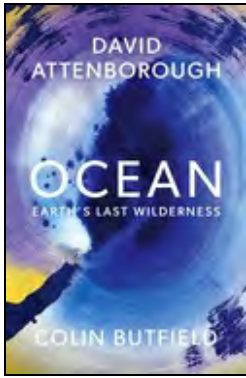
- 'A **thrilling, meticulous and wondrously original** journey, told with a flair and reverence for detail that captures all the joys, travails and horrors of life across time, place and water. A fabulous book' - Philippe Sands, author of *EAST WEST STREET*
- 'In the astonishing trajectory of a humble barge, *Empty Vessel* delivers an ambitious history of the global economy, linking everything from oil-drilling and offshore finance to military deployments and mass incarceration. I've rarely read a book that so deftly entwines a single, accessible story with the broad forces of globalization. **A stunningly original history, as phenomenally well-researched as it is eloquently told**

' - Maya Jasanoff, author of *THE DAWN WATCH*

- 'KumeKawa's tale of the Barge . . . **is an imaginative and beautifully written allegory of the decades of globalization** and the fugitive wealth it supported. What an eye-opening read!
- ' - Charles S. Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History, Emeritus, Harvard University
- 'A captivating story-I read it like a detective novel-and at the same time **a profound contribution to the history of economic, financial and material life** in the contemporary globalized world' - Emma Rothschild, Jeremy and Jane Knowles Professor of History, Harvard University

Author Biography

Ian KumeKawa is a historian at the Center for History and Economics at Harvard University. He is the author of *The First Serious Optimist: A. C. Pigou and the Birth of Welfare Economics* (2017), which was the co-winner of the Joseph J. Spengler Prize. He has taught at Harvard and MIT. He lives in Boston.



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Extent	400 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	colour photograph tip-ins per chapter, hand-drawn integrated black-and-white illustrations
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Ocean Earth's Last Wilderness

Sir David Attenborough and Colin Butfield

Keynote

A landmark publication by the greatest natural history broadcaster of our times on how to save the ocean - and consequently our planet.

Description

From the icy seas of our poles to remote coral islands, David Attenborough has filmed in every ocean habitat on planet earth. Now, with long-term collaborator Colin Butfield, he shares the story of our last great wilderness - the one which shapes the land we live on, regulates our climate and creates the air we breathe.

Dive into eight unique saltwater habitats, swim through kelp forest, mangroves and coral reefs and down almost 11,000 feet to the deepest corners of the most unexplored ecosystem on our planet.

Experience a journey of wonder and discovery, populated by green turtles and blue whales; clownfish and bioluminescent jellyfish; the vampire squid and the 'head-less chicken monster' - a strange form of sea cucumber that lives at the very bottom of the ocean.

With the warmth, intelligence and awe that characterises all of David Attenborough's landmark series, *Ocean* shows us a world which is both desperately fragile yet astonishingly resilient, with an extraordinary capacity to repair itself. It's not too late to restore our most vital habitat. If we treat it with respect, our marine world will be even richer and more spectacular than we can imagine.

Sales Points

- David Attenborough is the most popular TV presenter in the UK, and in the 5 most popular UK people overall - and the ocean is his most popular subject. *Blue Planet II* is the most popular TV show of all time in the UK
- Subject and authors with huge international appeal - ANZ had bestsellers with *Adventures* and *Journeys*, and David Attenborough has polled as Australia's most admired man. He's also very popular in the US where his shows air on BBC World and Netflix.
- David Attenborough's books are increasing in popularity - searches for him in the UK peaked around publication of *A Life on Our Planet* (HB: 157,009 PB: 46,950. Attenborough searches that month: 765k), and it was his most successful HB publication to date. We have sold over 500,000 copies of *Adventures* and *Journeys* combined.
- Colin Butfield is a brilliant writer and making some of the most important documentaries of our times (co-wrote *Earthshot* and co-founded Studio Silverback). He is an important natural history writer for the future, and has the Attenborough seal of approval.
- This is the book David Attenborough has always wanted to write - publishing on his 99th birthday, if it's the last book he writes, he wants it to be this one.

Author Biography

David Attenborough (Author)

Sir David Attenborough is a broadcaster and naturalist whose television career is now in its seventh decade. Over that time he has established himself as the world's leading natural history programme maker with multiple landmark television series to his name. His recent book, *A Life on Our Planet*, co-authored with Jonnie Hughes, was an international bestseller.

Colin Butfield (Author)

Colin Butfield is the co-founder and Director of Open Planet Studios. He has worked on numerous documentaries and short films including the BBC series *Earthshot*, Netflix features *A Life on Our Planet* and *Breaking Boundaries*, and the National Geographic feature documentary *Ocean*, also with David Attenborough. He is the co-author of *Earthshot: How to Save Our Planet*.



Every Moment Was You Notes on Loving and Parting

Taewoan Ha
Translated by Shanna Tan

Keynote

A Korean runaway bestseller on love, heartbreak, growing up and moving on

Description

With heart-wrenchingly beautiful stories of fate and yearning that sparked a social media frenzy in South Korea, *Every Moment Was You* is a straightforwardly written, yet also deeply moving collection of short essays about life and love.

Warmly describing the joy and clumsiness of daily experiences, countless readers across Asia have found the book to be a faithful companion, offering them consolation and strength to deal with the pain, stress and sadness that might come with modern life, but also the encouragement to look to the future with positivity and direction.

Sales Points

- **KOREAN BESTSELLER:** Since publication in Korea in 2018, *Every Moment Was You* has been a huge bestseller with over 1 million copies sold worldwide (800,000 domestically). It was also picked as 'Book of the Year' by the Korean online bookstore YES24, and internationally has sold to eight foreign territories.
- **IN THE MEDIA:** *Every Moment Was You* is a favourite book of a member of K-pop group SHINee, and was featured in the hugely popular K Drama, What's Wrong With Secretary Kim. It has also been adapted into a musical, a webtoon and a webnovel.
- **EAST ASIAN VOICE:** There is a large and dedicated readership of East Asian literature, particularly fiction, but there's a growing interest in non-fiction too with the success of Baek Sehee's *I Want to Die But I Want to Eat Tteokbokki* (close to 40,000 copies sold since 2022).
- **RELATABLE THEMES:** this essay collection covers straight-forwardly commercial themes of first love, heartbreak, coming of age that will appeal to fans of romantic fiction - and more specifically the thousands of readers who enjoy Korean romantic dramas.

Author Biography

Ha Tae-Wan is a bestselling writer and poet. After gaining recognition on social media, he released *#ForYou*, his debut essay collection. *Every Moment Was You* is his second title and has sold 800,000 copies in Korea. Tae-Wan can be found on social media @letterwoan.

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Depth	22mm
Extent	288 pages
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Illustrations	Integrated b&w illustrations. We have agreed a £500 fee to use the internal illustrations, which the Korean publisher will supply.
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Extent	400 pages
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The Knight and the Moth the spellbinding gothic romantasy from TikTok sensation Rachel Gillig

Rachel Gillig

Keynote

From BookTok sensation and NYT bestselling author Rachel Gillig, comes the next big romantasy phenomenon: a gothic, mist-cloaked tale of a prophetess who is forced beyond the safety of her cloister on an impossible quest to defeat the gods with the one knight whose future is beyond her sight.

Description

'Dreamy prose, characters so vibrant they breathe on the page, a romance that smoulders, and a spellbinding world to get lost in. Prepare to meet your next obsession' Rebecca Ross, author of *Divine Rivals*

From the *New York Times* million-copy bestselling author Rachel Gillig comes the next big romantasy phenomenon: a gothic, mist-cloaked tale of a prophetess who is forced on an impossible quest with the one devilishly handsome knight whose future is beyond her sight.

Sybil Delling has spent nine years dreaming of having no dreams at all. Like the other founding girls who traded a decade of service for a home in the great cathedral, Sybil is a Diviner. In her dreams she receives visions from six unearthly figures known as Omens. From them, she can predict terrible things before they occur, and lords and common folk alike travel across the kingdom of Traum's windswept moors to learn their futures by her dreams.

Just as she and her sister Diviners near the end of their service, a mysterious knight arrives at the cathedral. Rude, heretical, and devilishly handsome, the knight Rodrick has no respect for Sybil's visions. But when Sybil's fellow Diviners begin to vanish one by one, she has no choice but to seek his help in finding them. For the world outside the cathedral's cloister is wrought with peril. Only the gods have the answers she is seeking, and as much as she'd rather avoid Rodrick's dark eyes and sharp tongue, only a heretic can defeat a god.

Praise for *The Knight and the Moth*:

'*The Knight and the Moth* delivers pure joy: gargoyles! gods! girls in armour! alongside a serious examination of faith, fealty, and the powers they serve. It's a fairy tale with bruised knuckles, perfectly balanced between the mythic and the desperately human. Simply stunning' Alix E. Harrow, author of *Starling House*

'With the headiness of dreams and the darkness of haunted abbeys, *The Knight and the Moth* is dazzlingly transportive tale of love, salvation, and freedom that cements Gillig as one of the finest fantasy writers of our age. You will never want to surface from these enchanting, depthless waters' Ava Reid, author of *A Study in Drowning*

'I'm obsessed with Rachel Gillig. *The Knight and the Moth* is achingly romantic, richly imagined, and told with a gossamer delicacy that keeps the pages flying' Hannah Whitten, author of *The Foxglove King*

'A gothic, romantic fairy tale that feels like falling into a dark, strange dream - one you won't want to wake from. Gillig has done it again - I'm obsessed' Amélie Wen Zhao, author of *Song of Silver, Flame Like Night*

'Brimming with beguiling prose, and a dangerous magical world, *The Knight and the Moth* sparkles with wit and a slow burn romance that left me breathless and impatient for the next instalment' Isabel Ibañez, author of *What the River Knows*

'*The Knight and the Moth* is a lavender-drenched dream. Readers won't be able to put down this adventurous, dark gem of a book' Kalie Cassidy, author of *In the Veins of the Drowning*

Sales Points

- **HUGE TIKTOK HIT:** Rachel Gillig's previous series that begins with *One Dark Window*, has over 30 million TikTok views and *One Dark Window* is regularly charting in the top 100 kindle charts in the UK and ANZ
- **The Shepherd King duology is an instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller**
- **PREVIOUS SERIES' SUCCESS:** Over 1.1 million copies sold worldwide of *One Dark*

Window as of September 2024!

- **MAJOR FOCUS TITLE:** *The Knight and the Moth* will be a global focus for Orbit in 2025, working to build Rachel into a household romantasy name

Reviews

- 'An **evocative tale of romance, mystery and alluring monsters**, told in **beautifully lush prose**. Rachel Gillig has created **a story which left me entranced**' - Lyndall Clipstone, author of LAKESEDGE
- 'A beautifully dark fairy tale of blood, rage and bitter choice, that whisked me away to mist-wreathed woods ripe with romance and menace' - Davinia Evans, author of NOTORIOUS SORCERER
- 'With the headiness of dreams and the darkness of haunted abbeys, *The Knight and the Moth* is dazzlingly transportive tale of love, salvation, and freedom that cements Gillig as one of the finest fantasy writers of our age. You will never want to surface from these enchanting, depthless waters' - Ava Reid, author of A Study in Drowning
- 'A gothic, romantic fairy tale that feels like falling into a dark, strange dream - one you won't want to wake from. With twisty parables, monstrous divinities, a slow-burn romance and magic with a deadly cost, the story of THE KNIGHT AND THE MOTH unfolds like peeling back a gossamer shroud. Gillig has done it again - I'm obsessed' - Amélie Wen Zhao, author of Song of Silver, Flame Like Night

Author Biography

Rachel Gillig is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Shepherd King series. If she's not ensconced in blankets, dreaming up her next novel, Rachel is out walking in beautiful coastal California with her husband, son and their dignified poodle Wally.

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The Ambition Trap How to Stop Chasing and Start Living

Amina AITai

Keynote

Why your ambition might be working against you in the new world of work, and what you *really* need to succeed

Description

Most of us approach ambition from a place of pain and proving ourselves, while trying to fit into outdated corporate structures that don't represent who we are, or who we want to be. In *The Ambition Trap*, Amina AITai encourages you to move from an ambition driven by our core wounds, aka 'wounded striving' towards 'healthy ambition' which rewards a life of balance and integrity.

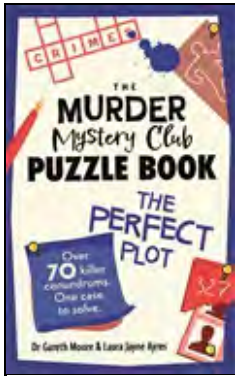
Having worked for years as a coach with clients from business leaders to companies such as Google, Deloitte, Slack and Cartier, celebrities and sports people, let Amina show you how giving up the hustle is key to success, why 'girl bossing' doesn't work if you're headed for burnout, and what healthy ambition looks like in the modern world of quiet quitting.

Sales Points

- **PERSONAL STORY ANGLE:** The author's own experience of burnout and autoimmune disease led her to create her holistic coaching business
- **BUSINESS CONNECTIONS:** Author has consulted for major companies such as Google, Deloitte, Cartier, Slack
- **CURRENT TOPIC:** Careers advice for the post-pandemic world of burnout, the Great Resignation and quiet quitting, and also addresses the issues of being an underrepresented leader in the workplace
- **KEY MEDIA CONTACTS:** Author has written for platforms such as Goop, MindBodyGreen and Well+Good

Author Biography

Amina AITai is a leadership and mindset coach whose roster of clients include Fortune 500 leaders, entrepreneurs, and celebrities. After spending a decade grappling with a fast-paced career in marketing and two autoimmune diseases, Amina hit burnout. In hopes of healing her own life, she sought training in coaching, mindfulness, nutrition, and fitness, and her goal became to teach others how to balance a thriving career, body, and mind.



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The Murder Mystery Club Puzzle Book: The Perfect Plot

Dr Gareth Moore and Laura Jayne Ayres

Keynote

Perfect for fans of Murdle and The Thursday Murder Club series. The second book in the brand-new Puzzle Murder Mystery Club series.

Description

One crime to solve. Over 70 killer conundrums to piece together the clues. A classic murder mystery game in a puzzle book. The second book in the brand-new Puzzle Murder Mystery Club series.

The Puzzle Murder Mystery Club are back within another case to crack, with over 70 killer conundrums to solve. Put your logic and reasoning to the test and master the art of deduction as you examine the **clues**, eliminate the **suspects** and piece together the **evidence** to catch the killer in their tracks.

Do you have what it takes to make an accusation, and pin down **WHO, WHY** and **HOW**? Perfect for fans of Murdle and The Thursday Murder Club series by Richard Osman.

Other books in this series: *The Murder Mystery Club Puzzle Book: Murder in the Village* coming out in September 2024.

Sales Points

- **A FRESH TAKE ON A CURRENT TREND:** Perfect for fans of Murdle and The Thursday Murder Club series, this is a puzzle book like no other. Featuring over 70 clues (puzzles) with one murder to solve, this is Cluedo in a puzzle book.
- **A STORY WITHIN A PUZZLE BOOK:** Each book – or case – will include a series of narratively linked deductions, which will use various puzzle types to lead puzzlers to the culprit (such as map puzzles, ordering puzzles, and family tree puzzles).
- **STEP INTO THE MURDER CLUB:** With recurring characters, and cosy crime-inspired plots, readers will become a member of the murder club as they sleuth out the clues to solve the crime. Expect intriguing plot twists, characters who aren't as they seem, and poison a plenty.
- **THINK LIKE A DETECTIVE:** Building on readers' logic, reasoning and observation skills, the team of amateur sleuths will show the reader how to gather their evidence to work out *who, why* and *how*, to stop the murderer in their tracks.
- **COLLECTIBLE SERIES LOOK:** With a cool, colour-coded series treatment, with each book having a signature colour, these are books to be collected, shared, and coveted.

Author Biography

Gareth Moore (Author)

Dr Gareth Moore (B.Sc (Hons) M.Phil Ph.D) is the internationally bestselling author of a wide range of brain-training and puzzle books for both children and adults, including *Anti-stress Puzzles*, *Ultimate Dot to Dot*, *Brain Games for Clever Kids®*, *Lateral Logic*, *Extreme Mazes* and *The Ordinance Survey Puzzle Book*. His books have sold over a million copies in the UK alone and have sold in 35 different languages.

He is also the creator of online brain-training site BrainedUp.com and runs the daily puzzle site PuzzleMix.com.

Laura Jayne Ayres (Author)

Laura Jayne Ayres is a puzzle writer and researcher. After studying Linguistics at the University of Cambridge, she worked as a playwright before joining Dr Gareth Moore's puzzle team. Books that she has worked on include *Hacked: The Cyber Crime Puzzle Book*, *The Great British Puzzle Book*, *The Perfect Crime Puzzle Book*, *The Nautical Puzzle Book* and *The Ordnance Survey Kids' Adventure Book*.



REVIEWS

‘*PRAISE FOR MURDLE*’ - .

‘Clever, satisfying and utterly addictive!’ - Janice Hallett, Sunday Times bestselling author of THE TWYFORD CODE

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‘Murdle is mega’ - *Mail on Sunday*

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Murdle Junior 2: Ready, Set, Solve!

40 Mind-boggling mystery puzzles for young detectives

G. T. KARBER

KEYNOTE

The second book of children's Murdle puzzles from the internationally bestselling series.

SALES POINTS

- The second Murdle Junior book for children aged 9 to 12 years from the phenomenally bestselling Murdle puzzle series.
- The Murdle books has sold a total of over HALF A MILLION copies across the series!
- Murdle won 2023 Waterstones Gift of the Year and the British Book Awards 2024 Overall Book of the Year.
- G. T. Karber is an unstoppable ball of energy beloved by fans of puzzles and crime fiction!
- Will appeal to fans of the adult Murdle series who want to enjoy the puzzles with their children, as well as puzzle-loving young detectives discovering Murdle for the first time!

DESCRIPTION

From the internationally-bestselling Murdle series comes the second instalment of Murdle puzzles for young detectives!

The four junior detectives are back on the case with more cases to solve and mysteries to unravel! Join Jake, Olivia, Lucas and the greatest ever cat detective as they cross paths with even shadier characters and their wrongdoings in the peculiar world of Murdle.

With another forty fiendishly fun mystery puzzles, young readers will love to investigate shifty suspects, spooky locations and curious clues with the help of the Murdle deduction grid to solve each whodunnit.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

G. T. Karber is the brains behind the smash-hit Murdle series. As the son of a judge and a lawyer, and the grandson of an F.B.I. agent, crime fighting is in his blood. He has university degrees in maths, English literature and the cinematic arts, and as General Secretary of the Hollywood Mystery Society he staged murder mystery whodunnit events before creating the phenomenal Murdle book series.

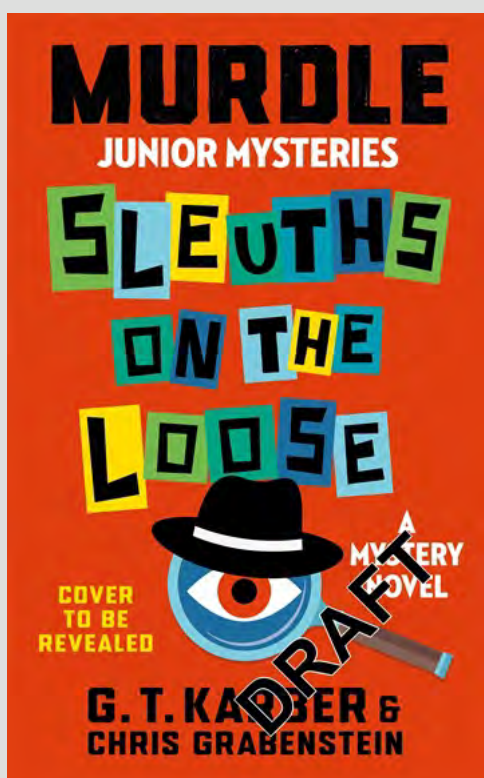
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REVIEWS

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Murdle Junior Mysteries: Sleuths on the Loose

A Mystery Novel

G. T. KARBER AND CHRIS GRABENSTEIN

KEYNOTE

The first *Murdle* novel for young readers from the world of the internationally bestselling *Murdle* series.

SALES POINTS

- A brand new *Murdle* Junior novel for young readers aged 9 to 12 years.
- The *Murdle* books have sold a total of over HALF A MILLION copies across the series!
- *Murdle* won 2023 Waterstones Gift of the Year and the British Book Awards 2024 Overall Book of the Year.
- G.T. Karber is an unstoppable ball of energy beloved by fans of puzzles and crime fiction!

DESCRIPTION

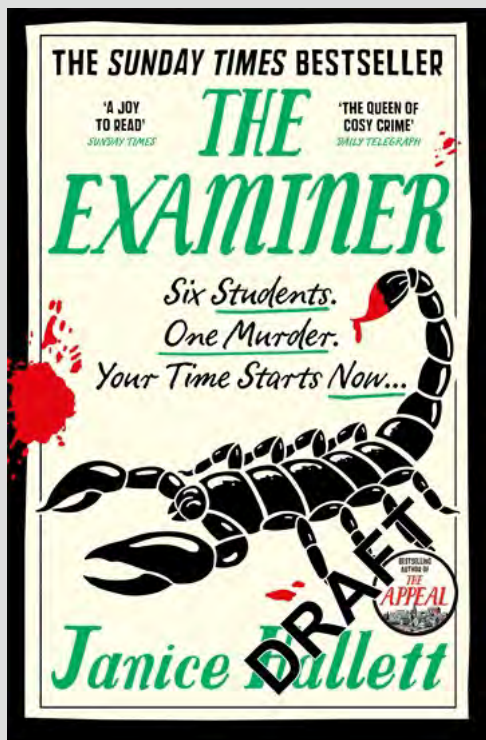
G. T. Karber brings you the first *Murdle* novel for young readers, based in the fiendishly mysterious world of the bestselling series!

Join junior detective Jake as she investigates the sinister disappearance of Miss Saffron at Sacred Kidney School. Will she find her teacher before it's too late? With the help of her trusty sidekick, Sterling, and a less-likely ally, Brick, the inscrutable school bully, she'll uncover devious secrets, chase down the suspects and nab the villains in this thrilling whodunnit.

Follow the story and puzzle-solve along the way in this *Murdle* Junior mystery novel!

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

G. T. Karber is the brains behind the smash-hit *Murdle* series. As the son of a judge and a lawyer, and the grandson of an F.B.I. agent, crime fighting is in his blood. He has university degrees in maths, English literature and the cinematic arts, and as General Secretary of the Hollywood Mystery Society he staged murder mystery whodunnit events before creating the phenomenal *Murdle* book series.



REVIEWS

‘The plot twists form a tottering pile as the tone grows ever darker. Close reading is essential but rewarding for this complicated and unconventional slow burn of a book’ - *Guardian*

‘A joy to read, containing some delicious surprises’ - *Sunday Times*

‘With a narrative built almost entirely from online messages, Hallett offers an engrossing tale of conspiracy and murder... An impressive novel’ - *Literary Review*

‘As ever with Hallett, *The Examiner* is told in an innovative way... I can't fault Hallett's ingenuity and her characters are a lot of fun’ - *Observer*

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The Examiner

the Sunday Times bestseller from the author of *The Appeal*
JANICE HALLETT

KEYNOTE

The new genre-busting crime novel from the bestselling author of *The Appeal*, *The Twyford Code* and *The Mysterious Case of the Alpertons Angels*

SALES POINTS

- Hallett's debut novel *The Appeal* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and Waterstones Thriller of the Month. It has sold over **180,000 paperbacks**
- *The Twyford Code* went straight to #3 in the hardback chart and stayed in the top ten for over a month. The paperback has sold **100,000 copies to date**
- *The Mysterious Case of the Alpertons Angels* was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller and a **Richard and Judy Book Club** pick
- *The Christmas Appeal* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and sold 50,000 copies in Autumn 2023

DESCRIPTION

*** FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE APPEAL* ***

'An absolute original' - MICK HERRON

'Hallett at her very best' - ELLY GRIFFITHS

'Witty, creepy and oh-so-clever' - TOM HINDLE

Six Students. One Murder. Your Time Starts Now...

The mature students of Royal Hastings University's new art course have been trouble from day one. From acclaimed artist Alyson who seems oddly overqualified, to hapless Patrick who can barely operate design software, and city boy Cameron who blusters his way through assignments. Not to mention Jem, who's a gifted young sculptor... but cross her at your peril.

The year-long course is blighted by students setting fire to one another's artwork, a rumoured extra-marital affair and a disastrous road trip. But finally they are given their last assignment: to build an art installation for a local manufacturer. With six students who have nothing in common except their clashing personal agendas, what could possibly go wrong?

The answer is: murder. When the external examiner arrives to assess the students' coursework, he becomes convinced that a student was killed on the course and that the others covered it up. But is he right? Only a close examination of the evidence will reveal the truth. Your time starts now...

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Janice Hallett's bestselling debut novel, *The Appeal*, was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month and won the CWA Debut Dagger Award. *The Twyford Code*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and won the British Book Awards Crime and Thriller Book of the Year. Her third novel, *The Mysterious Case of the Alpertons Angels*, was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller and a Richard and Judy Book Club pick. She lives in West London.

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How To Train Your Dragon School: Doom of the Darkwing Book 1

Cressida Cowell

Keynote

A brand-new HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON spin-off series, starring Hiccup and his fellow Warriors-in-Training in hilarious, hair-raising adventures.

Description

Welcome to HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON SCHOOL. Where Viking and Dragon Heroes are made!

Join Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third and his dragons, Toothless and Windwalker, in their hilarious, hair-raising adventures at the Isle of Berk's Training School for Vikings and Dragons. Where they are BOTTOM in pretty much everything.

Disastrous Lesson Number One: The Art of Battle.

It was supposed to be a quiet, SENSIBLE lesson. Hiccup never MEANT to get into TROUBLE.

But things take an unexpected turn along the way and Hiccup and his friends soon find themselves adrift on stormy seas, in a sinking ship, facing imminent DOOM, in one of their BIGGEST adventures ever...

Packed with illustrations, action and a highly accessible text, this series is perfect for developing readers, and the millions of HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON fans worldwide.

Sales Points

- With a shorter word count than the core novels and more highly illustrated throughout, these new books are perfect for younger or less confident readers
- Launching into a blockbuster HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON year, close to the release of the upcoming live-action film and a new Universal theme park
- With 16 million of Cressida Cowell's books sold worldwide in 46 languages, there is a huge audience ready to snap up more book content - and a whole generation of new readers for whom this is the ideal entry point

Author Biography

Cressida Cowell is the author and the illustrator of the globally bestselling *How to Train Your Dragon* series. Her next series, *The Wizards of Once*, was an international bestseller. Cressida is also the author of the Emily Brown picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton. The *Which Way* series is her most recent and has already been translated into 15 languages.

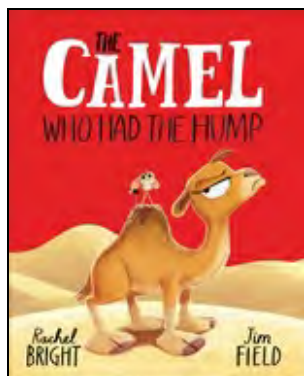
How to Train Your Dragon has sold over 8 million books worldwide in 42 languages. It is also an award-winning DreamWorks film series, and a TV series shown on Netflix and CBBC. *The Wizards of Once* has been translated into 38 languages and also signed by DreamWorks.

Cressida was the Waterstones Children's Laureate (2019-2022). She is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. She has won numerous prizes for her books, including the Gold Award in the Nestle Children's Book Prize, the Hay Festival Medal for Fiction, and Philosophy Now' magazine's 2015 Award for Contributions in the Fight Against Stupidity.

She grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland and she now lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon.

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The Camel Who Had The Hump

Rachel Bright (Illustrated By Jim Field)

Keynote

A gloriously empowering tale of grumpy, humpy TERRIBLE times, and how one slight shift might just change everything.

Description

An uplifting and empowering tale about finding new ways to navigate big feelings, from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

*As a shimmering sun lit the desert at dawn,
A clumping of camels awoke with a yawn.
"GOOD MORRRNING!" sang one,
"YOO-HOO! Rise and shine!"
"I will!" called another. "Today is DIVINNNNNE!"*

But not everyone has woken up in a good mood: Cuthbert the camel is having a bit of a bad morning. He's hot, he's tired and he certainly WON'T be walking to the oasis today! There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that will get him out of his grump. Or is there?

When Cuthbert makes a new friend, he discovers that even if things get off on the wrong hoof, we're all just one smile away from a happy rest-of-day.

A laugh-out-loud tale of how choosing fun can turn a grumpy, humpy start into a happy ending. This spectacularly illustrated rhyming tale from the award-winning, bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could* is the perfect read for anyone who's ever had The Hump.

Sales Points

- From the creators of the bestselling, multi-award-winning *The Lion Inside* range - more than 5 million copies sold worldwide in 42 languages
- Empowering children to nurture resilience and find joy, this is a gorgeously uplifting and transformative book
- A hilarious and heart-warming rhyming story perfect for reading aloud
- Jim Field is the illustrator of the bestselling *Oi Frog and Friends* series, which has sold over 1 million copies in the UK alone
- The *Lion Inside* has sold over 100,000 copies in the UK alone and been translated into 22 languages

Author Biography

Rachel Bright (Author)

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. She has written many bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could* - winner of the *Evening Standard* Oscar's Book Prize and the Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 40 languages and have sold over 2 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, The Brightside. Rachel lives on a farm near the seaside, with her partner and their two young daughters.

Jim Field (Illustrator)

Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He has illustrated many bestselling children's books, including *Oi Frog!* (written by Kes Gray) and *The Lion Inside* (written by Rachel Bright). Jim is also the illustrator of the Rabbit and Bear series, J.K. Rowling's *The Christmas Pig* and his debut author-illustrator bilingual picture book, *Monsieur Roscoe on Holiday*. He lives near Paris with his wife and daughter.

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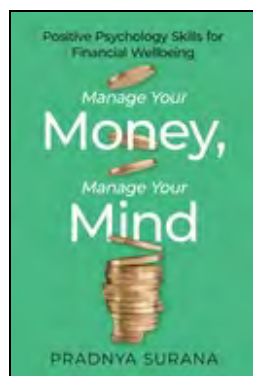
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Manage Your Money, Manage Your Mind Positive Psychology Skills for Financial Wellbeing

Pradnya Surana

Keynote

A uniquely simple and solution-focused guide to managing your personal finances which focuses on achieving a positive and healthy attitude to money, and reducing stress and anxiety, using tools from psychology and spirituality.

Description

What if just earning more money *isn't* the solution to our financial troubles?

Most of us struggle with money issues on a daily basis and this is the source of considerable stress and anxiety. If we want to reduce those worries, and develop our financial skills, maybe we need to look at our relationship with money so it isn't defined by crisis.

Learning to have a more positive relationship with money, to not stress about it, and to make good choices with it creates a healthier and happier cycle.

This interactive workbook will empower you to take action and create meaningful life changes. You will be guided through the world's most well-researched self-help techniques and interventions, encouraged to try them out and measure whether they have had concrete benefits for you. If not, it is time for the next one.

This book incorporates perspectives from clinical, positive and organisational psychology along with insights from spiritual wisdom. Scientific research is translated from jargon to layman's terms so you can understand and begin applying what will actually work to promote financial wellbeing.

You will learn about:

- The relationship between money, money health and overall wellbeing
- Aligning your personal values, emotions and actions with your financial goals
- Skills for cultivating gratitude, self-compassion and finding purpose
- Developing a psychological emergency toolkit to manage intense emotions
- How to challenge irrational beliefs and reframe unhelpful thoughts
- Developing healthy financial habits and improving financial literacy
- Finding fulfilment through charitable giving

Each intervention is accompanied by a resource list that includes books, websites, apps, podcasts and journal articles.

Sales Points

- This book will include the expected practical saving/spending tips, but also a strong emphasis on therapy techniques and compassionate exercises to improve your mindset and your relationship with money and reduce anxieties in ways other books do not.
- The cost of living crisis has had a significant impact on several genres of non-fiction book, including personal development titles on thriftiness/saving and in the cookery field, with people willing to spend money on a book if it will help them cut other costs in life. There has been little that considers the mental health impact of money troubles though, even though key influencer Martin Lewis has placed great emphasis on this (setting up the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute to raise awareness and support people facing additional financial problems because of mental health struggles and recently broadcasting a mental health themed episode of The Martin Lewis Money Show).
- Recent data highlights the severity of the cost of living crisis. A staggering 78% of individuals report feeling financially stretched to an extent they've never experienced before. This has resulted in a sharp increase in stress levels, with 65% expressing heightened anxiety about their financial situation. Moreover, 60% admit to feeling overwhelmed by money management, emphasising the need for better financial education.

Author Biography

Dr Pradnya Surana is a positive psychologist, financial wellbeing coach and behavioural economics researcher. Pradnya has been a lecturer in positive psychology at the University of East London, as well as managing her own enterprises and consulting widely on business for more than fifteen years. Her PhD research created a positive psychology intervention that promotes positive attitudes towards money and reduces stress and anxiety resulting from money problems. Her work has been featured in prominent publications, including *The Psychologist*, *Psyche*, PENN MAPP alumni and the *Indian Positive Psychology Journal*.

Currently, Pradnya consults around the world as a financial wellbeing expert. She is passionate about researching how to resolve money issues using a holistic approach; including perspectives from psychology, spirituality, cultural differences and economics.



Pradnya is striving to change the direction of the discourse about money, finance and wellbeing by helping individuals, organisations and institutions recognise that money is only a tool to fulfil their dreams.

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Stone Yard Devotional Shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2024

Charlotte Wood

Keynote

The new Booker-shortlisted novel by Charlotte Wood, the Stella Prize-winning author of *The Natural Way of Things* and *The Weekend*. A fearless exploration of forgiveness, grief and the complicated beauty of female friendship.

Description

SHORTLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE 2024

A Guardian Book of the Summer 2024

A book of the year for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *ABC*

Shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Literary Award

Shortlisted for The Age Book of the Year

Shortlisted for the ABIA Award for Literary Fiction

Longlisted for the Miles Franklin Award

'A beautiful, mature work that does not flinch from life' **SUNDAY TIMES**

'It asks the big questions, leaving the reader feeling kinder, more brave, enlarged'

ANNE ENRIGHT

'A powerful, generous book' **GUARDIAN**

'Beautiful, strange and otherworldly' **PAULA HAWKINS**

Burnt out and in need of retreat, a middle-aged woman leaves Sydney to return to the place she grew up, finding solace in a small religious community hidden away on the stark plains of rural Australia.

But disquiet interrupts this secluded life with three visitations. First comes a terrible mouse plague, each day signalling a new battle against the rising infestation. Second is the return of the skeletal remains of a sister who disappeared decades before, presumed murdered. And finally, a troubling visitor plunges the narrator further back into her past.

Sales Points

- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Charlotte Wood is one of the most exciting Australian writers working today. Her previous two novels, *The Natural Way of Things* and *The Weekend*, were huge international bestsellers and were recognised by major prizes, including the Stella Prize (the Australian equivalent of the Women's Prize). *Stone Yard Devotional* was shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2024.
- **THE UNDISCOVERED LIVES OF WOMEN:** There is a clear thread that runs through Charlotte's entire oeuvre - a keen interest to uncover the inner lives of women and the joys and challenges of female friendship. It is rare for female characters to feel so uncompromisingly alive on the page.
- **SUPERFANS:** Charlotte is beloved by legions of superfans, including Marian Keyes, Elizabeth Day, Tessa Hadley, Nina Stibbe, Paula Hawkins, Sara Collins, Patrick Gale, Claire Fuller, Pandora Sykes, Dolly Alderton, Viv Groskop, Liane Moriarty.
- **THE WEEKEND:** Charlotte's previous novel, *The Weekend*, was published by Federico Andornino at W&N and was a huge success, selling over 65,000 copies across formats (7,000 hardbacks, 30,000 paperbacks and 20,000 digital editions). Charlotte has now followed Federico to Sceptre where she will be a key author on the list.

Author Biography

Charlotte Wood is the author of seven novels and three books of non-fiction. Her novel *Stone Yard Devotional* was shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize. Earlier novels include *The Natural Way of Things*, which won the 2016 Stella Prize and was joint winner of the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction, and *The Weekend*, which was an international bestseller. Her features and essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Guardian*, *Literary Hub* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, among others. Charlotte lives in Sydney with her husband.

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EXTRACTIVE CAPITALISM

How
Commodities
& Cronyism
Drive
the Global
Economy

Laleh
Khalili



REVIEWS

‘Praise for *Sinews of War and Trade*:

Readers will delight in the book's originality - there is truly nothing else like it' - Marcus Rediker, author, *The Slave Ship*

‘The scale of this book is breath-taking but the story is intimate and expertly crafted, moving from entire coastlines to city streets and singular body movements. This is a poetry of place’ - Deborah Cowen, author, *The Deadly Life of Logistics*

‘Laleh Khalili's fascinating new book opens the window on another world’ - Adam Shatz

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Extractive Capitalism

How Commodities and Cronyism Drive the Global Economy

LALEH KHALILI

KEYNOTE

An eye-opening survey of how extractive industries power globalisation - and how to fight back

SALES POINTS

- Selected from Khalili's writing in the *London Review of Books* and elsewhere, this is a lively, engaging primer anyone interested in globalisation, climate change, corporate control and recent attacks in the Red Sea
- Laleh Khalili is an internationally-renowned expert on the oil industry, global trade and geopolitics in the Gulf region, with over 43k Twitter followers
- For readers of Shoshanna Zuboff, Naomi Klein and Adam Tooze

DESCRIPTION

Whether it's pumping oil, mining resources or shipping commodities across oceans, the global economy runs on extraction. Promises of frictionless trade and lucrative speculation are the hallmarks of our era, but the backbone of globalisation is still low-cost labour and rapacious corporate control. Extractive capitalism is what made - and is still making - our unequal world.

Professor Laleh Khalili reflects on the hidden stories behind late capitalism, from seafarers abandoned on debt-ridden container ships to the nefarious reach of consultancy firms and the cronyism that drives record-breaking profits. Piercing, wry and constantly revealing, *Extractive Capitalism* brings vividly to light the dark truths behind the world's most voracious industries.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Laleh Khalili is Professor of Gulf Studies at the University of Exeter. An expert on transnational politics, she has written widely on globalisation, capital and neo-colonialism, and has worked as a consultant and an engineer. Her recent books include *Sinews of War and Trade* and *The Corporeal Life of Seafaring*.

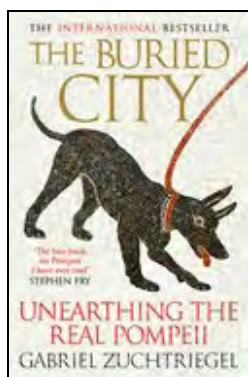
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The Buried City Unearthing the Real Pompeii

Gabriel Zuchtriegel
Translated by **Jamie Bulloch**

Keynote

The director of Pompeii offers a revelatory new history of the city

Description

'The best book on Pompeii I've ever read' STEPHEN FRY

This is Pompeii, as you've never seen it before.

In this revelatory history, Gabriel Zuchtriegel shares the new secrets of Pompeii. Over the last few years, a vast stretch of the city has been excavated for the first time. Now, drawing on these astonishing discoveries, *The Buried City* reveals the untold human stories that are at last emerging.

Pompeii is a world frozen in time. There are unmade beds, dishes left drying, tools abandoned by workmen, bodies embracing with love and fear. And alongside the remnants of everyday life, there are captivating works of art: lifelike portraits, exquisite frescos and mosaics, and the extraordinary sculpture of a sleeping boy, curled up under a blanket that's too small.

The Buried City reconstructs the catastrophe that destroyed Pompeii on 24 August 79 CE, but it also offers a behind-the-scenes tour of the city as it was before: who lived here, what mattered to them, and what happened in their final hours. It offers us a vivid sense of Pompeii's continuing relevance, and proves that ancient history is much closer to us than we think.

Sales Points

- **INTERNATIONAL BUZZ** - the book has been a major bestseller in Germany (20 weeks on the bestseller lists, 30,000+ hbs sold) with stellar reviews and rights selling around the world (US rights sold at auction to University of Chicago Press + Italian, Dutch, Spanish, French, Hungarian deals so far).
- **PROMOTABLE EXPERT AUTHOR** - Gabriel Zuchtriegel is an internationally-renowned archaeologist and the current director of Pompeii. He is young, modern and media friendly with a compelling vision for archaeology and Pompeii. He has been profiled in the *New York Times* and the *Guardian* and speaks impeccable English as well as German and Italian. He has 11.4k followers on Twitter and 44.1k on Instagram.
- **MAJOR PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITY** - Gabriel is currently overseeing the biggest excavation of Pompeii in a generation and there is huge media interest in the new discoveries, which include a slave bedroom, new skeletons and a pizza fresco. The book will feature a new afterword about the latest discoveries. A 3-part BBC 2 documentary featuring Gabriel - 'Pompeii: The New Dig' - was broadcast in 2024 to record viewing figures (2.3m).
- **NEW HISTORY WITH BROAD APPEAL** - Pompeii is the most famous heritage site in the world and more than 4 million people visit every year (the majority are English-speaking, stats available), however there are few recent Pompeii books in the market and none that include the most recent discoveries. Written in a fresh and engaging style, *The Buried City* will appeal to readers of ancient history such as Mary Beard (*SPQR* - 270k TCM, *Pompeii: The Life of a Roman Town* - 67.8k TCM), Tom Holland (*Rubicon* - 202k TCM) and Bettany Hughes (*Istanbul* - 35.1k TCM).
- **STUNNING PICTURES** - The book includes two plate sections with more than 50 new photographs of frescoes, ruins and some of the latest discoveries from Pompeii.

Reviews

- **"This is not just the best book on Pompeii I've ever read - it's the best book on the glorious realities of archaeology itself. It has left me panting to revisit Pompeii with the new, excited eyes that this magnificent book has given me."** - STEPHEN FRY
- **"Zuchtriegel makes the familiar magical. He challenges us to transform our relationship with the past, and shows us a new, far more satisfying, way to think about Pompeii and its people."** - DAN SNOW
- **'A brilliant account of the latest discoveries at Pompeii and a deeply personal celebration of the inherent fascination of antiquity.'** - TOM HOLLAND

Author Biography

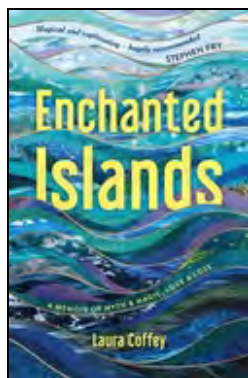
Gabriel Zuchtriegel is Director General of the archaeological park in Pompeii. He studied classical archaeology at the Humboldt University in Berlin and received his PhD from the University of Bonn. In 2015, he became director of the Paestum archaeological park and museum, before being appointed at Pompeii in February 2021. He became an Italian citizen in 2020 and is currently overseeing the biggest dig of the site of Pompeii in

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Enchanted Islands

A Mediterranean Odyssey – A Memoir of Travels through Love, Grief and Mythology

Laura Coffey

Description

"A magical and hugely captivating journey - filled with such beauty, wonder and surprise. A simply marvellous read, hugely recommended" - Stephen Fry

A real-life journey through the fantastical world of *The Odyssey*

It started with a boy, of course. Seeking solace from the pain of heartbreak and her father's illness, Laura Coffey embarks on what was meant to be a simple holiday. But her newfound fascination with ancient Greek myths transforms her trip into a six-month odyssey, around tiny archipelagos and mystical Mediterranean islands thought to be the setting of Odysseus's epic journey. As she chases one of the most conflicted, flawed and yet beloved heroes through his fantastical sea-kingsdoms, looking for the places where geography and mythology collide, she discovers the wild beauty of the islands, and the redemptive powers of travel and nature, cold-water swimming, long hikes up mountains, and luminous star-lit skies.

But her quest to find happiness, safety and the true meaning of home is overshadowed by the deepening illness of her father. Returning as he's dying, forced to confront the very things she was running from, Laura reflects on what she has lost, how to live between story and reality, and the way we craft our own mythologies. Slipping between the mythical realm and the real world, she finds enchantment and healing in the magic of both.

"If you love memoir and Greek mythology, this is a delight. A spellbinding book about growing up, grieving and the gods." - Clare Pollard, author of *Delphi*

Sales Points

- There is a huge and growing appetite for feminist retellings of ancient myths, but this is the first narrative non-fiction book that weaves this fascination into travel and nature writing.
- *Enchanted Islands* will appeal to fans of feminist non-fiction, memoirs on grief, nature writing, classic travel and mythology.
- Will appeal to the millions of tourists who visit the Mediterranean every summer, particularly those heading to the coastlines and islands of Spain, Italy, France, Croatia and Greece.

Awards

Nominated for the 2024 British Book Design and Production Awards

Nominated for the 2024 Irish Book Awards

Nominated for the 2024 Nero Book Awards, Non-Fiction category

Author Biography

Laura Coffey is a travel writer, happiest in motion. She's newly addicted to cold water swimming, has an old addiction to adventure, and loves to write about the wild beauty of the places she visits and the people she meets as she roams through the world. Her work has been published in places like *Condé Nast Traveller*, *The Guardian* and *BBC Travel*. She is a certified yoga teacher, solo travel enthusiast and excitable bird-nerd. When she is not writing, Laura can be found cycling across London, stretching out on her yoga mat, or best of all, planning an escape to a remote island.

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Long Island Compromise

A sensational new novel by the international bestselling author of *Fleishman Is in Trouble*

Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Keynote

From the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Fleishman Is in Trouble* comes a darkly exhilarating new novel about an American family and its inheritance - the safety and wealth that they fought for, and the precarity of their survival that is their legacy

Description

'Is this book as good [as *Fleishman*]? It's better' *THE NEW YORK TIMES*
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 'Very, very good' ELIZABETH DAY
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 'Shocking, tender, profound and delicious' EMILY MAITLIS
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From the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Fleishman Is in Trouble* comes a darkly exhilarating novel about an American family and its inheritance - the safety and wealth that they fought for, and the precarity of their survival that is their legacy.

In 1980, a wealthy businessman named Carl Fletcher is kidnapped from his driveway in the nicest part of the nicest part of Long Island. He is brutalised, held for ransom and then returned to his family. Miraculously, Carl, his wife and his three kids are left to move on with their lives, and resume their prized places in the ongoing saga of the American dream.

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Long Island Compromise spans generations, winding through decades of history all the way through to the wild present, dealing along the way with all the mainstays of American Jewish life and the timeless questions about wealth, trauma, and the American soul.

MORE PRAISE FOR *LONG ISLAND COMPROMISE*:

'The status book you'll want to be seen with' *STYLIST*
 '[A] scabrous satire' *THE NEW YORKER*
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 'Substantive and profound' CATHY RENTZENBRINK
 'Greatness so often comes at the expense of what is enjoyable. *Long Island Compromise* is both, and then some' *IPAPER*
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'There is no one that this book isn't for . . . Pure brilliance' INDIA KNIGHT, *THE SUNDAY TIMES*
 'Could be one of the books of my entire lifetime. I've never felt so seen' GRACE DENT, *GUARDIAN*
 'Sharp and wicked, insightful and funny, and then suddenly so touching' DAVID NICHOLLS
 'A work of utter perfection' ELIZABETH GILBERT

[*FLEISHMAN IS IN TROUBLE* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller (UK) in August 2019 and a *New York Times* bestseller (USA) in June 2019]

Sales Points

- STAR JOURNALIST: Taffy made her name as a contributor to GQ, where she found fame for her viral profiles on the likes of Tom Hiddleston and Gwyneth Paltrow. She is now a staff writer at the New York Times Magazine, where her lauded profiles have included Tom Hanks and presidential hopeful Marianne Williamson.
- AWARDS RECOGNITION: *Fleishman* was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020; the National Book Award; the Andrew Carnegie Medal; the Rathbones Folio

Prize; the Australian Book Industry Awards. Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle/John Leonard Award for Best First Book. Shortlisted for the British Book Awards for Debut Fiction. Runner-up for the McKitterick Prize.

- INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER: FLEISHMAN was a New York Times bestseller on publication, and in the UK spent four consecutive weeks on the *Sunday Times* bestseller list. It was the 4th bestselling debut fiction hardback in the UK in 2019. As of 04/11/24 it has sold more than 175K copies across formats in UK & Commonwealth territories. LIC has so far sold almost 20K copies across formats in the UK alone.
- FILM AND TV: FLEISHMAN TV rights were bought by FX & ABC Signature Studios in a 10-way auction. It was adapted into a limited series airing in 2021 starring Jesse Eisenberg, Clare Danes, Lizzy Caplan and Matthew Brody. Taffy was writer and executive producer on the show, which was nominated for 7 Emmys. Rights for LONG ISLAND COMPROMISE have sold to Apple in a competitive auction, with Taffy attached to write and exec produce.

Reviews

- **'A lip-smacking tale** of family, wealth and self-destruction told with relish' - John Self, *Guardian*
- 'An ambitious, funny family drama . . . **Lavishly comic**' - Susie Goldsbrough, *The Times*
- **'Elegant and devastating . . . A rich, stylish, moving and funny novel . . .** Every reader will find something here that they can recognise, that will resonate and endure' - Erica Wagner, *Financial Times*
- **'Is this book as good [as *Fleishman*]? It's better. Sprawling yet nimble,** this is her Big American Reform Jewish Novel . . . All those well-timed twists, neat callbacks and tidy scenes are a mitzvah for **this satisfying, touching novel. The talented Taffy Brodesser-Akner over here**' - Sloane Crosley, *The New York Times*

Author Biography

Taffy Brodesser-Akner is a staff writer for *The New York Times Magazine*. She has also written for *GQ*, *ESPN the Magazine*, and many other publications. *Fleishman Is in Trouble*, her first novel, was a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestseller, and was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction. The TV adaptation from FX, written and executive produced by Taffy, was nominated for 7 Emmys.

Long Island Compromise is Taffy's second novel. She is currently adapting the book for an Apple TV production.

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Author born in	London
Author living in	London

Previous Titles

The Malabar House series
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The Girl In Cell A

A tense and gripping suspense novel guaranteed to surprise and thrill, for fans of Show Trial

Vaseem Khan

Keynote

Her trial obsessed the world. Only she knows the truth. *The Girl in Cell A* is an unforgettable suspense novel from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the Malabar House historical crime series.

Description

'Masterful. A beautifully written, twisting psychological thriller' **CHRIS WHITAKER**
'A thrillingly written and carefully researched journey into the dark world of forensic psychotherapy, amnesia and murder. Complex, completely convincing characters and twist you'll never guess. A masterful achievement' **ALEX MICHAELIDES**
'Full of unexpected, mind-bending twists, THE GIRL IN CELL A explores memory, truth, and lies in a small American mining town .. tense and surprising' **NITA PROSE**
'A compelling, pacy, multi-layered mystery that shows us the most dangerous secrets are the ones we keep from ourselves' **ERIN KELLY**
'Both epic family tale and riveting psychological thriller, *The Girl in Cell A* is an utterly absorbing story with an ending that will leave you reeling' **SHARI LAPENA**
'A fabulous thriller where small-town America and the sins of its inhabitants make for a wonderful page-turner' **STEVE CAVANAGH**

THE WORLD KNOWS HER AS THE GIRL IN CELL A.

Convicted of murder at seventeen, infamous killer and true crime celebrity Orianna Negi has always maintained her innocence.

BUT IF SHE DIDN'T KILL GIDEON WYCLERC...

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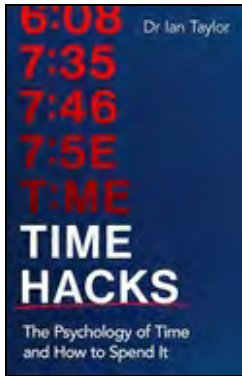
- **AWARD-WINNING WRITER:** Vaseem Khan's *Midnight at Malabar House* has won the CWA Historical Dagger and been shortlisted for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year.
- **AUDIENCE EXPANSION:** Standalone contemporary suspense designed to bring a wider audience to Vas's books.
- **GUARANTEED TO THRILL:** fantastic pace and a memorable cast of characters - this is *Succession* meets *Behind Her Eyes*.
- **MEDIA INTEREST:** in film and TV rights

Reviews

- 'Full of **unexpected, mind-bending twists**, THE GIRL IN CELL A explores memory, truth, and lies in a small American mining town. If you liked ANNA O, you'll marvel at this **tense and surprising novel**' - Nita Prose, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Maid* and *The Mystery Guest*
- '**Masterful. A beautifully written, twisting** psychological thriller' - Chris Whitaker
- 'A triumphantly **mind-bending puzzlebox** of a book that will have you questioning everything' - Ruth Ware
- 'A **compelling, pacy, multi-layered mystery** that shows us the most dangerous secrets are the ones we keep from ourselves' - Erin Kelly

Author Biography

Vaseem Khan's acclaimed Baby Ganesh Agency crime series won the Shamus Award in the US, with *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra* selected by the Sunday Times as one of the 40 best crime novels published 2015-2020, now translated into 16 languages. The first novel in the Malabar House series, *Midnight at Malabar House*, won the CWA Historical Dagger 2021 and was shortlisted for the Theakstons Crime Novel of the Year Award. Vaseem lives in London.



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Time Hacks

The psychology of time and how to spend it

Ian Taylor

Keynote

A practical investigation into the psychology of how we perceive time - and how to improve our relationship with it

Description

Our sense of time impacts our decisions, motivation, performance, mood and health in all sorts of peculiar ways. But despite time being ever-present in our lives, we simply accept its seemingly relentless progression. And in letting it rule the way we work and organise our lives, it's made many of us feel rushed, stressed and unproductive.

TIME HACKS brings innovative ideas and cutting-edge science together and, with practical insights, shows you how to feel more in control of your time and use it more wisely. With the help of '100 rules to master time', Dr Ian Taylor will show how changing the way we think about time can unlock our motivation to achieve what's important to us, build better habits and banish busyness for good.

Sales Points

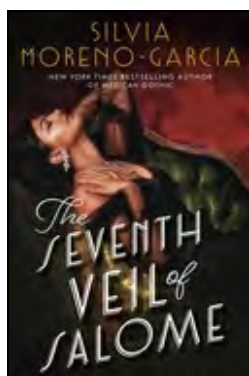
- The first trade book to tackle our perception of time from a practical, actionable angle by a world expert in the field
- Experienced speaker and presenter who is used to packaging his research into something digestible for a popular audience
- Ian has presented his research in over fifteen countries, and makes regular appearances on TV, radio, podcasts and sellout sessions at science festivals as an expert on the science of time and motivation, including on BBC Two with Michael Mosley to explain why willpower declines over time, and BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind to discuss flaws in human thinking.

Author Biography

Dr Ian Taylor is a world-leading expert on the science of the human mind. He holds the title 'Reader in Motivation Science' at Loughborough University, where he leads a research programme that helps to understand how to improve well-being, motivation and performance in different people, including elite athletes, stroke survivors and schoolchildren. He is a chartered psychologist and associate fellow of the British Psychological Society and a faculty member of the National Institute for Health and Care Research Applied Research Collaboration. Over the last fifteen years, he has written over sixty scientific papers explaining what drives humans and the ingredients for successful living. He has consulted with major international brands and healthcare organisations, including Nike, Gatorade and the Royal Society of Medicine.

Market

Readers of books on time with an exploratory angle and practical takeaways like those by Jenny Odell, Oliver Burkeman; popular psychology that looks at alternative ways to think such as REBEL IDEAS, or seeks to understand our perception and feelings (ie Lisa Feldman Barrett, Dean Burnett)



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The Seventh Veil of Salome the sumptuous historical epic from the author of MEXICAN GOTHIC

Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Keynote

The Red Tent meets Old Hollywood glamour in this extraordinary new novel by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, author of *Mexican Gothic*.

Description

'Absolutely not to be missed' - Kate Quinn on this sumptuous historical epic from the author of *Mexican Gothic*.

Golden Age Hollywood - a city overflowing with gossip, scandal, and intrigue. Every actress wants to play Salome, the star-making role in a big-budget movie about the legendary temptress.

So when the film's mercurial director casts Vera Larios, an unknown Mexican ingenue, in the lead role, she quickly becomes the talk of the town. Vera also becomes an object of envy for Nancy Hartley, a bit player whose career has stalled and who will do anything to win the fame she believes she richly deserves.

As Vera navigates the glitz and the gilded glamour of her new city, Nancy follows silently behind, trying to take everything she believes Vera has been unfairly handed.

But this is the tale of three women, for it is also the story of the princess Salome herself. Consumed with desire for the fiery prophet who foretells the doom of her stepfather, Salome is a woman torn between the decree of duty and the yearning of her heart.

And tragedy is waiting in the wings . . . for all three women.

'Will leave you spellbound' - Fiona Davis

Sales Points

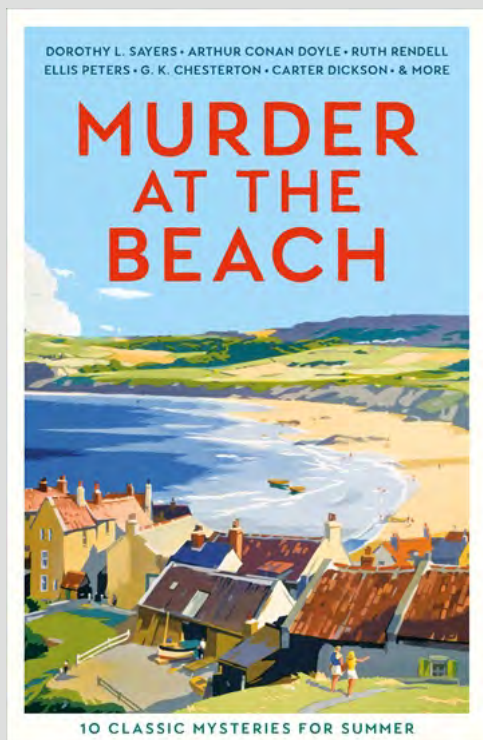
- The perfect read for fans of *Mexican Gothic* and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*; full of secrets, scandal and the grit behind the glamour of Golden Age Hollywood.
- Silvia Moreno-Garcia is the *New York Times* top ten bestselling author of *Mexican Gothic* and *Velvet Was the Night*
- Silvia Moreno-Garcia has won virtually every award in the genre, including the World Fantasy, Copper Cylinder, August Derleth, Sunburst, Aurora, Ignyte, Locus and Pacific Northwest Book Awards. She's been twice nominated for Nebula Award, and *Velvet Was the Night* was a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize.

Reviews

- **'Whenever I want to read a book I know will be good, I go to Silvia Moreno-Garcia.** Her genres are ever changing, her ability to take on a wild story each time is incredible. You never know what she's going to do, but you know it will be a page-turner' - *Taylor Jenkins Reid, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Daisy Jones and the Six*
- 'Using a kaleidoscope of perspectives, Moreno-Garcia skillfully depicts the rise of a starlet in 1950s Hollywood, capturing not only **the glamour of poolside parties** but also the sordid underbelly of the industry. That alone would be a great read, but she also weaves in the original story of Salome, adding rich layers to **a story that bubbles with anticipation and will leave you spellbound.**' - *Fiona Davis, author of The Spectacular*
- 'I've been a huge Silvia Moreno-Garcia fan since her sensational *Mexican Gothic*, but this epic of 1950s Hollywood really hits my sweet spot! A pensive Mexican ingenue becomes the talk of Tinseltown when she lands the part of Salome in a big-budget sword-and-sandal biblical epic; meanwhile a jealous starlet schemes to steal her place in the spotlight. Against their splashy soundstage drama, the real Salome (or is she?) tells her own story of love, revenge, and betrayal. *The Seventh Veil of Salome* is **absolutely not to be missed!**' - *Kate Quinn, author of The Diamond Eye*
- 'This is **a darkly thrilling gem of a novel**, a page-turner that winds ever more tightly around its twin heroines as they navigate Biblical court intrigues and 1950s studio scandals. Like the best Hollywood epics, *The Seventh Veil of Salome* **catches you in its spell and won't let go** until the credits roll!' - *Helene Wecker, author of The Golem and the Jinni and The Hidden Palace*

Author Biography

Silvia Moreno-Garcia is the multi-award-winning author of *Mexican Gothic* (a *New York Times* bestseller), *Gods of Jade and Shadow* (one of *Time* magazine's top 100 fantasy novels of all time), *The Beautiful Ones*, *Certain Dark Things*, the noir thrillers *Untamed*



REVIEWS

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Murder at the Beach

CECILY GAYFORD

KEYNOTE

We're all going on a summer holiday ... and the destination is: murder

SALES POINTS

- Our successful Vintage Murder franchise is reaching scorching new heights with the Summer Murder series selling more than 68,000 copies - Profile's cosy crime anthologies have collectively sold more than 260k copies
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DESCRIPTION

The holiday season is here, and for most of us, our minds are on carefree days in the sunshine. But for every trip to the seaside or sultry afternoon on the sunlounger, there's someone who's busy packing a suitcase full of secrets and a motive ... for murder.

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AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Cecily Gayford studied English at the University of Oxford, where she immersed herself obsessively in the gothic, morbid and mysterious side of literature. Now a Publishing Director, she has worked at Profile Books for twelve years.

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- **TIKTOK PHENOMENON!** Views for Chloe and her series are extraordinary and growing every day on TikTok: #ChloeWalsh - 72M ; #ChloeWalshbooks - 15M ; #Binding13 - 150M ; #Keeping13 - 99M ; #Saving6 - 47M ; #Redeeming 6 - 27M ; #BoysofTommen - 113M ; #BoysofTommenSeries - 43M.
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Banal Nightmare

Halle Butler

Keynote

The author of THE NEW ME returns with a hilarious, horrifying picture of a breakup, a college town and a group of jealous friends

Description

'Halle Butler is a first-rate satirist of the horror show being sold to us as Modern Femininity. She is Thomas Bernhard in a bad mood, wearing ill-fitting tights, scrutinizing old take-out leftovers' CATHERINE LACEY

'Her sense of humour should be studied and celebrated' DAVID SEDARIS

Margaret Anne ('Moddie') Yance has just returned to her hometown, to mingle with the friends of her youth, to get back in touch with her roots, and to recover from a stressful decade of living in the city in a small apartment with a man she now believed to be a megalomaniac or perhaps a covert narcissist.

Back home, Moddie throws herself at the mercy of her old friends, all suddenly tipping toward middle age. She joins them as they go to parties, size each other up, obsess over past slights, dream of wild triumphs, and indulge in elaborate revenge fantasies.

But when a mysterious artist arrives in town to take up a residency at the local university, Moddie has no choice but to confront the demons of her past and grapple with the reality of what her life has become.

The inimitable Halle Butler, author of *The New Me*, returns with a novel that is sadistically precise, completely singular and horribly funny

Sales Points

- **HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** Halle Butler's admirers include David Sedaris, Roddy Doyle, Megan Nolan, Jia Tolentino, Catherine Lacey and many others.
- **FUTURE TV:** There is a television adaptation of Halle Butler's highly successful debut novel THE NEW ME in the works.
- **DOWN-LIT:** Halle Butler is a master of millennial malaise. She writes novels that are JOYFULLY depressing, EXUBERANTLY scathing. She sits in opposition to the uplift trend, and is recognised as an author of the 'feel-bad books' of this century.
- **BELOVED AUTHOR:** We have sold 22,500 copies of THE NEW ME - off the back of a minimal PR campaign. There are lots of Halle Butler fans out there, waiting for her next book!

Reviews

- **'Butler has crafted a novel in which every character proves to be completely, uniquely crazy. Her sense of humour should be studied and celebrated'** - David Sedaris
- **'An epic Woolfian tapestry of perfect comic rants, terrifying panic attacks, and, most gratifying of all, sincere attempts at human connection. This is the best, most ambitious book yet by one of my favourite writers'** - Andrew Martin, author of EARLY WORK
- **'Burns with a wild, unforgiving fire, making most other novels seem vague and ho-hum in comparison . . . A manic, nerve-wracking read, painful and so weirdly funny. I felt gripped by it from beginning to end'** - Rachel B. Glaser, author of PAULINA & FRAN

Author Biography

Halle Butler is a writer living in New York City. Her first novel, *Jillian*, was called the "feel-bad book of the year" by the *Chicago Tribune*. Her second novel, *The New Me*, was named a Best Book of the Decade by *Vox* and a Best Book of the Year by *Vanity Fair*, *Vulture*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Mashable*, *Bustle*, and *NPR*, and the *New Yorker* called it a "definitive work of millennial literature." She was named one of *Granta's* Best Young American Novelists and a National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 Honoree.

Market

For fans of: THE NEW ME; MY YEAR OF REST AND RELAXATION; ALL THIS COULD BE DIFFERENT; EXCITING TIMES; GREEN DOT



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The Instant Number One Sunday Times Bestseller

Ian Rankin

Keynote

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EXPRESS

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SCOTSMAN

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SUNDAY EXPRESS

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THE TIMES

Sales Points

- **NOW A HIT BBC TV SHOW:** a brand new Rebus series has premiered with BBC, receiving praise for it's portrayal of a younger Rebus, played by Richard Rankin.
- **HIGHLY ANTICIPATED:** The highly anticipated brand new Rebus thriller, following on from the hugely successful A HEART FULL OF HEADSTONES. Rebus is held up 'alongside Holmes, Poirot and Morse' as one of the greatest crime fiction characters of all time (*Daily Mail*).
- **A BLOCKBUSTER BRAND AUTHOR:** Rankin is one of the biggest brands in the market, with his sales and profile still growing. In 2021 he created the storyline for huge Channel 4 show *Murder Island*, and hit the bestseller charts when he completed the unfinished last Laidlaw novel by William McIlvanney, *The Dark Remains*.
- **THE MASTER OF BRITISH CRIME:** Rankin just gets better and better, with rave reviews from press and readers, he truly is the master of British crime writing.

Author Biography

Ian Rankin is the multimillion-copy worldwide bestseller of over thirty novels and creator of John Rebus. His books have been translated into thirty-six languages and have been adapted for radio, the stage and the screen.

Rankin is the recipient of four Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards, including the Diamond Dagger, the UK's most prestigious award for crime fiction. In the United States, he has won the celebrated Edgar Award and been shortlisted for the Anthony Award. In Europe, he has won Denmark's Palle Rosenkrantz Prize, the French Grand Prix du Roman Noir and the German Deutscher Krimipreis.



He is the recipient of honorary degrees from universities across the UK, is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh and a Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature, and has received an OBE for his services to literature.

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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	UK

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2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

Across Mountains, Land and Sea One Boy's Extraordinary Journey

Mir Rahimi

Keynote

The extraordinary and uplifting true story of one boy's journey across the world to escape death, war and destruction, and his inspiring life spent trying to help refugees and displaced people find safety and security against all odds.

Description

Arman is just a boy when he is forced to leave his home and embark on the most extraordinary journey.

Separated from family and friends, he travels across mountains, land and sea to find refuge. After encountering bandits, war and wolves, and surviving a hazardous boat crossing, he arrives at Dover, clinging to the underside of a lorry.

Little did he know, his journey had just begun.

Unable to speak English, Arman battles loneliness, despair and the reawakening of his traumas in this new strange place. Memories of his family haunt him. The dark clouds almost consume him. And still he persists, step-by-step.

What follows is a struggle for self-understanding, and the great strength it takes to overcome the trauma we carry. Running through is the long journey to find peace, and how education is the most powerful tool to seeing one's life through new eyes.

This is the unforgettable, heartfelt and transformative story, from a child who deserved to live in safety, not flee in fear. Arman's is a powerful new voice you won't forget and *Across Mountains, Land and Sea* the perfect book for fans of *I Am Malala*, *Educated* and *Butterfly*

Sales Points

- **PROPULSIVE AND UNPUTDOWNABLE MEMOIR** - This book sits alongside bestselling comps such as *Educated*, *I Am Malala* and *Butterfly* with an equally powerful and redemptive story that propels the reader along, and reads like voice-led fiction such as *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* or *The Girl with the Louding Voice*.
- **MASSIVELY IMPORTANT WAY INTO GLOBAL ISSUE** - 19 million children were displaced by conflict and violence in 2019. Today, stories of immigrants and refugees are constantly in the news, with all stories aiming to dehumanise the experience. With *Stop the Boats* and the upcoming election pushing to add new restrictions, Arman's voice is an essential and sobering real-life story advocating for support of displaced people.
- **STRONG PR POTENTIAL** - the author has worked for the UNHCR and advises NGOs on their policies towards displaced children. He is perfectly placed to give a human face to the story and offer wider global context. Though the book is written under pseudonym for his safety and his family's in Afghanistan, the author is still willing to undertake significant publicity activity for the book.
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR ENDORSEMENT AND REVIEW** - the author has ongoing connections with UNHCR and they will support publication in any way they can. There is strong review potential for this book, and we will be seeking quotes from political figures, campaigners, activists and refugees.

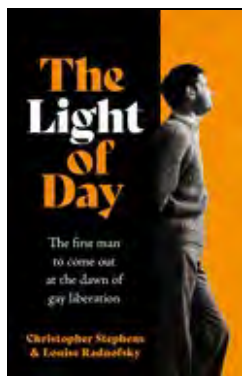
Reviews

- 'This book helps us make sense of the human condition. It's a courageous and energetic exploration that invites us to understand more about the world, and our own experiences. Azadi elucidates complex situations with poetic grace and impact.' - *Charlotte Fox Weber, author of WHAT WE WANT*
- 'The clean narrative delivers brutal realities. I was left reeling at one boy's journey, his courage, the unflinching honesty. It is a timely work and an essential read. Full of humanity and grace' - *Melody Razak, author of MOTH*

Author Biography

Mir Rahimi was born in Afghanistan and moved to the UK in 2001. He entered secondary school for the first time that year at the age of fourteen and, a decade later, graduated with a master's degree in Political Theory from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Mir has dedicated himself to serving humanity and has worked with charities, local authorities, and the United Nations to help relieve the suffering of vulnerable people, particularly children and young people affected by wars and conflicts worldwide.

Mir Rahimi previously published under the pseudonym Arman Azadi, which meant hope and freedom, and was used to ensure the safety of the author's family in Afghanistan.



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Main Identifier	9781035421534
BIC 2.1	Prose: non-fiction (DN) Social & cultural history (HBTB) Gay & Lesbian studies (JFSK) Of specific Gay & Lesbian interest (5S) Social discrimination & inequality (JFFJ) Biography: general (BG) True stories (BT) Disability: social aspects (JFFG)
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	400 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	1x8 page colour picture section
Exclusively for Sale	Cw (ex UK, Can); Ire
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
Book locale	UK (London & Oxford), Italy
Author born in	UK/USA
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1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
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The Light of Day

The first man to come out at the dawn of gay liberation

Christopher Stephens and Louise Radnofsky

Keynote

The remarkable true story of the first man to come out as gay

Description

In June 1960, several British newspapers received a letter so shocking some thought it was a hoax. Beginning '***Sir, we are homosexuals . . .***', it was signed by Roger Butler and two others.

Publishing such a letter seven years prior to the decriminalisation of homosexuality was a radical and dangerous move. But it was a risk that marked a huge milestone in the fight for gay rights. By the 1970s, the Gay Liberation Front was calling on people to come out to help reduce stigma, and it continued to be a core tactic in the 80s and 90s. Roger, however, had done this a full decade earlier. **This is the story about of first man to voluntarily come out in his own words, using his own name, to the entire British public.**

Taking us through a criminalised underworld of pubs, parties and campaign gatherings, *The Light of Day* charts how Roger helped bring about a change in the law, legalising sex between men, but soon found himself marginalised from the movement he kickstarted after becoming completely blind in his early 30s. Worn down trying to navigate life afresh in London, he left for Oxford, where he became increasingly isolated and never found the life partner he so desperately wanted.

Enter Christopher - an Oxford University student asked by a friend to visit and read to an old, blind man. Though their intergenerational friendship bloomed, Roger never spoke of his revolutionary act. Instead he wrote about it secretly, leaving his account to Christopher after his death, along with a sealed pink folder. It was in that folder that the Roger revealed his final wish, for Christopher to tell his remarkable story.

A hugely moving and powerful story about sexuality, disability, friendship, isolation, love and more, *The Light of Day* is a vital piece of missing history about a brave revolutionary in the fight for equality.

Sales Points

- **Direct access to Roger's archive:** Christopher was next of kin to Roger Butler, inheriting Roger's extensive archive of writings and letter correspondences on his death. The documents remain in Christopher's ownership.
- **Comps include:** *One of them* by Michael Cashman, *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister*, *Gentleman Jack* by Anna Choma, *Alan Turing: The Enigma* by Andrew Hodges, *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* by Jeanette Winterson.

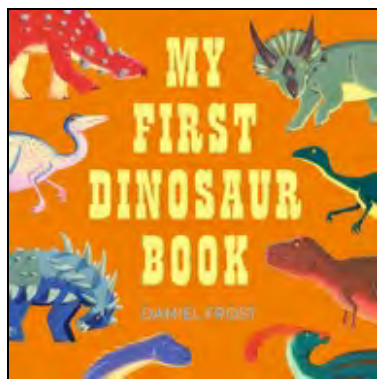
Author Biography

Christopher Stephens (Author)

Christopher Stephens is an academic based in south west London. He is also CEO of an educational charity that promotes research into issues of importance to contemporary society. He has published on a range of topics, from ancient Church History to language and practices relating to diversity and inclusion. Christopher was next of kin to Roger Butler, inheriting Roger's extensive archive of writings and letter correspondences on his death.

Louise Radnofsky (Author)

Louise Radnofsky is a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* in Washington, D.C., where she has covered healthcare, the White House, immigration and currently, sports. She holds two degrees in modern history from Oxford, where she attended University College, and one from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She and Christopher have been friends for more than 20 years.



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BIC 2.1	Dinosaurs & prehistoric world (Children's / Teenage) (YNNA) For National Curriculum Early Years (4KHA) Interest age: from c 4 years (5AD)
CBMC	A5M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	180x180
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; Carib; S Am; USA

My First Dinosaur Book

Daniel Frost

Keynote

Introduce little dino fans to the top roarsome prehistoric creatures in this bright and bold picture book, perfect for ages 3+.

Description

My First Dinosaur Book is the perfect introduction to some of the most roarsome prehistoric creatures, from the scary T.Rex to the gentle Diplodocus.

Find out which dinosaurs were the tallest, smallest, biggest or strongest. Which ones stomped over the Earth and which ones soared above it. Packed with fun facts and bright, bold illustrations, this picture book is easily accessible to young readers and perfect for young dino fans who are curious about all things dinosaur!

Adapted from Daniel Frost's fun, colourful matching game *Find My Behind Dino*, children will love this vibrant introduction to some of the most well-loved dinosaurs. Perfect for ages 3+.

Sales Points

- A spin-off book based on the popular game *Find My Behind Dino*
- A fun and accessible approach to dinosaurs, perfect for the youngest dinosaur fans
- Daniel Frost's unique art style will make this title stand out from the busy dinosaur market

Author Biography

Daniel Frost is an award-winning British artist living and working in Copenhagen. He has worked with a wide range of prestigious clients in the worlds of advertising, fashion and publishing. An author and illustrator of both fiction and non-fiction picture books, his works have been enjoyed around the world and have been translated into many languages. Daniel's charming and playful illustrations are created using a range of artistic materials. He approaches his work with passion and curiosity, which breathes life into every piece he makes.

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BIC 2.1	Crime & mystery fiction (Children's / Teenage) (YFCF) Personal & social issues: self-awareness & self-esteem (Children's / Teenage) (YXL) Romance & relationships stories (Children's / Teenage) (YFM) Scotland (1DBKS) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (4KHJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK) Personal & social issues (Children's / Teenage) (YX)

CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Previous Titles

The Stories Grandma Forgot (And How I Found Them)
The Hidden Story of Estie Noor

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The House At The Edge Of The World

Nadine Aisha Jassat

Keynote

A glorious magical mystery novel in verse about family, identity and belonging, from the author of *The Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found Them)* and *The Hidden Story of Estie Noor*. With accessible text and beautiful illustrations throughout, this story is perfect for fans of Matt Goodfellow, Onjali Q. Raúf or Disney's *Encanto*.

Description

Hope House is more than just a building - it's a place of magic and mystery. . .

When Amal and her family unexpectedly inherit the enchanted clifftop home, they can't believe their luck. But their joy is short-lived when a mysterious couple arrives, claiming the house is theirs and giving Amal's family just thirty days to pack up their stuff and leave before they demolish it completely.

The clock is ticking, and Amal is determined to save Hope House from destruction. How will she unravel the secrets of the house and its mysterious benefactor in time to save it?

A page-turning, lyrical mystery with a magical twist, perfect for fans of Matt Goodfellow, Onjali Q. Raúf and Disney's *Encanto*. Featuring accessible text in verse and beautiful illustrations throughout.

Sales Points

- **Market positioning:** The third in Nadine's three book deal where she has carved a niche for herself as an author of emotive, contemporary mysteries written in an accessible verse format for ages 9+
- **Magical realism:** The magical realism twist with this *Encanto*-style house is a nice development from Nadine's previous stories, giving her work broader appeal
- **Strong themes:** This is a touching story focuses on the importance of family and identity, as well as featuring a protagonist with anxiety who finds confidence in using her voice as the mystery progresses
- **Accessible, illustrated text:** Nadine's verse writing is accessible, stirring and descriptive, combined with beautiful interior illustrations to keep readers of all abilities engaged

Reviews

- 'A beautiful read about love, family, identity and worth.' - *Hannah Gold, author of The Last Bear on the Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found Them)*
- 'A tender story about the meaning of life and love and loss.' - *Katya Balen, Carnegie-winning author of October, October on the Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found Them)*
- 'One of those books that truly makes the world a better place.' - *Sophie Anderson, author of the House with Chicken Legs on the Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found Them)*
- 'I just devoured this spectacular story in one sitting... Nadine Jassat is a special storyteller, this is a future classic if I've ever read one.' - *Laura Noakes, author of Cosima Unfortunate Steals a Star on The Hidden Story of Estie Noor*

Author Biography

Nadine Aisha Jassat is an award-winning writer, and author of poetry collection *Let Me Tell You This*. She has been published widely, including in *It's Not About The Burqa* (shortlisted for the Foyles Non-Fiction Book of the Year).

Nadine delivers creative practice work filled with heart, which addresses social justice, builds community, and supports participants to connect to and grow their voices. She often works with schools and youth groups and has worked with libraries around the world. She is a regular borrower in hers.

Nadine lives in Edinburgh, and grew up in the North of England with a Yorkshire mum and a Zimbabwean dad. She is of mixed heritage; a heritage which can only be told in stories.

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CBMC	A2K79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Home / Early Learning
Type	Board / Bath / Rag Book
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	
Format	180x180
Extent	10 pages
Word Count	
Series	Five Little
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Five Little Princesses
Five Little Dinosaurs
Five Little Pirates

Five Little Monkeys Lift-the-Flap

Mike Brownlow (Illustrated By Simon Rickerty)

Keynote

From the creators of the bestselling Ten Little series, comes this felt flap hide-and-seek adventure that makes counting fun!

Description

Five Little Monkeys: Play Hide-and-Seek

Join five cheeky monkeys for a game of hide-and-seek in this playful rhyming counting adventure. Lift the flaps to help them find their other jungle friends like a splashy elephant, a hungry hippo and even a roaring lion!

Learning to count is fun with these sturdy board books with bright felt flaps on every spread, perfect for little hands to lift.

Want more Five Little? Also available:

Five Little Pirates
Five Little Princesses
Five Little Dinosaurs

Sales Points

- Preschool spin-off range of the bestselling Ten Little series, which has sold over 2 million copies worldwide
- Soft learning is combined with preschool fun in these chunky board books
- Introduces numbers from one to five in an accessible and engaging way
- With a bright, durable big felt flap to play with on each spread, perfect for smaller hands

Author Biography

Mike Brownlow (Author)

Mike Brownlow is the creator of many books for children. He wrote and illustrated the picture book *Little Robots*, which was turned into a major animated TV show for CBeebies and aired in over 70 countries worldwide. His other books include *Mickey Moonbeam*, *Dog Did It!* and *The Big White Book*. Mike lives in Somerset and has three grown-up daughters.

Simon Rickerty (Illustrator)

Simon Rickerty graduated from The Royal College of Art in 2006 with a master's degree in Communication Art and Design. His first picture book, *Peas*, written by Andy Cullen, was shortlisted for the Booktrust Early Years Award. Simon has gone on to illustrate many more highly acclaimed books for children, including *Ten Little Pirates*, winner of the Nottingham Children's Book Prize, and *Monkey Nut*, winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. He lives in Bristol.

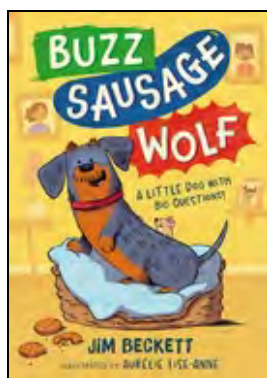
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	181x129
Extent	112 pages
Word Count	
Series	Buzz Sausage Wolf
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Caravan at the Edge of Doom
The Caravan at the Edge of Doom: Foul Prophecy

Buzz Sausage Wolf Hilariously silly sausage dog adventures!

Jim Beckett (Illustrated By Aurelie Lise Anne)

Keynote

Meet Buzz Sausage Wolf! A hilariously silly sausage dog who's determined to be the PERFECT pet - but how? Funny and friendly full-colour illustrated story about being yourself, ideal for newly independent readers moving on from picture books.

Description

Buzz Sausage Wolf is keen to win the love (and biscuits) of his New Family. He wants to be the perfect pet and impress them, but who is Pack Leader? Is it Britney, the small but shouty one? Her brother who secretly gives Buzz delicious and definitely not-for-dogs snacks? Or Mum, the one who holds *The Lead* . . .

With the help of his wise friend, Trilby, Buzz must decide whether to be a silly Sausage or a brave Wolf to win their hearts - because too much of either ends in chaos!

A warmly funny story for fans of *Rabbit and Bear*, large dollops of silliness and the occasional unexpected dog parp.

Sales Points

- First in a major new young fiction character-led series with full colour illustrations throughout. Perfectly balanced 5+ funny fiction that's ideal for readers moving on from picture books into independent reading - engaging and fun short chapters with lots of silly humour and loveable sausage dog protagonist, Buzz!
- Instant reader appeal as Buzz Sausage Wolf asks those big life questions like 'What's for breakfast?' and 'Who is pack leader?' - guided by his wise friendly sidekick, Trilby the mouse. Engaging stories on relatable child-centric emotional learnings e.g. being yourself, asking for help, accepting our differences, learning to share - all with a huge dollop of animal silliness and heart.
- Characterful, expressive and humorous illustrations by outstanding new illustrator and animation art director, Aurelie Lise-Anne.

Author Biography

Jim Beckett (Author)

Jim Beckett is the children's fiction author of *Buzz Sausage Wolf* and two middle-grade novels (*Caravan at the Edge of Doom*). An engaging public speaker and former teacher, Jim regularly visits schools, inspiring staff and pupils with his dynamic and entertaining assemblies and workshops.

For many years, Jim wrote and performed comedy as one half of critically acclaimed double act Bob and Jim, hosting London residencies and appearing at Underbelly, Soho Theatre and on BBC Radio Four. Jim's stage comedies and musicals have been performed in London, Edinburgh and Milan. He has also worked as a pest control administrator, census collector, bank clerk, seasonal elf and bookseller.

Jim grew up in Chandler's Ford and now lives with his family in West Sussex.

Aurelie Lise Anne (Illustrator)

Aur lie Lise-Anne is a Belgian illustrator and animation art director, with experience in children's picture books, educational publishing and animation, and has worked on film and television releases such as *Klaus* and *The Adventures of Paddington*. Her outstanding illustrations are characterful, expressive and humorous, and have brought *Buzz Sausage Wolf* to life. She lives in Belgium with her very own loveable sausage dog!

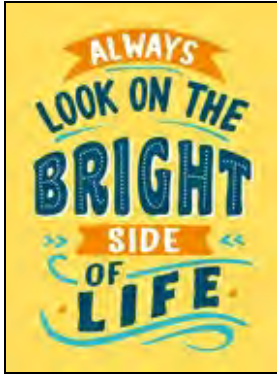
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Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Sunny Quotes to Lift Your Spirits

Summersdale Publishers

Description

Find the rainbow in every storm with this cheerful collection of uplifting quotes, designed to boost your happiness and have you radiating joy

Life has its challenges, and even the strongest among us can feel low from time to time. Sometimes, all we need is a little boost to get us back on track. This pocket-sized book is filled with inspiring words of wisdom to remind you that brighter days are always ahead!

Discover a treasure trove of empowering quotes from a wide array of inspirational figures - from the ancient wisdom of Confucius to the modern insights of Taylor Swift. Each quote is carefully selected to lift your spirits, add some pep to your step, and keep you moving forwards with confidence.

This book is guaranteed to help you:

- Appreciate the brighter side of life
- Bounce back from hard days with a positive attitude
- Accept mistakes as part of life and success

Let this little book be your go-to source of motivation and positivity, providing a quick and powerful pick-me-up whenever you need it most.

Sales Points

- This little book of sunshine is bursting with uplifting quotes, perfect both for those who always see life sunny-side-up and for those who might need reminding of the silver lining every now and then.
- Will appeal to those who enjoyed *The Little Book of Positivity* (ISBN: 9781849537889), which has sold almost 75,000 copies.
- Similar Summersdale titles include: *Here Comes the Sun* (ISBN: 9781800070479); *You Are So Awesome* (ISBN: 9781837993536); *You Got This* (ISBN: 9781800073913).

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Gift books (WZG)
Assertiveness, motivation & self-esteem (VSPM)

Binding **Hardback**
Format **136x101**
Extent **160 pages**
Word Count **3000 words**
Illustrations **Up to 5 simple vectors**
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Palm Meridian

Grace Flahive

Keynote

A long-lost love. And end-of-life party. One last chance to change everything... *Grace & Frankie* meets *The Notebook* in this rollicking, big-hearted story of love, friendship and a life well-lived, set at a retirement resort for queer women in 2067, Florida, on the last day of resident Hannah Cardin's life.

Description

'A masterful love story' Nicola Dinan

'Very special ' Laura Kay

'Wildly entertaining, lovingly written' Jess Kidd

'Rib-achingly funny' Curtis Garner

'Delicious' Lily Lindon

'A firecracker of a book' Emma Morgan

It's 2067 at Palm Meridian Retirement Resort, Florida, and the last day of Hannah's life. Tomorrow, as the sun burns the dew off the lawns, she'll close her eyes for the very last time.

But she won't be going quietly. Tonight, Hannah's throwing an end-of-life party: the drinks are on ice, and the palm trees are strung with lights beneath technicolour skies. And though Hannah has less than twenty-four hours left, she's holding out for one last, impossible thing...

Amongst the guest list is Hannah's long-lost love Sophie - the woman who Hannah can't forget, even after forty years. Hannah has to give her greatest love one last try.

Soon, the party is in full swing. Hannah waits nervously, unaware that before her last ever dawn breaks, a devastating secret will come to light. If Sophie shows, how can Hannah say goodbye all over again? And is there enough time to fix the past?

Brimming with heart, and just as hilarious as it is heartbreaking, *Palm Meridian* is a one-of-a kind novel that will stay with you forever. *Grace & Frankie* meets *The Notebook*, for fans of *Malibu Rising*, this bittersweet novel affirms that life is what we choose to make of it, and any story can be a love story, if you let it.

'Palm Meridian is **a masterful love story** set in a time of crisis and in a burnt and shredded world. Flahive deftly weaves between the past, present and future. It is **heartful and hopeful** in equal measure' **Nicola Dinan, author of *Bellies***

'Palm Meridian is the bizarre sapphic riot you didn't know you needed. I'm speechless, which is a rarity. **A single page can make you both cackle with laughter and want to burst into ugly tears** - it's balanced beautifully that way. Explosively, joyously human, it **bursts with hope and kindness**, and it's **rib-achingly funny'** **Curtis Garner, author of *Isaac***

'Bittersweet lesbians try to enjoy one last farewell party at the end of the world - this is a **delicious** debut. I read the first chapter standing on my doormat, having just received the book in the post and expecting to just flick quickly through, but instead **I got hooked** in and finished the first few chapters with the delighted grin of someone who *knows* they're going to love reading the rest' **Lily Lindon, author of *Double Booked***

'Hilarious, heart-wrenching and hopeful, *Palm Meridian* is the modern lesbian novel I've been waiting for' **Anna Bailey, author of *Tall Bones***

'Hilarious and wise with an enormous heart, *Palm Meridian* is an extraordinary achievement. Fun to read, while also bittersweet, Flahive's prose can sneak up on you. One minute you're laughing aloud, and the next you're choked up by a poignant punch to the gut. Consider yourself warned. This novel will make you feel alive' **Camille Perri, the author of *The Assistants***

'Palm Meridian is artfully crafted, a love story, a tragedy, a comedy, a meditation on life and death - our own, and that of the planet we are, for now, lucky enough to occupy. **I laughed out loud, I turned pages hoping against hope and I wept.** This is **a very special novel**, and in these extraordinary times, I think it is **exactly what we all need to read. I will be thinking about it for a long time'** **Laura Kay, author of *The Split***

'This book is **an absolute hoot**. It's also a poignant celebration of love, life and friendship in all its forms. Flahive's debut is **wildly entertaining, lovingly written** and beautifully anarchic - a visit to Palm Meridian Retirement Resort is a must' **Jess Kidd, author of *The Night Ship***

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'A firecracker of a book - an **enchanting mixture of hilarity and moving** observations on love and loss' **Emma Morgan, author *A Love Story for Bewildered Girls***

Reviews

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Author Biography

Grace Flahive is originally from Toronto, Canada but has lived in the UK since 2014 and considers it her home. She studied at McGill University in Montreal and then at University of the Arts London, writing her thesis on inventive digital marketing opportunities for authors. Grace is working as a digital marketer, first at DK and now at Thames & Hudson. *Palm Meridian* is her first novel.

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The Black Bird Oracle

The exhilarating new All Souls novel featuring Diana Bishop and Matthew Clairmont

Deborah Harkness

Keynote

Number One bestselling author Deborah Harkness makes a triumphant return to her beloved *All Souls* world in *The Black Bird Oracle*, sweeping back to the Salem Panic as Diana journeys to the darkest places within herself - and her family history.

Description

'*The Black Bird Oracle* gives us everything we've come to expect and love from Deborah Harkness's All Souls series. More magic, more lore, more politicking and discovery' **5***

READER REVIEW

'I cannot put into words how much I LOVED this book' **5* READER REVIEW**

'What a BOOK. Exactly what I needed in prep for witchy season' **5* READER REVIEW**

'Haunting in every way. A story thick with family secrets, human heartache, and the kind of deep magic only Harkness can conjure. You will be enchanted'
LEIGH BARDUGO

'Harkness's lush prose makes a fantastical world real enough to touch' **JODI PICOULT**

The first shadows fall on a Friday afternoon when a single, dying raven delivers an invitation to the witch, Diana Bishop. It calls her home to the hallowed ground of Ravenswood, to a place and a family she has never known.

And when Diana and her husband Matthew Clairmont learn that their seven-year-old twins must have their magical powers tested, Diana decides to forge a new future for her family, hoping to find answers at the Proctor ancestral home.

There, Diana becomes her great aunt Gwyneth's pupil in Higher Magic. And as Diana walks an unknown path, she must journey to some of the darkest places within her family history - and herself - if she is to unlock greater power.

An instant *Sunday Times* bestseller, *The Black Bird Oracle* returns to the world of *All Souls*, sweeping readers back to the Salem Panic to shine a light on the intertwined legacy of the Bishop and Proctor families.

Discover for yourself why readers have fallen under the spell of Deborah Harkness's All Souls series . . .

'Bewitches you and doesn't set you free' **5* READER REVIEW**

'It was so good to be back in the world of Diana and Matthew . . . as captivating as ever!' **5* READER REVIEW**

'My favourite book of all time' **5* READER REVIEW**

'Absolutely phenomenal . . . It was completely spellbinding' **5* READER REVIEW**

'A masterpiece' **5* READER REVIEW**

Sales Points

- **AN INSTANT BESTSELLING HARDBACK:** *The Black Bird Oracle* became an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller, selling more than 7,000 copies in its first week and launching at Number 2. It simultaneously launched at Number 1 in the *New York Times* bestsellers list.
- **SOLD OUT UK BOOK TOUR:** Deborah Harkness embarked on a nationwide book tour in September, thrilling her fans with events in Liverpool, Leeds, London, Edinburgh and Bath to support hardback publication.
- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING SERIES:** *A Discovery of Witches*, *Shadow of Night*, *The Book of Life* and *Time's Convert* all topped the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestseller lists and foreign rights for A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES have been snapped up in thirty eight countries.
- **TV MEGA HIT:** The first three novels in Deborah Harkness's *All Souls* series were broadcast on Sky. With over 2 million viewers, Season One was **the most popular series on Sky One in 2018** and was shortlisted for the 'New Drama' category at the National TV Awards. Season two achieved a cumulative seven day audience of 1.79m, making it Sky's **biggest launch for an original returning series in nearly nine years**. It also became Sky's most binged boxset ever for a returning Original series. In the **three months post transmission** of Season One alone, the three backlist novels **sold 250,000 copies** across all formats.
- Deborah Harkness is a hugely active author on social media and enjoys highly engaged

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contact with her passionate fans on Twitter (56,000 followers) and Facebook (146,000 followers).

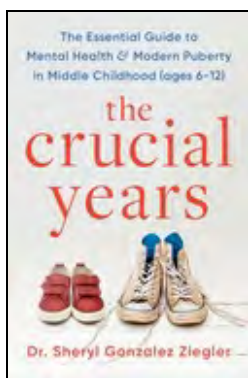
Author Biography

Deborah Harkness is the number one *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Discovery of Witches*, *Shadow of Night*, *The Book of Life*, *Time's Convert* and *The World of All Souls*. A history professor at the University of Southern California, Harkness has received Fulbright, Guggenheim, and National Humanities Center fellowships. She lives in Los Angeles.

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The Crucial Years

The essential guide to mental health and modern puberty in middle childhood (ages 6-12)

Dr Sheryl Gonzalez Ziegler

Keynote

An essential guide for parents and caregivers, this book offers insights, strategies, and understanding to navigate middle childhood (ages 6-12).

Description

A paradigm-shifting guide for parents and caregivers, this book offers insights, strategies and understanding to navigate middle childhood (ages 6-12). Dr. Sheryl Ziegler, a seasoned clinical psychologist and mother, highlights ways to foster resilience, encourage open communication and build lasting connections during this crucial period.

A pivotal sea change is happening in children's development. The age of puberty has been trending earlier for decades and now starts as young as 8 years old in girls and 9 in boys. Bullying doesn't just happen on the playground, but over text and DM. Depression and anxiety are drastically on the rise. Couple earlier puberty with ill-equipped, developing brains and the onslaught of new media and stressors that never existed when we were kids, and it's clear that parents need a new guide to raise this new generation.

The Crucial Years is your essential handbook to navigating the often misunderstood and overlooked years of middle childhood (ages 6-12). As a mother and clinical psychologist, Dr. Sheryl Ziegler knows first-hand how challenging these years can be - yet she also recognizes that this is a tender age and pivotal opportunity to connect with your child before adolescence. Dr. Ziegler masterfully unlocks the enigma surrounding modern puberty and offers evidence-based strategies, interventions and answers to middle childhood's most perplexing questions and concerns. In these pages she provides:

- **Science-based advice** to recognize the first signs of puberty and navigate the changes to come.
- **Candid and actionable guidance** for getting your kids to talk about anxiety, depression and their complicated feelings.
- **Insight into the changing world of gender and sexual identity**, and how to guide your child through this complicated new landscape.
- **A thoughtful and sensitive discussion of how race intersects with puberty and mental health**, and how all parents can approach this mindfully and inclusively.
- **A clear explanation** of the invisible threads linking mood swings, self-image and social media exposure.
- **Road-tested, real-world guidance** to handle bullies, mean girls and other friendship and social challenges.

The Crucial Years gives you everything you need to guide your child through the hazards and thrills of puberty and help them emerge as well-rounded, confident young adults.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Dr Sheryl Gonzalez Ziegler is a clinical psychologist with twenty years of specializing in working with children in crisis and puberty. She is an expert in childrens' mental health and founder of one of the top mental health practices in Denver.
- **GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUE:** The age at which children enter puberty has been trending earlier *globally* for decades, for a variety of potential reasons, and puberty now overlaps with middle childhood.
- **AGENDA-SETTING BOOK:** The first comprehensive, scientifically-driven and shame-free guide for parents of all children entering or already going through puberty in today's world.

Author Biography

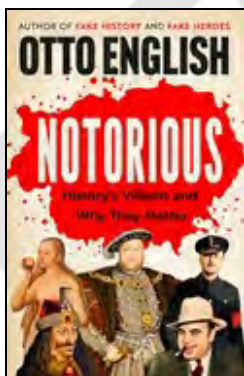
Dr Sheryl Gonzalez Ziegler, Psy.D. is an acclaimed expert on children's mental health with a deep understanding of the needs of today's tweens, teens and their families. A first-generation Latina with Puerto Rican and Cuban roots, Dr Ziegler was born in Harlem and raised in Washington Heights. She completed her advanced doctoral training at The Astor Home for Children in Rhinebeck, NY, where she was supported by The Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarship Foundation, and began her professional career treating the highest acuity patients in subsequent youth residential treatment centres. Her group private practice, The Child & Family Therapy Center at Lowry, was established in 2006 in Denver. Dr Ziegler appears weekly on Denver's NBC-TV's 9News as their on-staff mental health and parenting expert and has been featured in such national media as The Today Show, CNN Headline News and The Katie Couric Show. She has contributed to or been interviewed by *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Time*, *Parents*, *Elle*, *Better Homes and Gardens* and more.



Dr Ziegler has been named a Luminary in the field of Psychotherapy and was recognized as such at the 2022 Evolution of Psychotherapy conference in Orlando. She is the author of *Mommy Burnout: How to Reclaim your Life and Raise Healthier Children* (Dey Street, 2018), which won Best Parenting Book of the Year by the International Latino Book Awards Foundation. She is a board member of Detach, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping teens achieve digital balance and advises major national corporations on tween and teen mental health initiatives. She is also the mother of a tween and two teens.

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Notorious History's Villains and Why They Matter

Otto English

Keynote

In this fascinating follow-up to *Fake History* and *Fake Heroes*, Otto English looks at how certain people and groups have been villainised throughout history, and why we continue to demonise them.

Description

History loves a villain.

Across the entire span of human civilisation, certain people and groups have been identified as being responsible for the ills of the world, and have remained hated for it. In his continuing desire to separate out the facts from the fiction of history, Otto English looks at how these legacies were constructed and who told us that they were evil.

From how Bloody Mary became the figurehead of uppity women and how Judas's betrayal became a template for religious tensions for centuries to what the Peasants Revolt and the Illuminati shows us about power struggles throughout the ages, English exposes the agendas behind the 'truths' we've been told to believe. And in looking at how xenophobia was weaponised during the 'Spanish' Flu, he reveals how our past sometimes bleeds into the present day.

Fascinating and fearless, *Notorious* will re-examine some of the history's biggest villains and change the way you see the world forever.

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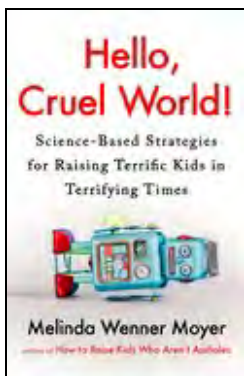
- *Fake History* was a mega-seller in the UK and Australia, selling over 50k copies across all formats.
- *Fake Heroes* was a WHSmith Travel Book of the Month and was referred to as 'a brilliant book' by James O'Brien and 'fascinating and eye-opening' by Andrew Lownie
- In his third exciting book, Otto turns his attention to the way history loves to villainise certain people and groups, and will look at: Judas, Bloody Mary, Peasants, Al Capone and the Spanish Flu (amongst others).
- Otto has a great profile, with over 150k followers on X, and regularly writes for *the Byline Times*, *The Independent* and *The Guardian*.

Reviews

- 'A brilliant and important book.' - *talkRADIO on Fake History*
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Hello, Cruel World! Science-Based Strategies for Raising Terrific Kids in Terrifying Times

Melinda Wenner Moyer

Keynote

From the author of *How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes* comes a science-based, hopeful guide all parents need so they can feel confident that they're raising children who will not just survive, but thrive in this challenging, terrifying world - and who might just help redeem it.

Description

Parents today are terrified on behalf of their kids, and for good reason. In the blink of an eye, our kids will be adults facing more serious threats than we ever did - climate change, gun violence, political polarization, and disinformation, to name a few. We're not going to be able to solve all the intractable problems of the world before our kids grow up - so how are we to prepare them for an impossibly complex and scary future?

Award-winning science journalist Melinda Wenner Moyer battled insomnia night after night, her thoughts spiraling around this exact question. So she decided to do what she does best - learn from parenting experts and find the solution. Just as she did in her breakout book, *How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes*, Moyer again interviewed researchers across multiple fields - psychology, education, information literacy, business, and even addiction. What she discovered: even in a world *full* of assholes, we can still teach our kids how to take care of themselves, fight for what they believe in, manage uncertain times, and even bridge divides most *adults* aren't equipped to do.

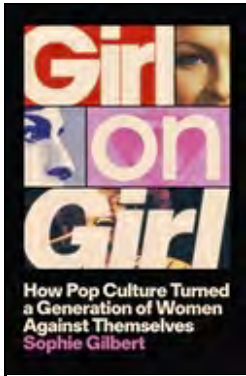
In *Hello, Cruel World!*, Moyer provides practical, comprehensive, science-backed tools to help our children handle the world they will inherit. By using the three core attributes children need to succeed in our flawed world - coping mechanisms, connection techniques, and cultivation practices - our kids can learn to set boundaries, take responsibility for their actions, build healthy relationships in turbulent times, and much more. By being activists in our parenting, we can set our kids up to not just survive, but also make a better world for themselves and future generations.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT PARENTING ADVICE:** The success of Jonathan Haidt's book *The Anxious Generation* has proved that parents are worried about preparing children for this Brave New World they're inheriting. This is a science-based book full of actionable solutions for this exact reader.
- **TARGET CONSUMER:** For readers of *The Anxious Generation*, *All Joy and No Fun*, *You Can't Fuck Up Your Kids*, *Cribsheet*, *How to Stop Losing Your Shit with Your Kids*, *Thrivers*, *How to Raise Successful People*, and *Outdoor Kids in an Inside World*.
- **AUTHOR WITH CONNECTIONS:** Melinda Wenner Moyer is an award-winning science journalist based in New York's Hudson Valley, and is a contributing editor at *Scientific American* and a regular contributor (and former columnist) for *The New York Times*. She has also written for the *Boston Globe*, *Mother Jones*, *Nature*, *O: The Oprah Magazine*, and *Women's Health*.
- **IMPRESSIVE PLATFORM AND STRONG SALES TRACK:** Moyer has a highly engaged community - 42K followers on Instagram, 19K followers on Twitter, and 25K subscribers to her popular Substack parenting newsletter *Is My Kid the Asshole?* - who showed up for her first book, *How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes* and are clamoring for this new one.
- **RESEARCH AND PROVEN SOLUTIONS:** Melinda is the winner of the 2019 Bricker Award - an award that recognizes writers with the skill to craft technical advances into must-read stories, and the tenacity to place them in the public spotlight.

Author Biography

Melinda Wenner Moyer is an award-winning contributing editor at *Scientific American*, a regular contributor to *The New York Times* and a former faculty member at NYU's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. *How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes* was her first book. She also writes the popular Substack newsletter *Is My Kid the Asshole?*



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Girl on Girl How Pop Culture Turned a Generation of Women Against Themselves

Sophie Gilbert

Keynote

From a Pulitzer Prize-finalist for journalism, *Girl on Girl* is the ultimate book to understanding the toxic legacy of popular culture on feminism today - and what we can do to fight back.

Description

'A captivating must-read for anyone who wants to understand how and why misogyny is as powerful a force as ever' KATE MANNE, author of *Down Girl*

Cosmetic surgeries at an all-time high, Ozempic is bringing back 'heroin chic' and TikTok trad-wives are on the rise - after four waves of feminism, what went wrong?

In this blazing, razor-sharp takedown of popular culture in the twenty-first century, *Girl on Girl* turns 90s and 00s nostalgia on its head, and shows how the media of that era repackaged the feminist movement as a containable, commodifiable (and hugely successful) product: 'Girl Power'. From the Spice Girls to the Kardashians, to #GirlBoss and OnlyFans, Pulitzer Prize-finalist Sophie Gilbert illustrates how the cultural forces of the last few decades have systematically shaped - and warped - women's relationships with themselves and other women.

Relatable, wide-ranging and covering TV, film, music, journalism and the internet, *Girl on Girl* asks how did we get here, and what lies ahead.

Sales Points

- **This is a book for Gen-Z and millennial women who grew up on a buffet of the MTV music channel, Perez Hilton's gossip blog and *America's Next Top Model* - and who are wondering if feminism today has really come a long way from the 90s.**
- **URNS 90s NOSTALGIA ON ITS HEAD:** Sophie Gilbert holds no punches as she catalogues two decades of misogyny and warped feminism we've been fed by the media. The 90s/00s focus distinguishes it from the crowd and while some stories and figures will be familiar (The Kardashians, for example), others may not be - brought together it is a damning insight not only into the misogyny of popular culture, but also its power and impact on women's lives and bodies.
- **BRILLIANT YOUNG BRITISH WRITER:** Sophie Gilbert is a Pulitzer Prize in Criticism finalist for her columns which brought 'clarity and insight to questions concerning gender norms, feminism and popular culture'. She is currently a writer at *The Atlantic*; three of her recent articles on Madonna, sex on TV and porn have been nominated for the prestigious National Magazine Awards.
- **HIGH-PROFILE FANS:** Sophie has 17.4k followers on Twitter, including Rose McGowan, Grace Dent, Viv Groskop, Taffy Brodesser-Akner, David Baddiel, Leni Zumas and R. O. Kwon.
- **For readers of Jia Tolentino, Dolly Alderton and Florence Given**

Reviews

- **'With panache, wit, and brilliance, Sophie Gilbert's *GIRL ON GIRL* offers compelling analyses of how mass culture has diluted and tainted feminism, even managing to turn women against each other and ourselves. A captivating must-read for anyone who wants to understand how and why misogyny is as powerful a force as ever.'** - KATE MANNE, author of *Down Girl*

Author Biography

Sophie Gilbert is a staff writer at the *Atlantic*, where she writes about television, books, and popular culture. She was a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Criticism and has previously written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, the *New Republic*, and the *Brooklyn Rail*. She lives in London.

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You Have The Magic Harness the Power of Your Mind to Transform Your Reality

Haley Hoffman Smith

Keynote

Through a radical new approach to manifesting the life of your dreams, subconscious breakthrough coach Haley Hoffman Smith empowers you to embrace the potential within your own mind to unlock magical change in your world

Description

What if you discovered you already have everything you need within you to achieve your dreams and live the life you've always wanted? While it may sound like magic, science backs this one up: through neuroscience-supported practices for rewiring our brains and subconscious minds, we can change our lives. In fact, many are already doing it.

This book lays out the steps of popular life coach Haley Hoffman Smith's Subconscious Breakthrough Formula, teaching you to change your life by identifying limiting beliefs and releasing them.

You will learn to: Harness the scientifically-proven power of visualization to set yourself on the right path Apply the Subconscious Breakthrough Formula to uncover the true source of your blockages Utilize the evidence-based practice of EFT Tapping (Emotional Freedom Technique) to disrupt harmful thought patterns and rewire your underlying beliefs Recognize and embrace the magic inherent in yourself, your mind, and the universe around you to achieve your dreams The results will create energetic ripple effects throughout your existence and show you that you are the only magic you need.

Sales Points

- **Cornerstone self-help concepts for a new generation:** Manifesting and the law of attraction have been bedrock themes of self-help since The Secret and launched books like our own You Are a Badass to the top of the bestseller lists for years. This author is a fresh young voice speaking on these subjects in a way that is much more relatable to a Gen Z reader than the books that came before, using a spiritual-but-not-mystical, grounded-but-light, inward-facing approach.
- **Impressive author platform:** The author has amassed a following of 525K TikTok and 227K Instagram, which is rapidly growing, and she has successfully converted those followers into customers for her courses and coaching sessions. They will be eager for this much lower-priced way to buy into her methods.
- **Followers in our markets:** We have geographic breakdowns of our territories and Haley's exponentially growing social media audiences provide us with plenty of opportunities - not least the 16% of her Instagram followers in India. We estimate that 75k TikTok followers and 20k Instagram followers are in the UK/Australia
- **Hit podcast:** Her podcast, Big Conversations, has 2.29M downloads over all with each new episode averaging 12k downloads.
- **Hachette through and through:** This is a World Bridges acquisition with Running Press

Author Biography

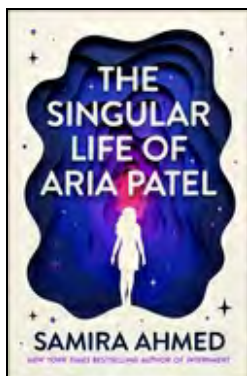
Haley Hoffman Smith is a beloved content creator who is known for her engaging thought leadership on all things mindset, manifesting, and spirituality. She is a highly sought-after subconscious breakthrough coach and the founder of the wildly popular EFT tapping group "Slingshot Sessions," through which she has coached thousands of people across the globe. She's the host of the fan-favorite podcast Big Conversations, and her subscription Dreamaway Community has over 500 members and counting, who join for support in pursuing their big dreams and rewiring their subconscious minds. Haley is a graduate of Brown University and a two-time TEDx speaker.

Market

The daughters and nieces of the readers who made YOU ARE A BADASS a sensation. Gen Z and young millennial women looking for a new take on self-help that utilizes the law of attraction, manifesting, and "The Secret" in a language tailored to them. TikTok users, the author's substantial following, lightly woo but not outright mystical readers, self-improvement devotees.

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The Singular Life of Aria Patel

Samira Ahmed

Keynote

In this speculative second-chance-romance, a teen girl finds herself falling through parallel universes where she meets several versions of her ex-boyfriend.

Description

'Hilarious and heart-wrenching, romantic and searching... a poetic, deeply profound exploration of the multiverses we inhabit' - Libba Bray, New York Times bestselling author of the DIVINERS series

'Addictive, inventive, and sometimes chilling... One of the most original YAs I've read in years' - Melissa Albert, New York Times bestselling author of the HAZEL WOOD series

Aria Patel believes in facts. She likes stability, certainty, predictability. It's why she's so into science. And it's why she dumped her boyfriend Rohan, before they went to different colleges - the odds were that something would go wrong eventually. Unlike love, science is something you can count on.

But there's no scientific explanation when Aria suddenly finds herself falling through parallel universes. And there's no formula to explain how she keeps meeting Rohan in every new universe she falls into.

After being ripped away from her world seconds before a tragedy occurs, Aria is left with two mindbending, physics-defying conundrums - can she navigate the multiverse and get home to save her family? And will she break one of her own rules to survive the multiverse, and fall in love?

New York Times bestselling author Samira Ahmed is back with a whirlwind, star-crossing second-chance romance that explores the very nature of self, and what it means to love someone across the universe.

Sales Points

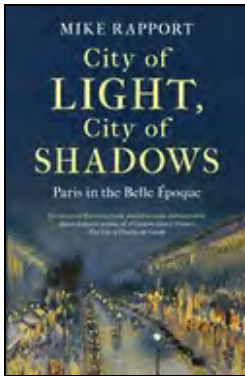
- Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera, Dustin Thao and V. E. Schwab
- NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of *INTERNMENT*, Samira was also shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for this title

Reviews

- **"Hilarious and heart-wrenching, romantic and searching... a poetic, deeply profound exploration of the multiverses we inhabit" - Libba Bray, New York Times bestselling author of *The Diviners***
- **"Addictive, inventive and sometimes chilling... one of the most original YAs I've read in years" - Melissa Albert, New York Times bestselling author of *The Hazel Wood series***
- **"A compelling heroine navigating twists and turns that keep coming in the most delicious ways" - Samira has done it again!" - Abigail Hing Wen, New York Times bestselling author of *Kisses, Codes, and Conspiracies***

Author Biography

Samira Ahmed is a *New York Times* bestselling author of books for children and young adults, including *Internment*, *Hollow Fires*, and *This Book Won't Burn*. She was born in Bombay, India, and grew up in Batavia, Illinois, in a house that smelled like fried onions, spices, and potpourri. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Samira has taught high school English in both the suburbs of Chicago and in New York City, worked in education nonprofits, and spent time on the road for political campaigns. Samira lives in the Midwest. When she's not reading or writing, she can be found on her lifelong quest for the perfect pastry. She invites you to connect with her online at samiraahmed.com, on Bluesky @samiraahmed.bsky.social, and on Instagram @sam_aye_ahm.



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City of Light, City of Shadows Paris in the Belle Époque

Mike Rapport

Keynote

For readers of Graham Robb and Simon Schama, this elegantly written, vivid chronicle of Paris during the Belle Époque brings to life some of best-known characters and buildings of the era, and shows how closely the fears and anxieties of the early 19th century mirror our own today

Description

Paris in the Belle Époque is remembered as a golden age of cultural flourishing and political progress. The time between the revolutionary 1870s and the outbreak of war in 1914 saw the modern French capital take shape: by day Parisians could admire the rising Eiffel Tower and Sacré-Coeur Basilica, while at night they roamed the Bohemian world of the Moulin Rouge.

But as Mike Rapport reveals in this authoritative and beautifully written new history beneath its elegant veneer Paris was at war with itself. The Belle Époque was also an era of social and religious unrest, women's emancipation and violent clashes over what it meant to be French.

Paris pulsed with the pleasures and anxieties of modernity: blazing electric lights illuminating the night, the first cars speeding down the boulevards, as well as the first Métro trains and plane flights. At the same time reactionary forces reasserted themselves--mostly dramatically in the infamous Dreyfus affair.

Told through the eyes of the greatest personalities of the age--novelist Émile Zola, feminist activist Marguerite Durand, Vietnamese diplomat Nguyễn Trùng H?p and socialist politician Jean Jaurès--the book weaves together stories of splendour and suffering, delight and agony, offering a brilliant account of the shadows cast across the City of Light.

Sales Points

- Anyone visiting Paris and wanting to know more about the place's history will love this title
- Mike is an expert voice in his field who is also a great storyteller
- The political convulsions in this history -- free speech, minority rights, the idea of France -- are very much still issues in France given recent protests.

Reviews

- 'For lovers of Paris this book should become **indispensable**' - *Julian Jackson, author of A Certain Idea of France: The Life of Charles de Gaulle*
- 'Mike Rapport is a historian with the rare ability to engage his reader both on the level of local detail and of sweeping narrative. **City of Light, City of Shadows had me spellbound**' - *Lauren Elkin, author of Flâneuse and Art Monsters*
- 'The buildings and boulevards of Paris come to life as [Rapport] describes them' - *Artemis Cooper, The Spectator*
- 'As Mike Rapport makes clear in his **splendid new book**, the Belle Époque was... a time of instability, upheaval and bitter division, in Paris and throughout France.' - *Munro Price, Literary Review*

Author Biography

Mike Rapport is a Reader in modern European history at the University of Glasgow and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is the author of several books, including *1848: Year of Revolution*. He lives in Stirling, Scotland.

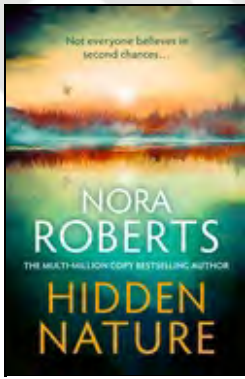
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Hidden Nature

Nora Roberts

Keynote

The beloved multi-million copy bestselling author is back with a brand new novel about an injured cop fighting to bring down a pair of twisted killers.

Description

The beloved multi-million copy bestselling author is back with a brand-new novel about an injured cop in a race against time to find a twisted serial killer

Frustrated and bored, injured cop Sloan Cooper is looking for anything to distract her from staring down the barrel of months of slow, painful recovery. When a woman mysteriously vanishes without trace from a supermarket car park, Sloan knows there is more to this case than meets the eye. As she begins to investigate she quickly uncovers similar cases across three states. Men and women, old and young-all with seemingly nothing in common. And the abductions keep happening.

With no clues to speak of and a list of the missing growing almost daily, it will take every ounce of Sloan's endurance to get to the dark heart of this bizarre case. And she's willing to risk her life again if that's what it takes...

Sales Points

- Nora Roberts has sold over 500 million books worldwide and sells 1 million books in the UK EVERY YEAR
- Nora Roberts is in the Top 10 most borrowed author in UK libraries and she was the third author to sell more than 1 million Kindle books
- She has written over 200 books under both her own name and her pseudonym, J.D. Robb and her books are published in over 34 countries
- Over the last 30 plus years, an average of 27 Nora Roberts books were sold every minute
- Every Nora Roberts title features on bestseller lists around the world

Author Biography

Nora Roberts is the number one *New York Times* bestseller of more than 200 novels. With over 500 million copies of her books in print, she is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular writers in the world. She is both a Sunday Times bestseller in the UK and a number one bestseller in Australia.

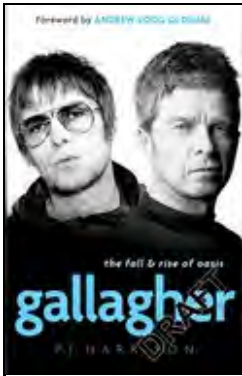
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Gallagher The Fall and Rise of Oasis: the brand new biography of one of the world's biggest bands

PJ Harrison

Keynote

A definitive biography chronicling the fall and rise of one of the world's biggest bands, Oasis, and how they staged the greatest comeback of all-time

Description

A definitive biography chronicling the fall and rise of one of the world's biggest bands, Oasis, and how they staged the greatest comeback of all-time

Sales Points

- Delivering in January 2025, this will be the first major biography to publish since the reunion of the band. The book has a unique focus in that it focuses on the interim period between break up and reunion and their stellar solo careers. No other biography has covered this to date.
- The Oasis reunion has dominated headlines and supply and demand has been massively outstripped with over 9 million people attempting to secure tickets. There is a whole new generation of fans who have never seen the band live with a huge appetite for all things Oasis.
- The book will be published in time for Father's Day, making this a brilliant gift for people to buy the Oasis fan in their lives. It will also publish ahead of all of the huge stadium gigs they have announced in the UK, USA, Canada and Mexico, meaning the noise around the band will be sustained for months after the book's launch.
- Author PJ is a close associate of the band, having toured with them and spent time in the studio. He will be speaking to their closest circle, including the band's manager, close family members and personal friends, band members, crew, label execs, Andrew Loog Oldham and other high profile music names, as well as the band themselves. It is likely the band will support the book in some way, such as providing quotes, social media.
- Oasis is truly one of the most popular band's in the world and their absence has only made their fandom even more passionate. Key territories include UK & Ireland, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Japan, Australia, Mexico, Brazil among many others. Spotify streams have surged by 690% globally.

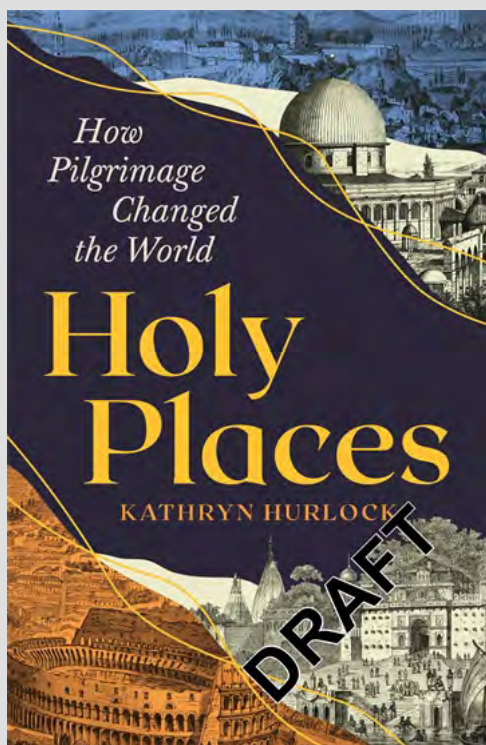
Author Biography

"Definitely Maybe" changed PJ Harrison's life. Originally from Liverpool, PJ became a huge fan of Oasis and travelled to watch their concerts throughout his teens, often arriving as early as 7am to stand in line so he could watch from at the very front. In his twenties, PJ began to work in the music industry, firstly with his own Sony JV record label (in the same group as Oasis' Creation Records) before moving into major label artist management, writing and production. PJ's world began to overlap with that of Oasis. The band took a shine to several artists he managed and took them, and PJ with them, on world tours. During this period of touring Harrison spent almost every day around the band and their crew, getting to know their management and developed friendly relationships with the band.

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Holy Places

How Pilgrimage Changed the World

KATHRYN HURLOCK

KEYNOTE

An exploration of pilgrimage, through nineteen breath-taking sights across the globe

SALES POINTS

- Exciting, ambitious, fresh: Hurlock puts a new spin on a broad swathe of human history, in the vein of Thomas Halliday's *Otherlands*, Peter Frankopan's *The Silk Roads* and John Barton's *A History of the Bible*
- Kathryn Hurlock is an expert in the field and a well-respected historian, whose knowledge as a medievalist shines
- Covering ancient history and modern changes, *Holy Places* is the perfect gift for anyone itching to see the world

DESCRIPTION

This year, as they have for millennia, many people around the world will set out on pilgrimages. But these are not only journeys of personal and spiritual devotion - they are also political acts, affirmations of identity and engagements with deep-rooted historical narratives.

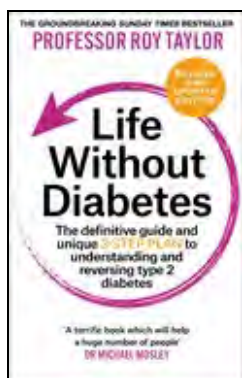
Kathryn Hurlock follows the trail of pilgrimage through nineteen sacred sites - from Tai Shan to Jerusalem, Amritsar to Buenos Aires - revealing the many ways in which this ancient practice has shaped our religions and our world. Pilgrimages have transformed the fates of cities, anointed dynasties, provided guidance in hard times and driven progress in good. Filled with fascinating insights, *Holy Places* unveils the complex histories and contemporary endurance of one of our most fundamental human urges.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

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Life Without Diabetes

The definitive guide to understanding and reversing your type 2 diabetes

Professor Roy Taylor

Keynote

A new edition to include trailblazing recent study results from Professor Roy Taylor, the pioneer of diabetes reversal whose research is behind the new NHS programme to reverse type 2 diabetes.

Description

REVISED AND UPDATED EDITION - WITH GROUNDBREAKING NEW SCIENCE

Professor Roy Taylor is one of the world's leading experts in type 2 diabetes, the man who discovered that this life-limiting disease was actually a reversible condition.

With his team of researchers at Newcastle University, he launched a series of studies culminating in a multi-million-pound trial, which confirmed that simple diet advice could bring about lasting remission. Professor Roy Taylor has been working on three new studies to dig deeper into the causes of T2 diabetes - and the *long-term* effects of his three-step plan.

In this revised and updated edition of *Life Without Diabetes*, Taylor brings together all the latest research plus four decades of experience of treating people with diabetes. He explains exactly what is happening in the body as type 2 develops and presents a brilliant 3-step weight loss plan that will enable you to reverse your type 2 and live a full and healthy life beyond it.

**** Includes delicious tried-and-tested recipes ****

Sales Points

- **GROUNDBREAKING NEW RESEARCH:** Prof Roy Taylor has been working on 3 large studies since the publication of his last books, and is keen to give *Life Without Diabetes* a renewed push combining all the new studies on long-term maintenance of his plan. *Life Without Diabetes* and *Your Simple Guide to Reversing Type 2 Diabetes* were both Sunday Times bestsellers - and LWD was published in 2019 so is ready for an update.
- **PROVEN RESULTS:** The pilot scheme of NHS England to achieve type 2 diabetes remission has been an *outstanding* success, achieving an average of 11kg weight loss in several thousand people. Because of this, Roy Taylor's plan will become a full national NHS programme in March 2024 (see <https://rb.gy/p2ks2>). This is a resounding vindication of Taylor's research and makes now a good time to introduce the LWD books to new patients following his weight loss plan.
- **URGENT TOPIC, GROWING READERSHIP:** Type 2 diabetes is one of the fastest growing diseases in the world. In the UK approximately 8% of the population has Type 2 diabetes and at least double that number is at risk of developing the condition. There are 4.9 million people in the UK living with diabetes, and 1 in 10 people over 40 now live with a diagnosis of T2 diabetes. On top of this, it is estimated 7 million people have prediabetes - and the numbers for T2 diabetes keep rising year on year (source: Diabetes UK).

Author Biography

Prof Roy Taylor is Professor of Medicine and Metabolism at Newcastle University and Honorary Consultant Physician at Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. He was visiting Professor of Medicine at Yale University, where he acquired new MRI methods to look into the human body. Returning to the UK he raised GBP5.2m to establish the Newcastle MR Centre. He also developed the UK system for screening of diabetic eye disease and is author of over 300 scientific papers.

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Shanghailanders Longlisted for the Carnegie Medal 2025

Juli Min

Keynote

A dazzling and ambitious debut novel that follows a Shanghai household backward in time - from 2040 back to 2014 - exploring their secrets, their losses and the ways a family makes and remakes itself across the years.

Description

Longlisted for the 2025 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction * Time 100 Must-Read Books of 2024 * The New York Times Editors' Choice

"I think love is when you think you need someone for your survival. Survival, defined broadly."

"The way you think, sometimes . . ."

"The way I think, what?"

"It . . . surprises me. Yoko, we need each other. Family - family is all we have."

'This bold experiment . . . pays off beautifully' *Guardian*

'Simmering with secrets and tensions' *The New York Times*

'Quick-footed and captivating . . . a perfect holiday read' *Monocle*

While the years rewind from 2040 to 2014, *Shanghailanders* brings readers into the shared and separate lives of the Yang family, parent by parent, daughter by daughter, and through the eyes of the people in their orbit-a nanny from the provinces, a private driver with a penchant for danger, and a grandmother whose memories of the past echo the present. As they build their lives in this old, futuristic city, we see Leo, his wife Eko and their daughters Yumi, Yoko and Kiko trip over their own desires in their bids to connect with one another, in their attempts to be a family.

Though the world shifts and brings change for each of the Yangs, universal constants remain: love is complex and family will always be stubbornly connected by blood, secrets and longing.

Dazzlingly constructed and achingly resonant, *Shanghailanders* is an unforgettable exploration of everything that follows 'happily ever after' and the ways a family makes and remakes itself across the years.

'Min has established herself as a sharp chronicler of contemporary China - and of the ever-complicated matters of the heart' Kirsten Chen, author of COUNTERFEIT

'Never stops surprising the reader' Jiaming Tang, author of CINEMA LOVE

'Audacious' *Washington Post*

'Colourful and ambitious' *Dazed*

Sales Points

- **IMMERSIVE, CINEMATIC SETTING:** This is a detailed, intimate depiction of a treasured city - and contemporary Chinese culture as whole - coming at a time when East Asian literature in particular is having a breakout moment in the UK.
- **SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL EXCITEMENT:** There were competitive multiway auctions in countries across the globe for this novel, and the continued support from international campaigns is a reflection of the novel's excellence.
- **EXCEPTIONAL COMPS:** Will resonate deeply with fans of Frances Cha's *If I Had Your Face*, Avni Doshi's *Burnt Sugar* and the work of Mieko Kawakami and Cho Nam-Joo.
- **BELOVED AUTHOR:** As editor of *The Shanghai Literary Review*, Min is central to the Asian literary community (and beyond).
- **HIGHLY ORIGINAL CONCEPT:** The way the novel moves backwards through time is executed perfectly, and creates a hugely satisfying, innovative reading experience. *Shanghailanders* is to Shanghai what James Joyce's *Dubliners* is to Dublin - an original, landmark, historic portrait of a city and its people.

Reviews

- **'Tender, atmospheric, and wholly captivating . . .** Min has established herself as a **sharp** chronicler of contemporary China-and of the ever-complicated matters of the heart.' - Kirsten Chen, author of COUNTERFEIT
- **'Shanghailanders is a wonderful, wildly smart and compelling book. If Shanghai is the future, this terrific novel knows it all.** We follow a glorious cluster of characters as they trip over their own longings, in this fiction of real astuteness.' - Joan Silber, author of SECRETS OF HAPPINESS
- **'Bracing, thrilling, and breathtakingly smart . . .** *Shanghailanders* offers a new way of seeing. Not just of Shanghai, but France, Japan, America, and every last corner

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of its characters' minds . . . **Absolutely extraordinary.**' - Liam Callanan, author of PARIS BY THE BOOK

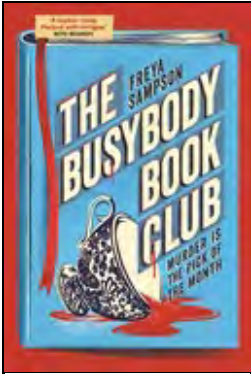
- **'Lyrical and haunting,** *Shanghaianders* explores the enduring mysteries of family . . . Min movingly portrays the Yangs and their many seasons of love and loss in a metropolis that perpetually rises, falls, and emerges from the ashes. **An extraordinary debut.**' - Vanessa Hua, author of FORBIDDEN CITY

Author Biography

Juli Min is a Korean-American writer based in Shanghai. She was the founding editor and fiction editor of the *Shanghai Literary Review*. Raised in Seoul, New Jersey and New England, Min attended Phillips Academy Andover and Harvard University, where she studied Russian and comparative literature. She holds an MFA in fiction from Warren Wilson College.

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The Busybody Book Club

A completely addictive cosy murder mystery

Freya Sampson

Keynote

They can't even agree on what to read, so how are they going to solve a murder? A page-turner that puts the cosy in cosy crime, and a love letter to books and the art of mystery.

Description

They can't even agree on what to read, so how are they going to solve a murder?

St. Tredock Book Club disagree on everything, from the books they read to the biscuits they eat. For book club organiser Nova Davies, who's new to the Cornish seaside village, the digestive vs shortbread debate is just the start of her problems...

Under Nova's watch, £10,000 is stolen from the much-loved community centre. When book club member Michael disappears and a dead body turns up at his house, it seems clear who the perpetrator is. But the book club has their own theories. Agatha Christie superfan Phyllis is determined to prove Michael's been framed, while romance fanatic Arthur believes there's a mystery woman involved, and teenage sci-fi reader Ash thinks dark forces are at play. Meanwhile, Nova's just trying to keep them out of trouble.

Soon the book club becomes very busy indeed. Full-time book lovers, part-time sleuths, they put their differences aside to find Michael, solve the murder and recover the stolen money - all while trying to hide their own secrets...

Can they crack the case? And with a killer on the loose, what will it take until they're safe back home, curled up with book?

An utterly unputdownable cosy crime novel and a love letter to books and the power of reading, *The Busybody Book Club* is perfect for fans of Richard Osman, Janice Hallett and Agatha Raisin.

'A joyous romp... Full of eccentric, endearing characters and packed with intrigue' **Beth Morrey**

'Murder has never been so appealing. Take one misfit group of book lovers, add a quaint village backdrop, throw in a dash of intrigue, and the result is a fun, fast-paced tale that will keep you on the edge of your seat. In *The Busybody Book Club*, Sampson proves she has what it takes to surprise you...and to warm your heart' **Lucy Gilmore**

'Full of twists and turns and laughter. This is a book club I *really* want to be part of!' **Sally Page**

Sales Points

- **Beloved author:** Freya Sampson is a beloved *USA Today* bestselling cosy mystery and contemporary women's fiction author. Her previous books received fantastic quotes from Ali Hazelwood, Clare Pooley, Mia P. Manansala and Jesse Q. Sutanto, amongst many others, so we are aiming to secure strong blurbs for *The Busybody Book Club*. Freya's latest novel, *Nosy Neighbours*, was on the *USA Today* list of best cosy mysteries and *NPR*'s 2024 "Books We Love" list, where she was named as 'the patron saint of city dwellers who form unexpected, solid-as-steel friendships'.
- **Cozy perfection:** *The Busybody Book Club* is a perfect cosy mystery for fans of Richard Osman, Janice Hallett and classic cosy crime such as *Miss Marple*. It compellingly blends together a group of bookish misfits, the small-town charm of a Cornish seaside village, unexpected twists and plenty of amateur sleuthing.
- **Books about books:** Readers are forever drawn to books about books and bookish people who finally get to be the main protagonists, and Freya's unputdownable new novel is a gorgeous love letter to the power of books and reading.
- **A love letter to community:** The importance and power of the local community coming together and making an impact is a vital theme at the core of *The Busybody Book Club*. This hint of social commentary and activism in an otherwise light-hearted story is bound to resonate strongly with readers.

Reviews

- 'A joyous romp... Full of eccentric, endearing characters and packed with intrigue' - Beth Morrey
- 'Murder has never been so appealing. Take one misfit group of book lovers, add a quaint village backdrop, throw in a dash of intrigue, and the result is a fun, fast-paced tale that will keep you on the edge of your seat. In *The Busybody Book Club*, Sampson proves she has what it takes to surprise you...and to warm your heart.' - Lucy Gilmore,

- author of *The Library of Borrowed Hearts*
• Full of twists and turns and laughter. This is a book club I *really* want to be part of! - Sally Page, author of *The Keeper of Stories*



Author Biography

Freya Sampson is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Last Chance Library*, *The Lost Ticket/The Girl on the 88 Bus* and *Nosy Neighbours*. She studied history at Cambridge University and worked in television as an executive producer, making documentaries about everything from the British royal family to neighbours from hell. She lives in London with her husband, children and cats.

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A Cage Went in Search of a Bird Ten Kafkaesque Stories

Ali Smith, Tommy Orange, Naomi Alderman, Helen Oyeyemi, Keith Ridgway, Yiyun Li, Charlie Kaufman, Elif Batuman, Leone Ross, Joshua Cohen

Keynote

A collection of brand-new short stories written by major international writers and inspired by the imagination of Franz Kafka

Description

'Kafka himself would love it' *The i*
'As captivating as it is thought-provoking' *Glamour*
'Unsettling and uneasy' *Daily Mail*
'Glorious' *Harper's Bazaar*

A collection of brand-new short stories written by major international writers and inspired by Kafka

What happens when Kafka's idiosyncratic imagination meets some of the greatest literary minds writing in English across the globe today? In this collection of stories, commissioned to commemorate one hundred years since his death, ten of our most celebrated international writers take ideas of Kafka's - motifs from his stories, titles of his famous works, or unfinished fragments left behind in his Blue Octavo Notebooks - and run with them to make something new.

Sales Points

- **MAJOR, PRIZE-WINNING, BESTSELLING INTERNATIONAL WRITERS** are brought together in this homage to one of the greatest writers who ever lived
- **WIDELY ADMIRED ON HARDBACK PUBLICATION** and chosen as a 2024 highlight in the Guardian, the Financial Times, the Daily Mail, New Statesman, Esquire and the New European
- **TIMELY AND RELEVANT SHORT STORIES** that mirror, distort and interrogate aspects of our modern world and explore pressing issues from AI to housing to identity

Reviews

- 'This collection is quite the achievement ... **both ridiculous and brilliant. Thank goodness it exists.** Kafka himself would love it' - *i-paper*
- 'A kaleidoscope of Kafkaesque tales woven by a brilliant and diverse array of renowned and talented authors ... Readers are treated to **a rich tapestry of narratives, each as captivating as it is thought-provoking**' - *Glamour*
- 'Unsettling and uneasy ... brimful of the dark claustrophobia that made Kafka's work so startling and suffocating' - *Daily Mail*
- '**A glorious new collection of short stories inspired by the angst-ridden absurdism of the Czech writer**' - *Harper's Bazaar*

Author Biography

The authors in this book have won prizes including the Pulitzer Prize, The Women's Prize for Fiction, the American Book Award, an Academy Award, multiple BAFTAs and the Writers Guild of America Award; and they have been shortlisted for many others, including the Booker Prize. From countries including China, the USA, Ireland and the UK, and living now in cities around the globe from Prague to New York City, the authors represent how far-reaching Kafka's influence is across the world.

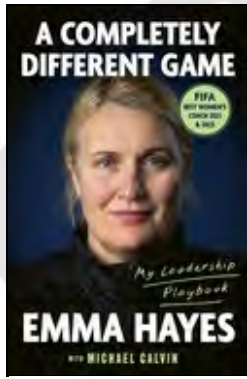
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A Completely Different Game My Leadership Playbook

Emma Hayes with Michael Calvin

Keynote

A legend of women's football, and one of the most decorated coaches ever, shares her hard-won lessons for leading a team to success.

Description

How do you get the best out of people? What does it take to make a team thrive?

Few people know the answers better than Emma Hayes. As the coach of Chelsea FC Women, she has led the club to 14 major trophies. She is a widely celebrated figure in sports media and has been named TV pundit of the year by both *Broadcast Magazine* and the Sports Journalists Association. In 2021 she was named Best Football Coach by FIFA, in 2016 she was named MBE in the Queen's 90th birthday honours list, and in 2022 was awarded an OBE for her services to football.

In her first ever book, written in collaboration with internationally best-selling author Michael Calvin, Emma shares her experience of managing a high-performance football team to draw out life lessons and techniques that anyone can use to their advantage. It's also a fascinating look into the world of women's football told by a woman at the centre of it, with frank, entertaining anecdotes from on and off the field.

Sales Points

- Emma Hayes is a legendary figure in women's football. As manager of Chelsea, she has won 14 major trophies and 6 Women's Super League titles in a row (by May 2024 it might be 7!). In June she will become head coach of the US Women's National Team, the most coveted role in women's football.
- A sports leadership book in the vein of WHAT IT TAKES by Serina Wiegman, QUIET LEADERSHIP by Carlo Ancelotti and Phil Jackson's ELEVEN RINGS. There will be inspiring and interesting anecdotes from inside women's football, but the practical advice applies no matter your circumstances.
- Co-author Michael Calvin is a bestselling author in his own right (LIVING ON THE VOLCANO, THE NOWHERE MEN).

Author Biography

Emma Carol Hayes (Author)

Emma Hayes is the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team and former long-time manager of Chelsea FC, one of the most successful women's teams in Europe. In June 2016, Hayes was made an MBE in the Queen's 90th birthday honours list. She was appointed OBE in the 2022 New Year Honours and named the Best FIFA Women's Coach at the Best FIFA Awards in 2023.

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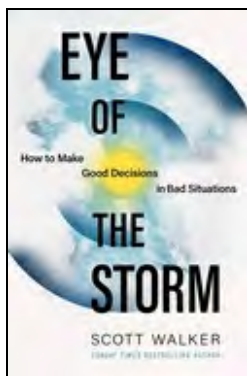
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Eye of the Storm

How to Make Good Decisions in Bad Situations

Scott Walker

Keynote

A world-renowned hostage negotiator explains how to manage your emotions, think clearly and make informed, effective decisions no matter how stressful or challenging the situation.

Description

Master your emotions, think clearly and make better decisions, even in the toughest of situations.

Drawing from his extensive career as a kidnap-for-ransom negotiator, Scott Walker shares practical tools and insights to help you stay calm, act decisively and thrive under pressure.

Whether you're facing challenges at home, managing workplace demands or dealing with daily stresses, this book will help you build resilience, resolve conflicts and strengthen relationships.

If you enjoyed his Sunday Times bestseller, *Order Out of Chaos* (2023), you'll love this follow-up!

Sales Points

- Scott's first book, *Order Out of Chaos*, was a *Sunday Times* bestselling guide to negotiations.
- *Eye of the Storm* will appeal to readers of *How to Survive a Crisis*, *Grit*, *Do Hard Things* and *The Unthinkable*.
- Provides a practical, step-by-step framework to help you manage powerful emotions, think clearly by blocking out the noise and make good decisions in bad situations.

Author Biography

Scott Walker is a former Scotland Yard detective and military intelligence operator, as well as one of the world's leading experts in kidnap for ransom and crisis negotiation. When hostages are taken, or cybercriminals target organisations or high-net-worth individuals, he's the person called in to resolve the problem.

His debut book, *Order Out of Chaos: A Kidnap Negotiator's Guide to Influence and Persuasion*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and has been translated into multiple languages.

A regular commentator on CNN, BBC, Sky News and MSNBC, Scott has also been featured in *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Business Insider* and *Fast Company*. He now delivers keynote talks and workshops globally, helping business leaders and teams enhance communication, resolve conflicts and perform under pressure.

Connect with Scott at www.winanynegotiation.com, [linkedin.com/in/scottaw](https://www.linkedin.com/in/scottaw) or on Instagram and Facebook at @ScottWalkerBooks.

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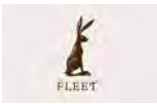
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This Strange Eventful History Longlisted for the Booker Prize 2024

Claire Messud

Keynote

A family torn apart by war, geography, politics, religion, over the course of three generations

Description

LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE 2024

'An epic family odyssey' *Guardian*, Book of the Day

Over seven decades, from 1940 to 2010, the Cassar family is buffeted by conflict, struggling to find its feet - separated in the chaos of World War II, running from a complicated colonial homeland, and, after Algerian independence, without a homeland at all.

This Strange Eventful History is above all a family story: of patriarch Gaston and his wife Lucienne, whose myth of perfect love sustains them and stifles their children; of François and Denise, devoted siblings connected by their family's strangeness; of François's union with Barbara, a woman so culturally different they can barely comprehend one another; of Chloe, the result of that union, who believes that telling these buried stories will bring them all peace.

Inspired in part by her own family's history, Claire Messud animates her characters' rich interior lives amid the social and political upheaval of the recent past. *This Strange Eventful History* is an immersive, masterful story of a family born on the wrong side of history.

'[A] wise and insightful novel about identity and family' *The Times*, Book of the Day

'A rich, sprawling saga... *This Strange Eventful History* may be Messud's finest book' *Sunday Telegraph*

Sales Points

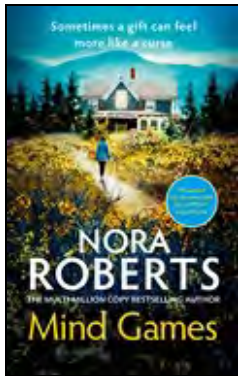
- **Longlisted for the Booker Prize 2024** and critically acclaimed on hardback publication.
- A magnificent novel of ideas as well as people - ideas about history, colonialism, families, religion, belief, and literature itself.
- Praised across the literary spectrum from Philippe Sands and Yiyun Li to Lionel Shriver, Paul Harding and Ayad Akhtar.

Reviews

- **'This epic family saga**, which stretches from Algeria in 1927 to Connecticut in 2010 . . . [is a] **wise and insightful novel** about identity and family, and how love can stifle as well as comfort' - *The Times*, *Book of the Day*
- **'A rich, sprawling saga . . . *This Strange Eventful History* may be Messud's finest book'** - *Sunday Telegraph*
- **'A tour de force**, *This Strange Eventful History* is one of those rare novels which a reader doesn't merely read but lives through with the characters... **Claire Messud is a magnificent storyteller, and the novel, an all-encompassing history of many human hearts and any human heart, will linger and haunt us** ' - *Yiyun Li*

Author Biography

Claire Messud is a recipient of Guggenheim and Radcliffe Fellowships and the Strauss Living Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with her family



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Mind Games

Nora Roberts

Keynote

From multi-million copy bestselling author Nora Roberts - a brand new thriller with tragedy and trauma, resilience and revenge...

Description

From multi-million copy bestselling author Nora Roberts - a brand new thriller with tragedy and trauma, resilience and revenge.

Sometimes a gift can feel more like a curse...

'If you're after the perfect pick-me-up, take-me-away-from-the-world read, then she's your woman' The Guardian

'Nora Roberts is, quite simply, a one-woman phenomenon' Heat

Thea Fox is just twelve years old when her parents are brutally slain. With Thea's help the police are able to put their murderer - a psychotic serial killer called Ray Riggs - behind bars for life. Changed forever, Thea slowly learns to come to terms with the events of that terrible night and builds a new life in a small country town where she can breathe in the smells of pine, fresh bread and her grandmother's homemade candles.

But the connection that helped Thea put her parents' killer behind bars will come to haunt her. Though her Grandmother calls it a gift, to Thea it feels more like a curse because Ray feels the connection too and though Thea may try to move on, Ray isn't willing to let her go quite so easily...

Sales Points

- Nora Roberts has sold over 500 million books worldwide and sells 1 million books in the UK EVERY YEAR
- Nora Roberts is in the Top 10 most borrowed author in UK libraries and she was the third author to sell more than 1 million Kindle books
- She has written over 200 books under both her own name and her pseudonym, J.D. Robb and her books are published in over 34 countries
- Over the last 30 plus years, an average of 27 Nora Roberts books were sold every minute
- Every Nora Roberts title features on bestseller lists around the world

Reviews

- 'If you're after the perfect pick-me-up, take-me-away-from-the-world read, then she's your woman' - *Guardian*
- 'Nora Roberts is, quite simply, a one-woman phenomenon' - *Heat*
- 'I love Nora Roberts' - *Stephen King*

Author Biography

Nora Roberts is the number one *New York Times* bestseller of more than 200 novels. With over 500 million copies of her books in print, she is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular writers in the world. She is both a Sunday Times bestseller in the UK and a number one bestseller in Australia.

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The Next Mrs Parrish

The gripping, twisty cat-and-mouse thriller

Liv Constantine

Keynote

The thrilling sequel to the million-copy best-selling Reese's Book Club pick *The Last Mrs. Parrish*: a gripping cat-and-mouse thriller full of twists and turns.

Description

Amber Patterson Parrish has come a long way. Hard work and immaculate planning turned her from invisible wallflower to prominent socialite, but there have been bumps along the way. Less than a year after her husband Jackson's tax-evasion scandal, Amber reigns supreme over the Bishops Harbor community. But with Jackson being released from prison, Amber's free time - and money - is vanishing.

Meanwhile, Daphne Parrish left Bishops Harbor after her divorce from Jackson, swearing she would never go back. But when one of her daughters runs away from home, desperate to see her father, Daphne agrees to return for the summer. Jackson swears he's a changed man, but Daphne knows all too well that he can't be trusted.

When a ghost from Amber's past emerges looking for revenge, these three find unlikely allies in one another. But who is playing who? When all is said and done, they'll have to fight tooth and nail for everything they have left in this zero-sum game.

With shocking turns and entertaining characters, *The Next Mrs. Parrish* will make you rethink everything you thought you knew about duplicity and betrayal.

READERS LOVE LIV CONSTANTINE

'Kept me **enthralled**'
'What a **brilliant** read!'
'Surprising, thrilling and **unputdownable**'
'**WOW**, I wasn't expecting that'
'**Devoured** in one sitting'

Sales Points

- **AN UNMISSABLE SUMMER READ:** the gripping sequel to the million-copy bestselling psychological thriller is addictive and perfect for summer reads
- **FORTHCOMING FILM:** *The Last Mrs Parrish* is soon to be a major Netflix film
- **PERFECT FOR** fans of Liane Moriarty and BIG LITTLE LIES

Reviews

- 'Thoroughly **engaging!** Liv Constantine turns *Desperate Housewives* into a **fiendishly clever cat-and-mouse thriller** in this **brilliant page-turner** where nothing (and no one) is what it seems. Pour a glass of wine and settle in for the ride' - *Lisa Gardner*
- '**You'll devour this juicy, twisty psychological thriller in one sitting!**' - *Lisa Scottoline*
- 'Mrs. Parrish is back with a bang in this gripping sequel . . . Delicious and shocking, *The Next Mrs. Parrish* is **an incredibly entertaining and compulsive tale of revenge and deception you won't want to miss**' - *Jeneva Rose*
- 'Get ready for a **rollercoaster of suspense** in Liv Constantine's **delightful and addictive** *The Next Mrs. Parrish*. With **unexpected twists and turns**, this gripping tale explores **the limits of trust** and the lengths one will go to secure their future in a game where winning means everything. **I loved this riveting read!**' - *Jean Kwok*

Author Biography

Liv Constantine is the pen name of sisters Lynne Constantine and Valerie Constantine. Lynne and Valerie are internationally bestselling authors with more than one and a half million copies sold worldwide.

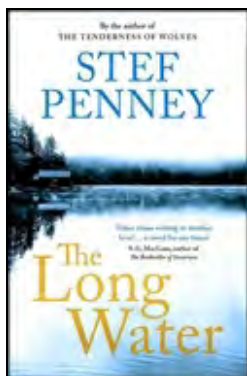
Their books have been translated into twenty-nine languages, published in thirty-four countries, optioned for development in both television and film, and praised by *USA Today*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Washington Post*, *People*, *Good Morning America*, among many others. Their debut novel, *The Last Mrs. Parrish*, was a Reese's Book Club selection.

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The Long Water

Gripping literary mystery set within Norway's Arctic Circle

Stef Penney

Keynote

After her magnificent historical epic, *The Beasts of Paris*, Stef Penney returns to her heartland in this tense thriller set in a small Scandinavian town.

Description

After her magnificent historical epic, *The Beasts of Paris*, Stef Penney returns to her heartland in this tense thriller set in a small Scandinavian town.

Nordland. A region in the Norwegian Arctic; a remote valley that stretches from the sea up to the mountains and the glaciers.

It is May. In Nordland it's a time of spring and school-leavers' celebrations - until Daniel, a popular teenage boy, goes missing. Conflicting stories circulate among his friends, of parties and wild behaviour.

As the search for Daniel widens, the police open a disused mine in the mountains. They find human remains, but this body has been there for decades, its identity a mystery.

The story is told through characters impacted by these events. Misanthropic Svea, whose long life in the area stretches back to the heyday of the mines and beyond, has cut all ties with her family, except for her granddaughter, Elin, a young misfit. Elin and her friend Benny, both impacted by Daniel while alive, become entangled in the hunt for answers, while Svea has deep, dark secrets of her own.

Sales Points

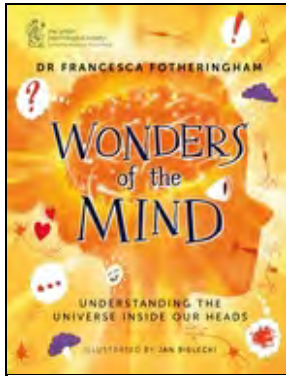
- An atmospheric literary mystery set north of the Arctic Circle
- Stef Penney returns to the remote northern landscapes she loves so well
- Bodo in north Norway will be European Capital of Culture in 2024
- A richly imagined and empathetic portrait of a far-flung community

Reviews

- 'With *The Long Water*, Stef Penney **takes crime writing to another level**. Gripping and emotionally intelligent, this is **a novel for our times**' - *S. G. MacLean, author of The Bookseller of Inverness*
- 'Tensions rise and **secrets are unearthed** but there's also humour to be found' - *Daily Mirror*
- 'An atmospheric tale . . . **great characters** and **elegant prose**' - *Mail on Sunday*
- 'A **highly engaging and accomplished** novel, a **fine piece of craftsmanship** . . . this is a book you will surely return to for a second reading' - *Scotsman*

Author Biography

Stef Penney grew up in Edinburgh. She is the author of the international bestseller, *The Tenderness of Wolves*, winner of the overall Costa Award; *The Invisible Ones*; *Under a Pole Star*, shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award, and *The Beasts of Paris*. Stef lives in London, E8.



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Wonders of the Mind Understanding the universe inside our heads

Dr. Francesca Fotheringham (Illustrated By Jan Bielecki)

Keynote

Explore the many pathways of the mind in this beautiful celebration of brain power and neurodiversity, by developmental psychologist, Dr. Francesca Fotheringham, and published in association with The British Psychological Society

Description

Explore the many pathways of the mind in this beautiful celebration of brain power and neurodiversity, written by developmental psychologist, Dr. Francesca Fotheringham and published in association with The British Psychological Society.

Wonders of the Mind is a beautiful and powerful look at the workings of the brain and the complexity of the mind. Explore the chemical messages that guide our bodies, the changes brains and minds undergo as they grow, our emotions, memories and the power of sleep. Enhance your understanding of both neurodiversity and mental health through clear and sensitive introductions to each topic. Consider the influence of physical health, culture and language on the mind - and try out some brain teasers to see it all in action! Perfect for readers aged 9 and up.

This is the fourth book in a series published by Wayland and illustrated by Jan Bielecki that take an authoritative look at the wonders of science - making complex ideas accessible to kids. Other books in the series include: *Wonders of the Night Sky* and *The Future of the Universe* by Professor Raman Prinja and *The Wonders of Time*, by Emily Akkermans, which were published in association with Royal Observatory Greenwich.

Sales Points

- Looks at the thinking functions of the brain and gut as well as consciousness, emotions, memories, mind tricks, puzzles and mental wellbeing
- Written by an expert developmental psychologist with a specialisation in neurodiversity, reviewed and approved by a sensitivity reader and published in partnership with the British Psychological Society
- Part of a visually stunning series that takes an authoritative look at fascinating topics, with illustration and design by Jan Bielecki

Summary of Contents

INTRODUCTION / Foreword by the British Psychological Society / What is the mind? / HOW IT WORKS / An overview of the brain / The brain's many parts / How the brain makes the mind think / Chemical messages / Other animals and the mind / The changing brain / The changing mind / Emotions in the brain / Emotions in the mind / How does remembering work? / Different types of memory / Why do we sleep? / OUR MANY MINDS / Many marvellous minds / Exploring the world of neurodiversity / Can humans read minds? / What is mental health? / Keeping our minds healthy / Cultural perspectives / How does language affect our mind? / THE AMAZING MIND / Celebrating the human mind / Mind games / Glossary / Index and further information

Author Biography

Francesca Fotheringham (Author)

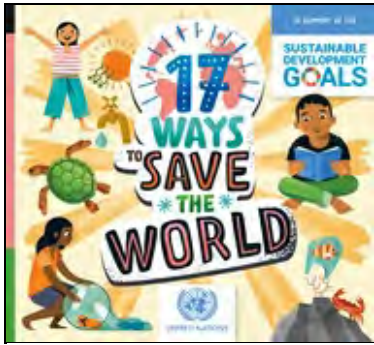
Dr. Francesca Fotheringham is a developmental psychologist who completed her PhD in children's emotional development at the University of St. Andrews. Since then, Francesca has been the project lead for research in student wellbeing and neurodiversity, which included leading the Neurodiversity Alliance Peer Support project at the University of Edinburgh. This project co-designed a peer support programme for neurodivergent young people to support each other in high school. Outside of work, Francesca's favourite hobbies include being outdoors hiking or swimming in nature, but when she's indoors she enjoys creating art and doing crafts.

Jan Bielecki (Illustrator)

Jan Bielecki is a Polish-Swedish illustrator and designer living in London. He mainly works with children's books and has illustrated fiction, picture books and non-fiction. Some of the topics he has covered include human anatomy, wrestling trolls, the scope of the Universe and slimy monsters.

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17 Ways to Save the World

Louise Spilsbury (Illustrated By Mark Ruffle)

Keynote

Play your part in helping the UN to save the world!

Description

Help the United Nations to save the world!

On 25 September 2015, world leaders at the UN adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These new Goals, which universally apply to all people, are a call to take action to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring no one is left behind.

For the Goals to be reached, it is not just the actions of governments and businesses that are important - you can help the UN save the world, too!

Produced in support of the United Nations, *17 Ways to Save the World* is an accessible guide to how you can help the UN achieve their 17 Sustainable Development Goals. As well as charting the global issues identified in the Goals, this book will demonstrate how small lifestyle changes can help in solving the world's biggest issues, empowering you to actively pursue a more sustainable future.

This book is the perfect tool for kids aged 9+ looking to make a meaningful difference. Immersive artwork and sensitive text presents serious, worldwide problems in an compassionate manner, encouraging both empathy and action.

Sales Points

- Written in association with the UN
- Encourages action and gives real-life examples of how the reader can make difference
- Launched alongside the 75th anniversary of the UN

Author Biography

Award-winning author Louise Spilsbury, who also writes under the name Louise Kay Stewart, has written over 250 books for young people on a wide range of exciting subjects. She loves writing children's books as it gives her the chance to keep learning about new stuff. She lives and works near the coast in South Devon and loves to walk on the beach and swim in the sea after work. Louise won The English Association Margaret Mallett Award for Children's Non-Fiction 2019 for *Rebel Voices: the rise of votes for women*.

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Alice's Puzzle Adventures in Wonderland

Dr. Gareth Moore

Keynote

A curious collection of Wonderland puzzles to solve with Alice!

Description

Go on a puzzle adventure through Wonderland with your favourite character, Alice. Step into the topsy-turvy dream world and crack 38 captivating puzzles, codes, riddles and other mind-boggling conundrums. Children love brainteasers, and this set of intriguing logic puzzles from the world of Wonderland is designed to inspire curious young minds. As well as fun logic and number puzzles, it's full of stunning graphics and illustrations that spark the imagination.

Sales Points

- Simple lateral puzzles are geared towards children aged 8+, helping them develop problem-solving skills.
- Puzzles are built around scenarios and famous characters from the mysterious Wonderland, introducing readers to the incredible classic stories.
- The Alice stories are a perennial favourite, and this title takes a unique approach by turning the popular theme into an interactive puzzle book.

Author Biography

Dr. Gareth Moore is one of the world's leading puzzle-setters. He is the author of more than 75 brain-training titles including *The Ordnance Survey Puzzle Book*, which has sold more than 120,000 copies in the UK. He is also the creator of Brained Up, a cutting-edge brain training site offering scientifically designed daily sessions to help you make the most of your brain.

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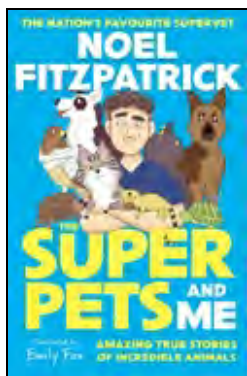
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The Superpets (and Me!) Amazing True Stories of Incredible Animals from the Nation's Favourite Supervet

Noel Fitzpatrick

Keynote

The Supervet, Noel Fitzpatrick returns with his debut children's non-fiction title, *The Superpets and Me*. Including stories from Noel's adult bestsellers reimagined for children, as well as more than 50% new animal stories from his life and surgery that will inspire and amaze young readers!

Description

Discover amazing stories of the Supervet's most incredible animals, from bionic cats and dogs to hero hedgehogs and courageous chameleons!

Growing up on the family farm in Ballyfin, Ireland, Noel Fitzpatrick spent his childhood tending to the cattle and sheep with his beloved sheepdog Pirate, who comforted him after he was bullied by the kids at school. This bond with animals inspired him to become a vet - but not just any vet, a **SUPERVET**!

Noel has treated thousands of animals - many of whom were thought to be beyond help. Discover the incredible stories of the brave animals he has worked with, from Peanut, the world's first cat with two front bionic limbs, to Betsy, the six-month-old cockapoo, who was given a new lease of life when her crushed paw was replaced with a skateboard wheel!

The perfect gift for young animal-lovers, packed with true tales that celebrate kindness, perseverance and the unbreakable bond between humans and animals.

Noel Fitzpatrick's first non-fiction book for younger readers is inspired by his *Sunday Times* bestselling memoirs *Listening to the Animals* and *How Animals Saved My Life*, alongside brand new stories curated for children.

Sales Points

- **THE NATION'S FAVOURITE VET:** Noel is a bestselling author with a core family audience. YouGov data show's that Noel's audience is 7% more likely to have children under the age of 18 in the household compared to the national average.
- **MARKETING AND PUBLICITY:** We will leverage Noel's incredible sales and committed audience to build him in the children's space for at least two books (fiction and non-fiction). Noel is open to school events and festivals - all of which will be family-orientated.
- **THE SUPERVET:** With 17 seasons so far and running since 2014, The Supervet is enormously popular. Parrot Analytics has found that the audience demand for the show is 1.8 times the demand of the average TV series in the UK.
- **BESTSELLERS AND 50% NEW CONTENT:** This book brings together stories from Noel's adult bestselling titles, but weaves in new content and adapts them for a younger audience in tone, accessibility and with beautiful drawings. Fifty per cent of the book is new content. Adult memoirs combined have sold over 440K copies in the UK. Debut Children's Fiction Title *Vetman* has sold over 32K copies in the UK.
- **FULLY ILLUSTRATED:** Contains stunning fully integrated illustrations by Emily Fox, which bring to life Noel's childhood on his family's farm in Ireland and showcase the diverse range of animals that Noel has helped at his veterinary practice.

Author Biography

Professor Noel Fitzpatrick is a world-renowned neuro-orthopaedic veterinary surgeon, the founder of Fitzpatrick Referrals in Surrey, and the star of the hit Channel 4 television show The Supervet, now in its sixteenth series. Globally recognised for his innovative surgical solutions for animals, Noel has developed dozens of new techniques, including several world-firsts. Noel lives in Surrey with his Maine Coon cats Ricochet and Excalibur, and you can follow him at:

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Roswell Johnson Saves the World! Book 1: An action-packed adventure from the bestselling author of *The Land of Stories*

Chris Colfer

Keynote

The bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic* returns with a funny, heartfelt, action-packed adventure to save the world! Perfect for fans of *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

Description

The bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic* returns with a funny, heartfelt, action-packed adventure to save the world! Perfect for fans of *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

Eleven-year-old Roswell Johnson is obsessed with space and life beyond our planet. So, when he's accidentally abducted in a spaceship, it feels like his biggest dream has come true - aliens are real!

With the sinister General Xelic and his evil army of Reptoids planning to attack Earth, Roswell must team up with a quirky group of other-worldly beings: a Mantis with a fear of germs, a Cyborg programmed to take everything literally, a telepathic Pleiadean, two bickering Grays, and an overly confident Hungarian.

Can Roswell and his eccentric gang of alien adventurers save Earth from invasion?

Or is life as we know it doomed?

Sales Points

- An exciting opportunity to launch an out-of-this-world new series from the bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic*.
- This is Chris' first MG series outside of *The Land of Stories* universe. This space fantasy has similar appeal to such enduring classics including *Star Wars* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*! With Chris's trademark humour and heart, this book should appeal to fans of *The Land of Stories*
- Full-page black and white interiors at the start of each chapter

Author Biography

Chris Colfer is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and Golden Globe-winning actor. He was honored as a member of the TIME 100, *Time* magazine's annual list of the one hundred most influential people in the world, and his books include *Struck By Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal*, *Stranger Than Fanfiction*, and the books in The Land of Stories series: *The Wishing Spell*, *The Enchantress Returns*, *A Grimm Warning*, *Beyond the Kingdoms*, *An Author's Odyssey*, and *Worlds Collide*, and the companion books *A Treasury of Classic Fairy Tales*, *The Mother Goose Diaries*, *Queen Red Riding Hood's Guide to Royalty*, *The Curvy Tree*, and *Trollbella Throws a Party*.

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CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Black Flamingo
Only on the Weekends

I Can't Even Think Straight A queer coming of age story

Dean Atta

Keynote

Big decisions and messy relationships. It's all part of life for Kai. A must-read queer coming of age story for fans of Sarah Crossan and *Sex Education*, written in verse by Dean Atta

Description

Big decisions and messy relationships. It's all part of life for Kai. A must-read queer coming of age story for fans of Sarah Crossan and *Sex Education*, written in verse by Stonewall-Award-winning, Carnegie-shortlisted author Dean Atta.

Kai is going into a new school year with some big decisions to make: when to come out as gay, what he wants to do in life and who he wants to date. Is it any wonder he can't think straight?

Best friends Matt and Kai made a promise to each other to stay in the closet. Matt isn't ready to come out, but Kai wants nothing more than to write his own story. He decides it's time to break his promise and show his true self to the world.

Now out and proud, Kai starts dating super-hot Obi, but it's far from smooth sailing. Is love closer to home than Kai realises?

Sales Points

- Dean has a wide-reaching author support network
- Stonewall-Award-winning, Carnegie-shortlisted author
- Dean writes books for every teen and is an authentic voice in the LGBTQ+ community
- Dean lives in London and is Greek-Cypriot

Author Biography

Dean Atta is the author of YA novels-in-verse *The Black Flamingo* and *Only on the Weekends*. Named as 'one of poetry's greatest modern voices' (Gay Times). *The Black Flamingo* was a top-selling debut of 2020 and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, CILIP Carnegie Medal, The Jhalak Prize and The YA Book Prize. *The Black Flamingo* was also awarded the prestigious Stonewall Book Award and the Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Award 2020, and sold to the US in a five-way publisher auction.

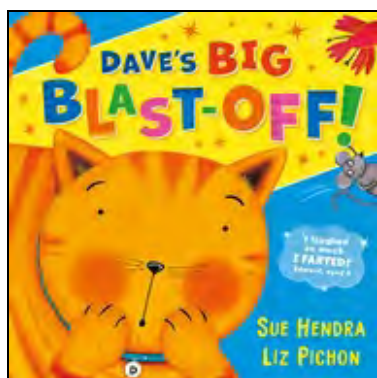
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BIC 2.1	Picture storybooks (YBCS)
CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	260x260
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

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Dave's Big Blast-Off!

Sue Hendra (Illustrated By Liz Pichon)

Keynote

A reissue edition of the hilarious picture book about one big cat and one VERY big BLAST-OFF! From Sue Hendra, the creator of SUPERTATO and Liz Pichon, the creator of THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES.

Description

A reissue edition of the hilarious DAVE with a fun and colourful new cover!

Meet Dave, the cat.

Dave likes his dinners. A LOT.

And one day, poor old Dave gets STUCK in his cat flap . . . oh dear! How will his friends in the garden help him to escape? The answer will have you rolling on the floor with laughter!

A hilarious picture book story about one big cat and his VERY BIG BLAST-OFF! From a bestselling duo: Sue Hendra, the creator of SUPERTATO, and Liz Pichon, the creator of THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES.

Sales Points

- Reissue edition of the hilarious DAVE picture book, with a bright and colourful new cover
- Written by Sue Hendra, the creator of the bestselling Supertato series, and illustrated by Liz Pichon, the creator of *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates*.
- A funny picture book that will appeal to all those young children that love toilet humour!
- Winner of the Bishop's Stortford Picture Books Award 2010.

Author Biography

Sue Hendra (Author)

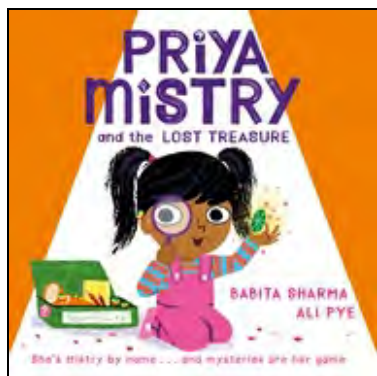
Sue Hendra is the author and illustrator of the hugely popular and hilarious *Barry the Fish with Fingers* and *Dave*. The *Wanda the Alien* TV series has been a huge success and is screening on Channel 5. Immediately after completing her art degree at Brighton University, Sue got a job with Bloomsbury. She also worked for Walker Books, Oxford University Press and Macmillan where she honed her skills as an illustrator and writer of picture books. Sue has been creating award-winning and bestselling picture books for over fifteen years and has worked on over seventy books.

Liz Pichon (Illustrator)

Liz Pichon studied graphic design at Middlesex Polytechnic and Camberwell School of Art in London. She is the creator of *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* and has won the Waterstones Children's Prize, Blue Peter Award, Red House Book Award, and the Smarties Book Prize Silver Award.

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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	250x250
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Priya Mistry
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Priya Mistry and the Paw Prints Puzzle

Priya Mistry and the Lost Treasure

Babita Sharma (Illustrated By Ali Pye)

Keynote

Priya Mistry - corner shop super sleuth - is back! Join Priya on her quest to find the owners of some mysterious lost treasure in this quirky and vibrant picture book.

Description

Priya Mistry - corner shop super sleuth - is back! She's a Mistry by name, and mysteries are her game . . .

When items of lost property start appearing around her family's corner shop, it's a job for Priya Mistry to solve! She digs out her special mission kit and her imagination takes her on a magical adventure, from fairytale parties to pirate ships. Will Priya be able to do it again and trace the belongings back to their owners in time for tea?

A fantastically fun and mischievously mysterious picture book that is perfect for little detectives!

More Corner Shop adventures:

Priya Mistry and the Paw Prints Puzzle

Sales Points

- A fun and mysterious picture book, featuring a lovable detective with strong themes of family, community and adventure
- Babita Sharma is a documentarian and journalist, and previously spent seven years on BBC World News' Newsday covering major global events
- Babita has drawn from her memories of growing up above a corner shop run by her parents to create this wonderful world
- Babita is also the author of *The Corner Shop*, a BBC 2 Between the Covers Book Club Pick and Winner of The Business Book Award for An Exceptional Book that Promotes Diversity

Author Biography

Babita Sharma (Author)

Babita Sharma is a corner shop super fan, as well as an author, journalist and TV personality. She has spent fifteen years covering major global news events as a presenter for BBC News. Babita's book on the history of the corner shop in Britain was published by Two Roads in Spring 2019, and follows her critically-acclaimed documentary *Booze, Beans & Bhajis: The Story of the Corner Shop* on BBC Four. She lives in Belfast with her family.

Ali Pye (Illustrator)

Ali Pye had two ambitions when she was a child - to be a police dog trainer and to work as an illustrator. Luckily for the police dogs of Britain, Ali's life took her in a different direction - but she did get to achieve her second aim and has illustrated more than 30 books, including *Girls Can Do Anything* by Caryl Hart. Ali has also written her own stories for picture books and young fiction. She lives in London with her family.

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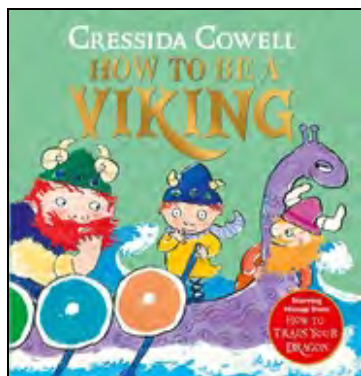


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CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	264 x 276mm
Extent	32 pages
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How to be a Viking

Cressida Cowell

Keynote

A new edition of the classic picture book that inspired Cressida Cowell's bestselling *How to Train Your Dragon* fiction series.

Description

The first *HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON* book ever, and the inspiration for Cressida Cowell's best-selling fiction books that is now a Dreamworks feature film.

So begins Cressida Cowell's stories about a little Viking who cannot fit in. Unlike his dad, Stoick the Vast, Hiccup is tiny, thoughtful and polite and scared of almost everything - especially of going to sea for the very first time. But go he must... So who will save the day when everything goes wrong aboard ship and all the big Vikings lose their cool? This wonderfully witty fable will delight all those who have ever faced up to their worst fears.

'This is a lovely book; it is warm and witty, with instant appeal...' - *The Children's Bookseller*

Sales Points

- A new jacket edition of the first ever Hiccup book and the inspiration for Cressida Cowell's best-selling fiction books.
- More than a million *How to Train Your Dragon* fiction books have been sold, in over 35 different languages!
- The *How to Train Your Dragon* fiction series has been adapted for the screens by Dreamworks, with an existing animated movie and a live-action remake coming in 2025.
- Beautiful, washed illustrations capture the emotion and adventure of the high seas with a softness that will appeal to children and parents.
- Hilarious and heartwarming in equal measure, with a relatable moral about facing your fears and being brave.

Author Biography

Cressida Cowell is the author and the illustrator of the globally bestselling *How to Train Your Dragon* series. Her next series, *The Wizards of Once*, was an international bestseller. Cressida is also the author of the Emily Brown picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton. The *Which Way* series is her most recent and has already been translated into 15 languages.

How to Train Your Dragon has sold over 8 million books worldwide in 42 languages. It is also an award-winning DreamWorks film series, and a TV series shown on Netflix and CBBC. *The Wizards of Once* has been translated into 38 languages and also signed by DreamWorks.

Cressida was the Waterstones Children's Laureate (2019-2022). She is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. She has won numerous prizes for her books, including the Gold Award in the Nestle Children's Book Prize, the Hay Festival Medal for Fiction, and Philosophy Now' magazine's 2015 Award for Contributions in the Fight Against Stupidity.

She grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland and she now lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon.

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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	18mm
Extent	160 pages
Word Count	
Series	Rainbow Magic
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Rainbow Magic: Preeti the Prom Fairy

Daisy Meadows

Keynote

Get ready for the best party ever with Preeti the Prom Fairy!

Description

Preeti the Prom Fairy makes sure that every prom goes to plan, but when Jack Frost and his naughty goblins steal her magical objects, school celebrations everywhere start to go wrong. Can Rachel, Kirsty, Gracie and Khadijah help Preeti save the night from disaster?

The girls must find Preeti's everlasting corsage, funky hairclip and magical camera so that everyone's school proms can be saved and schoolchildren can dance the night away with their friends!

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

If you like *Rainbow Magic*, check out Daisy Meadows' new series, *Pixie Magic*!

Sales Points

- Many primary schools now hold proms to celebrate the end of the school year
- Rainbow Magic is the bestselling series for children aged 5+. Over 40 million copies sold!
- Rainbow Magic improves literacy rates by getting children reading - they just can't wait to see which fairy comes next!
- A highly collectable series - children love fairies, adventure and friendship. Daisy Meadows is one of the most borrowed children's authors in UK libraries.

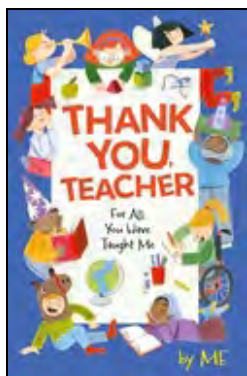
Reviews

- 'This is a great book series, with many wonderful characters which are so likable and have great qualities to instill into the younger readers' - *Parents in Touch*
- 'Remains the number one series for girls aged five and over' - *Bookseller*
- 'A sure-fire hit for girls' - *Mumsense*

Author Biography

The *Rainbow Magic*, *Unicorn Magic* and *Pixie Magic* books are written by a small collective of authors under the name Daisy Meadows. *Rainbow Magic* is the no.1 bestselling series for children aged 5 and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide!

Learn more about the books at orchardseriesbooks.co.uk, where you can find your *Rainbow Magic* fairy and discover a new series to enjoy.



Thank You, Teacher For All You Have Taught Me

Keynote

The perfect way to thank your child's teacher for an amazing school year - including a section to personalise with your child's own message of thanks.

Description

A heartwarming and beautifully illustrated gift for your child's teacher, thanking them for all the lessons they've taught throughout the year.

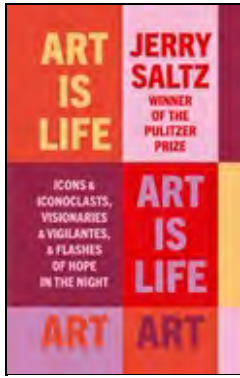
*Thank you for teaching me that being fair is a choice I can make every day.
I have learned that I can make a difference in the world just by being honest.
Thank you for teaching me that my ideas matter.
I am always free to change my mind.*

Including a section your child can personalise with their own thank you message. This is the perfect way to say thanks to the teacher that has done so much for your child.

Sales Points

- Filling a gap in the market for a beautifully illustrated, non-branded end-of-year teacher gift. Plus a personalisable section!
- An easy online purchase for panicked parents looking for a sentimental end-of-term gift under £10.
- End of school is a growing retailer market - this book has high street, non-trade and online potential
- Potential to expand the series with *Thank You, Mum*, *Thank You, Dad*, etc.

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CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
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Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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Publication date	Thursday, May 08, 2025
Price	£16.99 / ₹1450
Main Identifier	9781781579442
BIC 2.1	Art & design styles: Modernist design & Bauhaus (ACXD2) History of art / art & design styles (AC) Theory of art (ABA) Art forms (AF)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; N Ire; UK
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Author living in	New York, USA

Previous Titles

How to Be an Artist (9781781577820)

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Art is Life Icons & Iconoclasts, Visionaries & Vigilantes, & Flashes of Hope in the Night

Jerry Saltz

Keynote

Bestselling author and art critic Jerry Saltz is back, with an ambitious and enlightening survey of the art world over the past twenty years.

Description

"We benefit from Saltz's rare ability to articulate the mysterious alchemy of great art." *New York Times*

"The world's most famous and celebrated contemporary art critic." *GQ*

"One of the most powerful art critics today." *Time Out*

"Senior art critic and columnist for New York magazine, Jerry Saltz is as influential as they come. He demystifies the art world in refreshing plain speak and his latest book, focusing on the two decades since 9/11, promises to be another must-listen." *Irish Times*

<H3> From the Pulitzer Prize winner (Criticism, 2018) and bestselling author of *How to Be an Artist*, a deliciously readable survey of the art world in turbulent times. </H3>

Jerry Saltz is one of our most-watched writers about art and artists, and a passionate champion of the importance of art in our shared cultural life. Since the 1990s he has been an indispensable cultural voice: witty and provocative, he has attracted contemporary readers to fine art as few critics have.

Now, in *Art Is Life*, Jerry Saltz draws on two decades of work to offer a real-time survey of contemporary art as a barometer of our times. Chronicling a period punctuated by dramatic turning points - from the cultural reset of 9/11 to the rolling social crises of today - Saltz traces how visionary artists have both documented and challenged the culture.

Art Is Life offers Saltz's eye-opening appraisals of trailblazers like Kara Walker, Hilma af Klint and Jasper Johns; provocateurs like Jeff Koons, Richard Prince and Marina Abramovic; and visionaries like Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning. With his signature blend of candour and conviction, Jerry Saltz argues in *Art Is Life* for the importance of the fearless artist. The result is an openhearted and irresistibly readable appraisal by one of our most important cultural observers.

Praise for *How to Be an Artist*:

"I wish I had read these rules forty years ago and carried them around like a bible. They are the generous, loving, enthusiastic, bullshit-free advice of a master communicator, just reading them makes me want to charge back into the studio" - **Grayson Perry**

"Being an artist is a lonely pursuit - twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for the rest of your life. Most of the time it hurts. This book will help the pain" - **Tracey Emin**

"Joy is palpable in these pages. We need such thinking right now" - **Apollo Magazine**

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** The Ilex edition of Jerry's first book, *How To Be An Artist* (2020), has sold over 27,000 copies, and was a *New York Times* bestseller in the US.
- **ENGAGED FOLLOWING:** Jerry Saltz has a large social media following, with 647k followers on Instagram and 559k on Twitter.
- **EXPERT VOICE:** Jerry Saltz is revered within his field - a senior art critic and columnist for *New York* magazine, he received the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism in 2018.

Reviews

- 'An entertaining, informative, and, at times, profoundly affecting read.' - *Canberra Times*
- 'The most famous, most lionized, and arguably the most influential art critic we have.' - *Artnet News*

Author Biography

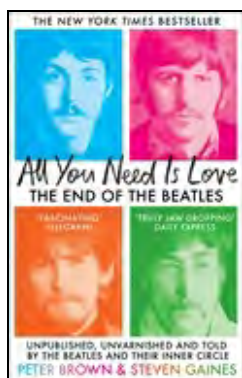
Jerry Saltz is the senior art critic at *New York* magazine and its entertainment site *Vulture*. He is the winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in Criticism and a 2019 National Magazine Award. Before joining *New York* in 2007, Saltz had been art critic for *The Village*



Voice since 1998, and was twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize during his tenure there. A frequent guest lecturer, he has spoken at the Museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim, the Whitney Museum, and many others, and has appeared at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, the Rhode Island School of Design, the Art Institute of Chicago, and elsewhere.

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All You Need Is Love The End of the Beatles - An Oral History by Those Who Were There

Peter Brown; Steven Gaines

Keynote

A stunning, revelatory new book about the final years of the Beatles based on extraordinarily frank, never-before-published or heard interviews with all the people involved, including George, Ringo, Paul and Yoko.

Description

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
Daily Mail - 'BOOK OF THE WEEK'
The Observer - 'BOOK OF THE WEEK'

'I can think of no one better placed to tell the story behind The Beatles than Peter Brown.' - **Pattie Boyd Harrison**

'Interviews so controversial they were locked in a vault for 40 years' - **The Times**
'A fascinating snapshot of the tensions still festering between The Fab Four in 1980' - **Telegraph**

'It truly is a jaw-dropping read' - **Daily Express**

All You Need is Love is a ground-breaking oral history of the Beatles and how it all came to an end. Based on never-before-published or heard interviews with Paul McCartney, Yoko Ono, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, and their families, friends, and business associates, this is a landmark book, containing stunning new revelations, about the biggest band the world has ever seen.

In 1980-1981 former COO of Apple Corp, Peter Brown and author Steven Gaines interviewed everyone in the Beatles' inner circle and included a small portion of the transcripts in their international bestselling book *The Love You Make*, which spent four months on the *New York Times* bestseller list. But left in their archives was a treasure trove of unique and candid interviews that they chose not to publish, until now. A powerful work assembled through honest, intimate, sometimes contradictory and always fascinating testimony, *All You Need is Love* is a one-of-a-kind insight into the final days, weeks, months and years of the Beatles phenomenon.

Sales Points

- **COMPLETELY UNIQUE, GOLDEN MATERIAL FOR BEATLES FANS:** The interviews included in this book have never been heard, seen or published before: they include Yoko Ono, ex-wives Cynthia Lennon, Pattie Harrison Clapton and Maureen Starkey, as well as figures of the Beatles' inner circle. They are totally unique and provide thrilling insight into the band for die-hard fans.
- **WILL SPARK A CONVERSATION:** The interviews in this book show the Beatles in disarray. *The Love You Make*, Brown and Gaines' first book upon which this book is based was an international bestseller and spent four months on the *New York Times* bestseller list. It provoked a strong reaction - and *All You Need is Love* is bound to provoke a similar flood of interest from press and fans alike.
- **BEATLES BOOKS ARE AS POPULAR AS EVER:** The recent McCartney lyrics volumes show there is still plenty of Beatles interest, having sold 76k TCM HB copies with an RRP of £75. Other recent Beatles books include Craig Brown's *One Two Three Four* (2020) - 27k HB/PB 34k and has a similar unvarnished tone, and *Get Back* (2021) - PB 34k.

Author Biography

Steven Gaines (Author)

STEVEN GAINES is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Philistines at the Hedgerow* and *The Love You Make* (with Peter Brown). His journalism has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, the *New York Times*, and *New York* magazine, where he was a contributing editor for 12 years. He has lived in Wainscott, a small hamlet on the East End of Long Island, for 40 years.

Peter Brown (Author)

PETER BROWN is the former COO of Apple Corp, the Beatles' financial empire. He's been a Beatles intimate since their earliest days in Liverpool. Their passports were locked in his desk drawer. He was best man at John and Yoko's wedding, he introduced Paul to Linda Eastman, and perhaps the most charming of his credentials is that he's the only real person ever mentioned in a Beatles song: 'Peter Brown called to say, you can make it okay, you can marry in Gibraltar near Spain' from 'The Ballad of John and Yoko'. Mr. Brown is now chairman of the international public relations firm of Brown Lloyd James LTD.



The Manor of Dreams

A totally addictive gothic page-turner

Christina Li

Keynote

***Mexican Gothic* meets *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* in this unputdownable gothic, sapphic novel about the dangerous secrets that lie in wait in a crumbling mansion in the Hollywood Hills and the intertwined fates of the two Chinese-American families fighting to inherit it.**

Description

At night, the garden comes alive... *Mexican Gothic* meets *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* in Christina Li's completely addictive and beautifully haunting gothic page-turner.

Vivian Yin is dead. The trailblazing starlet was the first Chinese actress to win an Oscar - but at what should have been the peak of her career, she became a recluse. The rest of her life was shrouded in mystery...

Now, her daughters gather for the reading of her will. They expect to inherit their childhood home: a grand Southern California manor house with a sprawling, labyrinthine garden. But due to a last-minute change to the will, the house is passed on to another family instead. The two families haven't seen each other for decades - not since the tragedy that fractured all of their lives.

Vying for the estate, both families move into the crumbling, vine-covered manor. As Vivian's daughters race to piece together what happened in the last weeks of their mother's life, they soon discover they are being haunted by something far more sinister and vengeful than just their memories.

After so many years of silence, will the families finally confront the truth behind the house's origins and the last, tragic summer they spent there? Or will the manor of dreams - and its deadly secrets - finally lay claim to its owners?

Praise for *The Manor of Dreams*:

'A true modern classic. *The Manor of Dreams* is **beautiful, eerie, and woven with enough intrigue to hold all who enter captive**. Christina Li remains unmatched in breathing characters to life - and the hauntings thereafter' **Chloe Gong, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Immortal Longings***

'*The Manor of Dreams* peels back the promises of the American Dream to reveal something more painful, more **heartbreaking**, and ultimately, more true. **An ambitious, evocative meditation** on the hurts passed down across generations - and how we heal' **Grace D. Li, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Portrait of a Thief***

'Richly imagined... **Fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia's *Mexican Gothic* ought to take note of this beautiful and haunting novel!** *Publishers Weekly*

'Packed with **gothic plot, gushing blood, choking clods of dirt, and angry ghosts** - a smorgasbord for devotees' ***Kirkus***

'A **bejewelled puzzle box** to unlock' ***Shelf Awareness***

'A **lushly crafted haunted house gothic**, full of family secrets and forbidden romance and grounded in Hollywood's long history of racism and patriarchy' ***CrimeReads***

'A **clever, unexpected, and lush ghost story**. I curled up with *The Manor of Dreams* and **read it over a single weekend!** **Lisa See, author of *Lady Tan's Circle of Women***

'**Haunting, tender, and intoxicating**. Written with gorgeous prose and unforgettable characters, Li's gothic adult debut **will leave you devastated until the very end, and then long after you've put the book down!** **Carolyn Huynh, author of *The Fortunes of Jade Women***

'**Deliciously eerie**, culturally vibrant, and historically profound, *The Manor of Dreams* is a **dark pleasure!** **Jamie Ford, author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet***

Sales Points

- **WUNDERKIND AUTHOR AND TIKTOKKER:** At the age of 23, *The Manor of Dreams* is Christina M. Li's adult debut, but it will be her fourth published book since she signed with her agent at the age of 19. She is prolific, ambitious and social media savvy. She

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has already been teasing this novel to her fans and writerly community with gorgeous compilation videos on TikTok and Instagram, and she's a natural at making off-the-page content. She's a Gen Z author speaking to Gen Z readers and she will be an enormous asset when it comes to early buzz-building.

- **GOTHIC MURDER MYSTERY WRAPPED IN BOOK CLUB FICTION:** Who killed Vivian Yin? What happened in the garden? What secrets does the manor of dreams hold? Why did this loving, starry-eyed, family full of dreams fall so disastrously apart? Romance (x4). Glamour. Secrets. Lies. Betrayal.
- **OF-THE-MOMENT GENRE:** Horror continues to seep into the mainstream, especially when it's based on social issues. This is not sleep-with-the-lights-on-horror, but it is a classic haunted house story, perfectly in line with hits like *Mexican Gothic* and *The Hacienda*. It's spooky and gothic and meant to provoke conversation about the horrors that can be caused by unfettered greed or unmitigated silence. There is also a sapphic love story making it even more of-the-moment.
- **TIMELESS THEMES OF BELONGING:** Vivian is a Chinese actress struggling to make it in an exclusive movie industry helmed by white men, where her only options are stereotypical bit parts. In both timelines, teenage girls struggle to come to terms with their sexualities and budding queer romances that their parents disapprove of. As always, mothers and daughters fail to communicate with one another and the consequences of their misunderstandings are painful and sometimes tragic.
- **DUAL TIMELINES AND A GLITZY MILLIEU:** The book is told in dual timelines: 1970s and 80s Hollywood and the present day. In the 70s and 80s, Vivian and her husband are rising stars in Hollywood, their mansion has been renovated to the height of elegance, and they are constantly running to awards show decked out in designer evening-wear. It's got *Evelyn Hugo* vibes. In the present, think haunted *Grey Gardens*.

Reviews

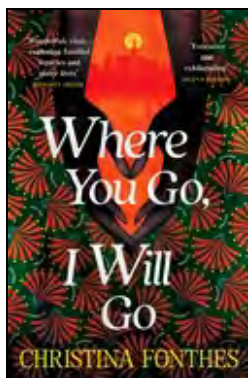
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Author Biography

Christina Li is the award-winning author of children's books *Clues to the Universe*, which was a *Washington Post* summer book club pick, and *Ruby Lost and Found*, which was an NPR and New York Public Library Best Book of the Year and recognised for the Asian Pacific American Librarians' Award for Best Children's Literature. She is also the author of YA title *True Love and Other Impossible Odds*. She graduated from Stanford University with degrees in Economics and Public Policy. She grew up in the Midwest and California but now calls New York home. *The Manor of Dreams* is her adult debut.

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Where You Go, I Will Go the emotional and redemptive family saga

Christina Fonthes

Keynote

In this stunning debut that takes us from Kinshasa to London, the stakes of love collide with religion and societal expectations, as two women search for a place of belonging - 'evocative and exhilarating' (Salena Godden)

Description

'Evocative and exhilarating. Christina Fonthes is a fresh and powerful new writer with a beautiful voice and bold talent'

Salena Godden, author of *Mrs. Death Misses Death*

'A wonderful, vital novel exploring familial legacies and queer lives. Fonthes deftly charts the complex paths of these characters with real verve and authenticity'

Irenosen Okojie MBE

'A captivating read from an exciting new voice'

Cherie Jones, author of *How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House*

1980's Kinshasa. Mira is the teenage daughter of a family on the rise. When she falls in love with an impoverished singer, a criminal the eyes of her parents, it sets her on a dramatic path that winds its way across oceans and decades.

2004, London. Bijoux is a young British-Congolese woman living with her silent and flinty Pentecostal aunt, Tantine Mireille. Outwardly she plays the role of the obedient child, going to prayer meetings and following instructions. But Bijoux has a secret; she is in love with a woman. She has been for a year. When her aunt wants her to marry one of the young men from the church, Bijoux has to make a decision.

Vividly bringing to life the Congo and its diaspora, *Where You Go, I Will Go* weaves Bijoux and Mira's stories together across two continents, two generations, through the mess of love and sexuality, and the pull of mother-daughter relationships, to finally bring them to a place of belonging - home.

Sales Points

- **Early Praise:** we have early quotes from Salena Godden ('evocative and exhilarating'), Irenosen Okojie ('a wonderful and vital novel') and Cherie Jones ('captivating')
- **Author profile:** Christina is the founder of REWRITE, an organisation that supports and champions Black Women and Women of Colour writers. She was mentored by Bernardine Evaristo and Irenosen Okojie. In 2021, she was the winner of the Royal Society of Literature Sky Arts Writers Award for Fiction
- **Talking points:** the novel has so much to say about identity, community and belonging; about motherhood and family estrangement, about being a queer Black woman in London
- **Original subject:** one of the first novels to focus on the British Congolese community in London
- **For fans of:** Kamila Shamsie, Yaa Gyasi and Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi's *THE FIRST WOMAN*

Reviews

- **'A rich complex compendium exploring the nuances of being Black, Congolese, immigrant, gay and a woman. A story that is thrillingly told. A novel that only Christina Fonthes could have written'** - JJ Bola
- **'What a fantastic novel.** Christina gains your trust from the first few pages and leads you through the winding corridors of the heart-thumping, finger-tingling story, until its satisfying conclusion. The novel is aptly named for wherever Fonthes's future leads, I will gladly follow. **Stunning!**' - Chikodili Emelumadu, author of *Dazzling*

Author Biography

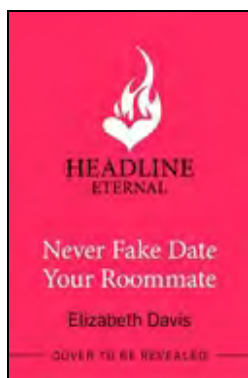
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Never Fake Date Your Roommate

Elizabeth Davis

Keynote

NEVER FAKE DATE YOUR ROOMMATE is another classic smarty and steamy Elizabeth Davis rom-com about two mismatched roommates who end up faking a relationship only to discover real feelings underneath.

Description

<h3>The smart and sexy new fake-dating rom-com from the author of the highly praised *I Love You, I Hate You!*</h3>

**Val Costa is consistent ... in being a total mess.
 Nick Ford likes his life perfectly tidy (even if it's dull).
 They need each other more than they know.**

Nick doesn't need more drama. Leaving behind LA and his old life as a TV star, he's happy in a small, cosy town working as a librarian. Until chaotic photographer Val arrives on his doorstep, desperate for somewhere to live.

Sharing a house with the human version of a hurricane will be the death of Nick. He's a put-together neat-freak, and Val is a loud, repeat offender of leaving cereal bowls under her bed. Being the most beautiful woman Nick has ever seen just makes things worse!

When Nick is forced to appear on a dating show, and Val is booked to shoot her ex's wedding, they both need a fake relationship. *Fast*. Who's better than a roommate you can't stand? There's *no way* Nick and Val will fall in love, they're match made in hell. But the line between love and hate is dangerously thin...

Raves for *I Love You, I Hate You!*

'Everything you love about romantic comedy - hilarious, sharply observed, smart, and sexy as hell' Rachel Hawkins

'A must read for fans of Nora Ephron rom-coms!' Denise Williams

'Smart, sexy, and feminist Elizabeth Davis just became an auto-buy author for me' Annette Christie

'A five-star read . . . the best read of the year, if you like your rom coms witty and sweet then you need this story in your life' 5* reader review

'Elizabeth Davis's way of writing romance is perfect . . . Amazing characters and writing, 5/5 stars!' 5* reader review

'Everything I wanted and more! Their chemistry was perfect . . . If only I could go back in time and read this book for the first time again' 5* reader review

Sales Points

- A CLASSIC HOOK WITH A MODERN TWIST: Fake-dating is a trope that romance lovers can't get enough of, especially with Elizabeth Davis's textbook smart and steamy style!
- Enemies-to-Lovers and forced proximity are hugely popular tropes that are heavy throughout the book!
- SUPPORTED BY AN EXTENSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN via the Headline Eternal online communities on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to ensure THE PLAYER NEXT DOOR is THE rom-com readers will be raving about this autumn...
- HEADLINE ETERNAL: At Eternal, Headline's boutique romance imprint, our mission is to ensure that any romance fan will find their heart's desire within the books on our list. Whether that be heartwarming, laugh-out-loud rom-coms, page-turning romantic thrillers or sweeping historicals, Eternal is the home of exceptional romance for every mood.

Author Biography

Elizabeth Davis is a full-time nerd whose interests include cold weather, rainy days, coffee, Minnesota Public Radio, and rom coms where characters' homes vastly outstrip the income they would get from their jobs. Born and raised in suburban Milwaukee, she now lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two children.

You can find her at **elizabethdavisromance.com**, and on Twitter @**E_Davis_Romance** and Instagram @**elizabethdavisromance**.



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A Crane Among Wolves the New York Times-bestselling tale of romance and court politics – for fans of historical K-dramas

June Hur

Keynote

NYT bestselling author June Hur crafts a devastating and heart-pounding tale of romance and political intrigue, based on a true story from Korean history.

Description

'You must betray or be betrayed. That is the way of the world, daegam.'

A devastating and pulse-pounding historical romance that will feel all-too-relevant in today's world, based on a true story from Korean history || An INSTANT New York Times Bestseller

<h5> Hope is dangerous. Love is deadly. </h5>

1506, Joseon. The people suffer under the tyrant King Yeonsan, powerless to stop his cruel reign.

Seventeen-year-old Iseul has lived a sheltered, privileged life despite the kingdom's turmoil. When her older sister, Suyeon, gets abducted to become one of the King's concubines, Iseul begins her journey to the capital in the hopes of stealing her sister back.

Prince Daehyun has lived his whole life in the terrifying shadow of his despicable half-brother, the king. Forced to watch King Yeonsan flaunt his abuse of the common folk, Daehyun aches to find a way to dethrone him once and for all.

When Iseul's and Daehyun's fates collide, their contempt for each other is transcended only by their mutual hate for the king. Armed with Iseul's family connections and Daehyun's royal access, they reluctantly join forces to launch the riskiest gamble the kingdom has ever seen:

Save her sister. Free the people. Destroy a tyrant.

PRAISE FOR A CRANE AMONG WOLVES:

'June Hur reigns supreme in making the past come alive.' **CHLOE GONG**

'Gripping and devastating.' **ANN LIANG**

'There were literally moments in this book where I forgot to breathe.' **ELLEN OH**

Sales Points

- **TIKTOK STAR AUTHOR:** June Hur has built up a dedicated and following online with **19k followers on TikTok with over 1M views** and **12k** followers on X.
- **FOR FANS OF K-DRAMAS:** *A Crane Among Wolves* has the pacing, courtly intrigue and palace political drama of popular historical K-dramas, with a swoon-worthy romance as well. Perfect for fans of: *My Country: New Age*, *Mr Queen*, *My Country, Love in the Moonlight*, *Lovers of the Red Sky*.
- **KOREAN HISTORICAL ACCURACY:** June's novels are steeped in Korean history and set in different time periods of the Joseon Dynasty (which lasted over 500 years from 1392-1897) and based off of the author's own research through primary and secondary sources. Each novel has an author's note at the end that explains the historical accuracy and content.
- **FOR READERS WHO LOVE ESEA FICTION:** *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* by Sue Lynn Tan, *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* by Axie Oh, *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim, *Fathomfolk* by Eliza Chan, *To Gaze Upon Wicked Gods* by Molly X. Chang.

Reviews

- **'A highly detailed, culturally rich tale** that combines elements of mystery, palace intrigue, found family and romance.' - *Washington Post*
- 'The romance and found family elements offer moments of hope to balance the darkness. ... **An intense mystery and slow-burn romance** that highlight a historical moment. **Recommended for all YA collections.**' - *School Library Journal*
- 'Award-winner Hur's latest historical intrigue is well researched and doesn't shy away from depicting elements of this real king's brutal history, and the resulting tale is **immersive, intense, and engaging. A page-turner.**' - *Kirkus Reviews*
- 'Twists and secrets, political and personal, propel the **intricate** plot and **keep readers on edge**. Which details matter and which are mere coincidence? Hur **masterfully** allows readers to discover the truth right alongside her protagonists.' -



Author Biography

June Hur is a bestselling and Edgar Award-winning author of YA historicals, including *The Silence of Bones*, *The Forest of Stolen Girls*, *The Red Palace*, and *A Crane Among Wolves*. Born in South Korea, June spent her formative years in the USA, Canada, and South Korea before studying History and Literature at the University of Toronto, and working at the city's public library. Her work has been featured in *Forbes*, NPR, *The New York Times*, CBC, and KBS. June resides in Toronto with her family and can be spotted writing in coffee shops.

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Flex Your Feelings Train Your Brain to Develop the 7 Traits of Emotional Fitness

Dr Emily Anhalt

Keynote

This is *Atomic Habits* for your mental health—a data-driven, step-by-step plan for developing the 7 essential traits of emotional strength necessary to face all of life's challenges and become the best leader, entrepreneur, and human you can be.

Description

A ground-breaking 7-step plan to flex your way to better emotional fitness

The ability to turn off your emotions and focus only on the work might get you to a certain level of success...but it won't sustain you, and it often leads to dire outcomes on a personal and even professional level. Bottom line: if you want to be your best in all aspects of your life, you need to cultivate not just physical strength but emotional intelligence. Is that even possible?

Here's the good news: emotional intelligence can be **LEARNED**, even if you didn't grow up with good role models, and even if you're not sure how to do it. Dr. Emily Anhalt—psychologist to the Silicon Valley tech elite and founder of Coa, the first "gym" for mental fitness—offers a concrete, 7-step plan to develop the emotional strength and flexibility to cope with all of life's demands and be your best self. You don't have to be a tech billionaire to benefit from a strong, resilient emotional state! But if you want to succeed as an employee, as an entrepreneur, and as a human being, these are skills you can't afford not to cultivate.

Sales Points

- **Leading voice in proactive mental health care:** Emily's writing and ideas have been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Entrepreneur*, *TechCrunch*, *Inc.*, *Wired*, the *Washington Post*, *Harvard Business Review*, the *FT*, *Fast Company*, among other outlets, and the term "emotional fitness" has been taken up by leaders and organizations worldwide.
- **Marketing support:** COA, the company she co-founded, and for which serves as Chief Clinical Officer, will promote the book to its 50K+ newsletter subscribers and on its social channels.
- **Professional network:** Emily does regular speaking engagements for companies including Google, Skillshare and Spotify and she is creating a LinkedIn Learning course on the subject of Emotional Fitness, which is likely to reach an audience in the hundreds of thousands.
- **For fans of:** *Burnout* (10k), *How To Do The Work* (38k), *The Mountain is You* (41k) and *Emotional Agility* (18k).
- **US publisher: Putnam**

Reviews

- 'A practical guide to emotional fitness, from a psychologist who works with high-functioning entrepreneurs.' - Scott Galloway, NYU Stern professor of marketing and New York Times bestselling author of *The Algebra of Happiness*
- 'If you've ever found yourself struggling in your professional or personal life, you need to read *Flex Your Feelings*. Dr. Emily Anhalt's data-based plan for building emotional fitness will give you **concrete guidance and exercises for how to make better decisions, navigate challenging situations, and show up as your best self.**' - Liz Fosslien and Mollie West Duffy, co-authors of Wall Street Journal bestseller *No Hard Feelings: The Secret Power of Embracing Emotions at Work*
- 'To advance further in your career—and in your life—you need to cultivate soft skills like empathy, curiosity, and resilience. The good news is these traits can be learned. *Flex Your Feelings* shows you how to build emotional intelligence just like you'd strengthen a muscle at the gym—through exercises, ongoing practice, and intention. It's **a revolutionary and much needed way to think about mental health and burnout—which is good for people and great for business.**' - Erica Keswin, Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *Bring Your Human to Work*
- '*Flex Your Feelings* is **a must-read for any high achiever** who has mastered their professional game but never learned to build emotional strength. Dr. Emily Anhalt's wise and refreshing approach will help you build true resilience without sacrificing your ambition. This science-based, practical guide finally bridges the gap between peak performance and mental wellbeing.' - Melody Wilding, LMSW, author of *Trust Yourself: Stop Overthinking and Channel Your Emotions for Success at Work*

Author Biography

Dr. Emily Anhalt is a clinical psychologist, Emotional Fitness expert, international speaker, author, and the Co-Founder and Chief Clinical Officer of Coa: Your Gym for Mental Health.



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Down with the System

The highly-awaited memoir from the System Of A Down legend

Serj Tankian

Keynote

The incredible first memoir by System Of A Down frontman Serj Tankian

Description

The incredible first memoir by System Of A Down frontman Serj Tankian

With nearly 40 million record sales, three albums topping the Billboard charts, a Grammy win and a legion of fans, System Of A Down are one of the biggest metal bands on the planet. At their core has always been Serj Tankian, whose journey from the streets of Beirut to rock superstardom is as remarkable and unlikely as you'll get.

By dint of luck, circumstance, struggle, and more than a little talent, Serj has had the chance to live an extraordinary life. In *Down With the System*, he retraces this remarkable and unlikely journey, and explores what it's taught him - about music, about art, about activism, and about himself. From teaming up with Tom Morello to push social justice causes on unsuspecting metalheads, arguing with LAPD officers over the best way to quell his rioting fans, and traveling with Anthony Bourdain through Armenia one meal at a time, *Down With the System* is an immigrant's tale, an activist's awakening, and rock memoir unlike any other.

Sales Points

- System Of A Down are one of the biggest heavy metal bands on the planet, selling over 40m albums
- System play arena shows all over the world, and headline festivals in the UK such as Download and Reading & Leeds
- Serj has 630,000 twitter followers. System have 1.6 million.

Reviews

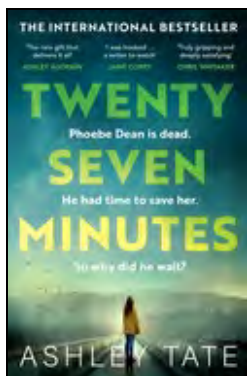
- **'A very satisfying and potent account** of Serj Tankian's wild journey from Beirut to California to Yerevan. It's a journal recounting the crazy birth of System Of A Down, but it's also a manifesto about politics and art. **It's cool and it's hot, just like System.** Ultimately, **it's the story of one man's melding of political fire, creative juices, and spirituality. I loved living inside Serj's head!**' - Eric Bogosian
- 'My great friend, Serj Tankian, is not just an influential and groundbreaking musician and singer, but **he also has a deep poetic soul which shines through in his songs, his politics, and his personal life.** From his thunderous career with System Of A Down to his relentless advocacy for human rights, **this book reveals the life of a true artist of the people.**' - Tom Morello

Author Biography

Serj Tankian is the lead singer of the Grammy-winning rock band System of a Down. He is a solo artist, a composer, an activist, a painter, a poet, and a filmmaker. With System, he has headlined concerts around the world in front of audiences of up to 100,000 fans. Between his work with the band and as a solo performer, he's sold more than 42 million albums worldwide. His songs have been streamed more than 6 billion times. The video for System of a Down's hit single, "Chop Suey," has been viewed more than 1.1 billion times, which made it the first metal song ever to reach a billion views. Along with Tom Morello, Tankian co-founded the non-profit organization Axis of Justice, which strives to bring together musicians, music fans, and grassroots political organizations to fight for social justice. Tankian lives with his wife and his son, splitting their time between Los Angeles and New Zealand.

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Twenty-Seven Minutes

An astonishing crime thriller debut with a shocking twist

Ashley Tate

Keynote

It takes one moment to call for help. So why did he wait? With a shocking twist that will leave you breathless, *Twenty-Seven Minutes* is a gripping story about what happens when grief becomes unbearable, dark secrets are unearthed, and the horrifying truth is revealed.

Description

<h3> It takes one moment to call for help. So why did he wait? </h3>
'The rare gift that delivers it all: elevated prose, characters with depth, unpredictable twists, and a pitch-perfect mood that is wonderfully consuming ... A must-read debut' Ashley Audrain, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Push*

THE QUESTION

For the last ten years, the small town of West Wilmer has been struggling to answer one question: On the night of the car accident that killed his sister, why did it take Grant Dean twenty-seven minutes to call for help? If he'd called sooner, Phoebe might still be alive.

THE SECRET

As the anniversary of Phoebe's death approaches, Grant is consumed by his memories and the secret that's been suffocating him for years. But he and Phoebe weren't the only ones in the car that night. Becca was there too - she's the only other person who knows what really happened. Or is she?

THE TRUTH

Everyone in West Wilmer remembers Phoebe, but only June remembers that another person was lost that night. Her brother Wyatt has been missing for ten years and, now that her mother is dead, June has no one left - no family, no friends. Until someone appears at her door.

Someone who may know where Wyatt went all those years ago.
Someone who knows what really happened on the bridge that night.
Someone who is ready to tell the truth.

Sales Points

- **A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL LAUNCH:** This was pre-empted overnight by PRH Canada and will be their lead publication in early 2024. This will be a major lead launch for us too and we will be publishing simultaneously with Canada and the US (Sourcebooks) to make this a truly global publication. Rights have also been acquired by Znanje in Croatia and Libri in Hungary.
- **AN ELECTRIFYING NEW TALENT:** Canadian author Ashley Tate is a hugely exciting new voice in crime fiction, with award-winning potential - her writing is remarkably assured and will appeal to fans of Jane Harper, Celeste Ng and Chris Whitaker.
- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR FANS:** TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES has already received glowing reviews from bestselling authors such as Chris Whitaker, Ashley Audrain, Jane Corry and Robyn Harding, and we expect to see more accolades flooding in as proofs make their way to authors around the world.
- **THE STORY STARTS NOW:** We revealed the stunning cover trailer to plenty of fanfare across Twitter and Instagram. This will be followed by a multi-phase, widespread Netgalley and proof campaign, targeting bestselling authors around the world, booksellers, press and influencers, to ensure this is a book everyone is talking about.

Reviews

- 'The rare gift that delivers it all: elevated prose, characters with depth, unpredictable twists, and a pitch-perfect mood that is wonderfully consuming ... A must-read debut that marks Ashley Tate as a brilliant new voice in literary suspense.' - Ashley Audrain, internationally bestselling author of *THE PUSH*
- 'A twisting, beautiful, deeply affecting mystery from a commanding new talent. Twenty-Seven Minutes is by turns evocative and unpredictable, truly gripping and deeply satisfying. I loved it' - Chris Whitaker, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *WE BEGIN AT THE END*
- 'I raced through this suspenseful debut. I loved the smart dialogue, the sense of foreboding, and the stunning setting. But, most of all, I was hooked by the characters, the twists, and the 'Who on earth could have done this?' puzzle. Definitely a writer to watch' - Jane Corry, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *MY HUSBAND'S WIFE*
- 'A beautifully written story of family secrets, dangerous obsessions, and the unsolved mysteries that can haunt a small town for years. With her well-rounded characters, breakneck pacing, and emotional depth, Ashley Tate is a new thriller writer to watch' - Robyn Harding, internationally bestselling author



Author Biography

Ashley Tate worked for over a decade as an editorial writer and editor for various publications as well as Canada's first online magazine. Writing a novel and seeing it published is really the only thing on her bucket list and she's ecstatic to be checking that off. She lives with her husband, two children, and their dog, in Toronto, Canada.

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Versions of a Girl

'A wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride' Daisy Buchanan

Catherine Gray

Keynote

The irresistible debut novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Catherine Gray, about growing up and trying not to become our parents - 'I LOVED this book; a wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride' (Daisy Buchanan)

Description

'If you read anything this summer make sure it's this. An absolute bloody masterpiece' **Daisy May Cooper**

'Tender, lush and electric; a wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride' **Daisy Buchanan**

'Exquisite, stunning, executed brilliantly' **Poorna Bell**

Do we become who we are because of our parents, or in spite of them?

Fern's mother is a social climber and a former ballet dancer who lives a plush life in a London townhouse.

Fern's father only climbs if there's a bottle at the top, has an IQ of 133 and lives hand-to-mouth in Californian motels.

Aged fourteen, Fern has spent equal time with each of her parents. That is, until an unexpected visitor triggers a life-changing dilemma: whether she should get on a plane to London to be with her mother, or stay in California with her father. Here, Fern's narrative splices in two.

Two possible lives, one person. Each Fern will grow in wildly different, but eerily similar directions. Both must determine who they want to be - and how they deal with a thorny problem which threatens to undo them all: a murder.

Warm and brilliantly wise, this is the irresistible fiction debut from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*.

Sales Points

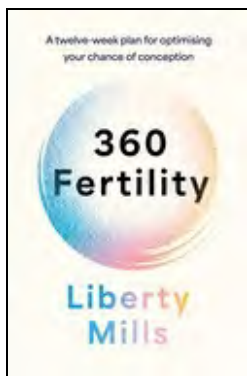
- **SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** this is the debut novel from Catherine Gray, whose non-fiction books, such as THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF BEING SOBER (which was a Sunday Times bestseller), have **sold over 500,000 copies**
- **FOR READERS OF:** big-hearted family stories - Meg Mason, Emma Straub, Cathy Rentzenbrink
- **A CONVERSATION STARTER WITH A CLEVER HOOK:** uses the Sliding Doors device - one decision changes her whole life - to tell a story about growing up, addiction and parental love, and to ask important questions about nature vs nurture
- **WILL APPEAL TO FANS OF AUTHOR'S NON-FICTION:** the novel deals with subjects of addiction and alcoholism, as well as the road to recovery - just as Catherine Gray's bestselling non-fiction does

Author Biography

Catherine Gray is a *Sunday Times* Bestselling author, who has over sold half a million books in English-speaking territories alone. Her books have been translated into ten languages and received acclaim in the likes of the *New York Times*, BBC Breakfast and Radio 2.

With a background in journalism, Catherine has been a guest columnist at *Grazia*, is a regular guest on the Woman's Hour, and her writing has been published everywhere from the *Guardian* to *Stylist*.

Catherine was born in Northern Ireland, and lived there until she was ten. When not writing, she can be found running to nineties indie, trying to master the art of only eating three biscuits, or oversharing because she can't do small talk. She lives in a little house by the sea with a high-maintenance dog, a medium-maintenance partner and a low-maintenance toddler. *Versions of a Girl* is her debut novel.



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360 Fertility

A twelve-week plan for optimising your chance of conception

Liberty Mills

Keynote

A new and accessible approach to helping people from all walks of life get fertility fit in twelve weeks

Description

A holistic and practical guide to optimising fertility for both men and women

With a foreword by Dr Karen Joash, Consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology

After meeting her partner later in life, Liberty was told at age 43 that she had a 0.7% chance of having another baby with her own eggs - and that was with the assistance of IVF. She decided that she couldn't accept those odds and instead, she and her partner decided to continue their fertility journey with integrative medicine. Two years later, she conceived her beautiful daughter naturally, and gave birth two weeks before her 45th birthday.

Now, she works as a Certified Integrative Health and Nutrition Coach helping to create bespoke programmes for both couples and single people hoping to achieve optimum fertility. In this book, she shares everything she has learned on her own journey and the knowledge she shares with her clients. This is a book about humanising fertility and giving people tangible first steps and grounding information to help them get the results they are hoping for. From Liberty's own experience, and those she has worked with, she has seen too often people are treated just as an age, a number, gender, or a race. With *360 Fertility*, Liberty wants to write a book that helps make the journey bespoke and personal for all readers.

Liberty breaks down her 12-week programme focusing on getting you and/or your partner ready - both mentally and physically. This book helps readers assess their past and what triggers might be holding them back. It also focuses on cleaning up your present: getting your body and environment healthy, and your mental state fortified. There's also an in-depth and expert overview of what supplements are key in the early stages of conception. Finally, this book includes a helpful and accessible breakdown of IVF and the variety of innovative new treatments that are out there that are aiding natural fertility and IVF.

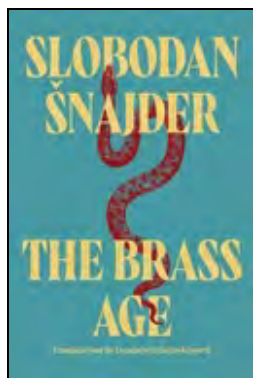
Sales Points

- Covers emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of fertility
- Combines science, personal anecdotes and practical strategies
- Written by someone with experience of fertility challenges
- Tailored advice for men and women, with significant focus on often-overlooked male fertility issues
- Makes high-quality fertility advice affordable and accessible

Author Biography

In her late teens, Liberty set off to travel the world as a model, however by the age of thirty she was diagnosed with the debilitating autoimmune disease Lupus. Through implementing functional medicine practices, she successfully reversed this incurable disease and is now marker free. Her personal health journey served as the catalyst to pursue a career change and go to study at the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, leading her to become a certified nutrition coach.

As well as private international coaching on fertility, menopause, autoimmune and anxiety, Liberty regularly speaks publicly for companies at wellbeing events and has contributed to publications such as Newsweek, Platinum magazine and Natural Health.



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The Brass Age

Slobodan Šnajder

Translated by Celia Hawkesworth

Keynote

The first English translation of a modern epic, a great Middle European novel spanning two hundred years, which explores a world destroyed by fascism, communism and nationalism.

Description

'Like Olga Tokarczuk, Šnajder has written a novel about a Europe that has lost its diversity and has been destroyed by fascism, communism and, in recent times, nationalism ... a modern epic' *Le Monde*

'A masterpiece' *La Repubblica*

The very next day processions of young men, some still children, began to move around the little town of Nuštar, with drums providing a steady rhythm ... These young men came from German families, Germans living outside the Reich, Volksdeutsche. Some stayed in their houses, some were shut up in the storeroom by their mothers, but as time went on more and more of them followed the drumming ...

1769. A hungry year in Germany. Kempf the ancestor departs his homeland with his compatriots in search of a brighter future. Years pass and generations of Germans make Slavonia their home. But in 1940, when Europe is at war once more, this minority, the *Volksdeutsch*, are called to fight for the Reich, for a land now foreign to them.

Among their ranks is Georg Kempf, the narrator's father. Forcibly conscripted into the Waffen SS, he deserts, aware of the danger that this involves. At the end of the war, he falls in love with a committed partisan called Vera despite the unimaginable: if they had met earlier, each one would have had to kill the other.

The Brass Age, Slobodan Šnajder's masterpiece, is both a family saga and a powerful historical novel about the destiny of those shackled by history, and the generations doomed to inherit the contradictory fates of their forebears. Šnajder looks to his own biography to capture two hundred years of conflict and dividing ideology. In the process, he reconstructs a world that fell apart.

Sales Points

- The first English translation of a multiple award-winning novel, *The Brass Age* is a modern epic spanning two hundred years which explores a Europe destroyed by fascism, communism, and nationalism.
- For fans of Olga Tokarczuk and Daša Drndić.
- An award-winning novel. Winner of the Meša Selimović Award, the Mirko Kovač Award, the Radomir Konstantinović Award and the "Kočićevo pero" Award

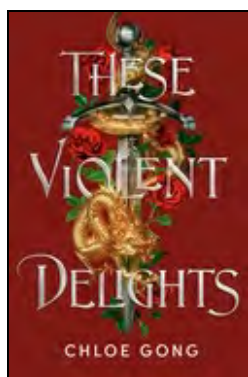
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These Violent Delights

Hodderscape Vault

Chloe Gong

Keynote

Perfect for fans of *The Last Magician* and *Descendant of the Crane*, this is an imaginative *Romeo and Juliet* retelling set in 1920s Shanghai, with rival gangs and a monster in the depths of the Huangpu River.

Description

The year is 1926, and Shanghai hums to the tune of debauchery. A blood feud between two gangs runs the streets red, leaving the city in chaos.

Juliette Cai is the proud heir of the Scarlet Gang - a network of criminals far above the law.

Roma Montagov is the prodigal son of her greatest rivals, the White Flowers, who have fought the Scarlets for generations. He is also Juliette's first love . . . and first betrayal.

When a deadly madness strikes gangsters on both sides, the people start to whisper. Of a contagion, and a monster in the shadows. And as the deaths stack up, Juliette and Roma must set their guns - and grudges - aside and work together.

For if they can't stop this mayhem, there will be no city left to rule.

Sales Points

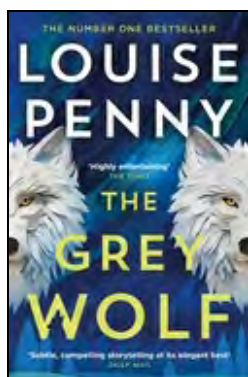
- **HUGE ONLINE PRESENCE:** Author has over 106k followers on her social media platforms, and has a devout fan base for her writing, her books have been published in over twenty countries and have been featured in the *New York Times*, *PEOPLE*, *Cosmopolitan*, and more.
- **VAULT EDITION:** limited edition special hardback for the first time since publication in 2020, this Vault edition features bonus content written by the author and foil on the board.
- **VAULT EDITION:** new jacket colourway with an exclusive hidden cover foil on the case, and sprayed edges.
- **VAULT EDITION:** an author letter with digital signature, and brand new bonus chapter by Chloe Gong.

Reviews

- **'A deliciously dark twist on *Romeo and Juliet* that feels vibrant, modern, and wholly exciting. Gong's writing brims with energy. I was swept away to her dark Shanghai from the first page and never wanted to leave!'** - *Natasha Ngan, New York Times bestselling author of *Girls of Paper and Fire**
- **'Heady, smart, and vicious, *These Violent Delights* strikes every note with precision, layering romance and politics into a roaring 20s Shanghai of both monsters and monstrous imperialism'** - *Tessa Gratton, author of *The Queens of Innis Lear**
- **'Chloe Gong's *These Violent Delights* plants a Shakespearean classic in the rich soil of 1920s Shanghai, allowing her characters to grow, flourish, and steal your heart while warring against their own'** - *Joan He, author of *Descendant of the Crane**
- **'Chloe Gong does expertly what all the best retellings do. She doesn't simply transpose her source material into a new setting, she engages with the spirit of the original and in doing so crafts a story that is entirely and beautifully her own . . . I cannot recommend this book strongly enough'** - *Chapters*

Author Biography

Chloe Gong is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Secret Shanghai novels, as well as the *Flesh and False Gods* trilogy. Her books have been published in over twenty countries and have been featured in the *New York Times*, *PEOPLE*, *Forbes* and more. She is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she double-majored in English and International Relations. Born in Shanghai and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, Chloe is now located in New York City, pretending to be a real adult.



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The Grey Wolf

The Three Pines community faces a deadly case in this unforgettable and timely thriller

Louise Penny

Keynote

The brilliant new thriller from multi-million-copy international bestseller and award-winning author Louise Penny: Chief Inspector Gamache faces a terrifying race against time to stop a global threat.

Description

'Electrifying drama ... Gamache is a fascinatingly complex protagonist' **THE TIMES**

'Nobody does evil quite as scarily as Louise Penny' **ANN CLEEVES**

'This is crime writing of the highest order' **DAILY MAIL**

Relentless phone calls interrupt the peace of a warm August morning in the small village of Three Pines in Quebec. Someone has managed to track down Armand Gamache, head of homicide, as he sits with his wife in their back garden. When he finally answers the call, his rage shatters the calm of their quiet Sunday morning.

That's only the first in a sequence of strange events that begin THE GREY WOLF. At first they seem small - a missing coat, a note for Gamache reading "this might interest you", a puzzling scrap of paper with a mysterious list - but then a murder. All propel Chief Inspector Gamache and his team toward a terrible realization. Something much more sinister than any one murder or any one case is fast approaching. A threat unlike anything they've seen before.

PRAISE FOR LOUISE PENNY AND THE CHIEF INSPECTOR GAMACHE SERIES:

'Penny delves into the nature of evil, sensitively exploring the impact of the dreadful events she describes while bringing a warmth and humanity to her disparate cast of characters that, unusually for a crime novel, leaves you feeling better about the world once you've finished' **BOOK OF THE MONTH, OBSERVER**

'Louise Penny is one of the greatest crime writers of our times' **DENISE MINA**

'No one does atmospheric quite like Louise Penny' **ELLY GRIFFITHS**

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL PHENOMENON AND NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER:** Sales of Louise Penny novels exceed 14.5 million copies worldwide and she hits the *New York Times* number one slot with every book.
- **TV SUCCESS:** Early novels were made into the recent TV series THREE PINES starring Alfred Molina.
- **BRAND EXTENSION:** Louise Penny has co-authored a bestselling novel with Hillary Clinton called *State of Terror*, which is optioned for film.
- **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED SERIES:** Hodder publishes the entire Gamache backlist and book one, *STILL LIFE*, brings new readers to the series every year.
- **BRILLIANT ENTRY POINT FOR NEW READERS:** *The Grey Wolf* has been written as a standalone to provide a clear entry point for new readers.

Reviews

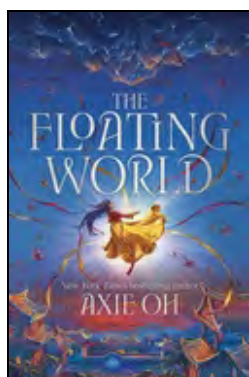
- 'No one writes evil like Louise Penny' - **ANN CLEEVES**

Author Biography

Louise Penny is an international award-winning and bestselling author whose books have hit number one on the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Globe and Mail* lists. Her Chief Inspector Gamache novels have been translated into thirty-one languages and have sold over 18 million copies worldwide. She has received the Ordre National du Quebec and the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. In 2021, she co-authored the standalone thriller *State of Terror* with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Louise Penny lives in a village south of Montreal.

Market

For fans of Ann Cleeves, Elly Griffiths, Peter Robinson and Kate Mosse.



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The Floating World

Axie Oh

Keynote

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* comes the first in a new romantic fantasy duology reimagining the Korean legend of Celestial Maidens.

Description

Lower your gaze. The light is not for you.

Ex-soldier Sunho lives in the Under World, a land of perpetual darkness. Possessing just his name and sword, he comes across the score of a lifetime - a chest of coins for hunting down the girl who wields silver light.

Ren is a spirited acrobat travelling with her family. But everything changes when they are attacked by a demon. Desperate, Ren releases a blast of silver light and kills the monster - but cannot save her beloved uncle from grievous injury.

Determined to save him from succumbing to the poisoned wound, Ren sets off for the mountains, where the creature came from - where Ren herself fled from ten years ago. Her path collides with Sunho's, but he doesn't realize who she is. As the two grow closer, it becomes clear their pasts - and destinies - are more entwined than they could possibly have imagined . . .

Sales Points

- **GORGEOUS YA FANTASY:** Axie Oh writes beautiful, moving, epic fantasies that sweep the reader into intricate and absorbing new worlds, and this duology is just the same.
- **INSPIRED BY KOREAN MYTH:** Rich with Korean mythology, and harkening back to Miyazaki, this is pitch-perfect for a YA fantasy market looking for fantastical, fairy-tale-esque, non-Western stories.
- **WELL CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Axie Oh is well connected within the YA fantasy community, gets excellent blurbs from her fellow authors, and is a rising star within the genre.

Reviews

- **'A stunning story! In *The Floating World*, Axie Oh has crafted an exquisite tale filled with mythology, heart, romance and magic, set in a remarkable and intricate world that entrallled me. The secrets, intrigue and beautiful prose swept me away, and the compelling characters stayed in my mind long after the end. Am already excited for the sequel!' - Sue Lynn Tan, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Daughter of the Moon Goddess***
- **'*The Floating World* has everything I love in a fantasy story: A grand adventure that perfectly balances romance and humor, set in a uniquely magical world. I laughed and I cried alongside Ren and Sunho on their journey to self-discovery. An enthralling read to the very last page' - Judy I. Lin, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Magic Steeped in Poison***
- **'Entirely enchanting' - Stephanie Garber, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Once Upon a Broken Heart* on *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea***
- **'A tale brimming with love. *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* will whisk you away on an entrancing journey through the most magical realm. Axie Oh's characters own my whole heart' - Chloe Gong, *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Violent Delights* on *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea***

Author Biography

Axie Oh is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*, *XOXO* and *ASAP*, and the *Rebel Seoul* series. Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey, she studied Korean history and creative writing as an undergrad at the University of California San Diego and holds an MFA in Writing for Young People from Lesley University. Her passions include K-pop, anime, stationery supplies, and milk tea, and she currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, with her dogs, Toro and Leila.



has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot award. Her poetry is studied at GCSE and A-level. Sophie is an Honorary Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. In 2023 Sophie was awarded the prestigious Dagger in the Library from the Crime Writers' Association in recognition of her brilliant body of work. She lives in Cambridge with her family.

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Poor Ghost!

'Compulsive, razor-sharp and deeply tender' Lara Williams

Gabriel Flynn

Keynote

Heartbroken and newly adrift in the world, a young man returns to the city where he grew up, that he thought he'd left behind, to finally confront his father's ghost - a darkly funny debut novel about class, family, and ambition.

Description

'A compulsive, razor-sharp and deeply tender novel'

Lara Williams, author of *Supper Club*

'Gabriel Flynn's work, rich with insight and wit, makes the world newly vivid'

Claire Messud, author of *This Strange Eventful History*

'A brilliantly simple idea . . . compellingly complicated characters'

Aidan Cotrell-Boyce, author of *The End of Nightwork*

'Darkly funny and deeply intelligent'

Julianne Pachico, author of *Jungle House*

When Luca drops out of his prestigious PhD programme and moves back home to Manchester, he thinks he'll take some time to consider his life choices: the failed love affair that ended in a disastrous holiday and embarrassing exit, the pursuit of an academic life that gave him nothing but a strong sense of failure.

In need of money, and still convinced the literary life might be for him, Luca takes on a job as a ghost writer: Andy, who has progressive MS, wants Luca to write his life story. Luca's own father had MS and eventually took his own life - making the assignment a full immersion in the dark parts of his childhood Luca has never really dealt with. Luca has his own ideas about what Andy's book should be like - but he'll have to learn how to curb his dreaming, if he ever wants to get paid.

While his love of literature and intellectual ambition might have got him so far away from his childhood in Manchester, Luca is grappling with what it means to try to go home again - how far where you're from shapes you, and how difficult your parent's past is to shake off.

Sales Points

- **COMBINES EXPLORATION OF CLASS AND MASCULINITY WITH HUMOUR AND HEART:** heavy things like alcoholism and the legacy of a parent's suicide are explored, but it's not too heavy.
- **A CONNECTED AUTHOR:** UEA alumnus, published in *Five Dials*, shortlisted for the White Review Short Story Prize.
- **A RARE LITERARY TALENT FOR THE LIST:** for fans of Ben Lerner, Michael Magee, and Caleb Azumah Nelson.

Reviews

- **'Poor Ghost! is a compulsive, razor-sharp and deeply tender novel** about dislocation, belonging and authenticity; the past beating away beneath it all the while.' - *Lara Williams, author of <i>Supper Club</i>*
- **'Gabriel Flynn's work, rich with insight and wit,** makes the world newly vivid. I'm always interested to read what he writes.' - *Claire Messud, author of <i>This Strange Eventful History</i>*
- **'Sharp and coolly beautiful . . .** The morph back and forth between tenderness and horror, between love-as-duty and love-as-cannibalism put me in a vivid, immersive vertigo' - *Tim MacGabhann, author of <i>Call Him Mine</i>*
- **'In this story of two strangers struggling to tell one another the stories of their respective lives, Gabriel Flynn creates a kind of laboratory for examining miscommunication. At the heart of his novel there is a brilliantly simple idea and there are compellingly complicated characters.** What results is a microscopic, forensic examination of the knottiness and involution of human relationships' - *Aidan Cottrell-Boyce, author of <i>The End of Nightwork</i>*

Author Biography

Gabriel Flynn was born in 1991 and grew up in Manchester. His writing has appeared in *Five Dials*, *Best British Stories*, and the *White Review*, whose short story prize he was shortlisted for in 2020. He lives in Berlin.



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Exhibit

R. O. Kwon

Keynote

From the bestselling author of *The Incendiaries*, a powerful, blazing-hot novel about a woman caught between her desires and her life.

Description

From bestselling author R. O. Kwon, a powerful, blazing-hot novel about a woman caught between her desires and her life.

'Haunting and powerful' Madeline Miller

'Brisk, jolting, brilliant, beautiful, true' Andrew Sean Greer

'I tore through this' Raven Leilani, author of *Luster*

At a lavish party in the hills outside of San Francisco, Jin Han meets Lidija Jung and nothing will ever be the same for either woman. A brilliant young photographer, Jin is at a crossroads in her work, in her marriage to her college love Phillip, and in who she is and who she wants to be. Lidija is an alluring, injured world-class ballerina on hiatus from her ballet company under mysterious circumstances. Drawn to each other by their intense artistic drives, the two women talk all night.

Cracked open, Jin finds herself telling Lidija about an old familial curse, breaking a lifelong promise. She's been told that if she doesn't keep the curse a secret, she risks losing everything; death and ruin could lie ahead. As Jin and Lidija become more entangled, they realize they share more than the ferocity of their ambition, and begin to explore hidden desires. Something is ignited in Jin: her art, her body, and her sense of self irrevocably changed. But can she avoid the specter of the curse? Urgent, bold, and deeply moving, this novel asks: how brightly can you burn before you light your life on fire?

Sales Points

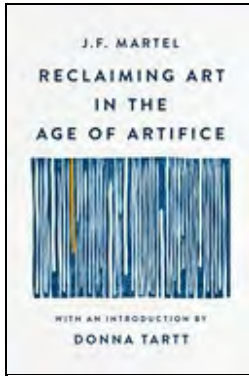
- **A fierce, bold, beautiful novel about art, life and love from one of the most original and exciting young American writers** - a favourite of Andrew Sean Greer and Garth Greenwell
- **With Garth Greenwell, RO Kwon co-edited *Kink*, an acclaimed anthology of stories about kink, featuring starry writers like Roxane Gay, Chris Kraus and Carmen Maria Machado** - and this novel returns to that thorny but compelling subject
- ***The Incendiaries* was a National Bestseller in the US**, compared to Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*, and won Reese many fans and admirers in the UK too

Reviews

- 'In prose at once sharp and lush, Kwon crafts a gripping tale of a woman wrestling with the past, while boldly making her own future. **A haunting and powerful exploration of art, racism, feminism, and desire**, this novel will stay with me a long time' - *Madeline Miller, author of Circe*
- **'Exhibit is sensational - a novel that's both intimate and operatic, singular and world-encompassing.** Kwon's prose is soulful and piercing, chronicling the many ways we lose and find ourselves, blending love and sex and fables between the infinite folds that encompass desire. *Exhibit* is entirely captivating, and Kwon is truly masterful; it's a book for the mind and the heart and the body, an actual tour de force' - *Bryan Washington, author of Family Meal and Memorial*
- 'Exhibit is extraordinary: brisk, jolting, brilliant, beautiful, true. **A ghost story, a tale of passion, a captivating portrait of how art is made, it turns myths upside down, assumptions inside out, all in the most exquisite prose in the bookstore.** Kwon is one of the finest American writers, and her latest is a must for all readers' - *Andrew Sean Greer, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Less is Lost*
- 'I tore through this. *Exhibit* explores how obliteration can be a kind of rebirth, how the nuances of that are complicated by the constraints of chosen and socially imposed identities. Kwon writes about art and ardor with urgency' - *Raven Leilani, author of Luster*
- **'A rare jewel of a book, at once forceful and unrepentant, delicate and shimmering.** R. O. Kwon carves language into a wondrous, jagged thing, revealing facets of desire usually hidden. To read *Exhibit* is to feel time slow down' - *C Pam Zhang, author of How Much of These Hills Is Gold and Land of Milk and Honey*

Author Biography

R. O. Kwon is the author of the bestselling novel *The Incendiaries*, which was named a best book of the year by more than forty publications and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard Award. With Garth Greenwell, Kwon coedited the bestselling *Kink*, a *New York Times* Notable Book. Her writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair*, and elsewhere. Born in Seoul, Kwon



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Reclaiming Art in the Age of Artifice

J. F. Martel

Keynote

A compelling call to rediscover the transformative power of art in an age of distraction, coercion, and spectacle

Description

A compelling call to rediscover the transformative power of art in an age of distraction, coercion and spectacle - with a new introduction by Donna Tartt

In *Reclaiming Art in the Age of Artifice*, J. F. Martel offers a compelling and incisive meditation on the nature of art in a world dominated by invasive media, rampant consumer culture, and artificial intelligence. Drawing on a wide range of examples, from Paleolithic cave art to contemporary cinema, Martel argues that true art reveals the unseen forces shaping our existence-forces that transcend politics, technology, and even culture. In contrast to artifice, which seeks to manipulate or distract, authentic art calls us back to the essence of things, opening "rifts" onto the sublime and the weird and reconnecting us with the radical mystery at the heart of the world.

Featuring a foreword by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Donna Tartt, this edition also includes a new afterword by the author, reflecting on the continued relevance of art in our increasingly mediated world.

Sales Points

- With a new introduction by **Donna Tartt**

Reviews

- 'Leaping gracefully from Coleridge to Kubrick, from the Bible to Baudrillard, J.F. Martel offers us a lovely and powerful reminder that the greatest art presents the world through mystery rather than manipulation. Arguing that art's prophetic promise comes from its capacity to rupture the workaday world of means and ends, Martel calls for a visionary return to the imaginal rifts of a novelty beyond artifice' - *Erik Davis, author of TechGnosis*
- '**A key work for the soul of our time, *Reclaiming Art in the Age of Artifice* is for the seasoned artist and the novice alike**, for all those who dare to walk in, as J.F. Martel writes, an 'excess of meaning.' We need those today who would dare to live this way, and this book is a resounding call to return to the Imaginal life. 'Sing in me muse,' spoke Homer, and Martel has writ this large across the pages' - *Jeremy D. Johnson, editor at Reality Sandwich*
- '**J.F. Martel is an incisive cultural critic with a penetrating vision of art.** His book is a quiet manifesto for the creative act, reminding us of the numinous quality of the aesthetic object, as well as the intrinsic strangeness of our lives in the world' - *Daniel Pinchbeck, author of Breaking Open the Head*
- 'Drawing his examples from across cultures, history and genres, Martel celebrates mystery, the imagination-and, above all, art's power to testify to the individual consciousness. **An ambitious, exciting debut. Highly recommended**' - *James Arthur, assistant professor, Johns Hopkins University*

Author Biography

J. F. Martel is a writer and lecturer on art, culture, and philosophy. With musicologist Phil Ford, he co-hosts the popular art and philosophy podcast Weird Studies. He lives in Ottawa, Canada.

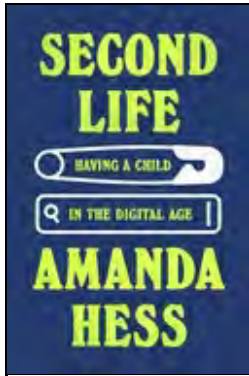
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Second Life

Amanda Hess

Keynote

A moving, wry and thought-provoking memoir about having a baby with a rare genetic disorder - and how the landscape of parenthood has been transformed by the internet

Description

One of *TIME* Magazine's Most Anticipated Books of 2025 . One of LitHub's Most Anticipated Books of 2025.

'Unexpected, intellectually rigorous, funny, beautiful' Claire Dederer, author of *Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma*

'What a book! Has the lyricism and intelligence of a literary masterpiece, and the urgency of a thriller' Marianne Levy, author of *Don't Forget to Scream*

'So interesting, astute and beautifully crafted. I loved it' Lucy Jones, author of *Matrescence*

In the summer of 2020, when Amanda Hess was pregnant for the first time, a routine ultrasound screening detected a mysterious abnormality in her baby. Without hesitation, she reached for her phone, looking for answers online. But rather than allaying her anxieties, her search unleashed a destabilizing onslaught of data and technology, and she was vulnerable - more than ever - to conspiracy, myth, judgement, commerce and obsession.

In *Second Life*, Hess tells her deeply personal story of a pregnancy that falls outside the fêted category of 'normal'. But this is also a story about all of us. For as she made her way through a bizarre digital world of pregnancy apps, prenatal genetic tests, gender reveal videos, rare disease Facebook groups, 'freebirth' influencers and hospital reality shows, Hess realised that ideas of eugenics, surveillance, ableism and hyper-individualism are being sold through shiny technologies to a new generation of parents.

At once funny, surreal and heartbreaking, *Second Life* asks compelling questions about how our most fundamental human experiences are fractured and reshaped by technology.

Sales Points

- **A BRILLIANTLY TALENTED AUTHOR:** Amanda Hess has 58k followers on X, has won awards for her journalism and is known for her witty voice and perceptive insights
- **MOVING PERSONAL MEMOIR:** Amanda writes with heartbreaking clarity and honesty about the experience of her son being diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder while in utero
- **THOUGHT-PROVOKING, MIND-ENHANCING INSIGHTS:** Amanda's exploration of how capitalism and technology are transforming some of our most essentially human experiences will appeal to fans of Jia Tolentino's *Trick Mirror*; Naomi Klein's *Doppelganger*
- **ENTERTAINING AND EYE-OPENING REPORTAGE:** Amanda's dispatches from the whackier fringes of the parenthood culture wars will appeal to fans of Jon Ronson or Marcel Theroux

Reviews

- **'What a book! It has the lyricism and intelligence of a literary masterpiece, and the urgency of a thriller.** This is the book on motherhood the world needs right now.' - Marianne Levy, author of *Don't Forget to Scream*
- **'Unexpected, intellectually rigorous, funny, beautiful; a profoundly talented writer'** - Claire Dederer, author of *Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma*
- **'Amanda Hess interrogates new lands of contemporary parenthood with nuance, curiosity, smarts and heart. I loved it.'** - Lucy Jones, author of *Matrescence*
- **'A stylish confrontation with the demented landscape of digital parenting content ... Hess is a smart, savvy, and generous guide'** - Anna Wiener, author of *Uncanny Valley*

Author Biography

Amanda Hess is a critic at large for the *New York Times*. Her writing has received multiple awards, including a National Magazine Award for Public Interest (for her *Pacific Standard* article about online harrasment of women), a Sidney Award for an outstanding piece of socially-conscious journalism, a Mirror Award for best traditional article on the media industry, and a Newswomen's Club Front Page Award for criticism.

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The Book Lover's Quiz Book Novel Conundrums

Gary Wigglesworth

Keynote

The perfect literary quiz book for the book lover in your life, featuring inventive and amusing rounds such as 'Book Bingo' and 'What the Dickens?'.

Description

'I love a quiz, so the book I'm most hoping to find in my Christmas stocking is this ingenious book of literary questions, red herrings and conundrums. Much more than a straightforward question-and-answer book, it promises the kind of variety that will enliven evenings with family and friends. (And I might know some of the answers!)

VAL McDERMID

'Outside of a dog, *The Book Lover's Quiz Book* is every bookworm's best friend -- inside of a dog . . . well, if you know the rest, you're going to love this book'

PETER HANINGTON, author of *A Dying Breed*, peterhanington.co.uk

'This is the ultimate literary quiz book and Gary Wigglesworth is the quizmaster to end all quizmasters'

DAVID QUANTICK davidquantick.com

This is a literary quiz book with a difference. Rather than basic sets of questions, *The Book Lover's Quiz Book* mirrors the format of Gary's live quizzes, at the Betsey Trotwood in London and elsewhere. So, there are lots of multiple-choice questions, some amusing answers, clever red herrings, little-known facts about authors and some of the much-loved Say What You See picture round.

Also, there are fixed and variable rounds - fixed ones include 'Blankety Books' (one word missing from the title - always with a theme), 'Literary Links and lists' (what connects/next in the list etc.) and '2 of a Kind' (name the character and the author that share the same initials). The changeable rounds keep the quizzes fresh and include 'What the Dickens?' (real or made-up Dickens names), 'RomeNo or JuliYess' (real or made-up Shakespearian insults) and 'Book Bingo!' (identify the correct number). There are also more standard rounds such as 'First Lines', 'Working Titles' and 'Banned Books'.

The aim of all Gary's quizzes, and this book, is that people should have fun and be able to guess (if they don't know) as much as possible.

Sales Points

- Gary Wigglesworth was a bookseller for many years and now works in sales for British Library Publishing. He also runs a very popular literary quiz at The Betsey Trotwood pub in London and has for many years hosted the popular annual Blackwell's Christmas Quiz.
- A book to appeal to booksellers in the same way that Constable's *Weird Things* Customers Say in Bookshops with lifetime sales to date of over 53,000 copies.
- Gary's followers on Twitter include: *QI* (@qikipedia), which has 1.1 million followers (and follows 978 people); Marc Riley (@marcrileydj), who has 65,000 followers (and follows 2,000); James Harkin (@JameHarkin) who has 45,000 followers (and follows 944); and Andy Miller (@i_am_mill_i_am), who has 13,900 followers (and follows 2,000).

Reviews

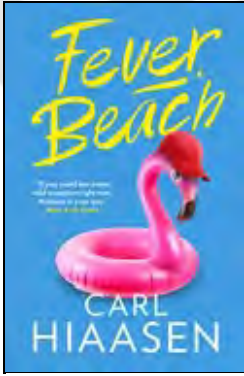
- 'PRAISE FOR GARY'S QUIZZES:

My favourite quiz.' - Anne Miller: *QI* Elf, author, producer of Radio 4's Museum of Curiosity

- 'Brilliantly inventive and entertaining questions from the bookworm's bookworm.' - Mark Mason, author of *Walk the Lines*, *Question Time* and many more
- 'A quiz for everyone who loves books and hates answering questions about anything else, this quiz could have been written for me.' - Robin Stevens, author of the *Murder Most Unladylike* series
- 'A quiz all about books with something for everyone feels like an impossible ask, but this one is pitched perfectly with a combination of head-scratchers and aha! moments, as well as an underlying wit in the questions that keeps you entertained even when you have no clue at all.' - James Harkin, Head *QI* Elf and No Such Thing as a Fish podcast founder

Author Biography

Gary Wigglesworth was born in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and now lives in the south with his wife, Caroline. A bookseller for sixteen years, he now works in publishing. Currently his book quiz has a monthly residency at The Betsey Trotwood pub in Farringdon and provides the only monthly book quiz for London's literature lovers.



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Author living in	Florida

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Fever Beach

Carl Hiaasen

Keynote

From the author of *Bad Monkey* and *Squeeze Me* comes another instant classic, a laugh-out-loud funny crime novel tackling the chaotic and polarized world of American 'culture'.

Description

Fever Beach leads us, in pure Hiaasen-style, into the depths of Florida at its most Floridian: a sun-soaked bastion of right-wing extremism, white power, greed, and corruption.

Dale Figgo is the only hate-monger ever to be kicked out of the Proud Boys for being too dumb and incompetent. Now his already messy life is about to get more complicated, thanks to two formidable adversaries.

The first is Viva Morales, a clever woman recently taken to the cleaners by her ex-husband, now working at the supposedly philanthropic Mink Foundation and renting a room in Figgo's apartment; the second, Twilly Spree, a millionaire with an anger management problem, especially when it comes to those who deface the environment.

Together, Viva and Twilly are plunged into a mystery involving dark money and darker motives, one they are determined to solve. Into this web come a cavalcade of outrageous characters, from corrupt politicians to white power idiots, all of whose fates are bound together via Figgo in a novel that is both a vicious state-of-the-nation satire and a hilarious thriller.

From America's most acclaimed satirist and the author of the book that became the Apple+ hit *Bad Monkey*, *Fever Beach* is an unmissable skewering of American politics in all its ridiculousness.

'One of the world's funniest novelists'
SUNDAY TIMES

'Scabrous and unrelentingly hilarious . . . the Trump era is truly Carl Hiaasen's moment'
WASHINGTON POST

'A comic genius'
EVENING STANDARD

'He has sky-high standards for elegance, crziness and mic-drop humor'
NEW YORK TIMES

'He always adds something extra to the mix . . . jauntiness, wit and larger-than-life characters'
SUNDAY EXPRESS

Sales Points

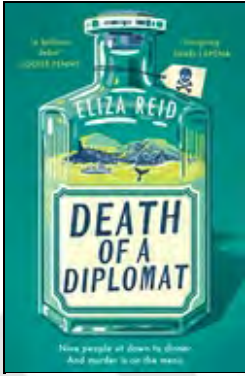
- **A NOVEL FOR THE TIMES:** As Trump starts his second term, who better than to provide a powerful satire of the American right in Florida than its foremost comic crime writer.
- **BAD MONKEY:** The Apple TV+ series BAD MONKEY has been a major hit everywhere, and topped the streaming charts at #1 in the US.
- **A CRIME-WRITING LEGEND:** Hiaasen has a passionate and dedicated fanbase - and receives amazing reviews - and is the foremost satirical crime writer in the world.
- **A CONTENT-FOCUSED CAMPAIGN:** A bookshop and online-focused campaign emphasising on the phenomenal reviews and appeal to readers who need to laugh through the news.
- **HIAASEN'S BACKLIST HOME:** In 2023, Sphere bought nine of Hiaasen's backlist and republished them to spectacular new covers to fit in with the frontlist, and has sold 35k copies of them so far. In total, Sphere has sold 250k Hiaasen books.

Reviews

- 'From the opening page, there is a confidence, economy and enjoyability' - *Guardian*
- 'A masterclass in black humour' - *Daily Mail*
- 'He always adds something extra to the mix . . . jauntiness, wit and larger-than-life characters' - *Sunday Express*
- 'He is a comic genius' - *Evening Standard*

Author Biography

Carl Hiaasen was born and raised in Florida. His previous novels include the bestselling *Nature Girl*, *Star Island*, *Bad Monkey* and *Razor Girl*, and three bestselling children's books, *Hoot*, *Flush* and *Scat*. They have been translated into 34 languages, 33 more than he can read or write. Carl Hiaasen also writes an award-winning weekly column for The *Miami Herald*.



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Death of a Diplomat

A Scandi twist on Agatha Christie from the former first lady of Iceland

Eliza Reid

Keynote

A scandi twist on the classic locked room thriller, this is debut novel from the New York Times bestselling former First Lady of Iceland.

Description

A remote Icelandic island. A diplomatic dinner party. And a murderer in the midst.

When the deputy Canadian ambassador dies suddenly at a dinner party, attended by the great and the good from business, culture and politics, suspicion falls on everybody present, but particularly on the victim's boss, the Canadian ambassador.

Jane, the ambassador's wife, knows that she has to solve the murder if she is to save her husband, and her marriage. But Jane knows better than anyone that, when it comes to protecting scandalous secrets, there are no lengths to which people won't go.

So soon the question becomes: can she track down the killer before they strike again?

Sales Points

- This is **everything that's working well in the crime market** - classic locked-room mystery, elites behaving badly, a remote location - but with a scandi twist and the glamour of the diplomatic world.
- With its small town setting and colourful cast of characters, it's perfect for readers of **Louise Penny (last paperback 4333 C formats ABM)** but with the vivid setting of Ragnar Jonasson's novels.
- The author is both perfectly placed to write a novel from this unusual perspective (as the wife of the Icelandic president) and is also **very well connected within the crime community**. Her **non-fiction has already hit the New York Times bestseller list**.
- Publication will be backed by an ambitious **marketing and publicity campaign**, leveraging the author's contacts and expertise.

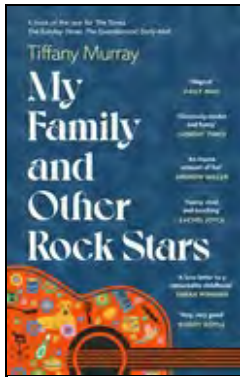
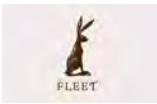
Reviews

- 'I loved this book. Eliza Reid is **so assured in her plot, her characters that it's hard to believe this is her first novel**. *Death of a Diplomat* is compulsive and propulsive reading. Not only wonderfully evocative of a little known area of Iceland, it is also surprising, **with twists even a seasoned crime reader won't see coming**. A brilliant debut, that promises more to come' - LOUISE PENNY, author of The Inspector Gamache
- 'A fresh, transporting, emotionally involving suspense debut' - AJ FINN, #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of The Woman in the Window and End of Story
- '**An intriguing mystery, an exotic setting, and a Christie vibe-what's not to love?**' - SHARI LAPENA, internationally bestselling author of What Have You Done?

Author Biography

Eliza Reid is a bestselling writer, public speaker, gender equality advocate, and cofounder of the acclaimed Iceland Writers Retreat. She was born and raised in Canada but has lived in Iceland for over twenty years. Her first book, *Secrets of the Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World*, was an instant bestseller in Canada and Iceland, a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Pick, and translated into numerous languages. *Death of a Diplomat* is the first of a series and has been optioned for television. From 2016 to 2024, Eliza served in the unofficial role of First Lady while her husband was President of Iceland, an adventure which greatly informed the writing of this book. A memoir of her time in the position is set for publication in 2026.

Eliza lives in the outskirts of Reykjavík with her husband and four children. This is her first novel.



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My Family and Other Rock Stars

'personal and warm and full of revealing small details about music superstars' The Independent top 20 books of 2024

Tiffany Murray

Keynote

The funny, touching, fascinating memoir of a rural childhood surrounded by rock stars, for fans of Nina Stibbe.

Description

A book of the year for *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and *Daily Mail*

'Gloriously tender and funny . . . with *My Family and Other Rock Stars*, Murray has written a bohemian rhapsody of her very own' SUNDAY TIMES BOOK OF THE WEEK

'Magical . . . as scrumptious as the home-made mayonnaise, pumpkin soup and game pie coming out of Joan's kitchen' DAILY MAIL BOOK OF THE WEEK

'A love letter to a remarkable childhood' SARAH WINMAN

'Full of pop gossip that'll leave you starry-eyed, and written with a warmth and precision you'll want to savour for as long as you can . . . I didn't want it to end' SÉAMAS O'REILLY

In a small corner of a field in Wales, Tiffany Murray is hiding with Boggle the dog, dreaming of her mum's moussaka, blackberry and apple crumble, and, if she's lucky, ice-cold lemonade. A sheep bleats. The smell of hay tickles her nose. The twang of a guitar and crack of a snare carry on the breeze.

It's the late 1970s and Tiff lives with her mum, Joan, at Rockfield, the iconic recording studios. This place of legend, where some of the most famous rock albums of all time were recorded, is the background to a freewheeling, ever-changing whirlwind of a childhood. Tiff's days are spent running around the farm, making friends with local wildlife and helping out with the endless array of dishes her mum creates to keep the bands fed. She's looking for a dog, she's looking for a father; but the one constant throughout is her and Joan, building an unconventional family in the most unlikely of locations.

***My Family and Other Rock Stars* is Tiff's remarkable, truly unique story of growing up in a rural idyll, of Cordon Bleu cookery and of a childhood where the chances of bumping into Freddie Mercury playing piano, or a group of Hell's Angels turning up to record for Lemmy, or even the hope of David Bowie appearing, were as normal as hopscotch and homework.**

<small>My Family and Other Rock Stars was the *Sunday Times* book of the week 12.05.2024</small>

<small>My Family and Other Rock Stars was the *Daily Mail* book of the week 17.05.2024</small>

Sales Points

- This is a childhood memoir with a difference - one that tells the story of **growing up around rock royalty**, giving us an **unprecedented look into that golden age of British music in the 1970s and 80s**. It's also an incredibly touching family memoir in its own right.
- Tiffany is **very well-connected in the literary world**, and garnered huge attention and support for publication, as well as wide-ranging reviews and multiple 'books of the summer' picks.

Reviews

- '*My Family and Other Rock Stars* is sometimes charming, sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes both funny and unsettling, and always - **from start to end - very, very good**' - Roddy Doyle
- 'I loved Tiffany's memoir, what an utter joy! Like **a really great romp of a novel, a *Hideous Kinky for Wales***.' - Ella Risbridger, author of MIDNIGHT CHICKEN
- '**a rock and roll *Cider With Rosie* hybridised with Elizabeth David at her most caustic and more than a touch of the blissfully feral childhood evoked in *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight***.' - Patrick Gale
- 'I'm just tucking in and love it immediately. Who'd have thought there could be such a surprising tale to tell; rock stars and food is an addictive combination' - Lindsey Bareham

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Author Biography

Tiffany Murray's writing has appeared in *Granta*, *the Guardian*, *the Telegraph*, *Sunday Times Style*, *GQ*, *Independent on Sunday* and featured on BBC Radio 4. Her novels, *Diamond Star Halo*, *Happy Accidents* and *Sugar Hall*, have variously been shortlisted for the Wodehouse Bollinger Prize and received the Roger Deakin Award for nature writing. Tiffany has been a Hay Festival Fiction Fellow, a Fulbright scholar, a Senior Lecturer, a record company receptionist, and a dog walker in New York. She currently lives in a forest. *My Family and Other Rock Stars* is her first memoir.

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Not Safe For Work

A rivals-to-lovers romance by the bestselling author of the Artefacts of Ouranos Series

Nisha J. Tuli

Keynote

Two workplace enemies find themselves in close proximity on a tropical work trip that challenges their assumptions - and just might make them to fall for each other - in this romcom debut from TikTok favourite author Nisha J. Tuli.

Description

Rival engineers dabble in personal chemistry while at a tropical company retreat in this smart and steamy romcom - perfect for fans of Ali Hazelwood, Nisha Sharma and Elena Armas. ☐♥☐☐

Engineer Trishara Malik once dreamed of being the first woman of colour to smash the glass ceiling at WMC Purcell, but after years of dealing with white male privilege and blatant nepotism, she watches her hard-earned promotion go to her nemesis, Rafe Gallagher - the boss's son. Teetering on the edge of burnout, Tris is stunned when she's picked to attend WMC's corporate leadership retreat in Hawaii. It's a chance to revive her stalled career and compete for a coveted spot in an executive training program - plus, three weeks in paradise! The only downside? Rafe is her co-attende.

Tris plans to avoid Rafe entirely, but when she arrives in Maui, a booking error has them stuck sharing the honeymoon suite - with only one bed . . . Sure, it's not all torture. Rafe is a smoldering ten - okay fine, an eleven - but after years of competition, they can barely stand being in the same time zone. As they vie against each other during aptitude tests and team-building exercises, Tris begins to realize Rafe might not be the villain after all. With her dreams at stake, can she learn to trust the man who might have been standing in her corner all along?

Sales Points

- NSFW is perfect for fans of steamy, enemies to lovers romcoms. It will appeal to fans of Helen Hoang and Sajni Patel, as well as those that love the dynamic of Elena Armas' THE SPANISH LOVE DECEPTION. It's Ali Hazelwood's LOVE ON THE BRAIN meets DATING DR. DIL by Nisha Sharma.
- Nisha J. Tuli is the hugely successful romantasy author behind *Trial of the Sun Queen*, published by Orbit. Readers of her romantasy titles will love this real world romantic comedy.
- WOMEN IN STEM: Romance readers are loving STEMInist romantic comedies, with bestselling authors like Ali Hazelwood and Christina Lauren both writing smart and bold female main characters who work in these traditionally male-dominated fields.

Author Biography

Nisha J. Tuli is the bestselling author of *Trial of the Sun Queen* - the first in the Artefacts of Ouranos series - which became a BookTok hit thanks to her amazing fans. The originally self-published series was acquired by Forever Publishing and Orbit UK in 2023, and will soon be published in 15 other languages around the world.

She's also the author of *Heart of Night and Fire*, a South Asian-inspired fantasy romance and the first in a four-book series. Look for her rom-com debut in 2025 with *NSFW (Not Suitable for Work)*, a workplace rivals to lovers rom-com publishing with Forever and Piatkus.

Nisha lives in Canada, where she spends most of her time reading and writing while enjoying travel, food, and camping with her partner, two kids, and their fluffy Samoyed, Mora.

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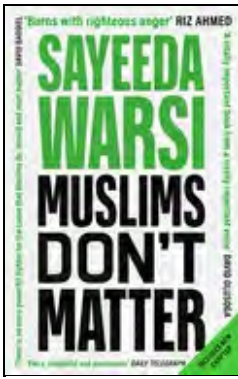
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Muslims Don't Matter

Sayeeda Warsi

Keynote

Sayeeda Warsi once said that Islamophobia has passed the dinner table test. Yet many refuse to even acknowledge it exists. *Muslims Don't Matter* is an anatomy of a prejudice.

Description

'Burns with righteous anger. An urgent read for our times'
Riz Ahmed

'There is no more powerful fighter for the cause that Muslims do, should and must matter than Sayeeda Warsi'
David Baddiel

'A vitally important book from a vitally important voice'
David Olusoga

A DAILY TELEGRAPH MUST-READ FOR AUTUMN 2024

Three grandfathers killed on the streets of England in three separate incidents by three different men. Each targeted simply for being Muslim - each attack a consequence of the insidious rise in Islamophobia in Britain.

From the far-right violence that broke out in the summer of 2024 to the hatred directed at Muslims in public life during the Gaza conflict, anti-Muslim racism is dangerously out-of-control. Fed by a network of media outlets, think tanks, commentators, and even the entertainment industry, Islamophobia not only passes the dinner table test but is also Britain's bigotry blind spot. For too many, *Muslims Don't Matter*.

In this incisive polemic, Britain's first Muslim Cabinet minister, Conservative peer, campaigner and podcaster Sayeeda Warsi uses her dual experience at the centre of British power and in the heart of our Muslim communities to unapologetically challenge the corrosive consensus. As Muslims terrified by the riots seriously consider whether Britain should still be their home, Warsi urges us to change course, to unite and dismantle this toxic bigotry.

Sales Points

- The summer 2024 anti-Muslim riots have pushed Islamophobia right to the top of the political agenda.
- Sayeeda Warsi is Britain's best-known Muslim who can reach many different parts of the country. She was a cabinet minister under David Cameron who resigned over the 2014 Gaza war. She has also appeared on Taskmaster and has 215,000 engaged followers on Twitter.
- *Muslims Don't Matter* will likely be endorsed by David Baddiel, on whose bestselling *Jews Don't Count* this book is based. Sayeeda presents a top ten podcast with David called *A Muslim and a Jew Go There*. The show was midwived by their friend Jemima Khan who has 2.3million followers on Twitter.

Reviews

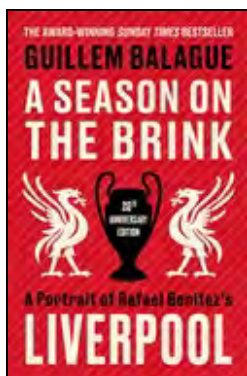
- '"There is no more powerful fighter for the cause that Muslims do, should and must matter than Sayeeda Warsi"' - *David Baddiel*
- 'A vitally important book from a vitally important voice.' - *David Olusoga*
- 'Burns with righteous anger. An urgent read for our times.' - *Riz Ahmed*
- 'Sayeeda Warsi's important book about the normalisation in British politics and society of toxic prejudice directed at Muslims and Islam is essential reading for anyone who believes that Britain can be better than this' - *Robert Peston, Politics Editor, ITV News*

Author Biography

Britain's first Muslim Cabinet Minister, **Sayeeda Warsi** is also a lawyer, businesswoman and racial justice campaigner. Appointed to the House of Lords as a life peer at the age of thirty-six, she served as Chairman of the Conservative Party, in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and as Minister for Faith and Communities, an advisor of The Bridge Initiative at Georgetown University, a member of the International Advisory Board on Freedom of Religious Belief, University of Notre Dame and Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Bolton. Along with David Baddiel, she presents the podcast *A Muslim and a Jew Go There*.

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A Season on the Brink A Portrait of Rafa Benitez's Liverpool – 20th Anniversary Edition With A New Foreword From Rafa Benitez

Guillem Balague

Keynote

The exclusive inside account of Liverpool's historic 2005 Champions League triumph under Spanish football manager Rafael Benitez from the award-winning *Sunday Times* bestseller, Guillem Balagué

Description

'ENTHRALLING' *FourFourTwo*
'STIRRING' *Dublin Herald*
'FASCINATING' *Red and White Kop*
'ASTONISHING' *Bleacher Report*

The *Sunday Times* Bestseller

Twentieth anniversary edition, fully updated with a new foreword from Rafael Benitez

When Rafael Benitez was appointed manager of under-achieving Liverpool at the start of the 2004-05 season, the reaction of many fans was 'Who the **** is Rafael Benitez?'. After a wonderful spell at Valencia, the Spaniard arrived to take over Liverpool's famous Boot Room, determined to change the club's fortunes and win over a disillusioned Kop.

In just one season, Benitez's importation of Spanish players, coaching methods and diet led to a revolution, usurping José Mourinho's Chelsea to reach the European Champions League final in Istanbul. It was a match that would go down in history as one of the greatest of all time.

At half-time, Liverpool were 3-0 down to Carlo Ancelotti's AC Milan, a team many regarded as the best in the world, filled with stars such as Paolo Maldini, Kaká and Andrea Pirlo. However, against all the odds, Liverpool produced a stunning comeback, with goals from club captain Steven Gerrard, Vladimir Šmicer and Xabi Alonso, before a dramatic penalty shoot-out saw the Reds clinch European glory.

Featuring exclusive interviews with Benitez himself, assistant manager Pako Ayestarán and key first-team players, this is the behind-the-scenes story of Rafa's remarkable success with Liverpool.

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING & BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** All of Guillem's books have been successive *Sunday Times* bestsellers, and each has been nominated for various awards in their market category. *Cristiano Ronaldo* won Football Book of the Year at the 2016 Sports Book Awards.
- **20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION:** A Season on the Brink is regarded as the first books in its genre, that offers an exclusive, behind-the-scenes account of a triumphant season at a football club. To date, it has sold over 54,000 copies to date. The 20th anniversary edition will have a new foreword with Guillem interviewing Rafa Benitez about the legacy of the 2005 Champions League final.
- **HUGE AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Guillem's reach is undeniable, he has instant name recognition in the footballing world, and has a total following on social media of over 1.32m followers across his platforms.

Author Biography

Guillem Balagué is an award-winning football author, journalist and presenter who works regularly for BBC Radio 5 Live, LaLiga TV and the American network CBS.

His books include *A Season on the Brink: A Portrait of Rafael Benitez's Liverpool*; *Pep Guardiola: Another Way of Winning*; *Messi: The Definitive Biography*; *Cristiano Ronaldo: The Biography* which won the Football Book of the Year Award at the British Sports Book Awards and the Best Football Book of 2016 in Poland; *Brave New World: Inside Pochettino's Spurs* and *Maradona: The Boy, The Rebel, The God*. All of Guillem's books have been *Sunday Times* bestsellers in the UK, and each has been shortlisted for various category awards.

He is also chairman of non-league Biggleswade FC.

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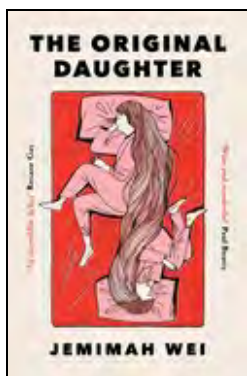
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The Original Daughter

Jemimah Wei

Keynote

A captivating debut novel set in working-class Singapore about the relationship between two sisters over two decades - introduces a new international literary star

Description

'An incredible debut' **ROXANE GAY**
 'Wise and wonderful' **PAUL BEATTY**
 'A true literary talent' **TASH AW**
 'Seismic' **JONATHAN ESCOFFERY**

Who would you sacrifice on the altar of ambition?

Singapore, 1996. Before Arin, Genevieve Yang was an only child. Living with her parents and grandmother in a single-room flat in Bedok, she is saddled with an unexpected sibling when Arin appears, the shameful legacy of a grandfather long believed to be dead.

At once collaborators and sisters, Gen and Arin grow up inseparable, navigating the intensity of life in working-class Singapore - where urgent insistence on achievement demands self-immolation in the realms of imagination, work, and play. But as the rapidly modernising, winner-take-all world threatens to leave one behind as the other's star rises exponentially, the sisters must weigh their allegiances and bonds, the cost of success and ultimately reckon with who they've become. What results is a story that cracks open the fault lines of Singaporean society, our desperate need for acceptance and our yearning to be loved.

Vivid and visceral, *The Original Daughter* is a breathtaking act of empathy by a new literary star.

Sales Points

- **MY BRILLIANT FRIEND SET IN SINGAPORE:** THE ORIGINAL DAUGHTER is set in working-class Singapore and offers a visceral portrait of a place and its community - think Naples in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Quartet.
- **US BUZZ & MAJOR NATIONAL BOOK CLUB:** THE ORIGINAL DAUGHTER is a major lead title for Doubleday in the US, where it was bought in a heated auction. It has already secured a major national book club pick on publication.
- **AUTHOR PROFILE:** Jemimah Wei has 68.9k followers on Instagram and will be an invaluable ally in promoting the book.

Reviews

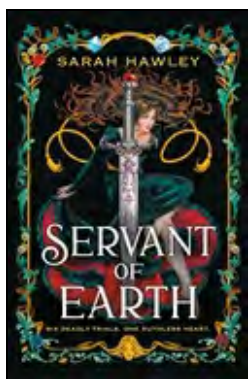
- 'Utterly engrossing . . . elegantly composed . . . I loved this almost claustrophobic novel about the ways unrealized ambition can turn everything someone holds dear to rot' - **ROXANE GAY**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Bad Feminist*
- 'Fiery, funny, and incisive . . . This novel adroitly, yet playfully, turns the ways we see cultural appropriation, nepotism, and identity upside down. What a wise and wonderful read' - **PAUL BEATTY**, Booker Prize-winning author of *The Sellout*
- 'Chronicles the eviscerating experience of living under the fracture of modern society with devastating care. Seismic' - **JONATHAN ESCOFFERY**, bestselling author of *If I Survive You*

Author Biography

Jemimah Wei is the author of *The Original Daughter*. Born and raised in Singapore, she is now based between Singapore and the United States. She was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University and Felipe P. De Alba Fellow at Columbia University, where she earned her MFA. A recipient of awards and fellowships from Singapore's National Arts Council, Sewanee Writers' Conference, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and Writers in Paradise, she was named one of *Narrative's* '30 below 30' writers and is a Francine Ringold Award for New Writers honouree. Her fiction has won the William Van Dyke Short Story Prize and appears in *Guernica*, *Narrative* and *Nimrod* amongst others. For close to a decade, Jemimah was a host for various broadcast and digital channels, and has written and produced short films and travel guides for Laneige, Airbnb, and Nikon. This is her first novel.

Market

The best international literary storytelling feat. captivating family stories in a unique setting - *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, *Ordinary People* by Diana Evans, *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner



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Servant of Earth

Your new dark romantasy obsession perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas and Carissa Broadbent

Sarah Hawley

Keynote

BOOK 1 in a new adult series, THE SHARDS OF MAGIC, from the acclaimed author of GLIMMER FALLS - SERVANT OF EARTH boasts a dark world filled with monsters, magic, and one wild woman who will risk her life for a better world...

Description

IN THE UNDERGROUND FAE REALM, ONLY THE STRONGEST AND MOST RUTHLESS HAVE POWER - BUT A YOUNG HUMAN WOMAN FORCED INTO A LIFE OF SERVITUDE IS ABOUT TO CHANGE EVERYTHING

'A darkly enchanting page-turner laden with sensuality and intrigue' **THEA GUANZON**

Kenna Heron is a servant in the faeries' underground kingdom of Mistei. Known in her village for being a little wild, Kenna must help her mistress undertake six deadly trials, one for each branch of magic: Fire, Earth, Light, Void, Illusion, and Blood. If she succeeds, her mistress will gain immortality and become the heir to Earth House. If she doesn't, the punishment is death - for them both.

With only a sentient dagger of mysterious origins, Kenna must face monsters, magic, and harrowing tests . . . But worse dangers wait underground, and soon Kenna gets caught up in secrets and passion. With time against her, Kenna must decide if she's willing to risk her life for a better world and a chance at happiness.

Surviving the trials will take cunning, courage, and an iron will . . . but even that may not be enough.

PRAISE FOR SERVANT OF EARTH

'Fun, fresh, and fantastical... With a firecracker heroine at its center'
KATE GOLDEN, bestselling author of A DAWN OF ONYX

'A thrilling, wonderfully unique fae fantasy led by a fierce heroine. Fans of Sarah J. Maas will absolutely love it!'
INDIA HOLTON, bestselling author of THE SECRET SERVICE OF TEA AND TREASON

'A spellbinding fantasy debut from Sarah Hawley, full of fae intrigue, dangerous men, and magical vengeance'
KATIE SHEPARD, author of NO ONE DOES IT LIKE YOU

THE SHARDS OF MAGIC

- SERVANT OF EARTH
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- A WITCH'S GUIDE TO FAKE DATING A DEMON
- A DEMON'S GUIDE TO WOOING A WITCH
- A WEREWOLF'S GUIDE TO SEDUCING A VAMPIRE

Sales Points

- TIKTOK POTENTIAL:** a spicy dark romantasy filled with all of BookTok's favourite tropes
- SPEEDY OPPORTUNISTIC PUBLISHING:** we are publishing one book from Sarah Hawley every six months to target her voracious readers as well as recruit more from across the romantasy and romance genres
- ONE OF OUR FASTEST GROWING AUTHORS:** previous sales excelled past projections with more than 70k copies sold since March 2023
- A BRAND-NEW SERIES:** this is a whole new series in an even more commercial area of the market - dark romantasy - and is her first hardback launch

Author Biography

Sarah Hawley is an author of romance and fantasy novels. She co-hosts the Wicked



Wallflowers Club podcast about romance fiction, which was featured on Entertainment Weekly's "Must List." When not dreaming up whimsical love stories, she can be found reading, dancing, or cuddling her two cats. A WITCH'S GUIDE TO FAKE-DATING A DEMON is her debut romcom.

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When We Touch The new science of why touch matters

Professor Michael Banissy

Keynote

The ground-breaking exploration of a universal subject - how touch is at the centre of our lives, health and wellbeing.

Description

'A mind-expanding tour of what touch means.' **DAVID EAGLEMAN, neuroscientist and author of Incognito and Livewired**

**Why is a hugged person a healthier person?
Why do high-fiving teams win more matches?
How does a shared handshake make you more likely to tell the truth?**

We rely on touch every day of our lives. It makes us who we are. It helps us connect with those around us. And yet touch between individuals can be fraught with confusion and misunderstanding.

In *When We Touch*, social neuroscientist Professor Michael Banissy blends expert scientific insights with anecdotes from 90s rom coms to office politics to explore the new science of human touch.

His groundbreaking new book explains how touch impacts every part of our lives, from why touch is essential for healthy development, to how kissing might help us choose a genetically beneficial mate to how holding hands with a loved one can help us feel less pain.

Banissy tackles the nuances of appropriate touch across culture and gender, investigates our 'touch personas' and why they differ, and offers solutions to the 'touch hunger' that has become a modern epidemic in our increasingly distanced world.

From the most inconsequential to the most salient moments of human contact, *When We Touch* is a fascinating and entertaining exploration of our most overlooked sense.

Sales Points

- **Fascinating hidden science behind a universal subject** - we all experience touch on a daily basis but Michael's book uncovers *why* touch is integral to our lives and *how* different types of touch fulfil different human needs. It's a buzzy, conversation-starting book on a subject we typically take for granted.
- **Timely subject matter** - loneliness and the lack of human interaction has been a huge conversation during lockdown and has opened our eyes to the importance of physically being able to see people.
- **Expert author** - Michael has an accessible and engaging tone, and is an expert in this area. He was featured on Claudia Hammond's The Touch Test on BBC Radio 4.
- **Perfect for pop science readers** - Michael has an engaging tone that makes big ideas accessible. He draws on case studies and his own research to make this *the* book on the importance of touch to our health and wellbeing. Includes practical components for making a change today too.

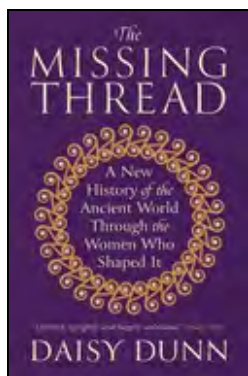
Reviews

- "A mind-expanding tour of what touch means." - DAVID EAGLEMAN, *Neuroscientist and author of Incognito and Livewired*
- 'Award-winning neuroscientist reveals why being tactile can improve your health, happiness and marriage.' - *The Times*

Author Biography

Michael Banissy is an award-winning Professor in Social Neuroscience and Science Communicator. He has expertise in several research areas, including touch, social perception, creativity, and empathy. The breadth of his work is not only seen in scientific contributions but also in his efforts to bring science to the public and to industries. A member of The Royal Society Industry Research Fellow College, Michael has close interactions with technology companies exploring the tools to support social interaction in the workplace. He is also an experienced science communicator, having been involved in several major public festivals and working with a variety of media outlets for the last decade.

His most recent project was the Touch Test - a science and broadcast collaborator with the BBC and Wellcome Collection. This project explored attitudes and experiences of touch via the world's largest contemporary survey on the topic, public exhibitions, and a series of broadcast programmes focused on the topic of touch that received worldwide attention. *When We Touch* is Michael's first book.



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The Missing Thread A New History of the Ancient World Through the Women Who Shaped It

Daisy Dunn

Keynote

A vivid portrait of the ancient world that illuminates the stories of the women so often pushed to history's sidelines

Description

'A brilliant concept, executed with enviable elegance' Lucy Worsley

'A gem of a book. Thanks to Daisy Dunn's elegant and lively retelling of history, the women of the ancient world are restored to the centre of the story of classical antiquity. It was a joy to read.' Peter Frankopan

Spanning 3,000 years, from the birth of Minoan Crete to the death of the Julio-Claudian dynasty in Rome, a magisterial new history of the ancient world told, for the very first time, through women.

For centuries, men have been writing histories of antiquity filled with warlords, emperors and kings. But when it comes to incorporating women aside from Cleopatra and Boudica, writers have been more comfortable describing mythical heroines than real ones. While Penelope and Helen of Troy live on in the imagination, their real-life counterparts have been relegated to the margins. In *The Missing Thread*, Daisy Dunn inverts this tradition and puts the women of history at the centre of the narrative.

These pages present Enheduanna, the earliest named author, the poet Sappho and Telesilla, who defended her city from attack. Here is Artemisia, sole female commander in the Graeco-Persian Wars, and Cynisca, the first female victor at the Olympic Games. Cleopatra may be the more famous, but Fulvia, Mark Antony's wife, fought a war on his behalf. Many other women remain nameless but integral. Through new examination of the sources combined with vivid storytelling Daisy Dunn shows us the ancient world through fresh eyes, and introduces us to an incredible cast of ancient women, weavers of an entire world.

Sales Points

- **BRILLIANTLY RECEIVED.** The book received praise from key historians including Peter Frankopan and Lucy Worsley, and fantastic reviews in the *Spectator*, *Sunday Times*, *The Telegraph* and more.
- **TIMELY SUBJECT MATTER:** Feminist and female-focused retellings of Greek and Roman myth have never been more popular. *The Missing Thread* taps into the enthusiasm for fiction titles like *Circe* and *The Wolf Den*, filling a gap in the market for non-fiction titles that appeal to this audience
- **SIGNIFICANT AUTHOR PROFILE:** Daisy is a regular commentator, critic and columnist for outlets such as the *Spectator*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Literary Review* and was awarded the Classical Association Prize in 2020
- **SCHOLARLY YET ACCESSIBLE:** Daisy is an expert at translating extensive academic research into engaging and accessible material for readers and viewers

Reviews

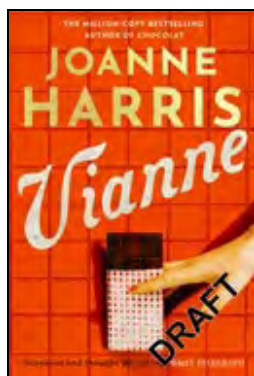
- 'A brilliant concept, executed with enviable elegance. People will go to college to study the ancient world because of this book. Brava, Daisy Dunn!' - *Lucy Worsley*
- 'Groundbreaking... Dunn's barnstorming book explores the stories of dozens of women... as well as being a well-researched and elegantly written counterpoint to the way men have dominated the histories of antiquity, she has an eye for the quirky, revealing detail.' - *Independent*
- 'A bold and ambitious book... Dunn fills *The Missing Thread* with brilliantly drawn pen-portraits... a wonderful book: informative, thought provoking, and a pleasure to read.' - *The Telegraph*

Author Biography

Daisy Dunn is an award-winning classicist and author of seven books. *Not Far From Brideshead* (2022) was selected for Radio 4's Open Book and longlisted for the Runciman Award. *In the Shadow of Vesuvius* (2019) was an Editor's Choice in the *New York Times*. Daisy read Classics at Oxford before receiving a Masters from the Courtauld Institute and PhD from UCL. She is also a cultural columnist and editor of *ARGO: A Hellenic Review*.

Market

History readers, ancient history fans, readers of Mary Beard, Natalie Haynes and Janina Ramirez.



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BIC 2.1	Modern & contemporary fiction (post c 1945) (FA) Romance (FR)

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Vianne

The irresistible new story from the million-copy bestselling author of CHOCOLAT

Joanne Harris

Keynote

Joanne Harris sensationally returns to the world of CHOCOLAT, with the long-awaited and utterly irresistible story of Vianne Rocher. Perfect for fans of **Maggie O'Farrell** and **Sarah Winman**.

Description

<h3>MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR JOANNE HARRIS SENSATIONALLY RETURNS TO THE WORLD OF CHOCOLAT!</h3>

'Sensuous and thought-provoking, subtle and brilliant' *Daily Telegraph* on *Chocolat*

**Secrets.
Chocolate.
A touch of magic...**

On a warm July evening, Sylviane Rochas scatters her mother's ashes in New York and lets the changing wind blow her to the French seaside town of Marseille.

For the first time in her life, Vianne holds the future in her own hands. Charming her way into a job as a waitress in a local *bistrot*, she knows that she is not here to stay - when her child is born in a few months, she must be gone.

As she discovers the joy of cooking, making recipes her own with the addition of bittersweet chocolate spices, she realises that it possesses its own magic in this town full of secrets.

Yet Vianne will never forget her mother's warning: that there is danger in revealing the true desires of those around her - and she must flee these cobbled streets before it's too late...

Million-copy bestselling author Joanne Harris returns to the world of *Chocolat* with the long-awaited story of *Vianne*, which begins six years before she opens her scandalous *chocolaterie* in the small French village of Lansquenet.

Readers are captivated by *Vianne*!

'Even if you don't like chocolate, Vianne will find a way to make it irresistible' READER REVIEW

'Wonderfully created, truly remarkable!' READER REVIEW

'The character of Vianne is as delicious as her chocolate shop' READER REVIEW

'Makes you look for the everyday magic in your own life, and we could all use a little magic...' READER REVIEW

'There is something magical about Vianne!' READER REVIEW

Sales Points

- **LONG-AWAITED PREQUEL:** The new novel from bestselling author Joanne Harris, *Vianne* is the prequel to her world-famous *Chocolat*, and the long-awaited story of her mysterious heroine, Sylvianne Rocher. *Chocolat* has sold over a million copies across editions, with a value of £6 million.
- **FILM & TV NEWS:** *Chocolat* was later turned into an Oscar-nominated film starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. The book is currently in pre-production for a new TV series adapting the novel.
- **UNMISSABLE & WIDE-REACHING CAMPAIGN:** The release of *Vianne* will be backed by a major marketing and publicity campaign, targeting existing fans as well as new readers, with big (confidential) campaign moments already lined up. It will be THE commercial women's fiction release of the spring/summer.
- **SENSATIONAL STORYTELLING:** Joanne Harris is known for her exceptional storytelling and *Vianne* is no exception. Readers will be swept back into the magical, immersive world of *Chocolat* once again - and for the first time, discover the truth about Vianne Rocher's past...

STRIKING PACKAGE: We have a stunning, stand-out new look for Joanne's brilliant new novel, which will be front and centre within our campaign.



Author Biography

Joanne Harris (OBE, FRSL) is the author of twenty novels, three cookbooks and many short stories. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, an honorary Fellow of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, was Chair of the Society of Authors between 2020 and 2024, and in 2022 was awarded an OBE by the Queen. She was born in Barnsley in Yorkshire and grew up above her grandparents' sweet shop.

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The Phoenix Keeper

The instant Sunday Times bestselling cozy fantasy sensation

S. A. MacLean

Keynote

***The Phoenix Keeper* is an irresistible queer romantasy standalone set in a magical zoo of mythical creatures by ecology professor and ornithologist S. A. MacLean.**

Description

As head phoenix keeper at a world-renowned zoo for magical creatures, Aila's childhood dream of conserving critically endangered firebirds seems closer than ever. There's just one glaring caveat: her zoo's breeding program hasn't functioned for a decade. When a tragic phoenix heist sabotages the flagship initiative at a neighbouring zoo, Aila must prove her derelict facilities are fit to take the reins.

But saving an entire species from extinction requires more than stellar animal handling skills. Carnivorous water horses, tempestuous thunderhawks, mischievous dragons... Aila has no problem wrangling beasts. Inspiring zoo patrons? That's another story. Mustering the courage to ask for help from the hotshot griffin keeper at the zoo's most popular exhibit? Virtually impossible.

Especially when that hotshot griffin keeper happens to be her arch-rival from college: Luciana, an annoyingly brooding and insufferable know-it-all with the grace of a basilisk and the face of a goddess who's convinced that Aila's beloved phoenix would serve their cause better as an active performer rather than as a passive conservation exhibit.

With the world watching and the threat of poachers looming, Aila's success is no longer merely a matter of keeping her job... She is the keeper of the phoenix, and the future of a species now rests on her shoulders. There's just one thing she has to remember: she is also not alone.

Against an epic fantasy backdrop teeming with all your favourite mythical beasts from dragons and unicorns to kelpies and krakens, *The Phoenix Keeper* combines the cozy fantasy stakes of TJ Klune and Travis Baldree with the heartwarming contemporary romance of Alice Oseman and Casey McQuiston.

Sales Points

- **A DEBUT WITH A MESSAGE:** With this trailblazing debut, MacLean has drawn on her formidable decade of experience in researching and teaching ecology and environmental science to weave a story of hope, courage, and conservation that is, at its heart, a defiant and devoted ode to queer joy.
- **INTRODUCING THE NEW QUEEN OF ROMANTASY:** This cozy fantasy standalone is the first in a 3-book deal. The next books in 2025 and 2026 form a brand-new spicy romantasy duology set in a snowy landscape criss-crossed by trains between worlds where a demon-hunter makes a deal with the devil to defeat their common enemy but then faces the ultimate temptation... Think *Fourth Wing* meets Sarah J Maas.
- **RIDING THE HOTTEST TRENDS IN THE MARKET:** This book has huge TikTok potential due to the gorgeously visual aesthetics of the world and all its mythical creatures as well as the joyful cozy queer romance at its heart featuring a diverse cast of characters. MacLean is an active voice in the online writing community with an ever-growing following on social media - @authorsamaclean - and she also writes about her ecology and conservation work on her website blog at authorsamaclean.com.

Reviews

- 'Delightfully inventive and charming, *The Phoenix Keeper* is a sweet sapphic romance set in the most magical zoo you can imagine. MacLean's empathy for all living things - from vanishing ducks and endangered phoenixes, to endearingly awkward zookeepers and their crushes - shines through in every word. I couldn't stop smiling the whole way through. Sign me up for a lifetime membership to the San Tamculo Zoo, please!' - *Julie Leong, author of THE TELLER OF SMALL FORTUNES*
- 'This book has it all: some good old pining, a healthy amount of nerdiness, a cast of characters you'll consider friends, one amazing griffin keeper - and at its heart, a warming story about passion, preservation, and childhood dreams... Spiritually, I'm still at San Tamculo Zoo. Don't miss out!' - *Vanessa Le, author of THE LAST BLOODCARVER*
- 'Filled with mystical creatures so vivid I could swear they're real, two endearingly relatable zookeepers, and the coziest possible combination of intrigue and romance, *The Phoenix Keeper* is a sparkling debut. I'd give anything for a ticket to the San Tamculo Zoo, and MacLean's transporting book made me feel like I'd truly gone for a visit. I look forward to whatever's next from this magically creative new voice in fantasy' - *Laura R. Samotin, author of THE SINS ON THEIR BONES*

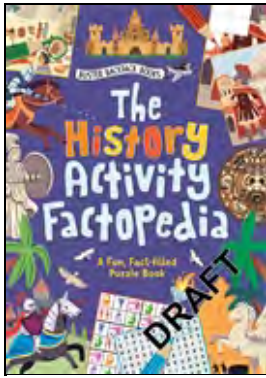
Author Biography



S. A. MacLean is a fantasy romance author from sunny Southern California. Infatuated with magical worlds since her days of brewing mud potions in her childhood garden, she fell in love with the romantasy genre after realising all her favourite fantasy novels had kisses in them. Her stories invariably feature quirky humour, sassy animal companions, and queer casts who represent her voice as a chaotic bisexual woman. Sarah received her BS in Natural Resources from Cornell University and a PhD in Environmental Science from UC Berkeley. She left the research track to teach environmental science at her local community college, inspiring the next generation of students to save the planet. Follow her on social media @authorsamaclean.

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The History Activity Factopedia A Fun, Fact-filled Puzzle Book

Angie Alape Pérez

Keynote

This history-themed activity book is guaranteed to keep kids entertained with fascinating facts and fun activities.

Description

A new title in the 'Buster Backpack' series, this colourful activity book combines fun puzzles with over 100 fascinating historical facts.

Did you know ...

Ancient Rome ruled over its empire for nearly 1,000 years.

Over 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt so far.

The book is packed with over 80 puzzles, including wordsearches, quizzes, spot-the-differences, matching pairs, silhouettes, odd-ones-out and much more, all with a historical twist. With over 100 facts on a wide range of ancient subjects, from the Vikings and the Aztecs to the Greeks and the Romans, there are plenty of amazing things for kids to discover while they complete the activities.

Featuring gorgeous full-colour illustrations, this is the perfect book to keep kids aged 7+ entertained for hours on end.

Also available:

The Amazing Activity Factopedia 9781780559940

Sales Points

- This fun-filled activity book features over 80 puzzles, from wordsearches and spot-the-differences to matching silhouettes and odd-ones-out
- The perfect book for kids aged 7+ who love to learn, each puzzle is accompanied by a fascinating historical fact, covering everything from Vikings, Greeks and Romans to Aztecs, Incas and ancient China
- Kids will love learning bite-sized information to share with family and friends while they have fun completing the activities
- The book features full-colour pages with bright and lively illustrations by artist Angie Alape Pérez that are guaranteed to keep kids engaged
- The latest addition to the hugely successful Buster Backpack series, which has sold over 105k copies in the English language. Titles in the series include *Holiday Boredom Buster*, *Are We Nearly There Yet?*, *Amazing Pen and Paper Games*, *The Backpack Activity Book*, *Travel Games on the Go* and *The Amazing Activity Factopedia*

Author Biography

Buster Books loves to create books for curious and creative children, which spark the imagination and encourage exploration. Above all, they are books to be enjoyed.

Illustrator Biography

Angie Alape Pérez

Angie was born and raised in Bogota (Colombia). She has been working as a freelance illustrator since her first collaboration with a Chilean editorial; recently she has illustrated for picture books published in Colombia and Peru, textbooks for schools, social campaigns (Save The Children/Colombia), character design for 3D animation and web magazines.



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CBMC **C5L79**
Age **7-9 years**
Subject **Non-fiction**
Type **Activity Book**
Character **Non-character**
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **240 x 170 mm**
Depth **6mm**
Extent **64 pages**
Word Count
Illustrations **Full colour illustrations**

Territorial Rights **World (All Languages)**

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The School's Out Activity Book

Filled with mazes, spot-the-difference puzzles, matching pairs and other fun games

Kathryn Selbert

Keynote

A fun-filled activity book filled with over 40 boredom-busting puzzles.

Description

This cute and colourful activity book is guaranteed to keep kids entertained for hours on end over the school break.

The book is packed with over 40 puzzles to complete, from mazes, matching pairs and search-and-finds to picture sudokus, spot-the-differences and much, much more.

Search for sea creatures in an underwater snorkeling scene, guide the hiker through the mountain maze, solve the museum-themed spot the difference and colour in the fun beach scene.

With adorable illustrations by artist Kathryn Selbert, this is the perfect activity book for kids while they're away from the classroom!

Also available:

9781780558172 *The Egg-cellent Easter Activity Book*
9781780559186 *The Tree-mendous Christmas Activity Book*
9781780559735 *The Sun-sational Summer Activity Book*
9781916763128 *The Spook-tacular Activity Book* (September 2024)

Sales Points

- Includes over 40 puzzles to complete, from matching pairs and search-and-finds to spot-the-difference games and colouring pages
- Features bright, full-colour pages throughout with adorable illustrations by Kathryn Selbert
- Puzzle themes are taken from all around the year – including wintry wonders, autumnal activities and summer fun – so the book is the perfect companion for any season
- A new follow-up to the festive *The Tree-mendous Christmas Activity Book*. Other books in the series include *The Egg-cellent Easter Activity Book*, *The Sun-sational Summer Activity Book* and *The Spook-tacular Activity Book*
- From the publishers of the 'Buster Backpack' series, which has sold over 105k copies in the English language

Author Biography

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Illustrator Biography

Kathryn Selbert

Kathryn Selbert is an award-winning freelance children's book illustrator. Her work is inspired by the people she meets in her everyday life, our colourful world, flora and fauna and having fun. You may find more work on her website www.kathrynselbert.com



SERPENT'S TAIL

Mrs Gulliver



Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction
Valerie Martin

REVIEWS

'The title suggests a rollicking tale and a rollicking tale is what you get, full of twists and surprises and never a dull moment. Entertainingly wild' - Karen Joy Fowler, Man Booker longlisted author of *Booth*

'I adore Valerie Martin, and *Mrs Gulliver* is no exception. Pure elegance, subtlety and wit. A triumph of a novel' - Francesca Segal, author of *Mother Ship*

'Irresistible - a funny, sexy romp that's also smart, even wise' - *Kirkus* starred review

'An elegant, deftly crafted tale' - *Sunday Post*

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Fiction

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198mm x 129mm

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Mrs Gulliver

VALERIE MARTIN

KEYNOTE

A short, lush novel about sex, second chances and taking control in a man's world

SALES POINTS

- Perfect summer reading: A racy novel featuring brothels, gangsters and family feuds on a tropical island
- Well reviewed across outlets including the *Times*, *Daily Mail*, *Buzz Magazine* and more

DESCRIPTION

It is 1954, and prostitution is legal in the tropical haven that is Verona Island. Here, among gangsters and corrupt lawmen, Lila Gulliver runs a brothel that promises her exclusive clientele privacy and discretion. When nineteen-year-old Caritá, beautiful and blind since birth, comes to her door seeking employment, Mrs Gulliver sees a business opportunity and takes a chance. Caritá is mesmerising, sharp and a mystery to her employer, always holding herself at a distance.

One night, the son of a wealthy judge patronises Mrs Gulliver's establishment, immediately falling madly in love with Caritá. This is Ian Drohan - young, idealistic and cushioned by wealth and family connections. Mrs Gulliver mistrusts him, and worries for Caritá's future. Caritá, on the other hand, is fearless, headstrong and a force of nature that Mrs Gulliver is always several steps behind.

A dazzling drama filled with sex, wry wit and literary references, *Mrs Gulliver* follows two women who have nothing to lose in their fight for agency on an island too ready to dismiss them

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Valerie Martin is the author of eleven novels, including *I Give It To You*, *Italian Fever* and *Property*, which won the Orange Prize and Women's Prize for Fiction. She has also written three collections of short fiction and *Salvation*, a biography of Saint Francis of Assisi. She has been awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, as well as the Kafka Prize for *Mary Reilly*.

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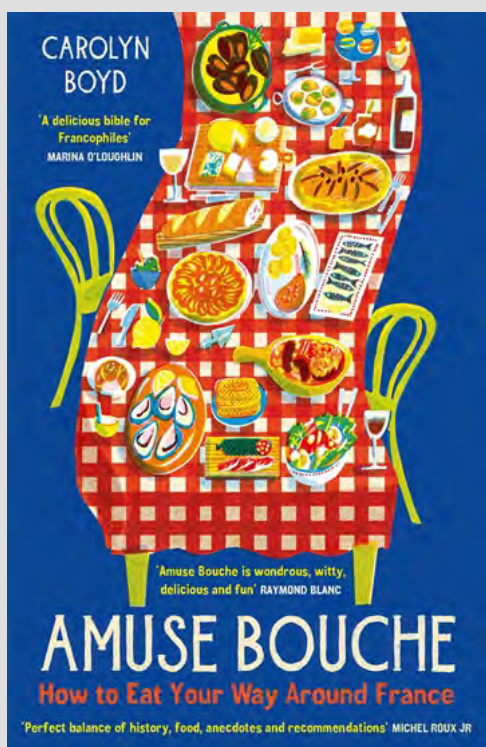
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REVIEWS

'A brilliantly written book that draws you into booking a trip and explore France even more' - James Martin

'This book made me fall in love with France and its food all over again' - Alain Roux

'A delicious bible for greedy Francophiles: I'm genuinely never crossing *La Manche* again without a copy of this glued to me' - Marina O'Loughlin

'The woman everyone needs to pop in their suitcase if they're heading to France' - Gilly Smith, *Cooking the Books*

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Food, Travel, Non Fiction

BIC: JFCV

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Paperback

B format

198mm x 129mm

World All Languages

eBook ISBN: 9781782839804



Amuse Bouche

How to Eat Your Way Around France

CAROLYN BOYD

KEYNOTE

A charming guide to France's best regional cuisine and finest eateries, by an award-winning food writer

SALES POINTS

- A delightfully moreish book for Francophiles and foodies by a well-positioned expert: a region-by region guide to France's undiscovered specialities
- For fans of Felicity Cloake's *One More Croissant for the Road* (24k+ on Bookscan) and Niki Segnit's *The Flavour Thesaurus* (220k+ on Bookscan)
- A gorgeous, whimsical gift - featuring bespoke line drawings and 13 regional maps of France, this is the perfect companion for your summer holiday

DESCRIPTION

'A perfect balance of history, food, anecdotes and recommendations ... Carolyn's enthusiasm for French gastronomy is legendary' Michel Roux Jr

'Wondrous, witty, delicious and fun. Every page made me hungry' Raymond Blanc

What makes a real *salade niçoise*?

What type of cheese is officially France's stinkiest?

And who exactly are the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Giant Omelette?

Leading expert on French food and culture Carolyn Boyd shares the stories behind the country's most fascinating foods and ingredients. Spanning every region of France and divided into 200 separate vignettes, each entry blends history and travel, personal anecdote and recipes.

Amuse Bouche is a book to be devoured: a beautifully illustrated, joyous celebration of French food, and a charming, practical guide to inspire your own travels - whether you're a proud Francophile or don't know your *ficelle* from your *flûte*.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Carolyn Boyd is an award-winning British travel and food writer who specialises in France, writing for a wide variety of publications including *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *National Geographic Traveller*, and *BBC Good Food*. She is the author of *From the Source: France* (Lonely Planet, 2017), a collection of chef interviews and recipes from every corner of the country. Carolyn is also Communications Manager of the Roux Scholarship, the world's most prestigious chef competition.

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SERPENT'S TAIL



REVIEWS

'A disquisition into the nature of comedy and creativity. Like the best comedians ... Bordas is alert to the deeper joke' - Johanna Thomas-Corr, *Sunday Times*

'It's funny, intelligent and has much to say about how we live now' - *Financial Times*

'Amusing... impressive' - *New York Times*

'Marvellously engaging and entertaining ... full of terrific moments and cutting dialogue' - *Independent*

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The Material

CAMILLE BORDAS

KEYNOTE

A literary star ascending makes her UK debut with a novel about the funniest people's saddest stories

SALES POINTS

- A brilliant examination of the world of stand-up comedy and the bitter psyches of its practitioners, as well as a fraught and funny look at cancel culture
- A young literary star who published her first two prize-winning novels in France before the age of twenty-five. She moved to the US in 2012 and has published six stories in *The New Yorker* that have won influential endorsements from Zadie Smith and George Saunders
- Stylish and witty literary fiction that is a joy to read: for readers of Zadie Smith, Paul Murray, George Saunders, Lorrie Moore, Patricia Lockwood and Katherine Heiny

DESCRIPTION

'Utterly charming ... Bordas is an invaluable new voice' George Saunders

'A disquisition into the nature of comedy and creativity. Like the best comedians ... Bordas is alert to the deeper joke' *Sunday Times*

'Marvellously engaging and entertaining ... full of terrific moments and cutting dialogue' *Independent*

Every comedian knows that any moment in life, however painful or triumphant, has the potential to become a punchline. At the Chicago Stand-up School, students and teachers alike are trying to find success through new material.

But the students are afraid of judgment, their teachers are afraid of failure and the arrival of visiting comedian - the famous and controversial Manny Reinhardt - could turn any of them into a punchline. Set over the course of a single day, and shifting exquisitely between several points of view, *The Material* examines life through the eyes of a band of outsiders bound together by the need to laugh, and the desire to make others laugh even harder.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Camille Bordas is the author of three previous prize-winning novels. The third, *How to Behave in a Crowd*, was the first she wrote in English. The earlier two, *Partie Commune* and *Les Treize Desserts*, were written in her native French. Her short stories regularly appear in the *New Yorker*. Born in France, raised in Mexico City and Paris, she currently lives in Chicago.

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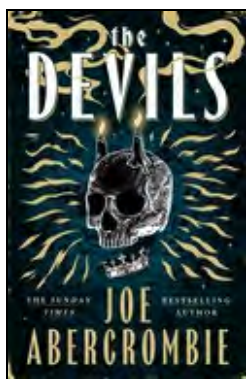
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Author living in	Bath

Previous Titles

The Age of Madness trilogy:
A Little Hatred
The Trouble With Peace
The Wisdom of Crowds

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The Devils 2025's epic fantasy sensation – prepare for a wickedly dark and twisted adventure

Joe Abercrombie

Keynote

The first epic adventure in a brand-new fantasy series from from legendary bestseller Joe Abercrombie.

Description

Europe stares into the abyss.

Plague and famine stalk the land, monsters lurk in every shadow and greedy princes care for nothing but their own ambitions. Only one thing is certain: the elves will come again, and they will eat everyone.

Sometimes, only the darkest paths lead towards the light. Paths on which the righteous will not dare to tread . . .

And so, buried beneath the sacred splendour of the Celestial Palace, is the secret Chapel of the Holy Expediency. For its congregation of convicted monsters there are no sins that have not been committed, no lines that will not be crossed, and no mission that cannot be turned into a disastrous bloodbath.

Now the hapless Brother Diaz must somehow bind the worst of the worst to a higher cause: to put a thief on the throne of Troy, and unite the sundered church against the coming apocalypse.

When you're headed through hell, you need the devils on your side.

Sales Points

- All set to be one of the biggest fantasy releases of the decade, *The Devils* is Joe's first new adult fantasy series since his debut in 2006 so is the perfect entry point for readers who have never picked up one of his books before.
- Already a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author, Joe Abercrombie is an international bestseller in more than 25 languages, with a massive global fanbase that is only growing.
- His standalone novel *Best Served Cold* has been optioned for film and is currently in development directed by Tim Miller (*Deadpool*) and starring Rebecca Ferguson (*Dune*).
- *The Devils* will have a grand total of *four* hardback special editions.

Reviews

- 'An incredibly fun, incredibly action-packed and, by the end, incredibly affecting book' - *Tamsyn Muir*
- 'Joe Abercrombie is, to me, the undisputed master of creating deep, distinct characters that leap off the page, and never more so than in *The Devils*' - *Nicholas Eames*
- 'Deliciously wicked, surprisingly moving . . . [a] razor-sharp, genre-bending romp. Abercrombie's best to date' - *Christopher Buehlman*
- 'Abercrombie writes fantasy like no one else' - *The Guardian*

Author Biography

Joe Abercrombie was born in Lancaster, England, studied psychology at Manchester University, and worked as an editor of documentaries and live music before his first book, *The Blade Itself*, was published in 2006. Two further instalments of the First Law trilogy, *Before They Are Hanged*, and *Last Argument of Kings*, followed, along with three standalone books set in the same world: *Best Served Cold*, *The Heroes* and *Red Country*. He has also written the Shattered Sea trilogy for young adults, the Age of Madness trilogy for old adults, and *Sharp Ends*, a collection of short stories. He lives in Bath, England, with his wife and three children.

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The Hungry History of Sharks

Clive Gifford (Illustrated By Andressa Meissner)

Keynote

Find out everything you need to know about sharks, from baby sharks to whale sharks longer than buses and dwarf lantern sharks that could sit in the palm of your hand

Description

Think all sharks are man-eating terrors? Think again! There's so much more to these fascinating and frequently misunderstood animals. This book takes you through the hungry history of these incredible creatures.

Sharks range in size from whale sharks longer than buses, to Panama catsharks and dwarf lantern sharks that could sit across the palm of your hand. Find out about baby sharks, prehistoric sharks, the largest known shark - the Megalodon, bull sharks, reef sharks and angel sharks, amongst others. Look inside at the parts of a shark, such as their very light skeleton, their razor-sharp teeth and their extra special electric sense that humans don't have. Learn about their clever hunting and feeding techniques.

How do we know so much about sharks? Discover how scientists are using many different technologies to find, follow and examine sharks to learn more about them. More than one-third of all shark and ray species are in danger of extinction. Learn what people are doing to help these formidable creatures.

The colourful and detailed illustrations from Andressa Meissner bring the sharks vividly to life. The consultant, Leonardo Guida, (PhD) is a shark scientist and shark conservation lead at the Australian Marine Conservation Society.

Sales Points

- Supports the UK's science curriculum study of living things at KS2
- The consultant, Leonardo Guida, (PhD) is a shark scientist and shark conservation lead at the Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Clive Gifford is an award-winning author of more than 200 books for children and young adults

Summary of Contents

A World of Sharks; / Shark Relatives; / Prehistoric Sharks; / The Meg; / Shark Parts; / Inside a Shark; / Baby Shark; / Shark Senses; / On the Hunt; / Bull and Blue Sharks; / Reef Sharks; / Angel Sharks; / Filter Feeders; / Carpet Sharks; / Hammerhead Sharks; / Unusual Sharks; / The Great White Shark; / Studying Sharks; / Scary Sharks; / Living with Sharks; / Save the Shark; / Glossary; / Further information; / Index;

Author Biography

Clive Gifford (Author)

Clive Gifford is the author of more than 150 children's books including *Eye Benders*, winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, Royal Society-nominated *Out of This World* and *Cool Technology* which won the School Library Association Information Book Award. His book, *The Colours of History*, won the Blue Peter Book Awards' Best Book With Facts. He has travelled through 70 countries, run a computer games company and taken part in all manner of sports from parachuting and gliding to Ultimate Frisbee. Clive's official website can be found at www.clivegifford.co.uk

Andressa Meissner (Illustrator)

Andressa Meissner is a Brazilian illustrator with a bold, colourful and attention-grabbing style, which also feels light and natural with hints of tropical flavour.

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Series	
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Previous Titles

Five Little Princesses
Five Little Dinosaurs
Five Little Monkeys

Five Little Pirates Lift-the-Flap

Mike Brownlow (Illustrated By Simon Rickerty)

Keynote

From the creators of the bestselling Ten Little series, comes this felt flap pirate adventure that makes counting fun!

Description

Five Little Pirates: Hunt for Treasure

Join five swashbuckling pirates on their quest for treasure in this exciting rhyming counting adventure. Lift the flaps and follow the clues to help get them to the treasure chest in time - just watch out for the shark!

Learning to count is fun with these sturdy board books with bright felt flaps on every spread, perfect for little hands to lift.

Want more Five Little? Also available:

Five Little Monkeys
Five Little Princesses
Five Little Dinosaurs

Sales Points

- Preschool spin-off range of the bestselling Ten Little series, which has sold over 2 million copies worldwide
- Soft learning is combined with preschool fun in these chunky board books
- Introduces numbers from one to five in an accessible and engaging way
- With a bright, durable big felt flap to play with on each spread, perfect for smaller hands

Author Biography

Mike Brownlow (Author)

Mike Brownlow is the creator of many books for children. He wrote and illustrated the picture book *Little Robots*, which was turned into a major animated TV show for CBeebies and aired in over 70 countries worldwide. His other books include *Mickey Moonbeam*, *Dog Did It!* and *The Big White Book*. Mike lives in Somerset and has three grown-up daughters.

Simon Rickerty (Illustrator)

Simon Rickerty graduated from The Royal College of Art in 2006 with a master's degree in Communication Art and Design. His first picture book, *Peas*, written by Andy Cullen, was shortlisted for the Booktrust Early Years Award. Simon has gone on to illustrate many more highly acclaimed books for children, including *Ten Little Pirates*, winner of the Nottingham Children's Book Prize, and *Monkey Nut*, winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. He lives in Bristol.

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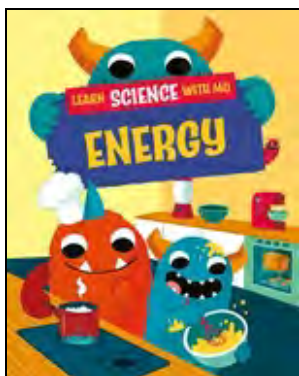
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Previous Titles

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The Human Body
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Machines
Materials
Plants
The Seasons
States of Matter
Time

Learn Science with Mo: Energy

Paul Mason (Illustrated By Michael Buxton)

Keynote

Learn all about energy with Mo the Monster and his friends in this fun first science book for children aged 5+

Description

Learn all about energy with Mo the Monster and his friends in this fun first science book for children aged 5+.

Mo and his cousin Rory are going on a cookery course today! They are going to learn about where the gas that cooks their eggs comes from, what heat does to butter, about the electricity that powers the toaster and much more. But can Mo stay out of trouble while he's having so much fun? Don't count on it!

If a monster can understand science, anyone can! Join Mo the Monster as he discovers the basic principles of science. Along the way, Mo is kept focused (monsters are notoriously easily distracted) with the help of simple, clearly presented information, plenty of questions to answer and science puzzles.

The funny, colourful illustrations offer lots of scope for humour and interest to keep children engaged while they learn. Aimed at readers aged 5+.

Titles in the series: Energy/Forces and Magnets/Habitats/The Human Body/Life Cycles/Light and Shadows/Machines/Materials/States of Matter/Plants/The Seasons/Time

Energy Contents

Energy for Mo
Energy from the Sun
Plant-powered energy
Renewable energy
Gas-powered eggs
Electric toast
Hot enough to melt butter
Project brownie
Electric vs muscle energy
The right temperature
Ding dong
Lights out
Where electricity comes from
Glossary
Books to read & Brownie ingredients
Answers

Sales Points

- Story-based approach with humorous characters makes science fun to learn, with plenty of interaction with the reader
- The author specialises in bringing science content to life in an entertaining way
- Funny, lively illustrations make the books a visual treat

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Author Biography

Paul Mason (Author)

Paul's books cover a wide range of subjects, from whether the Romans ate crisps to how to build the world's best skatepark, but he writes mostly about sport. Whether you are interested in swimming, cycling, snowboarding, surfing or another sport, Paul has probably written something that will inspire you to get out and give it a try. Paul writes in a shack by the beach, which he shares with his one-eyed surf dog, Daisy.

Michael Buxton (Illustrator)

Michael Buxton is a designer and illustrator with a wide portfolio including greetings cards, homeware and children's books. He produces quirky, fun designs with an emphasis on humour and while his work is mainly digital, he likes to keep a loose, hand-drawn feel. Michael loves to create characters and will take any chance he gets to draw monsters, cats or monster cats.



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I Hope You Remember Poems on Loving, Longing, and Living

Josie Balka

Keynote

A nostalgic and emotional collection of poems by rising social media star, Josie Balka, that encourages a new generation of poetry readers to make sense of their past experiences and discover their own self-worth.

Description

For fans of Rupi Kaur and Cleo Wade, this first collection of poetry from the viral TikTok poet Josie Balka, evokes themes of nostalgia, love, envy, and hope, speaking to the universal longings that live deep in our souls.

I've never seen anyone at a public pool with a memorable enough body, good or bad, that I think about it ever again.

If this line sounds familiar, it's because you've heard it in the background of thousands of videos on social media—a humbling reminder from poet and radio personality Josie Balka that what's important in our lives now isn't necessarily what's important to us in the long run.

I Hope You Remember, Josie's first book of poetry, includes this poem and over eighty others, some previously published and others never shared before. Every page in this collection hits home, rhapsodizing on universal experiences like jealousy, family relationships, complex body image, falling in and out of love (with others and yourself), and the everchanging lens of nostalgia. With sparse, clear prose, Josie's poetry looks to bring forth deep feelings like grief, envy, apathy, joy, and, most importantly, hope.

Evocative and full of force, these poems will hit you in the gut, pull your heartstrings, and make you long for moments past.

Sales Points

- **A RISING SOCIAL MEDIA STAR:** Josie's poetry videos have gone viral across social media, resulting in a speedy increase in her online presence. Between Instagram and TikTok, she has gained 650,000 followers in just four months (total following of 1.3m), which shows how her work is really hitting home with her target audience.
- **CELEBRITY FANS:** Josie's work has caught the attention of celebrities, with the likes of John Mayer, Kim Kardashian, Chrissy Teigen, and poet Joey Kennedy sharing her work.
- **MAKING POETRY ACCESSIBLE FOR A NEW GENERATION OF READERS:** Following in the footsteps of authors such as Rupi Kaur, Brianne Wiest and Cleo Wade, Josie's writing is bringing poetry to an ever-growing audience of Gen Z and Millennial women who want work that represents their inner worlds and conversations with friends
- **AN EXPANDING MARKET:** This part of the poetry market is thriving and we have been looking for the right author to work with. Josie has the right platform and we hope to be able to buy this at a low level to test the waters
- **AN AMAZON HOT NEW RELEASE:** Pre-orders of the book have placed *I Hope You Remember* in the #1 spot of Amazon's Inspirational and Religious Poetry List and #5 in the wider Poetry New Release List in the US.

Author Biography

Josie Balka is a radio host, voiceover artist, and poet based in Calgary, Canada. She holds a diploma in radio and television broadcasting and has worked for some of the largest media companies in North America both as an on-air personality and a writer. She has done voiceover work for brands like Ulta Beauty, McDonalds, and Sephora. After finishing her workday as a morning radio show host, you can find Josie at a boxing class or writing songs in her basement's recording studio.

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How to Visit an Art Museum The Expanded Edition

Johan Idema

Description

How to Visit an Art Museum shows you the sense and nonsense of museum etiquette. The original edition became a bestseller, inspiring thousands of readers worldwide to pursue a truly rewarding museum visit. This expanded edition offers newly added tips that let you tackle current challenges such as the male gaze, fossil museum sponsors, the lack of diversity on gallery walls and the cancellation of Picasso and other controversial artists. Now more than ever, the art museum is a place to question what you see. What do you do when the label simply reads "Untitled, 1973"? How do you react to exhibitions dominated by white male artists? With a little courage and creativity you can make your museum visit truly worthwhile and truthful. Ultimately, the art museum is what you make it.

Sales Points

- How to Visit an Art Museum is a pragmatic and imaginative handbook which shows you the sense and nonsense of museum etiquette.
- The original book has been the creative manual for art museum visitors for 10 years
- This expanded edition offers newly added tips that let you tackle current challenges such as the male gaze, fossil museum sponsors and the lack of diversity on gallery walls.

Author Biography

Author Johan Idema is a passionate promoter of innovation in the art world. He works as a consultant, writer, and cultural entrepreneur. He specialises in creative concept development, business planning and innovation management.

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Companies Built to Last

A Proven method for Sustaining Business Success

Frans de Groot

Description

Are you the driving force behind your company's success?

As an entrepreneur, business owner, CEO, director, or manager, you shoulder the responsibility for your organisation's growth and sustainability. It's a challenging role, and even the best of us occasionally ask ourselves: Am I doing everything right?

Companies Built to Last is the follow-up to the No. 1 bestseller The Seven Laws of Guaranteed Growth. This book introduces the Bitsing method, a scientifically proven system developed over the past 30 years. In just seven straightforward steps, you'll learn how to guide your organisation toward its goals while avoiding the common pitfalls that trip others up.

Whether you're leading a large multinational or running a smaller business, this book provides a practical, hands-on guide to embedding the Bitsing method into your everyday operations. With real-world examples, actionable tools, and expert tips, you'll have everything you need to ensure long-term success. The seven-step method will help you, for instance, make more informed decisions about your business positioning, marketing investments, and sales growth.

But Companies Built to Last isn't just about achieving success-it's about building a business that people genuinely want to be part of. It's about creating a company that not only drives profit but also has a positive impact on society and the environment. It's about building something you can be truly proud of. Let's transform your business-forever.

Sales Points

- This book introduces the Bitsing method, a proven system for achieving long-term success. Through seven actionable steps, it helps business leaders make strategic decisions and build sustainable companies.
- Companies Built to Last is the follow-up to the No. 1 bestseller The Seven Laws of Guaranteed Growth by author Frans de Groot
- It is a method that can be easily put into practice and aligns with organizations that are future-oriented.

Author Biography

Frans de Groot is a #1 bestselling author and the creator of the Bitsing method, a revolutionary approach to sustaining business success known for delivering remarkable results. Backed by over thirty years of scientific and practical research, his method has become a trusted tool for businesses worldwide. Since its inception, thousands of individuals and organisations have embraced his approach, achieving extraordinary success.

Frans lectures on Bitsing in European Master's programmes, at several universities, and across various colleges. Over the years, he has helped thousands of people and leading global brands reach their goals with simplicity and efficiency-a mission he continues to pursue with passion every day.

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Build for Better How to build successful digital products and companies

J.T. White

Description

With technology advancing faster than ever, the challenge for entrepreneurs and business leaders is no longer just keeping up, but staying one step ahead. Navigating this ever-changing tech ecosystem while integrating AI and emerging technologies into sustainable business strategies is critical, yet complex. Many professionals in the AI and tech industries, as well as investors, are seeking practical insights on how to leverage these advancements for growth and innovation. However, the sheer volume of information and the rapid pace of change make it difficult to keep up, leaving many unsure of how to align technological innovations with their business goals.

This book provides a clear roadmap to solving these challenges. It equips readers with the knowledge to harness the power of AI and digital technologies, offering strategies for mitigating risks and maximizing opportunities in their respective industries. By breaking down complex concepts and offering real-world examples, the book helps business leaders integrate technology into their core strategies, ensuring long-term success. Readers will gain valuable insights that lead to improved decision-making, enhanced operational efficiency, and a stronger competitive edge. By applying the principles outlined in the book, readers will be empowered to drive meaningful change and stay ahead of industry trends.

Sales Points

- The book helps business leaders integrate technology into their core strategies, ensuring long-term success
- It provides the practical knowledge you need to be a successful business leader in a digital world.
- JT White is a well-known name in the US when it comes to product leadership and entrepreneurship. He has worked on a diverse range of projects-from online rap battle websites and TV Everywhere applications for Showtime and NBC, to advanced AI-driven inventory management and allocation tools.

Author Biography

J.T. White is an accomplished product leader and entrepreneur with over 15 years of experience in developing digital products. Throughout his career, he has worked on a diverse range of projects-from online rap battle websites and TV Everywhere applications for Showtime and NBC, to advanced AI-driven inventory management and allocation tools. He is now the Co-Founder of an AI-assisted video studio.

J.T.'s approach to product management is grounded in real-world experience and a strong understanding of team dynamics and user-centric development. Based in Charleston, South Carolina, he has successfully collaborated with numerous organisations in the digital space, bringing innovative solutions to the forefront of the industry.

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The Story of McLaren A Tribute to Automotive Excellence

Alex Kalinauckas

Keynote

The Story of McLaren is a pocket-sized and exceptionally designed celebration of the legendary manufacturer.

Description

Explore the revolutionary history of one of the biggest names in motorsport in this photographic tribute to McLaren.

For more than 60 years, the McLaren name has been synonymous with racing success and automotive innovation. *The Story of McLaren* gives readers a fascinating look into the people, the technology and, of course, the cars that have propelled this marque to the pinnacle of motorsport.

From its founding in 1963 by legendary Bruce McLaren, right through to its current position as one of the world's premier motoring brands, this beautifully designed pocket guide celebrates McLaren's major achievements across Formula 1, the Indianapolis 500, the 24 Hours of Le Mans and beyond. It also highlights the host of legendary drivers who have sat behind the wheel of a McLaren on the grid, from Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost to Kimi Raikkonen and Lewis Hamilton.

The brand's phenomenal road cars are also included here, from the record-breaking McLaren F1 to the revolutionary GTS. Filled with beautiful photography and insightful text, *The Story of McLaren* charts the history of this extraordinary marque in perfectly giftable package.

Sales Points

- A new entry in our Story of Cars series, which has sold more than 90k copies in English and been published in five languages.
- A 2024 YouGov poll put McLaren as the most popular motor racing team in the UK, ahead of Mercedes and Ferrari.
- McLaren is the second oldest and most successful F1 team after Ferrari, with eight constructor's championships and nine drivers' championships
- McLaren's official social channels have a combined following of more than 33 million.

Author Biography

Alex Kalinauckas is Autosport's Grand Prix Editor, covering every Formula 1 race since the start of 2020. He worked for a range of motorsport and technology publications while covering national racing as an Autosport freelancer, before joining full-time in April 2017 as the magazine's Assistant Editor covering Formula 2 and GP3. He was made Formula E correspondent and Autosport.com's Plus Editor in March 2018. He lives in London.

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The Story of Maserati A Tribute to Automotive Excellence

Stuart Codling

Keynote

The Story of Maserati is a pocket-sized and exceptionally designed celebration of the legendary manufacturer.

Description

Discover more than a century of automotive excellence in this photographic celebration of Maserati.

Since 1914, Maserati has been at the forefront of sport and luxury motoring - the famous trident adorning many of the most beautiful cars of the last century. In this elegantly designed book in the bestselling *Story of Cars* series, *The Story of Maserati* gives readers a fascinating look into the people, the innovations and, of course, the cars that have helped define the brand as one of the premier names in Italian carmaking.

Founded and headquartered in Italy's Emilia-Romagna region, Maserati has retained a quintessentially Italian quality throughout its history, embodied in its unfailingly sumptuous designs. Each of the manufacturer's most iconic models is showcased here: from the Quattroporte and 3500 GT to the Ghibli and GranTurismo. Maserati's long and storied participation in motorsport is also covered here, from its time in Formula 1 and touring car series, to its re-emergence in Formula E from 2022.

Packed with stunning photography and a fascinating text, *The Story of Maserati* charts the history of this exceptional marque in perfectly giftable package.

Sales Points

- A new entry in our Story of Cars series, which has sold more than 90k copies in English and been published in five languages.
- Another legendary Italian sportscar brand to add to the series, complementing our successful books on Ferrari and Lamborghini.
- Maserati doubled its profits in 2023 as it expanded its range, and was ranked as the fifth most valuable luxury auto brand by Brand Directory.
- Maserati's official social channels have a combined following of more than 21 million.

Author Biography

Stuart Codling is a respected motorsport journalist and broadcaster. He has appeared as an F1 expert on TV and radio, hosted for Renault F1, and contributes to *F1 Racing*, *Autosport*, *Autocar*, and the *Red Bulletin*. Stuart is the author of several books, including *Real Racers: Formula 1 Racing in the 1950s and 1960s*, *Art of the Formula 1 Race Car*, *Art of the Classic Sports Car*, and *The Life Monaco*. Stuart lives in Surrey, England.

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The Complete Creative Director A masterclass in confident creative leadership

Mick Mahoney

Description

Creative directors are often thrust into leadership roles with little practical guidance. The result? Stress, costly mistakes, missed opportunities-and sometimes, a team that's far from inspired. As the role becomes more demanding, the need for clear, actionable advice is more urgent than ever.

The Complete Creative Director is here to fill that gap, offering essential tools to help you lead with confidence and creativity. This is the first comprehensive manual for creative directors, providing straightforward advice that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine. It will help you understand exactly what's expected of you as a creative and give you the confidence to meet those expectations.

You'll gain a solid grasp of best practices while learning to adapt them to fit your unique style and personality. The book also offers techniques for managing anxiety, so you can approach your role with focus and authority. You'll discover how to build strong relationships-both inside and outside your organisation-while fostering a creative culture. Additionally, you'll learn how to develop a thriving creative department, master pitches, and effectively engage with the commercial side of the business.

Ultimately, this book will make you more resilient in the face of setbacks, adaptable to constant change, and better equipped to focus on what truly matters: delivering exceptional creative work.

Sales Points

- The first true handbook for becoming a successful creative director, packed with valuable insights and methodologies.
- this book will make you more resilient in the face of setbacks, adaptable to constant change, and better equipped to focus on what truly matters: delivering exceptional creative work
- Mick Mahoney has over 25 years of experience at the forefront of UK advertising and is one of the most awarded creatives of his generation. His accolades include the prestigious Cannes Grand Prix, The One Show Best in Show, along with multiple Cannes Lions, D&AD Pencils, and Arrows.

Author Biography

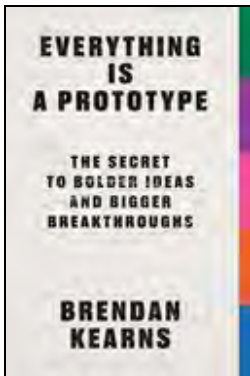
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Everything is a Prototype The Secret to Bold Ideas, Bigger Bets, and Creative Breakthroughs

Brendan Kearns

Description

Whether you are daydreaming about starting something new, grappling with a creative dilemma, or trying to live and work more experimentally, "Everything is a Prototype" is a field guide for the unknown and uncertain. It dismantles deeply held beliefs about our own inventiveness and shares proven methods for finding your best ideas among the noise and ultimately determining if they are worth pursuing.

From the soot-covered factory to the glittering heights of Silicon Valley, it addresses the societal dogma that being wrong indicates flawed ability or bad character. This book challenges the age-old stigma associated with errors and introduces a new framework for original thinking and a blueprint for using these essential elements in the creative process and innovation. It argues that making mistakes is not only normal but a secret of genius when done deliberately. It unpacks conventional wisdom on problem-solving across business, sport, coding, and popular culture, illustrating how experimentation is the critical ingredient for innovation and brilliance.

Readers learn to become Prototypers, taking advantage of being wrong. Starting with permission and ending with resilience, it offers a toolkit for navigating fears and frustrations, inviting personal transformation to do it over and over again.

Sales Points

- "Everything is a Prototype" is a field guide to uncertainty, challenging beliefs about creativity and offering proven methods to uncover and assess your best ideas.
- Prototyping is applied in various situations, always described in an accessible and often humorous way.
- Brendan Kearns is a renowned designer with 15+ years of experience in Silicon Valley and creative teams worldwide.

Author Biography

Brendan Kearns is a renowned designer with 15+ years of experience in Silicon Valley and creative teams worldwide. He focuses on bringing clarity to early-stage ideas through applied experimentation. Brendan founded RIVAL, a design lab aimed at evolving disruptive ideas. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and mentors venture capital firms and founders while frequently speaking and writing about applied creativity.

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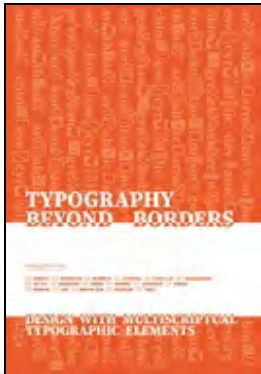




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Typography Beyond Borders Design with multiscrptual typographic Elements

Sherry Muyuan

Description

In today's global design world, it's more important than ever for designers to create work that connects with diverse audiences. This book is for designers and students whose native languages don't use the Latin alphabet, as well as professionals creating designs for people from non-Latin backgrounds. It's also a valuable resource for design teachers working with international students and aiming to create a more inclusive classroom.

This book fills an important gap in design education: the focus on Latin-script design resources. While there are books from designers in Asia or the Arabic-speaking world, they're mostly aimed at native speakers. Here, we take a fresh approach by comparing typography from a wide range of scripts, encouraging designers to move beyond Western styles and explore a richer, multicultural design approach.

Readers will walk away with a deeper understanding of global design, giving them the tools to create work that speaks to underrepresented audiences. Design students will feel more confident drawing inspiration from their own cultures, while educators will find new ways to teach with greater empathy. Whether you're an experienced designer or just starting out, this book offers practical tips to expand your design horizons and embrace non-Latin scripts.

Sales Points

- A beautifully designed book that brings typography from all around the world to life.
- The book encourages designers to move beyond Western styles and explore a richer, multicultural design approach
- Sherry Muyuan He is an assistant professor of art at the City College of New York. She holds an MFA in Visual Studies from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and a BA from Macalester College.

Author Biography

Sherry Muyuan He is an assistant professor of art at the City College of New York. She holds an MFA in Visual Studies from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and a BA from Macalester College. Passionate about languages, Sherry enjoys reading books in different languages and listening to conversations in various languages on the subway. Outside of teaching, she designs board games that help people learn new scripts.

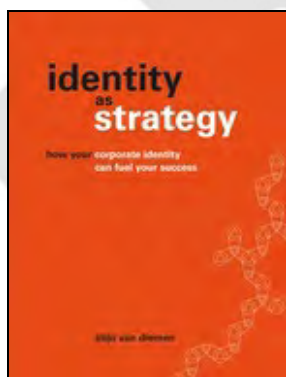
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Identity as Strategy

How your corporate identity can fuel your success

Stijn van Diemen

Description

In this book, seasoned identity consultant Stijn van Diemen explores eight strategic perspectives on corporate identity, each illustrated with engaging real-world cases. These cases bring the concepts to life, showing how the strategic models can be applied in different contexts. By following these examples, you'll be better equipped to translate the insights into your own organisation, sector, or region.

Filled with dozens of practical models and design principles, this book helps managers and marketers make better decisions, gain stakeholder support, and build a solid foundation for their strategy. The practical case studies make it easier to see how the strategies work in real life, enabling you to adapt them to your own unique situation and drive success.

Sales Points

- A valuable insight into the possibilities of using organizational identity as a foundation for strategic decision-making
- A distinctive book where the focus is not on brands but on the identity of organizations
- Practical models and compelling cases on leveraging identity in your business strategy

Author Biography

Stijn van Diemen has over 30 years of experience tackling strategic identity challenges across various sectors. With extensive consulting expertise in healthcare, education, government, ICT, digital platforms, and business services, both in the Netherlands and internationally, he has helped more than a hundred organisations, sectors, and regions define and project their identity to build a successful future.

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