

# Adult Non-Fiction Rights Guide Spring 2024



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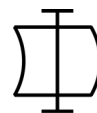
**Black and White Publishing** has teams based in both Edinburgh (where we were founded) and in London, and publishes a wide range of titles, including biography, sport, cookery, lifestyle, true crime, general and commercial non-fiction.



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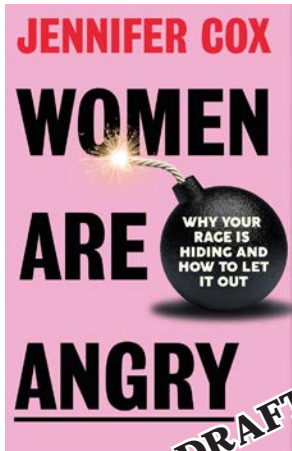
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## Women are Angry

### Why Your Rage is Hiding and How to Let it Out

Jennifer Cox



July 2024  
TPB

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Michelle Signore

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**US Rights:**  
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Psychotherapist Jennifer Cox lifts the lid on how women have been conditioned to repress anger, the impact this has on their physical and mental health and what they can do about it.

Women still cannot recognise or permit their own rage. Our chronic ill health is evidence that history has not emancipated us. Micro and macro injustices are woven through our personal narratives, and we wear their imprint on our bodies and minds.

This book is an urgent call to arms to identify these feelings and channel them for good. Before they destroy us.

What if you aren't depressed?  
What if you don't have chronic fatigue?  
What if you are just . . . angry?

What if a lifetime of being told to repress anger, hide it away and fear it, has shown up in your body in a myriad of ways you can't control? As a woman, when was the last time you were allowed to be truly angry? Have you ever?

The answer to this, argues Jennifer, is never. Women are never allowed to really express their anger, and it is making us all mad. From toddlerhood when girls are conditioned to be 'good' and not make a fuss, to the sandwich years of midlife when the burden of myriad responsibilities is overwhelming, women's anger is hidden, repressed and toxic.

This book will show you where it is hiding and how to let it out.

JENNIFER COX trained as a forensic psychotherapist at the Tavistock Clinic, and has a Masters in Neuroscience. Jennifer has an extensive international psychotherapy practice based in London, specialising in treating women and their undiagnosed anger. The 'Women Are Mad' approach enables people who can't afford therapy an opportunity to 'think below the surface' about where their rage might be coming from, as they try out the practical ideas suggested for releasing it.

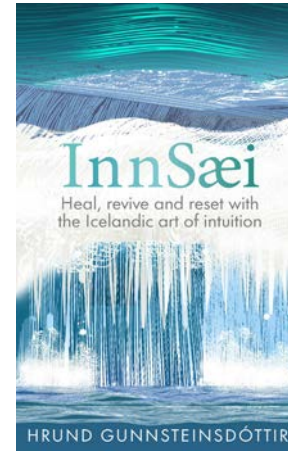
Jennifer now runs several processing groups across a month and is growing the Women Are Mad brand. The weekly *Women Are Mad* podcast has now dropped, with Jane Green as co-host and a line-up of captivating celebrity guests including Miranda Sawyer.



## InnSæi

### Heal, Revive and Reset with the Icelandic Art of Intuition

Hrund Gunnsteinsdóttir



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HB, 204pp

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Michelle Signore

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Spain (Planeta)  
Turkey (Destek)

**US Rights:**  
Available

**TV & Film Rights:**  
Graham Maw Christie

Icelandic wisdom to help you heal yourself and reconnect with the world around you.

Simply put, InnSæi (pronounced 'in-sy-eh') is the Icelandic word for intuition. It means the sea within (the flow of our unconscious mind), to see within (how we introspect), and to see from the inside out (how we navigate the world). InnSæi exists within all of us.

We live in a world dominated by an overload of information, workplace burnout, big changes and the continuing effects of climate change. It's easy to feel lost, disconnected or without a purpose. If you relate to these feelings, then learning about InnSæi is the first step to reconnecting with yourself and the environment.

Hrund Gunnsteinsdóttir explains how aligning with the sea within will help you to make more informed decisions and welcome creativity and wonder back into your life; learning to see within will improve your self-awareness, empathy and tolerance; and seeing from the inside out will empower you to make change around you and live a more fulfilled life.

With a mix of expert knowledge, practical exercises and some of the author's personal experiences, join Hrund as she takes us on a journey to harness our InnSæi so we may transform our lives and re-establish our place in the world.

HRUND GUNNSTEINSDÓTTIR is a sustainability leader, visionary, writer and a film maker, educated in anthropology, development and complex emergencies and executive leadership. She has been recognised for her work as a Yale World Fellow, a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and a World Economic Forum Cultural Leader. She is currently director of Festa, a centre for sustainability in Iceland. She sits on the Advisory Council of the newly founded International Leadership Centre at Yale University and is a board member of Eyrr Invest. She has qualifications from Yale, Stanford, Harvard Kennedy School, the LSE, Oxford Business School and the University of Iceland.

Her documentary film *InnSæi – the Sea Within* (in North America entitled *The Power of Intuition*) in itself was a successful visionary and leadership project.

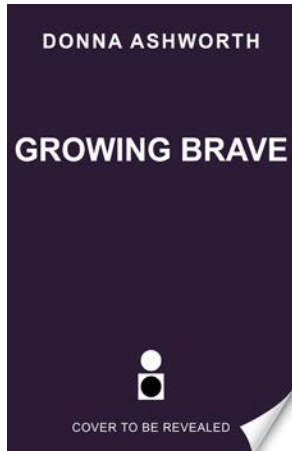




# Growing Brave

## Words to Fight Fear and Set your Soul Free

Donna Ashworth



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HB

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Susanna Abbott

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With the Author

**Words from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestseller to help soothe fear and let more life in.**

In this bold new collection of wisdom and poetry, Donna Ashworth helps us to find strength and courage on the days we feel lost, to pick ourselves up when times are hard, to accept we will feel fear and self-doubt, and to dare to let in more light and love as we brave life's challenges.

Every day we are bombarded by thoughts, feelings and information that make us feel anxious and afraid. We worry we don't measure up, we are scared of failure and we find it hard to be ourselves. We also feel powerless watching the world getting messier, angrier and more unstable.

With poems such as 'One Day You'll See', 'Search the Night', 'The Comparing' and 'Always There', bestselling author Donna Ashworth helps us to see that no matter how small or afraid we feel, we make the biggest difference in this world and to our own happiness when we are brave enough to show up as ourselves.

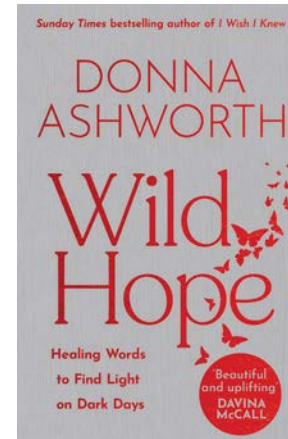
DONNA ASHWORTH is a Sunday Times bestselling author and the UK's number 1 bestselling poet. She lives in the hills of Scotland with her husband, two sons, and Brian and Dave (the dogs). Donna started her social media accounts in 2018 in a bid to create a 'safe' social space for women to come together and connect, but her love of all things wordy quickly became the focus, and a past love for poetry was reignited. Seven books and over 1.4 million followers later, Donna is delighted daily with her mission to shower the world with words and bring poetry back into focus.



# Wild Hope

## Healing Words to Find Light on Dark Days

Donna Ashworth



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HB, 320pp

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Mango Publishing  
Dreamscape (audio)

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With the Author

**Number 1 Sunday Times Bestseller and the top-selling poetry book in the UK market in 2023.**

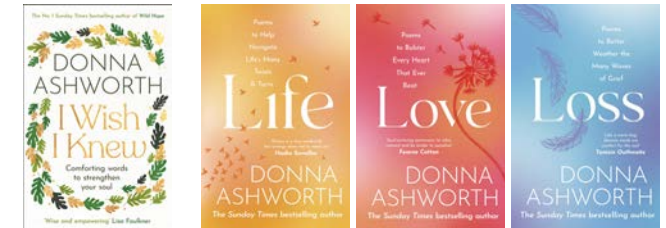
**Over 80,000 copies sold worldwide.**

The powerful new collection of wisdom to help us find hope, peace, self-acceptance and inspiration on the days we feel worn down, helpless or sad. Written with love and understanding, Donna has an extraordinary gift for empathy and warmth, for finding hope in the unlikely of circumstances. She reminds us that amidst our daily struggles and the constant barrage of bad news there is so much to hope for, and that every one of us can play a part, big or small, in making the world a better place.

With poems such as 'That Thing You Do', 'Through the Ringer' and 'Rope Ladder', Donna reminds us that most people in this world are good, and that acts of kindness and love within our individual spheres of influence, however small, all contribute to a better future. She also gently guides us, no matter how busy or overburdened we may be, to practice better self-care and self-acceptance.

Hope exists when nothing else can. On the darkest of days *Wild Hope* will help you find more light.

**Over 220,000 copies sold of Donna's other books.**



**Rights sold in Life:** France (Le Lotus et L'Elephant), Serbia (Laguna)

**Rights sold in Love:** Serbia (Laguna)

**Rights sold in I Wish I Knew:** Korea (Tender Hearts), Turkey (Pegasus)



# There's Still No Such Thing as Naughty

Parenting the Primary Years

Kate Silvertón



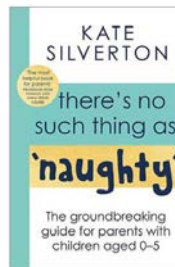
Bestselling parenting author Kate Silvertón shares the secrets of how to communicate with your school-age child and support their mental health in this revolutionary, practical guide.

In *There's Still No Such Thing As Naughty*, Sunday Times bestselling author and child therapist Kate Silvertón explains that, while our children aged 5-12 are becoming more independent and physically mature, they need us more than ever emotionally.

Backed by neuroscience, neurobiology, and her practical clinical experience, Kate offers compassionate wisdom and insight into the inner workings of your child's mind, demonstrating how to help them better regulate their emotions, cultivate resilience, foster empathy and navigate thoughts and big feelings with ease. Guiding you through her ten core 'pillars', Kate reveals:

- How parents can support their child's healthy brain development
- How to help with anxiety around going to school
- How to approach screen time and social media
- The importance of time spent in play
- How to support our own mental health as much as our children's
- How to strengthen the connections with our children and have an easier time of it too!
- Why there is still no such thing as 'naughty'

**Kate Silvertón's first book, *There's No Such Thing as Naughty*, was a Sunday Times No. 1 bestseller.**

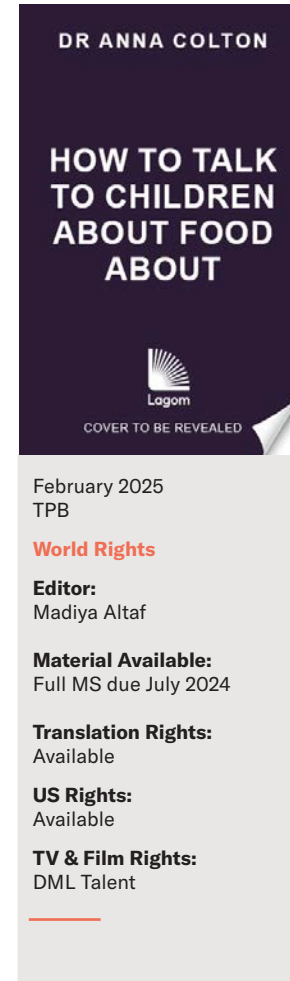


KATE SILVERTÓN is one of the BBC's main national news presenters. Her academic roots are in child development, with a BSc in Psychology; she has worked for more than a decade in children's mental health, ultimately retraining as a children's counsellor with the children's mental health charity, Place2Be. She supports charities like the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, The NHS Maudsley Foundation Trust, as well as the NSPCC and their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's Royal Foundation.



# How to Talk to Children About Food

Dr Anna Colton



Psychologist Dr Anna Colton shows us how we form our relationship with food and how we can instil in our children a more positive mindset when it comes to eating.

*How to Talk to Your Children About Food* is a judgement and shame-free discussion about how we develop our beliefs about eating, feeding, weight and shape.

The book will help the reader to:

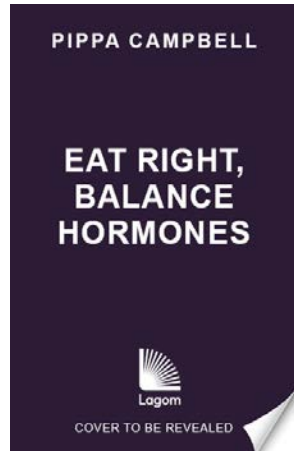
- Understand how you developed your beliefs and attitudes towards food and eating - and how that will affect your relationship with food as well as how it gets passed on to your kids.
- Understand how and why you might use food to manage feelings and the biological, neurological and psychological impacts of this.
- Understand what has contributed to your attitudes to food, eating, weight and shape - including your upbringing.
- Understand the communication underpinning different behaviours. Handle your own feelings. Break negative cycles and patterns and gain more balance.
- Communicate easily and healthily with your kids around food and eating.
- Enjoy eating again, if you have lost that.

DR ANNA COLTON is a clinical psychologist with over 20 years of experience. Anna has worked in the NHS and the private sector at The Tavistock Clinic, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Vincent Square eating disorders clinic and the Priory Roehampton. She now works exclusively in private practice.



# Eat Right, Balance Hormones

Pippa Campbell



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**Nutritionist and Sunday Times bestselling author, Pippa Campbell, shows us how to improve hormonal balance with what we eat.**

Are you looking for expert advice on how to balance your mood, sleep better, control your weight and lift brain fog?

Look no further than this indispensable guide by functional nutritionist and hormone expert Pippa Campbell.

Pippa has helped thousands of women suffering from symptoms of menopause and hormonal imbalance. In *Eat Right, Balance Hormones* she offers a personalised plan which will help women uncover the root cause of their hormonal imbalance and show them how to adjust their diet in order to achieve a better balance.

With better hormonal balance, we can control our weight more effectively, sleep better and find equilibrium in our mood. Eating the right foods can also help with easing symptoms such as brain fog.

**'Pippa Campbell really helped me out of my perimenopause rut!' - Zoe Ball**

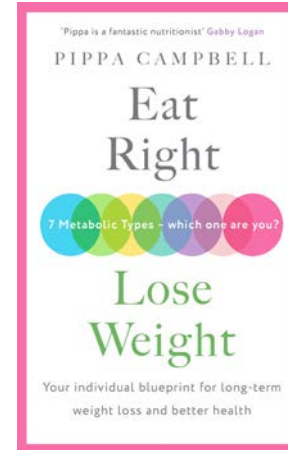
PIPPA CAMPBELL is an experienced Functional Nutrition Practitioner, Weight Loss Specialist and Certified Nutrigenomics Practitioner. She is a Certified Metabolic Balance Coach, registered with The Institute of Functional Medicine and Complimentary Medical Association. She has over 12 years of experience specialising in female health and weight loss.



# Eat Right, Lose Weight

## Your Individual Blueprint for Long-Term Weight Loss and Better Health

Pippa Campbell



December 2022  
TPB, 288pp

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Michelle Signore

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**Nutritionist Pippa Campbell identifies seven reasons why women may struggle to lose weight - and shows them what they can do about it. Which of the 7 metabolic types are you?**

#### A SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

Do you struggle to lose weight? Have you tried a number of plans that work for others but not for you? Are you looking for an easy, sustainable solution to staying healthy?

Diet and nutrition expert Pippa Campbell's clients turn to her for help when their weight-loss plans fail. Now she wants to share her secrets with everyone and help you become your own 'diet detective' along the way.

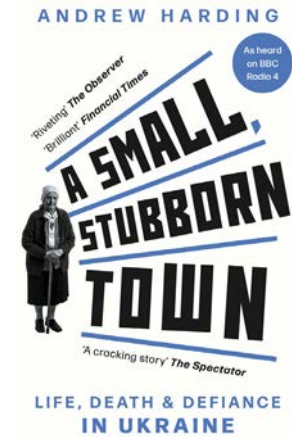
Through a simple Q&A Pippa helps to identify what's going wrong in the 7 key body systems that might prevent weight loss, before creating a diet that is specific to you and your needs and formulating a personalised plan for sustainable weight-loss and better health.

Packed with tasty recipe ideas, meal planners and illuminating client case studies, *Eat Right, Lose Weight* debunks the one-size-fits-all diet myth and is the book that will change the way women approach weight loss.

# A Small, Stubborn Town

## Life, death and defiance in Ukraine

Andrew Harding



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PB, 160pp

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Sarah Braybrooke

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#### TV & Film Rights:

Rebecca Carter

**The Russians are invading. But the locals have a plan.**

**As heard dramatised on BBC Radio 4.**

It's March 2022 and Russian tanks are roaring across the vast, snow-dusted fields of Ukraine. Their destination: Voznesensk, a town with a small bridge that could change the course of the war. The heavily-armed Russians are expecting an easy fight - or no fight at all. After all, Voznesensk is a quiet farming town, full of pensioners. But the locals appear to have other ideas.

Svetlana, a grandmother with arthritis, reacts in fury when Russian troops turn her cottage into their blood-soaked headquarters. Valentin, a quick-talking lawyer, joins the town's 'Dads Army' defenders, crouching in a trench with an AK47. Meanwhile, 21-year-old Sergei grabs a Molotov cocktail and lies in wait for Russian tanks as they push towards Dead Water Bridge. The odds are terrible. But a plan is emerging, and there's a chance it could save not just Voznesensk, but the rest of southern Ukraine. Meanwhile, inside the tanks, an inner battle rages. As Russian officer Igor Rudenko prepares to invade, he has a secret. He is Ukrainian himself.

A gripping work of reportage that tells the story of a pivotal moment in Ukraine's war, this is a real-life thriller about ordinary people facing extraordinary circumstances with resilience, humour and ingenuity.

Now, with an additional chapter for the paperback edition.

**'Extraordinary' - Philippe Sands**

**'Pure truth' - Andrey Kurkov**

ANDREW HARDING is a British journalist and author of two internationally acclaimed non-fiction books, *The Mayor of Mogadishu*, and *These Are Not Gentle People*, which won South Africa's top literary prize. Andrew has been a foreign correspondent for BBC News for three decades, reporting from the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa. He has covered many of the world's conflicts, including the war in Ukraine, and has won numerous awards, including an Emmy.

# How to Save the Amazon

## Ask the People Who Know

Dom Phillips



April 2025  
HB

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Justine Taylor

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Janklow & Nesbit

**A journey deep into the Amazon to show us this most wondrous place on Earth in all its vibrant, fragile, radiant glory.**

*The Book of Trespass* meets *The Uninhabitable Earth*.

Award-winning journalist Dom Phillips was writing *How to Save the Amazon* - a book he conceived as part-travelogue, part call to arms - when he and his colleague, the indigenous expert Bruno Pereira, were murdered in a remote part of the Amazon.

Dom's urgent, important, and hopeful message has been taken up by a group of contributors committed to preserving his vision for the book: to show why we all have a stake in saving the Amazon, and how we must ask the people who live and work there what needs to be done.

Before his death, Dom Phillips lived in Brazil for 14 years, visiting and reporting on the Amazon. He saw first hand the devastation wreaked upon its unique ecosystems. He was a passionate campaigner for the survival of the Amazon and wanted to take us to the heart of this great wonder of our planet, showing the myriad of peoples it sustains and the many ways in which we can avert the collapse of this incredible ecosystem. He was working on this book, alongside the indigenous expert Bruno Pereira, when they were murdered on 5 June 2022.

*How to Save the Amazon* remains true to Dom's initial vision, and crucially shows how important it is to listen to the experience and knowledge of the indigenous peoples who inhabit the forest.

DOM PHILLIPS was a highly experienced British freelance journalist. He moved to Brazil in 2007 and wrote extensively for British and American newspapers such as the Guardian and Washington Post.

In June 2022, Dom Phillips and his friend and guide Bruno Pereira were murdered in a remote part of the Amazon while researching this book.

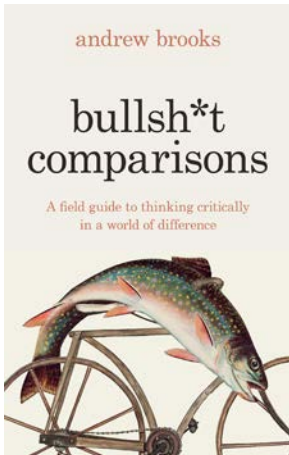
In 2023, *How to Save the Amazon* was awarded a Creative Non-fiction Grant by the Whiting Foundation. It is the first time the grant has been awarded to a multiple-author project in the team of editors and colleagues that are finishing Dom's work in his legacy.



## Bullsh\*t Comparisons

### A Field Guide to Thinking Critically in a World of Difference

Andrew Brooks



March 2024  
HB, 256pp

**World Rights excluding Polish, Spanish and Portuguese**

**Editor:**  
Fritha Saunders

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Available

**US Rights:**  
Footnote Press  
Tantor (audio)

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Red Rock Literary

**A guide to challenge the way you think about the political use and social abuse of the metaphors and metrics that warp our understanding of an unequal world.**

Are electric cars actually greener than petrol ones? Which is the world's most successful university? Is Lisbon the new Barcelona? Should we compare the achievements of younger and older siblings even when we know it damages their self-worth?

We make comparisons every day, but how helpful are they?

Looking across a dazzling range of situations both familiar and unfamiliar, *Bullsh\*t Comparisons* is a ground-breaking examination of the role of comparison in modern society, illuminated by examples spanning from the FIFA World Footballer of the year, to wine-tasting in London, hospital care in Sierra Leone and avocado farming in Colombia.

Challenging us to think critically about the use of comparison through accessible, personal, and often amusing research, Andrew Brooks reveals the uses and abuses of comparisons in a book that isn't like anything else you have read.

This timely book will appeal to readers of *Factfulness* and *Thinking Fast and Slow*.

ANDREW BROOKS is a Senior Lecturer in Development & Environment in the Department of Geography, King's College, London. His latest research has focused on questions of global comparisons as well as the relationships between urban change and the environment. While retaining a deep interest in Africa, his work is increasingly focused on the UK and Portugal.

His work on international development, and especially the fashion sector, has reached international media including *Al Jazeera*, *BBC News*, *CNN*, *The Economist*, *The Guardian*, *Le Monde*, *The New York Times* and *Newsweek*.

## Consumed

### How Big Brands Got Hooked on Plastic and Fought to Feed Their Addiction

Saabira Chaudhuri



May 2025  
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Janklow & Nesbit

**A compelling exposé of big plastic from Wall Street Journal reporter Saabira Chaudhuri.**

Plastic waste is everywhere – it has been found inside human foetuses and is present at the deepest part of our planet, the Mariana Trench – and this ubiquity has fuelled anti-plastic sentiment in recent years. But the backlash against this once miracle material isn't new. In the late 1980s, companies including McDonald's, Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola and Mobil faced a sudden onslaught of pressure to tackle the rubbish created by their products. Millions of Americans were gripped by the fear that landfills were filling up when Mobro, a barge from New York, made national news as it embarked on a months-long odyssey to find a port that would allow it to dock and dump its cargo of waste.

Following the subsequent fallout, consumer brands launched a fierce campaign to prevent the introduction of anti-plastic laws. McDonald's promised its food-stained clamshell containers would be turned into new trays and toys, Mobil said its rubbish bags would degrade and disappear and P&G rhapsodised about how used Pampers would be composted into soil. None of them kept their promises, but the plastic bans went away. Decades on, our planet is increasingly plagued by plastic and brands are rolling out those same 'solutions' to protect the billions of dollars they make using the material.

In a compelling exposé in the vein of *Salt, Sugar, Fat* and *Fast Food Nation*, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Saabira Chaudhuri explores how the biggest brands in the world first got hooked on single-use plastic and what needs to change for them to finally break their addiction.

SAABIRA CHAUDHURI covers consumer goods for the *Wall Street Journal* from London. She has reported for the Journal for over a decade from London and previously New York, and has also worked for *Forbes* magazine, *FastCompany.com* and business newspaper *Mint*. She grew up in Bangalore, graduated magna cum laude with a BA in sociology from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and won the *Wall Street Journal's* Asia fellowship to get a Masters in business and economic reporting from New York University.

# The Blueprint

## Manchester City, the Treble and the Future

Simon Bajkowski



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HB

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SoloSon Media

**The defining insider account of the Pep Guardiola era, the 2023 Treble and the future of the Manchester City footballing project.**

2012. Manchester City have just failed to sign Pep Guardiola, the most sought-after manager in world football. All City can do is watch as he joins Bayern Munich and wins consecutive league titles.

2016. Guardiola is finally courted by City. But his first season at the Etihad will also be his first ever without a trophy. He will be mockingly nicknamed 'Fraudiola', and after drawing the first home game of the new 2017-18 season, he will lock himself in the dressing room, inconsolable.

2018. Manchester City followed that fateful draw with eighteen wins in a row. They will win the Premier League with a record, rampant 100 points - a now legendary 'Centurion' season.

2023. Manchester City have just sealed an historic Treble by winning the Champions League in Istanbul. Pep and Kevin De Bruyne celebrate together on the pitch. The world's most ambitious sporting project has come full circle. History has been made.

Throughout this project, Simon Bajkowski, has been alongside the team in his role as the *Manchester Evening News's* chief MUFC correspondent. He has compiled the definitive book on the team, complete with unrivalled insight and new interviews.

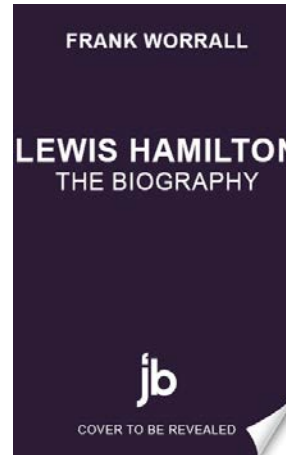
This book is a study in high-performance sporting excellence and elite management. But more than that, it is a true insider's guide to how Manchester City won an unprecedented and historic Treble in 2023, and how a near-perfect footballing machine was built from the ground up. Prepare for *The Blueprint*: a white-knuckle ride through a sporting dynasty the likes of which the game has never seen before.

SIMON BAJKOWSKI joined the Sports Desk of the *Manchester Evening News* in 2013. Simon has been alongside Pep Guardiola since the latter joined Manchester City. Simon has journeyed with the club almost as an insider, and as witness to their modern, superclub iteration.

# Lewis Hamilton

## The Biography

Frank Worrall



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**The biography of the record-breaking seven-time world champion ahead of his bombshell 2025 move to Ferrari.**

After equalling Michael Schumacher's records in both race wins, and world titles, in 2020, Lewis Hamilton became the joint-most successful racing driver of all time - and the most dominant and successful Briton ever to drive in Formula 1.

Hamilton's debut season in 2007 won him fans around the world, and his place in Formula One history was sealed the following year when he became the youngest-ever world champion. In the years since, he has created headlines on and off the track with his rivalries with Nico Rosberg and Sebastian Vettel and relationships that have landed him on the front pages of the tabloids. However, despite the media glare, he has continued to prove his incredible talent and tenacity and remains utterly dominant in his sport.

In early 2024, the bombshell news dropped that Lewis Hamilton has signed with the Ferrari team for the 2025 season, ending his long-term relationship with the Mercedes team.

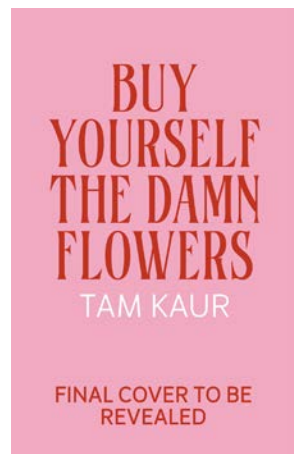
In this insightful biography, bestselling sports author Frank Worrall traces the slipstream of Hamilton's incredible career as the fastest driver on the planet.

This is the ultimate story of the driver who has gone from being the rookie Sir Jackie Stewart said 'has rewritten the rule book' to a world champion seven times over, becoming Britain's greatest ever driver and, arguably, the finest racer Formula One has ever seen.

FRANK WORRALL is a journalist who writes regularly for the *Sunday Times* and *The Sun*. He is also the author of number one bestseller *Roy Keane: Red Man Walking*, and countless football books including *Rooney: Wayne's World*, *Giggys* and *The Magnificent Sevens*.

# Buy Yourself the Damn Flowers

Tam Kaur



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**Social media star Tam Kaur's ultimate guide to radical self-love, helping you find yourself through dating, breakups, bad relationships and more.**

A boyfriend who was very much still in love with his ex?  
CHECK.

Dated a narcissist whose giant gestures of adoration came with control and manipulation?  
CHECK.

Getting together with the popular guy in school, who turned out to be emotionally unavailable?  
CHECK.

After a series of bad relationships, Tam knew things needed to change. She decided to practice self-love: take herself out on dates, buy herself flowers, and spend time doing the things she loves.

This is a practical self-love guide that will help you to learn how to cultivate a deep and lasting love for yourself. Through Tam's experiences, she'll provide advice on how to break free from seeking external validation, feeling unworthy, how to set boundaries, build confidence and so much more.

Ultimately, showing you how the best relationship in life is always the one you have with yourself.

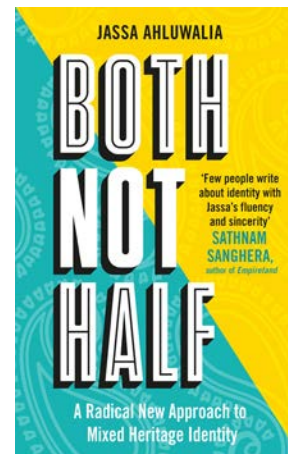
TAM KAUR is a YouTuber and content creator. After going through a tough time in her personal life, Tam started documenting the beginning of her self-love journey online. And after only 2 years of posting and preaching what she is passionate about, she has amassed over 1 million followers across her socials. Through her content, she shares her personal stories and tips around self-worth, self-love, confidence, heartbreaks and dating (especially highlighting the art of solo-dating).



# Both Not Half

A Radical New Approach to Mixed Heritage Identity

Jassa Ahluwalia



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**A groundbreaking and revolutionary look at the mixed-heritage experience by actor and filmmaker Jassa Ahluwalia.**

In 2019, Jassa Ahluwalia went viral with a comedy video of himself speaking Punjabi, a language he has spoken since childhood by virtue of his mixed British-Indian heritage. In an attempt to articulate his sense of self to viewers confused by his white appearance, he originated the hashtag #BothNotHalf - a rewording and a reimagining of mixed identity.

This story became the focus of his 2020 TEDx talk and his BBC One documentary *Am I English?* in 2022. *Both Not Half* has since evolved into a rallying cry for a new and inclusive future, a campaign for belonging in a divided world.

**"Few people write about identity with Jassa's fluency and sincerity. He has been thinking about these issues for half a lifetime, and it shows in everything he does, including his writing. What I've seen of his book has made me rethink a bunch of things I thought I had set opinions on, and I've no doubt that the final book will be revelatory. I can't wait to read it." - Sathnam Sanghera, author of EMPIRELAND**

JASSA AHLUWALIA is a British actor, writer and filmmaker. Born in Coventry, raised in Leicester, he came to prominence as loveable badboy Rocky in the hit BBC Three series *Some Girls*, followed by starring roles in *Unforgotten*, *Ripper Street*, and *Peaky Blinders*. Jassa is the creator of the hashtag #BothNotHalf, which he uses to explore mixed identity and his own British-Indian heritage. His TEDx talk has clocked up over 160k views and his BBC One documentary - *Am I English?* - won an Asian Media Award in 2022.



# Will I Ever Have Sex Again?

## A Disarmingly Honest and Funny Exploration of Sex (and Those Who Aren't Having it)

Sofie Hagen



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An exploration of the sexual landscape by comedian and TV-personality Sofie Hagen.

Comedian and co-founder of *The Guilty Feminist* podcast Sofie Hagen has not had sex in 3,000 days (and counting). And it turns out, she's not the only one.

In attempting to find out why we're not having the sex we want, Sofie asks the questions: can we blame a lacking sex education? Is it all just sexual trauma? Where's the radical sexual liberation we were promised? What are we going to do about this? Should she have slept with that guy in that bush that one time? How do you overcome being a 35 year-old virgin (when it comes to queer sex, that is)? How do the socially awkward and the neurodiverse have sex?

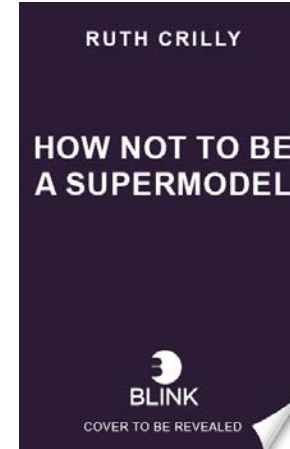
In *Will I Ever Have Sex Again?* Sofie Hagen explores the quirks and difficulties of being 'involuntary celibate' (but one of the feminist, progressive ones) through introspection and conversations with experts, therapists, sex workers, porn stars, comedians and public figures.

SOFIE HAGEN is a multi-award-winning London-based Danish stand-up comedian, podcaster (co-founder of *The Guilty Feminist*) and influencer. Her first book, *Happy Fat*, was published in 2019 by 4th Estate.



# How Not To Be A Supermodel

Ruth Crilly



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Imagine being a model in the heady noughties, travelling all over the world, your face on billboards everywhere.

As Miranda Priestley might say, 'a million girls would kill for this job': well, Ruth Crilly is here to tell you why that might not quite be true.

You may not know Ruth Crilly's name, but chances are you have spotted her face, particularly if you were fond of an Oxford Street shopping spree in the early noughties.

Modelling then was very different to modelling now: there was no reality TV, no aesthetics industry or innovative plastic surgery techniques with which to 'launch' a modelling career that mainly plays out on the squares of Instagram and TikTok. There were no press trips to five star hotels along with mini shoots at said hotels and contractual obligations to post. There were no talent managers, no brand managers, no reputational managers.

Instead, there was the apocryphal legend of Kate Moss, scouted in Gatwick airport and rocketed to worldwide superstardom, meaning that it was totally fine and normal for strangers to approach young women outside the Oxford Circus Topshop, waving a polaroid camera and claiming to be a model scout.

This is *Bridget Jones* meets the *Devil Wears Prada* as told by a mix of Marina Hyde and Bryony Gordon: an insider's nostalgic look at how we used to treat the people judged good looking enough to sell us things, and whether we have learnt anything at all (spoiler! NO, we have not).

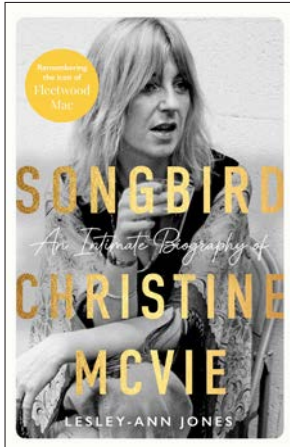
RUTH CRILLY is a ridiculously hard-working entrepreneur and content creator with over 20 years' experience in the beauty and skincare industry, whose expert tips and tricks and comic short videos are loved by over 650,000 followers online. Once upon a time, she also happened to be one of the most recognisable faces in the modelling world.



# Songbird

## An Intimate Biography of Christine McVie

Lesley-Ann Jones



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**A true insider's view, and deep psychological insight into Christine as both a woman and a musician - the first, the only, the ultimate picture of a rock legend.**

Christine McVie - born Christine Perfect - was the quintessentially English rock star, as both the backbone and the beating heart of Fleetwood Mac.

Straddling the band's incarnations to achieve global fame alongside Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood, Lindsey Buckingham and John McVie, the classic line-up, she wrote and performed many of their greatest hits.

As famous for their occasionally life-threateningly decadent lifestyles as for their musical brilliance, they were held together by this strong, constant figure whom they dubbed 'the mother' of the band. It was Christine who contained the flock, regrouped them when they went AWOL, focused and blended their talents and always got them back on track.

And yet, as the 'engine' of the band during their Rumours era - an album which charted the complete romantic disintegration within the band - Christine's personal life was every bit as tempestuous as those of her bandmates, weathering affairs, divorce, addiction and fiery passion, all of which bled into her now iconic song-writing.

Told by a Sunday Times bestselling author who herself was friends with Christine, and with new contributions from those who knew her best, *Songbird* offers a true insider's view of a rock legend.

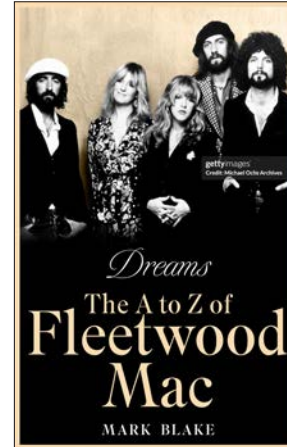
LESLEY-ANN JONES is an acclaimed biographer, novelist, broadcaster and keynote speaker. She is the bestselling author of *Bohemian Rhapsody: The Definitive Biography of Freddie Mercury*, *Hero: David Bowie*, and *Ride a White Swan: The Lives & Deaths of Marc Bolan*. A childhood friend of David Bowie, Lesley-Ann has interviewed many of the world's best-loved artists, including Paul McCartney, Madonna and Prince, often forming lifelong friendships with her subjects.



# Dreams

## The A to Z of Fleetwood Mac

Mark Blake



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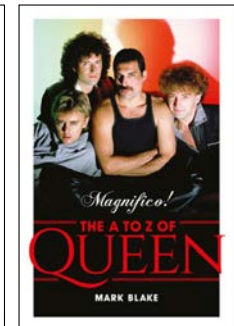
**An 'A to Z' biography of one of the best bands of all time by acclaimed journalist Mark Blake.**

Fleetwood Mac have had a chart-topping career that spans over fifty years and includes some of the biggest-selling albums and greatest hits of the 20th and 21st centuries. But the band's story is one of enormous triumph and also unimaginable tragedy. There has never been a band in the history of music riven with as much romantic drama, sexual tension and incredible highs and lows as Fleetwood Mac.

*Dreams* is a must-read for casual Fleetwood Mac fans and die-hard devotees alike. In the unique 'A to Z' format, consisting of mini-biographies, observations and essays, Mark Blake explores all eras of the Fleetwood Mac story to explore what it is that has made them one of the most successful bands in history.

Blake draws on his own exclusive interviews with Mick Fleetwood, Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham and the late Peter Green and Christine McVie, and addresses the complex human drama at the heart of the Fleetwood Mac story, including the complicated relationships between the band's main members, but he also dives deep into the towering discography that the band have built over the past half-century.

MARK BLAKE is an acclaimed music journalist and author. Former assistant editor of Q magazine and long-time contributor to *Mojo*, Blake has written for many high-profile publications including *Rolling Stone* and *Billboard*. Blake has edited and contributed to titles about Freddie Mercury, Keith Richards and punk music. He has also worked on official projects for Queen, Pink Floyd, the Who and the Jimi Hendrix estate.



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## Karma

### Boy George

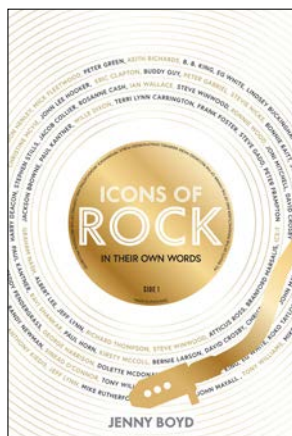
The definitive autobiography from music icon, Boy George – the Grammy, Brit and Ivor Novello award-winning lead singer of Culture Club.

The UK's 3rd top music autobiography of 2023

Boy George has led a colourful life, to say the least, with his androgynous look making him the poster boy of a counter culture and of the glam rock generation, becoming a LGBTQ+ icon along the way. Controversial and unapologetic, he was part of the New Romantic movement that started in the late 1970s/early 80s, birthing other stars like Marilyn and Steve Strange who were equally influenced by glam rock pioneers like David Bowie and Marc Bolan.

Now, Boy George is telling his story in full for the very first time - from the early days of his music career in the 70s and 80s, through the hedonism of the 80s and 90s, through to the resurgence he's enjoying in present-day, *Karma* promises to be an illuminating read that holds no punches and lifts the lid on Boy George's crazy transatlantic life and career through the decades.

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## Icons of Rock

### In their Own Words

### Jenny Boyd

A frank and honest look at the experiences of some of rock's finest musicians.

A book that presents the deepest, innermost thoughts from some of the industry's most legendary musicians on not only how they create, but what drives their creative process. Have you ever wondered how your favourite rock stars get inspired and write a song? How an album is put together? What made them choose a life devoted to music?

Written and compiled by Jenny Boyd, who has lived at the heart of the rock world since the 1960s and experienced many of its most iconic moments, the book contains interviews with each musician to give the reader a compelling and groundbreaking insight into the creative process at the heart of each rock star's musical success. From Eric Clapton to Mick Fleetwood, Joni Mitchell to George Harrison, this is a bible of rock royalty that provides an intimate portrait of their craft.

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## Searching for Dexys

### Midnight Runners

### The Last Gang in Town

### Nige Tassell



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Nige Tassell dons his detective deerstalker to track down members past and present of one of the sharpest, most unlikely, most beloved musical gangs of all time, Dexys Midnight Runners.

In the early 1980s, the pop charts were dominated by musicians tarted up in Day-Glo colours, who fought it out for coverage on our TV screens and magazine pages. Dexys Midnight Runners did things differently. They were surly. They were serious. They were ambitious, but success had to come on their terms. They were a disciplined outfit, a gang with a defined purpose: to make music so pure that it couldn't fail to elicit a deep emotional response from anyone within earshot.

And they managed it. This motley crew - in woolly hats and donkey jackets for their first coming; all dungarees and copious body hair for the second - gate-crashed the charts, scoring number-one hits around the globe. But being in Dexys wasn't all sunshine and roses. Many members came, many members went. Some returned unexpectedly as being part of this particular gang was a way of life; it was everything.

Esteemed journalist and author Nige Tassell employs his skills of detection to go off in search of the dozens of members who - for however brief a period, and to whatever level of success - have been a part of Dexys Midnight Runners. These are the people who gave the band its sound, its soul, its substance. But whatever happened to them?

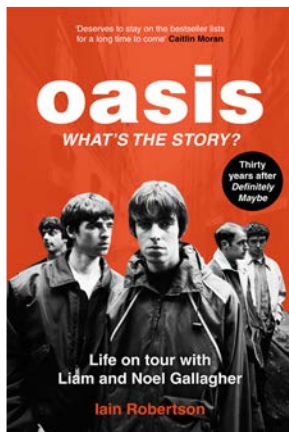
For the past twenty-five years, NIGE TASSELL has written about music, popular culture and sport for a range of titles, including *The Word*, *The Guardian*, *the Sunday Times*, *The Independent*, *Q*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Rouleur*, *the New Statesman* and *The Blizzard*. *Whatever Happened to the C86 Kids?* was published in 2022 to great acclaim.

# Oasis: What's the Story?

## Life on Tour with Liam and Noel Gallagher

### Iain Robertson

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Thirty years on from the all-conquering **Definitely Maybe** album, read the true story of the birth of Oasis and life on the road with Liam and Noel from their tour manager.

Oasis were a band like bands used to be. Hard-drinking and substance abusing. If they liked you, they loved you. If they didn't, you had to be prepared for confrontation.

Iain Robertson is used to tough jobs - after retiring from the Parachute Regiment, he took on jobs guarding George Harrison, Gary Moore and Johnny Rotten. But keeping Oasis on the rails after debut album *Definitely Maybe* ignited their rise toward global superstardom would be the toughest gig of them all.

Oasis would explode into public consciousness and have the world at their feet in the wake of their epic first album and a huge world tour. Iain was side-by-side as their road manager and minder, twenty-four hours a day, eight days a week, as they took on the world and won. No one was closer. His story is the defining chronicle of life on tour with Oasis.

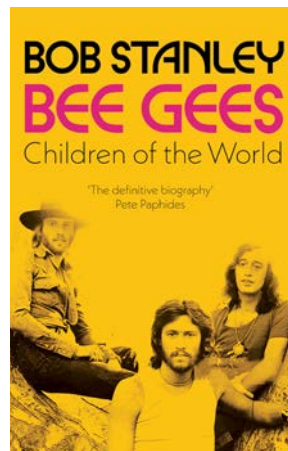
IAIN ROBERTSON's career has continued to be just as diverse; he co-runs a property business and is a part-time fireman.

# Bee Gees

## Children of the World

### Bob Stanley

NINE  
EIGHT  
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A compelling and unique biography of one of the best-selling bands of all time, told with synapse-rattling insight by renowned pop scholar Bob Stanley.

The world is full of Bee Gees fans. Yet, for a band of such renown, little is known about Barry, Maurice and Robin Gibb. Weren't two of them twins? Didn't one of them marry Lulu? Where does Andy fit into the Gibb family tree? And why did they storm out of that interview?

This book is the perfect route in, pulling together every fascinating strand to tell the story of a group with the imagination of the Beatles, the pop craft of ABBA, the drama of Fleetwood Mac and the emotional heft of the Beach Boys.

Uniquely, the Bee Gees' tale spans the entire modern pop era - they are the only group to have scored British top-ten singles in the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s - and includes world-conquering disco successes like 'Stayin' Alive' and 'More Than a Woman', both from the soundtrack of hit film *Saturday Night Fever*.

An extraordinary career with its highs and lows, Bob Stanley captures the human story at the heart of the Bee Gees in this stylish and lyrical read.

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**'Bob Stanley's definitive book is a nuanced exploration of a group that was praised and mocked in equal measure.'** - *Washington Post*

**A Times Book of the Year**

**A Classic Pop Book of the Year**

**A Telegraph Book of the Year**

**A Shindig Book of the Year**

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**A Mojo Music Book of the Year**

BOB STANLEY is a musician, journalist, author, film producer and pop historian. He is a member of the group Saint Etienne, which he co-founded in 1990, and has also enjoyed success as a music journalist, writing for the *NME*, *Melody Maker*, *Mojo*, *The Guardian* and *The Times*. He is a regular contributor to TV music documentaries, most notably for the BBC and Sky Arts, and has a parallel career as a DJ, producer of record labels and compilation archivist.



# 1984

## The Year Pop Went Queer

Ian Wade



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**1984: the year mainstream pop took gay subculture overground.**

In 1984, pop came out of the closet – even if not all of the artists felt that they could – and, in the process, charted the course of the rest of the decade.

Writer and musician Ian Wade charts where these artists, including Queen, George Michael, David Bowie, Pet Shop Boys, Frankie Goes to Hollywood and Madonna – who all enjoyed chart success in 1984 – were during that epoch-making year.

This book will study the impact these groundbreaking musicians had before, during and after on the gay community and popular culture, and it will demonstrate how they were able to break down barriers, raise consciousness and set in motion the first nascent ripples in a pond that are still being felt today.

As a backdrop, *1984: The Year Pop Went Queer* will explore the strides made in the name of the cause and how the wider surrounding culture reacted with equal parts glee, bafflement and disgust.

IAN WADE is a writer, musician and pop music fan. He has written for a variety of *Classic Pops* specials, *The Quietus*, *MusicOMH*, *Official Charts* and *The Guardian*, as well as doing time for *Smash Hits* and *The Face* many years ago. He's also DJed at Spiritland, BFLF and Soho Radio.



# Freaks Out!

## Weirdos, Misfits and Deviants – The Rise and Fall of Righteous Rock ‘n’ Roll

Luke Haines



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**Luke Haines – the outsider artist par excellence – turns his caustic eye to the rise and fall of alternative rock ‘n’ roll heroes.**

This book is for the freaks.

*Freaks Out!* will chronologically explain how ‘freaks’ infiltrated modern culture – and almost won the rock ‘n’ roll wars – only to lose to the rise of Cool Britannia and TV ‘talent’ shows that turned the strange and the outsiders into fodder for laughter.

Telling the story of pivotal freaks (Johnnie Ray, Gene Vincent, Hank Marvin, Syd Barrett, the Incredible String Band, Big Youth) through the prism of rock ‘n’ roll, as well as through wider culture (Cathars, the Ranters, Richard Dadd, Lenny Bruce, Timothy Leary, Hells Angels, Yippies), Luke Haines’ writing is the perfect mix of in-depth music knowledge, personal anecdotes and fascinating memoir.

This is the ultimate celebration of freakdom.

LUKE HAINES is a London-based writer, visual artist, singer-songwriter and founder member of the *Auteurs* and *Black Box Recorder*. In 1993, the debut *Auteurs* album, *New Wave*, lost the Mercury Music Prize by one vote to *Suede*. Luke has never quite got over this.

He writes a regular monthly column for *Record Collector* and is the author of two critically acclaimed autobiographical books: *Bad Vibes* (2009) and *Post Everything* (2011).

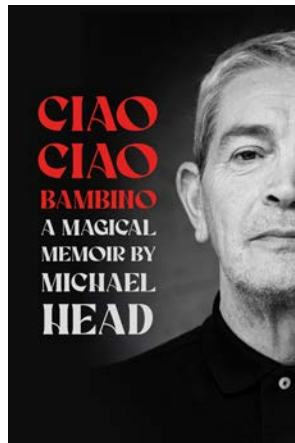




# Ciao Ciao, Bambino!

## A Magical Memoir

Michael Head



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**The life story of Michael Head, a man who the NME once described as 'our greatest songwriter'.**

For over forty years, Michael Head has been creating inspirational music that is rooted in the streets of Liverpool. He formed *Pale Fountains* with his friend Chris McCaffrey in the early 1980s, and then after McCaffrey tragically died from a brain tumour, he went on to create *Shack* with his brother John. But during a career that has been beset with tragedy, addiction, loss and bad luck, Head has continued to create exceptional music - and in 2022 he had his biggest commercial success with Red Elastic Band's *Dear Scott*.

This is Head's story. It is a story of growing up in Liverpool, of thwarted dreams, self-sabotage, chronic substance abuse, homelessness and brushes with death. It is also a story of an under-appreciated genius, of transcendental songs and the healing power of art and music and family and love.

Told in his own poetic voice, this is a man who walked barefoot over broken glass for forty years before the world caught up with what the faithful already knew: this man is Britain's greatest songwriter.

MICHAEL HEAD is a singer-songwriter from Liverpool. He founded the band *Pale Fountains* with his friend Chris McCaffrey in the 1980s and after the tragic death of McCaffrey went on to form *Shack* with his brother John and Pete Wilkinson. In the 1990s he befriended Arthur Lee and went on to support his band *Love* on their European tour.

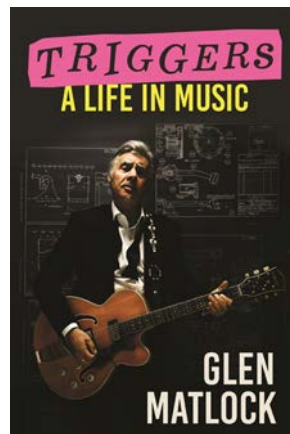
After *Shack* split, Head endured a period of addiction and homelessness before signing to London Records. He went on to later sign for Noel Gallagher's Sour Mash label before forming the *Red Elastic Band*. He has released nine studio albums with four different bands, the most recent of which *Dear Scott* reached number six in the UK album charts.



# Triggers

## A Life in Music

Glen Matlock



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**The story of Sex Pistols bassist Glen Matlock, as told in his own words via thirty songs.**

A fascinating new book charting the life and career of *Sex Pistols* legend Glen Matlock through the lens of thirty of his most formative songs - from the ones that influenced him as a child to the ones he wrote and played on as a star.

Sharing insider tales of the *Sex Pistols'* earliest gigs and stormiest reunions, as well as their most idiosyncratic inter-band dynamics, *Triggers* offers a vivid insight into the ultimate icons of punk. Yet, having performed and recorded with so many musical luminaries over the decades, Glen also reflects on his time with the likes of Iggy Pop, David Bowie, *The Faces*, Blondie, *Primal Scream* and many more, bookending his account with two 'winters of discontent': 1976 and 2022.

This is the story of an outspoken, uncompromising man and remarkable, game-changing musician.

GLEN MATLOCK is the legendary former bass player and songwriter in the *Sex Pistols*. He is credited with co-writing 10 of the 12 tracks on their sole studio album *Never Mind The Bollocks*. He left the band in 1977 and formed the *Rich Kids* with Midge Ure, enjoying chart success with their 1978 *Rich Kids* single.

Matlock has been involved in all three subsequent *Sex Pistols* reunions tours, the last of which took place in 2007 before relations with singer John Lydon once again broke down. In 2023 Matlock released his sixth solo album *Consequences Coming* and has joined Blondie for their forthcoming album and tour.





# The Closest Thing to Crazy

## My Life of Musical Adventures

Mike Batt



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The extraordinary life story of songwriter and composer Mike Batt, the man who has written multi-million selling hits for and with Art Garfunkel and Katie Melua, on the 50th anniversary since he shot to fame as part of the Wombles.

Described variously as a 'polymath', a 'renaissance man' and 'one of the most colourful characters in the music business', Mike Batt has led an extraordinarily vibrant and challenging life that has been full of both glorious victories and bitter failures.

For better or for worse, he is a man who has always lived life on his own terms. Idiosyncratic but mainstream, complicated but compassionate, steadfastly maverick in spirit but avowedly commercial in outlook. He is a man of great contradictions, but even greater talent.

After starting out in the music business as a teenager, Batt shot to fame in the early 1970s for his part in the creation of the Wombles. But this success proved to be just the beginning as Batt then went on to work with various artists as a songwriter and producer, including Art Garfunkel, George Harrison, Cliff Richard, Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Katie Melua.

This is a book which combines honest self-examination with a zest for adventure and achievement. Featuring cameos from some of the biggest stars in the business from Paul McCartney to Prince, Batt takes us not only on the rocky (and classical) journey of his life but also on a tour around the inside of his head.

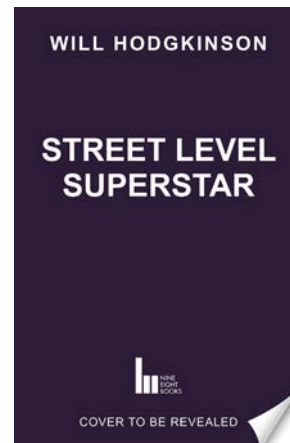
MIKE BATT is a singer-songwriter, producer and composer. He has been making hit records for more than fifty years. He is best known for the part he played in the creation of the Wombles in the early 1970s, but has since created music with and for Art Garfunkel, David Essex, Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Katie Melua.



# Street Level Superstar

## A Year with Lawrence

Will Hodgkinson



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A year in the life of Lawrence, the most singular musical genius that never hit the big time.

Lawrence never gave up hope that he would write the song that made the whole world sing, marry Kate Moss and live happily ever after.

Of course, it didn't quite work out that way, but with a loyal cult following, a new group and album to his name, an ever growing coterie of famous fans from Jarvis Cocker to Mark Kermode and Charlie Brooker, a BFI released documentary, and a Maverick Award from Q magazine - you can never write off Lawrence.

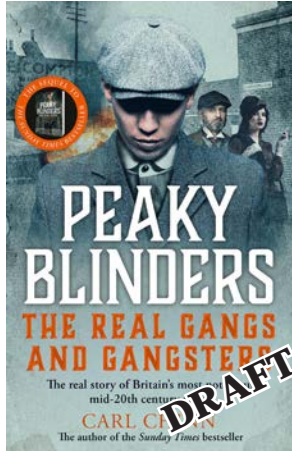
Bestselling author, friend and confidante Will Hodgkinson has shadowed Lawrence for a year - in the studio, on the road, in his eccentrically under-furnished flat - and has explored who this great artist is, what makes him tick, how he got here and how he almost didn't.

This is the ultimate outsider artist story about the greatest outsider artist the UK has ever produced.

WILL HODGKINSON is author of the music books *Guitar Man*, *Song Man*, *The Ballad of Britain* and *In Perfect Harmony*. He is a regular contributor to *The Guardian*, *Mojo* and *Vogue* and presented the Sky Arts television series *Songbook*. Since 2010, he has been chief rock and pop critic for *The Times*.

# Peaky Blinders: The Real Gangs and Gangsters

Carl Chinn



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From the Sunday Times number 1 bestselling series, this new account offers up a fresh perspective on the Birmingham gangs pre-1914.

Taking a thematic approach, the fourth title in the series intends to delve far more deeply into the crimes as well as the political issues at the heart of this pre-war period.

Focusing on the historical backstreet gangs of Birmingham before 1914, Carl Chinn will delve more deeply into the worst peaky blinders. These are the real gangs whose bloody feuds, murders and maiming, baiting of police officers, gendered violence, indiscriminate bullying, blackmailing of publicans and music hall managers, and disturbing roles in political riots and racist attacks made Birmingham infamous as the city of the Peaky Blinders.

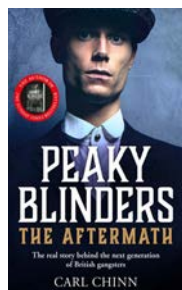
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PROFESSOR CARL CHINN MBE Ph.D. is a social historian with a national profile, writer, public speaker, and teacher. An off-course bookmaker himself until 1984, he is the son and grandson of illegal bookmakers in Sparkbrook, and the great-grandson of a peaky blinder, whilst his mother's family were factory workers in Aston. His writings are deeply affected by his family's working-class background and life in the back-to-backs of Birmingham and he believes passionately that history must be democratised because each and every person has made their mark upon history and has a story to tell.

# The Hitler Bloodline

Uncovering the Fuhrer's Secret Family

David Gardner



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The astounding story of the quest to find the living descendants of the most monstrous tyrant in history - Adolf Hitler.

Adolf Hitler was one of six children born to his mother, and one of eight born to his father from two of his three marriages. Alois Hitler, né Schicklgruber, was an official of the Austrian customs service, and the combination of an imperial uniform and a severe drinking habit seems to have ensured that Hitler's father was a drunken bully given to beating his children if they were not instantly obedient.

Alois had two children, Alois junior and Angela, by his second wife, and six by his third, Hitler's mother Clara, of whom four, all boys, died at birth or in infancy. Young Adolf was therefore left with a half-brother, Alois, and half-sister, Angela, and a full sister, Paula, who died in 1960. When Hitler killed himself in April 1945, all his siblings were still living and some had children of their own. So, what happened to them?

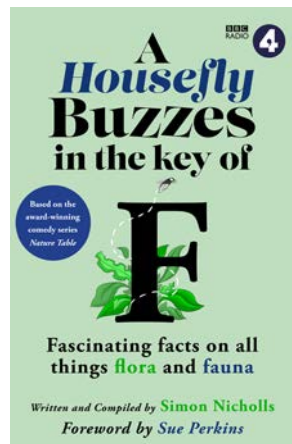
The answer is that no one was really certain until David Gardner published this book in 2001, having patiently and steadfastly tracked down Hitler's living relations to the USA, and made contact with some of them. Now revised and updated, this is a fascinating study of a little-known side of Hitler's history, as well as a riveting account of how the author traced and contacted the survivors of a bloodline that most of the world probably hoped had become extinct.

DAVID GARDNER is a best-selling author and journalist, who worked as an editor with *Newsweek* until 2021. He also worked for the Daily Mail as a crime writer and senior foreign correspondent. He moved to California as the Mail's Los Angeles correspondent, which saw him cover four presidential elections and all the biggest US stories of the past two decades and worked until recently as the London Evening Standard's US correspondent. His most recent book, *9/11: The Conspiracy Theories* was a Sunday Times bestseller. His other books include *The Tom Hanks Enigma* and *Conspiracy: Legends*.

# A Housefly Buzzes in the Key of F

Fascinating Facts on All Things Flora and Fauna

BBC Studios



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A popular science book about the natural world filled with fascinating facts, big jokes and entertaining anecdotes.

Did you know that a cockroach can live for a week without its head, before dying of starvation?

Did you know that slugs have four noses? So, if you thought that couldn't get more disgusting, now imagine them with a cold.

The natural world is an amazing, compelling and funny place: a place where fact is always more staggering - and often funnier - than fiction. Based on BBC Radio 4's popular science and comedy series *Nature Table*, and with an introduction from the show's presenter, Sue Perkins, this vibrant new book is a celebration of the astonishing everyday occurrences that happen right under our noses.

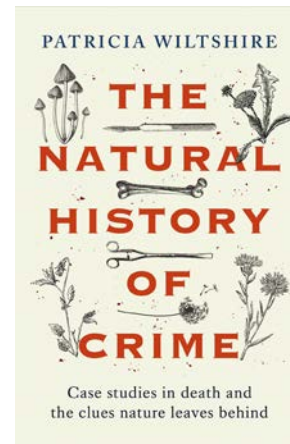
Split into sections exploring everything from nature's High Achievers, Chatterbox Plants and Wonder Women to Master Builders, True Romance and Power Plants, Simon Nicholls delves into the hidden, hilarious and downright weird world of our planet's extraordinary flora and fauna.

If you want to learn how maggots have been used to successfully prosecute murders, why raw broccoli's bitter taste is their attempt to poison us or the secrets of the elaborate, synchronised mating dance of the albatross, then focus your binoculars and get spotting this collection of fascinating facts, big jokes, fun games and entertaining anecdotes.

# The Natural History of Crime

Case Studies in Death and the Clues Nature Leaves Behind

Patricia Wiltshire



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Working at the interface of where the criminal and natural world interact, Patricia shows us how she finds the answers to some of the worst crimes imaginable.

*'I love puzzles, and finding answers is the only truly enjoyable part of what I do.'*

Professor Patricia Wiltshire is a forensic ecologist, her days spent at crime scenes collecting samples, standing over dead bodies in a mortuary, or looking down her microscope for evidence. Nature has given us a messy, imperfect world, but her job is to help make sense of it when we need it the most.

A pioneer of forensic ecology - using the natural world to help solve crimes - Patricia has been involved in some of the most high-profile murder cases. Not only does she help the police solve crimes and give answers to the most bemusing circumstances, she can help to exonerate the innocent and enable confessions from the guilty.

How do you find justice for a mother who has lost her daughter in the most horrific of circumstances? How does she face the very worst of humanity's crimes, and the weight of responsibility to the victims and those they leave behind?

Through a study of her most infamous cases, we join Patricia in putting the puzzle together, teasing the evidence out of her cases - 'a garden came out of his hair' - and showing us all how life and death have always been, and always will be, intertwined.

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Professor PATRICIA WILTSHIRE has worked on over 300 criminal cases across the UK, including some of the highest profile cases of the past 25 years. A leading voice in forensic science, she has worked with every police force in the UK on cases involving rape, murder, abduction, neglect, and searching for graves and hidden remains.





## How to Catch a Killer

Dr Angela Gallop and Chris Gregg



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An extensive investigation of many of Britain's most famous murder cases, from the UK's pre-eminent forensic scientist Dr Angela Gallop and the highly acclaimed former DCI and Head of CID for West Yorkshire Police, Chris Gregg.

However gifted a particular forensic scientist or police officer might be, crimes are solved by teams, not individuals. In this unique and fascinating book, world-renowned forensic scientist Dr Angela Gallop and highly acclaimed former Detective Chief Superintendent and Head of CID for West Yorkshire Police Chris Gregg provide intriguing insights into some of the many cases they have helped to solve as well as looking at other high-profile cases where their individual skills could have saved time - and lives.

For the first time Chris and Angela have come together to share their bespoke perspectives on the art and science of policing. They will look at various areas of law enforcement and consider how best their own expertise was - or could have been - deployed.

A joint venture by two leading proponents in the international fight against serious crime. One representing the views, the history and the procedures of the police. The other representing the peak achievements of forensic science.

Two voices. Two areas of expertise. One goal: to catch a killer . . .

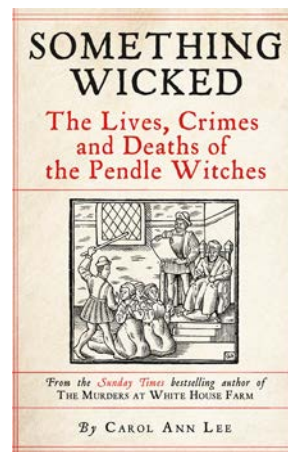
DR ANGELA GALLOP began her career as a biologist at the government's Forensic Science Service before going on to form her own company. Angela's findings helped solve the murders of young London mother Rachel Nickell, 'God's banker' Roberto Calvi, and south London school boys Damilola Taylor and Stephen Lawrence, as well as the so-called 'Pembrokeshire' murders (as seen on TV).

CHRIS GREGG was a Detective Chief Superintendent and head of the Homicide and Major Enquiry Team of West Yorkshire Police, the sixth largest force in the UK. During a 34 year career his cases included those of the Yorkshire Ripper; 'sexual sadist' and murderer of schoolgirl Leanne Tiernan, John Taylor; and the UK's most prolific murderer, Dr Harold Shipman. He also brought to justice John Humble, the infamous Ripper Hoaxer responsible for delaying the real Ripper's capture by two years.

## Something Wicked

The Lives, Crimes and Deaths of the Pendle Witches

Carol Ann Lee



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Before Salem, there was Pendle. Undertake the spellbinding journey into the dark heart of England's largest and most notorious witch trial.

On 20 August 1612, ten people from Pendle were executed before a vast crowd at Lancaster's Gallows Hill. The condemned and their associates had endured six months of accusations, imprisonment and torture; their treatment was such that one of the group died in Lancaster Castle's dungeons, while awaiting trial.

Today, a thriving tourism industry exists in and around Pendle, the former home of the so-called witches, yet virtually everything we know about the case originates from a single source: Thomas Potts' *Wonderfull Discoverie of Witches*, hurriedly published in 1613 and distinctly skewed in favour of the prosecution. Until now . . .

Sunday Times bestselling author Carol Ann Lee brings an entirely fresh perspective to the story by approaching it as true crime. Having worked in the genre for more than a decade, her research leads to revelatory discoveries, transforming our knowledge of those shadowy figures behind ill-famed names, and the terrible events that befell them.

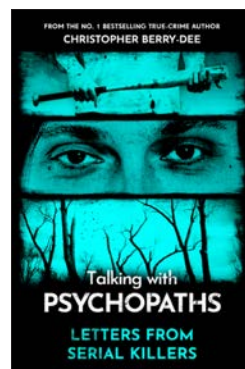
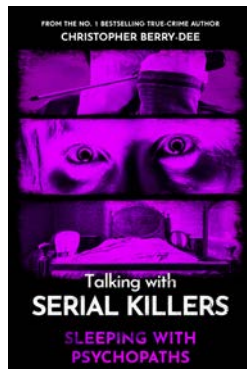
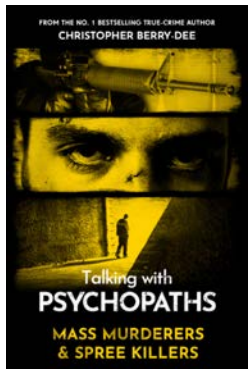
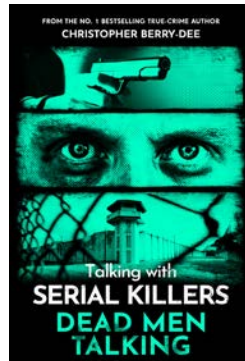
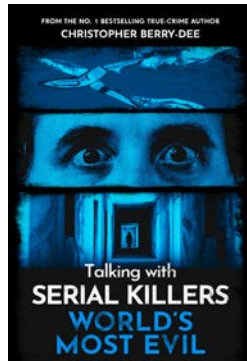
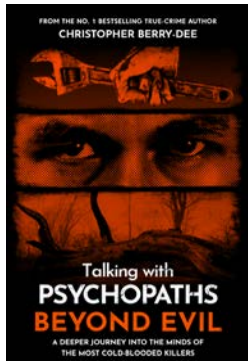
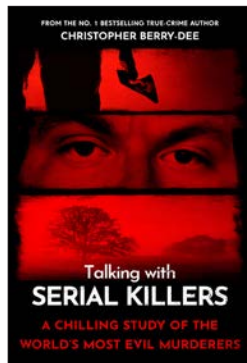
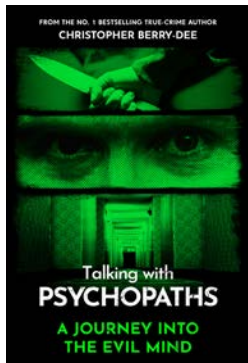
After four centuries of superstition and surmise, the two central, warring families - each headed by a fiercely independent widow working as 'cunning women' - emerge fully formed, as the book uncovers the reality of their lives and their alleged crimes before exploring the trial and executions.

CAROL ANN LEE has written on subjects as wide-ranging as Anne Frank and Ruth Ellis, and specialises in true crime. Her book on Myra Hindley, *One of Your Own*, is the definitive study of both Hindley and the Moors Murders case. Lynda La Plante chose *Somebody's Mother, Somebody's Daughter*, Carol's 2019 book on the victims and survivors of the Yorkshire Ripper, as her 'Book of the Year' in the Christmas edition of *The Big Issue*. *The Murders at White House Farm*, Carol's 2015 book, was optioned for television by New Pictures, and aired on ITV1. *A Passion for Poison* was published by John Blake in 2021.

# Talking With Serial Killers Series

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# Talking With Psychopaths and Savages

Guilty but Insane

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**A study of serial murderers who have attempted to escape justice by entering a plea of insanity - and sometimes succeeded.**

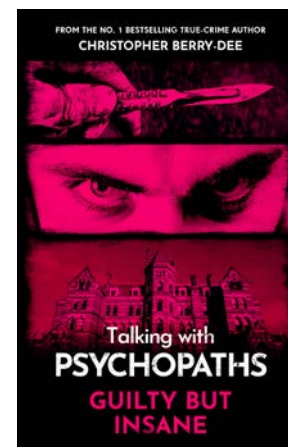
The plea of insanity in criminal cases can be traced back at least to the Babylonian Code of Hammurabi, which dates from 1755-1759 BC. It is a complicated defence, and its origins in modern law lie with what are called the 'M'Naghten Rules' of 1843, formulated by British judges as a jury instruction in cases where a plea of insanity had been entered. Daniel M'Naghten shot and killed one Edward Drummond, believing him to be the British Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, and was acquitted on the grounds of insanity, and the M'Naghten Rules still exert considerable influence over defences today.

Clearly a plea of insanity in murder cases is of critical importance when the death penalty is still applied, and even today it may still be the difference between a life sentence in a high-security prison, or an indeterminate one in a secure psychiatric hospital. Meanwhile, 27 of the USA's 50 states have retained or readopted the death penalty, and at least 54 other countries, including China, Russia, India, Iran and Saudi Arabia, also retain it.

Naturally, a criminal who was liable to swing for murder could, and sometimes did, make every attempt to appear insane, and this book examines some of these cases, as well as trials in which the accused was indeed judged to be insane. The failure rate is high; of seven American serial killers who deployed the defence in their trials, only two were successful, ending their days in secure psychiatric facilities; two were executed, and the other three either died or were killed while serving full-life sentences, or are still in gaol.

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CHRISTOPHER BERRY-DEE is a noted writer and criminologist. He is the UK's No. 1 true-crime author. He does not shy away from visiting prisons to interview some of the most disturbed murderers who are behind bars - gaining their trust and delving into the depths of their minds.



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## Please Save Me

### One Woman's Battle for Love and Hope After Horrific Abuse

Mandy Yousaf with Linda Watson Brown



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**One of the most harrowing child abuse memoirs you'll ever read . . .**

This is a story of the sickening abuse to which a father subjected his daughter, which led to her giving birth to two children conceived from that abuse.

Mandy's father was seen as a pillar of society but no one knew what went on behind closed doors. From the age of 11, he raped his daughter four times a week, like clockwork, forcing himself on her even when she was pregnant. After being dismissed and ignored for years, Mandy finally found someone to believe her and help bring her father to justice.

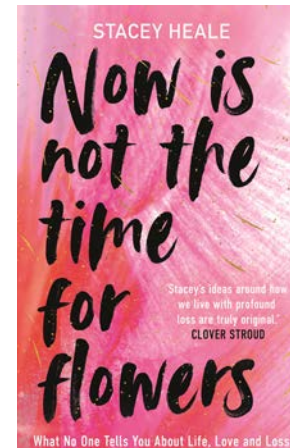
This remarkable woman now tells her story in the hope of shedding light on the horrors so many children endure, as well as exploring the stigma of conception through rape. Hers is a story which will dismay any reader, but one which also offers hope and, ultimately, love.

MANDY YOUSAF was born in Halifax in 1966, the eldest of three sisters. In 1991, her father, Keith Meadows was convicted of sexually abusing her since she was a child. Now in her 50s, Mandy is finally ready to tell her story. She is available for all publicity and will be using her own name.

## Now is Not the Time for Flowers

### What No One Tells You About Life, Love and Loss

Stacey Heale



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**A movingly honest and insightful account of modern womanhood filtered through the lenses of love, desire, loss and grief.**

When Stacey Heale's husband, Greg, was diagnosed with incurable cancer on their daughter's first birthday, it felt like her life as she knew it was drawn to a halt.

Confronted with the end of her relationship and her family as she knew it, Stacey started contemplating the realities of life and death - and the fundamental differences between our expectation and reality.

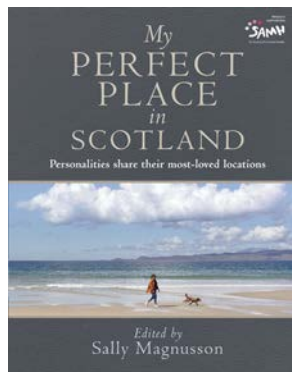
*Now is Not the Time for Flowers* is Stacey's unflinchingly beautiful and honest memoir that addresses the big conversations that imminent death dictates, boldly taking the reader on a journey through the full spectrum of our modern lives and its complexities. Told through the lens of her own life and the death of her husband, Stacey examines the messy and unexpected realities of love, desire, motherhood, death, grief, identity, personal growth and the challenges and questions that our nuanced lives force upon us.

*Now is Not the Time for Flowers* is a powerful call to arms and a new way of looking at life, love and loss.

**'Stacey Heale [...] has such a muscular take on grief, and her ideas around how we live with profound loss are truly original.'**  
- Clover Stroud

STACEY HEALE is a writer, speaker, curator, fashion academic and campaigner who is inspiring radically honest discussions on the lived experience of women, focusing on caring, grief, widowhood and solo parenting. Her 2018 TED talk focused on post-traumatic growth and the power of social media during a personal crisis. In November 2016, Stacey's husband, Delays lead singer Greg Gilbert, was diagnosed with incurable bowel cancer and died in 2021. In that time, she has campaigned for lowering the age of bowel cancer screening in the UK, research into treatments for stage IV cancer patients, access to unfunded drugs on the NHS and the financial rights of widows.





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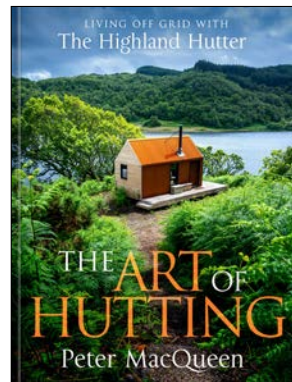
## My Perfect Place in Scotland

Edited by Sally Magnusson

This stunning collection of stories, edited by Sally Magnusson, brings thirty Scottish personalities from all walks of life to their perfect place and showcases the special locations that remind them of loved ones, speak to pivotal moments in life, or simply feed the soul.

Sally Magnusson brings together thirty well-known names together to discuss their most sacred spots, including golfing legend Catriona Matthew, the Duke of Buccleuch, Richard Scott, Chief Social Policy Adviser to the Scottish Government, Linda Bauld and Sue Lawrence, the queen of Scottish baking.

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## The Art of Hutting Living Off-Grid with The Highland Hutter

Peter MacQueen

Peter MacQueen guides readers on how to build their own cosy hut and shows them how he lives off grid in rural Scotland.

Showcasing the country's most beautiful huts and meeting their owners along the way, Peter will guide you on how to build your own cosy hut and develop all the skills needed to live self-sufficiently, making the most out of the Scottish seasons. Readers will learn how to:

- Build a hut, from finding the right piece of land to designing the perfect hut
- Grow a beautiful garden to sustain yourself seasonally
- Chop and store wood, forage, fish and start a fire - and more practical skills to live off the land

The ultimate celebration of living off-grid in your own cosy hideaway, *The Art of Hutting* is the perfect book for every lover of the outdoors.

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## Catherine, the Princess of Wales

A Biography of the Future Queen  
Robert Jobson



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A biography of Catherine Middleton, the commoner turned Duchess who will be Queen.

Kate Middleton's life's story seems like a modern-day fairy-tale.

An attractive, clever, and ambitious girl from unexceptional beginnings meets and falls in love with a wealthy prince destined to be King when they are both university undergraduates. Now, with the British monarchy in transition, Catherine is Princess of Wales and is set to become Queen

Since her wedding on 29 April 2011, Catherine has endeared herself to the people of the UK, the Commonwealth and worldwide on her extensive travels, with her infectious smile, sense of style and down-to-earth nature. Her self-deprecation, willingness to laugh at herself, solid work-ethic - along with her husband, William, warmth, and accessibility - this royal family's dynamic duo have become the most popular members of the Royal Family. But it's not come without its fair share of commentary and scandal, particularly with recent revelations on the relationship of the 'Fab Four' with Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

As interest in the royals continues to gain legions of new, younger fans, there is increasing interest in their histories and back stories of the principal players in this story. This book aims to discover, through talking to close sources both on and off the record within the royal household, what has made Catherine the woman she is today.



April 2023

Dubbed 'the Godfather of royal reporting' by the *Wall Street Journal*, ROBERT JOBSON is Royal Editor of the *London Evening Standard*, Australia's Channel 7 shows *Sunrise* and *The Morning Show*, as well as royal commentator for the ABC network's *Good Morning America*. In the UK he is a regular on BBC, ITV and Sky News. A bestselling author and award-winning correspondent, he has been at the forefront of royal reporting for well over twenty-five years.

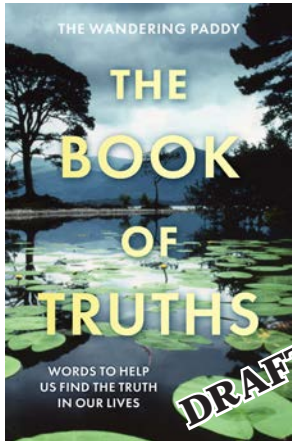




# The Book of Truths

## Words to Help Us Find the Truth in Our Lives

### The Wandering Paddy



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**A beautiful collection that captures the essence of life and how the most challenging, humbling experiences we face can lead us to our own truth.**

The Wandering Paddy, aka Jamie Mooney, has more than 400,000 followers on social media and his unique perspective on life has resonated with people both in his native Ireland and around the world.

As The Wandering Paddy he shares his thoughts and experiences, his challenges in overcoming cancer, his mental health struggles and the invaluable life lessons he has learned and can now pass on.

With a hugely engaged following, including celebrity endorsers from Sharon Stone and Pierce Brosnan to Dawn French and Maia Dunphy, The Wandering Paddy explores Life & Death, Love & Relationships, Identity & Belonging, Nature & Spirituality, Resilience & Hope, sharing his own thoughts on the power of words and the importance of seeking truth in our lives.

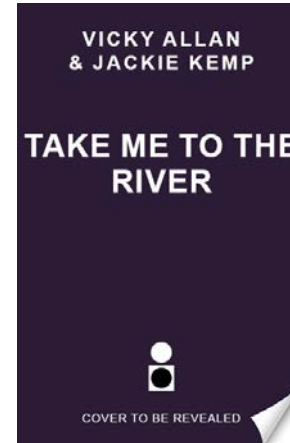
*The Book of Truths* is a collection that captures the essence of what The Wandering Paddy has learned about life, inspiring you towards new ways of appreciating the beauty and fragility of life, showing you how to embrace your own unique journey and make the most of every precious moment. It's all about living and loving with gratitude and compassion and cherishing the time we have together rather than taking it for granted.

THE WANDERING PADDY, aka Jamie Mooney, is an Irish author and voiceover artist from Dublin. After a career in the military, he now has a successful career in IT as well as working on his poetry and writing. Jamie is a cancer survivor, an experience which has had a major impact on his work.



# Take Me to the River

## Vicky Allan & Jackie Kemp



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*Take Me to the River* is an anthology not just of wild swimming writing, but also of stories of how a jump into deep waters can change us. From gentle dips in calm waters to fights for survival in stormy seas and moments of revelation amidst the waves.

Gasp at the cold with Amy Liptrot, marvel at the 19th century sea-cure craze with Jane Austen, be transfixed by Iris Murdoch's monster rising from the waves, slip into the river with Mark Twain.

Learn how to swim with the frogs with John Muir, fight the rapid tide with Lord Byron, let go of everything with Tove Jansson.

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It's a dip into the deep sea of words. Slide in.

VICKY ALLAN is an award-winning journalist and author. A staff writer for the *Herald on Sunday*, her work has also appeared in *The Times*, *Daily Express*, *Vogue*, *GQ*, *The Guardian* and *Scotland on Sunday*. She has won awards for her travel-writing, features writing and for her articles campaigning against violence against women. Her novel *Stray* is currently being adapted as a feature film.

JACKIE KEMP is a freelance writer, based in the Scottish Highlands where she lives with her husband Rob. She has worked as a freelance journalist, writing for the *Scotsman*, the *Herald*, the *National*, and the *Guardian* amongst other titles.

# Another Day, Another Collar

## My Life Training Dogs

Steve Mann



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Funny, moving and wonderful true stories from a life spent with our beloved four-legged friends, from the UK's no. 1 dog trainer.

From the simple joys of owning rescue dogs to handling life-saving riot dogs, Steve Mann has seen and trained them all. Every day, he sees the power of dogs to change lives and help people, in all sorts of ways. Now, for the first time, he shares stories from his wide and varied career.

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You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll hold your dog just that bit closer.

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STEVE MANN, founder of The IMDT (Institute of Modern Dog Trainers), is the author of the UK's number 1 bestselling dog training book. Steve is a world-renowned expert who presents dog training and behaviour seminars worldwide including Europe, South America, Africa and the Middle East.



# The Hebridean Baker at Home

Coinneach MacLeod



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Let the Hebridean Baker whisk you off to his island home. Along with friends and family, he is sharing dishes to fill your home with Hebridean Hygge, alongside stories, songs and secret beauty spots on the island.

The bestselling author of *The Hebridean Baker* and *My Scottish Island Kitchen* is back with a cookbook that does more than just fantastic food. With 75 sumptuous recipes such as Black Pudding Meatballs, Highland Tartiflet and Cranachan Truffles, Coinneach is serving up the very best of the islands, from beaches to bedtime stories as the perfect accompaniment.

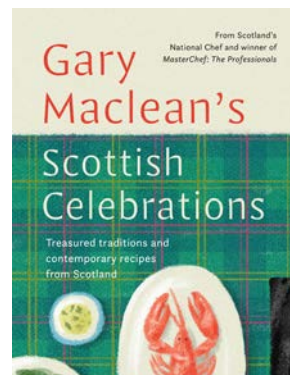
Delight in the folklore, family history, songs and poems that season each chapter, alongside the special guests who showcase the true magic of the islands - its people.

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# Scottish Celebrations

## Treasured Traditions and Contemporary Recipes from Scotland

Gary Maclean



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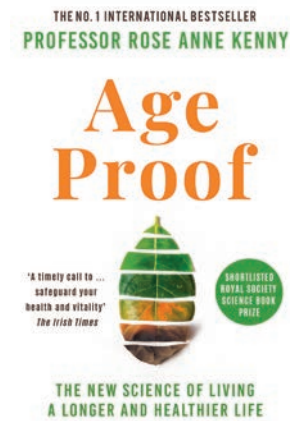
Enjoy a modern twist on Scottish cuisine and indulge in a rich history of family tradition with the nation's chef, Gary Maclean.

Gary Maclean is celebrating the very best in Scottish food and culture - with a few surprising tweaks.

Scotland loves to celebrate an occasion, and it always serves up great food. Covering the most beloved national dishes and local specialities, Scotland's National Chef Gary Maclean takes the reader on a journey through Scotland's culinary calendar, from Burns Night in January to the biggest night of the year, Hogmanay.

From Shetland to the Borders, this book is a perfect resource for readers who wish to celebrate the best of Scotland's traditions, wherever they are in the world.

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## Age Proof

Professor Rose Anne Kenny

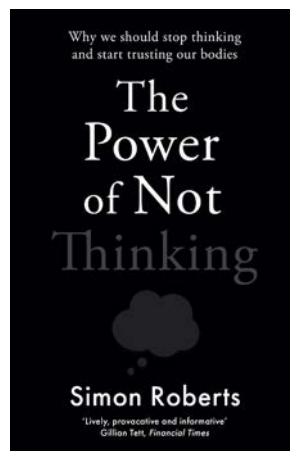
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**A comprehensive and revealing account of aging and how we can live a healthier and longer life from one of the world's leading scientists.**

We all age. But why do some of us live longer than others? Why do we all live twice as long today as our ancestors did 200 years ago?

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## The Power of Not Thinking

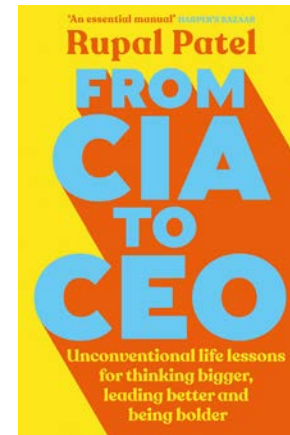
Simon Roberts

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Have you ever held out your hand and used your fingers to remember your pin? Have you ever had a physical response to a decision you have to make? Have you ever forgotten how to ride a bike?

Drawing on his own experience working with some of the world's leading industry experts and looking at a range of real-life examples and cutting-edge science, Roberts explains the various ways in which our body acquires, retains and employs information and why we should learn to trust the instincts that inform the most crucial decisions and actions in our lives. *The Power of Not Thinking* shows why humans are capable of far more than we are currently led to believe. We just have to stop thinking and start trusting our bodies.

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## From CIA to CEO

Rupal Patel

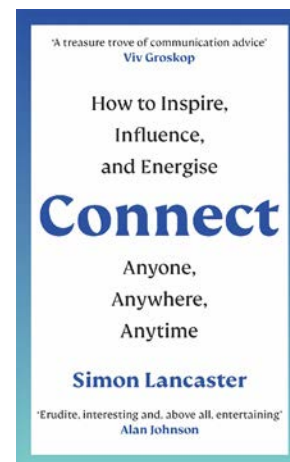
**Unconventional life lessons for thinking bigger, leading better and being bolder.**

Agent-turned-entrepreneur Rupal Patel draws on the unique skills she developed as a female field agent in the high-octane, alpha-male world of the CIA, and combines those insights with her experience as a business leader and mentor. We learn how methods such as Profiling and Situational Awareness help amplify strengths and build resilience. How game-changing new frameworks like Identity Driven Leadership and Personal Energy Mapping instil drive, purpose and conviction.

Full of motivating stories and unique exercises, this will furnish you with the tools for achieving Mission Success.

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## Connect

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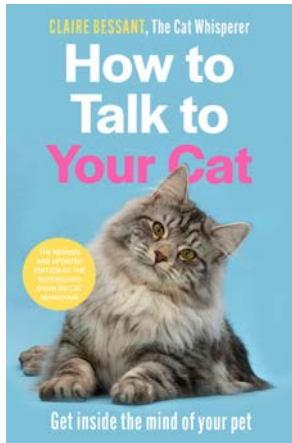
**Communicate for success by making immediate and indelible connections: it's How to Win Friends and Influence People crossed with Talk Like Ted.**

Top speechwriter Simon Lancaster explains that the secret of brilliant communication is all about making connections. Whether in speech or in writing, at a networking event or in an email, at work or at home, the best communicators find ways of connecting with their audiences.

More than that, they are able to connect the personal with the universal, the past with the present, the abstract with the everyday, the visual with the verbal, the moral with the mundane. Like hot-wiring a car, connections are able to bypass logic and access our deepest instincts and emotions, generating an instant neurological reaction.

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## How to Talk to Your Cat

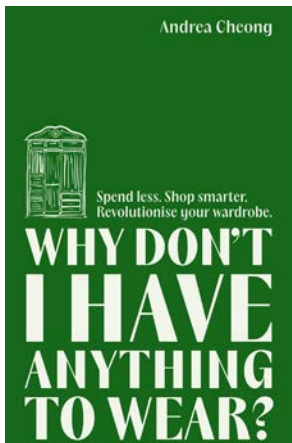
Claire Bessant

A newly updated edition of the bestselling cat behaviour book with over 100,000 copies already sold!

Do you want to understand why your cat does the things it does? Claire Bessant, the original cat whisperer, teaches you how to get inside the mind of your cat.

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## Why Don't I Have Anything to Wear?

Andrea Cheong

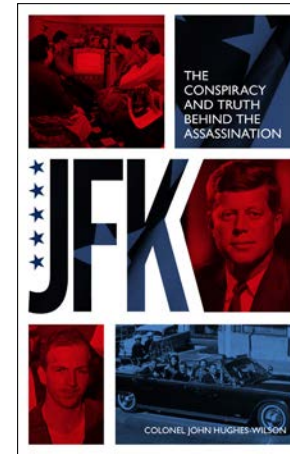
A guide to unlearning the habits that fast fashion and social media have used to condition us and support you to create a wardrobe that works best for you.

Have you ever opened your wardrobe, filled with clothes, and felt you had nothing to wear? Have you ever bought a jumper that only lasted about 5 washes? Have you ever seen images of landfills filled with clothes and wondered how you could make your clothes last as long as possible?

Andrea Cheong will teach you how to break free from damaging shopping patterns, helping you to save money, shop smarter and create a wardrobe that works effectively for you.

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## JFK The Conspiracy and Truth Behind the Assassination

Colonel John Hughes-Wilson

For sixty years, numerous theories have swirled around this key event in American - and world - history. Yet whatever the conclusions of the official Warren Report - that the President had been assassinated by a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald - many people doubt that to be true. Indeed, President Nixon later admitted on tape that the report was 'a hoax committed on the American people.'

John Hughes-Wilson, a former colonel in British Intelligence, has sifted through the millions of words and thousands of pieces of evidence, to put together an intelligence assessment of what really happened that dreadful high noon in Dallas in 1963. John Hughes-Wilson highlights the facts behind why Marilyn Monroe had to be silenced, LBJ's corrupt secrets, the Kennedys' secret Cuban coup plans, how the Mafia manipulated politicians and the CIA, and how the assassination was covered up.



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## Conspiracy The Greatest Cover-ups and Unsolved Mysteries

Ian Shircore

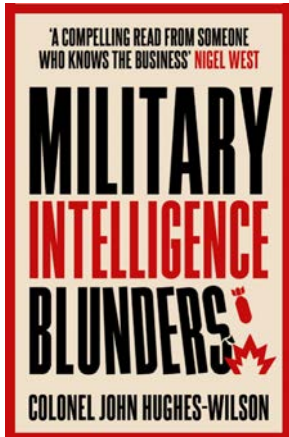
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A balanced analysis of the unsettling cover-ups and mysteries that litter our recent past.

Did COVID-19 actually break out to kill 6 million people because of a leak from a Chinese laboratory? What are the links between QAnon and Russiagate, Alex Jones and Donald Trump? Why did the MI5 try to block evidence about the death of Iraq weapons inspector Dr David Kelly and the radioactive poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko?

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## Military Intelligence Blunders

Colonel John Hughes-Wilson

**A frightening study of intelligence failings - 'blunders' - in warfare from the Second World War to the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, and their impact on events.**

This book is a professional military-intelligence officer's - and controversial insider's - view of some of the greatest intelligence blunders of recent history. It includes the serious developments in government misuse of intelligence in the US-led coalition's 2003 war with Iraq, as well as failures of intelligence in Ukraine following Russia's invasion in February 2022. Colonel John Hughes-Wilson analyses not just the events that conspire to cause disaster, but why crucial intelligence is so often ignored, misunderstood or spun by politicians and seasoned generals alike. This book analyses how governments are increasingly pressurising intelligence agencies to 'spin' a party-political line.

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**Using gender research and analysis from wars over the last century, Cynthia Enloe spells out the lessons that women activists have drawn from their immediate experiences of war.**

With her trademark engaging style, at once accessible and provocative, Cynthia Enloe draws on first-hand experiences of war in countries as diverse as Ukraine, Syria and Northern Ireland to show how feminist campaigners remain active - against all odds - in the midst of armed violence.

With fresh, fierce and vital thinking, she shows that by paying more attention to the wounded and the women who care for them, we will be more realistic about the long 'post-war'; and that by listening to feminists on the ground, in Ukraine and elsewhere, we will better understand what is happening to our world.

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## How To Survive (Almost) Anything

Ollie Ollerton

**How do you construct a camp? Build a fire? Administer first aid? How do you survive out in the wilderness? Fend off a shark? What about economic collapse? Or extreme weather? Or urban warfare?**

In *How to Survive (Almost) Anything*, ex-special forces soldier Ollie Ollerton passes on all his skills and knowledge built from a career in the armed forces across many different terrains. Meticulously, he shows you how to prepare your instincts, ready your mentality and hone your skills so that you will have the tools and the know-how to survive. Whatever comes next.

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