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The Final Six

Akinari Asakura

Keynote

No one can afford to lose in the relentlessly cut-throat world of corporate Japan, but in the pursuit of victory they risk revealing some of the darkest sides of human nature.

Description

Shogo Hatano has beaten over 5,000 applicants to become one of six candidates still in the running for graduate positions at Japan's most exclusive tech company, Spiralinks.

But the night before the last interview, they receive an email that raises the stakes: Spiralinks will only take on one of the final six, and the hopefuls must decide who.

As deliberations begin, Hatano finds six envelopes containing a shocking revelation about each candidate. The terrible secrets exposed could ruin more than just careers, they could destroy lives.

With the clock ticking, Hatano must process the scandals, figure out who planted the evidence and convince the others that he deserves the job of all their dreams.

He'll do *whatever* it takes. But the wrong decision could have deadly consequences . . .

Sales Points

- **BUTTER meets INDUSTRY:** THE FINAL SIX is a compellingly tense psychological suspense that simultaneously functions as social commentary. With interest in Japanese culture at an all-time high in books and on our screens, this novel opens up the cut-throat world of corporate work in Japan
- **YOUR NEW TRANSLATED OBSESSION:** This is a dark and psychologically complex novel, perfect for fans of BUTTER by Asako Yuzuki, CONVENIENCE STORE WOMAN by Sayaka Murata and STRANGE PICTURES by Uketsu, who are looking for the new big thing in translated fiction
- **AN INTERNATIONAL JUGGERNAUT:** THE FINAL SIX has sold over 400,000 copies in Japan and has earned an impressive list of awards and nominations. It has also been adapted into manga, film, and stage play (more here). Rights have sold to Italy, Spain, China: KUWEI, Indonesia, Korea, Russia, Taiwan and Thailand
- **A SUPERLEAD TITLE:** THE FINAL SIX is a breakout commercial priority from Sphere. World English language rights were pre-empted for six figures and publication will be supported by a major and ambition campaign

Author Biography

Akinari Asakura is a Japanese writer and novelist known for his work as the writer of Show-ha Shoten! His award-winning works have been translated around the world, adapted for stage, screen and into manga comics. This would be his debut novel translated into the English language.



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Previous Titles

Less: Winner of the Pulitzer Prize 2018

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Villa Coco

'Set to be a staple on sun loungers' - BBC Culture, 40 most exciting books to look forward to in 2026

Andrew Sean Greer

Keynote

Pulitzer Prize winner Andrew Sean Greer showcases his wit and warmth in this life-enhancing tale of friendship set amidst the Tuscan hills.

Description

'Absolute joy' **Sarah Winman**

'The funniest of writers. . . *Villa Coco* is such a sunny book' **Kate Atkinson**

'Every sentence in this novel sings' **David Sedaris**

'Eccentric, funny, touching: I adored it' **Nina Stibbe**

'Sheer, riotous, unmitigated joy' **Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

Broke and directionless, our young protagonist takes a job in the Italian countryside as the assistant to Lisabetta - better known to her friends as Coco - a strong-willed, wealthy aristocrat of great local renown.

Trained as an archivist, he thinks he's been hired to catalogue the contents of the beautiful, crumbling mansion nestled in the green Tuscan hills. But *what are* his actual duties? Days are spent in a series of increasingly eccentric pursuits: entertaining an endless carousel of guests (from bohemian painters to elderly princesses to unnervingly handsome nephews), attending a funeral in order to make off with the urn, and aiding and abetting Coco's great and final plan - to reunite with the lost love of her life before it's too late.

As summer turns into autumn and the Italian countryside begins to work its magic, the secrets of Villa Coco and its inhabitants are slowly brought to light - and with them, an unforgettable story of the enduring power of friendship.

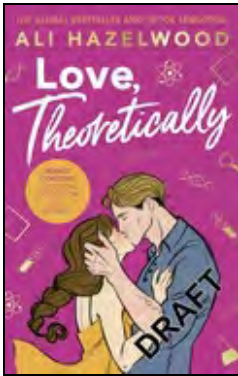
A 'charm novel' for our times, *Villa Coco* is a sun-drenched paean to youth, to age and to the fulfilment of love - filled with great wisdom and a spirit of unadulterated joy.

Sales Points

- **An award-winning, bestselling author:** Andrew Sean Greer is a literary star with a huge international profile. His novels have sold over 370,000 copies throughout our territories, including over 100,000 copies through UK Bookscan. *Less* was also a *New York Times* bestseller and the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2018.
- **A perfect summer read to cherish:** Tuscany! An old, crumbling villa! An eccentric aristocrat! A love story blooming in the shadow of olive trees! A tender, genuinely funny book to cherish for years to come.
- **A global event publication:** It's a new beginning for Andrew who's moving in the US to the same editor who published *Lessons in Chemistry* and *James*, and to Sceptre in the UK and internationally, the team behind David Nicholls' *You Are Here*, Kalliane Bradley's *The Ministry of Time* and Andrew Miller's *The Land in Winter*.
- **For fans of:** as uplifting as Elizabeth von Armin's *The Enchanted April*; as genuinely funny as Alison Espach's *The Wedding People*; and with the Italian charm of Sarah Winman's *Still Life*.
- **In the words of the author:** 'What ever happened to the "charm novel"? There used to be a kind of novel where you wanted to remain in its pages forever: a world in which even the worst of circumstances could provide a funny story and a sense of hope. A book to reread yearly as a balm to the soul. We've certainly needed them the past few years. But I couldn't find many modern ones. So I decided to write one.'

Author Biography

Andrew Sean Greer is the bestselling author of eight works of fiction, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Less*. From 2016-2018, Greer was the first Executive Director of the Santa Maddalena Foundation, working alongside president Beatrice Monti della Corte to invite authors from around the world for a writing residence in the Tuscan countryside. The setting of *Villa Coco*, Greer's latest novel, is partly inspired by the time he spent there.



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Previous Titles

THE LOVE HYPOTHESIS
LOVE ON THE BRAIN
LOATHE TO LOVE YOU (STUCK WITH YOU, UNDER ONE ROOF, BELOW ZERO)
LOVE, THEORETICALLY
CHECK & MATE
BRIDE
NOT IN LOVE
DEEP END
PROBLEMATIC SUMMER ROMANCE
MATE
TWO CAN PLAY (novella)

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Love Theoretically

From the bestselling author of The Love Hypothesis

Ali Hazelwood

Keynote

A reissued edition of the much-loved third novel from New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling author of THE LOVE HYPOTHESIS and DEEP END.

Description

Rival physicists collide in a vortex of academic feuds and fake dating shenanigans in this delightfully STEMist romcom from the bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis* - with an all-new cover, a note from Ali and never-before-seen bonus content!

The many lives of theoretical physicist Elsie Hannaway have finally caught up with her. By day, she's an adjunct professor, toiling away at grading labs and teaching thermodynamics in the hopes of landing tenure. By *other* day, Elsie makes up for her non-existent paycheck by offering her services as a fake girlfriend, tapping into her expertly honed people-pleasing skills to embody whichever version of herself the client needs.

Honestly, it's a pretty sweet gig - until her carefully constructed Elsie-verse comes crashing down. Because Jack Smith, the annoyingly attractive and arrogant older brother of her favourite client, turns out to be the cold-hearted experimental physicist who ruined her mentor's career and undermined the reputation of theorists everywhere. And he's the same Jack Smith who rules over the physics department at MIT, standing right between Elsie and her dream job.

Elsie is prepared for an all-out war of scholarly sabotage but... those long, penetrating looks? Not having to be anything other than her true self when she's with him? Will falling into an experimentalist's orbit finally tempt her to put her most guarded theories on love into practice?

This is a reissued edition of the original *Love, Theoretically* with an updated cover and containing a new note from Ali herself, plus never-before-seen bonus content

*Ali Hazelwood's Mate was a *Sunday Times* bestseller w/e 11 and 18 October 2025.

Sales Points

- **A REISSUE WITH AN ALL-NEW COVER AND BRAND NEW BONUS CONTENT:** Featuring a note from Ali herself, an all-new cover look and bonus content never before seen in our markets, this is a reissued edition of the much-loved third novel by Ali Hazelwood, *Love, Theoretically* - ahead of a teased return to this world and its characters in a future Ali Hazelwood novel.
- **A TIKTOK PHENOMENON:** One of the original TikTok authors, Ali Hazelwood's star only continues to rise as her brand moves with the market, cementing her name as one of the fastest-growing global brand authors in romance with 2.3 million copies of her Sphere titles sold to date. Ali is a *New York Times*, *Sunday Times*, Australian and international bestseller, with readers in all four corners of the globe.

Reviews

- 'Your world is about to be rocked.' - Elena Armas, author of *The Spanish Love Deception* (on *Love on the Brain*)
- 'Hopelessly, brilliantly, wonderfully romantic. I loved it even more than *The Love Hypothesis*, and I didn't think that was possible' - Cressida McLaughlin on *Love on the Brain*
- 'Ali Hazelwood proves that science is sexy as hell, and that love can 'STEM' from the most unlikely places. She's my newest must-buy author.' - Jodi Picoult on *Love on the Brain*
- 'Gloriously nerdy and sexy, with on-point commentary about women in STEM.' - Helen Hoang, author of *The Heart Principle* on *Love on the Brain*
- 'Proves that STEM can be sexy!' - *Red*
- 'Contemporary romance's unicorn: the elusive marriage of deeply brainy and delightfully escapist.' - Christina Lauren, author of *The Unhoneymooners* on *The Love Hypothesis*

Author Biography

Ali Hazelwood is the *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author of multiple romance novels, as well as a writer of peer-reviewed articles about brain science, in which no one makes out and the ever after is not always happy. Originally from Italy, she lived in Germany and Japan before moving to the US to pursue a PhD in neuroscience. She recently became a professor, which absolutely terrifies her. When Ali is not at work, she can be found running, eating cake pops, or watching sci-fi movies with her three feline overlords (and her slightly-less-feline husband).



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The Keeper of the Camphor Tree The Million-Copy Japanese bestseller

Keigo Higashino
Translated by Jordan Taylor

Keynote

The million-copy-selling novel full of mystery, healing and solace - by bestselling Japanese author Keigo Higashino

Description

Imagine an ancient tree by a famous shrine, so powerful that visitors come from far and wide to commune with it by moonlight ...

When a run of bad luck lands Reito in prison, about to be sentenced, a distant aunt he has never met offers him a surprising way out: he must become the next keeper of the camphor tree.

In his strange new job, Reito welcomes the people coming by nightfall to commune with the tree, all of whom are lost and all in need of something. There is the stern, middle-aged man who hums to the tree for hours; and his glamorous daughter, who has been secretly following him. Then there is the rich, disaffected young man who seems to come grudgingly, with no faith that the tree will even help.

What is the secret of the camphor tree? Can its power be more than just a myth?

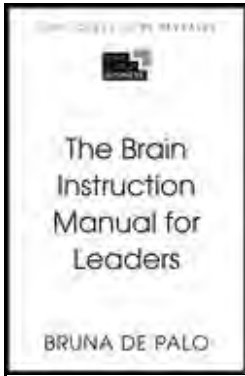
Reito begs his aunt Chifune to explain, but she assures him that when he is ready for them, the answers will come to him.

Sales Points

- **A BLOCKBUSTER, BESTSELLING SALES SENSATION IN JAPAN:** Over 750k copies sold in Japan since publication in 2020, and almost 1.5 million copies sold overall in Asia
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF WARM, WHIMSICAL AND COMFORTING FICTION:** *When the Coffee Gets Cold* and *What You Are Looking For* is in the *Library* meet Matt Haig, with a dash of mystery/suspense
- **MAJOR ANIME FILM ADAPTATION SET TO RELEASE IN 2026:** will premiere at end of January 2026 in Japan, directed by Tomohiko Ito, known for *Sword Art Online*
- Rights sold in China, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, France and Germany

Author Biography

Keigo Higashino is the single bestselling, best-known novelist in Japan and around Asia, with numerous television and film adaptations of his work appearing in several languages. He's the author of *The Devotion of Suspect X*, which was the finalist for the Edgar Award for best novel, and *Malice*, among many others. He lives in Tokyo, Japan.



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The Brain Instruction Manual for Leaders

What nobody told you about working with humans

Bruna De Palo

Keynote

The missing manual for leaders, turning neuroscience into tools you can use immediately.

Description

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO USING BRAIN SCIENCE TO INSPIRE SMARTER LEADERSHIP

Why do leaders experience the same problems again and again? Miscommunication, stress, resistance, conflict. In pressure moments, old habits re-emerge. The problem isn't you, it's your brain, because no one ever taught you how it really works. This book gives you the missing leadership manual, turning neuroscience into tools you can use immediately.

The Brain Instruction Manual for Leaders starts by explaining *HOW* the brain works, because it's only when you understand the context that the tools make sense, and then moves on to examine real-life, pressing leadership challenges through a brain-based lens. It explains the underlying mechanism and provides a tool or framework to address it in a brain-smart way. You will discover some of the most common leadership FAQs and how they relate to the brain-based approach explained in the book.

With this book, you will be able to move your leadership to another level by:

- * Understanding what's happening in your brain and others'.
- * Spotting causes behind stress, miscommunication, and resistance.
- * Navigating hard conversations without triggering pushback.
- * Breaking patterns without relying on willpower.
- * Building safer, calmer, more productive teams.
- * Using tools that deliver results.
- * Leading with clarity and calm.
- * Building environments where people thrive.

The relatable stories and simple, brain-based tools revealed in *The Brain Instruction Manual for Leaders* create behaviour that changes under real-world pressure. The result is more clarity, calm, and consistent impact.

Sales Points

- **Public speaking:** The author regularly delivers keynotes and workshops and has supplied a comprehensive list of 2026 dates in place which will drive sales.
- **Corporate sales:** She will be actively selling the book to clients who are already purchasing resources for their wider leadership teams, making the book a natural fit for bulk sales. She works with around 30 companies a year across the UK and Europe, and will also be selling the book to those who couldn't attend talks and seminars.
- **Marketing and PR:** The author is hiring her own marketing support to deliver the rollout. In addition, she has PR support to help make connections and target podcasts.
- **NeuroLeadership Institute support:** The NeuroLeadership Institute is a leading global research organisation and the pioneer in bringing neuroscience to leadership and Bruna is a faculty member. With operations worldwide, the Institute provides unique brain-based, process-focused, and outcome-driven methodologies and frameworks that help individuals and organisations facilitate positive change and lead more effectively.
- **LinkedIn:** Bruna has over 6,000 engaged followers to seed the book to.

Author Biography

Bruna De Palo is a neuroscience-based executive coach and leadership strategist with 3,000+ hours helping leaders in Fortune 500 companies including Google, American Express and beyond. Italian by birth and global by choice, she blends solid science with humour and a practical style that makes learning stick, turning brain science into tools that shift behaviour fast. She speaks internationally, helping leaders across cultures and generations transform how they lead, collaborate, and thrive.



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Power Play Video Games, Politics and the Battle for Global Influence

George E. Osborn

Keynote

For readers of *Chip War* and *The Future of Geography*, *Power Play* is an urgent exploration of the way that states, powers and organisations are battling to shape society and the world around us through video games and the communities who play them.

Description

In *Power Play*, leading game industry expert George E. Osborn reveals how video games - the world's largest entertainment medium - are being used by autocrats, populists and violent extremists to influence the real world around us.

Video games are the world's largest entertainment medium: they are played by billions of people, across all age demographics, and they generate hundreds of billions of dollars of revenue every year.

But video games are more than an entertainment product - they are an ecosystem that connects billions of people across the globe. Video games create spaces where people talk, share ideas and build identities that bleed into our reality. And while democracies have underestimated the potential for influence in this space, others have seized the opportunity.

This is why Russia has been funding the development of video games designed to promote their world view. It's why Saudi Arabia has acquired one of gaming's biggest publishers, EA, to help wash its reputation. It's why Steve Bannon utilised tactics learned from online game communities to propel Donald Trump to the White House. And it's why Charlie Kirk's alleged assassin carved video game references into his bullets.

Supported by the insights of dozens of politicians, academics and industry experts, it's the vital guide to understanding this new frontier for political influence, and what democracies must do to protect play and harness its immense power before this essential battle for digital influence is lost for good.

Sales Points

- **EXPERT AUTHOR** - George is a leading industry expert with over a decade's experience explaining the political and societal implications of video games to a general audience. He's able to make the topic accessible and immediate, whether or not the reader plays video games.
- **A VITAL INSIGHT INTO AN UNSEEN FORCE SHAPING WORLD POLITICS** - George argues that video games and their communities are ripe for political influence, and while Western, democratic states have been very slow to recognise this potential, authoritarian states and extremist groups have not - and are currently winning the war for influence in this space.
- **AUTHOR NETWORK** - George has a strong network of influential figures in video games and the media through his newsletter, so we can expect a good range of endorsements and help spreading the word.
- **FOR READERS OF:** *Power Play* will do for video games what *Chip War* did for semi-conductors, exploring the ways that technology is serving as a new political frontier. It will appeal to fans of *Prisoners of Geography* and *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*.
- **VIDEOS GAMES WILL BE BIG NEWS** - The book will publish just a few months before the release of *Grand Theft Auto VI*, which is likely to be both the biggest video game launch, and the biggest entertainment launch, ever, giving more focus to the topic of video games than ever before.

Reviews

- 'George E. Osborn has done what too few researchers and journalists bother to do: taken video games seriously as an information environment. *Power Play* is essential reading for anyone trying to understand where the next influence operation is being built.' - ELIOT HIGGINS, Founder, BELLINGCAT
- 'Should be required reading for those worried about the future of their hobby - and the democratic leaders who could help change the game.' - Matt Honeycombe-Foster, Deputy Editor, POLITICO

Author Biography

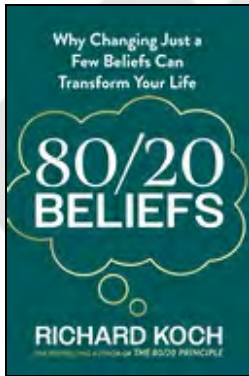
George E. Osborn is a leading expert on the video game industry with over a decade and a half experience explaining games to the wider world. He has previously worked as Head of Campaigns and Communications at Ukie, the UK video games trade association, where



he advised politicians, business leaders and the public on the industry and its political, economic and social impact. George has been featured across the media, including *The Guardian*, *Sky News*, *The New York Times*, *BBC World Service*, *Politico* and *Bloomberg*. He is the creator of the Video Games Industry Memo newsletter, and founder of video game consulting business Half-Space Consulting.

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80/20 Beliefs

Why Changing Just a Few Beliefs Can Transform Your Life

Richard Koch

Keynote

Million-copy bestselling author Richard Koch reveals how changing a few core beliefs can transform your life and provide lasting happiness.

Description

Discover how changing a few core beliefs can transform your life and provide last happiness.

In his million-copy bestseller, *THE 80/20 PRINCIPLE*, Richard Koch showed readers how to take advantage of the simple fact that 80% of your results come from 20% of your efforts. In *80/20 BELIEFS*, he shows how just a few core beliefs - often unconscious yet profoundly influential - shape our lives, happiness and success.

By identifying and examining the 'toxic' beliefs that cause unnecessary stress and shaping them into good beliefs that foster resilience and joy, we can enjoy a life of greater fulfilment.

Sales Points

- Richard Koch is the bestselling author of *The 80/20 Principle* - the renowned guide to doing more with less effort - which has sold over three quarters of a million copies and been translated into 31 languages.
- This book applies the techniques of the 80/20 principle, but with a personal development angle. Richard shows why identifying and changing just a few negative beliefs and adopting a few good ones, can significantly increase our health and happiness.
- For readers of *The 5 Types of Wealth*, *The 5AM Club*, and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

Author Biography

Richard Koch is the bestselling author of *The 80/20 Principle*, which has sold three quarters of a million copies and been published in thirty-one languages. He is also a highly successful entrepreneur and investor, whose ventures have included Filofax, Plymouth Gin, Belgo and Betfair. He was formerly a partner of Bain & Company and co-founder of LEK Consulting. He has written more than twenty acclaimed books on business and ideas.

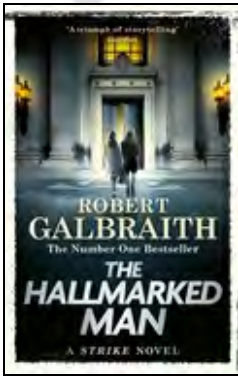
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The Hallmarked Man Cormoran Strike Book 8

Robert Galbraith

Keynote

The brand new instalment in the highly acclaimed international bestselling series, featuring Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott, written by Robert Galbraith, a pseudonym of J.K. Rowling

Description

'A triumph of storytelling'
Guardian

THE NUMBER ONE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER, SEPTEMBER 2025

A dismembered corpse is discovered in the vault of a silver shop. The police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber - but not everyone agrees with that theory. One of them is Decima Mullins, who calls on the help of private detective Cormoran Strike as she's certain the body in the silver vault was that of her boyfriend - the father of her newborn baby - who suddenly and mysteriously disappeared.

The more Strike and his business partner Robin Ellacott delve into the case, the more labyrinthine it gets. The silver shop is no ordinary one: it's located beside Freemasons' Hall and specialises in Masonic silverware. And in addition to the armed robber and Decima's boyfriend, it becomes clear that there are other missing men who could fit the profile of the body in the vault.

As the case becomes ever more complicated and dangerous, Strike faces another quandary. Robin seems increasingly committed to her boyfriend, policeman Ryan Murphy, but the impulse to declare his own feelings for her is becoming stronger than ever.

A gripping, wonderfully complex novel which takes Strike and Robin's story to a new level, *The Hallmarked Man* is an unmissable read for any fan of this unique series.

PRAISE FOR THE CORMORAN STRIKE SERIES

'A superlative piece of crime fiction' *Sunday Times*

'The work of a master storyteller' *Daily Telegraph*

'A scrupulous plotter and master of misdirection, Galbraith keeps the pages turning . . . Strike and Ellacott remain one of crime's most engaging duos' *Guardian*

'No one can deny [Robert Galbraith, pseudonym of] J. K. Rowling's formidable talents as a crime writer' *Daily Mail*

'Strike is a compelling creation . . . this is terrifically entertaining stuff' *Irish Times*

Sales Points

- **ALWAYS A BESTSELLER:** All eight novels in the Strike series have been Number One *Sunday Times* and international bestsellers. Combined, they have spent **89 weeks on the *Sunday Times* bestseller list.**
- **MAJOR SALES GROWTH:** Robert Galbraith's novels have sold over **2.4 million copies through UK TCM**, and over **8.75 million** copies of the Sphere editions have been sold across all formats and international territories.
- **MASS MARKET REACH:** The previous paperback, *The Running Grave*, was a Number One *Sunday Times* bestseller, selling over 67K paperbacks TCM in its first 12 weeks.

Reviews

- 'A terrific and tightly plotted romp... With an apparent effortlessness that speaks of great discipline and skill, Galbraith keeps the plates of all four possible murder inquiries spinning, each one replete with its own satisfyingly unexpected feints and twists... **A triumph of storytelling**' - GUARDIAN
- 'These Galbraith novels are **remarkable**, the management of a variety of themes and stories **extraordinary**. Indeed, **I would rather read Galbraith than any other crime writer now active. These are books you can happily lose yourself in.**' - The Scotsman
- '**Cancel all your plans** [...] combines a fiendish mystery with the deliciously tangled will they/won't they romantic lives of private investigators Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott. [...] It's so good to have them back.' - HEAT
- 'Galbraith has created a world that the reader wants to spend time in and I'm just as invested in the characters as I am the mysteries. Strike and Robin are **two of the most compelling characters in contemporary fiction** and I really hope we've got lots more books to come. 'The Hallmarked Man' is **dark, twisty** and **endlessly**

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addictive, and it's **one of the strongest books in the Strike series** so far." -
ENTERTAINMENT FOCUS

Author Biography

Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym for J.K. Rowling, bestselling author of the Harry Potter series and *The Casual Vacancy*. The previous seven Strike novels, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, *The Silkworm*, *Career of Evil*, *Lethal White*, *Troubled Blood*, *The Ink Black Heart* and *The Running Grave* topped the national and international bestseller lists and the series has been adapted for television, produced by Brontë Film and Television.

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Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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Extent	320 pages
Word Count	
Series	Bumper Short Story Collections
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Author born in	Deceased
Author living in	East Dulwich

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 the Wishing-Chair*.

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Perfect Pet Stories

Enid Blyton

Keynote

A collection of stories full of favourite pets, forest friends and furry animals from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller.

Description

An exciting new collection of tales and whiskers from the world's best-loved storyteller.

From the dog who found a lost teddy to the missing basket filled with kittens, this collection of Enid Blyton tales has all your favourite pets, whether they have fur, scales, feathers or shells. Would you like to meet them?

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.

Read all of Enid Blyton's bumper short story collections. New in 2026:
Cosy Bedtime Stories
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Five-Minute Christmas Stories

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Sales Points

- The bumper short-story collections have sold over 900,000 copies in the UK and export [Vista sales]
- These short stories are perfect for newly confident readers to read alone or for shared reading
- Fresh and contemporary cover illustrations by Mark Beech and foil finishes make these books the perfect gifts

Author Biography

Enid Blyton is one of the world's 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.



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Author born in	Coleraine, Northern Ireland
Author living in	Edinburgh

Publishing History

THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT (2022);
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(paperback reissue, 2025)

Previous Titles

THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT (2022),
HAMNET (2020), I AM, I AM, I AM
(2018), THIS MUST BE THE PLACE
(2016); AFTER YOU'D GONE 25th
Anniversary Edition (2025) amongst
other

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Land

From the no. 1 bestselling author of Hamnet, a multigenerational epic of loss, hope and reunion

Maggie O'Farrell

Keynote

An epic portrait of a family navigating the legacy of Ireland's Great Hunger, *Land* is Maggie O'Farrell at her spellbinding, inimitable best.

Description

'You will never understand how the land remembers, how deep the roots grow' A spellbinding story of separation, longing, recovery and survival as a family makes a new home in the aftermath of tragedy.

On a windswept peninsula stretching out into the Atlantic, Tomás and his reluctant son, Liam, are working for the great Ordnance Survey project to map the whole of Ireland. The year is 1865, and in a country not long since ravaged and emptied by the Great Hunger, the task is not an easy one. Tomás, however, is determined that his maps will be a record of the disaster.

The British soldiers in charge are due to arrive any day, expecting the work to be completed, but Tomás is sent off course by an unsettling encounter in a copse. His life, and those of his family, will never be the same again. Liam is terrified by the sudden change in his taciturn father. What was it that caused such cracks to open in Tomás and how is Liam, aged only ten, going to finish the mapping, and get them both home?

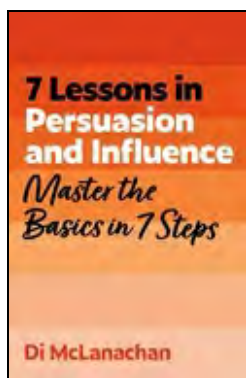
Land is a story of buried treasure, overlapping lives, ancient woodland, persistent ghosts, a particularly loyal dog, and how, when it comes to both land and history, nothing ever goes away.

Sales Points

- One of our most critically acclaimed, bestselling novelists, Maggie O'Farrell is an author with a unique connection to her readership. She has sold over four million copies of her books through UK Bookscan. and over seven million worldwide, and her work has been translated into 42 languages.
- *Hamnet* was winner of the 2020 Women's Prize for Fiction and *The Marriage Portrait* was shortlisted in 2022, and with its ambitious take on a pivotal moment in Irish history, *Land* is set to be one of the literary highlights of 2026, and a contender for major literary awards.
- In *Land*, Maggie offers her own deft and utterly original take on themes of colonisation, migration and identity. Readers who love playful, rangy, ambitious historical fiction like *North Woods* or *The Luminaries* will adore being swept away by *Land*.

Author Biography

Maggie O'Farrell is the author of HAMNET, Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020, and the memoir I AM, I AM, I AM, both *Sunday Times* no. 1 bestsellers. Her novels include AFTER YOU'D GONE, MY LOVER'S LOVER, THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US, which won a Somerset Maugham Award, THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX, THE HAND THAT FIRST HELD MINE, which won the 2010 Costa Novel Award, INSTRUCTIONS FOR A HEATWAVE, THIS MUST BE THE PLACE and THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT, which was shortlisted for the Women's Prize. She is also the author of three books for children, WHERE SNOW ANGELS GO, THE BOY WHO LOST HIS SPARK and WHEN THE STAMMER CAME TO STAY. She lives in Edinburgh.



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7 Lessons in Persuasion and Influence Master Persuasion Basics in 7 Steps

Di McLanachan

Keynote

7 short lessons to help you master persuasion and influence - whatever your business role.

Description

A SHORT COURSE IN PERSUASION AND INFLUENCE BASICS.

7 Lessons in Persuasion and Influence is a quick course in persuasiveness, giving you everything you need to know in just seven short chapters. From understanding how people make decisions to increasing your authority and building rapport, you'll rapidly develop the ability to influence others.

- * Lesson 1: What is influence?
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- * Lesson 3: Becoming a voice of authority
- * Lesson 4: Speaking the language of influence
- * Lesson 5: Filtered thinking
- * Lesson 6: Flexible influencing
- * Lesson 7: Proven persuasion techniques

Explore the main themes and ideas in persuasion and influence, get a basic knowledge and understanding of the key concepts, and test your progress with practical and thought-provoking exercises. *7 Lessons in Persuasion and Influence* is your fastest route to success.

ABOUT THE SERIES

7 Lessons are for people who want to succeed at work. From negotiating and content marketing to finance and social media, the series covers the business topics that matter and that will help you make a difference today. Written in straightforward English, each book features a course of 7 short lessons so that with just a little work, you can quickly master the subject.

Sales Points

- **BUSINESS BASICS:** Each book is a simple walk through of the basics you need to know. This is perfect, entry-level publishing.
- **SERIES RELAUNCH:** This is the 2025 relaunch of the highly successful In a Week series.
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Author Biography

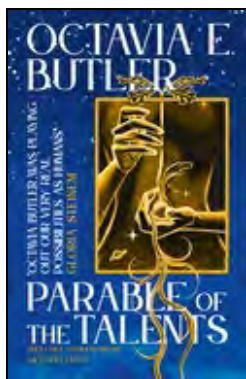
Di McLanachan is the founder and Director of Learning Curves. She has over 25 years experience working with clients across the UK and internationally in all aspects of business training and personal development coaching.

Market

The series is aimed squarely at the basic market - beginners and junior execs looking to get on at work. Written in straightforward English, the series has a proven global appeal. In a fast-changing world, this series will enable readers not just to get up to speed, but to get ahead.

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Parable of the Talents the extraordinary sequel to the bestselling modern classic, *Parable of the Sower*

Octavia E. Butler

Keynote

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'Octavia Butler was playing out our very real possibilities as humans' **GLORIA STEINEM**

In order for me to understand who I am, I must begin to understand who she was.

Asha was born into a broken world. There are many things she needs to know: how her country could embrace a violent, far-right President promising to make America great again, why they turned a blind eye to the suffering - and the truth about her mother.

In her journals, Lauren Olamina tells of a great love divided between her young daughter, her community and the revelation that led her to found a new faith that teaches 'God Is Change'. But under a tyrannical religious regime who consider the mere existence of a black female leader a threat, Lauren knows she must soon either sacrifice her daughter and her followers - or forsake the beliefs that could transform human destiny.

WINNER OF THE NEBULA AWARD FOR BEST NOVEL

Praise for Octavia E. Butler

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Reviews

- 'Butler writes with such a familiarity that the alien is welcome and intriguing. She really artfully exposes our human impulse to self-destruct' - Lupita Nyong'o
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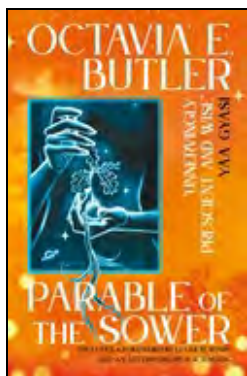


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'If there is one thing scarier than a dystopian novel about the future, it's one written in the past that has already begun to come true' **GLORIA STEINEM**

We are coming apart. We're a rope, breaking, a single strand at a time.

America is a place of chaos, where violence rules and only the rich and powerful are safe. Lauren Olamina, a young woman with the extraordinary power to feel the pain of others as her own, records everything she sees of this broken world in her journal.

Then, one terrible night, everything alters beyond recognition, and Lauren must make her voice heard for the sake of those she loves.

Soon, her vision becomes reality and her dreams of a better way to live gain the power to change humanity forever.

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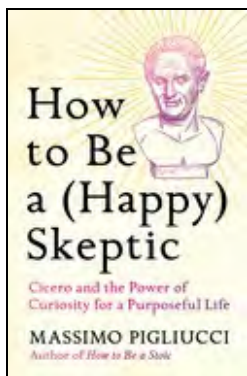


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How to Be a (Happy) Skeptic Cicero and the Power of Curiosity for a Purposeful Life Massimo Pigliucci

Keynote

A philosopher's guide to cultivating curiosity in daily life

Description

Updating ancient philosophy with modern cognitive and social science, a leading philosopher reveals how a sceptical approach is the perfect guide to a good life

The ancient Greeks and Romans devised an approach to life based on the notion that we don't know as much as we think we do, and that adjusting our beliefs to the evidence while keeping in mind that we could be wrong about things is the path to a happy and meaningful life and a just society.

In HOW TO BE A (HAPPY) SKEPTIC, philosopher and scientist Massimo Pigliucci adopts as his guide the ancient Roman public advocate, orator, statesman and philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero to reveal the benefits of cultivating curiosity and doubt in the pursuit of knowledge throughout our life.

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Sales Points

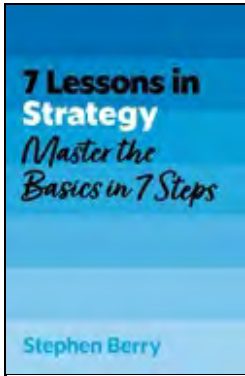
- Accessible pop philosophy for the mass market: an enlightening guide to cultivating curiosity and doubt in the pursuit of a life worth living.
- Blends science and human stories with a practical toolkit to finding meaning and purpose.
- Bestselling author of *How to Be a Stoic* and *Live Like a Philosopher*. Massimo Pigliucci is well connected with authors such as Oliver Burkeman, John Sellars, Nigel Warburton and Carlo Rovelli.

Reviews

- *"How to Be a (Happy) Skeptic is the book we've been waiting for! If you've ever recoiled from Stoicism as too austere, this book offers a sensible, socially responsible middle ground to living the life you want. What's more, it is the single best guide now available to the rich body of practical wisdom written by Marcus Tullius Cicero."* - Michael Fontaine, *author of How to Have Willpower*
- *"How to Be a (Happy) Skeptic combines intellectual biography with self-help writing of the best kind, showing us how curiosity and doubt-not certainty, or faith-can be foundational for a rich, fulfilling life."* - M. D. Usher, *author of Following Nature's Lead: Ancient Ways of Living in a Dying World*
- *"This book is a wide-ranging introduction to ancient Greco-Roman ethics and a swift history of Cicero's life and times. More importantly, it's a compelling guide to living well-to thinking reasonably, to savoring friendship, to building a better society, and to facing suffering with dignity and grace."* - Scott Samuelson, *author of Rome as a Guide to the Good Life: A Philosophical Grand Tour*
- *"To his talents as a natural writer, expert historian of philosophy, and committed practical ethicist, Massimo Pigliucci here adds the skills of a gifted biographer. His deft interweaving of Cicero's life with an inquiry into how to best live our own makes this book a compelling and spiritually uplifting achievement."* - James Romm, *author of Dying Every Day: Seneca at the Court of Nero*

Author Biography

Massimo Pigliucci is the K. D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York. He has written for publications such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, Philosophy Now, and The Philosopher's Magazine, among others. He is the author or editor of 16 books, including *How to Be a Stoic: Using Ancient Philosophy to Live a Modern Life*.



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7 Lessons in Strategy Master Strategy Basics in 7 Steps

Stephen Berry

Keynote

7 short lessons that will help you master strategy - whatever your business role.

Description

A SHORT COURSE IN BUSINESS STRATEGY BASICS.

7 Lessons in Strategy is a quick course in acquiring vital strategic thinking skills giving you everything you need to know in just seven short chapters. From unpacking the myths of strategy and exploring the varying meanings people put to the word, to a closer examination of internal strategy, marketing strategy, brand strategy and competitive strategy, you'll explore failures and successes and build a platform for developing your own strategic thinking skills.

- * Lesson 1: Understand what strategy is and what it isn't
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- * Lesson 4: Understand marketing strategy
- * Lesson 5: Understand brand strategy
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- * Lesson 7: Keep strategy going

Explore the main themes and ideas in strategy, get a basic knowledge and understanding of the key concepts, and test your progress with practical and thought-provoking exercises. *7 Lessons in Strategy* is your fastest route to success.

ABOUT THE SERIES

7 Lessons are for people who want to succeed at work. From negotiating and content marketing to finance and social media, the series covers the business topics that matter and that will help you make a difference today. Written in straightforward English, each book features a course of 7 short lessons so that with just a little work, you can quickly master the subject.

Sales Points

- **BUSINESS BASICS:** Each book is a simple walk through of the basics you need to know. This is perfect, entry-level publishing.
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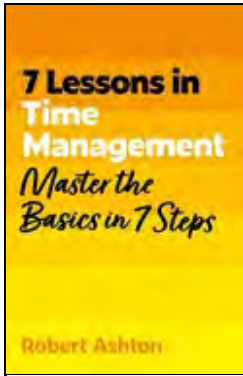
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Author Biography

Stephen Berry is a leading expert on strategy as both a coach and a practitioner.

Market

The series is aimed squarely at the basic market - beginners and junior execs looking to get on at work. Written in straightforward English, the series has a proven global appeal. In a fast-changing world, this series will enable readers not just to get up to speed, but to get ahead.



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Robert Ashton

Keynote

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- * Lesson 1: It all starts with you
- * Lesson 2: Understanding your job
- * Lesson 3: Organizing your workspace
- * Lesson 4: Managing your workload
- * Lesson 5: Coping with your colleagues
- * Lesson 6: Communicating effectively to save time
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Sunday: Self-assessment / Monday: Mastering paperwork / Tuesday: Planning / Wednesday: Controlling IT / Thursday: Taming the telephone / Friday: Managing meetings / Sunday: Managing projects

Author Biography

Robert Ashton is an accomplished social entrepreneur. He's started and sold businesses, written 12 books and runs a successful charity.

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The Devil Reached Toward the Sky The Making and Unleashing of the Atomic Bomb - By The People Who Were There

Garrett M. Graff

Keynote

From the international bestselling author of *The Only Plane in the Sky*, a sweeping oral history of the atomic bomb's creation and deployment

Description

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - A PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST - THE 'MASTERPIECE' DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB

'A comprehensive account... focuses not just on the voices of scientists [but] explores overlooked pieces of the Manhattan Project's history.' -Daily Mail

'This period in history has never been more relevant and frightening than it is today... A masterpiece.'-James Patterson

"Comprehensive and engrossing...Excellent oral history."-Kirkus Reviews

From the international bestselling author of *The Only Plane in the Sky*, a sweeping oral history of the atomic bomb's creation and deployment

April 12, 1945. Less than three months into his vice presidency, Harry Truman is catapulted into the Oval Office following the sudden death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As he recites the oath, he learns a chilling secret known only to a select few: the United States is on the verge of deploying a weapon of unimaginable power. This weapon could end the war but also herald a new age of global fear and uncertainty.

Drawing from over twenty-five oral history archives across the US, Japan, and Europe, Graff has masterfully blended the memories and perspectives from key figures like Harry Truman and J. Robert Oppenheimer, the crews of the B-29 bombers, *Enola Gay* and *Bock's Car*, the rescuers who bravely faced the destruction, and the haunting stories of those at ground zero in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, including the experiences of the *hibakusha* - the 'bomb-affected people'.

Enriched by memoirs, diaries, letters, official documents, and news reports, this is an immersive and deeply human account of the Manhattan Project through the end of World War II and the dawning of the Cold War, offering a vivid, multi-dimensional view of events that reshaped the world forever.

Sales Points

- **DEFINITIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AUTHORITATIVE:** Almost 500 pages long and combining sources from over 25 different archives across Europe, America and Japan, with material including memoirs, diaries, letters, official documents and news reports, this is the most extensive and definitive book on the market.
- **STAR AUTHOR:** Garrett Graff is the internationally bestselling author of oral histories including *The Only Plane in the Sky* (over 36k UK TCM across editions) and *Watergate*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.
- **OPPENHEIMER EFFECT:** Following the huge, international success of the film *Oppenheimer* (2023), the story of the creation and deployment of the Atomic bomb has come once again strongly into public interest. Garrett's book will tell the complete, behind-the-scenes story so is perfect for those seeking one book to truly understand what happened before, during and after, this undeniably world-altering event.
- **A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER WITH GLOWING REVIEWS**

Author Biography

Bestselling historian and Pulitzer Prize finalist Garrett M. Graff has spent nearly two decades covering politics, technology, and national security, and is now recognized as one of America's most prolific and wide-ranging journalists and historians. He is the former editor of *POLITICO Magazine*, a regular writer for publications from *Rolling Stone* to *Esquire* to the *Washington Post*, a contributor to *WIRED* and CNN, and a regular voice and analyst on NPR, PBS NewsHour and the History Channel. He is the author of a half-dozen award-winning books, including the international bestseller *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11*.

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The Widow

the unforgettable new courtroom drama from the master of the legal thriller!

John Grisham

Keynote

The incredible legal thriller from John Grisham.

Description

SHE NEEDS A LAWYER. HE NEEDS A PAYDAY.

Lawyer Simon Latch is struggling with debt, gambling issues and an impending divorce. But when Eleanor Barnett, an 85-year-old widow, visits his office to secure a new will, it seems his luck has finally changed: she claims she's sitting on a \$20 million fortune and no one else knows about it.

Once he's hooked the richest client of his career, Simon works quietly to keep her wealth under the radar. But it's a terrible mistake. Hidden secrets have a way of being found out, and when Eleanor is hospitalised after a car accident, Simon realises that nothing is as it seems.

As events spiral out of control, he finds himself on trial for a crime he swears he didn't commit: murder.

Sales Points

- **GLOBAL BESTSELLER AND MARKET LEADER:** John Grisham delivers courtroom suspense like no other writer in the world, and is beloved the world over.
- **FIRST WHODUNIT:** *The Widow* is John Grisham's first standalone whodunit in his entire writing career.
- **INCREDIBLE NEW BRAND LOOK:** a cinematic new cover style is being rolled out in 2025 across all John Grisham titles, backed with an always-on campaign.

Reviews

- 'A classic, compulsive, taut and thrilling novel from one of the great storytellers of our time. *The Widow* is John Grisham at his irresistible, unforgettable best. No one does it better' - *Chris Whitaker, author of All The Colours of the Dark*
- 'Grisham has two great qualities: he knows his stuff and is a born storyteller' - *Daily Mail*
- '*The Widow* is primarily a moral parable ... it's a murder mystery, too, and permeated by evidence of John Grisham's often overlooked skill as a social observer' - *Sunday Times*
- 'A twist-laden tale of greed, deception and privilege from the master of courtroom suspense' - *The i*

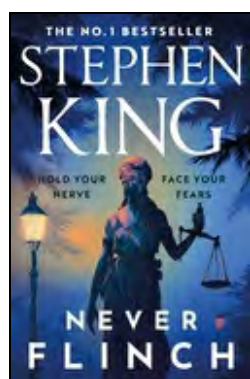
Author Biography

Since *The Firm* in 1991, John Grisham has published a number one bestseller every year. His books have been translated into 45 languages and have sold over 350 million copies worldwide. Nine have been adapted to film, including *The Firm*, *The Pelican Brief* and *A Time To Kill*.

His first work of non-fiction, *The Innocent Man*, was adapted into a six-part Netflix docuseries; his second, *Framed*, highlights work with organisations dedicated to exonerating those who have been wrongfully convicted.

He is the two-time winner of the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction and was distinguished with the Library of Congress Creative Achievement Award for Fiction.

John lives on a farm in central Virginia.



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Never Flinch

The No. 1 hardback bestseller now in paperback

Stephen King

Keynote

From master storyteller Stephen King comes a thrilling new novel with intertwining storylines - one about a killer on a diabolical revenge mission, and another about a vigilante targeting a feminist celebrity speaker - featuring the beloved Holly Gibney and a dynamic new cast of characters.

Description

From master storyteller Stephen King comes a thrilling new novel with intertwining storylines - one about a killer on a diabolical revenge mission, and another about a vigilante targeting a feminist celebrity speaker - featuring the beloved Holly Gibney and a dynamic new cast of characters.

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

- **A GLOBAL NUMBER ONE:** Hardback was a No. 1 Sunday Times bestseller in the UK and #1 New York Times bestseller
- **HIGHLY ACCLAIMED PUBLICATION:** Secured outstanding reviews around the world (see below)
- **PERFECT ENTRY POINT FOR NEW READERS:** A stand-alone novel, perfect for new readers, but will also appeal to fans of King's ongoing character Holly Gibney
- **WILL DELIVER BACKLIST ATTENTION:** There are 5 other novels featuring Holly Gibney - *Mr Mercedes*, *Finders Keepers*, *End of Watch*, *The Outsider*, *Holly* and a long story in *If It Bleeds* - and in 2023 Hodder reissued all with new covers

Reviews

- 'Stephen King's favourite detective gets another case . . . and it is, as ever, a joy to see her brilliant leaps of intuition and to watch her warm relationships with her small but devoted group of friends' - *Observer*
- 'The master storyteller has lost none of his grasp of the dark heart in the soul of Middle America: the result is simply superb' - *Daily Mail*
- 'An action-packed climax that plays out hour by hour, then minute by minute.' - *Standard*
- 'Holly is one of the most appealing investigators in contemporary crime fiction . . . *Never Flinch* contains plenty of King's trademark chilling moments, with the two storylines expertly entwined.' - *Guardian*

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 *Holly*.

Many of his titles are the basis for major motion pictures including *IT*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, which is IMDb's top-rated movie of all time, *The Long Walk* and *The Running Man*.

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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Heartbeats A Memoir Björn Borg

Keynote

Idol. Legend. Enigma. For the first time, one of the all-time greatest sportsmen is finally ready to share his astonishing story: the long-awaited tell-all memoir from Björn Borg.

Description

No one had ever played tennis quite like Björn Borg. With his incredible athleticism, powerful shot-making and distinctive style, he became a sensation after he burst onto the scene aged just 15. As he ascended to the pinnacle of men's tennis, Borg experienced unprecedented stardom and success that changed the game forever.

Hailed as one of the most talented players to ever step onto a tennis court, Borg collected the game's highest honours, including eleven Grand Slam titles - with five consecutive Wimbledon titles - establishing himself as one of the greatest of all time. Then he stunned the sporting world by announcing his retirement at the age of 26 and disappeared from tennis.

After all these years of silence, Borg is ready to share everything. In this candid memoir, Borg takes us through all the major moments in his career, shares insights into his rivalry with John McEnroe - considered one of the best in the sport's history - and their legendary 1980 Wimbledon final, and explains his shock retirement. Borg writes candidly about his personal life - for so long kept under wraps - including his childhood, his early stardom and his uncomfortable relationship with fame, alongside all the highs and lows of his unmatched career.

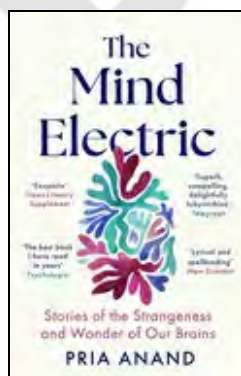
For the first time, readers will get Borg's own account of his career, his choices, and the experiences that shaped him as a person, from his childhood right up to today. This look behind the curtain at an enigmatic player who has fascinated generations of tennis fans, is ultimately a fascinating look at the making of sporting legend and, for readers who know nothing about tennis, a rare glimpse into an extraordinary, compelling life.

Sales Points

- Björn Borg is a true sporting legend: world number one for 109 weeks and the first man to win eleven Grand Slam titles. Readers who've enjoyed books from tennis stars like John McEnroe, Rafael Nadal and Andre Agassi will love hearing Borg's story in his own words.
- Borg is famously reclusive. When he retired at age 26, he vanished from the tennis world. He's been reluctant to share anything about his personal life in the past. This book is the rarest of chances to peek behind the curtain, with story after story that are completely unknown to the press and public.
- Tennis fans have been desperate to know Borg's side of his famous rivalry with John McEnroe and the truth behind his retirement, which this book delivers. Borg also offers fascinating insights into his relationships, his dark spiral after retirement, and the brutal realities of superstardom.

Author Biography

BJÖRN BORG is a Swedish former professional tennis player. He was ranked as the world No. 1 in men's singles for 109 weeks. Borg won 66 singles titles during his career, including 11 majors (six at the French Open and five consecutively at Wimbledon). A teenage sensation at the start of his career, Borg experienced unprecedented stardom and consistent success that helped propel the rising popularity of tennis during the 1970s. His rivalries with Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe became cultural touchstones beyond the world of tennis, with the latter rivalry peaking at the 1980 Wimbledon final, considered one of the greatest matches ever played.



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The Mind Electric 'Lyrical and spellbinding' New Scientist

Pria Anand

Keynote

Oliver Sacks meets Elinor Cleghorn's *Unwell Women* in this neurologist's exploration of brain disorders and how we understand them in today's world

Description

LONGLISTED FOR THE 2026 PEN AMERICA LITERARY AWARDS

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A young woman channelling the voice of the Holy Spirit. A mother whose children have been replaced by changelings. A family cursed by a mysterious inability to sleep. Pria Anand's patients come to her with myriad peculiar symptoms, but they all have something in common: their diagnosis always hinges on a story. Her task as a neurologist is akin to a detective's, piecing together the clues in a patient's account with the tells of their body in order to settle on a diagnosis.

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Sales Points

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Reviews

- 'Superb, compelling, delightfully labyrinthine' - *Telegraph*
- 'Lyrical and spellbinding' - *New Scientist*
- 'Powerful and persuasive ... transcends the limitations of the popular science genre and raises broader philosophical questions concerning what it means to be human' - *Observer*
- 'Exquisite storytelling ... Anand may well be Oliver Sacks' most obvious heir' - *Times Literary Supplement*

Author Biography

Pria Anand is a neurologist at the Boston Medical Center and an Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Medical School, and she trained in neurology, neuro-infectious diseases, and neuroimmunology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

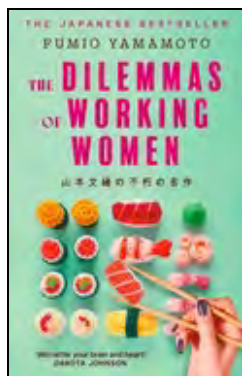
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The Dilemmas of Working Women 'Will rattle your brain and heart' Dakota Johnson

Fumio Yamamoto
Translated by Brian Bergstrom

Keynote

The darkly funny, relatable and tender book about five women in modern Japan - with nearly half a million copies sold in Japan

Description

'Witty, wise and thought-provoking' Cecelia Ahern
'Crackles and pops with humour, empathy and intelligence' Lisa Owens, author of *Not Working*
'So brilliantly written' Roxy Dunn, author of *As Young as This*
'[Will] rattle your heart and brain' Dakota Johnson

Izumi needs to get a job.
Haruka needs to stop talking about how she once had cancer.
Katō needs to get through a shift at the convenience store without being harassed.
Mito needs to break up with her boyfriend - or marry him.
Sumie just needs somewhere to live.

Sales Points

- **A CLASSIC JAPANESE BESTSELLER:** published in English twenty-five years after it took Japan by storm, the lives of five ordinary women are depicted with irresistible humour and searing emotional insight.
- **A HUGELY BELOVED BESTSELLER IN JAPAN** where it has sold over 450,000 copies
- **CHOSEN BY DAKOTA JOHNSON FOR HER SEPTEMBER 2025 TEA TIME PICTURES BOOK CLUB** and will 'rattle your heart and brain', in her words
- **THE FORERUNNER TO SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR JAPANESE FEMINIST AUTHORS PUBLISHED IN THE UK TODAY** including Sayaka Murata (*Convenience Store Woman*) and Mieko Kawakami (*Breasts and Eggs*)

Reviews

- 'An offbeat, bold and subversive portrait of contemporary womanhood, full of brilliantly unconventional characters. *The Dilemmas of Working Women* crackles and pops with humour, empathy and intelligence' - Lisa Owens, author of *Not Working*
- 'Witty, wise and thought-provoking' - Cecelia Ahern
- 'There will come a point in all of our lives when we will need Fumio Yamamoto's writing' - Saou Ichikawa, author of *Hunchback*

Author Biography

Fumio Yamamoto burst onto the Japanese literary scene in 1999 when she won the Yoshikawa Eiji New Writer's Prize for her book *Loveaholic*. Her follow-up in 2000, *The Dilemmas of Working Women*, won the prestigious Naoki Prize in Literature, before becoming a bestselling phenomenon. Her final novel, *Rotations and Revolutions*, was awarded both the Shimasei Literature Prize and the Chūō Kōron Prize in 2021, and her journals, offering an intimate portrait of dealing with depression and then with pancreatic cancer, also became hugely popular. Yamamoto passed away in 2021 in Karuizawa, Nagano.

Brian Bergstrom is a lecturer and translator who has lived in Chicago, Kyoto, and Yokohama, and is currently based in Montréal. His most recent translations include *Sunrise: Radiant Stories* by award-winning author Erika Kobayashi and *Slow Down* by Marxist philosopher Kōhei Saitō.

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The Next Fix The Winners and Losers in the Future of Drugs

Kojo Koram

Keynote

The Next Fix explores how the legalisation of drugs is gearing up to be one of the great swindles of the twenty-first century.

Description

As countries around the world turn away from a century-long War on Drugs, we are seeing the slow decline of a system of drug control which resulted in the futile brutalisation of poor people across the world, especially poor people of colour, all while issues of addiction, impoverishment and dangerous drug deaths continued to sky-rocket. But, as *The Next Fix* will show, what is being established in the aftermath of the drug war is actually threatening to reinforce many of the same inequalities that were intensified by prohibition. About 1% of the current legal cannabis dispensary store owners in the US are Black. Across many of the states that have legalised cannabis, people with drug convictions are denied a business licence or working in the industry.

This means that the racial minorities who were disproportionately arrested and imprisoned during the drug war are now in danger of being punished twice: once by prohibition and again by exclusion from the emerging multibillion dollar market in legal drugs. Instead of advancing the course of social justice, drug law reform is helping the hedge funds, tech companies, oil companies and tobacco companies investing in drugs to get even richer, encouraging a commercialised legal drug industry that is likely to only accelerate the social problems associated with substance abuse.

Going beyond the legal cannabis market to look at everything from the growing pharmaceutical/therapeutic use of psychedelics to the interconnected worlds of high finance and the cocaine trade, from the association of khat with narco-terrorism to the tobacco companies trying to use legal drugs to rebrand themselves as wellness companies, this book will be taking the readers behind the scenes of this new frontier of global capitalism. Entering the world of drug policy reform, which brings together contrasting characters from yoga instructors to traditional Rastafarian leaders, investment bankers to policing reform activists, over the chapters Kojo Koram will show that although we might be living through the end of the War on Drugs, the brave new world emerging out of it may, in practice, still look a lot like the old one.

Sales Points

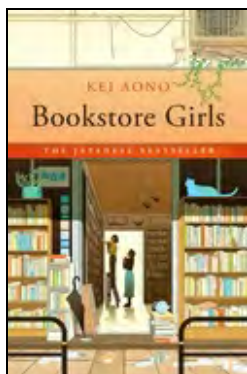
- **GLOBAL ISSUE:** As the use of drugs, narcotics and stimulants are a crucial part of all human life, from the morning coffee drinker to lifelong heroin addict, this topic will relate to a wide audience. Legal drugs are no longer the future, they are the now - and there is no doubt that the drugs business is entering a boom.
- **ESSENTIAL TOPICS:** The book will engage with hot topics of global discussion including racial justice, the issue of unaccountable corporate power and the problem of the crisis of capitalism in the twenty-first century.
- **AUTHOR CREDENTIALS:** Kojo is uniquely well-placed to write on the drug industry, and has become a leading public voice on the issue of drug policy, both nationally and internationally with a decade of experience in the drug policy field. He has access to everyone from vulnerable communities of street users and dealers to the exclusive financial communities looking profit from the legal change.
- **RISING STAR:** Kojo is a brilliant addition to our list - his previous book with us, *Uncommon Wealth*, was the winner of the PEN Hessel-Tiltman Prize, shortlisted for The Orwell Prize in Political Writing, shortlisted for the Bread and Roses Award for Radical Publishing, longlisted for the British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding and a *Guardian* Book of the Year. It received stellar endorsements from the likes of Akala, Owen Jones and Grace Blakeley.

Author Biography

Kojo Koram is an author and Professor, teaching at the School of Law at Loughborough University. Born in Accra, Ghana and raised on Merseyside, he is now based in London. In addition to his academic writing, he has written for the *New Statesman*, *Guardian* and *New York Times*. He is the author of *Uncommon Wealth: Britain and the Aftermath of Empire* (John Murray, 2022). His first book *Uncommon Wealth* won the English PEN Hessel-Tiltman Prize, was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing and the Bread and Roses Award for Radical Publishing and was chosen as a *Guardian* book of the year.

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Bookstore Girls

Kei Aono

Translated by Haydn Trowell

Keynote

The Japanese bestseller that kicked off a seven-books series - adapted for TV and 200,000 copies sold. Enemies to friends set in the cut-throat Tokyo publishing scene

Description

Can two very different women put aside their differences to save the bookstore they love? The Japanese bestseller that kicked off a seven-book series - adapted for TV and 200,000 copies sold

Riko Nishioka is assistant manager of the flagship Pegasus bookstore in Kichijoji. After working her way up from a part-time position, she is now, aged forty, a respected figure in the Japanese publishing industry. But she has a nemesis.

Aki Kitamura, twenty-seven, has waltzed in as a full-time employee thanks to her family connections. A free spirit with a rebellious streak and a silver spoon in her mouth, she's anything but a team player.

The two are always clashing - both at work and over their personal lives. But when Riko is given notice that the store will be closing in six months' time, they face a stark choice.

Can they put their petty enmities aside to boost sales and save their livelihoods or will they go down fighting . . . each other?

Translated from the Japanese by Haydn Trowell

Sales Points

- More than 200,000 copies sold in Japan. The series as a whole has sold more than 600,000 copies
- Adapted for television in 2015
- For readers of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, *More Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop*
- Offers a less idyllic view of bookshop life from other titles in the market, with a larger cast of characters. Readers learn a lot about the Japanese publishing industry and its tensions and conflicts.

Author Biography

Kei Aono was born in 1959 in Nagoya, Japan and studied at Tokyo Art university. After starting her career at an anime magazine, she worked as a fiction editor at a publishing company. In 2006 she made her novel debut with *The Reason I Won't Quit*, and in 2014 *Bookstore Woman* won the Grand Prize in the "Book I want made into a movie" category at the Shizuoka Bookstore Awards.

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The Edge of Darkness trilogy (*Insatiable*, *Voracious*, *Restitution*); *Psychotic Obsession*; The Web of Silence Duet (*Little Stranger*, *Little Liar*)

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Restitution

Leigh Rivers

Keynote

From **USA Today** bestselling author and TikTok sensation comes the final instalment in the gripping, steamy dark romance series that everyone is talking about!

Description

From **USA Today** bestselling author and TikTok sensation comes the gripping, steamy dark romance series that everyone is talking about!

'Filled with **TENSION**, **HEARTBREAK** and **ELECTRIC CHEMISTRY**. This one will tear your heart right out of your chest before tossing it back in and sewing you up' **No. 1 New York Times** bestselling author **Brynn Weaver**

'Leigh Rivers is **THE QUEEN OF DARK ROMANCE**. Her books are deeply emotive and her characters feel so vividly real' **Tierney Page**

The weapon they created will be their destruction.

As Kade seeks revenge on those who destroyed his life, the lines between sanity and insanity starts to blur. They threatened his family, shattered his mind, and then stole his girl. He'll sacrifice everything to save them all, even if it means war.

Stacey has been to hell and back, and now she's trapped by Bernadette, the monster who stole Kade from her. But Stacey isn't backing down - she'll do whatever it takes to save Kade, no matter the cost.

Can she free them both from Bernadette's clutches before this war consumes everyone they love?

Restitution is a dark romance and contains explicit sexual content and difficult themes. Please read the content warnings before reading. Recommended 18+.

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Readers love the Edge of Darkness trilogy! ☐☐☐☐☐

'Anger-fueled attraction. Resentment-laced longing. Leigh Rivers is **a powerhouse in the dark romance genre**' **No. 1 New York Times** bestselling author **Navessa Allen**

'A perfect blend of love, hate, **passion**, **secrets** and **twists**. I truly couldn't put it down' **Paisley Hope**, **Sunday Times** bestselling author

'Leigh Rivers is **a master of her craft**, and *Insatiable* is no exception - **dark**, **intense** and **utterly unputdownable**' **Sadie Kincaid**

'A taut, **intoxicating** descent into desire - **bold**, **elegantly written**, and impossible to look away from' **Monty Jay**

'A **dark**, **beautifully twisted** romance that delivers emotional blows with stunning precision. The kind of read that **lingers long after you close the last page**' **Avina St. Graves**

'**Addictively dark** and **seductive**, with a story that **leaves you begging for more**' **K.A. Knight**

'**Sexy**, **angsty**, and **deliciously dark**. Impossible to put down' **Allie Oleander**

'An absolute **must-read**. The **chemistry** between Kade and Stacey, the **secrets**, and the **mouth-watering spice** are perfect' **Natasha K. Lauren**

Tropes:

- ♥☐☐ Best friend's brother
- ☐ Hate to love
- ☐ Second chance romance
- ☐ Touch her and d*e
- ♥☐☐ Mutual obsession
- ☐ Forced proximity

Sales Points

- **GENRE ON THE RISE:** Dark romance is a hugely profitable readership that we haven't

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always been able to tap into due to content issues. However, Leigh's titles are the perfect introduction titles for readers that are new to the genre; hitting the classic tropes this audience loves whilst still incorporating an emotional, sweeping love story.

- **TIKTOK SENSATION:** the Edge of Darkness series and Leigh Rivers herself are hugely popular on TikTok, loved by BookTokers and Bookstagrammers and is widely known as 'the best dark romance series', so there is huge potential for us to grow the series and author even further in our markets.
- **READERSHIP/COMPS:** Perfect for fans of H. D. Carlton, Penelope Douglas and Rina Kent.

Reviews

- "Filled with tension, heartbreak and electric chemistry. This one will tear your heart right out of your chest before tossing it back in and sewing you up" - No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Brynne Weaver
- "Anger-fueled attraction. Resentment-laced longing. In *Insatiable*, love is a liability, and only the very brave are bold enough to risk falling. There's a reason Leigh Rivers is such a powerhouse in the dark romance genre, and it's because she has a masterful understanding of the human condition, capable of depicting us at our very best, and our very worst. It's a nod to her craft that despite all the pain her characters put each other through, I never stop rooting for them. 10/10. The second I set the book down, I went running for the next installment" - No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Navessa Allen
- "*Insatiable* had me hooked from the very first page! It's everything I love in a dark romance. A perfect blend of love, hate, passion, secrets and twists. I truly couldn't put it down" - Paisley Hope, Sunday Times bestselling author
- "Leigh Rivers is a master of her craft, and *Insatiable* is no exception - dark, intense and utterly unputdownable" - Sadie Kincaid, author of the Chicago Ruthless series

Author Biography

USA Today and international bestseller Leigh Rivers is a Scottish Biomedical Scientist who has ventured into the world of writing dark, morally gray characters with rollercoaster storylines to drive her readers wild. When she isn't reading, writing on her laptop, or gaming until ridiculous hours, she dances at the pole studio, goes to the gym, and walks her four dogs with her two sons and husband.

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Harvest Season

the brand new dark romantic comedy from the author of TikTok sensation Butcher & Blackbird

Brynne Weaver

Keynote

From the No.1 *New York Times* bestselling author Brynne Weaver comes the second book in the devilishly steamy Seasons of Carnage trilogy where dark romantic comedy meets thrilling suspense - and where love is ripe for ruin

Description

From the No.1 *New York Times* bestselling author Brynne Weaver comes the second book in the devilishly steamy Seasons of Carnage trilogy where dark romantic comedy meets thrilling suspense - and where love is ripe for ruin . . .

It's time to reap what you sow.

Cape Carnage is blooming with secrets, and they're ready to harvest. But every time Nolan Rhodes digs one up, another grows in its place. Harper isn't who he thought she was. Arthur might be more sinister than he first thought. And Sheriff Yates? The man is everywhere he turns. When true crime fanatics descend on the town looking for answers about the death of their leader, Nolan finds himself at the centre of a search and rescue operation for missing people he knows are already dead. Cape Carnage teeters on the brink of chaos. And the harder Nolan tries to keep it together, the closer Harper comes to unravelling.

Harper Starling has risked everything to bury her trauma in Cape Carnage. But now that Nolan has unearthed her past, her whole life seems ready to break apart. And who can she trust? The enigmatic man she's falling in love with? He came to kill her. The serial killer mentor she's vowed to protect? He's become an unpredictable menace. The woman in the mirror? She might be the most dangerous of all.

Loyalties are tested. Bonds are bent to a breaking point. And love? That might be the deadliest trap of all.

Harvest Season is a dark romance with mature themes. Please check content warnings at the beginning of the book.

Praise for *Tourist Season*

'Everything I loved about the Ruinous Love Series and MORE . . . MORE spice, MORE plot twists, MORE serial killers' **Abby Jimenez**

'Hilarious, hot, and maniacally memorable! I'm obsessed with Brynne Weaver's one-of-a-kind brand of fun, sexy killers' **Penn Cole**

'Another dark yet sweet and sexy romance - liberally spattered with body parts - crafting a fresh, funny tale in a way only [Brynne] can' **Nisha J. Tuli**

'Filled with deliciously dark humour and slow-burn tension' **Hannah Bonam-Young**

'Only Brynne Weaver can weave murder and romance to a bloodcurdling pitch' **Amber V. Nicole**

'From page one, I was hooked. The chemistry, darkness, and the way every chapter had my heart racing has me desperate for MORE from Brynne' **Leigh Rivers**

♥□□Tropes♥□□

- ☐ Small-town romance
- ☐ Grumpy/Grumpy
- ☐ ♥□□ Forced proximity
- ☐ He falls first
- ☐ Touch her/him and die
- ☐ Villain x Villain
- ☐ Fish out of water
- ☐ Brat/brat tamer

Sales Points

- Brynne Weaver is a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author and we've sold over 500k copies of her Ruinous Love Trilogy! Readers are excited for more of her uniquely dark romcom voice and this is the second book in a new trilogy with all Brynne's trademark romance, killing and comedy.
- Secrets can't stay buried for long in Cape Carnage, a quaint community with no

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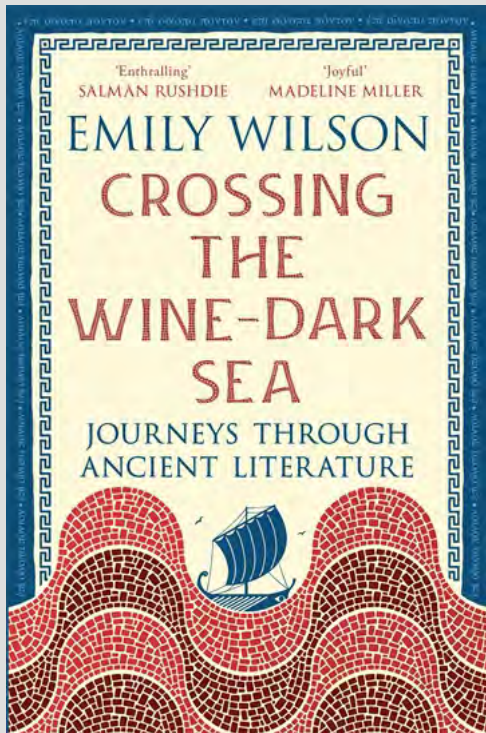
Author Biography

Brynne Weaver is a No. 1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author and international sensation with over 4 million copies sold in over twenty-five countries to date. She has travelled the world, taken in more stray animals than her husband would probably prefer, and nurtured her love for dark comedies, horror, and romance in both literature and film. During all her adventures, the constant thread in Brynne's life has been writing. With thirteen published works and counting, Brynne has made her mark in the literary world by blending irreverent dark comedy, swoon-worthy romance, and riveting suspense to create genre-breaking, addictive stories for readers to escape into.

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REVIEWS

‘Emily Wilson's brilliant reconsiderations of the ancient world - through the figure of Helen of Troy, the remaking of the Iliad by Christopher Logue, the use of comedy to grapple with dark matters, even slavery, and much besides - makes this **an enthralling and profoundly relevant book**’ - Salman Rushdie

‘**I adored reading these joyful, illuminating, and engrossing journeys through ancient literature.** Wilson's interest is wide-ranging, moving with elegance and insight across genres and millennia. With wit, passion, and clarity, she invites us into each of these fascinating subjects. The final essay especially is **required reading for anyone interested in translation**, drawing back the veil on how a brilliant scholar and writer approaches her work’ - Madeline Miller, author of *THE SONG OF ACHILLES*

‘Vaulting from the ancient to the modern and back again, this collection is erudite, insightful and provocative. An unparalleled insight into the work of a classicist and translator at the height of their powers’ - Paul Cooper, author of *FALL OF CIVILIZATIONS*

‘We're incredibly lucky to have Emily Wilson writing about the art, politics and ethics of translation and retranslation. ***Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea* is an impressive display of Wilson's expertise, conviction and wit.** Her impact within and without the world of

Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea

Journeys through Ancient Literature

EMILY WILSON

KEYNOTE

Emily Wilson reflects on the power of language to evolve our understanding of the past

SALES POINTS

- Wilson is one of the world's most famous (and best-selling) translators: her *Iliad* and *Odyssey* sold 78k TCM and she has a huge public platform, and is regularly featured in press and media
- *Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea* brings together new insights into Wilson's translations of Homer and inimitable critical commentary on the classics - perfect summer gift for readers of Mary Beard, Tom Holland and Paul Cooper
- *Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea* will be published and promoted by the award-winning team behind Mary Beard's *SPQR* (280k TCM) and *Emperor of Rome* (91k TCM), with support from the *London Review of Books* - guaranteed publicity and marketing opportunities

DESCRIPTION

'Brilliant ... enthralling and profoundly relevant' Salman Rushdie

'Joyful, illuminating and engaging ... required reading for anyone interested in translation' Madeline Miller

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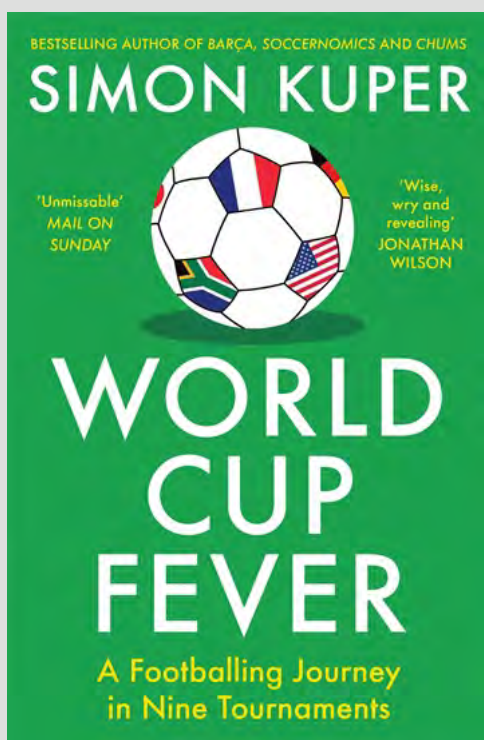
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A Footballing Journey in Nine Tournaments

SIMON KUPER

KEYNOTE

The story of how football transformed the world, told through nine World Cups - by one of our most talented football writers

SALES POINTS

- **Kuper is one of the UK's leading football journalists:** *Soccernomics* is an international bestseller (48k TCM); *Football Against the Enemy* was William Hill Sports Book of the Year 1994 (23k TCM) and *Barça* was *Sunday Times* Football Book of the Year 2022 (11k TCM)
- **Publishing in time for the 2026 World Cup**, this is an essential guide to money, power and politics in the beautiful game, perfect summer reading for football fans
- **Kuper is co-host of the *Heroes & Humans* football podcast**, and a high-profile *FT* journalist, with a built-in audience for his writing

DESCRIPTION

A Sports Book of the Year in the *Irish Times*, the *FT* and the *Mail on Sunday*

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Simon Kuper is an author and *Financial Times* journalist, born in Uganda and raised around the world. An Oxford graduate, he later attended Harvard as a Kennedy Scholar. He has written for the *Guardian*, *Observer*, and *The Times* and is also the author of *Chums*, *The Happy Traitor*, *Football Against the Enemy* and *Barça*. He lives in Paris with his family.

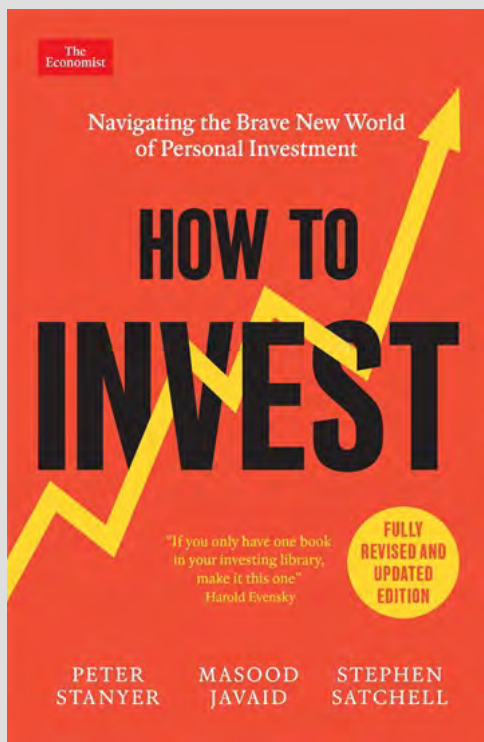
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KEYNOTE

How to manage your money in the era of cryptocurrencies and digital trade

SALES POINTS

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Legally Blonde

The smash-hit romantic comedy that inspired the blockbuster movie and the soon to be musical and TV series in 2026

Amanda Brown

Keynote

A brand-new paperback edition of the cult classic that inspired the perennial blockbuster starring Reese Witherspoon. This summer, we will publish to mark the 25th anniversary of *Legally Blonde* and to coincide with the release of *Elle*, the prequel series also inspired by the book.

Description

25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

The cult-classic novel that inspired the smash-hit, blockbuster film and musical. Don't miss the new tour of the musical beginning in February as well as the prequel series *Elle*, coming to Prime in July.

One rule Elle was learning fast was this: blondes do *not* have more fun in law school.

Delta Gamma president and pink-obsessed Elle Woods has just been dumped by the man she thought she'd marry. Warner Huntington III has traded his homecoming queen for Harvard Law - and now Elle's determined to follow, proving she has the beauty and the brains to be his perfect match. (What, like it's hard?)

But acing the LSATs is only the beginning. At Harvard, Elle's Californian charm makes her an outsider among her preppy classmates.

Then a high-profile case lands in her lap, and Elle realises she might be the only one who can save fitness queen, Brooke Vandermark.

This is Elle's moment to shine - and it turns out being underestimated might just be her greatest advantage...

Sales Points

- **25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION:** This year marks 25 iconic years of the perennial cult-classic *Legally Blonde* in print and in film starring Reese Witherspoon. We've never had a new cover look for this book so this paperback will include a brand-new look just in time for the summer! Never judge a book by it's hair colour!
- **NEW TV SHOW AND MUSICAL:** We're reissuing in line with lots of exciting new activity around *Legally Blonde*. Coming this summer is *Elle*, the prequel series also inspired by the book, which is releasing on Prime on July 1st. There's simultaneously a new run of the musical running across the UK from Feb 2026-Jan 2027 starring Love Island and West End star Amber Davies.
- **APPEALS TO A HUGE READERSHIP SPANNING A WIDE AGE-RANGE:** Women from 18-50 who are nostalgic for the 90s and 2000s as well as romance and women's fiction fans and those who watch bingeable TV shows on Netflix and Prime like *The Summer I Turned Pretty* and *Emily In Paris* will love this.
- **AN ICONIC BOOK FOR YEARS TO COME:** *Legally Blonde* will continue to be a fan-favourite and cult-classic so giving it a refresh now and capitalising on the current buzz will ensure that this remains an evergreen title for us for years to come.

Awards

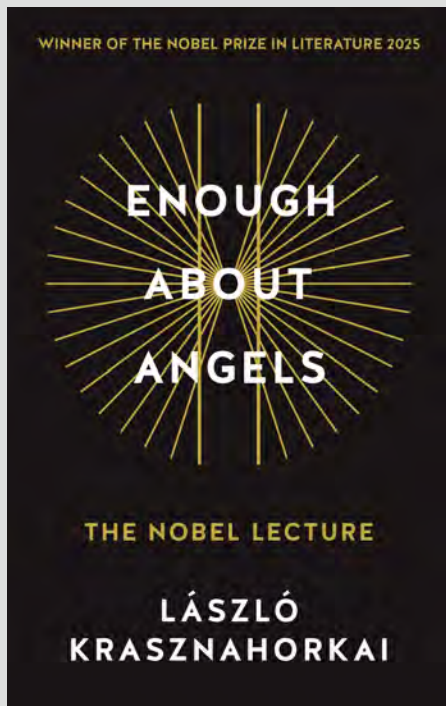
Longlisted for the 2005 IMPAC Dublin Literary Award

Author Biography

Amanda Brown entered Stanford Law School in 1993 with the ambition to start the Blonde Legal Defense Fund. Class time was the perfect opportunity to study the law school species, which became LEGALLY BLONDE. Her blonde is an ash undertone with highlights.



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REVIEWS

‘Krasznahorkai is a visionary writer ...
The grandeur is clearly palpable’ -
Guardian

‘The intensity of his commitment to the
art of fiction is indisputable ...
exhilarating, even euphoric’ - Hari
Kunzru

‘The contemporary master of the
apocalypse’ - Susan Sontag

Enough About Angels

The Nobel Lecture

LÁSZLÓ KRASZNAHORKAI

KEYNOTE

The brilliant Nobel Prize lecture by László Krasznahorkai, who was awarded for 'his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art'

SALES POINTS

- The 2025 Nobel lecture from visionary writer László Krasznahorkai in a beautiful till-point edition: a perfect collectible for existing fans and entry point for new readers
- For readers of Han Kang, Olga Tokarczuk and Kazuo Ishiguro, including Ishiguro's Nobel Lecture *My Twentieth Century Evening and Other Small Breakthroughs* (TCM 7K)

DESCRIPTION

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE 2025

'It may seem to you that I am standing here and speaking into a microphone, but I'm not' begins László Krasznahorkai, delivering his 2025 Nobel Lecture to a rapt audience in Stockholm. In his mind, he explains, he is pacing the room, the room in the tower he is in, the tower that is only a tower because of the incline of the hill, all the while considering the presence of angels, the force of humanity and how, from our degraded current epoch, destruction might emerge -or rebellion.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

László Krasznahorkai has won the 2019 National Book Award for Translated Literature for *Baron Wenckheim's Homecoming*, the 2015 Man Booker International Prize for lifetime achievement and the 2024 Prix Formentor for lifetime achievement. Several of his most famous novels including *Satantango* and *The Melancholy of Resistance* were turned into films by the director Béla Tarr.

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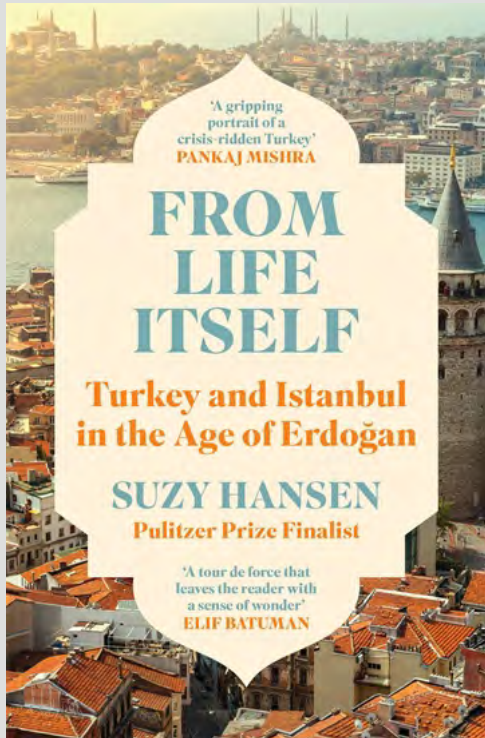
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‘A dizzying tour de force: the simultaneously cosmic and microscopic record of a transformative decade in Istanbul, Turkey, and the world. Current events and political analyses are deftly interwoven with, and sometimes subverted by, firsthand accounts of life as it is actually lived. By turns gutting and exhilarating, filled with vitality and humanity, Hansen's writing defies cynicism, thwarts easy generalizations, and leaves the reader with a sense of wonder’ - ELIF BATUMAN, author of *THE IDIOT*

‘The Sufis tell us of two paths to enlightenment: to look inside oneself and find the universe, or to look out at the universe and find oneself. Here Hansen is doing both: in her intimate examination of one neighbourhood of one city of one country that is not her own, she reveals to us the swirling patterns of our entire world’ - MOHSIN HAMID, author of *EXIT WEST*

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From Life Itself

Turkey and Istanbul in the Age of Erdoğan

SUZY HANSEN

KEYNOTE

The Pulitzer finalist tells the fascinating story of the rise of an authoritarian Turkey under Erdoğan through the microcosm of life in a local Istanbul neighbourhood

SALES POINTS

- **PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST** offers a rich topical account of Turkey as it meets a watershed moment on the global stage and is set to only become more relevant
- **GUARANTEED COVERAGE** in the *Financial Times*, *Guardian* and more will make for a strong publicity campaign for a well-connected author
- **TIMELY AND TOPICAL** for fans of *The Making of The Modern Middle East* (52k TCM), *The Finest Hotel in Kabul* (27k) and Bettany Hughes' *Istanbul* (40k)

DESCRIPTION

'A gripping portrait of a crisis-ridden Turkey' PANKAJ MISHRA

'A dizzying tour de force that leaves the reader with a sense of wonder' ELIF BATUMAN

'Intimate and revealing' MOHSIN HAMID

Pulitzer finalist Suzy Hansen chronicles the age of authoritarianism in Turkey - through an intimate portrait of its people

In the midst of a world in upheaval, Erdoğan has remade Turkey in his own image. Once a shining portal that straddled East and West, Istanbul's streets now teem with nationalistic fervour, political repression and rampant corruption. And it's here, in the old Ottoman neighbourhood of Karagumruk, that Suzy Hansen goes looking for the truth about modern Turkey.

Through the lives of its inhabitants, Hansen shows how local conflicts are spiralling into regional crises, deepening the fault lines now fracturing Europe and the Middle East. A dazzling account of a nation on the frontlines of history, *From Life Itself* chronicles the rise of an autocrat, the resurrection of an empire - and the human stories unfolding in its shadow.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

SUZY HANSEN lived for more than a decade in Istanbul, where she was a contributing writer for *The New York Times Magazine*. She has written for publications including the *New Yorker*, *Observer*, *London Review of Books*, *New York Review of Books* and many more. Her first book, *Notes on a Foreign Country*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction and the winner of the Overseas Press Club of America's Cornelius Ryan Award. She has taught writing at Princeton University, New York University, and Bard College. She lives in New York.



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Dispatches from Iran under Siege

RAHA NIK-ANDISH

KEYNOTE

Vivid and precise dispatches from life in the Iranian capital told from behind the blackout

SALES POINTS

- This is a rare, insider view from life inside Tehran during a crucial moment in world affairs, reported on the ground during protests and war
- Quick, crucial context for readers seeking to better understand some of this year's defining images in global affairs; for readers of *What Does Israel Fear From Palestine?* (31K), *One Day Everyone Will Have Been Against This* (20K TCM), and *How To Stay Sane in an Age of Division* (64K)

DESCRIPTION

Over Iran, the sky is falling in. The US-Israeli bombardment has begun: there are bodies beneath the rubble. The Ayatollah is dead. The guards have abandoned the prisons. The rain is black with fuel; it burns the skin and the streets.

In this searing and contemplative work, writer, academic and Tehran resident Raha Nik-Andish documents life in the Islamic Republic in the days and months leading up to "Operation Epic Fury." In a rarely-seen portrait of a regime in freefall, this is Tehran on the brink; the crushed protests over the collapse of the currency; the taxicabs circling the city for work; the burned out garbage cans and the taped-up windows.

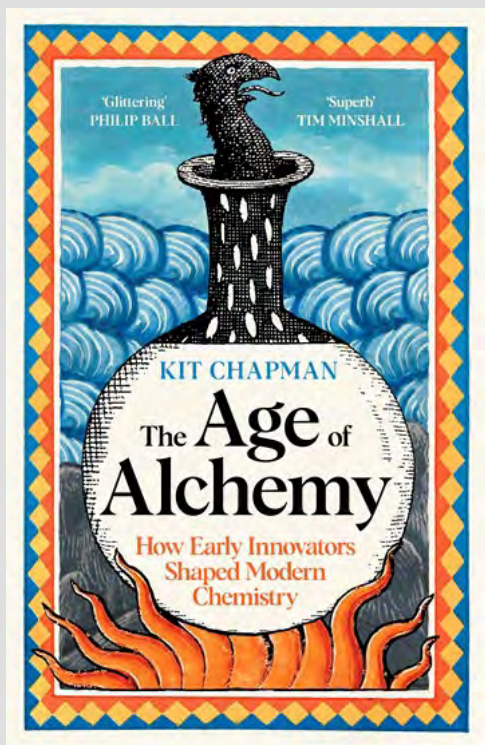
What does it mean to exist under siege? Or repression, blackout and total fear? How do you get the message out? Piercing, poignant and delicately observed, this is the vital story of a city at the end of the world - and an act of witness against darkness.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

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The Age of Alchemy

How Early Innovators Shaped Modern Chemistry
KIT CHAPMAN

KEYNOTE

Reach through time and across continents to see the history of chemistry as it's never been told

SALES POINTS

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DESCRIPTION

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AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Kit Chapman is an award-winning science communicator and adventurer. He has a masters degree in pharmacy, a PhD in the history of science, and is now a lecturer at Falmouth University. He has written for publications including *Nature*, *New Scientist*, *Chemistry World* and the *Telegraph*. His work has taken him to more than 100 countries to seek out amazing tales from the cutting edge of science.

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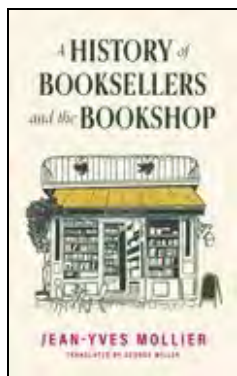
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A History of Booksellers and the Bookshop

Jean-Yves Mollier

Translated by George Forty

Keynote

A fascinating exploration of the role of the bookseller through the ages, from antiquity to the present day. An essential read for all book lovers.

Description

'In this fascinating book, the historian Jean-Yves Mollier highlights the astonishing diversity of roles assumed by booksellers throughout the ages and the continents' *Express*

'Jean-Yves Mollier . . . traces meticulously the transformations of a profession and a trade recognised now as essential . . . helping us to understand why bookshops remain dear to the hearts of readers' *Le Monde*

A fascinating exploration of the role of the bookseller through the ages.

Across the world and from antiquity to the present day, men and women have enabled authors to disseminate their ideas and knowledge, helping readers to become enriched by their words. Over the centuries, a profession was invented - the bookseller - a role forever renewing to adapt to an ever-changing world.

It is this history of booksellers and bookstores that is traced here. Historian Jean-Yves Mollier guides us through the mysteries of a vital cultural industry that has been at the crossroads between the world of ideas and that of the economy. It is a homage to all booksellers and a book for all book lovers that investigates the twists and turns through time that have led the book into the hands of its reader.

Translated from the French by George Miller.

Sales Points

- A fascinating exploration of the role of the bookseller throughout the ages [with a particular focus on France]
- The author is a specialist of the history of publishing, books and reading, he has written a number of works on the subject in his native France: *L'Argent et les Lettres*; *Histoire du capitalisme d'édition*, *Edition, presse et pouvoir en France au XXe siècle*, *Une autre histoire de l'édition française* and *Interdiction de publier*; *La censure d'hier à aujourd'hui*.

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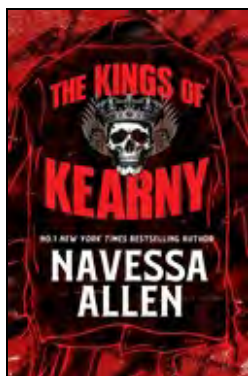
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Navessa Allen

Keynote

From the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lights Out* comes a dark and steamy motorcycle club romance, perfect for fans of Paisley Hope

Description

<h4>***GAME ON, the final book from the MULTI-MILLION BESTSELLING INTO DARKNESS series is OUT NOW***

From the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lights Out* comes a dark and steamy motorcycle club romance, perfect for fans of Paisley Hope </h4> Jakob Larson is going to be the death of me.

That's what I think every time he strides into my bar. The Kings of Kearny run this small Texas town, and Jakob is their chief enforcer. The Viking, they call him. He's a criminal. As dangerous as he is sexy. The kind of man who makes my inner cavewoman sit up and take notice.

I'm ready to indulge her desires, but just for one night.

Unfortunately, Jakob has other plans. Someone in town is breaking one of the cardinal rules set by the leader of The Kings, and Jakob thinks they're using my grandmother's nursing home to do it. Now I'm neck-deep in trouble with him, and every time I think I've figured out what's really going on, Jakob reveals another piece of the puzzle.

I need to figure out how far I'm willing to go to protect this town. How far I'm willing to go with Jakob. Because if I fall for him, there's no going back. No hope for a peaceful ending. But Jakob is the kind of man who makes me think that peaceful is overrated, and that descending into darkness with him could lead to something even better than a Happily Ever After.

<h4>Readers are going wild for *The Kings of Kearny*!</h4>

'Brought me back to life. Fantastic story, great characters, hot, steamy and dangerous' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Absolutely fell in love with this book. The characters were so authentic' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'The MMC is delicious. Adding him to the book boyfriend list' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Everything I wanted in a small town motorcycle gang romance . . . the heat between these two sizzles' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'SO GOOD! . . . The banter in this book was seriously so fun' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Loved this book more than I could describe in words!!! . . . Highly recommended' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

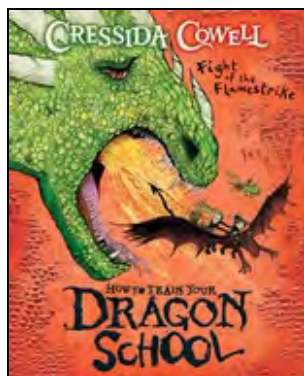
Lights Out, No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller, April 2025.

Sales Points

- Navessa Allen has spent 52 weeks in the *New York Times* bestseller list with her multi-million copy bestselling series, Into Darkness.
- Navessa Allen is a social media sensation, with 313.9K followers and 6.5M likes on TikTok alongside 269K Instagram followers.
- Already a self-published success, this will be the first outing of *The Kings of Kearny* in physical bookshops.
- Bringing more of what Navessa is best known for, this steamy, dark motorcycle club romance is perfect for fans of *Wolf.e* by Paisley Hope and the Bourbon Boys series by Victoria Wilder.

Author Biography

NAVESSA ALLEN is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Into Darkness series and other romances. She lives on the East Coast with her husband and their spoiled cats.



How To Train Your Dragon School: Fight of the Flamestrike Book 2

Cressida Cowell

Keynote

The second in 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 Two: Boarding-An-Enemy-Ship-At-Sea

Hiccup and his fellow Vikings are SUPPOSED to be learning about enemy ships at sea. But when they come across a mysterious vessel, with a ripped sail and nobody driving it, Hiccup's heart sinks. There is something deeply spooky about this ship.

They really, really shouldn't get onboard.

But... like on so many occasions in Hiccup's life, they are going to do it anyway.

Packed with illustrations, action and a Dragonese dictionary, 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
- With the hugely successful live-action film and Universal theme park both having launched in 2025, the profile of HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON is higher than ever
- Cressida Cowell's books have sold 16 million copies worldwide in 46 languages, so 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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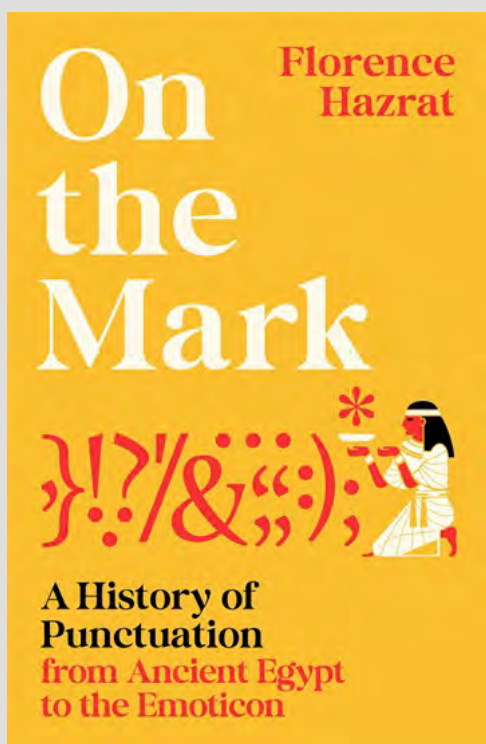
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REVIEWS

‘So. Good. So. Sharp. So. Clear. You. Need. This. Book. Period’ - Lucy Mangan, author of *BOOKISH*

‘This wonderful history of punctuation is also a history of the world. In Hazrat's hands, every story has a point, and every point a story’ - Simon Garfield, author of *JUST MY TYPE*

‘*On the Mark* is dizzying, compendious and illuminating - a timely and rewarding quest through the past, present and future of punctuation’ - Keith Houston, author of *SHADY CHARACTERS*

‘A thought-provoking history of language's unsung dots and squiggles. Punctuation may be silent, but thankfully there's Hazrat to tell the tale’ - Eli Burnstein, author of *DICTIONARY OF FINE DISTINCTIONS*

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On the Mark

A History of Punctuation from Ancient Egypt to the Emoticon
FLORENCE HAZRAT

KEYNOTE

The first global history of punctuation tells the story of the marks that give voice to the written word

SALES POINTS

- **This history completes the language puzzle** for readers of *THE DICTIONARY PEOPLE* (9.5k TCM), Bill Bryson's *MOTHER TONGUE* (215k TCM) David Crystal's *THE STORY OF ENGLISH*, (50k TCM) and Simon Garfield's *JUST MY TYPE* (86k TCM)
- **A rising star brings history into the present** A BBC New Generation Thinker, Hazrat's exploration stretches from the ancient Egyptians to use of emojis in the present, casting punctuation in new political, provocative and even sexual light (and we're not just talking aubergines)

DESCRIPTION

So. Good. So. Sharp. So. Clear. You. Need. This. Book. Period' Lucy Mangan, author of *Bookish*

Since the dawn of writing, punctuation has helped us tell our stories. Scribes in ancient Alexandria simplified their scrolls with full stops and commas, opening the doors of their library to the entire world. During the Renaissance, semicolons and exclamation marks empowered writers to satirise society and inject life and passion into their texts. Even today, the youngest generations creating new rules for emojis, caps and irony in the lexicon of online language.

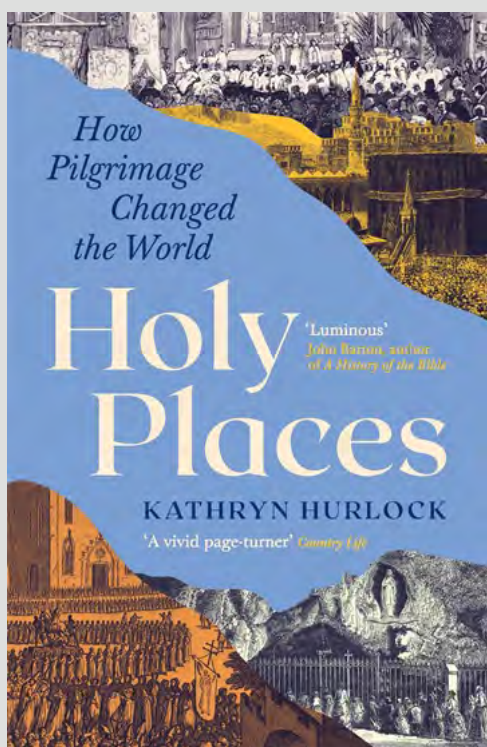
In this riotous global history, Florence Hazrat reveals the creators and rebels who made punctuation what it is today, conjuring new meanings from commas and colons, parentheses and pilcrows. Witty and original, *On the Mark* journeys across the world and through the evolution of language, celebrating the silent marks that infuse our words with meaning and shape our literary cultures.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Dr Florence Hazrat is a researcher and writer, and a world expert on the history and culture of punctuation. A BBC New Generation Thinker, Dr Hazrat has appeared on Radio 4's *Word of Mouth* and writes the Substack *Mind the Gap*. Her first book, *An Admirable Point*, a cultural history of the exclamation mark, was published by Profile in 2022.

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REVIEWS

‘One simply cannot do justice to Kathryn Hurlock's vivid and remarkably wide-ranging page-turner’ - *Country Life*

‘An account of the huge variety of human practice and belief over millennia’ - *New Statesman*

‘Hurlock leads her readers to, into and through 19 international pilgrimage sites spread across the world ... she writes engagingly, and with occasional, endearing impatience’ - *Catholic Herald*

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Holy Places

How Pilgrimage Changed the World

KATHRYN HURLOCK

KEYNOTE

An exploration of pilgrimage, through nineteen breath-taking sites 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*
- **The perfect gift for anyone itching to see the world** - covering the ancient history and modern changes of the world's most iconic heritage sites
- **Expert voice** - Hurlock is a well-respected medievalist, whose knowledge shines in reviews, features and interviews

DESCRIPTION

'One simply cannot do justice to Kathryn Hurlock's vivid and remarkably wide-ranging page-turner' *Country Life*

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 the temples of Jerusalem to the banks of the Ganges, by way of Iona, Lourdes, Amritsar and 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

Kathryn Hurlock is Professor of Religious and Military History at Manchester Metropolitan University. She is the author of *Britain, Ireland and the Crusades* and *Medieval Welsh Pilgrimage*, among others. She has featured on *BBC Breakfast* and *You're Dead To Me* and in the *Independent*.

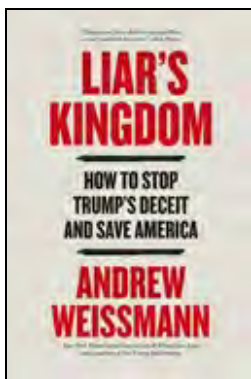
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Liar's Kingdom

How To Stop Trump's Deceit and Save America

Andrew Weissmann

Keynote

From legal analyst and veteran prosecutor Andrew Weissmann, an urgent summons to tackle the scourge of political lies - and prevent a figure like Donald Trump from ever rising again.

Description

"The 2020 election was a total FRAUD!" "I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." "There is NO WAY Biden got 80,000,000 votes!!!" These and other lies by Donald Trump sparked a historic insurrection to topple our democracy and undermined the public's faith in elections. The Trump administration's deceit has enabled the use of law enforcement and the military against the people, the unlawful deportation of immigrants, and the disregard of international rules meant to promote a civilized and peaceful world. Other politicians, inspired by the success of the political lie, have flooded the public square with falsehoods of their own.

As Andrew Weissmann reveals, our vulnerability to politicians' lies stems from a flaw in America's legal system-one that can be fixed. But it will take courage, creativity, and a willingness to look beyond our borders to other countries that have already confronted this crisis. A slim, elegant treatise, *Liar's Kingdom* is a playbook for stopping politicians like Trump from holding office in the future-and for saving our democracy. We are entitled to more from our government, and this book shows how we can get it.

Sales Points

- **SLIM VOLUME ON A HUGE TOPIC:** In a short treatise modelled on Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny*, Andrew Weissmann explains why political lies are at the root of democracy's crisis, how the worst offenders (e.g. Trump) are able to get away with it, and how to fix the problem - thereby shoring up democracies against future demagogues.
- **HIGH-PROFILE EXPERT - NOW IN TRUMP'S CROSSHAIRS:** Weissmann was the lead prosecutor on the Mueller investigation, and is a favourite target of President Trump. The DOJ recently punished Weissmann's old law firm, Jenner & Block, in retaliation for its association with him. It seems likely that, with this new book, Weissmann will again get Trump's attention.
- **GROWING AUTHOR PLATFORM:** In addition to his day job as a law professor at NYU, Weissmann is an MSNBC legal analyst, runs a Substack with 94k followers, and co-hosts the "Main Justice" podcast. He also has 35K followers on Instagram and 315K on BlueSky.
- **INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT:** The issue of political truth is a subject that will resonate in democracies across the world - and Weissmann shows how other countries, such as Brazil and France, have changed the law to tackle the issue. In the UK, political lying has been hugely damaging to trust in politics - from the expenses scandal and the Brexit debates, to Partygate and the Epstein files - and there are lessons for us too.

Author Biography

Andrew Weissmann is an NYU Law School professor and widely respected legal analyst on MS NOW. He was a lead prosecutor in Robert S. Mueller's Special Counsel's Office, Chief of the Fraud Section in the Department of Justice, General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Director Mueller, a leader of the Enron Task Force, and started out as an organized crime prosecutor in Brooklyn. He is a co-host of MS NOW's award-winning podcast *Main Justice* and, before that, *Prosecuting Donald Trump*. He has written two *New York Times* bestsellers, *Where Law Ends: Inside the Mueller Investigation*, and, as co-author, *The Trump Indictments: The Historic Charging Documents With Commentary*, and also writes the Substack newsletter *Behind the Headlines*. He holds degrees from Princeton and Columbia Law School, was a Fulbright scholar, and teaches at NYU School of Law. He is a New Yorker through and through.

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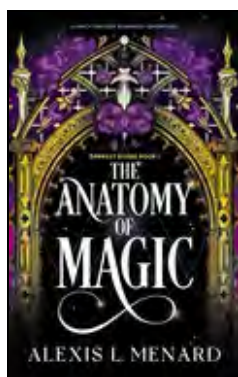
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The Anatomy of Magic

A spicy fantasy romance adventure

Alexis L. Menard

Keynote

A spicy enemies-to-lovers romantasy from the author of TikTok favourite *House of Bane and Blood*. Packed with searing chemistry and razor-sharp banter, *The Anatomy of Magic* is perfect for fans of Callie Hart and Elise Kova.

Description

Where falling in love could be the last mistake you ever make.

In the city of Valveron, an elite academy seeks to control all magic. But in the darker districts, every kind of power is for sale. If you can pay the price.

Nina Veyr has a dangerous secret-illegal magical abilities she cannot explain. If the city's enforcers found her, she would be executed... or worse.

For years, Nina has stayed in the shadows, picking pockets and smuggling enchanted relics to get by. Then she steals from the wrong man.

Max Antonin is the most powerful crime boss in the city. Cold, deadly, and breathtakingly attractive, Max has his sights set on Nina, and nothing will stand in his way.

But when Nina is framed for a shocking murder, Max offers to help her find the true killers. She knows she can't trust him-that deals with a devil always come at a cost. But there's no way she can survive on her own.

As they follow a trail of bodies into the city's underworld, Nina feels a dangerous attraction pulling her ever closer to him. Can she trust her life and her heart to Valveron's most ruthless criminal?

***The Anatomy of Magic* is a thrilling fantasy romance full of searing chemistry and razor-sharp banter. It's perfect for fans of Callie Hart, Carissa Broadbent and Elise Kova.**

See why readers love Alexis L. Menard's spicy fantasy romance:

"**Wow, wow...** Absolutely phenomenal... **THE ROMANCE!! THE. ROMANCE.** God don't even get me started... Had me **giggling and kicking my feet...** Tension and banter and LONGING!... **HAD ME ON MY KNEES!!!!**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

"What a book... **I loved it so much...** Fantastic... The banter and tension made me fall in love instantly... Had me weak and wanting more... **Perfection... I was screaming...** I honestly didn't want it to end." Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

"**This was so, so good!!!**... I was squealing... **The banter was top tier...** The tension was immaculate... I was giggling so hard." Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

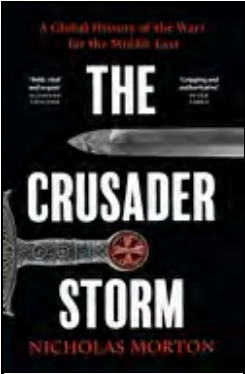
"This is **legit perfection...** The banter was BANTERING, ok???... **I ate it up!!** I fell in love with both main characters...**Obsessed.**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

"**The tension is *chef's kiss***... Perfection... Fast paced and action packed... **I loved this book so much!**" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

"This book was everything... **I devoured it...**The witty banter had me smiling and laughing more times than I can count... **I fell in love...** The tension and **slow burn sizzle** was perfection!... I cannot recommend it enough!" Goodreads reviewer, □□□□

Sales Points

- A new spicy romantasy series from the author of viral TikTok hit *House of Bane and Blood*
- Alexis's stories are filled with gangs, magic and men in sharp suits - think *Quicksilver* meets *Peaky Blinders*.
- Enemies-to-lovers romantasy with a brooding morally grey love interest, hitting all the tropes readers love.
- Alexis's first series has over 28 million KU page reads, and over 19k ratings on Goodreads.
- Alexis is fantastic on social media. Her viral TikTok videos have millions of views and she receives around 90,000 views per month on Instagram.



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The Crusader Storm

A Global History of the Wars for the Middle East

Nicholas Morton

Keynote

The Crusader Storm traces the rise and fall of the Crusader States from the First Crusade to Saladin's conquest of Jerusalem, exploring how diverse cultures collided, coexisted, and reshaped the medieval Middle East. Through the eyes of rulers, rebels, and ordinary people, it reveals a world far more complex than a simple clash of faiths.

Description

'Bold, vital and urgent . . . Blows the old parochial Western accounts clean away' SUZANNAH LIPSCOMB

'A refreshing and astutely judged book . . . an extensively researched and fast-paced account of the struggle for the Holy Land . . . Morton confidently steers us through a fabulous cast of characters within the region's myriad Muslim and Eastern Christian powerbrokers. Informative and immensely enjoyable' JONATHAN PHILIPPS

A spectacular new panoramic history of the Crusades.

From their foundation in 1097 to Saladin's conquest of Jerusalem almost a century later, the Crusader States transformed the Middle Eastern world. In an era shaped by many conflicts, this was not simply a war between Christianity and Islam, but an epic contest among multiple rival empires, dynasties and cultures.

The Crusader Storm unfolds through a kaleidoscope of perspectives: a Byzantine renegade, a crusader princess, a Turkish matriarch, a young Arab nobleman, a Syriac archbishop, Saladin's leading commander and the vizier of Egypt. Between them, information, technologies and ideas - as well as weapons - crossed borders at astonishing speed as their societies fought, allied and traded. Their entangled fates reshaped not only the Middle East, but the medieval world itself.

Drawing on sources from Arabic, Greek, Syriac, Armenian, Latin and Hebrew traditions, Nicholas Morton's enthralling panorama transforms our understanding of the Crusades - revealing them not as a single clash of faiths, but as a dynamic era of war, commerce, innovation and exchange that defined the course of history.

PRAISE FOR THE MONGOL STORM:

'Brain-stretching . . . Pulsating . . . Irresistible'
SUNDAY TIMES

'Deeply researched and elegantly written - essential reading'
DAN JONES

'Erudite . . . Thrilling and much-needed'
DAILY TELEGRAPH

'Revelatory, lively and stocked with colourful personalities'
LITERARY REVIEW

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** *The Crusader Storm* transforms our understanding of the Crusades by telling the story through multiple cultural perspectives and vivid personal narratives, revealing a dynamic era of conflict, cooperation and exchange that defies simplistic 'holy war' tropes.
- **THE MARKET:** Readers interested in the Crusades and medieval history, Middle Eastern history, Military history, geopolitics. For fans of *Crusaders* and *The Templars* by Dan Jones, *The Crusades* by Thomas Asbridge, *The Silk Roads* by Peter Frankopan, *Jerusalem or The World* by Simon Sebag Montefiore, *Destiny Disrupted* by Tamim Ansary and *The Ornament of the World* by Maria Rosa Menocal. It will also appeal to readers of Nicholas Morton's previous book *The Mongol Storm*. For listeners of History Extra (BBC History Magazine) and History Hit with Dan Snow.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Morton is an award-winning author, specialising in the history of the Medieval Middle East. An associate professor at Nottingham Trent University, he writes extensively on topics including the Crusades, the Mongol Empire and the Seljuk Turks.

Reviews

- 'As hot desert winds to cobwebs, Nicholas Morton's bold, vital and urgent global history of the Crusades blows the old parochial Western accounts clean away' - Suzannah Lipscomb
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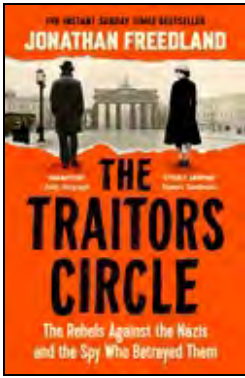
- 'A thoroughly-researched view of the Crusades from a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious perspective - a superb history narrative for the twenty-first century' - *Thomas M. Ibbes*
- 'Nicholas Morton is a how-to guide to the Crusades whose work continues to reflect a sustained commitment to bringing the history of the medieval world to a broader readership' - Mohamad El-Merheb
 - 'An innovative take on the early Crusades, firmly situating them within the broader medieval Near East. Approaching from over a dozen individual perspectives (empress, sultan, princess, nobleman, patriarch, assassin) Nicholas Morton weaves a dizzying array of contexts into a coherent whole, one in which the Crusades become an integral piece of a larger civilizational story. In these pages complexity reigns: adversaries become allies, political and religious interests intertwine, and fanaticism and avarice give way to tolerance and friendship - and back again. Challenging binary notions of Muslim-Christian, right-wrong, and good-bad' - John D. Hosler, author of *Jerusalem Falls*

Author Biography

Nicholas Morton is an associate professor at Nottingham Trent University specialising in the history of the Medieval Middle East, writing extensively on topics including the Crusades, the Mongol Empire and the Seljuk Turks. An award-winning author, his books include *The Mongol Storm*, which the *Sunday Times* described as 'a reminder that the best history writing is eminently readable'.

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Thema 1.6	History: theory and methods (NHA) 20th century, c 1900 to c 1999 (3MP) Second World War (NHWR7) History (NH)

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	480 pages
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Book locale	Germany
Author living in	London, UK

Previous Titles

Bring Home the Revolution: The Case for a British Republic (Fourth Estate, 1998), *Jacob's Gift: A Journey into the Heart of Belonging* (Hamish Hamilton, 2005), *The Righteous Men* (HarperCollins, 2006), *The Last Testament*, published elsewhere as *The Jerusalem Secret* (HarperCollins, 2007), *The Final Reckoning* (HarperCollins, 2008), *The Chosen One* (HarperCollins, 2010), *Pantheon* (HarperCollins, 5 July 2012), *The 3rd Woman* (Harper 4 August 2015), *To Kill the President* (HarperCollins, 12 June 2017), *To Kill the Truth* (Quercus, 21 February 2019), *To Kill a Man* (Quercus, 19 March 2020), *The Escape Artist* (John Murray, 9 June 2022)

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The Traitors Circle THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

Jonathan Freedland

Keynote

A thrilling true story of courage, resistance and ultimately betrayal in the Third Reich captured by internationally bestselling author and prize-winning journalist Jonathan Freedland.

Description

When the whole world is lying, someone must tell the truth.

Berlin, 1943. A group of high-society anti-Nazi dissenters meet for a tea party one late summer afternoon. They do not know that, sitting around the table, is someone poised to betray them all to the Gestapo - revealing their secret to the Nazis' most ruthless detective.

They form a circle of unlikely rebels, drawn from the German elite: two countesses, a diplomat, an intelligence officer, an ambassador's widow and a pioneering headmistress. Meeting in the shadows, rescuing Jews or plotting for a future Germany freed from the Führer's rule, what unites them is a shared loathing of the Nazis, a refusal to bow to Hitler and the courage to perform perilous acts of resistance. Or so they believe.

How did a group of brave, principled rebels, who had successfully defied Adolf Hitler for more than a decade, come to fall into such a lethal trap? And who betrayed them?

Undone from within and pursued to near-destruction by one of the Reich's cruellest men, they showed a heroism that raises a question with new urgency for our time: what kind of person does it take to risk everything and stand up to tyranny?

PRAISE FOR *THE ESCAPE ARTIST*:

'Thrilling' **Daily Mail**
'Gripping' **Guardian**
'Heartwrenching' **Yuval Noah Harari**
'Magnificent' **Philip Pullman**
'Excellent' **Sunday Times**
'Inspiring' **Daily Mail**
'An immediate classic' **Antony Beevor**
'Awe inspiring' **Simon Sebag Montefiore**
'Shattering' **Simon Schama**
'Utterly compelling' **Philippe Sands**
'A must-read' **Emily Maitlis**
'Indispensable' **Howard Jacobson**

Sales Points

- **THE PITCH:** A haunting thriller offering far reaching implications about who stands up to tyranny, with a classic whodunnit at its heart - very important and very commercial. This is *The Traitors* (BBC) meets Agatha Christie meets *Fatherland* by Robert Harris. Narrative non-fiction at its best.
- **IMPORTANT UNTOLD HISTORY:** As with *The Escape Artist*, Freedland brings an important, rarely told piece of history to light through personal testimonies of surviving relatives and deep archival research, with deep moral resonance for our own time.
- **SUCCESSFUL BRAND AUTHOR:** *The Escape Artist* sold 40k HBs, 54.8k pbs TCM to date. It was: A *Sunday Times* bestseller for 10 weeks, in the top 10 for 8 weeks, peaking at #2; A Radio 4 Book of the Week; A Book of the Year for 7 publications; an Amazon book of the year featured in their billboard campaign; shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford prize, Rathbones Folio prize, Waterstones Book of the Year, and longlisted for the Wingate Literary prize; and translated into 16 languages.
- **COMPS:** *Precipice* by Robert Harris (89.8k HB, 7.2k pb); *Colditz: Prisoners of the Castle* by Ben Macintyre (73.4k HB, 68.3k pb); *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell (10.6k HB, 29.5k pb); *The Volunteer* by Jack Fairweather (7.2. HB, 113k pb TCM)

Author Biography

Jonathan Freedland is a *Guardian* columnist and former foreign correspondent. He has been named Columnist of the Year and Commentator of the Year and has won an Orwell Prize for Journalism. He is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's contemporary history series, *The Long View*, as well as two popular podcasts, *Politics Weekly America* and *Unholy*, the latter alongside the journalist Yonit Levi. This is his fourth work of non-fiction, the most recent of which is the award-winning *The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World*. He has written nine thrillers, eight of them under the name Sam Bourne, including *The Righteous Men* which was a *Sunday Times* number one bestseller and has sold over two million copies worldwide. His new book *The Traitors Circle* is coming soon.



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Extent	352 pages
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Illustrations	N/A
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Previous Titles
The Year of the Horses

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Alan Opts Out

Courtney Maum

Keynote

He's stopped buying the life he was selling.

Description

'The eat-the-rich farce we need, from one of our funniest writers' Lit Hub

'Sly, propulsive and painfully hilarious family drama' Caro Claire Burke, author of YESTERYEAR

'Chicken-soup for the late capitalist soul' Steven Rowley, NYT bestselling author of LILY AND THE OCTOPUS

'Vivid, lacerating and funny' Carl Hiaasen, author of FEVER BEACH

'Witty, sharp, and tender, *Alan Opts Out* skewers late-stage capitalism and material ambition while keeping human hearts - a family of them - at its center' Rachel Khong, author of REAL AMERICANS

'A smart, funny, and all-too-timely tale of Americans on the edge of collapse . . . Maum delivers wry humor without sacrificing compassion' Elizabeth Gilbert

'A brilliant, hilarious referendum on the American obsession with more' Nathan Hill, author of THE NIX

After successful ad exec Alan Anderson bombs the biggest pitch of his career, he has an epiphany. His entire career has been about making people buy stuff that they don't need so they feel perpetually unsatisfied and less-than. After a lifetime of striving for capitalism, Alan is opting out.

He retires to the ridiculously extravagant playhouse in his family's suburban Connecticut garden (a classic example of something the Andersons didn't need), gives up showering, shoe-wearing, and purchases of all kinds. He might even read a book! This is all very upsetting for his wife Vivian, who is on the verge of being accepted into the insanely elite Queen's Anne Club - guaranteed to make all her insecurities disappear and her children popular.

But maybe everyone will want to buy what Alan's not selling? And, in losing his ambition, might he find what we're all looking for?

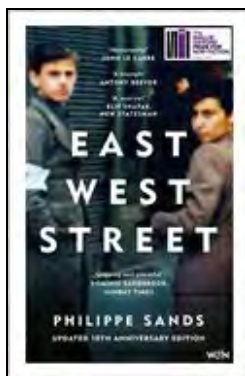
For anyone who has ever cared more about how it looked than how it felt, ALAN OPTS OUT is a hilarious take on consumerism, capitalism and wellness.

Sales Points

- Very funny novel about consumerism, capitalism and wellness for anyone who has ever wondered whether there might be more to life.
- For fans of *Really Good, Actually*, *Good Material*, *Mean Girls*, *Mad Men* and *Desperate Housewives*.
- The UK debut for a much loved and lauded US writer.

Author Biography

Courtney Maum is the author of five books, including the groundbreaking publishing guide, *Before and After the Book Deal* and the memoir, *The Year of the Horses*. A writing coach and executive director of the nonprofit learning collaborative, The Cabins, Courtney's mission is to help people hold on to the joy of art-making in a culture obsessed with turning artists into brands. With her filmmaker husband, she has co-written films that have debuted at Sundance and won awards at Cannes.



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East West Street Winner of the Baillie Gifford Prize

Philippe Sands

Keynote

Tenth anniversary reissue of Philippe Sands's Baillie Gifford prize-winning masterpiece: part memoir, part historical detective story

Description

**A SUNDAY TIMES BOOK OF THE DECADE AND WINNER OF:
 The Baillie Gifford Prize
 The JQ-Wingate Literary Prize
 The British Book Awards Non-fiction Book of the Year
 The Hay Festival Medal for Prose**

'One of the most gripping and powerful books imaginable' DOMINIC SANDBROOK, SUNDAY TIMES

When he receives an invitation to deliver a lecture in the Ukrainian city of Lviv, international lawyer Philippe Sands begins a journey on the trail of his family's secret history. In doing so, he uncovers an astonishing series of coincidences that lead him halfway across the world, to the origins of international law at the Nuremberg trial. In an influential blend of memoir and detective story that broke new ground in the way history could be told and sparked a bestselling trilogy, *East West Street* meditates powerfully on the way memory, crime and guilt leave scars across generations. Newly updated by the author, this anniversary edition brings this monumental classic up to date for a new era - one in which its questions of truth, memory and justice have never been more timely.

Sales Points

- **BAILLIE GIFFORD WINNER:** *East West Street* was awarded the Baillie Gifford (then known as the Samuel Johnson) Prize in 2016, with the judges describing it as 'a multi-layered history that is impressive in its own right but also a satisfying, suspenseful read. **A stunning achievement**'
- **CLASSIC WORK OF NON-FICTION:** The book's extraordinary blend of memoir, family history, historical detective story and intellectual history has cemented it as one of the twenty-first century's must-read works of non-fiction
- **THE BOOK THAT SPARKED A BESTSELLING TRILOGY:** Philippe Sands has followed the threads first picked up in *East West Street* through his bestselling works *The Ratline* and *38 Londres Street*, crafting an influential trilogy of books concerned with truth, memory and the meaning of justice
- **OVER 262,000 COPIES SOLD:** The book continues to find enthusiastic new readers, with over 170k copies sold in paperback since 2017

Awards

Winner of the 2016 Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction

Reviews

- 'A monumental achievement: profoundly personal, told with love, anger and great precision' - John le Carré
- 'Sands has written a remarkable and enjoyable book, deftly weaving his own family history into a lively account of the travails of the early campaigners for international human rights law' - *Literary Review*
- 'Moving and powerful' - *Financial Times*
- 'A triumph . . . astonishing. No novel could possibly match such an important work of truth' - Antony Beevor

Author Biography

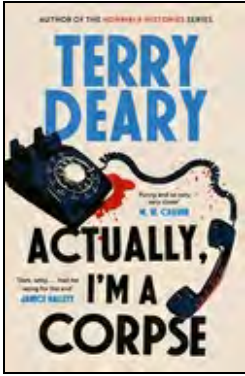
Philippe Sands is Professor of Public Understanding of Law at UCL, visiting professor at Harvard Law School and a practising barrister at 11 KBW. He has been involved in many significant international cases in recent years, including Pinochet, Congo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Iraq, Guantanamo, Chagos and the Rohingya. He has served as President of English PEN and as a member of the board of the Hay Festival.

Market

Readers of Edmund de Waal's *THE HARE WITH AMBER EYES*, Thomas Harding's *HANNS AND RUDOLF* and *THE HOUSE BY THE LAKE*, Daniel Mendelsohn's *THE LOST*, Timothy Snyder's *BLACK EARTH* and *BLOODLANDS*, Hannah Arendt's *EICHMANN IN JERUSALEM*

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Series	The Actually Murders
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Book locale	Sunderland, North East of England
Author born in	Sunderland, North East of England
Author living in	County Durham, North East of England

Previous Titles

Adult crime fiction - previous in this series:

Actually, I'm a Murderer (2025)

Adult Non-fiction:

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Actually, I'm A Corpse

A hilarious murder mystery from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author

Terry Deary

Keynote

The new hilarious and fiendishly clever murder mystery following an unlikely crime-solving trio in 1970s Sunderland, from the bestselling author of the *Horrible Histories* series and the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller *A History of Britain in Ten Enemies*.

Description

The new wickedly funny murder mystery in the *Actually Murders* series from the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author.

1973. Hours after a mysterious phone call is made to the police, a train pulls into Sunderland station with a dead body on board.

Cause of death: strangulation. Victim: unknown. Witnesses: none.

Undeterred by this baffling set of circumstances, newly promoted Police Sergeant Aline James vows to crack the case and prove her critics wrong. But when her famously ruthless investigation tactics yield no results, she is forced to seek help from two unlikely allies: unassuming assassin John Brown and calamitous actor Tony Davies.

As bodies pile up, can this unusual trio thwart a devilishly complex plot, before one of them, actually, becomes a corpse?

Praise for the *Actually Murders* . . .

'Sinister and hilarious. Great fun' **SUN**

'Dark, witty . . . had me racing for the end' **JANICE HALLETT**

'[A] smart, funny and deftly executed page turner' **GUARDIAN**

'Extraordinarily fun and oh-so-gripping' **i PAPER**

'Funny, and so very, very clever . . . the most fun I've had reading a book in a long time' **M. W. CRAVEN**

'Wonderful' **IAN MOORE**

Sales Points

- **THE AUTHOR:** Author of the *Horrible Histories* books, Terry Deary is the UK's bestselling Children's & Young Adult Non-Fiction author since records began, with the *Horrible Histories* books having sold over 37 million copies worldwide. Terry Deary's success has also extended into adult non-fiction, with *A History of Britain in Ten Enemies* (2024, Transworld) being a No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller in paperback non-fiction and selling over 44,000 hardbacks TCM.
- **HIS CRIME WRITING:** *Actually, I'm a Murderer* (2025) launched Terry Deary as a crime writer - 45 years after first becoming a published author. Terry has been a lifelong fan of crime fiction and, after publishing 340 titles, he has finally decided to write his own! *Actually, I'm a Murderer* introduced readers to his clever plotting, fiendish twists and hilarious characters. It received rave reviews from his crime writing peers, booksellers and readers.
- **THIS BOOK:** *Actually, I'm a Corpse* is the second novel in the *Actually Murders* series, set again in 1970s Sunderland (in the North East of England) and starring the same three main characters: an unlikely trio of a police officer, an actor and a professional assassin who must work together to solve a complex murder mystery. It is a roller-coaster of a crime novel told with Hitchcockian flair.
- **THE COMPS:** Perfect for readers of Anthony Horowitz, Janice Hallett, Richard Osman, Ian Moore and Robert Thorogood.

Reviews

- 'Praise for the *Actually Murders* series:'
- 'A pitch perfect mix of sinister and hilarious. Great fun' - *Sun*
- 'This smart, funny and deftly executed page turner is sure to please' - *Guardian*
- 'Extraordinarily fun and oh-so-gripping' - *i Paper*

Author Biography

Terry Deary was born in Sunderland, in the north east of England, and now lives in

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County Durham. He was a professional actor before he began writing scripts for the theatre company he was working for and then adapting those stories into novels. He has also worked as a theatre director, museum manager, drama teacher and television presenter.

Terry is the creator of the *Horrible Histories* series and has written both fiction and non-fiction for children and adults, including the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller *A History of Britain in Ten Enemies*. He has been a published writer since 1977, selling over 38 million books in 45 languages, and he has also written for TV, theatre, radio, audio and new media scripts.

Terry's great love has always been reading murder mysteries and, for his landmark 350th book, he decided to finally write his own. *Actually, I'm a Murderer* was his first crime novel and it was the start of the *Actually Murders* series.

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CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Series	Kid Potato
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
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Previous Titles

Kid Potato: Welcome To My World

Kid Potato: Fry and Stop Me

Hilariously illustrated fiction perfect for fans of Donut Squad! (Book 2)

Neil Coslett

Keynote

Donut Squad meets Jim Smith in this hilarious new series about KID POTATO and his pals! Rammed full of a-peel-ing black and white illustrations, this is the perfect bonkers 5-episodes-in-1 narrative for newly confident, reluctant and visual readers.

Description

Kid Potato and his pals are back with FIVE new totally hilarious and utterly pointless adventures, perfect for fans of Dav Pilkey and Jamie Smart! Bursting with illustrations on every page, this series is ideal for visual kids, newly confident and reluctant readers, or kids (and adults) who love to LOL.

NOTHING can stop Kid Potato! Not even:

- ☐ Little sister tantrums
- ☐ Evil clones
- ☐ Mysterious swamp monsters
- ☐ Super-strong robots
- ☐ Having to dress like a giant poop

Sales Points

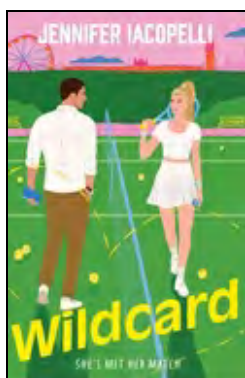
- Low word count/High interest demand: B/w heavily illustrated boy-led series for 7-12 year olds is the answer to the growing commercial demand for very low word count, accessible, highly engaging content with maximum kid appeal. Kid Potato has the winning combination of comic-book zany humour of hugely popular young graphic novels and readily digestible fast-paced short-form narratives for newly confident readers.
- Five stories in one: These five short stories are 50% illustrations, 50% text thus perfect for Rights customers, giving them the option to break up the novel as suits their markets. Could also have colour option, if preferred. Non-trade editions also allow us to divide/collect as we wish
- Universally appealing content: Commerciality of universally appealing humour that feels aligned with worldwide successes like *Spongebob Squarepants* demonstrates global potential, and has been proven by selling into 10 territories ahead of publication
- Publishing momentum and critical mass: We're publishing quickly to consolidate series build up. By the end of 2027 we will have TWENTY Kid Potato adventures available
- Northern Author-illustrator: Neil Coslett is an author-illustrator with experience in directing, animation and illustration. A born-and-bred Scouser, Neil is still based in Liverpool and brings regional talent to our list

Reviews

- 'Loved this booked. It was so funny and silly.' - Toppsta reviewer, age 7, on Kid Potato: Welcome to My World
- 'Funny, silly and gross - exactly what appeals to children's sense of humour.' - Toppsta reviewer, read to kids aged 9 and 6, on Kid Potato: Welcome to My World
- 'I loved this book because it is really funny and it has brilliant cartoon pictures. If you like *Dogman* and *Captain Underpants* then you will definitely love this book. I felt really happy after reading it. I read it again straight away!' - Toppsta reviewer, age 10, on Kid Potato: Welcome to My World
- 'This book was so good I read it then started all over again! I love that it is a comic strip with lots of really funny pictures, it was really fun to read and the characters made me laugh a lot. It has five short stories in it so they are really quick to read.' - Toppsta reviewer, age 6, on Kid Potato: Welcome to My World

Author Biography

Neil Coslett is from Liverpool where he was born and grew up. He studied Graphic Arts and has since messed about with directing, animation, video-editing and illustration. When he's not doodling potatoes (or eating them) he's hanging out with his family, taking cycle rides that end up nowhere, or trying to wrap his head around Japanese.



Publication date	Thursday, June 11, 2026
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Thema 1.6	Romance (FR) Romance: sports (FRN) Erotic romance (FRX)
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Extent	356 pages
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Exclusively for Sale	Africa; ANZ; EU; Ind; Ire; M East; UK
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Previous Titles

Break the Fall
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Wildcard

A steamy sports romance for fans of Heated Rivalry by author of Netflix global hit Finding Her Edge (bk 2)

Jennifer Iacopelli

Keynote

LOVE NETFLIX'S GLOBAL HIT *FINDING HER EDGE*? Author Jennifer Iacopelli serves strawberries and steam in this hot New Adult sports romance that's perfect for fans of *Challengers* and *Heated Rivalry*. A secret romance is about to take Centre Court.

Description

LOVE NETFLIX'S GLOBAL HIT *FINDING HER EDGE*? Author Jennifer Iacopelli serves strawberries and steam in this hot New Adult sports romance that's perfect for fans of *Challengers* and *Heated Rivalry*. Because a secret romance is about to take Centre Court . . .

Indiana Gaffney's first love has always been tennis. Though, while her eyes are on a wildcard invite to Wimbledon, her heart is with hot shot sports agent, Jack Harrison.

Keeping their romance a secret isn't easy, especially from fellow tennis superstar and Jack's sister, Penny. Indy throws herself into training at the prestigious Outer Banks Tennis Club with one-time rival Jasmine.

But with both Wimbledon and her relationship heating up, Indy is forced to choose between her love for Jack and her love for the game.

Perfect for fans of:

☐ Sports romance

☐ Secret love

☐ Spice

The second in a steamy duology that's heating up on and off the court.

Sales Points

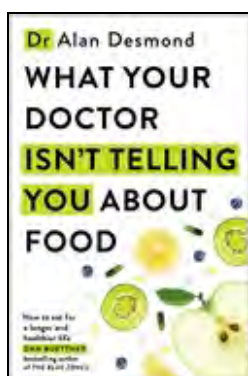
- US/CAN Netflix series adaptation of *Finding Her Edge* released globally on Netflix in January 2026 ahead of Winter Olympics in Milan hitting No.5 in UK , No. 4. in US and No. 1 in 20 countries worldwide
- Netflix have already announced that there will be Season 2 of the global hit adaptation of *Finding Her Edge* - coming soon!
- Contemporary aspirational real-life sports romance: all the tension, rivalry and drama of elite sports, life in the spotlight and steamy romance
- The sports romance genre is booming in the contemporary New Adult market with college-set hits like Elle Kennedy's series, Hannah Grace's *Icebreaker* and Ali Hazelwood's *Deep End*

Author Biography

Jennifer Iacopelli writes about ambitious girls with big dreams and the boys who love them for it. Her young adult novels include *Break the Fall* and *Finding Her Edge*. Throughout her career her books have been published in over a dozen languages, named a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard book, a Kids' Indie Next pick, a finalist for the South Carolina Book Awards and featured by the New York Public Library, Bank Street College, YALSA, the Texas Library Association and the Missouri State Teachers Association as a best book of the year. She lives in New York with no plans to ever leave where she also publishes adult romance under the pen name Jennifer Hennessy.

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What Your Doctor Isn't Telling You About Food

The truth about modern diets and health - everything you should know about what you're eating and why it matters

Dr Alan Desmond

Keynote

Essential reading for anyone who wants to take control of their health through evidence-based plant-forward food choices.

Description

'Dr Alan Desmond's work is rooted in solid science. A fantastic guide on how to eat for a longer and healthier life.' - Dan Buettner, #1 New York Times Bestselling author of The Blue Zones

'Shows just how powerful real, everyday food can be for our long-term health and how we feel.' - Ella Mills, Founder of Deliciously Ella

In this empowering book leading NHS Consultant Gastroenterologist Dr Alan Desmond reveals the missing piece of the health puzzle: how the modern food environment is quietly reshaping our biology - and how you can reclaim control.

Drawing on decades of clinical experience, global research and real-life patient stories, Dr Desmond cuts through the noise with clarity and authority to explain:

- * How diet has become the number one driver of early death and disability
- * Why gut health influences everything from digestion and immunity to mood, metabolism and healthy ageing
- * The hidden impact of ultra-processed foods and the simple swaps that make the biggest difference
- * Why 'healthy eating' is easier, cheaper and more realistic than you've been led to believe
- * The powerful daily habits that can transform your long-term health - without fads, guilt or perfectionism

This is not another diet book. It's a clear, compassionate roadmap for living better - backed by science, grounded in common sense, and designed for real life. Whether you want more energy, better digestion, a healthier body weight, or a longer, more vibrant life, *What Your Doctor Isn't Telling You About Food* gives you the tools to take charge of your health starting today.

Simple. Evidence-based. Life-changing.

Sales Points

- EXPERT, GLOBALLY RESPECTED AUTHOR - Dr Alan Desmond is a consultant gastroenterologist for the NHS, has published numerous research papers and lectures around the world.
- GROWING PLATFORM - Over 170,000 followers on Instagram, doubled since his first book **The Plant Based Diet Revolution** (40,000 trade sales across all formats)
- SUPPORT FROM HEALTH COMMUNITY - from Ella Mills and Dr Will Blusiewicz, to Dr Neal Barnard and Rich Roll, Alan Desmond is hugely respected and can rely on these and many more for podcast appearances and media.
- AMAZON PRIME DOCUMENTARY - Alan featured in *I Could Never Go Vegan* which was made by the same team behind the Netflix hit *You Are What You Eat*.
- HOST OF THE *EAT THIS* PODCAST - Alan is a fantastic communicator and enthuses about the benefits of a plant based wholefood diet through his podcast.

Reviews

- 'If you're bamboozled by the ever-changing health advice served up by the media, this book is for you. Dr Alan Desmond's work is rooted in solid science. A fantastic guide on how to eat for a longer and healthier life. Buy it today and I'll hope to see you when you're 100!' - *Dan Buettner, National Geographic Fellow and #1 New York Times Bestselling author of The Blue Zones*
- 'In *What Your Doctor Isn't Telling You About Food*, Dr Alan Desmond cuts through confusion and misinformation with scientific rigour, drawing powerfully on his experience as a practising NHS doctor. Blending robust evidence with real clinical insight, he makes a compelling case that a whole-food, plant-based approach provides a foundation for preventing and reversing the chronic diseases overwhelming our healthcare systems. A timely and transformative book for patients and clinicians alike.' - *Professor Shireen Kassam, Consultant Haematologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer, King's College London*
- 'In a world where nutrition guidance is limited by short visits and minimal training-and online advice mixes help with hype-Dr. Desmond delivers what patients need:

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trustworthy, actionable, science-grounded guidance. Every clinician and every patient should read this book.' - *Dr Columbus Batiste, Interventional Cardiologist, Author and Founder of Healthy Heart Nation*

- 'Dr. Alan Desmond is one of the world's leading experts on nutrition and health, and with this life-changing and yet easy-to-understand book he puts that knowledge at your fingertips. There is a lot that your doctor isn't telling you about food. This book fixes that.' - *Dr Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC, Adjunct Professor of Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine, President, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Washington, DC.*

Author Biography

Dr Alan Desmond is a Consultant Gastroenterologist who works for the NHS and in his own private practice based in Devon. He has published numerous research papers and regularly lectures around the world on the benefits of a plant based diet.

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Mood Machine

The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist

Liz Pelly

Keynote

A SEARING INVESTIGATION INTO HOW SPOTIFY HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED MUSIC FOREVER

Description

'Passionate and rigorous... riveting' *Financial Times*

'[a] cool-headed but powerful polemic...' *Sunday Times*

'A thoroughly convincing argument that Spotify's success has had a disastrous effect on pop music...' *The Guardian*

'A vital addition to the genre... arrives not a moment too soon' *The Telegraph*
THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE HOW YOU THINK ABOUT, AND CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO, MUSIC Streaming is reshaping music for artists and listeners alike. Until now, the cultural ramifications of these seismic shifts have been underexplored.

Drawing on over one hundred interviews with industry insiders, former Spotify employees, and musicians, *Mood Machine* takes us to the inner workings of today's highly consolidated record business.

Building on her years of wide-ranging reporting on streaming, music journalist Liz Pelly details the consequences of the Spotify model by examining both sides of what the company calls its two-sided marketplace: the listeners who pay with their dollars and data, and the musicians who provide the material powering it all.

As music has become increasingly playlisted, personalized, and autoplayed, the stakes for artists and listeners alike have never been higher. *Mood Machine* is an essential read for any music fan seeking a deeper understanding of how we listen now.

Sales Points

- **ACCESSIBLE SUBJECT WITH A CLEAR AUDIENCE:** This book is a category killer. We have been the first to market with the HB; there have been Netflix documentaries and podcasts, but this is the first book.
- **URGENT STORY WITH WIDE APPEAL:** Streaming accounts of 65% of the recorded music market, with Spotify capturing over 30% of that. This is written from an unwaveringly critical but accessible perspective.
- **AWARD-WINNING PROJECT WITH RANGING CONSEQUENCES:** I can see this book being shortlisted for an array of awards, especially the FT Business Book of the Year. It's readable, hard-hitting, and packed with insight. Spotify is one of the last big tech companies to not get this kind of treatment.
- **PASSIONATE AUTHOR WITH GROWING PLATFORM:** Liz Pelly has embedded herself in this subject from the very beginning. She was on the 'streaming beat' long before streaming really took off. The contributors to this book are wide-ranging, from ex-Spotify execs to band members. They will back and promote the book alongside Liz.

Author Biography

Liz Pelly is a journalist living in New York. Her essays and reporting have appeared in the *Baffler*, where she is a contributing editor, as well as in the *Guardian*, *NPR*, *Rolling Stone*, *Pitchfork*, and many other outlets. She frequently speaks about music streaming on radio shows and podcasts, including appearances on *The New York Times' Popcast*, *NPR's Morning Edition*, and others. Pelly teaches in the recorded music program at New York University and has spent over a decade involved in all-ages show booking.

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The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy the Instant Sunday Times Bestseller and Enemies-to-Lovers Phenomenon!

Brigitte Knightley

Keynote

From a fanfiction sensation with over 4.5 million reads comes a debut slow burn, enemies-to-lovers romance set in an exquisite fantasy world, perfect for fans of *The Love Hypothesis* and *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.

Description

'Utterly unique, hilarious, swoony beyond my wildest dreams! This book is an instant classic and a true masterpiece, it took my breath away and made my heart explode' Ali Hazelwood

*****THE INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER*****

A slow burn, enemies-to-lovers romantasy featuring a scholarly healer and a gentleman assassin, set in an exquisite fantasy world, perfect for fans of *The Love Hypothesis* and *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.

Osric Mordaunt, member of the Fyren Order of assassins, is in dire need of healing. Naturally - such is the grim comedy of fate - the only healer who can help is Aurienne Fairhrim, preeminent scientist, bastion of moral good, and member of an enemy Order.

Aurienne is desperate for funding to heal the sick - so desperate that, when Osric bribes her to help him, she accepts, even if she detests him and everything he stands for.

A forced collaboration ensues: the brilliant Woman in STEM is coerced into working with the PhD in Murders, much to Aurienne's disgust. As Osric and Aurienne work together to heal his illness and investigate the mysterious reoccurrence of a deadly pox, they find themselves ardently denying their attraction, which only fuels the heat between them.

Tropes include:

Enemies-to-lovers
High interaction slow burn
Hypercompetent idiots
He falls first and harder
Slaughter as a love language

Praise for *The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy*:

'Sworn enemies, underhanded shenanigans, dazzling magic and delicious romantic tension make this a witty, wonderful gem. Whether you're Team Aurienne (she of the incandescent brilliance) or Team Osric (he of the magnificent cheekbones) or just Team Would You Two Just Kiss Already, I promise you'll love this' Sangu Mandanna, author of *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*

'Brilliant and wildly imaginative, with a delicious forbidden romance set in a fascinating fantasy world. Knightley is a remarkable talent, weaving together witty comedy, slow-burn longing, and heart-wrenchingly poetic imagery' Sarah Hawley, author of *A Witch's Guide to Fake Dating a Demon*

'With the most wickedly delicious banter, Brigitte Knightley is sure to become your next favourite author. This had all the things I love most: a slow-burn romance that hurts so good, truly agonizing enemies-to-lovers, with a twisty mystery at its core' Julie Soto, author of *Forget Me Not*

'Brigitte Knightley is such a wonderfully talented writer with a unique voice and a real genius for banter. Anyone who loves enemies-to-lovers romantasy, will surely adore *The Irresistible Urge to Fall for Your Enemy*!' India Holton author of *The Ornithologist's Field Guide to Love*

'The slow burn romance of my dreams. Whip smart, creative, and brimming with banter and wit . . . both the hero and heroine had me laughing *and* shouting to just kiss already. This one is a rare delight' Isabel Ibañez, author of *What the River Knows*

'Utterly unique and delightful, this is the perfect romantasy for those who like their villains (and heroes) with a touch of murder, thievery, and questionable morals. Sexy and hilarious with dry-as-bone humour, Knightley's writing is not to be missed' Elissa Sussman, author of *Funny You Should Ask*

'This debut boasts gorgeously-written, vivid settings, a unique magic system and fresh fantasy world, razor-sharp wit, and graceful characterization. In short, Knightley's debut is nothing short of irresistible itself' Isabel Cañas, author of *The Hacienda*

Sales Points

- **MAJOR FOCUS TITLE FOR ORBIT IN 2025:** Targeting fans of Ali Hazelwood, Fourth Wing and Trial of the Sun Queen - readers who read primarily in the TikTok romance space, as well as fantasy fans. We will utilise the author's fanfiction fanbase, and craft a covetable hardback.
- **NEW AND EXCITING ROMANTASY SUBGENRE:** The readership for this style of witty commercial romantasy is absolutely enormous, drawing from the fanfiction space where many readers go to get their romance fix. While romantasy is beginning to feel like an oversaturated genre, this author's witty rom-com writing style, almost reminiscent of Nora Ephron, will have wider appeal. While Sarah J Maas style romantasy may be overwhelming the market now, the fanfic style of romantasy is very likely to be the next big trend in this area, and this is the perfect book for L,B to get behind in this area.
- **FANFIC SENSATION/TIKTOK GROWTH:** The author's popular fanfiction (entirely different story but with the same rom-com feel) has over 4.5 million reads and dedicated fanbase. The original fanfic has been translated into 12 languages by fans and is generally understood by readers in the fanfic community to be one of the most popular fanfictions of that particular romantic pairing. While this novel has no connection text-wise to the original fanfic, the audience will certainly cross over.
- **INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES, NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY Bestseller**

Reviews

- 'Utterly unique, hilarious, swoony beyond my wildest dreams! This book is an instant classic and a true masterpiece, and I've never read anything like it. Like a warm hug, that also made me laugh, and also took my breath away and made my heart explode. It's like the author took every single trope I adore and executed them in the most perfect way. A magnificent book, and I cannot wait for it to become everyone's favourite and to bring them as much joy as it brought me' - Ali Hazelwood
- 'Brilliant and wildly imaginative, with a delicious forbidden romance set in a fascinating fantasy world. Knightley is a remarkable talent, weaving together witty comedy, slow-burn longing, and heart-wrenchingly poetic imagery. This book is one of a kind, and I felt The Irresistible Urge to Keep Turning Pages Late Into The Night. I cannot wait for Knightley's next book' - Sarah Hawley, author of A Witch's Guide to Fake Dating a Demon
- **'With the most wickedly delicious banter, Brigitte Knightley is sure to become your next favourite author. This had all the things I love most: a slow-burn romance that hurts so good, truly agonizing enemies-to-lovers, with a twisty mystery at its core'** - Julie Soto, author of Forget Me Not
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Author Biography

Brigitte's modus operandi is to write what she wants to read: enemies-to-lovers romances that put the unresolved back in UST. Her work is enjoyed by fans of slow burns, tongue-in-cheek romcoms, and suffering.

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The Hiroshima Men The Quest to Build the Atomic Bomb and the Fateful Decision to Use It

Iain MacGregor

Keynote

A vivid account of one of history's most significant events: the approval, construction, and fateful decision to drop the atomic bomb - based on new research and interviews, timed to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima attack.

Description

'An extraordinary and utterly absorbing blend of the historical, the scientific and the human. MacGregor has made us see a terrible event with different eyes. A real achievement' Patrick Bishop

We Have Ways Podcast 'Books of the Year' Selection

The Critic Military Books of the Year

At 8:15 a.m. on August 6th, 1945, the Japanese port city of Hiroshima was struck by the world's first atomic bomb. Built in the US by the top-secret Manhattan Project and delivered by a B-29 Superfortress, a revolutionary long-range bomber, the weapon destroyed large swaths of the city, instantly killing tens of thousands. The world would never be the same again.

The Hiroshima Men's unique narrative recounts the decade-long journey towards this first atomic attack. It charts the race for nuclear technology before, and during the Second World War, as the allies fought the axis powers in Europe, North Africa, China, and across the vastness of the Pacific, and is seen through the experiences of several key characters: General Leslie Groves, leader of the Manhattan Project alongside Robert Oppenheimer; pioneering Army Air Force bomber pilot Colonel Paul Tibbets II; the mayor of Hiroshima, Senkichi Awaya, who would die alongside over eighty-thousand of his fellow citizens; and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist John Hersey, who travelled to post-war Japan to expose the devastation the bomb had inflicted upon the city, and in a historic *New Yorker* article, described in unflinching detail the dangers posed by its deadly after-effect, radiation poisoning.

This thrilling account takes the reader from the corridors of the White House to the laboratories and test sites of New Mexico; from the air war above Nazi Germany and the savage reconquest of the Pacific to the deadly firebombing air raids across the Japanese Home Islands. *The Hiroshima Men* also includes Japanese perspectives - a vital aspect often missing from Western narratives - to complete MacGregor's nuanced, deeply human account of the bombing's meaning and aftermath.

Sales Points

- The author has an excellent track record for his narrative history, with the success of *Checkpoint Charlie* and *The Lighthouse of Stalingrad*.
- This book will include the personal experiences of key figures during the 1936-46 conflict, with MacGregor's extensive access to never-before-seen archive material.
- The prologue of the book will consist of an interview with Michiko Kodama who is the Assistant Secretary General of Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese group of atomic bomb survivors. The group recently won the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize.

Author Biography

Iain MacGregor is the author of the acclaimed history of Cold War Berlin: *Checkpoint Charlie*, and the award-winning *The Lighthouse of Stalingrad: The Hidden Truth Behind WWII's Greatest Battle*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, has spoken at many literary festivals and conferences in the UK and abroad, appeared on podcasts such as *The Rest is History* and on television documentaries. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, the *Spectator*, *BBC History Magazine*, and the *Guardian*. He lives in London.



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The Unmagical Life of Briar Jones

Discover your next dark academia obsession from the award-winning New York Times bestseller

Lex Croucher

Keynote

Ninth House* meets the British boarding school system in your next dark academia obsession - the adult fantasy debut from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gwen and Art Are Not in Love

Description

'A wondrous book' **JOHN GREEN**

'Funny, devastating, achingly romantic' **OLIVIE BLAKE**

'The freshest contemporary fantasy I've read in years' **LAURA STEVEN**

'Wildly creative, very funny, and searingly angry' **FREYA MARSKE**

'Croucher is a master of the craft' **KAT DUNN**

From instant *New York Times* bestseller, Nero Award-shortlisted, TikTok Book of the Year-shortlisted, and YA Book Prize-winning Lex Croucher comes your new dark academia obsession . . .

Briar always dreamed of attending the Temple School of Thaumaturgy, the elite boarding school that's produced the most CEOs and Prime Ministers in history, long rumoured to be magical. Briar's best friend, Sebastian, just wanted them to stay together forever.

When Sebastian gets an acceptance letter and Briar doesn't, their relationship is shattered - until, at eighteen, Briar secures a temp job sorting through the magical junk in Temple's attic, and discovers that quiet, sensitive Sebastian, the boy they once loved more than anything else in the world, has become the villain.

Dark academia meets contemporary fantasy in this timely page-turner about a student who fails to gain admission to the UK's only school of magic but then gets a job there years later and unearths the ugly secrets simmering behind its ancient walls - unmissable for fans of *Babel* by R.F. Kuang and *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo.

Sales Points

- **AN INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER WITH A GLOBAL PLATFORM:** A former YouTuber with nearly 300k followers across their social media channels, Lex Croucher (they/them) is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of seven books, including the Nero Book Award and Carnegie Medal-shortlisted and YA Book Prize and Books Are My Bag Reader Award-winning *Gwen & Art Are Not in Love*, which was also shortlisted for Book of the Year at the 2024 TikTok Book Awards and nominated for the Polari Prize. With a rapidly growing global audience, Lex has also been featured on Newsnight, HuffPost, and Greenpeace for their LGBTQ+, environmental, and humanitarian activism.
- **WON IN A 10-WAY AUCTION:** Gollancz won *The Unmagical Life of Briar Jones* in a ferocious 10-way auction in the UK. North American rights also sold in a 7-figure auction to HarperVoyager, with 3 translation deals and counting.
- **DARK ACADEMIA WITH A TWIST:** Fusing the incisive social commentary of Leigh Bardugo's *Ninth House* and R.F. Kuang's *Babel* with the warmth and humour of Juno Dawson's *Her Majesty's Royal Coven* series, *The Unmagical Life of Briar Jones* explores the sordid secrets of the British boarding school system and asks: what if you didn't get into magic school but your best friend did - and then he became the villain.

Author Biography

Lex Croucher grew up in Surrey, reading a lot of books and making friends with strangers on the internet, and now lives in London. With a background in social media for NGOs, Lex now writes historical-ish rom-coms and fantasy for both adults and teenagers. Their debut YA novel, *Gwen and Art Are Not in Love*, won the YA Book Prize 2024, the Books Are My Bag Readers' Award for Young Adult Fiction, and was an instant *New York Times* bestseller.



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Orange and the Bread Knife The Chilling Korean Bestseller - where one woman decides she has had ENOUGH

Cheong Ye
Translated by Slin Jung

Keynote

The thrilling high-concept Korean bestseller about conforming to society's standards, where one woman decides she has HAD ENOUGH - with the creepy dystopian undercurrent of a *Black Mirror* episode, perfect for fans of *EARTHLINGS* by Sayaka Murata and *DIARY OF A VOID* by Emi Yagi.

Description

The thrilling high-concept Korean bestseller about conforming to society's standards.

<h4>HAPPINESS IS ALWAYS A CHOICE</h4>

Youngah is a warm-hearted schoolteacher - always smiling, always yielding. She bends her life to everyone else's rules. But deep inside, this endless restraint is killing her. An unending sense of despair festers.

Desperate for relief, she turns to a cutting-edge, four-week emotion regulation programme, which promises to sculpt her into a better version of herself.

The procedure works a little *too* well.

Unburdened at last, Youngah embraces her raw, unfiltered self, dismantling the weight of the exhausting expectations and ideals imposed upon her.

WHO WOULD EVER CRAWL BACK WHEN FREEDOM FEELS THIS GOOD?

**** Translated from the Korean by Slin Jung ****

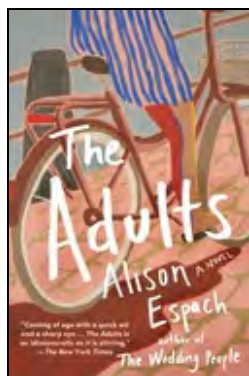
Sales Points

- **SPIKY FEMALE PROTAGONIST:** The story is narrated by a charming female main character, who makes sharply witty and astute observations about the world around her. Perfect for fans of novels like *BUTTER* by Asako Yuzuki or *VANISHING WORLD* by Sayaka Murata.
- **STAR AUTHOR:** This novel was a massive bestseller in South Korea, consistently on the Kyobo bestseller list in the months following publication. Cheong Ye has also won the K-Story Contest, the Cometus Global Content Literary Award and the Korean Science and Literature Prize.
- **AWARD-WINNING TRANSLATOR:** Slin Jung won the LTI Korea Award for Aspiring Translators in 2014, a Commendation Prize for the Korea Times Modern Korean Literature Translation Award in 2015, a GKL Korean Literature Translation Award in 2018. Her most recent translation work is *The Rainfall Market* by Yu Yeong-Gwang (Micheal Joseph, Nov 2024). She is **also part of the Smoking Tigers Collective** with translators like Anton Hur and Sandy Joosun Lee.

Author Biography

Cheong Ye is a writer who secretly rinses kimchi in water before eating it. She is the winner of the Excellence Prize in the 9th Kyobo Bookstore Story Contest (short fiction), Grand Prize in the 4th Com2uS Global Content Literature Awards, and Grand Prize in both the 1st and 2nd K-Story Contests. She also received the Grand Prize for novel-length work at the 6th Korean Science Fiction Literature Awards.

She has signed multiple adaptation contracts for screen productions and selected as one of '12 Young Writers Shaping the Future of Korean Literature 2024' by Yes24, and one of '20 Young Writers Shaping the Future of Korean Literature 2025'.



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The Adults

From the million-copy bestselling author of *The Wedding People*

Alison Espach

Keynote

The debut novel from the author of *The Wedding People*, this irresistible coming-of-age story follows a teenager named Emily Vidal in suburban Connecticut as she navigates her dysfunctional family, the death of a neighbour and an illicit relationship

Description

On a bright summer night in 1990s Connecticut, fourteen-year-old Emily Vidal stands on her parents' lawn, watching the adults arrive. Her mother is hosting a lavish birthday party for her father, even though he is about to leave her for another woman.

Adrift between her feuding parents and eccentric neighbours, Emily is closer than she knows to the choices and heartbreaks that will define her in the years ahead.

From the author of the million-copy international bestseller *The Wedding People*, this ruefully funny debut novel explores love, grief, consequences and the messy business of growing up.

Sales Points

- **FROM THE AUTHOR OF RUNAWAY BESTSELLER *THE WEDDING PEOPLE*:** Selected for the Read With Jenna Book Club, *The Wedding People* has been a long-running fixture on the *New York Times* bestseller list and has sold over a million copies around the world. It also hit the *Sunday Times* bestseller list in the UK and spent over ten weeks on the Irish bestseller list.
- **A BELOVED AMERICAN NOVEL:** *The Wedding People* has created an evangelical fanbase for Alison Espach in the UK, with readers eager to discover her backlist. Now publishing in the UK for the first time, *The Adults* was Espach's very first novel, originally launched in the US in 2011 to rapturous reviews.
- **IRRESISTIBLE HEROINE:** Emily Vidal is a quintessential Espach heroine - wry, witty, observant and smart, with an unerring ability to find humour in even the darkest and strangest places.

Reviews

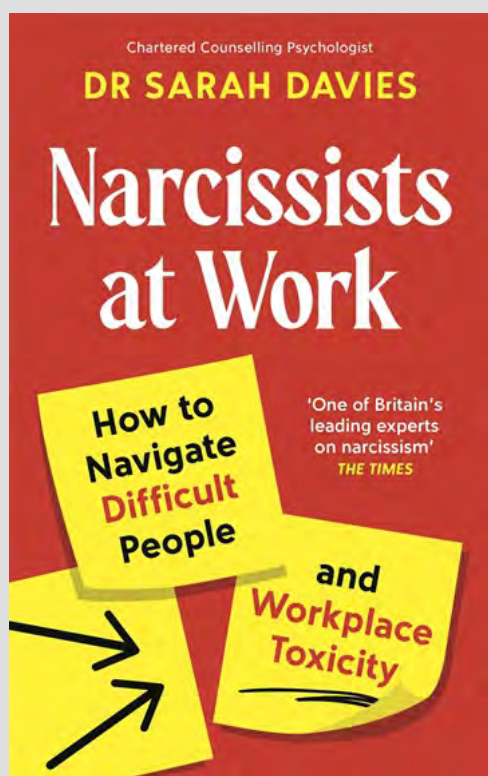
- 'Coming of age with a quick wit and sharp eye . . . As idiosyncratic as it is stirring' - *New York Times*
- 'An outstanding coming-of-age novel . . . One of the funniest books I've read in a long time' - *Wall Street Journal*
- 'Sharp and witty' - *New York Times Book Review*
- 'Espach nicely balances the acidic and the sweet in her coming-of-age tale' - *Entertainment Weekly*

Author Biography

Alison Espach is the author of three novels including *The Wedding People*, which was selected for the Read With Jenna book club and became a major international bestseller. Her short stories and essays have appeared in a wide range of publications, including *McSweeney's* and *Vogue*. She is a Professor of creative writing at Providence College in Rhode Island.

Market

FOR FANS OF: *THE WEDDING PEOPLE* by Alison Espach, *A GIRL'S GUIDE TO HUNTING AND FISHING* by Melissa Bank, *THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD* by Claire Lombardo, *PREP* by Curtis Sittenfeld and *ASK AGAIN, YES* by Mary Beth Keane



REVIEWS

‘PRAISE FOR *RAISED BY NARCISSISTS*’ - :

‘One of Britain's leading experts on narcissism . . . Davies has a fascinating mix of professional and personal perspectives on the boom in narcissism’ - *The Times*

‘A compassionate how-to guide which will ring legions of bells for anyone with dysfunctional or toxic parents’ - Jonathan Maitland, author and playwright of *How to Survive Your Mother*

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Narcissists at Work

How to navigate difficult people and workplace toxicity

DR SARAH DAVIES

KEYNOTE

How to identify and deal with narcissism in the world of work, from the author of *Raised by Narcissists*.

SALES POINTS

- This is the third book from narcissism expert Dr Sarah Davies - her first book *How to Leave a Narcissist . . . For Good* has sold in eleven languages, while her second, *Raised by Narcissists*, sold in nine.
- Narcissists remain a subject of huge fascination across social media, as does the concept of toxic workplaces - this book marries the two.
- Dr Sarah Davies is a chartered counselling psychologist who has specialised in narcissistic abuse for decades

DESCRIPTION

‘One of Britain's leading experts on narcissism’ *The Times*

Does your boss consistently undermine you?

Does your colleague demand special treatment - and do you dread going into work?

You might be working with a narcissist.

From horrible bosses to misbehaving juniors, *Narcissists at Work* helps you navigate harmful professional relationships and unhealthy working environments.

You will learn how to:

- Identify narcissistic abuse and enablers
- S.H.I.E.L.D. from toxic behaviour with clear communication and boundaries
- Gain confidence to speak up and seek change
- Focus on your own professional growth

Drawing on decades of clinical expertise, Dr Sarah Davies offers a compelling insight into the mind of a troublesome narcissist at work - and a blueprint for protecting your wellbeing and career.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Dr Sarah Davies is an author, chartered counselling psychologist and trauma therapist who specialises in narcissistic abuse, co-dependency and related trauma. She is the author of *How to Leave a Narcissist . . . For Good* and *Raised by Narcissists* and has been featured in publications including the *Guardian*, *Daily Mail* and *Sunday Times*.

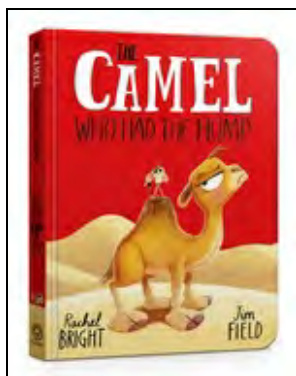
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Previous Titles

The Lion Inside
The Koala Who Could
The Squirrels That Squabbled
The Whale Who Wanted More
The Way Home for Wolf
The Gecko and The Echo
The Pandas Who Promised

The Camel Who Had The Hump Board Book

Rachel Bright (Illustrated By Jim Field)

Keynote

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

Description

A board book edition of this 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 MORRRRRNING!" sang one,
"YOO-HOO! Rise and shine!"
"I will!" called another. "Today is DIVINNNNNNE!"*

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

- Board book edition of the companion title to Rachel and Jim's hugely successful first pairing, *The Lion Inside*, which has sold over 100,000 copies in the UK
- Author Rachel Bright is the creator of the international multi-million-selling card and merchandise range, the Bright Side
- Empowering children to nurture resilience and find joy, this is a gorgeously uplifting and transformative book
- *The Koala Who Could* is the winner of the Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize 2017 and the Sainsbury's Book Award 2017, and *The Gecko and the Echo* won the Poetry category at the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards 2024
- **The World of Rachel Bright and & Jim Field series, which has sold over 6 million copies worldwide in 44 languages**

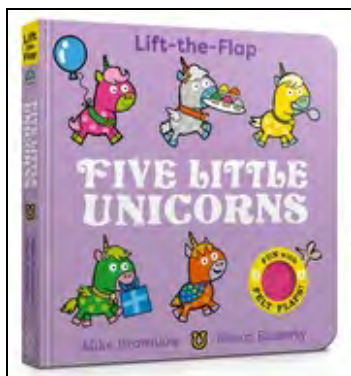
Author Biography

Rachel Bright (Author)

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. A prolific creator, she has written countless bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could* and *The Worrysaurus* and has won many prestigious awards including The Lollies, The Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize and The Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 47 languages and have sold over 5 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, *The Brightside*. Rachel lives in a forest clearing near the seaside, with her partner, their two young daughters and numerous animals.

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.



Five Little Unicorns Lift-the-Flap

Mike Brownlow (Illustrated By Simon Rickerty)

Keynote

TEN LITTLE: now a major TV series on Sky Kids!

From the creators of the bestselling Ten Little series comes this felt-flap unicorn adventure that makes counting fun!

Description

TEN LITTLE: now a major TV series on Sky Kids!

Five Little Unicorns: Have a Party

Help five sparkly unicorns get party-ready in this fun-filled rhyming and counting adventure. Lift the flaps to help them bake a cake, put up decorations and more - just in time for the special day!

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? Don't miss:

Five Little Monkeys
Five Little Princesses
Five Little Dinosaurs
Five Little Pirates
Five Little Robots

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 on each spread, perfect for little 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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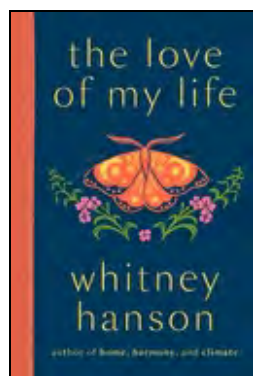
- 'A wonderfully observed - actually, flat-out wonderful - historical novel' - *Wall Street Journal*
- 'Filled with as much beauty and small details as it is intrigue' - *Woman & Home*

Author Biography

Maggie Stiefvater is a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling writer who has sold nearly six million books worldwide. She makes art in several media, plays a number of musical instruments and lives in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia with her family. *The Listeners* is her first novel for adults.

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the love of my life poetry for rediscovery

Whitney Hanson

Keynote

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

Description

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

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

Through themes of identity, loss, healing, and emotional reconstruction, the collection explores what it means to unlearn inherited beliefs, confront the weight of the past, and slowly rebuild a relationship with oneself, others, and the world. This is not a book primarily about romantic love, but about reengaging with life by confronting the past and reconnecting with a sense of self.

Readers love Whitney Hanson

'This book is everything I needed and more' **5* reader review**
'A phenomenal writer and she portrays the truths of life so beautifully' **5* reader review**
'This book did wonders for my mental health and heartbreak' **5* reader review**
'I felt like she was talking about my own experiences' **5* reader review**
'Best poet out there' **5* reader review**
'I felt such an emotional connection to these poems' **5* reader review**
'Gave me literal goosebumps' **5* reader review**

Sales Points

- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** so far we have sold over **46,000 copies** of both *Home* and *Harmony* globally
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Whitney Hanson has an engaged and growing platform, with **2.6m TikTok** followers and **3m Instagram** followers. Every time she shares a poem or post, it garners hundreds and thousands of likes, comments and shares.
- **POP POEMS:** Perfect for fans of Ruhi Kaur, Amanda Lovelace, Atticus, Courtney Peppernell and Isabella Dorta
- **INTERNATIONAL FOLLOWING:** Whitney has readers and fans across the world, from Australia to Europe, India to the US and the UK

Author Biography

Whitney Hanson is the author of *Home*, *Harmony*, and *Climate*. Through Whitney's vulnerability and authenticity, she has connected with thousands of readers, and she adamantly believes that poetry is not a dead language; rather it is the key to unlocking true vulnerability, which leads to deeper connection with one another. Whitney grew up in rural Montana and lives in Montana.

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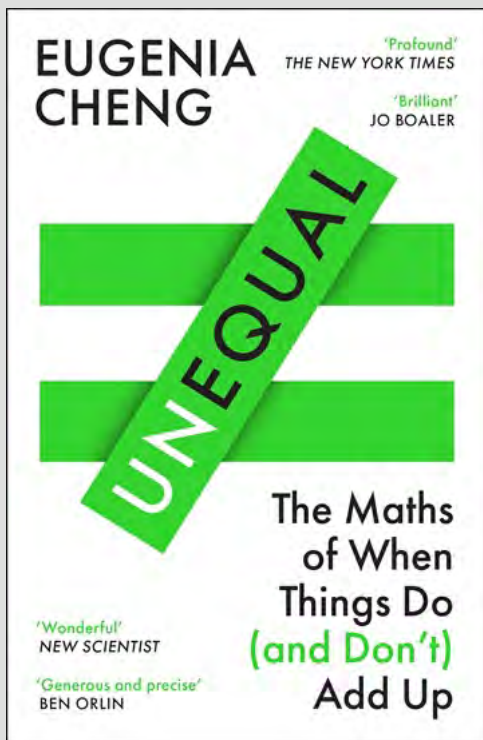
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REVIEWS

'Eugenia Cheng has opened up my mind to the wondrous world of pure mathematics in a way that I never thought was possible' - Willow Smith

'[This] is more than a regurgitation of the many formulas you may recall learning in school; Cheng argues that an equation - in its barest sense, a declaration that two things are equal - can be a profound statement on the choices we make about what is or is not the same.' - Katrina Miller, *New York Times*

'Eugenia Cheng has done it again! With her usual brilliance she has caused us to question all that we thought was true about mathematics' - Jo Boaler, author of *Math-ish*

'You might think things are either equal or they aren't, but for mathematician Eugenia Cheng, some things are more equal than others - in maths and in life. Her clever exploration of the meaning of "equals" helps us grasp its mathematical complexities - and the everyday dangers of assuming, for example, two people who score the same on an IQ test are equally intelligent.' - *New Scientist Books of the Year*

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Unequal

The Maths of When Things Do and Don't Add Up
EUGENIA CHENG

KEYNOTE

Award-winning mathematician Eugenia Cheng offers a perspective-shifting exploration of how maths can change your mind

SALES POINTS

- Eugenia Cheng's books have sold over **50,000 copies** in the UK, and have been translated into 16 languages. Her bestselling *The Art of Logic* sold **20,000** and *Is Maths Real?* sold **15,000** copies in physical format
- Cheng is an international maths superstar: she is a highly sought after public speaker, has appeared on *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert and *Woman's Hour*, has been profiled in the *New York Times* and *Guardian*, and regularly appears on TV and radio
- Cheng is a brilliant populariser of maths. Her fans include singer and actress Willow Smith, comedian Stephen Colbert, and astronaut Jeanette Epps

DESCRIPTION

A *NEW SCIENTIST* BOOK OF THE YEAR

'Clear, clever and friendly...even at her most whimsical, she is rigorous and insightful' ALEX BELLOS

'Eugenia Cheng has humour, grace and a natural gift' DANIEL LEVITIN

'Playful and deeply serious ... shows how exploring equality in maths may help the real world' *NEW SCIENTIST*

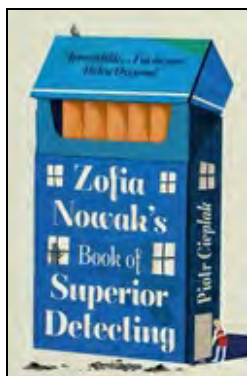
When we see an equals sign, we usually see something clear cut: problem on one side, solution on the other. We might need to shuffle some things around - balance the equation - to get there, but it's all pretty clear cut...isn't it?

As it turns out, between those parallel lines lies something far more exciting than questions and answers. An equals sign is an invitation to a mathematical playground of choice and abstraction. By opening your mind to different mathematical choices and perspectives, you can unlock far greater insight than you could have dreamed.

Eugenia Cheng explores the rich and rewarding interplay between sameness and difference, and offers us a new way to see the world based on the choices and interpretations we make. A glorious celebration of mathematics, *Unequal* will change the way you think - in maths, and in life.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Eugenia Cheng is a Pure Mathematician, Scientist in Residence at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Honorary Visiting Fellow of Pure Mathematics at City, University of London. A Cambridge graduate, she previously taught at the Universities of Cambridge, Chicago and Nice. She is also a concert pianist, fluent in French, and the author of several bestsellers, including *How to Bake Pi* and $x + y$.



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Zofia Nowak's Book of Superior Detecting

An unforgettable and page-turning mystery full of heart

Piotr Cieplak

Keynote

Meet the most unforgettable heroine since Eleanor Oliphant: Zofia, the Polish mother who pretends to be a cleaning lady to investigate what really happened to her missing son.

Description

'We have a case to solve, remember, Mr. Writer?'

Zofia's son, Janek, has vanished without a trace. Leaving behind her native Warsaw, she arrives in London, determined to uncover the truth - and she's certain that a celebrated writer called Steve holds the key to Janek's disappearance.

To fund her DIY investigation, Zofia takes on a string of cleaning jobs - a professional trajectory she finds *very* much beneath her. Armed with little more than her stubborn resolve and a second-hand detective manual, Zofia gathers evidence. After all, mother knows best - something she proves when she makes a shocking discovery: Steve's now dating Janek's ex-boyfriend. After some further digging it transpires that a former lover is not the only thing Steve has stolen from Janek...

Despite their mutual animosity, Zofia and Steve team up to get to the bottom of this tangled web of lies. Facing an unsolved murder, a stolen manuscript and a missing son, this unlikely duo must confront the secrets they've been hiding - not just from each other but from themselves.

With biting humour and a detective you've *definitely* never met before who breaks **every rule in the book, Zofia Nowak's Book of Superior Detecting will keep you guessing - and laughing - until the very last page. Perfect for fans of Jonas Jonasson, Elizabeth is Missing and Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine.**

'If you're looking for irresistible prose, it's here in this book. The protagonists' voices criss-cross in a near impossible harmony of heart, guts, shrewdness and nerve... I'm in awe' **Helen Oyeyemi**

Sales Points

- **Unforgettable voice:** Prepare to be dazzled by Zofia - a stunning comic creation whose voice truly jumps off the page. Think not being completely fine with Eleanor Oliphant - Zofia is endlessly entertaining, touching, unpredictable, brash and brilliant. She is genuinely unforgettable.
- **Sweet spot:** This is for fans of mystery-led reading group fiction who have been enraptured by Nita Prose's *The Maid*, those who are looking for their next quirky, wry and unforgettable character in the vein of *Eleanor Oliphant*, and readers who loved the gentle investigation of *Elizabeth is Missing*. *Zofia Nowak's Book of Superior Detecting* shifts the dial by telling a totally new story - a fast-moving, character-driven, darkly comic tale that pieces together a disturbing story of secrets, love, betrayal, obsession and surprising connections between apparently unrelated worlds.
- **Bookish angle:** The novel has a deliciously bookish twist - the male protagonist is an author, and one of the mysteries relates to a stolen story. Zofia herself, as she investigates her missing son, writes a book on detecting; hence the title. We'll be leaning into this bookish angle in our campaign.
- **Author inspiration:** Zofia is a fictional character but the author says that the character is inspired by some 'powerful and, sometimes, wonderfully difficult, single-minded women I've had the privilege to have in my life.'

Reviews

- 'If you're looking for irresistible prose, it's here in this book. The protagonists' voices criss-cross in a near impossible harmony of heart, guts, shrewdness and nerve. If it's a story you're after, that's here too: I'm in awe' - *Helen Oyeyemi*
- 'I loved this book. Cieplak deftly lands the rare feat of successfully blending sizzling, sparkling wit and heartbreaking emotional heft. A beautifully told story of triumph over intolerance, the harsh reality of the queer experience and the importance of confronting your past. A day or two with Zofia is time well spent - as the formidable cleaner would be only too happy to remind you.' - *Justin Myers*
- 'Meet Zofia Nowak: harsh, hilarious, and as flawed as her delightfully expressive English. But can this devoted mother be trusted? A remarkable novel that is both riotously funny and devastatingly revealing about guilt, forgiveness, and homophobia's long shadow.' - *June Thomas*
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Author Biography

Piotr Cieplak is an author and award-winning filmmaker. His writing has appeared in *Litro Magazine*, *Lines Underwater* and *Aesthetica*. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and was the recipient of the year-long Harper-Wood Creative Writing Studentship at St. John's College (2010-11). Piotr is the author of *Death, Image, Memory: the genocide in Rwanda and its aftermath in photography and documentary film* (Palgrave, 2017) and the editor of *Familiar Faces: memory, photography and Argentina's disappeared* (Goldsmiths/MIT Press, 2024). Piotr's films have screened at international festivals around the world, on TV, and received numerous awards. He lives in London and teaches at the University of Sussex.

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Ten Little Bugs

Mike Brownlow (Illustrated By Simon Rickerty)

Author Biography

Mike Brownlow (Author)

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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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Ten Little Unicorns

Mike Brownlow (Illustrated By Simon Rickerty)

Author Biography

Mike Brownlow (Author)

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1945: The Reckoning War, Empire and the Struggle for a New World

Phil Craig

Keynote

'This is a book that crosses the globe from Britain to Germany and from India to Indonesia...it is ambitious, deeply thought-provoking and, as with all the very best history, compellingly told' -JAMES HOLLAND

Description

Excellent, grappling with aspects of end of empire that tend to fall through the cracks' - AL MURRAY

As the fate of the world is decided, so too is that of the British, Dutch and French empires.

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Sales Points

- **ACCLAIMED RETELLING OF THE FINAL YEARS OF WORLD WAR 2:** 'An endlessly interesting book with many fascinating stories to tell.' - Aspects of History. 'A MUST READ!' - Mirror 'Dramatic human stories, written in the engaging style of Craig's bestselling *Finest Hour*, combined with surprising revelations' - Express
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- **POPULAR SUBJECT AREA:** will appeal to readers of Damien Lewis, Ben MacIntyre, Al Murray, James Holland

Author Biography

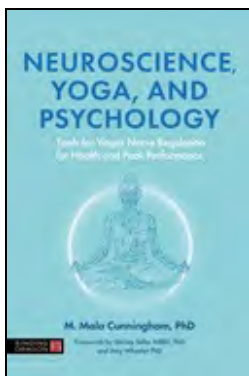
Phil Craig is a best selling author and multiple-award-winning film-maker.

He studied history at Cambridge university, was a BBC graduate trainee and built his career working for iconic British TV series *World in Action* and *Panorama*. Later he held senior positions at the prestigious Brook Lapping production company, at Channel Four, at the Discovery Channel and at ABC Television in Australia where he ran the entire factual output including its high profile ANZAC centenary project. Throughout his TV and writing career Phil has spent many years researching and reinterpreting the story of Britain and its Empire during the Second World War, including his definitive and bestselling account of 1940 - *Finest Hour*.

He now runs *The Scandal Mongers Podcast* with his friend and fellow writer Andrew Lownie.

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Neuroscience, Yoga, and Psychology Tools for Vagus Nerve Regulation for Health and Peak Performance

M. Mala Cunningham, Ph.D. Forewords by Amy Wheeler, Ph.D., and Shirley Teles MBBS, Ph.D.

Keynote

Understanding how yoga and yoga therapy impact upon brain chemistry, plasticity and mood management through a neuroscience lens.

Description

In this groundbreaking text, Dr. Mala Cunningham masterfully bridges ancient wisdom with cutting-edge neuroscience, revealing how yoga and psychology can transform our lives and nurture peak performance. This book demonstrates how traditional practices can influence brain chemistry, nervous system health, and general wellbeing. Based on decades of research and clinical experience, Mala Cunningham unveils the fascinating connections between meditation, brain plasticity, and emotional health. Supplemented with practical, science-based strategies for stress management, vagus nerve regulation, and enhanced meditation, readers will also benefit from the power of these techniques to assist with anxiety and depression as well as other mental health challenges. This book offers invaluable insights into human potential and peak performance, whether you're a yoga practitioner or therapist, a healthcare professional or someone seeking to deepen your knowledge of the mind-body connection.

Sales Points

- As well as a standalone purchase, this book will also be the manual for the author's workshops, which average 60+ people per session.
- Dr Mala Cunningham is an internationally renowned speaker and teaches between 200-300 people on this topic every year.
- Offers a modern, neuroscientific approach to the wisdom of yoga and mindfulness.
- Very strong crossover potential between professional audience and layperson.

Reviews

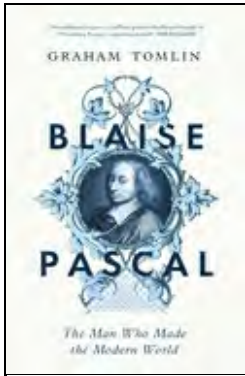
- 'Dr. Mala Cunningham has so impressively presented in her easily readable and informative book the actions individuals can take to heal and impact, and even reverse, physical, mental, and emotional concerns and illnesses based on the latest neuroscience studies. This book is therefore for everyone, and I enthusiastically recommend it!' - Sandra Amrita McLanahan, M.D. Founder and Director Integral Health Center; Integrative Health Physician; International Lecturer; and Author of Surgery and Its Alternatives and Take a Deep Breath.
- 'Dr Cunningham's book on the Neuro-Yoga-Psychology model adds to the growing body of scientific literature on this topic. Her unique approach conceptualizes processes that have a clear outcome to enhance health and wellbeing. With a focus on the vagus nerve and beautiful depictions of yoga poses, practitioners and science enthusiasts at any level will appreciate the well-sourced practical recommendations. I have been a colleague of hers for 20 years at the University of Virginia and she is an admired and dedicated teacher. Mala introduced me to many of these ideas which have changed my life. She is on a quest to relieve suffering and enhance well-being for all, and this book helps to accomplish that goal.' - Dorrie Fontaine, Dean Emerita and Professor Emerita of University of Virginia School of Nursing

Author Biography

M. Mala Cunningham, Ph.D., E-RYT-1000, C-IAYT has a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and is a licensed psychotherapist, educator, author, and teacher trainer. As a certified yoga therapist and teacher, and the CEO of Positive Health Solutions LLC, she teaches nationally and internationally and specializes in wellness, medical yoga and Neuro-Yoga Psychology™. Dr. Mala previously taught at the University of Virginia in both the medical and nursing schools. Her website is: www.cardiacyoga.com

Market

Yoga therapists, yoga teachers and teacher trainers; mindfulness practitioners, mind-body practitioners. Secondary market of general reader interested in neuroscience and complementary health.



Blaise Pascal

The Man Who Made the Modern World

Graham Tomlin

Keynote

A major new biography of French polymath Blaise Pascal and how his philosophy can help us live well today.

Description

'Readable and expert - a brilliant guide to the life and thought of 17th century Europe's supreme polymath'

Tom Holland

'A richly detailed account of Pascal's life and times, which displays an energetic sympathy for Pascal's startling combination of intellectual precocity and humble faith.'

Rory Stewart

'A beautiful, accessible account of one of the era's most remarkable lives'

Katherine Rundell

He lived for just 39 years, yet Blaise Pascal was one of the most remarkable and creative figures of the seventeenth century.

He is known for his famous (though often misunderstood) argument 'the Wager', but there's so much more to him than that. Pascal can lay claim to have built an early version of the modern computer, done ground-breaking work in mathematics and geometry, invented urban bus transport and virtually invented probability theory. He also produced one of the most haunting and effective works of Christian apologetics ever written. He is a major intellectual figure at the beginning of the modern age who blends together in his own person and thinking issues that are critical to our age. Blaise Pascal is therefore a crucial figure: not just in the history of European thought, but for how he can shed light on our many contemporary debates.

From science to scepticism; mystical experience to distraction; religion to politics, self-love and death, Pascal's thinking was far-reaching. In this captivating biography, Graham Tomlin explores Pascal's short but extraordinary life, and the sweeping impact and relevance of his ideas to the modern world.

Author Biography

Graham Tomlin is the Director of the Centre for Cultural Witness, based in Lambeth Palace, and President of St Mellitus College. He was formerly Bishop of Kensington in London. He taught theology in Oxford University and London for many years. He is the author of numerous books and is a regular speaker both nationally and internationally.

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Awake Awake

the new novel from the Booker-shortlisted author of Elmet

Fiona Mozley

Keynote

Benjamin Myers's *The Offing* meets Tessa Hadley's *The Past* in this perceptive exploration of the mutable landscape of our memories and the fragility of the trust we afford them

Description

'An incredible achievement, a story of friendship, memory, loss, and moral duty unlike any I've read before' Dina Nayeri, author of *The Ungrateful Refugee*

Mary is struggling with her memory. She does not have too few recollections but too many, including some that are downright absurd. She has many memories of her childhood: going to parties and on school trips, walks with her father and family dinners. She remembers world events too: the falling of the Twin Towers and the Iraq War. But the most concerning memories she has are about her Jewish grandfather and his role in the death of Adolf Hitler. She feels sure - almost completely sure - that what she has been told can't be true, that she must have imagined the whole thing. But there is a doubt.

To decipher fact from fiction, Mary goes back over her life, sorting through her childhood and adolescence with her three friends in York, through an adulthood accustomed to tragedy. Guided by her family and friends, Mary attempts to figure out what is real, both in history and her own life, all the while wondering if her mind has conjured everything.

Sales Points

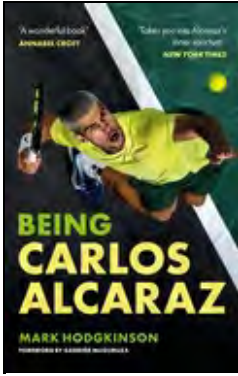
- **PRIZE SUCCESS:** Fiona Mozley's first book, *Elmet*, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2017, having been longlisted before publication. *Elmet* was also the winner of a Somerset Maugham Award and the Polari First Book Prize and it was shortlisted for the Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize. It was also longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, the Dublin Literary Award and the Dylan Thomas Prize. Her second novel, *Hot Stew*, was longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize
- **RIGHTS AND SALES:** Rights to *Elmet* were sold in 14 territories and we have sold over 100,000 copies since publication. Rights to *Hot Stew* were sold in five territories
- **CRITICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUCCESS:** Both of Fiona's previous books have published to great critical success with a raft of reviews across the board. 'If *Elmet* announced the arrival of a bright new voice in British literature, *Hot Stew* confirms Mozley as a writer of extraordinary empathic gifts' *Observer*

Reviews

- 'An incredible achievement, a story of friendship, memory, loss, and moral duty unlike any I've read before. It's beautifully written, elegantly structured, and so tight with tension that I paced my office for the last fifty pages. It's a masterfully crafted love story and adventure story and family mythology all rolled into one, and chock full of well-earned surprises; every character and storyline could be its own novel and yet they come together so thunderously and convincingly that I believed even the hallucinations. It blew me away! You'll read it in two sittings' - *Dina Nayeri, author of The Ungrateful Refugee*
- 'A unique, visionary novel about the toll of memory and the power and fragility of the human heart and mind. Fiona Mozley gives a masterclass in the novel form, showing just how much room for invention we still have. I couldn't put it down' - *Kim Sherwood, author of Testament*
- 'A warm, kindly and beautifully written novel about growing up in a family and in history, about inconvenient memory and haunted repression' - *Sarah Moss, author of Ghost Wall*

Author Biography

FIONA MOZLEY is the author of two previous novels, *Elmet* and *Hot Stew*. She is the winner of a Somerset Maugham Award and the Polari Prize, and has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize, the Ondaatje Prize and the *Sunday Times* Young Writer of the Year Award. She was longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize and the Women's Prize. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and lives in Edinburgh.



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Being Carlos Alcaraz The Man Behind the Smile

Mark Hodgkinson

Keynote

The first detailed and comprehensively researched biography of the heir apparent to the Djokovic-Nadal-Federer era.

Description

'This is a wonderful book. I love it. Mark's research is amazing, with the in-depth interviews and level of detail providing great insights into who Carlos Alcaraz is.'

- Annabel Croft, broadcaster and former tennis player:

'A perfect match of author and subject. Mark Hodgkinson's mix of style and substance - flair and professionalism - mirrors Carlos Alcaraz on a tennis court.'

- Jon Wertheim, a senior writer at Sports Illustrated

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- Charlie Eccleshare, tennis correspondent for the New York Times and The Athletic

'A highly readable portrait of tennis's most exciting young talent.'

- Conor Niland, a former tennis player and the winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year award 2024 for 'The Racket'

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- Courtney Walsh, Fox Sports in Australia

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Sales Points

- **CELEBRATED FIGURE:** Carlos Alcaraz has six million followers on Instagram. He is the youngest-ever number one and has won more majors (US Open, French Open and Wimbledon (twice)) than Djokovic, Nadal and Federer did at this age.
- **AUTHOR CREDENTIALS:** Mark's previous book - *Searching for Novak* - won International Book of the Year at the Sports Book Awards.
- **TARGET MARKET:** Tennis fans are book buyers. *The Master - The Brilliant Career of Roger Federer* - has sold more than 40k copies in the US and UK.

Author Biography

Mark Hodgkinson is known for his compelling biographies of Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Serena Williams. His last book - *Searching for Novak* - was long-listed for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year and described as 'a terrific book' by tennis legend Chris Evert.

A former Daily Telegraph tennis correspondent, he has ghostwritten columns for Boris Becker, Martina Navratilova, Bjorn Borg and Pete Sampras, and also collaborated on a book with boxer Lawrence Okolie and on a golf project with singer Robbie Williams. Mark worked on two fitness books with Daniel Craig, Tom Hiddleston and their trainer Simon Waterson, one of which became an Amazon bestseller. Additionally, he authored a bestselling book for Naomi Osaka's former coach, Sascha Bajin, and has collaborated with psychologist Charlie Unwin and former Marine Nick Goldsmith. Mark consults for international sports brands in Europe, the United States and Japan.

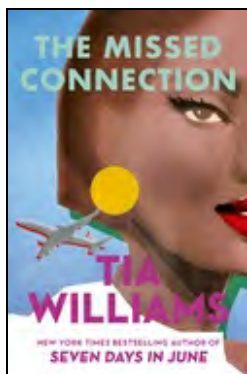
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The Missed Connection an unexpected and deeply romantic love story from the bestselling author

Tia Williams

Keynote

The brand-new, intensely romantic novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Seven Days in June*

Description

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It was love at first flight . . . Now she just has to find him

Sasha Cruz knows types. As a booked-and-busy casting agent, she's always casting - at happy hour, the grocery store, everywhere. She's all about finding the perfect person to slot into the perfect role. What she doesn't do, however, is relationships. Too much energy, not enough time.

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'A **sexy, funny, emotional** read' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Best book I've read all year' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'My **favourite ever** read' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'**Uplifting** and entrancing' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- **PERFECT FOR:** fans of Emily Henry, Abby Jimenez, Kennedy Ryan, Beth O'Leary and Christina Lauren
- Publishing simultaneously with **HBG US**

Reviews

- 'Tia Williams is **one of the very best romance writers** we have. A forever auto-buy for me' - *Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author*
- '**Crackles with heat and heart**, with characters who burrowed into my chest and remained there long after the last page. Williams has a unique ability to deliver **electric chemistry and emotional honesty** in ways that catch you off guard. **I'm a forever fan!**' - *Carley Fortune, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Every Summer After and One Golden Summer*
- '**A six star read for me**' - *Talia Hibbert*
- 'Williams adds smart, laugh-out-loud humor and perfect, swoon-worthy romance to

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Author Biography

Tia Williams is the bestselling author of *The Accidental Diva*, *It Chicks*, and *The Perfect Find* - now a Netflix film starring Gabrielle Union. Her novel, *Seven Days in June*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and a Reese's Book Club pick. Her NAACP Image Award-nominated bestseller, *A Love Song for Ricki Wilde*, was named one of the year's best romances by the *New York Times* and Amazon. Her YA romcom, *Audre & Bash are Just Friends*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and GMA Book Club Pick. Her latest novel, *The Missed Connection*, releases on June 16, 2026. Tia lives with her family in Brooklyn.

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The River Has Roots The Sweeping, Magical Solo Debut by the Best-Selling Co-Author of THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR

Amal El-Mohtar

Author Biography

Amal El-Mohtar is an author, editor and critic. Her short story 'Seasons of Glass and Iron' won the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards and was a finalist for the World Fantasy, Sturgeon, Aurora, and Eugie Foster awards. She is the author of *The Honey Month*, a collection of poetry and prose written to the taste of twenty-eight different kinds of honey, and contributes criticism to NPR Books and *The New York Times*. Her fiction has most recently appeared on Tor.com and *Uncanny Magazine*, and in anthologies such as *The Djinn Falls in Love & Other Stories* and *The Starlit Wood: New Fairy Tales*. She is currently pursuing a PhD at Carleton University and teaches Creative Writing at the University of Ottawa.

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50 World History Events You Really Need to Know 50 Events You Really Need to Know

Ian Crofton

Keynote

An essential guide to the 50 events that shaped our world - from the beginning of agriculture to the present day.

Description

Discover the 50 key developments and events that form the backbone of the story of humanity.

People often complain that in history lessons at school they were taught just a few topics - the Romans, the Tudors, the Nazis - and how they have no idea about what happened in between. Offering stimulating outlines of key developments in the history of the world, this book aims to remedy this.

Author Ian Crofton brings history to life in essays ranging from ancient Egypt to modern China, from the Vikings and the Mongols to the French Revolution and the Cold War.

Sales Points

- **OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE:** Popular Quercus series now repackaged in a small gifty A format - perfect for tillpoint placement in stores.
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- **Bite-sized format, big ideas:** These books introduce and condense big ideas, concepts and movements throughout history into accessible and easily digestible essays.

Author Biography

Ian Crofton, formerly editor-in-chief of *The Guinness Encyclopedia*, has written a number of works of popular narrative history, from *Great Escapes* and *A Curious History of Food and Drink* to *The Little Book of Big History* and *World History: 50 Events You Really Need to Know*. The last two bestsellers have been translated into many languages. Crofton has also explored the interplay of landscape, history and nature in more personal books such as *Walking the Border: A Journey between Scotland and England* ('Excellent', *The Guardian*), *Fringed with Mud and Pearls: An English Island Odyssey* (selected by *The Telegraph* as one of their top twenty travel books of 2021) and, most recently, *Upland: A Journey through Time and the Hills* ('A beautifully written celebration of a lifelong passion', Stephen Venables, author and mountaineer).

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Format	A Format
Extent	208 pages
Word Count	55000 words
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50 Taylor Swift Ideas You Really Need to Know

Nick Levine

Keynote

A comprehensive exploration of the cultural juggernaut Taylor Swift, told through 50 ideas that explore her revolutionary approach.

Description

Taylor Swift is always rewriting the rule book. From taking on streaming platforms to re-recording her early albums to regain control, she has built her reputation on business savvy as well as incredible songwriting talent.

In a series of 50 accessible essays, author and journalist Nick Levine explores everything Taylor Swift: her public image, her industry firsts, her relationships, her famously loyal fan base and of course, her music. Each one of these ideas summarises a distinct approach that Swift has taken to maintain her place in the global conversation.

From Taylor Swift to The Life of a Showgirl, via 1989, Midnights and everything in between, this book delves into every era of her remarkable career, revealing why she'll never go out of style. Here are 50 reasons to be a Swiftie for life.

Sales Points

- **50 Taylor Swift ideas:** No stone is left unturned in this comprehensive exploration of Taylor with ideas explored from the worlds of music, image, industry firsts and beyond. **This book is brand new content.**
- **The Taylor Factor:** With the release of The Life of a Showgirl in 2025, Taylor Swift shattered multiple industry records, many of which her own. There is appetite for new ways of exploring her pioneering career.
- **Accessibility:** The book will introduce and condense the key ideas of Taylor Swift's career, breaking it down into 50 accessible essays, perfect for the casual fan and the diehard Swiftie.
- **Series track record:** With over one million copies sold worldwide to date, these gifty A format books are ideal for tillpoint placement.

Author Biography

Nick Levine is a freelance journalist who specializes in music, culture and LGBTQ issues. He contributes regularly to publications including *NME*, *BBC Culture*, *Time Out London*, *The i*, *GAY TIMES*, *Attitude* *AnOther* and *The Big Issue*. This year he has interviewed musicians including Chappell Roan, Shawn Mendes and Nelly Furtado, as well as other eminent figures including Jodie Foster and Alan Hollinghurst. In previous years, he has interviewed Britney Spears, Ariana Grande, Miley Cyrus, Lady Gaga and many more. He is a member of the BRITS voting academy and a fellow of the RSA.



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Price	£10.99 / ₹799
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Thema 1.6	Historical crime and mysteries (FFH) c 1938 to c 1946 (World War Two period) (3MPBLB) Later 20th century c 1950 to c 1999 (3MPQ) Fiction companion works (FZ)
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Depth	32mm
Extent	384 pages
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Series	Bookish
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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In-House Editor	Katherine Burdon
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Bookish

a witty, warm-hearted mystery perfect for book lovers

Matthew Sweet

Keynote

Based on Mark Gatiss's brand new TV series set in post-war London in 1946, *Bookish* follows an enigmatic independent bookshop owner who helps the local police solve crimes.

Description

Adapted from the major television series created by Mark Gatiss - out now!

'A delicious read' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ READER REVIEW

London, 1946. Gabriel Book is an erudite and unconventional London bookseller married to Trottie, the owner of the wallpaper shop next door. He is also a sleuth who uses the chaotic riches of his stock to crack the puzzling cases that come his way.

He does not work alone. Book's shop is a magnet for waifs and strays - some of whom bring mysteries of their own to his door. There's Nora, sometime bookseller and true crime enthusiast; Dog, connoisseur of ginger biscuits and then Jack, whose arrival at the shop forces Book to confront a loose end from his own past.

Clever, endearing and entertaining, *Bookish* is a warm-hearted and unexpected mystery, about books, murder and the secrets we all keep.

Sales Points

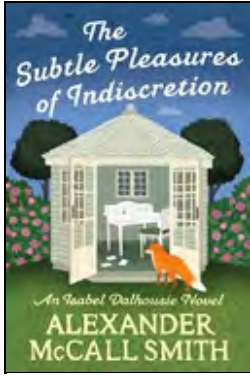
- The novelisation of the hit series co-written by Mark Gatiss and Matthew Sweet and starring Mark Gatiss, *BOOKISH* is a witty, sharp and original historical mystery about Gabriel Book, second-hand bookseller and expert sleuth.
- Set in post-war London, this is a novelisation about a bookseller that champions and celebrates books and bookshops, while also shining light on lesser-told chapters of history.
- The second series of *BOOKISH* has already been commissioned, with filming already underway. The first series will have a BBC iPlayer airing in 2026.
- Perfect for fans of Sherlock, Elly Griffiths, Chris Chibnall and Robert Thorogood

Reviews

- 'A **whimsical** account both of postwar London and of the world of bookshops. **A kind book with considerable wit.** Highly readable. Clever in the best of senses' - *The Critic*
- '**Beautifully crafted** . . . Sweet evokes the world of 1946 London so well' - *The Tablet*

Author Biography

Matthew Sweet is co-writer, with Mark Gatiss, of *Bookish*. He is a Fellow of the School of Advanced Study, University of London and the author of *Inventing the Victorians*, *Shepperton Babylon*, *The West End Front*, *Operation Chaos* and the crime novel *The New Forest Murders*. His biography, *Barbara Cartland: The Great Dictator* is published in September 2026. He is the presenter of *Free Thinking* (BBC Radio 4) and his 25 years of television and radio programmes include *The Culture Show* (BBC2), *Checking into History* (C4), 12 years of *Sound of Cinema* (Radio 3), five series of *The Philosophers Arms* (Radio 4), and *1922: The Birth of Now*, a ten-part history of modernism (Radio 4). He has been film critic of the *Independent on Sunday*, photography critic of *Newsweek* and fashion columnist for *1843/The Economist*. *Liberation Radio* - his collaboration with the artists Nhung Nguyen and Esther Johnson - has been staged at the Manzi gallery in Hanoi and at Index, the Swedish Contemporary Art Foundation in Stockholm. In 2017 he and the baker Frances Quinn achieved a chocolate-related Guinness World record that held good until 2022, when it was broken by Ant and Dec.



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Format	C Format
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Extent	240 pages
Word Count	90000 words
Series	Isabel Dalhousie Novels
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The Subtle Pleasures of Indiscretion

Alexander McCall Smith

Keynote

Book 16 in the beloved Isabel Dalhousie series

Description

The latest book in the beloved Isabel Dalhousie series

The surface of Isabel Dalhousie's life is usually a tranquil one. From her house in Edinburgh she edits a philosophical journal. In the background is her long-time housekeeper, Grace, her handsome husband, Jamie, and her two small boys, Charlie and Magnus. Outside, under the cover of the rhododendron bushes, lives Brother Fox, who, with his dark, vulpine eyes, takes a great interest in what is happening around him. And yet, in the middle of this rather idyllic setting, things are happening. Jamie, a bassoonist, has been invited to play in a prestigious London concert and to make a recording for a prominent classical label. This invitation, though, comes from a scheming woman who finds him particularly charming. Alarm bells ring. And they ring too when a wily philosopher, Christopher Dove, reveals a plot to topple Professor Robert Lettuce, a member of Isabel's editorial board.

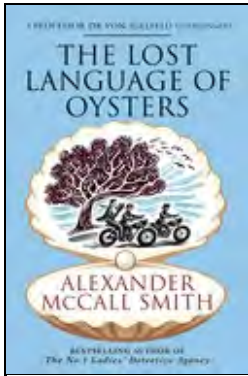
Could Isabel's life get more complicated? Yes. A woman she knew many years ago at school approaches her with a request for help. She has made an awkward discovery as a result of taking a DNA test. Can Isabel prevent the information obtained from this test from causing real harm to a whole family? If anybody can do that, it is Isabel Dalhousie. And she does that with tact and, most importantly, the grace that we have come to know as her hallmark quality.

Sales Points

- Little, Brown has sold more than 1.7 million copies in the Isabel Dalhousie series
- English language sales for McCall Smith's titles now exceed 20 million copies worldwide
- Alexander McCall Smith has been recognised as Author of the Year three times (BA, NIBBIES and Waterstones)

Author Biography

Alexander McCall Smith is the author of over one hundred books on a wide array of subjects, including the award-winning The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. He is also the author of the Isabel Dalhousie novels and the world's longest-running serial novel, *44 Scotland Street*. His books have been translated into forty-six languages. Alexander McCall Smith is Professor Emeritus of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and holds honorary doctorates from thirteen universities. He was knighted by the King in 2024.



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The Lost Language of Oysters

Alexander McCall Smith

Keynote

The latest book in Alexander McCall Smith's entertaining and hilarious Professor von Igelfeld series

Description

The latest book in Alexander McCall Smith's entertaining and hilarious Professor von Igelfeld series

'It's impossible not to root for von Igelfeld' *Scotsman*

'A charming tale of academic rivalry and ill-fated infatuation... marvellous' *Scottish Field*

Professor Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld is not just any German professor - he is the author of that great work of scholarship, *Portuguese Irregular Verbs*. His eminence in language studies is widely recognised, even if it is rarely acknowledged by his colleague, Professor Detlev-Amadeus Unterholzer, author of a much less important work on the subjunctive. Their rivalry bubbles away under the surface, but is apt to come into the open if something unusual disturbs the calm waters of the institute in Regensburg in which they both work. One such event is the entrance from New Orleans of two visiting scholars, Professor Pom Pom Boisseau and Professor Alice Martinique, Provencal language experts who arrive on large, noisy motorbikes...

Sales Points

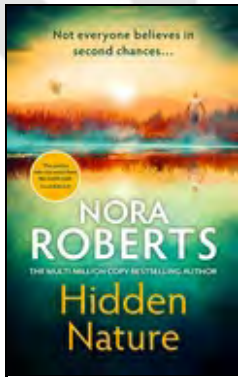
- One of the world's most popular authors - English language sales for McCall Smith's titles now exceed **20 million copies** worldwide
- Winner of Author of the Year three times (BA, Nibbies and Waterstones)
- The Von Igelfeld series, despite being one of Alexander McCall Smith's 'lesser known' series, has still sold well over a quarter of a million copies

Reviews

- 'A light-hearted campus caper of pedantry and petty jealousies, the novel is the latest in a long tradition that includes the late Kingsley Amis, Malcolm Bradbury and David Lodge' - *Sunday Post*
- 'Scotland's most prolific author's trademark gentle wit and appetite for the absurd are once again in evidence in **this charming tale of academic rivalry and ill-fated infatuation... marvellous**' - *Scottish Field*
- 'Of all the characters Alexander McCall Smith has dreamed up over the years, the German academic Professor Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld is my favourite... **an irresistible figure of fun... It's impossible not to root for him**' - *Scotsman*

Author Biography

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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

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.

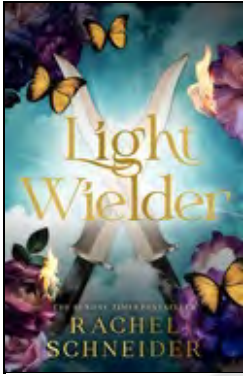
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Light Wielder

Pre-order the sequel to the romantasy smash-hit Metal Slinger!

Rachel Schneider

Keynote

From BookTok sensation Rachel Schneider comes the spellbinding conclusion to the must read and *Sunday Times* bestselling romantasy *Metal Slinger*

Description

<h2> THE EPIC CONCLUSION TO METAL SLINGER, AKA THE BOOK THAT BROKE BOOKTOK!</h2>

Oaths were made. Magic was stolen. War is raging. Can love endure that which it was born to destroy?

It has been four years since the rebellion started. War is raging. Now known as the fierce Light Wielder, Jovie must use her power to end the war between her once beloved communities - or burn them to the ground trying.

As rumours of a new darkness rising begin to rumble, Jovie will need to look to the past for answers. But is she willing to sacrifice her soul - and her heart - to secure her Kingdom's destiny?

From BookTok sensation Rachel Schneider comes the spellbinding conclusion to the must read romantasy *Metal Slinger* - told in dual POV, expect political intrigue, forbidden love, and plenty of spice

READERS ARE GOING WILD FOR METAL SLINGER

'The BEST plot twist to ever grace my Kindle'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'The author is a mastermind. Romantasy is back!!!!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'Need the next book like I need water' ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'I foamed at the mouth multiple times because they were so HOT!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

'RUN, DON'T WALK. READ THIS RIGHT NOW!!'
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Sales Points

- **SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKTOK SENSATION:** #metalslinger quickly went viral in Autumn 2024 and has continued to grow since, with 16k reviews average 4.5 stars on Amazon UK and 32k ratings and 4.3 stars on Goodreads.
- **THE HOTTEST SFF MARKET TRENDS:** this explosive romantasy debut was an instant BookTok hit, fusing the coveted spice, slow-burn tension romance coupled with rich world building, plenty of plot twists and a cliff-hanger that has broken the internet. Perfect for fans of WHEN THE MOON HATCHED and QUICKSILVER alike!
- **A MAJOR GLOBAL EVENT:** US & UK rights were sold an ignited, instant, global 10-way auction, with rights sold in 14 countries and counting!

Author Biography

RACHEL SCHNEIDER lives in South Louisiana with her husband and only daughter. She loves to write wherever her imagination takes her, which includes fantasy worlds, thrilling surprises, and complex romance with a touch of heat. When she's not writing down her daydreams, you can find her at a hockey game or enjoying a bubble bath with a good book.

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Receipts From the Bookshop A Bookseller's Year

Katie Clapham

Keynote

A year in the life of an independent bookseller at a small family bookshop in a fading seaside town, for fans of Nina Stibbe

Description

Many of us dream of owning a bookshop but for Katie Clapham it happened by accident, when she moved back to the seaside town she grew up in and went into business with her mum.

Once a week, Katie sits behind the counter and chronicles the day's comings and goings - mostly people who were actually hoping to catch her mother. The triumphs here are small but hard-won: a tea crisis averted, a book title correctly identified from a cryptic clutch of clues. Not to mention the emotional rollercoaster of being named the 7th Best Bookshop in the Country by *The Times* in a week where daily takings came to around £16.98.

Customers appear for a browse and a chat, in search of a recommendation or the perfect gift. Others enter the shop for more unexpected reasons - to borrow a screwdriver, locate a priest or simply to ask if there's 'a nice place for an omelette around here'. Each day brings its own joys and frustrations, though not always in equal measure . . .

Funny, surprising and affectionate, here is a bookseller's year in all its weirdness and wonder - a life-affirming celebration of bad weather, good books and the irreplaceable role of a local bookshop.

Sales Points

- **IDEAL HANDSELL:** this is the ideal hand-sell for booksellers - Katie has a beady eye for the realities of the book trade and she writes about bookselling with great affection and an irresistible sense of humour.
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** inspired by Katie's Substack, which has 10,000+ subscribers and is beloved by India Knight, Daisy Buchanan, AJ Pearce and Justin Myers. Katie is also well-known and loved in the industry - she has been a Bookseller Rising Star and Nibbies award-winner.
- **IRRESISTIBLE FAMILY STORY:** at its heart, this is a story about a year in the life of mother and a daughter who set up a bookshop together.
- **SMALL TOWN LIFE:** as much as this book is a portrait of a bookshop in a small town by the sea, it is a portrait of the small town itself. Katie writes very charmingly about moving back to the place she is from, and about everyday life within it.

Reviews

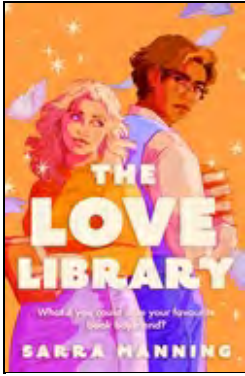
- 'Absolute heaven' - India Knight, on Receipts from the Bookshop Substack

Author Biography

Katie Clapham is the co-founder, with her mother, of independent bookshop Storytellers, Inc. She was named a Bookseller Rising Star in 2011 and Young Bookseller of the Year in 2012, and Storytellers, Inc. has been nominated for Bookseller industry awards seven times. Katie is also the author of several books for children and young adults. She lives in Lytham St. Annes with her family.

Market

FOR FANS OF: warm and comic non-fiction from writers like Nina Stibbe, Meg Mason and Cathy Rentzenbrink; bookish memoirs and 'books about books' like Shaun Bythell's bestselling DIARY OF A BOOKSELLER series, Jen Campbell's WEIRD THINGS CUSTOMERSSAY IN BOOKSHOPS or Andy Miller's THE YEAR OF READING DANGEROUSLY



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The Love Library

The sizzling, feel-good romantic comedy everyone's talking about!

Sarra Manning

Keynote

Heartwarming and hilarious, *The Love Library* is a must-read for anyone who wishes they could step into the pages of their favourite book. Perfect for fans of Sophie Cousens, Lucy Jane Wood and Kirsty Greenwood.

Description

'It's sweet, it's sexy, it's funny. I enjoyed it so much' MARIAN KEYES

'Funny, charming and clever, *The Love Library* is pure magic' JANE CASEY

'Sexy, sizzling hot perfection' CRESSIDA McLAUGHLIN

'So original, so funny, so satisfying - I LOVE this book!' FREYA NORTH

'Brilliant, magical, I couldn't put it down!' LUCY VINE

'Every book lover's dream. I loved it' LAURA WOOD

What if you could date your favourite book boyfriend?

"All loans are at the borrower's own risk..."

After a series of dating disasters, Tess Hardy wonders if she'll ever find the man of her dreams - or if he only exists on the pages of her favourite novels. So when she's invited to visit The Love Library, a 200-hundred-year-old institution which promises dates with her favourite romantic heroes *in real life*, Tess can't resist!

But handsome head librarian Gabe Sharma seems grumpily determined to keep the library under lock and key. And as soon as Tess steps into the beautiful building crammed full of books, she realises why - it's not just dust in the air... it's magic. Here she really can grab drinks with Heathcliff, dine with Rochester and cosy up to her one true literary love, Darcy.

There's just one problem: Gabe. He's determined to sabotage all of Tess's dates! And why is it that she has more fun fighting with Gabe than flirting with any of her book-bound suitors...?

Heartwarming, hot and hilarious, *The Love Library* is a must-read for anyone who wishes they could step into the pages of their favourite book. Perfect for fans of Ashley Poston, Lucy Jane Wood and Kirsty Greenwood.

****Praise for Sarra Manning****

'Romantic, funny, sweet and sexy' MARIAN KEYES

'A very swoony, sexy, warm read' CESCA MAJOR

'Emotional and profound and so so hot' SOPHIE IRWIN

'Funny and sexy and rips along' FREYA NORTH

'Sexy, bittersweet and romantic' LINDSEY KELK

'Funny and filled with emotion' BETH O'LEARY

Sales Points

- **TIMED PERFECTLY WITH THE RESURGENCE OF CLASSIC ROMANCE:** 2025 sees the 250th Anniversary of Jane Austen's birth and 2026 brings Emerald Fennell's film adaptation of *Wuthering Heights*, whilst there are also rumours of a new Netflix series adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* on the way. This is a perfect time to jump on the opportunity to put a twist on classic romance novels.
- **AN ESTABLISHED VOICE IN ROMANTIC COMEDY:** Sarra Manning has a brilliant reputation amongst romance readers, and is a writer many young women will have grown up with as her YA fiction was a huge success (think *Guitar Girl* & *Diary of a Crush* - classics!). Aside from this, her writing is sharp, funny and sexy. She loved getting wrapped up in this story and was able to turn it into a heart warming and hilarious romantic comedy.
- **A UNIVERSALLY APPEALING PLOT:** With the combination of well-known characters, with a modern, fresh and sexy plot, this is a story that can appeal to more voracious readers, and those who dip their toe in when the mood strikes.
- **RIGHTS POTENTIAL:** Priority at Frankfurt Book Fair, with rights already pre-empted in Germany.

Reviews

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- 'What a delight! So romantic and escapist, but brilliantly grounded in realism at the same time, I know that book-lovers everywhere will adore this one' - *NIAMH HARGAN*
- 'A love letter to books, readers, and romantic heroes. Smart, charming, and a delight for anyone who's ever had a fictional crush' - *LOUISE O'NEILL*
- 'An absolute delight - very fun and very hot with characters you'll fall in love with. Who needs Darcy when you've got Gabe Sharma?' - *ANNA CAREY*

Author Biography

Sarra Manning has been a voracious reader for over forty years and a prolific author and journalist for thirty.

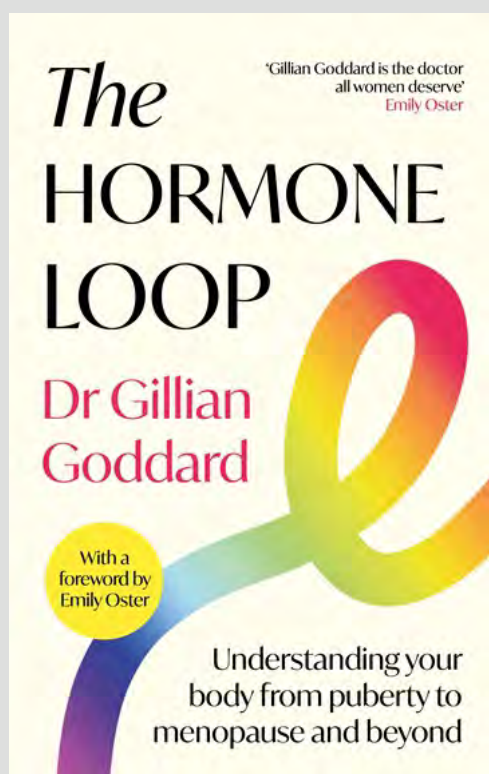
Her many novels, which have been translated into numerous languages, include *Unsticky*, *London With Love* and *The Last Days Of Summer*. Sarra has also written a number of YA novels, and several light-hearted romantic comedies under a pseudonym.

She started her writing career on the iconic *Melody Maker* and *Just Seventeen* and has written for *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Telegraph*, *ELLE*, *Grazia*, *Stylist*, *You Magazine* and *Harper's Bazaar*. She is currently the Literary Editor of *Red Magazine*.

Sarra lives in London surrounded by piles and piles of books.

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REVIEWS

'Gillian Goddard is the doctor all women deserve; this book is essential reading for everyone' - Emily Oster

'Finally, a hormone book that doesn't panic, patronise, or overpromise. Dr Goddard talks to women like intelligent adults instead of malfunctioning appliances, and it's deeply reassuring' - Rosamund Dean, journalist and author

'Fascinating and insightful' - Milli Hill, author of Ultra Processed Women

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The Hormone Loop

Understanding Your Body from Puberty to Menopause and Beyond

DR GILLIAN GODDARD

KEYNOTE

An expert-led guide to women's hormonal health at every stage of life

SALES POINTS

- Dr Gillian Goddard is a leading expert in endocrine diseases affecting women during the reproductive years, pregnancy, and perimenopause
- Dr Goddard contributes to Emily Oster's huge women's health platform ParentData, which reaches over a million people
- Bestselling parenting author Emily Oster will provide a foreword for the book

DESCRIPTION

'Gillian Goddard is the doctor all women deserve; this book is essential reading for everyone' Emily Oster

Take charge of your hormone at every stage of your life

From our mood to our metabolism, hormones maintain nearly every bodily function. Yet most of us don't understand how our hormones work, and what to do when they don't.

In *The Hormone Loop*, renowned endocrinologist Dr Gillian Goddard offers a definitive guide to hormonal health throughout a woman's life, from puberty and the reproductive years to each phase of menopause. Explaining how hormones are comprised of four interconnected 'loops' - reproductive, thyroid, growth and adrenal - she uncovers their roles in our lifelong health and shows how to harness them.

Whether you are experiencing unexpected weight gain, fatigue or period pain, or simply want to support a child through puberty, Dr Goddard will prepare you to have better conversations with doctors and become a powerful self-advocate for your health.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Dr Gillian Goddard is an endocrinologist and adjunct assistant professor at the NYU Langone Hospital. She has over fifteen years of clinical experience, with particular expertise in endocrine diseases affecting women during the reproductive years, pregnancy and perimenopause. She is the author of *The Savvy Patient*, a newsletter about women's hormone health, and a contributing writer at Emily Oster's ParentData.

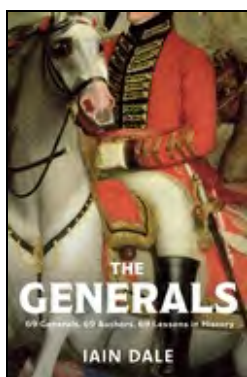
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The Generals

69 Generals, 69 Authors, 69 Lessons in History

Iain Dale

Keynote

69 Generals, 69 Authors, 69 Lessons in History - the military commanders who've shaped our world

Description

With the world in turmoil there is considerable global interest in the record of military commanders in various countries throughout the ages. But what made them successful? And why have they become military legends? How much is it to do with their strategic abilities, leadership qualities or force of personality? These are the questions this book seeks to answer. Using the same structure as the successful, PRIME MINISTERS, PRESIDENTS and DICTATORS it features essays on military commanders from many countries around the world, from Roman times to the 20th and 21st centuries. The essays are written by a range of military experts, academics, historians, commentators, political journalists and serving politicians who have either written about their subjects before or have a personal connection of some kind.

Sales Points

- Iain Dale has created a very successful format with these books - a varied collection of authors each writing on a figure they feel passionate about
- Iai Iain Dale is committed to the promotion and selling of his titles through his LBC show, talks and events
- There is a clear route to market through media (Times, Telegraph, History Hit, Rest is History) and festivals (Chalke Valley, Oxford Lit Fest etc) plus Iain's own promotion
- Nielsen data reveals that History & Military showed a lifetime high in 2022 and was one of the leading categories for growth in non-fiction in 2022 compared to the comparative weeks in 2021 with an increase of 30K in volume and £1.3M in value.
- PePerfect Father's Day gift opportunity

Author Biography

Iain Dale is an award-winning broadcaster and presenter of the *Evening Show* on LBC Radio. He is the author/editor of more than 60 books and co-host of the *Where Politics Meets History* podcast. He has twice been named Radio Presenter of the Year and is the founder and former Managing Director of Biteback Publishing. He hosts the theatre show *Iain Dale All Talk*. Iain lives in Tunbridge Wells.



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50 Chinese Coffee Breaks

Short activities to improve your Mandarin Chinese one cup at a time

Coffee Break Languages

Keynote

This book of 50 short Coffee Break activities makes it possible for language learners to fit in a little extra practice of Mandarin Chinese on a regular basis in a fun and relaxed way in just 5, 10 or 15 minutes a day.

Description

Transform your down time into 'do time'.

The most successful language learners create a habit of studying on a regular basis. **50 Chinese Coffee Breaks** makes it easy to master a simple routine of improving your Mandarin Chinese by effortlessly integrating it with your calming daily ritual - from a 5-minute espresso to a 15-minute latte.

Organised by 5, 10 and 15 minutes, these **50 varied and lively activities** - from recipes and idiom challenges to famous quotations and character practice - are created for high-beginner to intermediate adult and young-adult learners. Featuring both Chinese characters and pinyin, the activities are designed to keep you motivated while building your skills in key areas.

- Reading comprehension
- Writing skills
- Grammar confidence
- Translation abilities
- Vocabulary expansion
- Cultural awareness

By practising Mandarin Chinese in a fun and relaxed way in the time you have, you will stay on track to achieve your language-learning aspirations. So, pick up your preferred brew and this practical book, and make learning the most pleasant and productive part of your busy day.

For 15 years **Coffee Break Languages** has helped make it possible for millions of people to learn a language in a way that fits into their everyday life: whether that's while walking the dog, at the gym, or on their coffee break!

Teach Yourself has collaborated with Coffee Break Languages to bring their brilliant method to a wider audience by producing their first-ever printed product. All the activities are written by long-time teachers of the language in Coffee Break's characteristically friendly and conversational style. It's the perfect complement to your studies.

The activities are levelled for high-beginner to low-intermediate learners: CEFR A2-B1 and ACTFL Intermediate-low/mid.

Sales Points

- *Coffee Break* is an ideal partner we have been looking to collaborate with for 10 years. They have an excellent reputation, large social following, and are entrusting us to do a good job with sales and distribution for their expansion into print products.
- 50 Short, fun activities organized by sections of 5, 10 and 15 minutes to fit into people's busy lives with a clear time promise.
- This series has similar potential to the *Teach Yourself Graded Readers* series: Easy to use, right price point, great existing brand and clear proposition.
- The authors of the language activities included in each book are experienced teachers of each language and have many years of experience creating learning resources.
- Provide effective activities to help learners practise their language skills at this A2-B1 level. (high beginner - low intermediate).

Author Biography

In 2006 *Coffee Break Spanish* became the first podcast for beginners of Spanish and immediately caught the attention of listeners. Soon, language learners around the world were building their language skills with the *Coffee Break Languages* podcasts and online courses.

Since then, the *Coffee Break* courses -- which are available in a variety of languages, including French, Italian, German, Spanish, Chinese, Swedish and English -- have become immensely popular. Consistently at the top of the educational podcast charts, the courses have been recognised through numerous awards, including **European Professional Podcast of the Year** and the **European Award for Languages** and have featured in *The New York Times*, the *Guardian* and on the *BBC*. Millions of learners have built their confidence in a language or taken up a new language using the friendly, accessible and



successful method, effectively transforming their down time into "do time".

The *Coffee Break* team of language experts, teachers and native speakers is led by linguist and educator Mark Pentleton. Mark speaks over ten languages and, through the *Coffee Break* podcasts, courses, videos and books, is honoured to share his passion for language learning and the opportunities it provides.

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Taylor's Version
The Poetic and Musical Genius of Taylor Swift
Stephanie Burt

Keynote

An original exploration and celebration of Taylor Swift charting her phenomenal career, from award-winning literary critic and Harvard Professor Stephanie Burt, based on one of the world's first university courses on her music.

Description

An original exploration and celebration of Taylor Swift, the world's biggest music star, as taught at the world's most prestigious university.

One of the biggest stars in the world, Taylor Swift became so popular for many reasons - but first and last thanks to her songs. In *Taylor's Version*, award-winning literary critic Professor Stephanie Burt charts the extraordinary journey from Swift's teen country debut to her most recent record-breaking achievement as the highest-grossing touring artist in the world. Based on her Harvard University course, *Taylor Swift and Her World*, Burt offers the first serious study of Swift that pays close attention to her talent as a songwriter first and foremost.

Drawing from musical and cultural criticism, poetry, economic theory, American history, as well as personal experience, Burt presents an insightful and heartfelt critical appreciation of Swift that delves into her life, her celebrity and her artistry. She explores how Swift's musical and public persona reflect her life and her craft, at once intimate and relatable. She considers the international community Swift's work has fostered, and she shows what makes Swift's body of work so important across styles, genres and generations.

Tracing a path through the Eras, *Taylor's Version* is a literary deep-dive into Swift's particular form of genius, revealing the remarkable impact of her career and showing how her songs - how music itself - can change lives.

Sales Points

- **ORIGINAL PITCH:** The first book to critically examine Taylor Swift's body of work for a general audience. The USP is the author's academic credentials - the book is based on one of the world's first university courses on Taylor Swift which Burt teaches at Harvard. It's attracted global attention with segments on the TODAY show, CNN, BBC and more.
- **EXPERT AUTHOR:** Burt is a multi-award-winning literary critic and poet, and the Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Professor of English at Harvard University. Honours include a Guggenheim Fellowship for poetry, a McKnight Foundation grant, service on the Pulitzer Prize committee, and finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. *New York Times* called her "one of the most influential poetry critics of [her] generation".
- **STRONG COMMERCIAL APPEAL:** Taylor Swift is one of the world's biggest celebrities with one of the largest global fanbases. She's the highest-grossing touring artist, first billionaire primarily from music, world's richest female musician, and in 2024 she was the Global Top Artist on Spotify with 96M monthly listeners. Books and products related to her have proven to be phenomenally popular.
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Reviews

- 'Taylor Swift treats her own life as worthy of artistic obsession and grandeur; Stephanie Burt treats her oeuvre as worthy of academic and poetic attention. In *Taylor's Version*, Burt not only articulates the force of Swift's songwriting genius, but - perhaps more importantly - makes the case for her place in the literary tradition. **A provocative, sharp, well-argued book for any Taylor Swift fan - or skeptic**' - Carmen Maria Machado, author of *Her Body and Other Parties*
- 'In this **wide-ranging and thought-provoking** tour of all things Taylor Swift, Stephanie Burt deftly balances the perspectives of fan and critic, diving deeply into each of Swift's albums, and tracing her remarkable evolution as an artist and cultural icon. Whether you're a diehard Swiftie or a casual listener, this **insightful and illuminating** book will send you back to the songs themselves with a fresh appreciation for where they came from, how they work, and why they mean so much to so many people'
' - Tom Perotta, New York Times-bestselling author of *LITTLE CHILDREN*
- 'Depending on your feelings toward Ms. Swift, you may or may not want to like this book. Too bad, **it's going to make you like it, and see the phenomenon in a way you never have before**'
' - Catherynne M. Valente, New York Times-bestselling author of *THE GIRL WHO*

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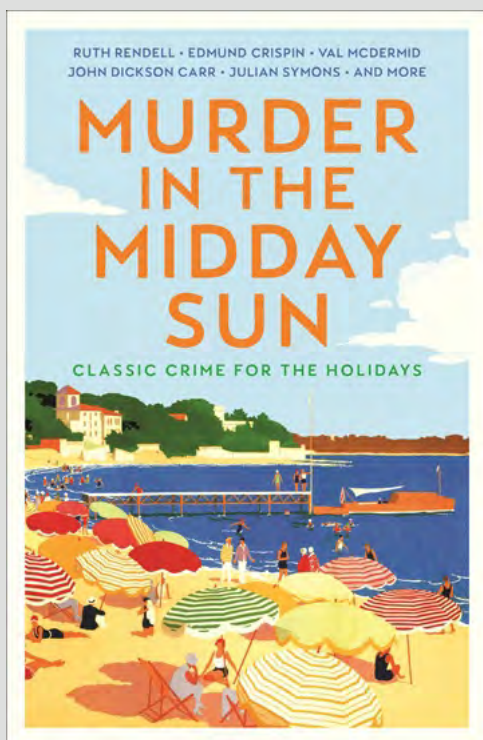
- 'Taylor Swift is lucky to have a fan, a listener, and a writer as open to her music and as acute to its internal and emotional rhythms, Swift's craft and her audience's response, as Stephanie Burt. **With unfailing lucidity, empathy, and wit**, she takes a reader through the songs, until you can hear, all over again, how they really work' - Greil Marcus, music journalist

Author Biography

Stephanie Burt is Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Professor of English at Harvard University. Her work appears in the *New York Times Book Review*, *New Yorker* and *London Review of Books*, among others. Her books of poetry and literary criticism - fourteen in all - include *We Are Mermaids*, *Advice from the Lights*, and *Don't Read Poetry: A Book About How to Read Poems*. She lives in Massachusetts.

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REVIEWS

‘Praise for the Vintage Murder series:
Has everything you might want ... take this little book to the beach [and] relax in the sun while reading of battered corpses’ - *Mail on Sunday*

‘An excellent collection of short stories by ten top-class writers’ - ‘Books of the Year’, *The Times*

‘Short, clever and puzzling murder tales test the brains of the most avid crime reader ... delectable’ - *On Magazine*

‘Perfect for a quick fix of golden-age crime’ - Janice Hallett, author of *THE KILLER QUESTION*

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Murder in the Midday Sun

Classic Crime for the Holidays

KEYNOTE

Tensions reach boiling point in this collection of classic summertime crime tales

SALES POINTS

- The next instalment in Profile's **phenomenally successful vintage crime series** - the summer anthologies alone have sold over 100k TCM
- **A tillpoint and table gift book** at an impulse-buy price point, perfect for summer reading lists and last-minute holiday reading
- Ideal holiday reading for lovers of Ruth Rendell, Agatha Christie and Patricia Highsmith

DESCRIPTION

As dusk falls on an English summer, a detective interviews a stranger with a sinister story to tell. Among the sands of an Egyptian desert, a tourist buys a souvenir which is not quite as it seems. On the sparkling waters of the Scilly Isles, a boating trip turns deadly. It might be the height of summer, but in the midday sun - it's murder.

These ten tales of murder, mystery and mayhem make for perfect beach reading - in the latest addition to a series that has sold over 250,000 copies.

'With Cecily Gayford in charge, we are on safe ground' *Daily Mail*

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 fifteen years.

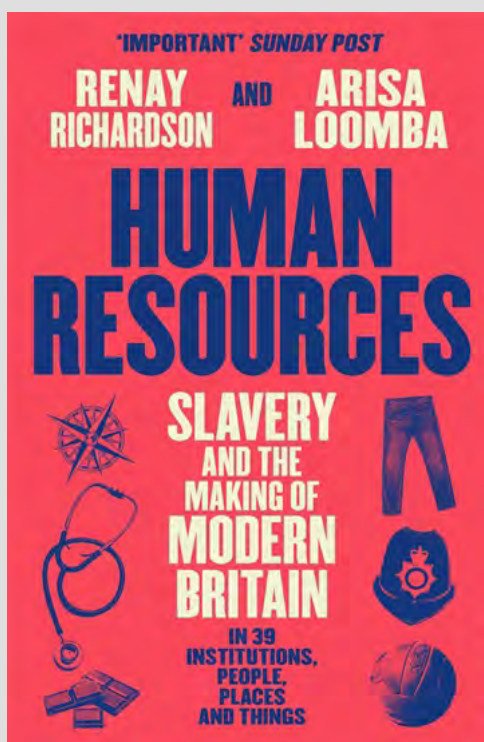
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REVIEWS

‘I wish everyone in the UK would read this book. It's good politics, good history, good writing ... the ultimate rejoinder to anyone who claims this history doesn't matter’ - Oskar Jensen, author, *Vagabonds*

‘A brilliantly researched exploration of how the transatlantic slave trade has shaped our lives and continues to do so. I highly recommend this accessible and informative account’ - Stephen Bourne, author, *Black Poppies*

‘A refreshingly perceptive and important addition to British historiography’ - Ron Ramdin, author, *The Making of the Black Working Class in Britain*

‘An eye-opening, necessary and endlessly engaging account’ - Waterstones Blog

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Human Resources

Slavery and the Making of Modern Britain – in 39 Institutions, People, Places and Things

RENAY RICHARDSON, ARISA LOOMBA

KEYNOTE

For readers of *Empireland* and *Black and British*: discover the history you're not taught in school

SALES POINTS

- Serious history in an accessible format - comps include *Empireland* (Bookscan 83k+), *Natives* (Bookscan 189k+) and *Black and British* (Bookscan 83k+) - but *Human Resources*' digestible chapters make it a more dynamic and appealing read.
- A completely unique approach to vital history: a pithy, pacy introduction to the key issues in Britain's colonial legacy, told through accessible and bite-sized stories
- The *Human Resources* podcast was hugely popular, lauded in reviews in the *Guardian*, the *FT* and elsewhere, while Renay Richardson is a fabulous frontwoman - a well-connected Black founder and producer

DESCRIPTION

Ordinary items take on new meanings when you cast them in different light. The origins of tea, coffee and sugar are well known, but when you discover that gym treadmills were pioneered on plantations or that denim jeans were once clothing for enslaved people, you can't help but ask where else the legacy of slavery hides in plain sight.

Through the stories of thirty-nine everyday places and objects, Renay Richardson and Arisa Loomba unpick the threads of the history that we never learned in school, revealing the truth of how Britain's present is bound to a darker past.

Taking us from art galleries to football stands, banks to hospitals, from grand country houses to the backs of our kitchen cupboards, *Human Resources* is an eye-opening inquiry that gives a voice to the enslaved people who built modern Britain.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

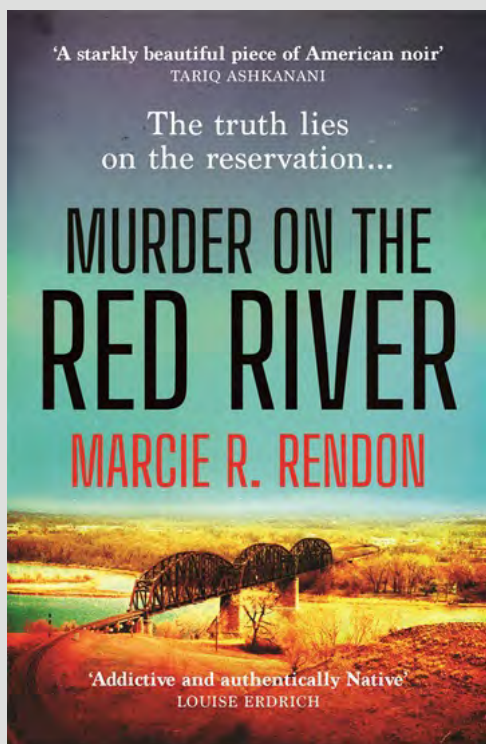
Renay Richardson is an award-winning producer based in London. Her work focuses on empowering audiences and creating social change.

Arisa Loomba is a PhD student of Global and Imperial History at the University of Oxford, working in partnership with the National Trust.

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REVIEWS

'A starkly beautiful piece of American noir. Cash is a fantastic character I can't wait to read more of' - Tariq Ashkanani, author of *THE MIDNIGHT KING*

'Oozes lyrical prose, an exquisite sense of place and truly authentic characters. Cash is an utterly refreshing protagonist, complex and compelling' - Heather Critchlow, author of *UNSOLVED*

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Murder on the Red River

MARCIE R. RENDON

KEYNOTE

The powerful first novel in the award-winning Cash Blackbear series, from the bestselling author of *Where They Last Saw Her*

SALES POINTS

- The first in the award-winning Cash Blackbear series. *Murder on the Red River* won the Pinckley Prize for Best Debut Novel, and its sequel, *Girl Gone Missing*, was shortlisted for the Sue Grafton Memorial Award
- Rendon's work has been published in the USA to acclaim; this series is a hidden gem finally being introduced to UK readers at a time when indigenous voices in crime fiction are sparse. For readers who enjoy character depth, themes of social justice, and writers such as Louise Erdrich (66k TCM) and Attica Locke (65k TCM)

DESCRIPTION

* **WINNER OF THE PINCKLEY PRIZE FOR BEST DEBUT NOVEL ***

'Masterfully weaves two stories in a seamless, vivid narrative' - LOS ANGELES REVIEW OF BOOKS

'A starkly beautiful piece of American noir' - TARIQ ASHKANANI

Minnesota, 1971. Nineteen-year-old Renee 'Cash' Blackbear spends her days playing pool, drinking beer and driving trucks for the local wheat farmers. Bounced around foster homes like so many other Ojibwe children, Cash doesn't bother much with friends - except her guardian, Sheriff Wheaton, who's kept an eye out for her since she went into the system.

When the body of a murdered Ojibwe man is found discarded in a cornfield, Wheaton asks Cash for help. The residents of the nearby Red Lake Reservation have good reason to distrust outsiders, and Cash may be the only one who can get them to talk. But racial tensions run deep along the Red River, and soon Cash isn't only searching for justice: she's fighting for her life.

'Oozes lyrical prose, an exquisite sense of place and truly authentic characters' - HEATHER CRITCHLOW

'With thoughtful writing that resonates and a great protagonist. Cash Blackbear is unforgettable' - CAROLINE HULSE

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Marcie Rendon is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, an award-winning author and a community arts activist. In 2018, Rendon was recognised as a 50 over 50 Change-maker by Minneapolis AARP and Pollen. She was awarded the McKnight Distinguished Artist Award in 2020. Rendon's debut novel and the first instalment in the Cash Blackbear series, *Murder on the Red River*, won the Pinckley Prize for Best Debut Novel. She lives in Minneapolis.

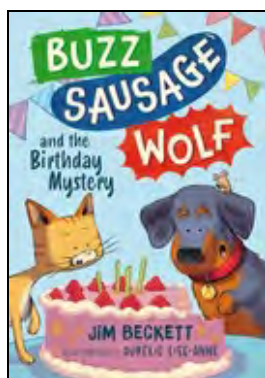
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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	181x129
Extent	112 pages
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Series	Buzz Sausage Wolf
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Previous Titles

Buzz Sausage Wolf
Buzz Sausage Wolf and the Smelly Cat
The Caravan at the Edge of Doom
The Caravan at the Edge of Doom: Foul Prophecy

Buzz Sausage Wolf and the Birthday Mystery Book 3

Jim Beckett (Illustrated By Aurélie Lise-Anne)

Keynote

It's party time for Buzz Sausage Wolf! Everyone is really excited, but WHO has taken a big bite out of the birthday cake?!

A cosy funny story with short chapters and lots of full-colour illustrations, ideal for reading aloud and sharing together with newly independent readers moving on from picture books.

Description

It's party time for Buzz Sausage Wolf! Everyone is really excited, but WHO has taken a big bite out of the birthday cake?!

A cosy and funny story with short chapters and lots of full-colour illustrations, ideal for reading aloud and sharing together with newly independent readers moving on from picture books.

Scruffy sausage dog, Buzz has been overexcited ALL DAY. It's just too much fun on a birthday! But when he accidentally bursts the balloons and tears open a Special Present, Buzz knows he's in big trouble. And avoiding telling the truth means even bigger trouble, especially when he sees a BIG BITE of birthday cake has gone missing. . . Who is the mystery muncher? Will everyone blame Buzz? Can Buzz and best friend Trilby solve the birthday mystery?

A cosy and friendly party-themed story for fans of *Rabbit and Bear*, large dollops of silliness and the occasional unexpected dog parp.

Praise for *Buzz Sausage Wolf*:

'Buzz is a furry little heart-stealer on a mission: be loved, supply laughs, win you over. Mission accomplished.' - James Davis, author of *Scarlet: Defender of the Universe*

Sales Points

- The third book in a delightful cosy 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 - written in engaging and fun short chapters with lots of silly humour and a 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 or showing you're sorry - all with a huge dollop of animal silliness and heart.

- Characterful, expressive and humorous illustrations by outstanding new illustrator and animation art director, Aurélie Lise-Anne. Lots of cinematic POV and dynamic movement in the art brings Buzz and friends brilliantly to life.
- Jim Beckett is an author who is fantastic at promoting his books with brilliantly funny school events - he draws on all his experience as a former teacher, stand-up comedian and bookseller to give an unforgettable show!
- Cosy, relatable gentle humour that will appeal to children, parents and grandparents. Perfect for shared reading out loud together or newly independent reading.

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.

Aurélie Lise Anne (Illustrator)

Aurélie 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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Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
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What If?

Britta Teckentrup

Keynote

A calm and reassuring story about overcoming worries and focusing on the here and now.

Description

Little Rabbit wishes she could enjoy the wonders of the forest, but she can't help worrying about the bad things that might happen.

When strolling through the woods with Mouse, she fears that the trees might come crashing down. And when Squirrel wants to play hide-and-seek, Little Rabbit asks "But what if nobody finds me?" One day, Little Rabbit feels so overwhelmed by her noisy thoughts that she decides to hide away in her burrow.

Can Little Rabbit's friends help her to quiet her anxious mind and enjoy the here and now?

This calm and reassuring story is perfect for reminding nervous readers to take things one small step at a time.

Sales Points

- A calm and reassuring story about overcoming worries and living in the moment
- Britta has won multiple awards, including the Global Illustration Excellence Award
- Britta's books have been translated into over 20 languages

Author Biography

Britta Teckentrup is an illustrator, fine artist and writer. She was born in Hamburg, Germany, and went on to study at St. Martin's College and the Royal College of Art in London. Britta has created over 40 books, translated in 20 languages worldwide, and her artwork has been shown at exhibitions all over the world. She lives and works in Berlin with her artist husband and their son.



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Who Nicked My Knickers?

Francesca Simon (Illustrated By Steve May)

Keynote

Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU? Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.

Description

Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU?

Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.

A hilarious picture book by Francesca Simon and Steve May.

Sales Points

- *Who nicked my knickers? Who pinched my pants? Was it YOU?* Someone is stealing knickers and it's down to Max and Mabel to discover who.
- A hilarious new picture book by the multi-million-copy-selling author of HORRID HENRY.
- Great for readers of ALIENS LOVE UNDERPANTS.
- Francesca Simon has been published in 31 languages and sold more than 21 million copies worldwide.

Author Biography

Francesca Simon (Author)

Francesca Simon MBE spent her childhood on the beach in California and started writing stories at the age of eight. She wrote her first Horrid Henry book in 1994. Horrid Henry has gone on to conquer the globe; his adventures are published in 27 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Francesca has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and been a judge for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2009, in one of the proudest moments of her career, Francesca was awarded a Gold Blue Peter badge. She was appointed MBE in the 2023 New Year Honours.

Francesca is also a passionate ambassador for children's literacy and is a trustee of the World Book Day charity. She lives in North London with her family.

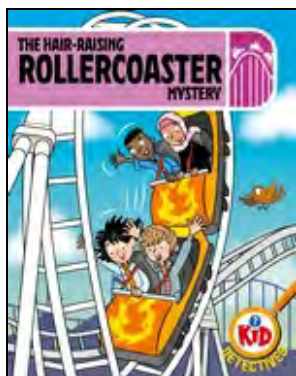
Visit Francesca's website at www.francescasimon.com and keep up-to-date with Horrid Henry at www.horridhenry.co.uk. You can also follow her on Twitter @simon_francesca

Steve May (Illustrator)

Steve has been a life-long doodler, studying fine art and filmmaking in Nottingham and Animation at the Royal College of Art. He has illustrated various children's books including the bestselling **Dennis the Menace** fiction series, Harry Hill's **Matt Mills** series and Francesca Simon's **Terrible Viking** books.

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Series	Kid Detectives
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Kid Detectives: The Hair-raising Rollercoaster Mystery

Adam Bushnell (Illustrated By John Haslam)

Keynote

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigating skills

Description

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigation skills.

Our four detectives, Farah, Isla, Mohammad and Sam, are visiting a theme park with Mohammed's aunt Ghazala to celebrate her new rollercoaster design when they notice posters for a ride that looks almost identical! Did someone steal Aunt Ghazala's design? Does it have something to do with that suspicious-looking man?

Join the Detective gang as they work the case, and learn from a mechanical engineer how rollercoasters are constructed and what gravity has to do with it.

Featured interactive elements:

- Search and find clues in the illustrations
- Gather crucial information from info panels about materials, gravity and forces
- Work out the best design for the first rollercoaster drop
- Match the labels to the correct rollercoaster section

Through interactive adventures that combine facts, brain-teasing puzzles and lively illustrations, these books impart STEM knowledge in an original way to inspire a love of the subject. The story in each book will have the reader solving puzzles, finding clues, cracking secret codes and uncovering mysteries.

Perfect for aspiring detectives aged 7+.

Sales Points

- Illustrated, story-based approach engages the reader and makes the educational content both accessible and fun
- The series explores high interest STEM topics with key facts alongside the adventures of four kid detectives
- Includes interactive elements that encourage the reader to play detective and quiz questions to embed knowledge

Author Biography

Adam Bushnell (Author)

Adam is a former teacher who turned his hand to writing full time in 2007. He has written both adult teaching guides and children's fiction books and is often touring schools and libraries and running creative writing sessions. He lives in Durham.

John Haslam (Illustrator)

John Haslam has been working as an illustrator for most of his professional life. John worked in advertising for 10 years and worked on various projects including TV storyboards, to illustrating for all kinds of accounts from Pritt Stick (the Pritt Stick Man was his invention), to comic pages such as Danger Mouse, Disney and Transformers.



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CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
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Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	80 pages
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Series	Unbelievable Football Short Colour Stories
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Unbelievable Football Short Colour Stories: Trophy Triumphs!

Matt Oldfield (Illustrated By Daniel Duncan)

Keynote

The exciting new football story series for readers aged 5+, from bestselling author of *Unbelievable Football* and *Ultimate Football Heroes*, Matt Oldfield.

Description

The perfect colour story book for young football lovers aged 5 and up!

Get ready to read three amazing stories about some of the greatest footballing triumphs ever.

In the first half, read all about the last-minute goal that helped win the league.

In the second half, relive the most incredible European final in history.

In extra time, meet the world's worst football team, that NEVER gave up.

Full of football action and fun facts at half time, *Trophy Triumphs* is perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently. Plus, feel the thrill of the game with vibrant full-colour illustrations.

From bestselling author of *Unbelievable Football* and *Ultimate Football Heroes*, Matt Oldfield.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** We've sold over 177,000 copies of Unbelievable Football out of the warehouse since 2019 and the series continues to perform well week on week. Some of Matt's bestselling 'Football Heroes' books have sold 100k + TCM.
- **COLOUR SERIES EXTENSION:** Bringing Matt Oldfield's name recognition to a new age group with six full-colour books for younger 5-7 readers. Perfect for young football fans transitioning between picture books and longer form, with illustrations throughout and colour on every page.
- **EARLY READERS:** Reading daily is important for developing strong reading habits. Non-fiction and football can be appealing to reluctant readers who want to know more about their favourite hobby. *Unbelievable Football Short Colour Stories* is perfect for shared reading or young readers reading independently for the first time.
- **SUMMER OF FOOTBALL:** Publishing in spring 26 as the season reaches its climax and the run up to World Cup 2026 is in full swing. Following on from the first two books, building on the established series publishing Autumn 25.
- **AWARD WINNER:** *Unbelievable Football 1* won the inaugural *The Telegraph Sport Book Award 2020: Children's Book of the Year*.

Author Biography

Matt Oldfield (Author)

Matt Oldfield is the author of the *Unbelievable Football* series, including a 2026 World Book Day title, and winner of the 2020 Children's Sports Book of the Year. He is author of the *Johnny Ball: Football Genius* series, as well as the co-author of the bestselling *Ultimate Football Heroes* and *Football GOAT* series. He has also worked with Lioness Beth Mead on her children's book, *Roar*, which won the 2024 Children's Sports Book of the Year award. To date, his books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

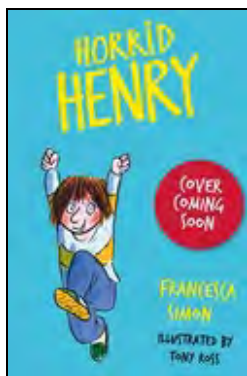
Daniel Duncan (Illustrator)

Dan grew up in leafy Chalfont St. Giles playing football outside when it wasn't raining, and drawing the rest of the time.

In 2013 He graduated from Middlesex University with first class honours degree in illustration, and has worked as a children's illustrator ever since.

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CBMC **B3N79**
Age **5-7 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**

Character **Non-character**
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **B Format**
Extent **224 pages**
Word Count
Series **Horrid Henry**
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
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Previous Titles

Visit www.horridhenry.co.uk for a complete list of Horrid Henry titles.

Recent story collections include FIENDISH FOES, SUMMER OF DOOM and CHRISTMAS CHAOS.

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Horrid Henry: Fun and Games

Francesca Simon (Illustrated By Tony Ross)

Keynote

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Perfect for summer holiday reading, FUN AND GAMES contains six of the best stories about sports and games, plus a bonus activity section packed with games and puzzles to keep readers busy.

Description

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Horrid Henry and his friends are enjoying a summer packed with sports and games. From a dreadful dance class to a fiendish football match, a scary swimming lesson to a super sports day, there's never a dull moment this summer when Henry's around!

An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure, with six illustrated stories plus a joke and activity section - the perfect gift for Horrid Henry fans everywhere, and ideal entertainment for school holidays and journeys.

This collection contains the following stories:

- Horrid Henry: Football Fiend
- Horrid Henry's Dance Class
- Horrid Henry's Sports Day
- Horrid Henry's Swimming Lesson
- Horrid Henry's Olympics
- Horrid Henry: Bank Robber

Sales Points

- These bumper themed story collections make a great introduction to the series and are an ideal gift for existing Horrid Henry fans. FUN AND GAMES is published in time for summer holiday reading and ties in perfectly with a summer of sport!
- Total UK sales across the Horrid Henry range are in excess of 30 million copies
- Rights sold in over 30 languages
- Francesca Simon is one of the UK's top-selling children's authors and is also among the Top 10 most borrowed children's authors in UK libraries
- As well as six hilarious stories there's a bonus joke and activity section to keep Horrid Henry fans of all ages entertained for hours - perfect for the school holidays

Author Biography

Francesca Simon (Author)

Francesca Simon MBE spent her childhood on the beach in California and started writing stories at the age of eight. She wrote her first Horrid Henry book in 1994. Horrid Henry has gone on to conquer the globe; his adventures are published in 27 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Francesca has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and been a judge for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2009, in one of the proudest moments of her career, Francesca was awarded a Gold Blue Peter badge. She was appointed MBE in the 2023 New Year Honours.

Francesca is also a passionate ambassador for children's literacy and is a trustee of the World Book Day charity. She lives in North London with her family.

Visit Francesca's website at www.francescasimon.com and keep up-to-date with Horrid Henry at www.horridhenry.co.uk. You can also follow her on Twitter @simon_francesca

Tony Ross (Illustrator)

Tony Ross was born in London and studied at the Liverpool School of Art and Design. He has worked as a cartoonist, a graphic designer, as the Art Director of an advertising agency, and as Senior Lecturer in Art at Manchester Polytechnic.

Tony is one of the most popular and successful children's illustrators of all time, best known for illustrating Horrid Henry and the works of David Walliams. Tony's books have been translated into 40 languages in over 100 countries. He lives in Macclesfield.

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Reading Champion: The Wishing-Chair: The Land of Surprises Red Band 2

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Liliana Perez)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Brand new readers based on the wonderful world of Enid Blyton's *The Wishing-Chair*, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, the Wishing-Chair whisks Mollie, Peter and Binky off to world where things are not what you expect. Some of the surprises are nice, but some of them are not!

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Red 2.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's *The Wishing-Chair*
- Dazzling colour artwork by Liliana Perez brings Blyton's magical settings to life
- Carefully levelled to book band red 2, a perfect first step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

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Lightwing Learns to Fly
When Cow Forgot Her Moo
Bushy's Secret
The Clever Puppy
A Piece of Cheese
The Big Diamond

Reading Champion: Enid Blyton animal stories: The Clever Puppy Yellow Band 3

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Rosie Edwards)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories to a young audience, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by beautiful colour illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, a clever puppy keeps getting in trouble with his owner for digging up the flowers, but he has noticed something and is only trying to help!

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Yellow 3.

Sales Points

- Simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories, made accessible for younger readers
- Charming colour artwork by Rosie Edwards brings Blyton's animal characters to a younger audience
- Carefully levelled to book band yellow 3, a perfect next step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

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Rosie Edwards (Illustrator)

Rosie Edwards is an illustrator based in Northern Ireland. She has a degree in Textiles from Cardiff Metropolitan University and experience in designing homeware, stationery and greetings cards, focusing on children's products.

Rosie's inspired by the world building and character design of Disney and Pixar. She is also appreciative of the craftsmanship of stop-motion animation, such as Aardman Animations.

Fascinated with ancient civilisations and global cultural history, Rosie loves to travel. If she wasn't an artist she'd like to be cabin crew for a long-haul airline. Luckily, being a freelance illustrator gives her the same freedom, just sadly without the fabulous uniform.

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Wild Seed

Octavia E. Butler

Keynote

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'Will rewire the mind of whoever reads it... you don't emerge from the journey unaffected' **NNEDI OKORAFOR**

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It begins when two immortals meet in an African forest.

Doro is an ancient and powerful spirit. Facing a lonely eternity, he breeds supernaturally gifted people into empires of human perfection. He kills without question, jumping from body to body to sustain his life. Doro fears no one - until he meets Anyanwu.

Anyanwu wields her power differently. She can heal injuries, reverse aging and transform her body into human or animal. Her wisdom helps birth entire tribes; people respect and fear her. But Anyanwu never feels threatened - until she meets Doro.

The moment they meet, Doro covets Anyanwu. Theirs is an epic story of love and hate, one that echoes down the generations as they chase each other across continents and centuries.

Neither will bend to the other's will. But together they could change the world.

A PATTERNIST NOVEL: BOOK ONE

Sales Points

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'Butler's evocative, often troubling novels explore far-reaching issues of race, sex, power and, ultimately, what it means to be human' **NEW YORK TIMES**

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In an alternative America, Blake Maslin is a doctor travelling across the Californian desert with his teenage twin daughters. When their car is ambushed, he and the girls are taken captive by armed men demanding urgent medical care.

Transported to an isolated compound, the Maslins meet a collective of people suffering from an unknown and deadly disease. They appear sickly yet possess unnatural strength, torn between the compulsion to infect others or to hold on to their humanity. What Blake and his daughters don't yet know is how the community came to be there, and who they really are. But the babies born in the compound are undeniably not human.

In the following hours, each of the Maslins must make an impossible choice: risk everything to escape infection and warn the rest of the world - or accept their place in this strange new society.

A PATTERNIST NOVEL: BOOK THREE

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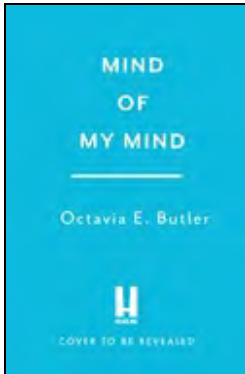
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Mind of My Mind

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Keynote

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'A literary pioneer' **VANITY FAIR on OCTAVIA E. BUTLER**

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The child's name is Mary, and her father, Doro, is immortal.

For thousands of years, Doro has experimented with humans, pursuing rare telepathic traits to create perfect beings who obey his every command. Mary is the result: a young Black woman growing up on the rough outskirts of Los Angeles in the 1970s - with no idea of the power she holds.

Doro knows he must handle Mary carefully or risk her ending like his previous experiments - dead, either by her own hand or his. What he doesn't suspect is that Mary's abilities may soon overpower his own.

But as Mary comes of age, she seeks connection. Linking her own mind with six other telepaths, she creates the first Pattern - and shifts the course of humanity forever.

A PATTERNIST NOVEL: BOOK TWO

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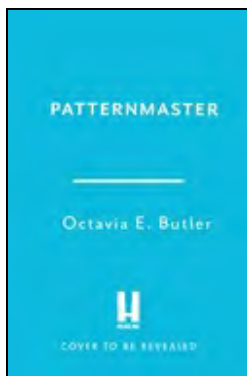
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Patternmaster

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'If we're talking must-read authors like Maya Angelou, James Baldwin and Toni Morrison, the one-and-only Octavia Butler needs be a part of the conversation' **O - the OPRAH MAGAZINE**

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In the far future, the human race is divided into two sides striving for power. The Patternmaster rules over all, the leader of the telepathic Patternist people whose thoughts can destroy or heal at his whim. The only threat to his authority is the Clayarks, mutant humans who live either enslaved by the Patternists or in the wild.

Coransee, son of the Patternmaster, wants the throne and will stop at nothing to succeed his father - even if it means killing every one of his siblings.

But when one brother - his rival and his equal - takes refuge amongst the Clayarks, a war ensues that will change the world forever.

A PATTERNIST NOVEL: BOOK FOUR

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The Little Guide to Balenciaga

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Keynote

A guide to one of the most revolutionary and boundary-pushing fashion brands.

Description

More than a traditional haute couturier, Balenciaga is a fashion powerhouse that continues to shake up the fashion world. Since being founded by Cristóbal Balenciaga in 1919, the brand has continuously evolved its designs, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of cutting-edge styles and boundary-pushing pieces.

Famous for its daring designs, radical shapes and bold silhouettes, Balenciaga revolutionized fashion. Despite the fashion house closing between 1968 and 1986, the label remains at the forefront of fashion trends today. Thanks to designers such as Demna Gvasalia and Pierpaolo Piccioli, the Balenciaga legacy and philosophy lives on, and the brand continues to both challenge and dictate what fashion is.

Packed full of intriguing facts and revealing quotes, this little guide follows Balenciaga's impact and legacy, as well providing insight into the mysterious designer behind the brand.

Sample Content:

"Elegance is elimination." - *Cristóbal Balenciaga*

"Balenciaga alone is a couturier in the truest sense of the word. Only he is capable of cutting material, assembling a creation and sewing it by hand, the others are simply fashion designers." - *Coco Chanel*

Many of Balenciaga's designs were inspired by his Spanish heritage - homages to flamenco dresses, black lace and matador outfits frequently appeared in his creations.

Sales Points

- Balenciaga is a cutting-edge, luxury fashion brand known for bold silhouettes and 'out-there' designs.
- Kim Kardashian, Nicole Kidman and Michelle Yeoh are all brand ambassadors for Balenciaga.
- Sits alongside the other Little Guides to fashion, including Versace, Hermès, Valentino and Louis Vuitton.

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The Social Lives of Birds a must-read for bird and nature lovers

Joan E. Strassmann

Keynote

A charming, accessible and global journey into the myriad ways birds live in groups and socialise from professor of biology and avid birder Joan E. Strassmann.

Description

'A tour-de-force survey of how birds live their lives - with all the drama, surprise, humour, sadness and amazement of any human soap-opera' - Stephen Moss, author of *Ten Birds That Changed the World*

'Utterly fascinating . . . Strassmann is the perfect guide to this world: an author as much fascinated by the science and research as she is motivated by the sheer joy and wonder of the birds themselves' - James Macdonald Lockhart, author of *Raptor*

In *The Social Lives of Birds*, evolutionary biologist Joan Strassmann examines what it means for birds of a feather to flock together. Some birds sleep together. Some join the foraging groups of other species. Some are only social during the breeding season, forming nesting colonies in trees, cliffs, and sandbanks. Some are altruistic, helping to rear young that are not their own. Some males perform mating dances together.

Strassmann explains how flocks provide safety in numbers, roosts offer warmth and shelter, and colonies allow for protected breeding. But group behavior is not without its costs-including increased competition, infidelities, tick infestations, and more. Strassmann exposes the conflicts birds face and the many ways in which they resolve these conflicts.

With stories of birds from around the world-from broad-winged hawks that migrate south together in the fall, tree swallows that roost together in the thousands, and tropical anis that nest in communes-*The Social Lives of Birds* explores the different kinds of bird groups and what to look for when watching them. Above all, it reveals that solitary life, it seems, is not for the birds.

'Delightful and informative' - Lee Dugatkin, author of *How to Tame a Fox (and Build a Dog)*

Sales Points

- In the UK, an estimated **6 million** people regularly go bird watching.
- The book will be **international in scope** and include **birds from all over the world**, including the UK, ANZ and India.
- *The Social Lives of Birds* will appeal to a solid readership and sit amongst titles such as **Jennifer Ackerman's *The Genius of Birds***, Tim Birkhead's *Bird Sense*, Colin Tudge's *The Secret Lives of Birds* and James Macdonald Lockhart's *Raptor*.
- Stephen Moss' *Ten Birds That Changed the World* was shortlisted for the **2023 Wainwright Prize**.
- This book will appeal to the vast number of bird lovers, watchers and recorders. But it should also appeal to animal and nature lovers more generally.

Reviews

- 'For those of us drawn to watch birds, few aspects are more awe-inspiring and mind-blowing than their propensity to live with others of their clan. **Strassmann digs deep into the fascinating social world of birds, bringing a scientist's critical eye and a novelist's sharp pen to interpret and understand its dizzying diversity**' - John M. Marzluff, author of *Gifts of the Crow*
- 'Joan Strassmann knows the social life of birds almost as well as birds do. A **delightful and informative** flight into sociality in our avian friends' - Lee Dugatkin, author of *How to Tame a Fox (and Build a Dog)*
- 'The main features of birds most of us are interested in concern their feathers, flight, nesting, feeding, foraging, mating, predator evasion, migration, and group vs. solitary behavior. **If I were to read any book on what birds are all about, I could not recommend one more than this one.** I know of no other book that so thoroughly covers the hugely extensive scientific literature from the experts who spend their lives and fortunes on their work. **This book is a must-read for all birders and a clear-eyed pleasure for anyone interested in Nature**' - Bernd Heinrich, author of *Mind of the Raven*
- 'In this **elegant and masterful** treatment of avian life, the biologist Joan Strassmann makes it abundantly clear that the proverb 'birds of a feather flock together' is one massive understatement. Birds variously pair up, lek, roost, form colonies, team up to assist the parent, breed communally, and turn super-social. **She will intrigue the novice while transporting even the most knowledgeable bird lover in fresh and unexpected directions**' - Mark Moffett, author of *The Human Swarm*



Author Biography

Joan E. Strassmann is a professor of biology and award-winning teacher of animal behaviour. She is the author of *Slow Birding: the Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard*, published in 2022 by TarcherPerigee, PRH. She has been a slow birder for decades and is on the board of the St. Louis Audubon Society. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the Animal Behavior Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has held a Guggenheim fellowship. She lives with her husband in St. Louis, Missouri.

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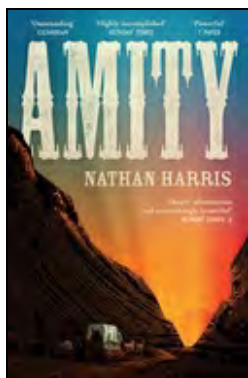
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Author living in	Chicago, IL
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9781472274410 *The Sweetness of Water*

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Amity from the Booker-longlisted author of *The Sweetness of Water*

Nathan Harris

Keynote

From the Booker-longlisted author of *The Sweetness of Water* comes a gripping story about a brother and sister, emancipated from slavery but still searching for true freedom, and their odyssey across the deserts of Mexico

Description

The highly anticipated second novel from the author of the Booker-longlisted THE SWEETNESS OF WATER

'Amity is deeply adventurous and astonishingly beautiful' Robert Jones, Jr., author of *The Prophets*

'A writer of great lyricism and power' *i paper*

'Harris will win over the hearts of many readers' *Financial Times*

'Masterful' Oprah Winfrey

Louisiana, 1869. The Civil War might be over, but former slaves Coleman and June have yet to find the freedom they've been promised. Two years ago, the siblings were separated when their old master, Mr Harper, took June away on a hair-brained scheme to Mexico, to escape the new reality of the post-war South. Coleman stayed behind to serve the Harper family, clinging to the hope that Mr Harper would one day bring June back to him.

When an unexpected letter from Mr Harper arrives, summoning Coleman and the Harper family to Mexico, Coleman believes his prayers have been answered. But what he cannot know is the tangled truth of June's tribulations and Mr Harper's true intentions. As Coleman and June separately navigate a perilous, parched landscape to find their way back to each other, they learn quickly that freedom isn't always given - sometimes, it must be taken by force.

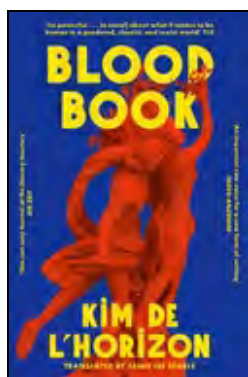
**THE SWEETNESS OF WATER:
A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER, OPRAH BOOK CLUB PICK, AN OBAMA SUMMER READING SELECTION, SHORTLISTED FOR THE DYLAN THOMAS PRIZE, LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE**

Sales Points

- **HUGELY SUCCESSFUL DEBUT:** Nathan's previous novel THE SWEETNESS OF WATER attracted huge success and acclaim. The novel was longlisted for the Booker Prize, shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize, was the first Oprah's Book Club pick for a debut novel in years, and was chosen as one of President Obama's summer reading selection
- **US OPPORTUNITY:** This is an international publication with Little, Brown in the US where THE SWEETNESS OF WATER was a New York Times bestseller
- **A NATURAL FOLLOW-UP:** Harris has delivered a follow-up in the same vein as *The Sweetness of Water*, exploring another unexamined pocket of history in the aftermath of the Civil War. With its rich, post-Civil War Southern setting and the vividly rendered perspectives of this memorable sibling duo, *Amity* explores the contradictions and inadequacies inherent in emancipations for Black Americans - resonating powerfully in our present day
- **A STORY IN THE POPULAR TRADITIONS OF BLACK PICARESQUES:** Harris uses his protagonists' episodic journeys across vast geographical and cultural distances to offer a panoramic view of the profundity and complexity of racial subjugation, in a spirit that recalls more recent beloved novels like *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan, and *James* by Percival Everett

Author Biography

Nathan Harris is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Sweetness of Water*, which was an Oprah's Book Club pick and was longlisted for the Book Prize, shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize and won the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. He holds an MFA from the Michener Center at the University of Texas, and lives in Chicago.



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Blood Book

Kim de l'Horizon

Translated by Jamie Lee Searle

Keynote

The sensational international bestseller.

A radical exploration of memory and identity by one of Europe's most prodigious contemporary writers.

Description

WINNER OF THE GERMAN BOOK PRIZE, THE SWISS BOOK PRIZE AND THE JÜRGEN PONTO LITERATURE PRIZE

'So powerful . . . [a novel] about what it means to be human in a gendered, classist, and sexist world'

Times Literary Supplement

'Formally adventurous'

New York Times

'Everything about it is fantastic'

Die Welt

'One can only marvel'

Die Zeit

'An important new voice for a new form of writing'

Tages-Anzeiger

As their grandmother slides into dementia, an unnamed narrator begins to question the silence that shrouds their family. Childhood memories resurface, revealing a path into the past - one that winds back generations, leading towards nature, witchcraft, freedom. Could this be where they belong?

Bold and expansive, *Blood Book* is an astounding quest for liberation, and a mesmerising exploration of who we are.

Published in the US as *Sea, Mothers, Swallow, Tongues*

Sales Points

- **AWARD-WINNING:** *Blood Book* won both the German and Swiss book prizes, as well as the prestigious Jürgen Ponto Literature Prize. It has also been shortlisted for the Prix Médicis.
- **AN EXCITING AUTHOR WITH A HUGE PROFILE:** The discussion around *Blood Book's* prize success took the German literary world by storm. Kim has already been profiled in the *New York Times* as well as most major German papers, and they are fluent in English, too.
- **BOLD, GENRE-DEFYING FICTION:** *Blood Book* has been praised for its experimental form and language, and its unflinching exploration of gender identity
- **INTERNATIONAL SALES:** *Blood Book* will be published by FSG in the United States as *Sea, Mothers, Swallow, Tongues*, and rights have also been sold in seventeen languages.

Author Biography

Kim de l'Horizon is a novelist, performer, and playwright, born in 2666 on Gethen, a planet much freer than this one. Their debut novel, *Blood Book*, won the German Book Prize, the Swiss Book Prize and the Jürgen Ponto Foundation Prize. It has been translated into seventeen languages and was an international bestseller.



Making Matters In Search of Creative Wonders

Clare Hunter

Keynote

The new book from *Sunday Times*-bestselling author and community textile artist and historian Clare Hunter: An exploration of under-appreciated craft practices and the ways that they have inspired people through history - and how they can open up imaginative space for us today.

Description

'A hymn to the sensory wonder and connectivity of the homemade'
OBSERVER

'Packed with fascinating detail . . . a celebration of the overlooked artistry in crafts practised across the world'
THE TIMES

As children, we made things: snowmen, paper boats, elaborate costumes. But as adults it is hard to find the space for such creativity, and to remember its importance.

Exploring craft traditions across centuries and cultures, Clare Hunter encourages us to rediscover the power of creativity, from paper crafts to wonders made of light and snow. Weaving history and culture with rich storytelling and memorable characters, *Making Matters* urges us to see the world afresh.

'Now inspired, I'm off to get creative'
DAILY EXPRESS

Sales Points

- **An inspiring and *Sunday Times* bestselling author:** Clare's debut, *Threads of Life*, was an *ST* bestseller and emotionally connected with enthusiastic embroiderers around the world. Her second book, *Embroidering Her Truth*, inspired the creative director of Christian Dior and her 2025 Cruise collection! Clare featured in the press for the collection and was an honoured guest on the front row.
- **A passionate audience of crafters and the craft curious:** The existing craft community is enthusiastic, tight-knit and happy to invest in their hobbies - Clare is a real maker and speaks to them directly. And, in reaction to our increasingly digital lives (and the cost of living and the pandemic), there has been a growing interest in craft traditions. More and more people want to learn about vanishing crafts and make things.
- **For fans of:** *The Great British Sewing Bee* and *The Great British Pottery Throwdown*, and also community and protest art! For readers of Kassia St Clair and Katy Hessel, *How to Do Nothing* and *Ways of Life*.

Reviews

- **'*Making Matters* celebrates the joy of the handmade** in all of its wonderful variety. In a fast-paced world it is a **timely and beautiful exploration of making traditions**. I loved it!' - Kate Strasdin, author of *The Dress Diary of Mrs Anne Sykes*
- 'Clare Hunter is out to reclaim the joy of making for the masses . . . no act of creativity is too humble, too ephemeral, for **this hymn to the sensory wonder and connectivity of the homemade**' - *Observer*

Author Biography

Clare Hunter has been a banner-maker, community textile artist and textile curator for over twenty years and established the community enterprise NeedleWorks in Glasgow. Her first book, *Threads of Life*, won the Saltire First Book Award, was a Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month and a Radio 4 Book of the Week.

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The Honeymoon Suite

A page-turning, escapist, psychological thriller, longlisted for the Women's Prize Discoveries

Rebecca Taylor McKay

Keynote

Get ready for your summer obsession. A twisty, stylish and unputdownable psychological thriller set in 1960s Positano in Italy. Hitchcockian claustrophobia meets the menacing glamour and mystery of *The Talented Mr Ripley*.

Description

White Lotus meets *The Talented Mr Ripley* in this sun-drenched psychological thriller set against the glittering backdrop of the Amalfi Coast in the sweltering summer of 1961 - where nothing is as it seems...

The perfect couple. Beautiful young bride Clara Carmichael and her wealthy new husband Spencer arrive on the Amalfi Coast. A glorious month of dazzling blue seas, lemon trees heavy with fruit, and their sparking, marbled-clad honeymoon suite stretches ahead of them.

The perfect honeymoon. For the newlyweds, the days slip by in a haze of boat rides, sun-bathing on the private beach, and cocktails beneath a star-studded sky. It's paradise - until a note is slipped under their door, and everything unravels.

The perfect lie? In black ink, the message is unmistakable: **He's lying to you.** Suddenly, Clara questions everything. Why does Spencer seem so familiar with their hotel? Why does she have the feeling she's being watched?

As she winds through the twists and turns of Amalfi Coast's sun-bleached alleyways and jagged cliffs, Clara is forced to confront the truth: the man she married may not be who he says he is. And the closer she gets to the answers, the more danger she's in.

Seductive, suspenseful and dripping with old-world glamour, this is an addictive story of obsession, betrayal, and the darkness hiding just beneath the shimmering surface.

Sales Points

- **The perfect summer read:** With its delicious Italian escapism, an unputdownable, taut plot with mic-drop twists, Rebecca's debut pairs an amazing commercial hook with captivating, atmospheric writing to create the perfect summer read.
- **Twisty and escapist:** Rebecca's lush and hypnotic writing not only transports the reader right into the breathtaking beauty and opulence of the Amalfi Coast but also interweaves jaw-dropping twists at every turn. *The Honeymoon Suite* is a masterclass in creating a picture-perfect paradise where nothing is as it seems - readers will be hooked from start to finish.
- **Broad audience:** *The Honeymoon Suite* stands out with its broad and zeitgeist appeal. Readers will find satisfying nods to Hitchcockian claustrophobia, the menacing glamour and mystery of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, and the sharp commentary of *White Lotus*. Sitting alongside Gillian Flynn and Christine Mangan, Rebecca's debut will also attract readers of escapist fiction and historical thrillers.
- **Author experience:** Themes of the book are inspired by the author's own experience as a working-class writer and care leaver, and someone with a long-term neurological health condition. In her lead character, Rebecca draws attention to what it can feel like to exist between spaces and on the margins, living a life that doesn't quite feel like your own and how that impacts the way you move through the world.
- **Early acclaim:** An early version of the novel was longlisted for the Women's Prize and the Curtis Brown Discoveries Prize in 2022, and shortlisted for the 2022 Northern Writers' Awards Sid Chaplin Award for working-class writers.

Author Biography

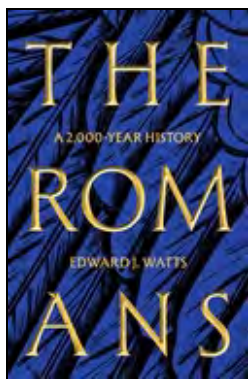
Born in West Yorkshire, a stone's throw from Brontë Country, and named after Daphne du Maurier's bestselling novel, Rebecca believes that her pull to the dark side of literature was inevitable! She lives in Calderdale with her husband and two teenagers, where she writes full-time. When Rebecca isn't at her desk, you'll usually find her with her nose in a book, watching old films or roaming the countryside in her wellies with her dog. Rebecca was runner-up in Theatre Cloud's Gothic Fiction Contest in 2018. Her novel-in-progress was longlisted for the 2022 Discoveries Prize and shortlisted for the 2022 Northern Writers Sid Chaplin Award for working-class writers.

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The Romans A 2,000-Year History

Edward J. Watts

Keynote

A landmark new two thousand year history of the entire Roman Empire - from its emergence in the Iron Age to the capture of Constantinople in the thirteenth century

Description

'At last, a history of the Roman state as it has always been crying out to be told, and never has been'
RODERICK BEATON

'A sweeping historical survey that spans two millennia' *WALL STREET JOURNAL*

The definitive history of Rome and its citizens.

Rome is often remembered for its spectacular collapse. Yet for more than two thousand years - through civil wars, plagues, invasions and religious upheaval - the Roman state survived, adapted and reinvented itself. From a muddy settlement on the banks of the Tiber to the glittering court of Constantinople, this is the sweeping, untold story of a civilisation that refused to fall.

The Romans tells the first truly complete history of Rome in all its epic scale: the Punic Wars, the fall of the republic to the rise of Christianity, Alaric's sack of Rome, the emergence of Islam and the Crusades that would ultimately bring the empire to an end. It is also the story of diverse men and women who shaped the empire: African emperors, Byzantine intellectuals, and ordinary citizens whose loyalty together made it the most resilient state the world has ever seen.

Author Biography

Edward J. Watts holds the Alkiviadis Vassiliadis Endowed Chair and is Distinguished Professor of History at the University of California, San Diego. The author and editor of several prize-winning books, including *Mortal Republic*, he lives in Carlsbad, California.

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Dusty Answer

Rosamond Lehmann

Keynote

Dusty Answer, Rosamond Lehmann's first novel, was published to sensational acclaim in 1927 and became a landmark book of the inter-war period, shocking in its time, capturing the voice of the younger generation.

Description

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE BRITISH WRITERS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

'The lyrical, sensuous quality . . . puts her immediately into the front rank of English writers' **THE TIMES**
'It will consume you . . . transforming your whole inner life for the time it takes to read' **JONATHAN COE**
'She is immensely readable, acute, passionate, funny and original' **ELIZABETH JANE HOWARD**

'Mamma was fast asleep at home, her spirit lapped in unconsciousness. Her dreams would not divine that her daughter had stolen out to meet a lover. And next door also they slept unawares, while one of them broke from the circle and came alone to clasp a stranger . . .'

A sensitive only child, Judith Earle has always been a little in love with the glamorous Fyfe boys who come to stay in the house next door. With the War over and Judith on the brink of going to Cambridge, the cousins arrive again - and she is caught once more in their spell. Falling hopelessly in love with Roddy, Judith's passionate entanglements - with each of the cousins, and with the charismatic Jennifer at Cambridge - will leave her forever changed. *Dusty Answer* traces with delicate nostalgia childhood friendships and the pangs of thwarted young love.

Lehmann's first novel was published to sensational acclaim in 1927 and became a landmark book of the interwar period, capturing the voice of a new generation.

Sales Points

- **A SCANDALOUS SUCCESS:** This was Rosamond Lehmann's first novel, written at the age of 26, and became a notorious bestseller on first publication for its frank acknowledgement of female sexuality and undercurrents of queer desire.
- **BELOVED CLASSIC AUTHOR:** One of the great writers of the twentieth century, and the chroniclers of women's interior lives, Rosamond Lehmann is of the best-loved Virago Modern Classics authors.
- **NEW GREEN SPINE DESIGN:** Gorgeously repackaged in the new VMC series style, these editions will introduce Lehmann to a new audience and be collected by Virago lovers.
- **PASSIONATE AND POIGNANT:** Lehmann's beautiful writing cuts to the heart of our emotional lives, longings and regrets - perfect for readers who love Elizabeth Jane Howard, Tessa Hadley and the intensity of Sally Rooney.

Reviews

- 'The lyrical, sensuous quality of her descriptive writing and her clear yet compassionate insight into individual psychology puts her immediately into **the front rank of English writers**' - *The Times*
- 'Lehmann's story is **both universal and deliciously particular**, like all the best coming-of-age stories. No one has written more brilliantly about having one's heart broken, about despair and longing, humiliation and hope: all the wretched thrilling chaos that accompanies growing up. Finding it at fifteen felt a little like **stumbling upon magic**. Miraculously, all these years and re-readings later, it still has that effect on me' - Harriet Lane, *Independent*
- 'Beautifully written and observed, and an interesting representation of the ideas of and pressures upon a generation of intellectual women immediately after the Great War' - *Telegraph*
- '[Lehman] is immensely readable, acute, **passionate**, funny and **original**' - Elizabeth Jane Howard

Author Biography

Rosamond Lehmann (1901-1990) was born on the day of Queen Victoria's funeral, in Buckinghamshire, England, the second of four children. In 1927, a few years after graduating from the University of Cambridge, she published her first novel, *Dusty Answer*, to critical acclaim and instantaneous celebrity. Lehmann continued to write and publish between 1930 and 1976, penning works including *The Weather in the Streets*, *The Ballad and the Source*, and the short memoir *The Swan in the Evening*. Lehmann was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1982 and remains one of the most distinguished novelists of the twentieth century.



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The Ballad and the Source

Rosamond Lehmann

Keynote

The tale of the unlikely friendship between an old woman and a young girl. One of Rosamond Lehmann's finest novels.

Description

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE BRITISH WRITERS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

'The first writer to filter her stories through a woman's feelings and perceptions' ANITA BROOKNER

'I cannot doubt that this is Miss Lehmann's best and most permanent book' RAYMOND MORTIMER

'Unconventional in structure, in characterisation and development of story . . . Unforgettable' NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE

The tale of the unlikely friendship between an old woman and a young girl. This is one of Rosamond Lehmann's finest novels.

Ten year old Rebecca is living in the country with her family when Sibyl Jardine, an enigmatic and powerful old woman, returns to her property in the neighbourhood. The two families, once linked in the past, meet again, with the result that Rebecca becomes drawn into the strange complications of the old lady's life - with her husband, her errant daughter and her grandchildren. Through the spellbound eyes of the young Rebecca we enter into an intricate and scandalous family history and slowly the story of the passionate, stormy life of Mrs. Jardine unfolds.

Sales Points

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- **PASSIONATE AND POIGNANT:** Lehmann's beautiful writing cuts to the heart of our emotional lives, longings and regrets - perfect for readers who love Elizabeth Jane Howard, Tessa Hadley and the intensity of Sally Rooney.

Reviews

- 'Lehmann legitimised a type of writing that took on deep personal themes' - English PEN
- 'I cannot doubt that this is Miss Lehmann's **best and most permanent book**' - Raymond Mortimer
- 'An **exciting adventure** in fiction. Unconventional in structure, in characterisation and development of story . . . **Unforgettable**' - *New York Herald Tribune*
- 'A psychological novel -- keyed to the market of such books as *Strange Woman* and *Leave Her To Heaven* but immeasurably beyond them in subtlety and craftsmanship, in nuance and implication . . . An oddly haunting book, expertly handled' - *Kirkus Reviews*

Author Biography

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A Sea-Grape Tree

Rosamond Lehmann

Keynote

The gripping sequel to *The Ballad and the Source*, *A Sea-Grape Tree* was Rosamond Lehmann's final novel.

Description

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE BRITISH WRITERS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

'Lehmann legitimised a type of writing that took on deep personal themes' ENGLISH PEN

'Full of her sensibility, her funniness, her own particular acumen' ELIZABETH JANE HOWARD

In 1933 we meet Rebecca, heroine of *The Ballad and the Source* - but in a different world, on many levels. Betrayed by her married lover, Rebecca arrives alone at a small Caribbean island. Here, along with the splendidly eccentric members of the British expatriate colony, she meets the former ace pilot Johnny, crippled now, a misanthropic recluse: for both of them their passionate affair the powerful life force love can be. Here too she encounters voices from the past and the vibrant spirit of Mrs. Jardine - voices which remind Rebecca of the girl she was and the woman she could become.

This is a poignant, uplifting novel about the lives we leave behind, our eternal quest for love, and the answers we seek when our faith is shaken.

Sales Points

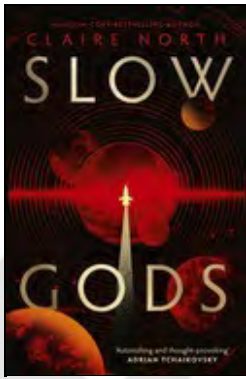
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Reviews

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- 'Full of her sensibility, her funniness, her own particular acumen. It is also **beautifully written and devised**' - Elizabeth Jane Howard

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Slow Gods

A space opera of breathtaking imagination from the most original voice in speculative fiction

Claire North

Keynote

An expansive, highly imaginative space opera from the multi-award-winning Claire North, perfect for fans of Ann Leckie, Adrian Tchaikovsky and Arkady Martine.

Description

'ASTONISHING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING' Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time*

From the million-copy bestselling Claire North - one of the most original and dazzling voices in speculative fiction - comes an intergalactic tale of conspiracy, war and the fall of empires.

My name is Mawukana na-Vdnaze, and I am a very poor copy of myself.

In telling my story, there are certain things I should perhaps lie about. I should make myself a hero. Pretend I was not used by strangers and gods, did not leave people behind.

Here is one truth: out there in deep-space, in the pilot's chair, I died. And then, I was reborn. I became something not quite human, something that could speak to the infinite dark. And I vowed to become the scourge of the world that wronged me.

This is the story of the supernova event that burned planets and felled civilizations. This is also the story of the many lives I've lived since I died for the first time.

Are you listening?

Discover this thrilling and breathtakingly imaginative space opera from the multi-award-winning Claire North, perfect for fans of Ann Leckie, Adrian Tchaikovsky, Iain M. Banks and Arkady Martine.

Praise for Claire North:

'North's talent shines out' *Sunday Times*

'North goes from strength to strength' *Guardian*

'An original and even dazzling writer' *Kirkus*

Sales Points

- **A bold new direction for one of the most original and acclaimed voices in speculative fiction.** This is a thrilling, highly imaginative space opera that will be adored by Claire's existing fanbase, and **will also wow fans of space opera by the likes of Ann Leckie, Arkady Martine, Adrian Tchaikovsky and Iain M. Banks.**
- **Fantastic hook:** this is a gripping tale about the only pilot in the universe who can traverse deep space without going mad, who gets embroiled in **conspiracy, intergalactic war, and the supernova death of a world.**
- **So many appealing tropes for SF fans!** This book not only has action, political intrigue and massive world-ending stakes, but also a highly original approach to gender, strong themes of neurodiversity and autism, and compelling queer relationships
- **The million-copy bestselling, multi-award winning author of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*:** Claire North's books have sold over 1 million copies in the English language (over 600,000 sold by Orbit UK) and have been sold in translation in over 20 territories. She's won the World Fantasy Award and the John W. Campbell Award, and been shortlisted for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Philip K. Dick Award and the Sunday Times/PFD Young Writer of the Year Award

Reviews

- **'An astonishing, thought-provoking and above all touching story of found meaning and lost humanity' - Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *CHILDREN OF TIME* on *SLOW GODS***
- **'North's talent shines out' - SUNDAY TIMES**
- **'North goes from strength to strength' - GUARDIAN**
- **'An original and even dazzling writer' - KIRKUS**

Author Biography

Claire North is a pseudonym for Catherine Webb, who wrote several novels in various



genres before publishing their first major work as Claire North, *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*. It was a critically acclaimed success, receiving rave reviews and becoming a word-of-mouth bestseller. They have since published several hugely popular and critically acclaimed novels, won the World Fantasy Award and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award, and been shortlisted for the *Sunday Times*/PFD Young Writer of the Year Award, the Arthur C. Clarke Award and the Philip K. Dick Award. They live in London.

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The Weather In The Streets

Rosamond Lehmann

Keynote

The sequel to *Invitation to the Waltz* comes a novel of searing honesty and a passionate portrayal of forbidden love.

Description

INTRODUCED BY LUCY CALDWELL

'With brilliant dialogue and intense passages of elation and despair, *The Weather in the Streets* takes you on the rollercoaster of their relationship' ESTHER FREUD, *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH*

'Lehmann legitimised a type of writing that took on deep personal themes' ENGLISH PEN

'The first writer to filter her stories through a woman's feelings & perceptions' ANITA BROOKNER

Taking up where *Invitation to the Waltz* left off, *The Weather in the Streets* shows us Olivia Curtis ten years older, a failed marriage behind her, thinner, sadder, and apparently not much wiser. A chance encounter on a train with a man who enchanted her as a teenager leads to a forbidden love affair and a new world of secret meetings, brief phone calls and snatched liaisons in anonymous hotel rooms.

Years ahead of its time when first published, this subtle and powerful novel shocked even the most stalwart Lehmann fans with its searing honesty and passionate portrayal of clandestine love.

Sales Points

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- **INTRODUCED BY LUCY CALDWELL:** This edition has a beautiful new introduction from the award-winning author of *These Days* and *Intimacies*

Reviews

- '*The Weather in the Streets* astounded women and men with its searing depiction of what it's like to fall in love . . . **With brilliant dialogue and intense passages of elation and despair, *The Weather in the Streets* takes you on the rollercoaster of their relationship'** - Esther Freud, *Sunday Telegraph*
- 'Lehmann is **unbeatable on social nuance**, both among the London bohemian set and Rollo's more conventional upper-class milieu. No one could be more attractive or caddish than Lehmann's Rollo, the married man who entrances our heroine. The **ultimate tragic love story**' - Alexandra Shulman
- 'She is immensely readable, acute, passionate, funny and original' - Elizabeth Jane Howard
- 'The first writer to filter her stories through a woman's feelings & perceptions' - Anita Brookner

Author Biography

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Invitation to the Waltz

Rosamond Lehmann

Keynote

A classic coming of age novel from one of the best-loved writers of the twentieth century.

Description

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'Every emotional ripple is beautifully observed: the hideous anticipation' GUARDIAN

'Lehmann has always written brilliantly of women in love, of mothers, of daughters' MARGARET DRABBLE

A diary for her innermost thoughts, a china ornament, a ten-shilling note, and a roll of flame-coloured silk for her first evening dress: these are the gifts Olivia Curtis receives for her seventeenth birthday. She anticipates her first dance, the greatest yet most terrifying event of her restricted social life with tremulous uncertainty and excitement. For her pretty, charming elder sister Kate, the dance is certain to be a triumph, but what will it be for shy, awkward Olivia?

Exploring the daydreams and miseries attendant upon even the most innocent of social events, Rosamond Lehmann perfectly captures the emotions of a girl standing poised on the threshold of womanhood.

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Reviews

- 'Every emotional ripple is beautifully observed: the hideous anticipation, the agony of the empty dance card, the brief flutters of hope as various men take her for a turn around the dance floor, the many small disappointments that follow and the sudden vivid need to escape from the crowd, to flee, to breathe' - *Guardian*
- 'Lehmann legitimised a type of writing that took on deep personal themes' - English PEN
- 'A novelist in the grand tradition, and, more than this, an innovator, the **first writer to filter her stories through a woman's feelings and perceptions**' - Anita Brookner
- 'Lehmann has always written brilliantly of women in love, of mothers, of daughters, of suffering' - Margaret Drabble

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Last Rites

Never-before-told stories of a legendary life from the rock 'n' roll hellraiser

Ozzy Osbourne

Keynote

Shocking, bitterly hilarious and surprisingly life-affirming, the unflinching memoir from rock'n'roll hellraiser Ozzy Osbourne.

Description

*People say to me, if you could do it all again, knowing what you know now, would you change anything? I'm like, f*** no. If I'd been clean and sober, I wouldn't be Ozzy. If I'd done normal, sensible things, I wouldn't be Ozzy.*

Look, if it ends tomorrow, I can't complain. I've been all around the world. Seen a lot of things. I've done good... and I've done bad. But right now, I'm not ready to go anywhere.

At the age of sixty-nine, Ozzy Osbourne was on a triumphant farewell tour, playing to sold-out arenas and rave reviews all around the world.

Then disaster.

In a matter of just a few weeks, he went from being hospitalised with a finger infection to having to abandon his tour - and all public life - as he faced near-total paralysis from the neck down.

Last Rites is the shocking, bitterly hilarious, never-before-told story of Osbourne's descent into hell. Along the way, he reflects on his extraordinary life and career - including his turbulent marriage to wife Sharon, his regrets over Black Sabbath's reunion, his friendships with Slash and Zakk Wylde, and the harrowing final moments he spent with Motorhead's Lemmy Kilmister.

Unflinching but surprisingly life-affirming, *Last Rites* demonstrates once again why Ozzy has transcended his status as 'The Godfather of Metal' and 'The Prince of Darkness' to become a modern-day folk hero and national treasure.

Sales Points

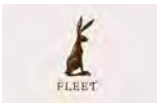
- Ozzy finished writing this book on July 21, 2025. A day later, he passed away, surrounded by his family. Words can't express Little, Brown's gratitude to Ozzy that he chose to spend the final months of his life sharing this extraordinary story with the world.
- On July 5th 2025, Ozzy's Back to the Beginning concert, where Ozzy reunited with the original Black Sabbath bandmates one last time and performed solo too, all alongside a Who's Who of the Metal scene, was streamed to over 5 million people and to a sold out crowd at Villa Park stadium in Birmingham. The concert confirmed Ozzy's legendary status and has raised close to \$200m for charity.
- In 2009, we published *I Am Ozzy*, which has gone on to sell over 350,000 copies across formats for Sphere.
- Ozzy Osbourne was awarded numerous accolades during his career and in 2024 was inducted as a solo artist into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
- Ozzy was a rock 'n' roll legend and a bona fide (inter)national treasure.

Author Biography

Born John Michael Osbourne in Birmingham, 1948, Ozzy Osbourne is a rock music legend.

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9780708898697	Prairie Fires

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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Translation	Refer to Publisher
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Murderland Crime and Bloodlust in the Time of Serial Killers - 'I highly recommend it' (R. F. Kuang, Observer)

Caroline Fraser

Keynote

A terrifying true-crime history of serial killers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond - from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Prairie Fires*

Description

'Murderland reads like a true crime thriller' SUNDAY TIMES

'I highly recommend it' R. F. KUANG, author of *YELLOWFACE*, *OBSERVER*

Caroline Fraser grew up in the shadow of Ted Bundy, the most notorious serial killer in the brooding landscape of the Pacific Northwest. But in the 1970s and 80s, Bundy was just one perpetrator amid an uncanny explosion of serial rape and murder across the region. Why so many? Why so nightmarishly gruesome? Why the senseless rise of an epidemic of serial murderers?

As *Murderland* maps the lives of Bundy and his infamous peers - the Green River Killer, the I-5 Killer, the Night Stalker, the Hillside Strangler, Charles Manson - Fraser begins to uncover a deeper mystery and an overlapping pattern of environmental destruction. At ground zero in Ted Bundy's hometown stood one of the most poisonous lead, copper and arsenic smelters in the world. And it was only one among many that dotted the area.

Gradually, evidence mounts that the plumes of western smelters not only sickened millions but also warped young minds - potentially spawning a generation of serial killers.

'Haunting, elegant and fiercely intelligent' OBSERVER

'Lyrically luminescent' NEW YORK TIMES

'Breathlessly propulsive . . . Fraser's prose is lyrical, elegiac' JOYCE CAROL OATES, NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS

Sales Points

- **PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR:** Caroline Fraser's previous book *PRAIRIE FIRES* won the Pulitzer Prize in 2017, and this accolade rings true in the quality of writing for *MURDERLAND*
- **STRONG BACKLIST:** We've sold over 20k copies of Caroline Fraser's *PRAIRIE FIRES*, split evenly across HB, C format and eBook editions, and nearly 8k copies of *MURDERLAND* so far.
- **OUTSTANDING REVIEWS:** *MURDERLAND* has received amazing coverage, with incredible reviews in both the UK and US, praising Caroline Fraser's extraordinary, unique take and persuasive yet lyrical writing.

Reviews

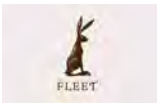
- **'A big, ambitious story . . . as hauntingly compulsive a nonfiction book as I have read in a long time. It gets into your blood'** - Dorian Lynskey, *The Guardian*
- **'Extraordinarily well-written and genre-defying . . . akin to Patrick Radden Keefe's genealogy of the Sacklers in his book *Empire of Pain* . . . a moody masterpiece'** - *New Yorker*
- **'Murderland reads like Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* meets Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, told through the hypnotic, unwavering gaze that is entirely Fraser's own'** - *Vulture, Best Books of 2025*
- **'It reads like a novel, with all of the juicy details and propulsive plot we love in our favorite thrillers'** - *People*

Author Biography

Caroline Fraser was born in Seattle and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in English and American literature. Formerly on the editorial staff of *The New Yorker*, she is the author of three nonfiction books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* (Fleet, 2017). In addition to the Pulitzer, *Prairie Fires* won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography and the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize, and appeared on the New York Times' list of the Ten Best Books of 2017.

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Depth	22mm
Extent	416 pages
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Not for Sale	Can; USA
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Author born in	United States
Author living in	United States
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2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
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The Devil Three Times

'An exuberant slice of Southern gothic' (Financial Times)

Rickey Fayne

Keynote

An extraordinary debut novel about the generations of a Black family in Tennessee who are visited by the Devil, for fans of Percival Everett and George Saunders

Description

SHORTLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE 2025

'Compelling . . . I raced through this multi-generational, magical realistic story' *DAILY MAIL*

'A page-turning, rollicking novel . . . From the first page, I was spellbound' *NATHAN HARRIS, New York Times* bestselling author of *THE SWEETNESS OF WATER*

The Devil first visits Yetunde aboard a slave ship heading to America. Her home burned to ash, she lies shackled in the belly of the ship with only her dead sister's spirit for company. Worse, she has caught the eye of a white man. To survive the hell that awaits her, the Devil offers his protection and a piece of his supernatural power. In return, Yetunde makes an incredible sacrifice.

Their bargain extends far beyond Yetunde's mortal lifespan. Over the next 175 years, the Devil visits her descendants in their darkest hour of need. There's Lucille, a conjure woman; Asa, the white-passing son of a slave; Louis and Virgil, a twentieth-century Cain and Abel; Cassandra, a girl who speaks to the dead; James, a father struggling to keep his family together; and many others. The Devil offers each of them his own version of salvation, all the while wondering: can he save himself, too?

'[An] exuberant slice of Southern gothic . . . Fayne follows Percival Everett and Andrea Levy in stressing the rich emotional lives of their characters' *FINANCIAL TIMES*

'Fayne's imaginative narrative illustrates how the choices made in each generation ripple through the next' *WASHINGTON POST*

'Ambitious, rollicking, heartbreaking, multi-vocal . . . it demands to be read over and over' *MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE*

Sales Points

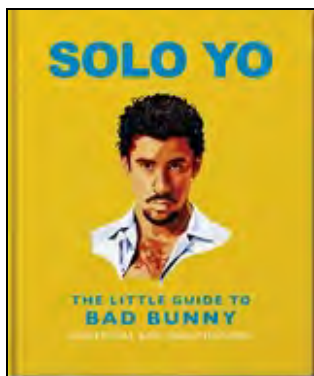
- **NEW PAPERBACK PACKAGE:** We've rejacketed the paperback for a bolder, brighter, more colourful look that stands out.
- **OUTSTANDING REVIEWS:** Rickey is a remarkable talent, and reviewers have recognised this, with the hardback garnishing great reviews from *The Financial Times*, *Washington Post*, NPR and others.

Reviews

- **'Fayne's debut novel does not lack for ambition . . . this family history contains magic and despair, migrations and hauntings - and echoes of the country's complex, often painful racial history writ large'** - *NPR*
- **'[An] ambitious debut . . . the prose is consistently crisp and suffused with a feeling of hauntedness'** - *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)
- **'A monumental debut. Fayne is a voice to be reckoned with . . . A book that embodies Black America in the past, present, and future'** - *Debutiful*
- **'This brilliant book is like nothing you've ever read. It reads like music, lore, history, and life itself'** - Elizabeth McCracken, bestselling author of *THE HERO OF THIS BOOK* and *BOWLAWAY*

Author Biography

Rickey Fayne is a fiction writer from rural West Tennessee whose work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *American Short Fiction*, *Guernica*, *The Sewanee Review*, and *The Kenyon Review*, among other magazines. He holds an MA in English from Northwestern University and an MFA in Fiction from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas. His writing embodies his Black, Southern, over-churched upbringing in order to reimagine and honor his ancestors' experiences. He has received support for his writing from Tin House, Community of Writers, Kimbilio, Sewanee, Bread Loaf, Yaddo, Willapa Bay, and MacDowell. Currently, he teaches fiction writing at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



Publication date	Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781035442652
Thema 1.6	Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP) Biography: arts and entertainment (DNBF) Relating to Latin / Hispanic US American people (5PB-US-H) Music (AV)
Binding	Hardback
Format	137x113
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

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Solo Yo: The Little Guide to Bad Bunny

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Keynote

The perfect introduction to Bad Bunny's meteoric rise to global stardom.

Description

Rapper. Singer. Actor. Wrestler. Fashion icon. All-round good guy. It's official: the biggest Latin trap star in the world in 2025 is... Bad Bunny!

Since gliding stylishly out of Puerto Rico in 2018, he's redefined Latin music globally, credited with pushing Spanish-language rap into the mainstream.

His 2022 smash album *Un Verano Sin Ti* ruled the US Billboard charts for 13 weeks - the first all-Spanish album to do so. With three Grammy awards, eleven Latin Grammy Awards and eight Billboard Music Awards, his collection of accolades and other staggering statistics speak for themselves.

Unapologetically authentic, genre-bending, and proudly Puerto Rican, Bad Bunny has become more than just a star and cultural icon, he's the undisputed King of Latin Trap.

It's Bad Bunny, baby!

SAMPLE QUOTES

"I wasn't the kid who got involved in the streets. I liked to be at home with my family." - **Bad Bunny, on being a good boy growing up in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Rolling Stone, May 14, 2020**

"My sound is the sound of now, and of the future. It's a party, it's nostalgia, it's struggle... it's romance." - **Bad Bunny, when asked 'What does your music sound like to you?', i-D, September 10, 2025**

SAMPLE FACTS

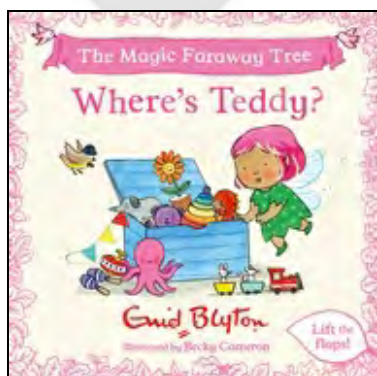
Bad Bunny's now-iconic stage name has surprisingly cute origins! As a child, he once dressed up as a bunny for school, but looked so grumpy in the photo his mom took of him that friends teased him as a 'bad bunny'. The nickname stuck - and a legend was born!

Sales Points

- Bad Bunny is the hottest, most important artist in the world right now.
- Packed full of Bunny's best quotes as well as rare facts celebrating this triple threat talent.
- Since 2018, Bad Bunny has amassed more than 120 billion streams on Spotify, with 80 million monthly listeners.
- Released in time for February 2026, when Bad Bunny will take the Super Bowl LX Half-time show by storm to mark its 60th anniversary.

Author Biography

The **OH** list features innovative, quirky books that reflect style, popular culture and current trends.



Publication date	Thursday, June 18, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781444981490
Thema 1.6	Baby books (YBCB) Picture storybooks: imagination and play (YBCS2) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 24 months (5ABK)

CBMC	A3J79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Novelty Book
Character	Non-character
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Binding	
Format	180x180
Extent	10 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Magic Faraway Tree: Goodnight, Fairy
The Magic Faraway Tree: Let's Have a Picnic!
The Magic Faraway Tree: Happy Birthday
The Magic Faraway Tree: Hide-and-Seek

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
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Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
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The Magic Faraway Tree: Where's Teddy? A Lift-the-Flap Story inspired by The Magic Faraway Tree – now a major movie!

Enid Blyton (Illustrated By Becky Cameron)

Keynote

Discover the magic of the Faraway Tree this Easter. Now a major movie!

An enchanting lift-the-flap book set in the world of Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*. Help Silky the fairy look for her teddy in this sweet lift-the-flap story.

Description

Discover the magic of the Faraway Tree this Easter. Now a major movie!

*Up in the Magic Faraway Tree,
No one can find Silky's teddy!*

*Maybe he's lost high up in the clouds . . .
Let's have a peek! Are you ready?*

Silky the fairy loves playing games with her friends in the tree, but where has Teddy gone? Set off to the Land of Lost Things and search for Teddy amongst lost toys, mail and even socks!

Can you lift the flaps to help find Teddy and make it back to the tree for a special tea party surprise?

An interactive story set in the enchanting world of Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*, that is perfect for the littlest of readers.

Don't miss:

The Magic Faraway Tree: Goodnight, Fairy
The Magic Faraway Tree: Let's Have a Picnic!
The Magic Faraway Tree: Happy Birthday
The Magic Faraway Tree: Hide-and-Seek

Sales Points

- Part of a brand-new Enid Blyton preschool range, which brings the magic of these beloved classics to younger readers
- A fun and adventurous story with gentle rhyme to encourage play and curiosity
- With multiple sturdy lift-the-flaps on every spread, to help develop fine motor skills
- With illustrations by Becky Cameron, who has worked on the *Enid Blyton Treasury of Bedtime Stories* and *Paddington and the Christmas Visitor*

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

Enid Blyton is one of the world's 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.

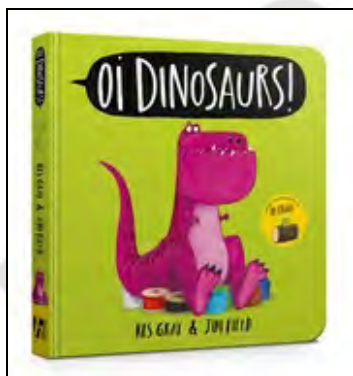
She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

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.

Becky Cameron (Illustrator)

Becky Cameron is a British author and illustrator from Sheffield. She was highly commended in the Macmillan Prize during her MA at the Cambridge School of Art and has been a successful picture book illustrator ever since. Her work includes *Paddington and the Christmas Visitor* and several beautiful treasuries of Enid Blyton stories including *Stories for Every Season* and the *Enchanted Library* collection.

She lives in Oxfordshire, with her husband and their young children.



Publication date	Thursday, June 18, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781444983135
Thema 1.6	Picture storybooks (YBCS) Early years: verse, rhymes and wordplay (YBLB) Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3K79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Board / Bath / Rag Book
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding	
Format	180x180
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Oi Frog and Friends
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
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Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

Oi Dinosaurs! Board Book

Kes Gray (Illustrated By Jim Field)

Keynote

Everyone will want to get their hands on this roaring, stomping, dino-packed new board book in the award-winning, bestselling Oi Frog and Friends series.

Description

Get your hands on this roaring, stomping, dino-packed new board book edition in the award-winning, bestselling Oi Frog and Friends series!

According to Frog, in dinosaur times sitting down hadn't been invented. So . . .

***Pterosaurs didn't sit on bendy straws?
Velociraptors didn't sit on plug adaptors?
And Triceratops didn't sit on lollipops?***

Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming fun packed with dinosaurs, mammoths and - of course - prehistoric frogs! With over **3 million copies** sold across this beloved series, this hilarious new rhyming story from Kes Gray and Jim Field is the perfect picture book to share together. Guaranteed to get little dinosaurs-fans giggling.

Can't get enough? Look out for: *Oi Dog, Oi Cat, Oi Duck-billed Platypus, Oi Aardvark! and Oi Puppies!*

Praise for Oi Frog:

'An absolute treat.' *Daily Mail*

'Hilarious.' *Guardian*

'The most outstanding children's book.' *Jo Wiley, BBC Radio 2*

Sales Points

- A chunky board book edition of the dino-packed new title in the bestselling *Oi Frog and Friends* series - over 3 million copies sold worldwide across 8 books and 14 languages!
- Kes Gray is a bestselling, multi award-winning author of more than 70 books for children.
- Award-winning illustrator Jim Field is a star in picture books. His vibrant, energetic illustrations are full of personality and detail. Jim is the illustrator behind the bestselling *The World Of* series, which has sold over 5 million copies across 42 languages.
- A brilliant rhyming read-aloud text, jam packed with prehistoric fun and featuring favourite dinosaurs (from the terrific *Tyrannosaurus Rex* to the velociraptor and triceratops) - perfect for dino-crazy little ones!

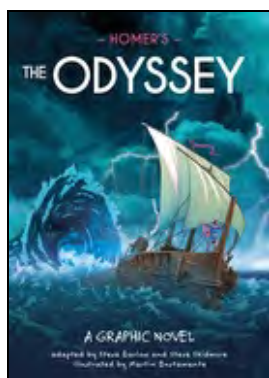
Author Biography

Kes Gray (Author)

Kes Gray is the bestselling author of the OI FROG AND FRIENDS series of books that has sold over 3 million copies and has been adapted into a theatre show. He is a multi-award-winning author with over 70 books published. He eats Ideafakes for breakfast, spreads silliness on his toast and loves to write books that will make children laugh out loud. He has won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and the Laugh Out Loud Book Award and has been shortlisted for the British Book Awards. Kes is based in Essex.

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.



Publication date	Thursday, June 11, 2026
Price	£16.99 / ₹1399
Main Identifier	9781445198835
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Classic fiction (YFA) Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Literary adaptations (XQB) Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Cultural heritage and Traditional stories, myths, legends (XQP) Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	244x172
Extent	112 pages
Word Count	
Series	Classics in Graphics
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Macbeth 9781445180007, *Romeo & Juliet* 9781445180069, *Midsummer Night's Dream* 9781445180083, *Tempest* 9781445180021, *Hamlet* 9781445180045, *Much Ado* 9781445180106, *Othello* 9781445190235, *12th Night* 9781445190211, *Merchant of Venice* 9781445190297, *Dracula* 9781445191416, *Frankenstein* 9781445191508, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* 9781445191447, *A Christmas Carol* 9781445191478, *The Odyssey* 9781445198835

Classics in Graphics: Homer's The Odyssey A Graphic Novel

Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore (Illustrated By Martin Bustamante)

Keynote

Homer's *The Odyssey* like you've never seen it - or read it - before, in pitch-perfect graphic novel form

Description

Homer's *The Odyssey* like you've never seen it - or read it - before! *Classics in Graphics: The Odyssey* has been adapted into a graphic novel by expert authors, Steve Skidmore and Steve Barlow, with illustrations by Martin Bustamante. Readers join our hero, Odysseus, as his epic journey swirls across the page, dodging sea monsters, one-eyed giants and greedy humans before it's too late ...

This series has inclusion at its heart, flinging wide the doors of literature for all to enter and understand. With **dyslexia-friendly design** for readers aged 10+; inclusive art so anyone can relate to iconic roles; snappy simplified text; introductory material to set the scene; heaps of material at the back, looking at the work's themes, language, publication, a timeline of relevant history, and more!

Classics available: *Macbeth*, *The Tempest*, *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Othello*, *Twelfth Night*, *King Lear*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Odyssey*.

Praise for *Classics in Graphics*: "[...] an excellent job converting challenging language and literary themes to make it very inclusive, smoothing ease of understanding dialogue, plot, and narration without dumbing it down." - *Eric Williamson, leagueofcomicgeeks.com*

Sales Points

- From the authors who've written 250+ books together, the 2Steves, including the iHero choose-your-own adventure series, many graphic novels and hi-lo titles
- Valuable introductory and ending materials to enhance understanding of the context of each classic work and the original author's genius - perfect for school or home-learning use
- This series has carefully pitched art styles to suit each play and appeal to a spectrum of readers, done by illustrators from a variety of countries around the world

Author Biography

Steve Skidmore (Author)

Steve Skidmore writes with Steve Barlow as Britain's most popular comedy writing and performing double act for young people - The 2 Steves! He was born in Birstall near Leicester. He went to Nottingham University to read English, but spent most of his time playing sport and doing a variety of jobs including counting pastry pie lids. He trained as a teacher of Drama, English and Film, before teaming up with Steve Barlow as a full-time author. He lives in Leicester and is a great rugby fan (Come on you Tiiiigeers!).

Steve Barlow (Author)

As 50% of the 2Steves, Steve Barlow has written over 250 books with Steve Skidmore since they first appeared in 1988. Born in Crewe, he was educated at Crewe Grammar School, Warwick University and Nottingham University before a varied career in teaching, acting, stage management and puppetry. He worked in a village school in Botswana for four years before returning to the UK. The Two Steves have toured extensively in the UK and overseas, and to book festivals including Edinburgh and Hay.

Martin Bustamante (Illustrator)

Martin Bustamante is an Argentinian illustrator and painter. He has shown a talent for drawing since age 3, inspired by films like Star Wars and books like Harold Foster's Prince Valiant. Through these films, Martin discovered new worlds full of colours, shapes and environments. This sparked his passion for drawing and painting, which continues to this day. As a professional illustrator, he has worked for publishers and magazines in Argentina, the US and Europe.



Publication date	Thursday, June 04, 2026
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781444985276
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Association football (Soccer) (YNWD1) Children's / Teenage general interest: Biography and autobiography (YNB) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (SAF)
CBMC	B5M79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	279x216
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author living in	Los Angeles

Messi's Magic

How Lionel Messi Became the G.O.A.T.

Caroline Perry (Illustrated By Luciano Lozano)

Keynote

Discover how footballer Lionel Messi defied the odds and became the G.O.A.T. in this inspiring story teeming with excitement, emotion, and Messi facts galore!

Description

How did a small, shy, football-obsessed child with a serious medical condition become a goal-scoring, record-breaking, once-in-a-generation sensation?

For everyone who loves soccer, dreams big, and is inspired by heroes who triumph against the odds, *Messi's Magic* delivers a thrilling, deeply emotional story.

Filled with action-packed pictures and never-before-seen detail, this book spotlights Lionel 'Leo' Messi's early years and shows how, even when facing loss, loneliness, and setbacks, he never gave up on his goal. Leo's resilience and big-heartedness on the journey to become the G.O.A.T. are as inspiring as his dazzling style of play. This humble hero has ignited passion in millions and sparked the movement: Messi Mania!

Enriched with statistics, career highlights, a timeline, and fun facts, *Messi's Magic* is a gift to football fans of all ages.

An independent and unofficial biography not endorsed by Lionel Messi.

Sales Points

- **Messi Mania:** Learn about Leo Messi's extraordinary journey to becoming the greatest football player the world has ever seen
- **Life Story:** Learn about Leo's early childhood, family and their love for this sport -- perfect for kids of a similar age!
- **Overcoming Hardship:** Did you know Leo Messi grew up with a hormonal disorder? Learn about how he combatted health issues and loneliness to become the G.O.A.T
- **Fun Facts:** The back of the book contains lots of Messi facts and stats, as well as a timeline of his life
- This is an independent and unofficial biography.

Author Biography

Caroline Perry (Author)

Caroline Perry is an Anglo-Maltese children's author and poet. As a child she sought refuge in books: libraries were both her sanctuary and her happy place. To this day, she spends much of her spare time in her local library, often with her three mini-bibliophiles in tow!

An avid traveller, Caroline has lived on three continents and visited more than 65 countries, always on the lookout for 'hidden histories', wildlife sanctuaries and off-the-map museums. She also loves photography, football and live comedy, and she's an enthusiastic (but decidedly amateur) baker with a fondness for good cakes, bad jokes, and a spot of afternoon tea.

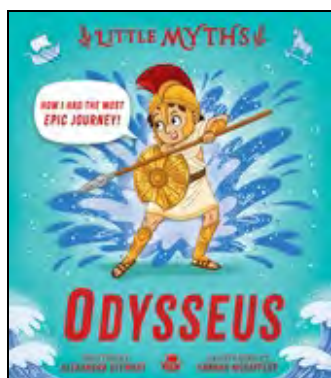
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CBMC	B3M79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	220x192
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

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Little Myths: Odysseus

Alexandra Stewart (Illustrated By Hannah McCaffery)

Keynote

Discover the stories of some of the most adventurous and infamous characters in mythology from around the world in this bold, funny, and beautifully illustrated collectable picture book series.

Description

Most people know Odysseus for his great intelligence and Trojan Horse trick. But once upon a time, Odysseus was just a little boy. Sure, he was the prince of Ithaca, and he grew up to go on the most epic ten-year journey in Greek mythology, but in lots of other ways he was just like you. This is his story.

Packed with facts from the Greek mythology and graphic art panels, Little Myths is the perfect series for mythology-loving kids.

Sales Points

- Each book has unified branding to give the series collectible appeal.
- Stories include graphic novel storytelling through episodic comic strips
- Tying in with the release of the Christopher Nolan film adaptation of *The Odyssey* in summer 2026

Author Biography

Alexandra Stewart (Author)

Alexandra Stewart read Modern History at Oxford University before training to be a journalist. After working as a reporter on several newspapers, she crossed the floor to become a press officer for the Metropolitan Police and, later, Central Government. Since then, she has worked in the Civil Service in a number of roles, including as a ministerial speechwriter. Alex lives in Wiltshire, UK, with her husband, two young children and two rather grumpy rabbits called Batman and Robin.

Hannah McCaffery (Illustrator)

Hannah is a children's book illustrator and storyteller from a small seaside town in North Wales. She has worked with a number of publishers on picture books, educational projects and mid grade fiction and tends to have a soft spot for small details and silliness in her work. Since graduating from Glyndwr University in 2013 with a degree in Illustration for Children's Publishing, she has worked as an in-house illustrator and designer for a number of companies and now works as a full time freelance artist in her cosy home studio alongside her boyfriend and their cheeky cat, Joey!

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Transcendent: Forgotten Earth Book 3 - a cyberpunk STEM thriller

Patrick Gallagher

Keynote

JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD.

The final adrenaline-pumping tech-thriller from Patrick Gallagher, starring twins and Transcendent agents Jacob and Kira, as they thwart a villainous VR tech enslaving the population.

Perfect for fans of Alex Rider, Vashti Hardy, and LOST IN SPACE (Netflix).

Description

JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD.

Transcendent agents and twin geniuses Jacob and Kira have been defeated... the world has plunged into climate change oblivion. Their last hope? To confront the villainous billionaire Nosfer within the Oracle virtual reality universe enslaving the population. But inside, they will have to play by his rules.

As the twins confront tragedy within their own lives, their deepest and darkest thoughts will be projected within the intoxicating world of the Oracle. But buried deep inside is also hope.

As a mysterious trail emerges, only Jacob and Kira can track it down and find the truth - a secret that may prove the only way to free the world and stop climate change catastrophe descending for ever.

Two kids, one top-secret agency and an epic mission to save the world.

Praise for Book 1:

'A fun, action-packed thriller with a brother-sister duo that I really loved.' - David Owen, author of the Alex Neptune series

Sales Points

- Targeting middle grade and teens, with a skew to boy readers, delivering exactly what this underserved market needs: action-packed plot, rich imagination, and aspirational heroes, while dealing with pertinent issues facing young people, including climate change.
- High-octane adventure with cliffhanger ending makes this the perfect series build
- Agent reports strong interest from film and TV - most of the scenes lend themselves to the big-screen. Think rocket-launches, car-chases, defeating giant tarantulas...
- Diversity and representation are an important part of the stories Patrick tells, and he has drawn on his own experience, being of dual heritage, and meeting different communities around the world.
- Strong STEM themes relating to technology and the environment; delivered with relatability and imagination.

Author Biography

Patrick Gallagher is a primary school teacher from South London with roots in Goa in India and Donegal in Ireland. He studied English and American Literature with Creative Writing in both Kent and Maynooth and is a keen artist and violinist in his spare time.

Like lots of Goans of that generation, Patrick's mother was born and raised in Uganda and the time he himself has spent there inspired the spectacular backdrop to *Transcendent*.

Jacob and Kira's story has been years in the making. It draws not only on Patrick's experience of dual heritage but every science-fiction and adventure story he devoured as a child, every *Doctor Who* episode and *Spider-Man* cartoon, every comic or short story he scribbled on scrap paper, every daydream on long car journeys.

To Patrick's class and every other child reading *Transcendent*, he would like to say this: if you love writing stories, keep going.

You never know. You might just never stop.

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CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
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Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
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Series	Transcendent
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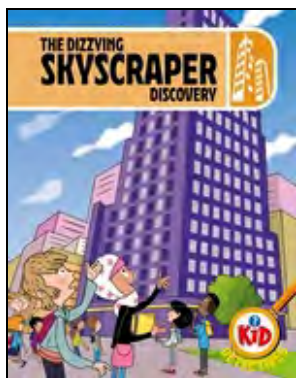
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Age	7-9 years
Subject Type	Fiction Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding Format	Paperback 210x165
Depth	12mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Kid Detectives
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Kid Detectives: The Dizzying Skyscraper Discovery

Adam Bushnell (Illustrated By John Haslam)

Keynote

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigating skills

Description

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigation skills.

Our four detectives, Farah, Isla, Mohammad and Sam, are on a school trip to the top of a brand-new super tall skyscraper when they notice some of the class are feeling dizzy. What could be causing this?

Join the Detective gang as they meet an engineer who will help them discover more about construction and engineering.

Featured interactive elements:

- Search and find clues in the illustrations
- Gather crucial information from info panels about earthquakes and wind pressure
- Work out the correct location for each key skyscraper part
- Help calculate the angle of a swaying skyscraper

Through interactive adventures that combine facts, brain-teasing puzzles and lively illustrations, these books impart STEM knowledge in an original way to inspire a love of the subject. The story in each book will have the reader solving puzzles, finding clues, cracking secret codes and uncovering mysteries.

Perfect for aspiring detectives aged 7+.

Sales Points

- Illustrated, story-based approach engages the reader and makes the educational content both accessible and fun
- The series explores high interest STEM topics with key facts alongside the adventures of four kid detectives
- Includes interactive elements that encourage the reader to play detective and quiz questions to embed knowledge

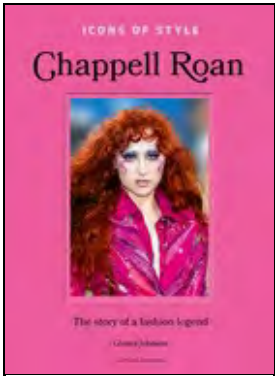
Author Biography

Adam Bushnell (Author)

Adam is a former teacher who turned his hand to writing full time in 2007. He has written both adult teaching guides and children's fiction books and is often touring schools and libraries and running creative writing sessions. He lives in Durham.

John Haslam (Illustrator)

John Haslam has been working as an illustrator for most of his professional life. John worked in advertising for 10 years and worked on various projects including TV storyboards, to illustrating for all kinds of accounts from Pritt Stick (the Pritt Stick Man was his invention), to comic pages such as Danger Mouse, Disney and Transformers.



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Thema 1.6	Memoirs (DNC) Pop music (6PB) Musicians, singers, bands and groups (AVP) Popular music (AVLP)
Binding	Hardback
Format	194x140
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	17463 words
Illustrations	100 colour and black and white photographs
Series	Icons of Style
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None
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Icons of Style: Chappell Roan

The story of a fashion legend

Welbeck Publishing Group

Keynote

A fully illustrated exploration of the style evolution of pop princess, Chappell Roan.

Description

Camp, theatrical and fierce. Chappell Roan is serving fashion with a plot twist on stage and the red carpet.

From her humble midwestern roots to her rapid rise to global pop superstar, Chappell Roan is known for turning a look and putting on a show. Creating her own definition of camp, wearing chainmail on stage at the VMAs and turning heads at Paris Fashion Week, Roan has always carved her own aesthetic.

With this beautifully illustrated guide to her style evolution, key looks and signature pieces, dive into the outrageous, experimental and original world of Chappell Roan's style.

Sales Points

- Her monthly listeners on Spotify grew from 1.5 million (February 2024) to 44.6 million (March 2025).
- Chappell won Best New Artist at the 2025 Grammys.
- Chappell Roan set a record at Lollapalooza 2024 for the largest daytime crowd in its history.
- She is performing at major European festivals over the 2025 summer including Way Out West, Primavera and Reading and Leeds.
- In various interviews, she has made it clear that she's working on her hotly anticipated second studio album. Set for release later in 2025.

Author Biography

Glenys Johnson is a Canadian writer based in London, UK and Malmö, Sweden. Her work focuses on fashion and material culture, including the study of queer style, and costume theory in film and television. Her work has been published in *High Snobiety*, *Huffington Post* and *Kennedy Magazine* and she is the author of *Icons of Style: Diana* and *Little Book of Vivienne Westwood*.



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Price	£6.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781035433568
Thema 1.6	Gift and novelty books / items (WZG)
Binding	Hardback
Format	137x113
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

The Little Guide to Alexander McQueen

OH

Keynote

A guide to an elegant, defiant and avant-garde designer who changed the future of fashion.

Description

Rebellious, elegant, revolutionary: these are just some of the words to describe Alexander McQueen. One of the most disruptive designers in the fashion world, his designs shocked as much as they wowed, and the impact of the 'enfant terrible of British Fashion' is still felt today.

Having trained in a tailor's and worked for an atelier, Alexander McQueen's style contained a unique blend of innovative experimentation underpinned by meticulous skill and care. From founding his own fashion brand to becoming head designer of Givenchy, his creativity and passion was truly limitless. He gained fashion fame for his groundbreaking designs like the 'bumster', his posse of famous fashion friends and his dramatic runway shows devised to shock attendees. Before his untimely death at 40, Alexander McQueen had already been awarded British Designer of the year four times, and his rebellious spirit lives on today.

Filled with inspiring quotes and facts about Alexander McQueen's life and influence, this little guide is a collection that is both as elegant and unconventional as the iconic designer himself.

Sample Content:

"You've got to know the rules to break them. That's what I'm here for, to demolish the rules but to keep the tradition." - *Alexander McQueen*

"I find beauty in the grotesque, like most artists." - *Alexander McQueen*

Alexander McQueen's final fashion degree project was inspired by Jack the Ripper, and was bought in its entirety by well-known stylist Isabella Blow.

Sales Points

- Iconic quotes from one of the most rebellious and outrageous designers in British fashion.
- Celebrities including Nicole Kidman, Sarah Jessica Parker, Björk and Lady Gaga have all worn his designs.
- Sits alongside the other Little Guides to fashion, including Coco Chanel, Christian Dior and Yves Saint Laurent.

Author Biography

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Word Count	
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The Little Guide to Schiaparelli

OH

Keynote

A guide to the fashion brand with a bold approach to luxury.

Description

The Schiaparelli brand is nothing short of iconic. The Shocking Pink signature says it all: flamboyant yet simple, luxurious but humorous, and always incredibly stylish.

The brand blurs the lines between fashion and art - founder Elsa Schiaparelli collaborated with Salvador Dalí and Jean Cocteau, was painted by Picasso and photographed by Man Ray. Her creativity spans the entire collection, from clothing to accessories and fragrances to jewellery, and this legacy remains today. Schiaparelli closed the Couture House in 1954 and passed away 19 years later, after which the brand lay dormant for many years. Now, Maison Schiaparelli has been reborn, with creative director Daniel Roseberry blessing the modern fashion scene with the unique Schiaparelli style.

Anyone that is interested in fashion should not only know the Schiaparelli name, but the story. With inspirational quotes and facts as well as intriguing gossip, this little book takes you through the history and evolution of the fashion powerhouse.

Sample Content

"In difficult times fashion is always outrageous." - *Elsa Schiaparelli*

The iconic Schiaparelli 'lobster dress' was famously, and controversially, worn by Wallis Simpon - American socialite and wife to Edward VIII.

Elsa Schiaparelli's arch nemesis was Coco Chanel, who disparagingly referred to Schiaparelli as "that Italian artist who makes clothes".

Sales Points

- A previously lesser-known rival of Chanel, whose brand has been reborn and is gaining recognition as a fashion innovator.
- Sits alongside the other Little Guides to fashion, including Coco Chanel, Christian Dior and Yves Saint Laurent.
- Schiaparelli designs have been worn by Lady Gaga (at Biden's inauguration), Beyoncé, Julia Fox and Kim Kardashian.

Author Biography

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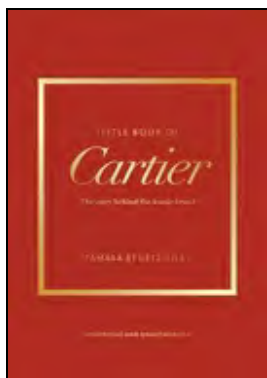
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Fashion and textile design (AKT)
Individual designers or design groups (AKB)

Binding **Hardback**
Format **180x125**
Extent **160 pages**
Word Count **16565 words**
Illustrations **100 colour/black and white images**
Series **Little Books of Fashion**
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World**
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Little Book of Cartier The story of the iconic jewellery brand

Tamara Sturtz-Filby

Keynote

The lavishly illustrated story behind one of the world's best known luxury jewellery and watch brands.

Description

Dazzling, regal and timeless, Cartier is one of the world's most iconic names in luxury jewellery.

From iconic watches to enduring jewels, Cartier has embellished patrons from K-pop royalty to the Windsor Dynasty. Commissioned by aristocrats and sought after by celebrities, it boasts over 170 years of exquisite craftsmanship and bold elegance. Iconic pieces like the Taylor Burton diamond and the LOVE bracelet, as well as record-breaking auctions, have earned Cartier its name as "The Jeweller of Kings".

Featuring over 100 stunning images accompanied by expert text, *Little Book of Cartier* explores the decadent history of an opulent name in jewellery.

Sales Points

- Features a stunning range of photographs including elegant jewellery pieces worn by recognisable royals and celebrities.
- One of the most valuable luxury goods brands in the world, currently valued at \$10.5 billion which increased by over 20% in 2024 - reflecting the brand's continued popularity.
- A landmark exhibition at the V&A marks the first time the Cartier archive is open to the public in the 21st century.
- The brand has 15.6 million followers on Instagram and nearly 500k videos made using #Cartier on Tiktok.
- Everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to members of BlackPink have been photographed wearing Cartier watches and jewellery.

Author Biography

Tamara Sturtz-Filby is a journalist and author with over 20 years experience writing for national magazines and newspapers including *Vogue*, *Elle*, *Marie Claire*, *Grazia*, *Red*, *Harper's Bazaar*, the *Sunday Times*, the *Guardian*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph*. She has written two fashion books, ***The Story of the Diamond*** and ***Behind The Gloss***. She lives in Bath, UK.

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The Little Guide to Balmain

OH

Keynote

A guide to a luxury fashion brand that symbolises extravagance and transformation.

Description

A key brand in France's post-war fashion renaissance, Balmain is one of the most dynamic, decadent and daring fashion houses to date. Founded by Pierre Balmain in 1945, the brand quickly gained fashion fame through its opulent designs and refusal to compromise on luxury.

Balmain boasts meticulously embellished evening wear and is seen to be one of the pioneers of modern fashion, alongside brands such as Dior and Chanel. Balmain remained the creative director until his death in 1982, after which various designers drove the brand forward into the 21st century.

Today Balmain has secured its reputation as a modern fashion powerhouse, best summarised by creative director Olivier Rousteing's philosophy - "Fashion is Revolution, not Evolution". The brand's commitment to radical reinvention keeps it at the forefront of fashion, and this little guide will keep readers' finger on the pulse.

Sample Content

"Dressmaking is the architecture of movement." - *Pierre Balmain*

"I'm obsessed with Pierre Balmain - I try to talk to him as much as I can, but it's obviously a monologue because I have no answer." - *Olivier Rousteing*

Oliver Rousteing was only 25 when he joined Balmain as its creative director.

Sales Points

- Balmain has a strong social media presence driven by their "Balmain army" of fans.
- Sits alongside the other Little Guides to fashion, including Coco Chanel, Christian Dior and Yves Saint Laurent.
- Beyoncé, Kristen Stewart, Kate Moss and Kendall Jenner have all worn Balmain.

Author Biography

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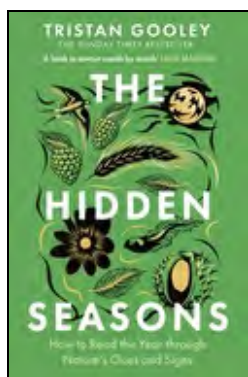
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The Hidden Seasons

The ultimate guide to reading the clues and signs of nature's calendar all year round: perfect for all nature lovers

Tristan Gooley

Keynote

A life-enhancing journey through the seasons from 'The Sherlock Holmes of Nature' bestselling author of *HOW TO READ A TREE* and *THE WALKER'S GUIDE*, told through the prism of nature's clues and signs.

Description

When we know what to look for and what it means, seasonal moments that were once hidden shine brightly.

In *The Hidden Seasons*, Tristan Gooley shows us how to read the clues that the sun, moon, stars, plants, fungi, animals, water and weather give us - but that we continually miss, because we don't know how and where to look.

Spring is the time of wildflower signs, unique cloud shapes and curious animal behaviour. Summer is a time of coastal clues, astronomical extremes and secret grass patterns. Autumn is a time for reading leaves, deciphering scents and investigating fungi. And in winter, we learn to read snow, deepen our star knowledge and use rare methods to find clues in overlooked places, including indoors.

As with Tristan Gooley's bestsellers *The Walker's Guide*, *How to Read Water* and *How to Read a Tree*, *The Hidden Seasons* inspires us to explore these signs for ourselves, giving us many rich insights into our turning year. Soon we will be able to anticipate and celebrate daily changes that few notice, however surprising they may be.

And the seasons will never look, sound or smell the same again.

Sales Points

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Tristan Gooley's titles have cumulatively sold over 660,000 copies across all formats. *HOW TO READ A TREE* was a *Sunday Times* no. 1 bestseller in 2024.
- **MAJOR MEDIA CAMPAIGN:** Tristan will actively promote *THE HIDDEN SEASONS* through his social media (63k Instagram followers) plus live events, TV, radio, press and podcast appearances.
- **THE CORE LIST COVER-REPACKAGING** has significantly boosted year-on-year sales for *THE WALKER'S GUIDE*, *THE SECRET WORLD OF WEATHER*, *HOW TO READ WATER*, *WILD SIGNS & STAR PATHS*, *THE NATURAL EXPLORER* and *HOW TO READ A TREE*

Author Biography

Tristan Gooley is the award-winning and international bestselling author of titles such as *The Walker's Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs*, *How to Read Water* and *How to Read a Tree*. Through his journeys, teaching and writing, he has pioneered a renaissance in the rare art of natural navigation.

Tristan is the only living person to have both flown solo and sailed singlehanded across the Atlantic. He has explored close to home and walked with and studied the methods of tribal peoples in some of the remotest regions on Earth.

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A Dance with the Fae Prince

Elise Kova

Author Biography

Elise Kova is a #1 *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author. She enjoys telling stories of fantasy worlds filled with magic and deep emotions. She lives in Florida and, when not writing, can be found playing video games, drawing, chatting with readers on social media, or daydreaming about her next story.

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