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# Highlights



# Fiction





# Peck & Peck

## Bonnie Garmus

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The number one bestselling author of global sensation, *Lessons in Chemistry*, returns with an irresistible story about a young man whose life turns upside down when he is hired by the most prestigious, secretive, and dysfunctional poetry journal in the world: the renowned Peck & Peck.

Batter Gray is worried about his future. Even when he was eleven, his classmates seemed to have settled on a goal: doctor, lawyer, broker, engineer. Good jobs that automatically command respect and security. Now Batter is in his early 20s, living in New York City, and he wants something different; something that alienates some people and bores most. Poetry. And yet to him - and exactly thirty-nine editors at a company called Peck & Peck - poetry not only represents the power of humanity but holds the key to its survival.

Batter was named after his mother's dog, who seemed to have achieved more in his short years on earth than he ever will. But as an identical twin who lost his brother at birth, Batter finds himself confronted by the everyday dualities that make up life: right vs. wrong, truth vs. lies, rejection vs. acceptance. It's almost as if his

dead brother is a reminder: there are always two sides to every story.

No, wait. Make that three.

In *Peck & Peck* Bonnie Garmus has created a tour de force of a novel. Hugely original, brilliantly funny and peopled with unforgettable characters, *Peck & Peck* is both a passionate ode to the written word and a heartwarming exploration of all that makes us human.

**Bonnie Garmus** is a coffee-dependent American novelist. Her debut novel, *Lessons in Chemistry*, was a number one global bestseller and spent almost ninety weeks in the Sunday Times top 10. It was named by New York Times readers as one of the top 100 books of the 21st Century. Translated into forty-four languages, *Lessons in Chemistry* was honoured with sixteen international literary awards, including the British Book Awards Author of the Year, Waterstones Author of the Year, and Hay Festival's Book of the Year. It was also selected by Queen Camilla for the Queen's Reading Room, and made into an Apple TV limited series. *Peck & Peck* is her second novel.

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Author's Location	Essex, UK
Author Born	California
Book Location	New York

**ZAFFRE**

# Stars and Swipes

Sophie Gravia



**A brand new, laugh-out-loud sequel to the bestselling *The Dicktionary Club*, where the girls take New York by storm, from the ultimate queen of holiday reads, Sophie Gravia.**

The Dicktionary Club girls are back...and seeking American members.

Ella, Katy, and Zola are beside themselves when they are offered the opportunity to launch their now infamous dating website, *The Dicktionary Club*, stateside. The headlines covering their technological (mis)adventures have caught the eye of a Manhattan entrepreneur - and he wants the three besties to collaborate with him on a similar app for the American market.

With their love lives imploding back home, the girls are ready to escape the Glasgow dating scene and live their Gossip Girl fantasies in New York, but their romantic problems are not so easy to run away from.

A bigger city, bigger apartments, a bigger dating pool - but it turns out, not everything is bigger in America... Secrets spill. Lines blur. And in a city built on ambition and attraction, someone is always watching.

Because in New York, love is a game.  
And everyone is playing.

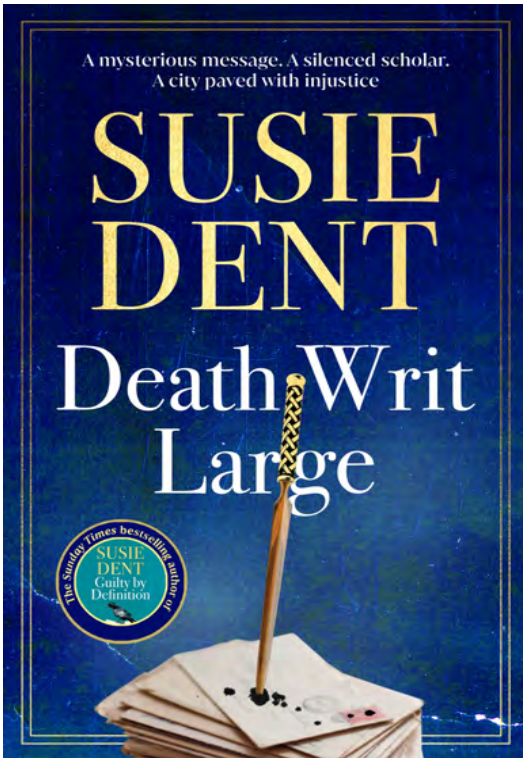
*Stars and Swipes* is a glamorous, laugh-out-loud romantic comedy packed with friendship, flirtation, and scandal, from the Queen of Holiday Reads, Sophie Gravia.

Sophie grew up in a town just outside Glasgow and has always had a love for the English language. At a young age, she found herself writing funny stories or poems to friends and family for special occasions, and after high school she undertook a performing arts diploma, flourishing in her creative writing class. Sophie now works full time as a nurse in a busy city hospital. In 2020, Sophie started writing again as a distraction from the ongoing pandemic, cheered on by fans of her hilarious blog, 'Sex in the Glasgow City'. *A Glasgow Kiss*, her debut novel, shot straight to number one in the erotic charts and has been a word-of-mouth sensation ever since.

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Author's Location	Glasgow, Scotland
Author Born	Glasgow, Scotland
Book Location	Scotland and New York

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## Death Writ Large Susie Dent



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Extent	400 pages
Word Count	
Territory	World
Author's Location	Oxford
Book Location	Oxford

**The unmissable new linguistic mystery in the Sunday Times bestselling series from Britain's wordsmith, Susie Dent**

When mysterious symbols appear as graffiti around Oxford, lexicographer Martha Thornhill recognises them from a runic alphabet created by a deceased fantasy writer whose papers she once worked on. But this is no publicity stunt, and tensions intensify when further graffiti is found near the body of a university lecturer.

Martha is not the only one to have doubts when the suspicious death is assumed by police as suicide. Called upon to lend their linguistic expertise to the case, Martha and her colleagues begin to unearth a tragedy that extends beyond the ancient walls of the university. As new messages portend more death, it's clear that a spirit of vengeance is stalking the city's streets, and may be reaching out towards them too.

'Guilty by Definition will delight anyone who appreciates fine crime writing as well as logophiles and lovers of Inspector Morse'

- **MARK SANDERSON, The Times on Guilty by Definition**

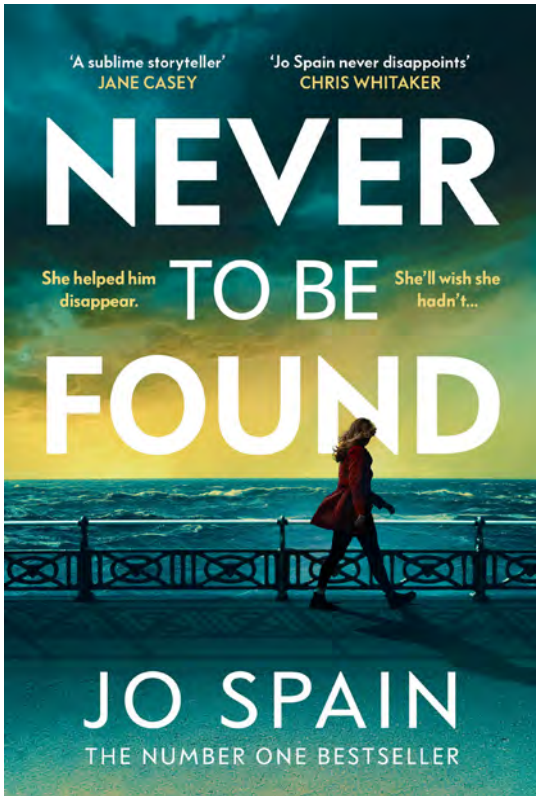
'One of the finest mysteries I have ever read'

- **ROB RINDER author of The Trial on Guilty by Definition**

**Susie Dent** is a writer and broadcaster on language. She recently celebrated thirty years as a co-presenter and the resident word expert on Channel 4's Countdown, and also appears on the show's comedy sister 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Susie comments regularly on TV and radio on words in the news, and is the author of several non-fiction books on words and language. Guilty by Definition is her first novel.

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## Never to Be Found Jo Spain



Pub date	02/07/26
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Author's Location	Ireland
Author Born	Ireland
Book Location	Brighton, UK

**How do you find a killer you helped to disappear? The brand-new high-concept psychological thriller from the no.1 bestselling author of *The Confession*.**

She'll help anyone in need. But did she just save a killer?

There is a chilling phenomenon in Japan known as Johatsu - people who vanish voluntarily from their lives. It's said 100,000 people per year are Johatsu, and an entire industry has sprung up to support those who choose to.

Life is hard. For some people, it's just too much.

That's what I thought when I brought the concept to England. People will disappear anyway. What if I could help them? So I pack their belongings discreetly, create new identities, forge documents, give directions to the cities and towns where the 'night-mover' can live anonymously.

I consider what I do to be honourable.  
Until now that is.

Because I've just learned that I'm not absent of responsibility.  
That I am capable of doing a terrible thing.  
That it's not just a business.

I helped somebody flee from a crime. From the police.

I evaporated a murderer.

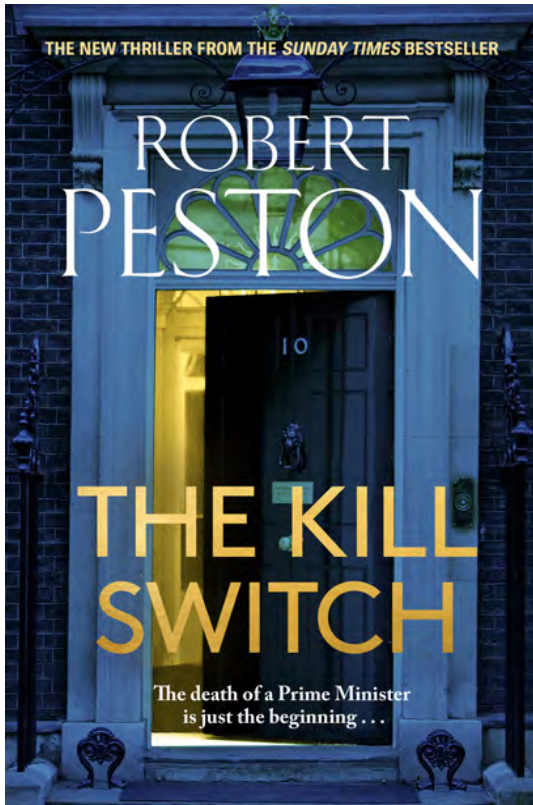
And if I don't find him, I can't live with what he might do next.

**Jo Spain** is the author of thirteen bestselling thrillers, including her three No.1s, *The Trial* (Ireland), *The Confession* (Ireland) and *Dirty Little Secrets* (Audible). She is translated into seventeen languages and was nominated as Irish author of the year in 2024. Jo is also a full-time screenwriter. Along with her writing partner, David Logan, she has been commissioned for the fifth season of *Harry Wild*, a series they showrun, co-write and executive produce, starring Jane Seymour. Jo and David also co-wrote and exec produced 2024's *The Boy That Never Was*, and showran and wrote *Mix Tape*, which has already won the audience choice award at SXSW, the prestigious U.S. festival, which launched *Hacks* and *Beef*.

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## The Kill Switch

Robert Peston



The final thriller in the journalist Gil Peck trilogy. The Prime Minister falls seriously ill with a deadly virus before quickly succumbing. But journalist Gil Peck doesn't buy the official line from Whitehall and sets out to investigate . . .

Journalist Gil Peck is back; in therapy, married to Jess - now editor of the Financial Chronicle - and still driven by the need to prove a point that he can't quite identify.

Yet all is not well at home. Jess is fed up with Gil's obsession with his job, and she's kicked him out of their home.

But Gil has never let anything get in the way of a scoop. He and Jess have landed the interview of a lifetime with the Prime Minister, Stella Barnsbury, for the podcast they co-host, and Gil has no intention of missing it.

During the interview, Barnsbury begins to pale, her coughing intensifying before she finally collapses.

Within 48 hours, the Prime Minister is dead.

Gil is used to landing the biggest stories. But as the last person to see the PM alive, he's now a main character. And when foul play is confirmed, he's also a prime suspect . . .

**Robert Peston** is ITV's political editor, presenter of the politics show 'Peston', founder of the education charity, Speakers for Schools ([www.speakers4schools.org](http://www.speakers4schools.org)), and vice president of Hospice UK. He has written four critically acclaimed non-fiction books, *How Do We Fix This Mess?*, *Who Runs Britain?*, *Brown's Britain* and his latest, *WTF?*, which was described by the Financial Times as 'mandatory reading' for anyone seeking to understand Brexit, Trump and the collapse of confidence in western liberalism. For a decade until the end of 2015, he was at the BBC, as economics editor and business editor, and in the 1990s he was at the Financial Times, as political editor, financial editor and head of investigations. At the BBC he played a prominent role in exposing the causes and consequences of the credit crunch, banking crisis and Great Recession. Peston has won more than 30 awards for his journalism, including Journalist of the Year and Scoop of the Year (twice) from the Royal Television Society. *The Whistleblower* is his first novel. His blog is [itv.com/robertpeston](http://itv.com/robertpeston), on Facebook he is [facebook.com/pestonITV](https://facebook.com/pestonITV) and he is @peston on Twitter.

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Author Born	London, UK
Book Location	London, UK

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# The Man with the Golden Compass

Vaseem Khan



**The brand-new murder mystery for former MI6 Head of Q Branch to solve in this James Bond spin-off series**

Fresh from successfully reinvestigating his childhood friend's mysterious death, Q is hired as a civilian contractor by the police in his sleepy hometown to look into the unsolved murder of tech millionaire turned online antique dealer, Laurence Noble. Six months ago, Noble was tortured and killed, a circular object made of gold and inscribed with mysterious runes found in his pocket. As Q investigates, he finds himself dragged into a chilling conspiracy where past and present meet in a way he could not possibly have imagined.

**Vaseem Khan** is the author of two award-winning crime series set in India, the Baby Ganesh Agency series set in modern Mumbai, and the Malabar House historical crime novels set in 1950s Bombay. His first book, *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra*, was selected by the *Sunday Times* as one of the 40 best crime novels published 2015-2020, and is translated into 17 languages. In 2021, *Midnight at Malabar House* won the Crime Writers Association Historical Dagger. Vaseem was born in England, but spent a decade working in India. In 2006, he returned to the UK and joined University College London's Department of Security and Crime Science, where he has helped manage the Dawes Centre for Future Crime. In 2023, Vaseem was elected Chair of the UK Crime Writers' Association.

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Author Born	London

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## The Winter Bride

Rosie Goodwin



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Territory	World

**Could all her dreams finally be coming true?**

A Rags to Riches novel.

The third book in a historical trilogy from Britain's best-loved saga author.

Nuneaton, 1922

After a difficult childhood in the workhouse, never knowing her real family, and the horrors of the battlefields of the First World War, Annie has finally found her place in the world. With a thriving business, the love of her adopted family and a kind, generous fiancé in Monty, her future seems secure. Yet her heart cannot forget the questions that linger from her past - or the memory of Alex Gordon, the only man she has ever truly loved.

When long-buried secrets rise to the surface, Annie's carefully built world begins to crumble. Alone once more, she seizes her chance for a fresh start in London, determined to turn her talents into a flourishing new dress shop. Yet the past refuses to be silenced, and fate has one final twist in store: Alex's return.

Torn between the safety of what she has built and the dangerous pull of the love she has never forgotten, Annie must decide where her true future lies. Will she finally find the answers she has been searching for- and the love she has always yearned for - or will heartbreak find her once more?

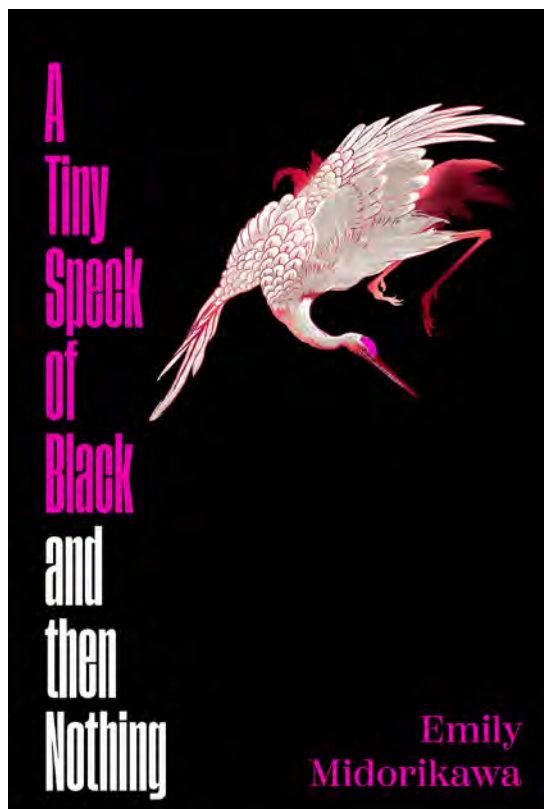
The Winter Bride is a powerful saga of love, heartbreak, secrets and finding your place in the world, and the third book in the Rags to Riches Trilogy from bestselling author, Rosie Goodwin.

**Rosie Goodwin** is the four-million-copy bestselling author of more than forty novels. She is the first author in the world to be allowed to follow three of Catherine Cookson's trilogies with her own sequels. Having worked in the social services sector for many years, then fostered a number of children, she is now a full-time novelist. She is one of the top 50 most borrowed authors from UK libraries and has sold over four million copies across her career. Rosie lives in Nuneaton, the setting for many of her books, with her husband and their beloved dogs.



# A Tiny Speck of Black and then Nothing

Emily Midorikawa



**A dazzling literary suspense novel that plunges readers into the nightlife of Osaka, where a young hostess's disappearance initiates a dangerous pursuit through the city's criminal underworld**

Anna has never met anyone like the enigmatic Loll: a British hostess at the Moonglow bar, in the Japanese city of Osaka. While Anna teaches bored students by day, Loll passes the nights in smoky, dim-lit rooms where she pours men's drinks, lights their cigarettes and laughs playfully at their jokes. With her blonde wigs, shimmering dresses and bejewelled nails, Loll cuts a mesmerising figure. But her skin bears unexplained bruises beneath its glittering facade, and Anna's concern slowly begins to grow. She is troubled by the secret of the carved jade stone necklace that her glamorous new friend seems determined to protect; the mysterious identity of Loll's best client with shadowy links to the city's underworld crime bosses; and the sight Anna witnesses one afternoon: Loll teetering alone on the edge of a railway track, caught in the deafening rush as a train hurtles by.

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Book Location	Osaka, Japan. Kent, UK.

Unlike Anna who has come to Osaka to learn more about her half-Japanese heritage, Loll seems to have no clear reason for being there and no easily discernible past. And so when she suddenly disappears, there are only the barest of clues as to where she might have gone. But, desperate to find her friend, Anna refuses to give up. Soon she is thrown onto a trail that will take her into the darkest corners of the neon-choked metropolis - hidden, forbidden places from which those who know the city best warn her to stay away.

'Exquisitely-written and utterly compelling'

- **SUSAN BARKER**

'The soul of a stylish mystery and the pace of an old-fashioned thriller'

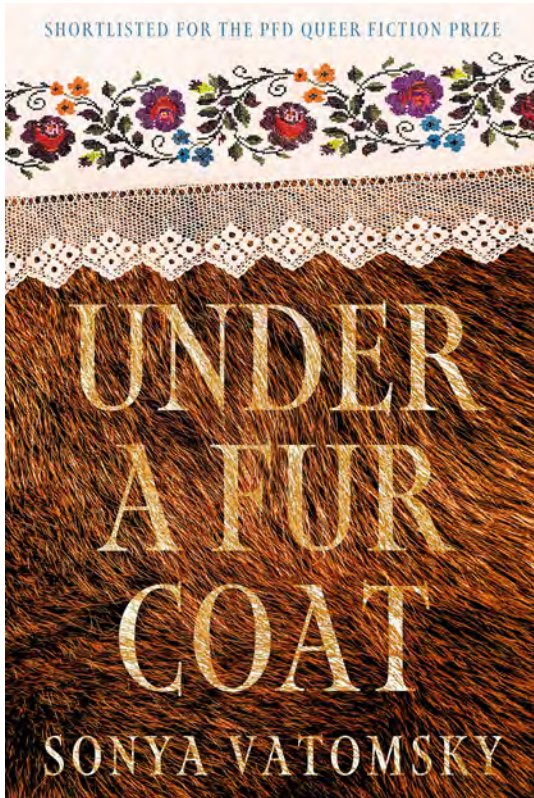
- **MOHAMMED HANIF**

**Emily Midorikawa** is the author of *Out of the Shadows: Six Visionary Victorian Women in Search of a Public Voice*, and the coauthor of *A Secret Sisterhood*. Emily is a winner of the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize. Her journalism has appeared in publications including the *Paris Review*, *TIME*, *The Times* (of London) and the *Washington Post*. She teaches on the writing programme at New York University London.



# Under a Fur Coat

## Sonya Vatomsky



**Under a Fur Coat is an art novel with obsession at its heart and folklore around the edges. It takes place in a Finnish forest.**

‘Surreal, sharp and deeply moving, Under a Fur Coat is a novel of outstanding reach and polish. A distinct and dazzling new gothic’

- JULIA ARMFIELD

I became obsessed with Seurasaari, with the curative properties I assigned to it in my desperation for an action, a ritual - something that could fix everything...

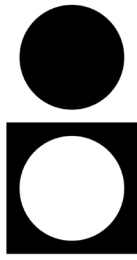
Vivienne, a photographer from Manchester, arrives at a boarding house on a tiny Finnish island hoping to rekindle her creativity and heal her broken heart. Instead, she misses her wife. Her camera hangs at her side unused. And her fellow guests keep inviting her into the forest.

Vivienne quickly grows close with Ilya, the affable caretaker, and Gagarin, a rebellious mycologist. And when Gagarin confesses she’s searching for a mythical bracket fungus - the Big-foot of mushrooms - Vivienne throws herself headfirst into the cause.

The days pass in a blur of snow and birch trees and vodka. Yet the longer Vivienne spends in the forest, the more it consumes her. Haunted by lost time, inexplicable acts of violence, and rising tensions among the guests, Vivienne begins to suspect there’s something darker behind Gagarin’s determination. Because ambition always requires sacrifice. She’s just not sure whose...

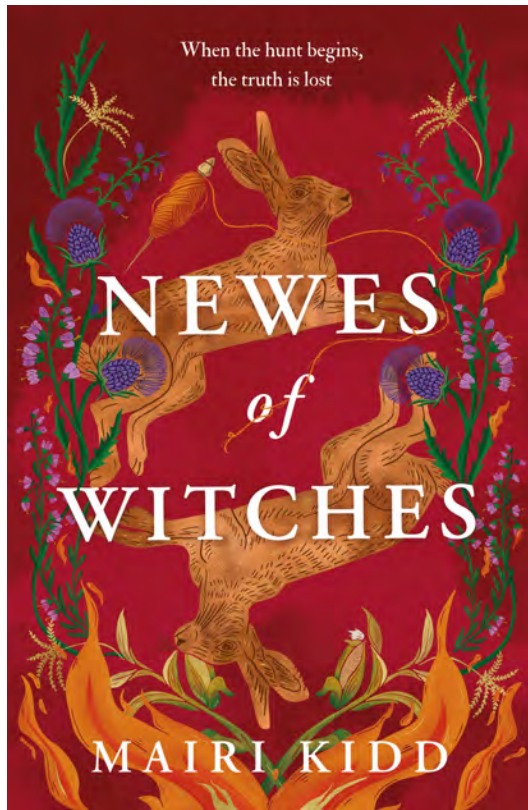
**Sonya Vatomsky** is a writer living in Manchester, England. Sonya was born in the Soviet Union and grew up in the Pacific Northwest, where they studied Linguistics and Finnish at the University of Washington. They are a member of the Horror Writers Association and have been published in *Brave New Weird: The Best New Weird Horror*; their nonfiction has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Smithsonian Magazine*. In 2024, they were shortlisted for the PFD Queer Fiction Prize. They are the author of *SALT IS FOR CURING*, a poetry collection. *UNDER A FUR COAT* is their first novel.

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Word Count	
Territory	World



# Newes of Witches

## Mairi Kidd



**From the bestselling author of *Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month The Specimens* comes a new historic novel set during the Scottish witch trials filled with confessions and betrayal.**

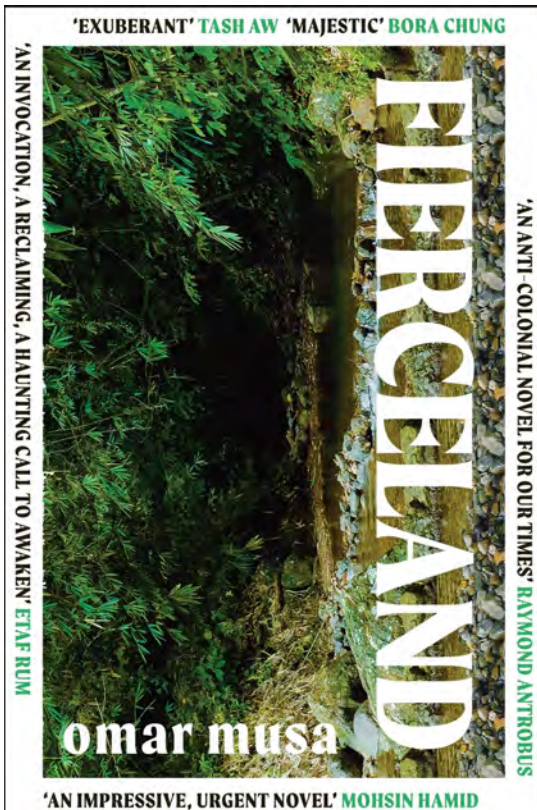
Rural Scotland, 1629. Amidst the bogs and corn fields, children are going missing, and others seem to have fallen under a malevolent spell. When a young serving girl is imprisoned on suspicion of witchcraft, it falls on healer and midwife Catriona to uncover the truth behind the matter.

However, investigation only raises more questions, and soon a violent truth comes to light which threatens to upend local life. As tensions in the community reach a fever pitch, allegiances shift, lives unravel, and Catriona struggles to save the life of an innocent girl. But in a village gripped by fear and paranoia, this may demand the greatest sacrifice of all.

**Mairi Kidd** graduated with a First in Celtic Studies from the University of Edinburgh and has worked in books ever since. Her novel *The Specimens* - a retelling of the 1828 crimes of Burke and Hare - was *Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month* and the short stories from her collection *We Are All Witches* formed the basis for the award-winning 'Heal and Harrow' project. She lives by the sea in Edinburgh with her illustrator husband and their rescue cat.

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Territory	World
Author's Location	Edinburgh
Author Born	Isle of Lewis
Book Location	Edinburgh

## Fierceland Omar Musa



The globe-spanning epic of power, corruption, inheritance and family secrets from the Miles Franklin listed author, Omar Musa

'An impressive, urgent novel by a talented and courageous writer'

- MOHSIN HAMID

How do you mourn a person you loved who did terrible things?

After many years abroad, Harun and Roz return to Malaysian Borneo for the funeral of their oil-baron father, Yusuf - and to reckon with their inheritance. Yusuf might be a celebrity to many, but his children know that not only has he built the family's immense wealth by destroying huge tracts of rainforest, but also that he was also involved in the violent disappearance of a man who stood in his way.

Harun is successful tech entrepreneur in Los Angeles while Roz is an artist struggling to stay afloat in Sydney, and both are determined to return something their father stole from the forests of their homeland. In their quest for redemption they grapple with the legacy of power and corruption and are haunted - by the ghosts of colonialism, the ghosts of family, the ghosts of language, and the ghosts of the forest itself.

A trailblazing journey across the globe, Fierceland is a language-bending story that weaves the past and the present into an emotionally powerful family saga that plays out at a mythical scale.

**Omar Musa** is an author, visual artist, rapper and poet. He has released four poetry books (including Killernova), four hip-hop records and an acclaimed one man play, Since Ali Died. His debut novel Here Come the Dogs was long-listed for the International Dublin Literary Award the Miles Franklin Literary Award, Australia's most prestigious literary award. He was named one of the Sydney Morning Herald's Young Novelists of the Year in 2015.

Musa has had several solo exhibitions of his woodcut prints, including All My Memories Are Mistranslations, and has performed at venues such as the Brixton Academy in London, Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York City and The National Museum in Brasilia, Brazil. He is based between Brooklyn and Borneo.

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Territory	World ex Aus, NZ, & SE Asia

## Don't Leave Her Alone Desirée de Fez



For fans of *The Substance* and *Titane* comes **DON'T LEAVE HER ALONE**, the debut novel from Spain's most celebrated and internationally renowned horror film consultant.

Seamlessly blending humour with grounded body horror, *DON'T LEAVE HER ALONE*, tells the story of a mother and two sisters - each also a mother to young children - linked by the tentacles that live inside them.

Alba has spent her life unable to be alone, clinging to the presence of others to silence the anxieties she refuses to face. But when she wakes up on the floor of a shopping mall, covered in blood and with only fragmented memories of how she got there, she is forced to confront the truth she has long avoided. Meanwhile, her sister Diana struggles to balance the pressures of motherhood and work, drowning in guilt and anxiety, while their mother, Carmen, remains trapped in an endless cycle of sacrifice and duty, caring for her daughters and grandchildren.

As Christmas Eve approaches, the tension between them becomes unbearable and what once seemed like ordinary family struggles transforms into a surreal nightmare. Rooted in the unsettling familiarity of a suburban shopping mall and the halo of childhood nostalgia, *DON'T LEAVE HER ALONE* is both an eerie and witty portrait of what happens when fear is left unchecked - festering within us until it consumes us from the inside out.

**Desirée de Fez (Author)** is one of Europe's foremost experts in fantasy and horror literature and film. Over the past fifteen years, she has worked with some of the world's most significant independent film production companies and has advised Spanish, Latin American, and American producers and directors. Desirée is also a film critic, specialising in fantasy and horror cinema, and works as a programmer for an international film festival. *Don't Leave Her Alone* is her debut novel.

**Lizzie Davis (Translator)** is a writer, an editor and a translator from Spanish and Italian. Her recent translations include Juan Cárdenas's *The Devil of the Provinces* (longlisted for the 2023 National Book Award for Translated Literature) and *Ornamental* (finalist for the 2021 PEN Translation Prize), as well as work by Valeria Luiselli, Daniela Tarazona, Begoña Gómez Urzaiz, and Elena Medel. She is the executive editor at Transit Books, following nearly a decade at Coffee House Press.

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Author Born	Spain

## Hexes of the Deadwood Forest Agnieszka Szpila



A jaw-dropping debut about a woman who loses her job as an oil company CEO after she's filmed having sex with a tree in her sleep, an act that spirals her through history until she's united with a centuries-old coven of revolutionary women.

'You're holding a torpedo of a book in your hand. Take a seat and get comfortable. This novel's energy, humour and rebel spirit will awaken your mind and change your way of thinking'

- OLGA TOKARCZUK

Anna Frenza hates the tyrannical tree huggers and idiotic eco-warriors, after all, she's CEO of Poland's biggest oil company. But when she finds herself sleepwalking into the woods and making love to a tree, all caught on camera, her career comes to an abrupt end. Her mind splinters and, whether by delusion or possession of spirit, she finds herself in a medieval province ruled by the Catholic Church.

Deep in the past, she falls in with Mathilde Spalt, leader of the Earthen Ones - a congregation of women who live in the woods and reject all patriarchy. Instead engaging in the ecstatic, sensuous worship of Mother Earth. Anna learns to love the forest she had once dismissed . . . until the Church decides to fell the trees and all the women within it.

Bold and entirely unexpected, *Hexes of the Deadwood Forest* is a collective rebellion, the death knell to the elevation of the erect. Take hold of your seat; patriarchy is coming to an end.

**Agnieszka Szpila (Author)** is one of Poland's most critically acclaimed, bestselling, and transgressive writers. The Polish edition of *Hexes of the Deadwood Forest* was longlisted for the Nike Award, the country's premier literary award, and will be published in at least nine countries around the world.

**Scotia Gilroy (Translator)** is a Canadian writer and translator of Polish literature. She holds a First Class Honours degree in English literature from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and a diploma in Polish language and literature from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Scotia was shortlisted for the EBRD Literature Prize in 2022. She is an alumna of the National Centre for Writing's Emerging Translator Mentorship in Norwich, and the BCLT's summer school for literary translators.

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Territory	UK & C/Wealth exc Canada
Author's Location	Poland
Author Born	Poland

# A House in Winter

Emily Hourican



Pub date	03/09/26
Price	£15.99
ISBN	9781804442401
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	234mm x 153mm (Royal)
Extent	416 pages
Word Count	
Territory	World English Language

Based on a true story, this is *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* meets *The Turn of the Screw*. This is the story of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon and his mother, trapped inside the castle walls, while outside the castle, republican supporters wait with weapons and petrol bombs.

January 1965.

In a castle in the Irish Midlands, Princess Margaret and her husband, Lord Snowdon, were staying with his eccentric and difficult mother. Their marriage is in tatters and they are continually sniping at each other, but they cannot escape their enforced proximity as outside the castle walls are republican supporters armed with weapons and petrol bombs.

Interrogating the toxic relationships between princess, husband and mother-in-law through each point of view, this book leaves the reader realising that life within a castle walls can be more difficult than enduring the battle going on outside.

**Emily Hourican** is the author of six novels, *The Guinness Girls*, *A Hint of Scandal*, *The Glorious Guinness Girls*, *The Privileged*, *White Villa*, *The Blamed* and *The Outsider*, and one book of non-fiction, *How To Really Be A Mother*.

Emily has been an editor and a journalist for over 20 years.

Emily was born in Belfast and grew up in Brussels, where she went to the European School and became, for a while, fluent in being a total Eurobrat.

She moved to Dublin in 1990 and studied English and History at UCD, then did a Masters in English Literature, also at UCD. She lives in Dublin with her husband, David, and three children.

# Non Fiction





# Healthy Start

## Joe Wicks

# JOE WICKS HEALTHY START

**80 delicious, easy and  
unprocessed recipes for  
the whole family to enjoy**

Pub date	27/08/26
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Binding	Hardback Format 246mm x 189mm (Crown Quarto)
Extent	208 pages
Word Count	
Illustrations	70 colour photographs
Territory	World

**From the Number One Bestselling author of Protein in 15, Joe Wicks returns with a new collection of simple healthy recipes for all the family to enjoy.**

In Healthy Start, Joe makes family cooking nourishing, easy and enjoyable with recipes packed with unprocessed, whole foods that even the pickiest of eaters will love. Focussing on meals made for adults and kids to sit down and share together, alongside expert tips and guidance, Healthy Start is the perfect companion to your weaning journey.

Whether you're at the first stages of weaning, dealing with fussy toddlers or trying to make healthy after-school dinners, this book will help you through every stage of your family's eating journey.

Chapters include:  
Bright Breakfasts  
Lunchbox Legends  
Perfect Pizza and Pasta  
Curries in a Hurry  
Fussy Favourites  
Little Veggie Explorers

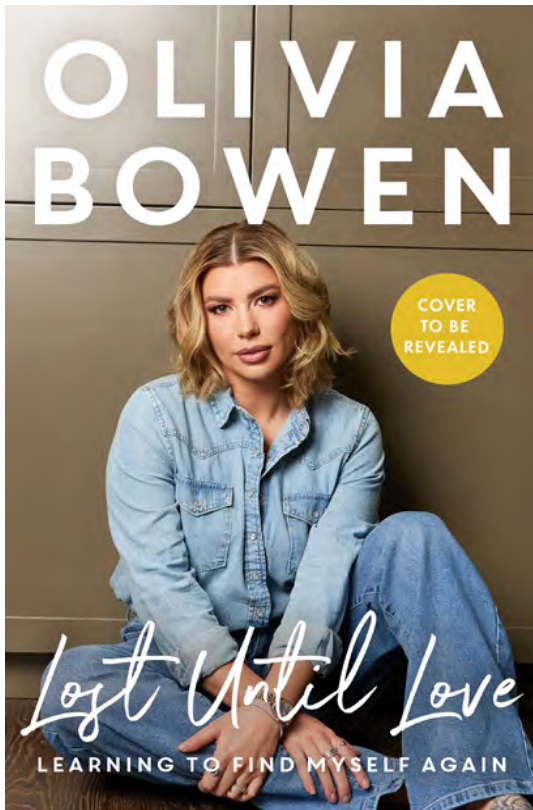
Best known as The Body Coach, **Joe Wicks** has transformed the way millions approach fitness and nutrition through his online HIIT workouts, bestselling books, and hugely popular fitness app. Joe shot to fame with his Lean in 15 recipe book series and became known as the nation's P.E. teacher during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading daily livestreamed workouts for families around the world. His efforts not only kept people moving during lockdown but also raised over £650,000 for charity, earning him an MBE from Queen Elizabeth II for services to fitness and charity.

Joe has published 15 books, selling over four million copies worldwide. His Body Coach brand has expanded to include a hugely popular fitness app, which quickly topped the Apple charts, offering personalised workouts and meal plans to users worldwide. Joe further holds two Guinness World Records, including the record for the world's largest-ever HIIT workout, which he achieved at London's Hyde Park in 2017. He has most recently had appearances on Dragon's Den as a guest Dragon, lending his expertise on how to make fitness simple, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.



# Lost Until Love

## Olivia Bowen



**The honest and insightful memoir from Love Island star, Olivia Bowen**

In the summer of 2026, it will be ten years since Olivia Bowen appeared on the second series of Love Island finishing as runners up with her partner Alex. The couple are now the longest standing success story of the show's entire history - now married with two beautiful children, Abel, 3 years and Siena Grace, 3 months.

The last decade for Olivia has been a very different experience from her first 20 years on this planet, her early years being peppered with family disruption, teenage rebellion, and unhealthy relationships, where she suffered emotional domestic abuse, and battled with depression and anxiety.

In *Lost Until Love*, Olivia reflects on her life, sharing with her devoted followers exactly what life was like before her reality TV experience, the unseen bits, what the show taught her, how life is an ever changing challenge but also how Olivia has created a blueprint for a future love-filled adventure that she hopes will enlighten something in readers to encourage them to seek out their turning point and love for life. Olivia also explores her journey of motherhood, as well as the sad loss of her twin daughter while pregnant with Siena Grace and how this has changed her outlook on life and her future.

*Lost until Love* is a love letter to Olivia's younger self; it might be Olivia's own story but the hope and learnings between these pages are for every person who wants to own, learn, and turn their story into a life well lived and loved.

**Olivia Bowen** is a television personality, entrepreneur, and social media creator who first rose to fame on the second season of Love Island UK in 2016, where she met her now husband, Alex Bowen. Since leaving the villa, Olivia has established herself as one of the show's most successful alumni, launching numerous fashion and beauty & home collections, presenting segments on *This Morning*, fronting campaigns for leading brands, and most recently starring in her own ITV2 observational documentary series *Olivia & Alex: Parenthood*. Alongside thriving property and lifestyle businesses, Olivia has built a loyal online community who admire her openness, authenticity, and advocacy for mental health and motherhood. She and Alex live in Essex with their two children, Abel and Siena.

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# Ten Steps to Prevent World War Three

Tobias Ellwood



An urgent call-to-action outlining how we can prevent a global conflict in the near-future from Tobias Ellwood, former Defence Minister and Chair of the House of Commons Defence Committee.

We are in a cold war, but one unlike anything we've seen before. Influence, ignorance and ideology have been weaponised, with USA and China fighting on the global battleground to push their rival visions of the future.

The world is splintering into two competing spheres of influence and it's no exaggeration to say that we are potentially looking down the barrel of a gun towards global armageddon. Western leaders can no longer be complacent or passive, allowing foreign actors chip away at our political infrastructure and national security.

The stakes could not be higher, but there is a path towards a brighter future. Ten Steps to Prevent World War Three draws on a blend of big ideas, personal narrative, lessons from history and geopolitical insights to uncover the mindset and strategies that can build a peaceful global future.

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Territory	World

**Tobias Ellwood** is a leading expert and commentator in the fields of geopolitics, foreign relations, military strategy, terrorism, defence, British politics, Ukraine, the Middle East, and NATO. His insights are informed by nearly two decades as a Member of Parliament (UK), during which he also served as a Foreign Minister, Defence Minister, and Chair of the House of Commons Defence Committee. This extensive leadership placed him at the forefront of UK foreign relations and security.

Ellwood's distinguished career began long before his time in Parliament. As an officer in the British Army's Royal Green Jackets, he gained firsthand experience in military operations-experience that has deeply influenced his strategic approach to defence and international policy. Over the years, Ellwood's engagements have ranged from private tea with Vladimir Putin, where he observed the inner workings of Russian diplomacy, to working closely with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on critical Middle East policy initiatives.



# First Born Daughter

## Katherine Ryan

**The exciting new book from the outspoken comedian, Katherine Ryan**

First Born Daughter: Having It All and Doing it Anyway is a book that explores the very of what it means to be a woman, a wife and a daughter today, revisiting Katherine's journey through childhood and into womanhood and motherhood (full of the mistakes and missteps) and how that compares with the experience for young girls, women and parents now.

Filled with Katherine's unique outspoken humour and wit, Katherine will be delving into her own diaries and experiences while tapping authentically into the current conversations around women's rights, parenting, ageing and so much more that she's at the heart of. Katherine has become a trailblazer in the realms of women's rights - calling herself a 'generational feminist' - speaking out on her concerns around social media usages in Generation X and not to mention predatory men and her experience of both toxic masculinity and femininity... and let's not forget her discussions around ageing and plastic surgery on her hit podcast, What's My Age Again?

**Katherine Ryan** is an award-winning comedian, writer, presenter and actress. Born and raised in Canada, she has lived in the UK since 2008. Katherine created, starred in, wrote and produced Netflix sitcom The Duchess. Her two Netflix stand-up specials, Glitter Room and In Trouble, were also critically acclaimed. A stalwart on all major UK panel shows, Katherine has also been a judge on Roast Battle and The Fix, and hosted Your Face or Mine? and, most recently, All That Glitters for the BBC. Katherine's unique stand-up shows sell out across the world. She is also the host of 'Telling Everybody Everything', her podcast which goes straight to the top of the charts every week, and 'What's My Age Again?'. Find Katherine on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

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# Anton Du Beke Memoir

## Anton Du Beke

**The childhood memoir from national treasure and Strictly star, Anton du Beke**



With Anton's fancy footwork, charming personality and quick wit, he has captured the hearts of the nation - and the prime-time Strictly audience - becoming a national treasure in the process. So now feels like the perfect time for Anton to write your first memoir, a book that looks back into his childhood to explore his upbringing, inspirations and influences, as well as the journey he's been on to become the star he is today. Not many people know the true origins of Anton's life, but his is a real-life Billy Elliot story. Anton's book would be a true coming-of-age story full of the nostalgia of your life growing up in the 70s, set against the world of dance. With an episodic structure and a more dynamic approach that would shine with Anton's wit, charm and humour.

**ANTON DU BEKE**, household name and all-round entertainer, brings the charm and style he's famous for to his writing.

Anton is one of the most instantly recognisable TV personalities today, best known for his role on the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, which he has featured on since its inception in 2004. His debut album reached the Top 20, and his annual sell-out tours have been thrilling dance fans in theatres nationwide for over a decade.

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# The Last Witness

Dan Ashby

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## The Last Witness

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**The Last Witness is the fascinating untold account of one of the world's first-ever whistleblowers on 'forever chemicals' - a David v. Goliath battle involving an eccentric British gentleman and the secretly-disbanded American corporate giant Monsanto, spanning multi-million dollar court-cases, suitcases of cash and confrontations with organized crime.**

The threat was anonymous. "Don't you know... you're the last surviving witness?"

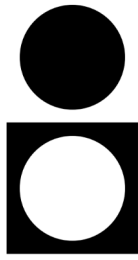
In 1967, the young lawyer Douglas Gowan saw something so disturbing in a Welsh farmer's field that he vowed to pursue the truth. In the years that followed, he was almost murdered, derided in parliament and hounded into witness protection. What did he know?

The Last Witness is the untold account of one of the world's first-ever whistleblowers on forever chemicals - and the scandal that goes from a British farm, to dying Indian children and abandoned American streets. It is a David v. Goliath battle involving an eccentric British gentleman and the American corporate giant Monsanto, spanning multi-million dollar court-cases, suitcases of cash and confrontations with organised crime.

Now, half-a-century later, an investigative journalist has been given the witness's confidential evidence. It leads him to form an unlikely friendship with Michael Sheen, who recorded the witness' deathbed tape. Soon the pair find themselves knee-deep in toxic chemicals, chasing down gangs, going half mad with a question: could the chemicals be killing people today?

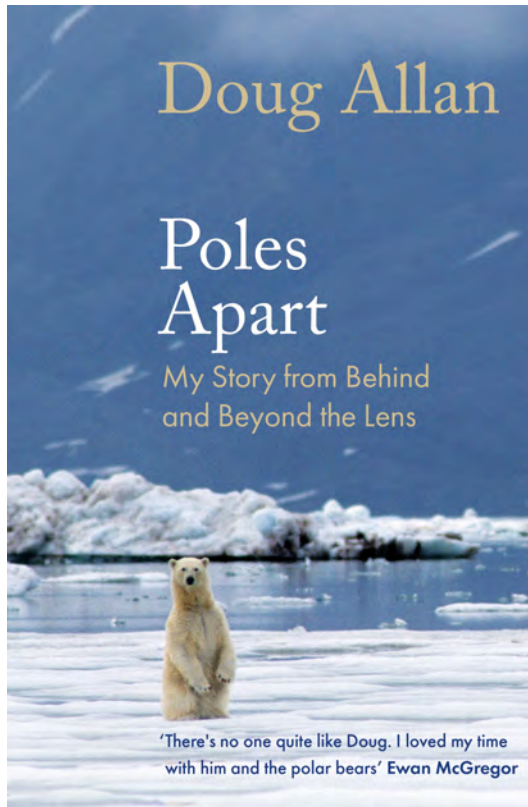
Part-true crime thriller, part-investigative expose, The Last Witness wrestles with science, scandal and truth, in order to bring to light an unseen, but simmering disaster.

**Dan Ashby** and his wife Lucy are award-winning investigative journalists who focus on environmental scandals and cover-ups (Smoke Trail Productions). They are the creative force behind the 'Buried' series of Podcasts, produced by the BBC. The two series to date have had over 4 million listens and the Guardian named last year's 'The Last Witness' as the #3 best podcast of 2024 in all categories.



# Poles Apart

## Doug Allan



Get a behind the scenes look at the extraordinary and pioneering life of award winning wildlife cameraman Doug Allan OBE.

“Doug Allan seems to be immune to most of the limitations that govern other humans. Furthermore, he is totally without fear in a way that comes not from recklessness but from deep knowledge and experience.”

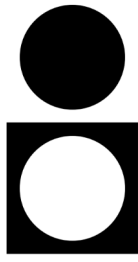
- SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Doug Allan OBE is one of the most respected wildlife cameramen in the world, known for capturing the wildest, most remote places on Earth. His breath-taking cinematography has earned him numerous accolades, including eight Emmy Awards and four BAFTAs. Doug’s ability to capture nature’s most intimate moments, whether it’s the struggle of a polar bear hunting for food in the Arctic or the majesty of whales in Antarctica, has made him a key figure in wildlife filmmaking and a trusted cameraman for some of the most ground-breaking wildlife documentaries of our time.

This is a story that goes beyond the lens, diving into Doug’s personal journey, the challenges of wildlife filmmaking, and his dedication to conservation. It’s a narrative of passion, perseverance, and the remarkable experiences of a man who devoted his life to documenting the beauty and fragility of the Earth’s wildest places. Doug Allan’s autobiography promises to be a must-read for anyone inspired by the wonders of the natural world.

**Doug Allan** is a wildlife and documentary cinematographer. Born in 1951 in Dunfermline Scotland, he is the son the son of a photographer and photojournalist. In 1976, Doug embarked on his first Antarctic adventure as a research diver with the British Antarctic Survey. Over the next decade, Doug would return to Antarctica multiple times, working as a scientist, photographer, and diver. In 1985, Doug transitioned into full-time cinematography and quickly became a principal cameraman on many of the BBC’s most iconic wildlife programmes, including Wildlife Special: Polar Bear, The Blue Planet, Planet Earth, and Frozen Planet. Doug has been awarded eight Emmy Awards, four BAFTAs and in 2017 was honoured with an Outstanding Contribution Award at the British Academy Scotland Awards.

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# Hebridean Baker: A Scottish Christmas

Coinneach MacLeod

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## Hebridean Baker: A Scottish Christmas



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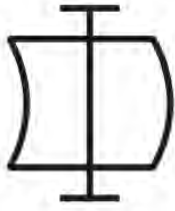
From Scotland's bestselling cookbook author, Coinneach MacLeod, this irresistible festive collection is packed with everything you need to create the ultimate Scottish Christmas.

Brimming with seasonal recipes, this book is a celebration of tradition, warmth and Scottish hospitality. Whether you're stirring a rich Christmas pudding or toasting Hogmanay with a spiced winter cocktail, Hebridean Baker: A Scottish Christmas is your must-have guide to a winter filled with flavour, charm and a touch of Hebridean hygge - wherever you are in the world!

The Hebridean Baker has gathered together an array of dishes that capture the spirit of the season. Expect rich and fruity Christmas Cake, festive Biscotti, whisky-laced Tiramisu and the most indulgent Yule Log, alongside simple treats perfect for gifting, from buttery Yuletide Shortbread to Christmas Rocky Road. And for those who love a hearty winter feast, there will be comforting classics like Salmon Wellington, Toad in the Hole and the ultimate New Year's Day Steak Pie with Rumblede-thumps. Alongside these recipes, Coinneach shares the festive traditions of the Hebrides, from the folklore surrounding the shortest days of the year to the crafts and customs that make Hogmanay truly unique.

With stunning photography capturing the wild beauty of Scotland in winter, this book is an invitation to slow down, savour the season, and create new traditions of your own. Whether readers are baking treats for family, preparing a feast for Hogmanay, or curling up by the fire with a dram in hand, Hebridean Baker: A Scottish Christmas is a festive companion that will bring warmth, joy and a little island magic to kitchens everywhere.

**Coinneach MacLeod** was born and raised on the Isle of Lewis, the most northerly of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. Inspired by traditional family recipes and homegrown produce, Coinneach rose to fame as the Hebridean Baker on TikTok in 2020. He has motivated his 500,000 worldwide followers to bake, forage, learn Gaelic, enjoy a dram or two of whisky and to seek a more wholesome, simple life. Along with his partner Peter, Coinneach's aim is to bring the best of the Scottish islands to a worldwide audience.



# The Boy with the Knapsack: An Extraordinary Life in Politics

## Lord Alf Dubs

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Dubs

The Boy  
with the  
Knapsack



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**From the Kindertransport to the House of Lords, one of Britain's best-loved political figures reflects on the last eight decades.**

Escaping the Nazis to arrive in Britain as a child refugee, growing up in 1950s Manchester, and making it to London in time for the swinging 60s; by the time Alf Dubs reached adulthood, he'd already lived a remarkable life. But nobody could have predicted what happened next.

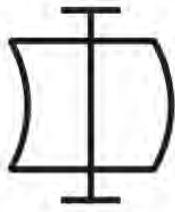
Selected as a candidate for the Labour Party, Dubs campaigned for Labour through the tumultuous politics of the 1970s, eventually winning the seat of Battersea South in time for the Thatcher era. After nearly a decade in opposition, he entered the House of Lords in 1994 and later served under Tony Blair as a Minister for Northern Ireland during the Troubles. A life-long champion of human rights, in 2016 the Dubs Amendment was passed in response to the migrant crisis. Respected across political parties, to this day at the age of 93, Dubs continues to campaign for the rights of child refugees from his seat in the House of Lords.

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The Boy With The Knapsack is one man's life story, but it is also a fascinating first-hand account of Britain over the last eight decades, and of the values of decency and humanity that unite us.

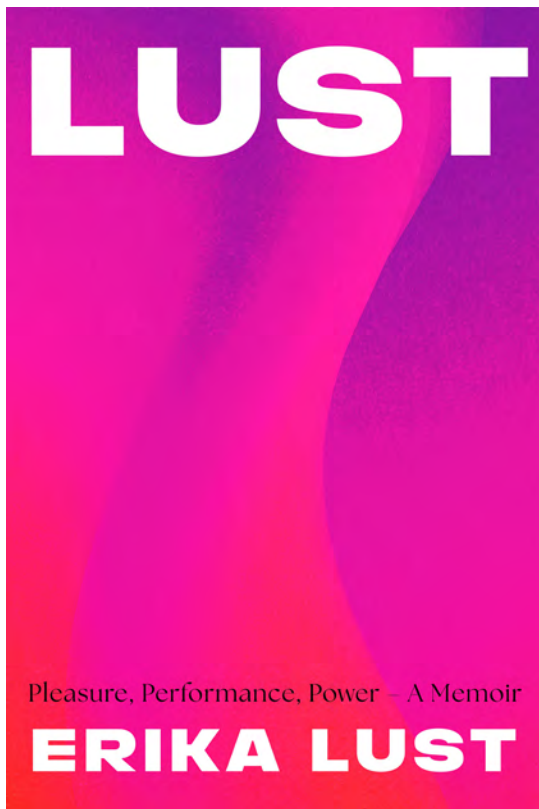
**Alf Dubs** is one of the most notable figures in the current House of Lords, respected by colleagues from across the political spectrum. He came to the UK at the age of six on the Kindertransport, fleeing Nazi persecution in Czechoslovakia, and arrived at Liverpool Street station in June 1939. MP for Battersea South and then Battersea from 1979-1987, Alf was also Director of the Refugee Council for seven years before becoming a Labour life peer in 1995. He served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 1997-1999, at the time the Good Friday Agreement.

He has been a tireless advocate for refugee rights throughout his career, steering the Dubs' Amendment on unaccompanied child refugees through Parliament in 2016, and today he continues to campaign on issues as diverse as human rights, integrated education in Northern Ireland, closer relations with the EU, and House of Lords reform.



# Lust

## Erika Lust



**You deserve pleasure. And you deserve to be respected. Lust shows how by telling the truth about sex, we can change the world.**

Growing up in Sweden, Erika Lust always knew that some things were off limits. Despite her liberal upbringing, she learned that adults were embarrassed if she asked them about sex. At the same time, she knew that men watched something called porn.

Decades later, Lust is the world's leading feminist adult filmmaker and has been dubbed the 'queen of ethical porn', making pioneering films which centre women's experiences and push back against shame to tell liberating stories of desire.

In *Lust: Porn, Pleasure, Power*, she tells the story of how a shy 'good girl' came to create one of the most talked-about studios in the world. She takes us behind the scenes of her films to glimpse the passion and chaos of making art about sex, and shares the lessons she has learned as a female leader in a male-dominated, frequently misogynistic, industry. And she addresses the ubiquity of online porn, offering a way forward that eschews moral panic in favour of creativity and pleasure. Ultimately, Lust argues, it is time that we change the stories we tell about sex.

Born in Stockholm and raised in Malmö, Sweden, Erika Lust is an award-winning indie erotic filmmaker. Her sex-positive adult cinema features relatable characters with an everyday look and realistic sex, transgressing gender stereotypes and fetishisations to offer a groundbreaking alternative to mass-produced mainstream porn. For the past two decades, Erika Lust has reshaped the landscape of adult filmmaking, challenging societal norms and paving the way for a new era of empowered sexuality.

With her unique storytelling approach, she has captured hearts and minds, showcasing eroticism in a way that is authentic, inclusive, and respectful. **Erika Lust** has been a beacon of change throughout her journey, championing body positivity, consent, and diverse representations of pleasure. She has shattered the stigmas surrounding adult entertainment and has brought ethics to the forefront. Her films embrace sexual liberation, intimacy, and the beauty of human desire, all while maintaining a high standard of ethical production practices. Her New York Times profile was a most-read culture story of the year.

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# Charles Haughey

## Vincent Browne

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COVER TO BE REVEALED

**A fearless, incisive biography of Charlie Haughey by one of Ireland's most formidable journalists, Vincent Browne.**

Vincent Browne, one of Ireland's most respected and fearless journalists, turns his formidable intellect and investigative skill to the life and legacy of Charlie Haughey, one of the most controversial and influential figures in modern Irish politics. This standalone biography offers a penetrating exploration of Haughey's rise to power, his complex personality and the political landscape he helped shape. Drawing on decades of experience in political commentary and broadcasting, Browne brings a sharp, uncompromising lens to the story, illuminating the tensions, triumphs and scandals that defined Haughey's career.

With characteristic wit and insight, Browne examines the roots of Ireland's contemporary political culture through the prism of Haughey's leadership, revealing how his actions and alliances continue to echo through Irish society. The book is rich in historical detail and journalistic rigour, making it essential reading for anyone interested in Irish history, politics or the enduring impact of charismatic leadership.

**Vincent Browne** is an Irish print and broadcast journalist, columnist for The Irish Times and The Sunday Business Post and a non-practising barrister. He hosted Tonight with Vincent Browne on RTÉ Radio (1996-2007) and TV3 (2007-2017), focusing on politics and political corruption.

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# Zeebs

## Simon Zebo

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**The electrifying story of a rugby icon who changed the game - and the face of Irish sport.**

From the streets of Cork to the grand stages of Thomond Park, the Stade Yves-du-Manoir and beyond, Simon Zebo's journey is one of flair, fire and fearless individuality. In this candid and captivating memoir, Zebo opens up about his life, from his record-breaking feats with Munster and Ireland to his trailblazing role as the first black man to wear the green jersey.

With trademark wit and warmth, Zebo reflects on the highs and lows of a career that spanned continents, including his unforgettable stint with Racing 92, his Lions tour memories and the moments that made him a fan favourite, like that backheel flick in Cardiff.

Co-written with acclaimed rugby journalist Gerry Thornley, *Zeebs* is more than a sports memoir: it's a celebration of self-expression, resilience and the joy of playing the game your way.

**Simon Zebo** is a former Irish rugby international and Munster legend, known for his dazzling footwork, infectious personality and record-breaking career. The first black man to represent Ireland in rugby, Zebo played for Munster, Racing 92 and the British & Irish Lions, earning 35 caps for his country and becoming a fan favourite across Europe.

**Gerry Thornley** is the long-standing rugby correspondent for *The Irish Times*, a role he has held since 1997. A respected voice in Irish sports journalism, he is also a regular rugby analyst on television, radio and podcasts. Thornley is the award-winning author of *Trevor Brennan: Heart and Soul* and has written bestselling biographies of Ronan O'Gara, Peter Stringer, Ian McKinley and Sean O'Brien, making him one of the most authoritative chroniclers of Irish rugby.

# Black & White





# All Bets Are Off

**Estelle Maskame**

## Keynote

It's supposed to be Adelaide's bachelorette party in Vegas, but when her fiancé and his friends crash the party, plans go out the window. It's going to be one wild girls' weekend in Vegas...

## Description

**Three women. One wild weekend. Zero chance of everything going to plan.**

Adelaide Sinclair is six weeks away from her dream wedding - or so everyone thinks. Her Vegas hen do is meant to be the ultimate send-off, until her fiancé gate-crashes with his own stag party - and brings along his best man, Connor - the first boy Addy ever loved, and the only one who knows she's hiding something. Connor's determined to stop the wedding, even if it means blowing up everything.

Hailey Clark is a rule-following, itinerary-wielding maid of honour who'd rather be anywhere but Vegas. But when the email of a lifetime lands in her inbox - her shot at becoming a published author - Hailey's focus shifts fast. She's sure she can juggle partying and pitching... until she ends up handcuffed to the bride's charming younger brother, Theo - and her carefully laid plans go up in glittery smoke.

Evelyn Sinclair is finally twenty-one and ready to live it up. But cocktails and clubbing aren't the only things on her agenda - Evie needs cash, and fast. Her solution? A little light theft. Her problem? Getting caught by a dangerously attractive stranger who's about to turn her weekend upside down.

As secrets unravel and sparks fly, Addy, Hailey and Evie find themselves on unexpected paths of self-discovery, sisterhood, and maybe even love. What happens in Vegas might not stay in Vegas - but it just might change everything.

## Sales Points

- Estelle Maskame is an international bestselling author with over 1 million copies sold in 22 territories.
- An on-trend spicy adult contemporary romance featuring electric banter and tropes like forced proximity, there's only one bed, sister's best friend, second-chance romance and age gap.
- *All Bets Are Off* is a romantic romp with plenty of spice set during a wild weekend in Las Vegas, perfect for readers of Hannah Grace and Ali Hazelwood, written with Estelle's trademark emotional depth and swoon-worthy love interests.
- Estelle is available for events in the UK and abroad, and is a popular guest at international book festivals.
- Praise for *Forever & Always You*:

"Chock full of yearning and achingly sweet moments" - Katie Holt, author of *Not In My Book*

"I simply could not put it down. A must read!" Ally Wiegand, author of *First Base*

## Biographies

ESTELLE MASKAME published the first book in her international bestselling *Did I Mention I Love You?* series when she was just seventeen. A word-of-mouth sensation, she is also the author of the *Mila* trilogy (2022), and the "highly addictive" standalone novels *Dare to Fall* and *The Wrong Side of Kai*. With over one million copies of her books sold, and rights sold in twenty territories, her fiction attracts countless passionate, loyal fans worldwide. Winner of the Young Scot Arts Award 2016, Estelle has been shortlisted for the Young Adult award at the Romantic Novel of the Year Awards. Estelle lives in her hometown of Peterhead, Scotland.

## Market

Adult and New Adult romance; target age 18-35; millennials and Gen Z readers; for fans of Hannah Grace, Ali Hazelwood, Tessa Bailey, Donna Marchetti, Abby Jimenez, Laurie Gilmore; lovers of happy endings and spicy romances with beloved tropes like forced-proximity and enemies-to-lovers.

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# Newes of Witches

Mairi Kidd

## Keynote

From the author of *The Specimens* comes a gripping tale of suspicion and sacrifice in 17th-century Scotland, where a midwife must fight to save a girl accused of witchcraft before fear tears the village apart.

## Description

**From the bestselling author of Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month *The Specimens* comes a new historic novel set during the Scottish witch trials filled with confessions and betrayal.**

Rural Scotland, 1629. Amidst the bogs and corn fields, children are going missing, and others seem to have fallen under a malevolent spell. When a young serving girl is imprisoned on suspicion of witchcraft, it falls on healer and midwife Catriona to uncover the truth behind the matter.

However, investigation only raises more questions, and soon a violent truth comes to light which threatens to upend local life. As tensions in the community reach a fever pitch, allegiances shift, lives unravel, and Catriona struggles to save the life of an innocent girl. But in a village gripped by fear and paranoia, this may demand the greatest sacrifice of all.

## Sales Points

- - From the author of *Poor Creatures*, *The Specimens*, *We are All Witches*, *Warriors and Witches* and *Damn Rebel Bitches* and *Feisty and Fiery and Fierce* comes this new historical novel.
- - Mairi Kidd is a highly respected author and publisher who includes women as the central figures of historical events.
- - A new spin on an ever-popular subject of witchcraft.

## Biographies

Mairi Kidd graduated with a First in Celtic Studies from the University of Edinburgh and has worked in books ever since. Her novel *The Specimens* - a retelling of the 1828 crimes of Burke and Hare - was Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month and the short stories from her collection *We Are All Witches* formed the basis for the award-winning 'Heal and Harrow' project. She lives by the sea in Edinburgh with her illustrator husband and their rescue cat.

## Market

For readers of historic fiction and compelling mysteries, as well as those with an interest in medieval Scottish history and women's history. Perfect for fans of *The Mercies*, *The Last Witch of Scotland*, and other female-focused historical novels.

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# The Wild Fix Scotland

## Feel-good living inspired by nature

### Anna Deacon

#### Keynote

Biohack your way to longevity by harnessing the incredible power of Scotland's nature.

#### Description

Writer and photographer Anna Deacon dives into the reasons why being in nature is so fundamental to our wellbeing and longevity, combining ancient traditions, cutting edge data and scientific research. This guide creates a framework for wellbeing structured around each element, Water, Fire, Earth and Wind, providing you with the knowledge to benefit from Scotland's unique and beautiful landscape. Illustrated with beautiful and inspiring images of Scotland's stunning scenery, *Wild Fix Scotland* is a roadmap of how to harness the wilderness around you.

#### Sales Points

- A user-friendly book on biohacking - informative and less scientific than other titles on the market.
- Published in a small, giftable hardback format featuring Anna Deacon's beautiful photography of Scotland.
- Anna Deacon has strong media connections, having written for *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, *The Scotsman*, *Stylist*, *Hidden Scotland*, and the *Daily Mail*. She is also an established voice on Scottish nature for her previous titles *The Art Of Wild Swimming Scotland*, *Taking The Plunge* and *The Ripple Effect*.

#### Biographies

Anna Deacon has worked as a photographer for over a decade, following a career in the music industry. Her photographic and written work has been published in magazines and newspapers including the *Guardian*, the *Scotsman* and *Glamour*. Her travel book *Wild Guide Balearic Islands* came out in 2022. She hosts the popular Instagram account @wildswimmingstories.

#### Market

**Wild Fix - Scotland** is a wellbeing guide to understand and gain the benefits of the natural environment in Scotland. This book will appeal to readers aged 25-70 who want to gain a greater understanding of the benefits of nature and those looking to improve their health and wellbeing.

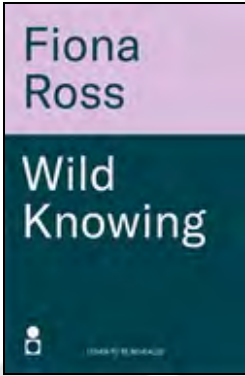
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# Wild Knowing

## Quiet Belonging in the Hebrides

Fiona Ross

### Keynote

A heart-warming memoir of cows, crofting and finding home in the wild beauty of the Hebrides.

### Description

Fiona was a Glasgow girl through and through, but when she was gifted an old leather-bound family ledger, she discovered a Highland family history that would change her life.

The ledger records the story of the family's 19th-century Highland cattle fold. Little did Fiona know that she would soon be moving with her husband and two beloved dogs to a remote Argyllshire croft where she would start her own herd (or fold, as it is known for Highland cows). On a wave-washed island, in the shadow of the Highland Clearances, Fiona moved in with 48 magnificent cows who would become her family.

This book is an ode to farming and the softer life that can be lived in the Hebrides. It depicts the life-affirming joy of bathing every morning in the icy Atlantic before taking the cows for a paddle. It tells calamitous tales of amorous bulls, escaping heifers, upturned quad bikes, falling off piers and accidentally injecting herself with cow meds. It tells the stories of births - so many beautiful births - followed by the drama of catching each slippery calf, holding it and tagging it, all under the baffled shaggy-fringed gaze of its 500-kilo, massively-horned mum.

***The Softer Crofter is a heart-warming celebration of second chances, stubborn cows and the quiet magic of finding home in the most unexpected of places.***

### Sales Points

- Fiona is a journalist with weekly column in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on croft life.
- Fiona Ross' memoir offers a new perspective on moving to the Highlands and creating a new way of life as a crofter.
- Will appeal to readers who love the romanticised idea of leaving the city for a simpler, softer country life, connecting with nature and ancestral traditions.

### Biographies

**Fiona Ross** is a journalist born and raised in Glasgow, Fiona moved with her husband to a homestead in the Scottish Highlands bought 3 highland cows and now has 48 magnificent native cows. Fiona regularly writes for the *Argyllshire Advertiser*. Fiona currently lives in Argyll, Scotland.

### Market

For fans of farming life stories and inspirational, aspirational tales of leaving the city for the country; readers of Clare Balding, the Yorkshire Shepherdess, Andrew Cotter, etc.

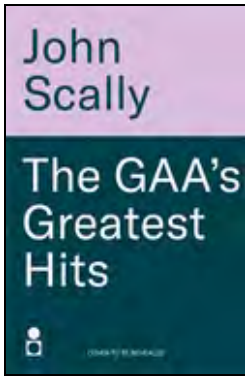
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# The GAA's Greatest Hits

## A Compilation of Epic, Enthralling Events

### John Scally

#### Keynote

The Greatest Hits of all things GAA - a perfect gift for fans of Gaelic Games

#### Description

**Bestselling GAA author John Scally returns with *The GAA's Greatest Hits: A Compilation of Epic, Enthralling Events* - a rollercoaster ride through the legends, the lore, and the larger-than-life characters that define Ireland's national games.**

This unique compendium is a captivating collection of the icons of Gaelic games, shedding new light on the myths, mysteries and the passionate pursuits undertaken by the noble and ignoble. From the managers who shaped dynasties to the unforgettable players who somehow never lifted a trophy, Scally dives into the heart of the action. Read about Christy Ring's blessing, Jimmy Keaveney's nose job, the GAA and Van Morrison, 'the man in the blue suit', Donal Ryan's special All-Ireland final memory, and much more. Packed with locker room lore, epic sagas, and commentary moments that gave us goosebumps or giggles, this is your all-access pass to the weird, the wonderful, and the wildly entertaining greatest hits of Gaelic games.

Based on exclusive interviews with the good, the bad and the funny of Gaelic games, *The GAA's Greatest Hits* is perfect for die-hard fans and curious newcomers alike. It's the ultimate celebration of what makes the GAA not just a sport - but a way of life.

#### Sales Points

- John Scally is a prolific and bestselling sport writer, focusing on Irish sport and has multiple GAA best-sellers.
- This is the ideal gift for fans of any GAA sports, be they family, friend or colleague.
- With a foreword by GAA star David Hickey.

#### Reviews

- 'A heartfelt hymn to the glory and romance of Gaelic Games.' - Seán Boylan
- 'Will be the perfect gift for GAA fans.' - Podge Collins
- 'This book reaches into the soul of Gaelic Games.' - David Hickey

#### Biographies

A native of Roscommon, **John Scally** is the author of over 50 books. These include the bestselling *Great GAA Rivalries*; *101 Great GAA Teams* and *101 Great GAA Controversies*. He is a two time winner of the McNamee Award for best programme on national radio on a GAA theme.

#### Market

This book will appeal to passionate followers of Irish sport, especially devoted GAA fans, as well as readers who enjoy compelling sports histories, athlete biographies, and stories rooted in Irish heritage. It's also a thoughtful and timely gift for; perfect for Christmas, Father's Day, birthdays, or any occasion that calls for something meaningful and memorable.

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# 110 Great Scottish Rugby Moments

## Stewart Weir

### Keynote

New edition celebrating Scottish rugby's most legendary and brilliant moments from the last 50 years.

### Description

**Celebrate with a spotlight on the Scotland's successes in this new and updated edition from Stewart Weir.** Including:

- A Five Nations win we'll never forget
- The 1984 Grand Slam
- David Sole, Tony Stanger and the 1990 Grand Slam
- The third successive victory as Scotland win over the Wallabies
- The great Bill McLaren's final commentary
- Doddie Weir's Big Entry
- The 2019 Calcutta Cup - a match like no other . . .

These epic moments feature exclusive interviews with Gregor Townsend, Jim Telfer, Ian Robertson, Ian McLauchlan, Andy Irvine, Alan Lawson, Iain Milne, Jim Calder, John Rutherford, Finlay Calder, Craig Chalmers, David Sole, Tony Stanger, Scott Hastings, Gavin Hastings, Doddie Weir, Rob Wainwright, Gary Armstrong, Kenny Logan, Bryan Redpath, Chris Paterson, Al Kellock, Sean Maitland and many others.

Enjoy a host of brilliant anecdotes and remarkable insights into the controversies, epic matches, thrilling contests and pivotal events on and off the field which shaped these 110 GREAT SCOTTISH RUGBY MOMENTS.

### \*\* Praise for 100 GREAT SCOTTISH RUGBY MOMENTS \*\*

"All the key moments from the last 50 years of Scottish rugby are captured . . . 100 Great Scottish Rugby Moments will definitely bring back some truly great memories for you." - GARY ARMSTRONG OBE

### Sales Points

- Updated edition from Stewart Weir featuring new cover and 10 new moments.
- Foreword by Gary Armstrong OBE, former Scotland national rugby union player.
- Stewart Weir, former sports reporter and author of *My Name's Doddie*, *The World According to Doddie* and *100 Great Scottish Rugby Moments*.

### Biographies

**Stewart Weir** is a former sports reporter at the *Evening Times*, chief sportswriter at the *Scottish Mirror*, and Head of Sport at the Herald & Times Group. He has worked extensively in PR, broadcasts and hosts motorsport events, in particular at Knockhill, and is also a regular on talkSPORT and BBC Radio Scotland. Stewart was co-author with Doddie Weir of *My Name's Doddie* (2018), *The World According to Doddie* (2019), and *Doddie's Diary* (2021), and was a founding trustee of the My Name's Doddie Foundation.

### Market

For fans of Scottish rugby, general rugby fans, those interested in sport history and readers sport biographies.

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**Territory** World

# Timorous Beasties Toile Tales

**Steven Dp Richardson**

## Keynote

A unique collection of twenty-one fables, beautifully illustrated by award-winning design studio Timorous Beasties.

## Description

When the iconic Scottish design studio Timorous Beasties rocked the world of interiors with its Glasgow Toile and London Toile textile and wallpaper patterns, a unique and enduring form of visual storytelling was born. Now, in collaboration with Steven Dp Richardson, the studio has turned its hand to the fabric of literature.

Twenty-one intricate illustrations by Timorous Beasties have each inspired an equally fascinating accompanying tale, creating a unique fusion of prose and design. The resulting fables are full of allegory and magic, and are by turns surreal, quirky, ironic, and humorous. A dog is transformed into a flesh-eating snail, a chameleon is voted into parliament, a poet is granted the gift of knowledge by a shapeshifting fish.

*Timorous Beasties: Toile Tales* is a book for our times, deftly exploring themes of ambition, mental health, disenfranchisement, and misogyny, doubling as another piece of gorgeous design by Timorous Beasties.

## Sales Points

- Timorous Beasties is a multi-award winning Scottish luxury brand with international appeal and a host of impressive collaborations with celebrities and world-famous brands.
- The Timorous Beasties Instagram account has a following of 150,000.
- Beautifully produced, luxury package with cover and internal designs by Timorous Beasties.

## Biographies

**Timorous Beasties** are a world leader in the wallpaper and textile design landscape. The company was founded in 1990 by Alistair McAuley and Paul Simmons, who met while studying at the Glasgow School of Art. Renowned for constantly pushing boundaries, the studio's iconic creations have attracted stellar commissions: Nike, Harrods, Philip Treacy, Penguin, Granta, Emma Thompson, and Kate Bush's recent product and narrative brand, to name but a few. From the US to Australia, Timorous Beasties design has a global reach in daily life, from book covers and coffee cups to furnishings in one-bedroom flats, the halls of civic buildings, departure lounges, boutique enclaves, restaurants and hotels.

**Steven Dp Richardson** is a postgraduate at the University of Glasgow, specialising in Ovid's *Metamorphosis* and medieval fable cycles, *Ysengrimus* and *Reynard the Fox*. He has been a university history tutor, numismatist, BBC Learning producer/director, landscape archaeologist, and has published on a range of subjects - poetry, cookery, history of food, archaeology, angling, landscape, and medieval Icelandic romance sagas. Presently he is an associate producer, developing an archaeology series with Tern TV.

## Market

This book will appeal to fans of design books, such as *William Morris* edited by Anna Mason, and beautifully illustrated fables, such as Carolie Bickford-Smith's *The Fox and the Star*. *Timorous Beasties: Toile Tales* is the perfect gift for anyone interested in art and textiles, or a companion piece for visitors to Timorous Beasties' Glasgow showroom and art galleries around the country.



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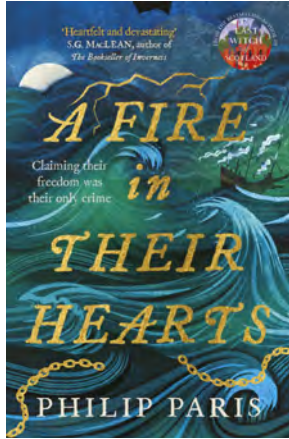
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## Paperback Highlights Black & White Publishing

### A Fire in Their Hearts

Philip Paris



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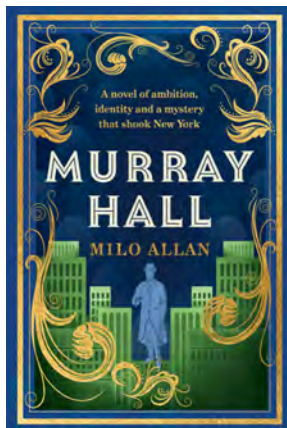
Price: £9.99

A Fire in Their Hearts is a powerful, epic tale of love, faith and survival, inspired by the extraordinary true events of the seventeenth-century Killing Times, by the bestselling author of The Last Witch of Scotland, Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2024.

PHILIP PARIS is the bestselling author of The Last Witch of Scotland, Waterstones' Scottish Book of the Year 2024 and Blackwell's Edinburgh Book of the Year 2023. His hugely varied work is often inspired by events or issues that have previously had little coverage. Men Cry Alone, a novel about domestic abuse against men, won the Scottish Association of Writers Barbara Hammond trophy in 2019, while his non-fiction book Orkney's Italian Chapel: The True Story of an Icon is recognised as the leading authoritative work on the history of the famous WW2 building.

### Murray Hall

Milo Allan



Pub Date: 06/08/2026

ISBN: 9781785307508

Price: £9.99

Inspired by a true story of one Scot's rise to prominence, Murray Hall unearths a queer past erased by history, finally bringing all the puzzle pieces together to discover the secret of this extraordinary, ordinary man, which shocked New York, America and the world.

Milo Allan is a pseudonym for a collaboration between Milo Clenshaw and Vicky Allan.

Milo Clenshaw is a writer, producer and curator based in Hawick in the Scottish Borders, where he works for the charity Alchemy Film & Arts. Murray Hall is his first novel.

Vicky Allan is the environment correspondent for the Herald newspaper and has written many books about wild swimming, working with the photographer Anna Deacon. Her other books include a collection of personal stories about the menopause, created with Kaye Adams, and a creepy novel, Stray, about a cat. Vicky is married, has two teenage sons and a cat, and lives in Edinburgh.



## Paperback Highlights Black & White Publishing

### Winterbourne

Elisabeth Wolf



Pub Date: 03/09/2026

ISBN:9781785308703

Price: £9.99

Within the walls of Winterbourne dwells a secret room, with an unspeakable collection of books.

After an unannounced visit from her employer, the enigmatic Lucien Broussard, Ann wonders what happened to the previous librarian when she finds notes hidden in the library's ancient tomes. As echoes of the past start to reveal the house and Lucien's dark secrets, suddenly Anne's dream job becomes a living nightmare.

Elisabeth Wolf is a writer of contemporary gothic fiction, creating classic tales that utilize the genre's most beloved tropes - crumbling mansions, vulnerable heroines, windswept landscapes and dark, brooding antiheroes."Elisabeth lives in Edinburgh and has also had eight crime novels published, writing as Alison Belsham.

### The Wise Witch of Orkney

Anna Caig



Pub Date: 01/10/2026

ISBN:9781785308512

Price: £9.99

Set in Scotland at the court of witch-hunting King James VI, this is the story of three women - born to follow very different paths - whose lives become dangerously intertwined as they attempt to defy the will of a King.

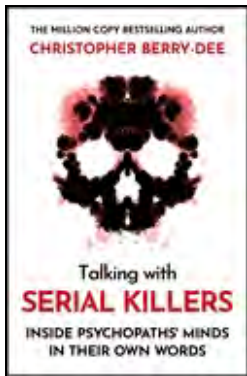
Anna Caig is obsessed with the hidden voices of women and a compelling underdog story. Luckily, history offers plenty of these. She's inspired by the glimpses into a woman's life we get before the historical record moves on to something considered much more important. What was happening in these gaps.

Anna lives in the 'howling wilderness' of the Peak District and has worked in marketing for over 20 years. She grew up reading indiscriminately: Agatha Christie, Stephen King, Alexandre Dumas and the Brontës happily coexisted in precarious piles on her bedside table. She believes reading is the most fun it's possible to have - some of her best memories are of the books she's read; some of her best friends and biggest loves are fictional.

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# Talking With Serial Killers: Inside Psychopaths' Minds - In Their Own Words

## From the No.1 Bestselling True Crime Author

**Christopher Berry-Dee**

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**Territory** World

### Keynote

A chilling new book from the No.1 bestselling true crime writer and criminologist, Christopher Berry Dee

### Description

**A CHILLING NEW BOOK FROM MILLION COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND CRIMINOLOGIST, CHRISTOPHER BERRY DEE**

**Celebrating the culmination of Christopher Berry Dee's life's work, *Inside Psychopath's Minds - In Their Own Words* gives the reader a forensic insight into the minds of some of the most dangerous murderers of modern times, so that we can truly ask ourselves, how does the deviant mind work?**

To gain access to such distilled evil the author has, for decades, been interviewing these killers face-to-face, interrogating and corresponding with people society often label as 'monsters', to unlock their thinking processes, gain access to their secrets, sexual fantasies, temptations and urges. The result is an expert look into the minds of convicted serial killers, based on the author's unique and extensive archive of correspondence between him and these murderers. The material is original and most of it has never been published before.

Includes disturbing correspondence with:

**Michael Peterson:** the true story behind the HBO Max series *The Staircase* in Peterson's own words

**David Mulcahy:** one of the notorious railway rapists and murderers with John Duffy. Is he innocent or not?

The late **LeRoy 'Viva' Nash:** one of the original 'Angels with Dirty Faces', the longest serving inmate on 'The Green Mile' in US history.

**Charles Lannis Moses:** the self-professed 'The Real Outlaw Josey Wales'.

### Sales Points

- Christopher Berry-Dee is the UK's no. 1 best selling true crime writer, with sales of more than 1 million copies.
- The last book in the bestselling series, *Talking With Serial Killers* and will have a fresh new look
- Includes cases from the UK and USA, and around the world.

### Biographies

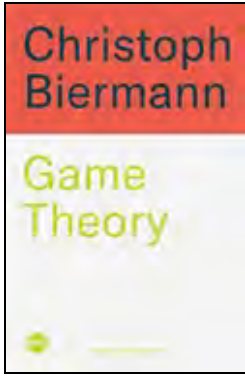
**Christopher Berry-Dee** is a bestselling writer and noted criminologist, whose recent books include *Talking with Psychopaths: Letters from Serial Killers* (2023) and *Talking with Psychopaths: Guilty but Insane* (2024). He is the country's No. 1 true-crime author.

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# Game Theory

## The Power of Data and Luck in Football and How to Embrace It

Christoph Biermann

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**Territory** World English Language

**Keynote**  
 An in-depth look at the role chance plays in deciding a football match and the way in which it significantly alters the perception of a team's performance.

**Description**  
 What if what we think about football isn't true: that despite all the efforts of coaches, managers, and players to control chance, it's not uncommon for the wrong teams to be at the top of the table and not the right ones to be relegated?

What if we praise the wrong teams instead of criticizing the right ones? What if Real Madrid had won the Champions League a few too many times and Pep Guardiola a few too few? What if, after a Premier League match, we come up with great theories about 'bogey teams' or about 'the run' a team is currently on because we don't want to admit how random many results really are? And what consequences would that have?

Christoph Biermann has embarked on a search for chance and spoken with coaches, managers, club owners, and mathematicians all over the globe. He has discovered some astonishing things that will change our view of football and how we talk about the magic of the game. This is a deep-dive into the element of chance in football - the fine margins and the small yet significant moments that completely alter the course of a match and our perceptions of an overall performance.

- Sales Points**
- Returning author with great track record
  - Data-based football books continue to perform well and this is the next big talking point
  - Unique subject with wide range of interviews with key people within football

**Biographies**  
 Christoph Biermann is an award-winning football writer and one of the most respected voices in the field. His books have twice won Football Book of the Year in his native Germany, where he is a reporter for the magazine *11 Freunde*.

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# Always Have Enough

## The Six Week Guide to Generational Wealth When You Don't Come from Money

Maria Melchor

### Keynote

A practical six-week guide on how to set your financial goals, build your safety net, and create generational wealth through a realistic, sustainable and unique framework.

### Description

*Always Have Enough* offers a pathway to creating wealth, written for those doing it for the first time. Maria Melchor offers a holistic formula to financial success that will make you feel richer from day one. Using the *Always Have Enough* plan, you will learn how to:

- Address mindsets from childhood scarcity that affect money attitudes in adulthood
- Choose your own money values and make empowered financial decisions
- Make your debt disappear (hint: anything's faster than ignoring it)
- Set yourself up for financial soundness and success.

Melchor introduces the concept of financial interdependence, an approach to personal finance that has proven to make her first-gen clients more successful with their money. Using the step-by-step advice in this book, you can enjoy the present while saving for the future, create your own financial goals, and redefine generational wealth as building wealth across the current, future, and previous generations.

### Sales Points

- **A new expert for a new generation.** *Always Have Enough* focuses on navigating the specific mindsets, challenges, and values that the rapidly growing first-generation experiences. Gen Z, millennials, and first-generation young adults are desperate for financial advice that is tailored to their lived experiences and values, and Melchor is the perfect person to provide this non-judgmental, empathetic guidance.
- **Fresh angle on finances.** There is a growing need for a fresh, relatable, and accessible approach to money management; *Always Have Enough* meets this demand by blending sharp financial insights with an engaging, conversational tone, Catering for people of colour as well as providing a more honest and hopeful look at building wealth.
- **Growing online following.** Melchor has nearly doubled her Instagram following, going from 100K followers to 204K followers today.

### Biographies

**Maria Melchor** is the personal finance expert and content creator behind FirstGenLiving, LLC, which provides personal finance education tailored to the experience of first-generation immigrants, students, and professionals through coaching and workshops. Today FirstGenLiving is a vibrant community of over 230k people across Instagram and TikTok.

Maria was born in Mexico and immigrated to America as a child. She previously worked in legal aid advocating for the welfare of the most disadvantaged New Yorkers and became a proud member of one of the largest unions in America.

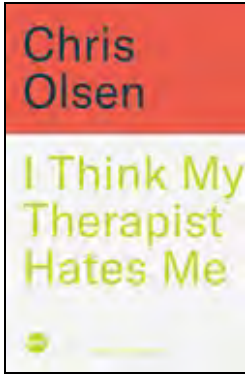
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# I Think My Therapist Hates Me

## A Memoir

Chris Olsen

**Keynote**  
An insightful and illuminating memoir from social media sensation, Chris Olsen

**Description**  
Self-described as overly emotional and a true theater kid at heart, Chris is always working to better understand himself, and regularly shares snippets of therapy zooms with his 20 million followers (alongside videos of crying sessions to Taylor Swift, dances with Meghan Trainor, and coffee deliveries, of course).

Chris first started working with his therapist Lizzie at age 20 during his second stint in rehab, the one that got him sober before he was old enough to have his first legal drink. He started working with her again in 2020 when a new addiction reared its head: reliance on validation from his rapidly growing online community. In the videos he shares, Chris jokes with Lizzie about "daddy" Harry Styles and crying in public, but sometimes his voice catches or his eyes gleam, the video cuts, and we get the sense the real work is about to begin.

In *I Think My Therapist Hates Me*, Chris finally provides fans more than a snippet, inviting readers in on a session with Lizzie, and his quest to understand why even sober, even living his dream, he still can't quiet his self-critic. While Chris has shared a bit about his experience with addiction, Lizzie's session prompts him to go deeper, giving him space to tell his formative stories from childhood to present day (including his first account of his breakup with Ian) with his signature humour and heart.

- Sales Points**
- Chris has become a beloved social media sensation with his honest posts about his anxiety and struggle with addiction earning him legions of fans.
  - Chris has a following of over 20 million followers worldwide, with an 11% engagement rate on Instagram. Chris regularly out-performs the engagement benchmarks of his peers when posting recovery and therapy-related content.
  - DOMESTIC AUDIENCE REACH 74%  
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# The State of This!

## A Thicky Thicky Dumb Dumb's Guide to British Politics

Cody Dahler

**Keynote**

A funny but informative deep-dive into some of the biggest and most pertinent political head-scratchers from one of the UK's fastest growing comedy stars.

**Description**

In today's climate of highly polarised, culture war-fuelled and personality driven politics, *The State of This! A Thicky Thicky Dumb Dumb's Guide to British Politics* is the book we all need to make sense of the seemingly endless bad decision making by those in power in the UK.

In *The State of This!* Award-winning comedian, satirist and political writer, Cody Dahler explores the most pertinent political head-scratchers affecting us all: *Why are people voting for Reform UK?; why did we Brexit?; what is the House of Lords and is everyone in there an arsehole?; why are our rivers full of shit?; what's to stop us becoming like America?; Why do our PMs change so often; and why do we use a lettuce to measure their success?*

Cody's brilliantly witty and fact-filled deep-dives into the history and origins of our current political malaise are as informative as they are fun - and crucially will stop you, the reader, from feeling like a thicky thicky dumb dumb in front of all your mates.

Many of the topics covered in the book come directly from Cody's rapidly growing army of over 2 million followers across all platforms, who look to him to make sense of the state of British politics and help them figure out if we're ever going to find a way out of it.

**Sales Points**

- Cody's popularity has grown exponentially in just the last couple of months - his Instagram following has more than tripled, and he has a highly engaged following of over 2 million people across all platforms - who turn to him for his hilarious and informative summations of British and global politics
- Cody is the host of the popular comedy and current affairs podcast "The Truth (in My Opinion)" - which has a growing listenership and lots of 5 star reviews
- Cody is an award-winning comedian and has written for some of the biggest and most beloved BBC political shows including *Have I Got News For You*, *Dead Ringers*, *The News Quiz*, *Please Use Other Door*, *Newsjack* and *DMs Are Open*
- Cody's podcast *The Truth (in My Opinion)* is rapidly growing - and Cody's inimitable, and instantly recognisable voice, is one his followers seek out when they're looking for reason and knowledge around today's most pertinent political issues

**Biographies**

Cody Dahler is an award-winning comedy creator, writer, and podcaster whose sharp wit and unique voice have made him one of the most exciting talents emerging from the UK comedy scene. Known for blending clever satire with authentic human observation, Cody has built a reputation for delivering laughs and facts among his dedicated following of over 2 million across all platforms.

Cody's comedy journey has seen him write and perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival as well as penning material for some of BBC most beloved comedy TV and radio programmes, including *Dead Ringers*, *Have I Got News For You*, *The News Quiz*, *Please Use Other Door*, *Newsjack* and *DMs Are Open*.

In addition to his writing credits, Cody is the creator and host of *The Truth (In My Opinion)* podcast. Whether he's connecting with audiences over social content, writing for iconic UK comedy shows, or performing live, Cody continues to push boundaries with work that's smart, surprising and undeniably funny - marking him out as a creative force in contemporary comedy.

Cody lives in London and *The State of This!* Is his first book.

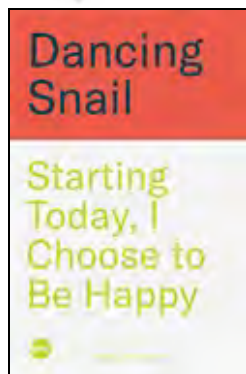
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# Starting Today, I Choose to Be Happy

## The Korean Non-Fiction Bestseller

### Dancing Snail

#### Keynote

A charming Korean guide on how to find the small joys in everyday life by bestselling author and illustrator Dancing Snail.

#### Description

**Comparing yourselves to others; feeling burnt out at work; struggling to live in the present; yearning for more money or possessions - in times like these, it's easy to feel unfulfilled - but happiness shouldn't feel out of reach.**

With her trademark wit and compassion, bestselling author and illustrator Dancing Snail breaks down how to find the small joys in everyday living. We are often told that 'money can't buy happiness' or that we should simply 'be kinder to ourselves', but in a world that moves at a million miles an hour, it is impossible to keep up. But perhaps there is a way to reframe what holds us back?

Instead, we could focus on accepting that some things don't work out, on turning fear into empowerment, noting the difference between advice and disparagement, not always putting a price tag on our hobbies, and the *joy* of missing out. Featuring charming illustrations and relatable anecdotes, *Starting Today, I Choose to Be Happy* is the perfect read for anyone looking to process the low days and reinvent happiness back into their lives.

#### Sales Points

- We have sold over 30,000 copies of the author's first two books - *I'm Not Lazy, I'm on Energy Saving Mode* and *It's Okay Not to Get Along with Everyone*.
- *I'm Not Lazy, I'm on Energy Saving Mode* was a no.1 International bestseller, and remained in the top 10 for a prolonged period in Singapore and Malaysia.
- Author was the illustrator for the bestselling Korean edition of *I Want to Die But I Want to Eat Tteokbokki*.

#### Biographies

Dancing Snail is an acclaimed illustrator and writer. She is the illustrator of the bestselling Korean edition *I Want to Die but I Want to Eat Tteokbokki*. Having experienced depression, anxiety and burnout, she seeks to spread messages of compassion and patience to all those who feel burdened. She is based in South Korea.

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# Ladies Man

## The Women Who Made JFK

Laurence Leamer

### Keynote

**A penetrating exposé of President John F. Kennedy's complicated, tumultuous life behind the scenes-through his knotty family relationships and the scandalous romantic affairs with women whose stories have often been overshadowed by his legacy.**

### Description

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a born leader-bold, charismatic, and able to charm his peers and disarm critics with nothing more than a witty phrase and a winning smile. He was also obsessive, manipulative, and haunted by his complex desires. More than drugs, JFK was addicted to shiny, remarkable women, collecting them voraciously and carelessly on his rise to the White House and beyond. Once one entered his orbit, she might become his secret lover, his trusted helpmate, or his close confidant...only to be summarily dismissed when she no longer suited his needs. But these women were perhaps the only witnesses to the *real* JFK-the private man outside the glare of the spotlight-and it's time their stories were finally told.

In *Ladies' Man*, bestselling biographer and Kennedy expert Laurence Leamer reveals the harrowing, definitive life of JFK, from his early years to his shocking assassination, through the lens of these diverse, fascinating women he surrounded himself with. From his youthful indiscretions, to his early connections with women like Pamela Turnure and Diana De Vegh, to his affair with Scandinavian aristocrat Gunilla Von Post just before marrying the stately Jacqueline Bouvier, to his Oval Office interactions with Judith Exner and Mimi Beardsley, to his liaisons to Marilyn Monroe before her death, JFK's relationships were multifaceted and often tragic. His cautious public persona contrasted sharply with his reckless personal life, where he took bewildering chances that could have destroyed him. And as JFK's profile rose, so did his rashness.

Insightful and wildly entertaining, *Ladies Man* gives voice to the women left as a footnote in JFK's legacy, while portraying a larger-than-life existence as troubled as it was extraordinary

### Sales Points

- **PUBLISHING INTO A SUCCESSFUL TREND OF DISHY, TELL-ALL BIOGRAPHIES:** Juicy, heavily researched books with a real perspective on famous figures are trending bestsellers as evidenced by Maureen Callahan's *Ask Not*, Kate Storey's *White House by the Sea*, and RoseMarie Terenzio's *JFK Jr.*
- **NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND PUTNAM REPEATER:** Laurence Leamer is the author of six *New York Times* bestsellers, including 2021's *Capote's Women*, which has sold more than 125,000 copies across formats. We're excited to continue to grow Leamer's standout brand writing books that "deftly tell the stories of stylish, glamorous women" (*Wall Street Journal*).
- **THE MASTER OF PUTTING WOMEN'S STORIES CENTER STAGE:** Biographies have been written about the Kennedy family, **but never has there been an account of JFK's personal life told through the lens of the female subjects who were loved, left, and betrayed by him.** Leamer's empathetic retelling acknowledges *their* complex stories-Marilyn Monroe, Diana De Vegh, Jacqueline Bouvier, and many others-and allows their biographies to take priority.

### Biographies

*New York Times* bestselling author **Laurence Leamer** is a leading biographer of the rich and powerful, including *Capote's Women*, *Hitchcock's Blondes*, *Warhol's Muses*, *Madness Under the Royal Palms*, and *The Kennedy Women*, among many other books. He lives in Washington, D.C., and Palm Beach, Florida.

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# I Hate You So Much Right Now

## Diss Tracks, Break Up Ballads and Female Rage

Emily Phillips

### Keynote

A fun but informative deep dive into some of the biggest and best dis-tracks, break-up ballads and moments of (artistic!) female rage from recent decades.

### Description

Ever noticed how much traction a break-up ballad gains in column inches? Or how fans jump on dissecting and philosophising the roots of a diss track? Or ever watched a dance floor fill up whenever reference to Becky with the Good Hair blares through the speakers at a wedding party?

Yep - the world, and its ears, love a bit of lyrically-sneering, heart-rending, soul-baring, all to a catchy baseline.

From Lily Allen to Taylor Swift, Joni Mitchell to Beyonce, Charli XCX to Dolly Parton, Stevie Nicks to the members of ABBA, and let's not forget 90's RNB (who were those scrubs?!) - the world of pop has been full of brilliant singles that everyone sings along to, often without knowing their origin story.

I HATE YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW is a deep dive into their history and cultural reference, with some lovely snatches of gossip and trivia along the way... Not to mention vox pops with those in the music and entertainment industries who saw the reaction to the fallout, intrigue and spectacle firsthand.

### Sales Points

- Trend-lend - everyone is talking about diss tracks at the moment, and this shows no sign of abating
- Fans are fast becoming super-snoops when it comes to picking apart the meaning behind songs.
- *The Rest is Entertainment* even did an episode on it...

### Biographies

Emily Phillips is a journalist, author and editor who currently works for Apple Music. Having been Associate Editor of ES Magazine and Features Director of Grazia, she's done everything from helping change the law for British women with the Mind the Pay Gap campaign, to interviewing A-listers like Abba and Anne Hathaway. Her first novel *Trying* - a comedy about what to expect when you're *not* expecting - was published in 2018. Living in London with her husband, two young children and a menagerie of animals.

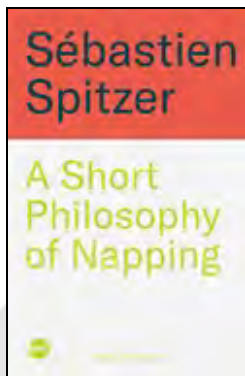
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# A Short Philosophy of Napping

Sébastien Spitzer

## Keynote

A wisdom-filled exploration on the power of napping

## Description

What could be better than a nap to slow the frantic course of our pressure-filled lives, dominated by the cult of performance and the need to constantly outdo ourselves? What could be better, in our anxiety-inducing world, than cocooning yourself by falling discreetly asleep on the couch or in a hammock? "One ought not attempt to 'force' nature," Epicurus said long ago. Solet's not challenge the philosophers, let's learn to suspend time instead.

Napping is a lifestyle, one that respects our natural rhythm and nurtures the best of what we have to offer. If he hadn't taken a nap in the shade of an apple tree, would Newton have discovered the law of gravity? This book is a wisdom-filled collection that reminds us to listen to the life lessons dispensed by nature and invites us to slow the maddening tempo of our lives down.

## Sales Points

- Targeting nap lovers - those who would also love to nap more and this book will give them the permission to do so!
- Publishing in September just ahead of gifting. For those looking to buy gifts for loved ones who love napping. This could either be something that is actively sought out or picked up at the till as an impulse purchase.
- This book is part of an international bestselling series: *A Short Philosophy of Birds* and *A Short Philosophy of the Sea*. *A Short Philosophy of Napping* has sold in South Korea, Italy and Spain so far.

## Biographies

Sébastien Spitzer is a journalist and a writer. His novels have won numerous literary awards, including: *Ces rêves qu'on piétine* (Trampled Dreams, L'Observatoire; Stanislas First Novel Prize and Mediterranean High School Students' Prize) and *Le Cœur battant du monde* (The World's Beating Heart, Albin Michel; shortlisted for the High School Pupils' Goncourt Prize). He is based in France.

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# The Big Book of Brilliant Quips

**Joe Wilkinson**

**Keynote**

A superbly funny, warm, and daft celebration of the humble quip from the duo behind the cult podcast *Chatabix*.

**Description**

What do you say when someone treads on your foot on a plane? Or when a stranger sees you cradling a baby and handing over a pint? In these moments, some people go blank. But others - true heroes - reach for a quip.

From the minds behind the cult podcast *Chatabix* comes a wonderfully daft, strangely philosophical celebration of the humble quip: those little one-liners we deploy in daily life to get a laugh, ease the tension, or simply feel like the funniest person in the Greggs queue.

In *The Big Book of Brilliant Quips*, Joe Wilkinson and David Earl share their favourites, gleaned from pubs, school gates, urinals, airports and everywhere where social interaction falters. There are classic quips, risky quips, failed quips, and quips you think about years later in the shower. And yes, there's even quip theory: tips, pitfalls, and moments of public silence when it all goes terribly wrong.

Packed with original material and illustrated throughout, this is the definitive guide to the lowest-stakes, highest-reward form of comedy known to man. A perfect gift for fans of observational humour, awkward men and women, and anyone who has ever made themselves laugh in a lift.

**Sales Points**

- Great gifting book for Christmas 2026
- Authors with a strong profile, especially Joe Wilkinson who is a household name in the UK
- Linked with a popular podcast - 870 episodes since 2021, consistently in the top 20 UK comedy podcasts on both Apple and Spotify, with a 4.9 average rating and thousands of reviews across both platforms, and over 145k Instagram followers of the podcast.
- Includes b/w illustrations throughout to accompany the quips

**Biographies**

**Joe Wilkinson (Author)**

Joe Wilkinson is a celebrated English stand-up comedian and actor. His distinctive brand of deadpan comedy has made him a beloved figure on British television, with memorable appearances on panel shows including *Have I Got News for You*, *Mock the Week*, *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, and as a frequent panellist and assistant on *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* since 2012.

Beyond panel shows, Joe has found success as a writer and actor. His sitcom *Rovers* (co-written with David Earl), roles in *The Cockfields*, *Sex Education*, and *After Life*, and most recently as a contestant on *LOL: Last One Laughing UK* and *The Celebrity Traitors*. He also won the *Star Baker* title on a celebrity special of *The Great British Bake Off* in 2019 for *Stand Up to Cancer UK*.

**David Earl (Author)**

David Earl is a British comedian, actor, and writer, best known for his brilliantly awkward comic creations and his long-running collaborations with Ricky Gervais.

David became a familiar face to mainstream audiences through his appearances as Kev in *Derek* and as Brian in Netflix's hit series *After Life*, both written and directed by Ricky Gervais.

Alongside acting, David is an accomplished writer and podcaster. With Joe Wilkinson, he co-created and starred in the Sky One sitcom *Rovers* and Gold's critically acclaimed *The Cockfields*. The pair also co-host the hugely popular podcast *Chatabix*.

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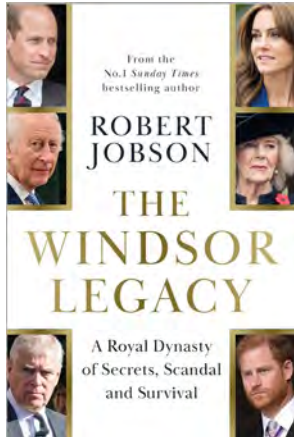
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### The Windsor Legacy

Robert Jobson



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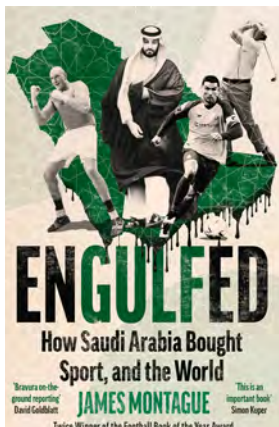
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From Elizabeth II to future King William, *The Windsor Files* offers a riveting exploration of the British monarchy's resilience and influence over the past century, looking at its key players and conflicts, with a forward-looking examination of its future.

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 show *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.

### Engulfed

James Montague



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An in-depth look at how the murder of Jamal Khashoggi sped up the Saudi state's involvement and investment in sport and how following the blueprint of similar activities from other Gulf states, was used as a way of quickly repairing Mohammed bin Salman's reputation.

James Montague is an award-winning author and journalist from Chelmsford, Essex, who has reported regularly for the New York Times, BBC World Service, *The Athletic*, CNN, and *Delayed Gratification*, amongst others, from over 100 different countries and unrecognised territories.

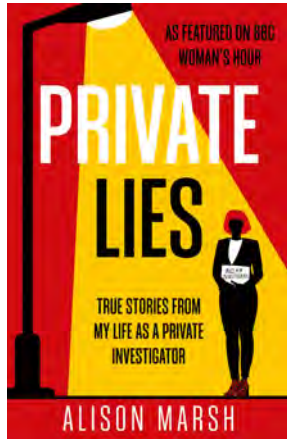
His most recent book, *Engulfed*, was shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book prize. His work has been translated into over a dozen languages.



## Paperback Highlights Blink Publishing

### Private Lies

Ali Marsh



In *Private Lies*, Ali takes the reader behind the scenes of these real cases and shows how she uses her skills and experience to follow the clues, solve the mysteries and find the answers for those who need them most.

Alison Marsh is a private investigator at Miss A. M. Investigations, registered with the UK Private Investigators Network, with qualifications in forensics, criminology, profiling, criminal psychology and private investigation. She has been profiled (sometimes under the name Alison Harris) by The Daily Mail, the Independent, The Lady, The Metro, The Sun, Woman Magazine, The Mirror and OK! Magazine, among others, and has appeared on BBC Woman's Hour (26th Dec 2023). She lives in Oxfordshire with her family and two dogs. *Private Lies* will be her first book for the trade.

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### Breaking

Mic Wright



A manual for understanding the media; revealing the nuts and bolts of the media machine which impacts our lives every day. From those who own the news and the battle for balance at the BBC, to the intricacies of political journalism and the trade's ethics, the modern media is as complex as it is flawed. In this revealing deep-dive, *Breaking* shows how our news media works and, ultimately, how it doesn't.

Mic Wright is a reporter, journalist, and media critic from Norwich. He started out on Pensions World magazine before moving to Stuff, the music magazine Q, The Daily Telegraph, and The Times and Sunday Times. His work has appeared in every national newspaper besides The Daily Mail (and Daily Sport). He writes the media criticism newsletter *Conquest of the Useless* and has appeared on national and international broadcast platforms including the BBC, Sky News, CNN and Al Jazeera.

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### Judgement

Tulisa



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THE BRUTALLY HONEST AND REDEMPTIVE MEMOIR FROM N-DUBZ STAR, TULISA

More than a memoir, *Judgement* is a real-time chronicle of a life under siege. Written by Tulisa through a series of raw, unfiltered journals during the most turbulent year of her life, Tulisa captures, moment by moment, the downfall orchestrated by the notorious 'Fake Sheikh', Mazher Mahmood.

Tulisa Contostavlos is an accomplished English singer, songwriter, rapper, television personality, and actress. She first rose to prominence as a member of the multiplatinum-selling R&B/hip hop group N-Dubz alongside her cousin Dappy and friend Fazer. With N-Dubz, Tulisa achieved three platinum albums, one double platinum album, four MOBO Awards, and a BRIT Award nomination. The group also celebrated a number one single, five sold-out tours, and a 2023 tour that saw them sell four times the number of tickets than what was initially available.

### Fixed

Moses SAIBU



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*Fixed* breaks new ground as Moses Swaibu becomes the first player ever to write openly about how he helped to fix games, revealing exactly what happens on the pitch when a match is being manipulated. He also exposes how the criminal gangs operate, how young professional players are targeted and groomed and the threats of violence that are used to keep them in check. Offering a fascinating insight into the ugly side of the beautiful game, it's a sporting autobiography like none ever written before.

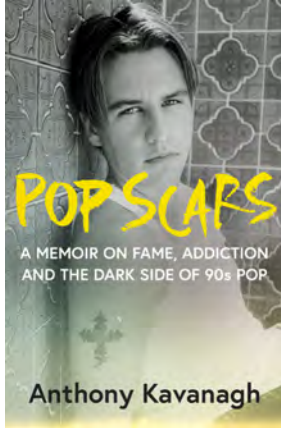
Moses Swaibu is a former professional footballer who played for Crystal Palace and Lincoln City as well as clubs including Bromley, Sutton and Whitehaven. In 2013, he was jailed for his part in a match-fixing scam which rocked English football. Since his release from prison, he has made it his mission to warn other young players against the perils of match-fixing.



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### Pop Scars

Anthony Kavanagh



The shocking, tell-all memoir from '90s popstar and heart-throb formerly known as Kavana.

Born in Manchester in 1977, Anthony Kavanagh's rise to fame was stratospheric, scoring a record deal at the age of just eighteen and winning the much-coveted Smash Hits Male Artist of the Year Award in 1997, all the while achieving top ten hits, appearing on countless magazine covers, performing on Top of the Pops and gigging alongside the Spice Girls. The stuff that dreams are made of.

Anthony Kavanagh, is a writer, singer and songwriter who rose to fame in the late 1990s with a number of hit singles, including 'I Can Make You Feel Good' and 'MFEO'. He lives in London.

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### Opening Doors

Reggie Nelson



Inspiring, moving and empowering, Opening Doors is a story of how the power of guidance, visibility and mentoring can give anyone the platform to learn and succeed. Because when one door closes, another door will always open...

Reggie Nelson is an Associate for a Private Equity in London and sits on the advisory board of a large social mobility charity in the UK. He previously served as the Group Chair of the ACCA Student Advisory Group and spent a year as a co-host of the #YourWorkYourMoney Podcast on BBC 5 Live. He is constantly featured in national press and media and has spoken all over the world on topics ranging from his story, social mobility and education to finance and investing. Reggie is a big advocate of mentoring and offers a huge amount of time mentoring students from socially disadvantaged areas across the UK.

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Christian Davenport



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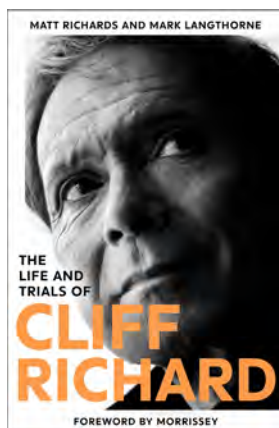
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Masterfully paced, rigorously reported and vividly told, *Rocket Dreams* offers a riveting, fly-on-the-wall account of the grit-fuelled global battle to push humankind further into the cosmos -revealing that the science fiction dreams of the last century may soon become our reality.

Christian Davenport is a staff writer at The Washington Post covering the space and defense industries for the financial desk. He has been on reporting teams that were finalists for the Pulitzer Prize three times and is a recipient of an Emmy award for his work on the Discovery and Science Channels covering SpaceX's first human spaceflight mission and a Peabody Award for his work on veterans with traumatic brain injuries. As a frequent radio and television commentator, he has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, CBS, PBS NewsHour and several NPR shows.

### The Life and Trials of Cliff Richard

Matt Richards and Mark Langthorne



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Price: £10.99

An in-depth biography of Britain's most successful home-grown pop star, Cliff Richard.

MARK LANGTHORNE has spent over twenty years working in the music, film and fashion industries with stars such as Marc Almond, Annie Lennox and Roland Mouret. He is also an acclaimed author and screenwriter.

MATT RICHARDS is a film-maker, screenwriter and author. His films have included documentaries about D-Day, the Dambusters, Colditz and the Blitz as well as a feature film about the Spanish Civil War. His books include an exploration into the death of Michael Jackson and the biography of Freddie Mercury.



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### The Fred West Tapes

Howard Sounes



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The Fred West Tapes incorporates remarkable new evidence and primary source testimony, including the experiences of the West children and victim families. With never-before-seen and heard testimony and evidence, this is a fascinating journey into the twisted mind of serial killer Fred West and his marriage to Rose, his partner in crime.

Howard Sounes is the author of eleven books, including biographies of Bob Dylan, Charles Bukowski and Paul McCartney, and three true crime books. Working as a reporter for the Mirror in 1994, he broke stories in the Fred and Rosemary West murder case, giving the case its name, the House of Horrors, leading to the publication of Fred & Rose, which has sold around 400,000 copies. Howard also presents the podcast series, Unheard: The Fred & Rose West Tapes. The series went to number one in the podcast charts in the UK, with over 3 million downloads.

### Are You Really the Doctor?

Matt Hutchinson



Pub Date:03/09/2026

ISBN: 9781806172887

Price:£10.99

Combines witty storytelling with incisive commentary to offer an intimate look at life as a Black British doctor working on the frontline of the NHS.

Tracing his journey from medical school through to working at some of the country's most chaotic hospitals, Matt shows how the community of immigrant healthcare workers are the true backbone of the NHS and offers an honest insight into the unique challenges that non-white patients face when navigating the healthcare system.

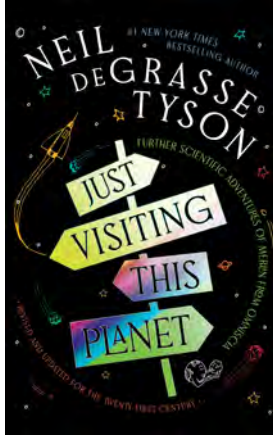
Matt Hutchinson is a comedian, writer and NHS doctor specialising in rheumatology and general medicine. In 2023, he launched his debut Edinburgh festival show, 'Hostile'.



## Paperback Highlights Blink Publishing

### Just Visiting This Planet

Neil deGrasse Tyson



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In this updated, illustrated companion volume to Merlin's Tour of the Universe, we visit again with Merlin, a timeless space traveler from Planet Omniscia, who answers a collection of imaginative questions about the cosmos from Earthlings of all ages. Whether waxing poetic about Earth and its environs, the Sun and its stellar siblings, the world of light, physical laws or galaxies near and far, Merlin's remarks are engaging, humorous, and clear as a starry night sky.

Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator. In 2017 he became the first American to win the prestigious Stephen Hawking Medal for science communication. He is the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the Rose Center for Earth and Space and a research associate in the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History. Tyson has written several New York Times bestselling nonfiction books.

### F1 Generations

Frank Worrall



Pub Date: 19/11/2026

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A look at how the baton is being passed on by Lewis Hamilton to the next generation of British drivers currently fighting for the F1 World Championship - Lando Norris and George Russell

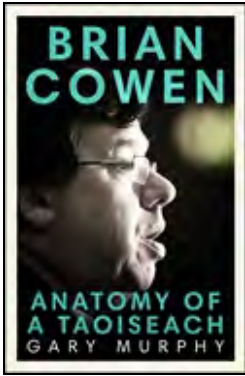
This is the in-depth and ultimate look at British F1's past, present and bright future.

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 other sports books including Rooney: Wayne's World, Giggsy, The Magnificent Sevens and Lewis Hamilton: The Definitive Biography.

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# Brian Cowen

## Anatomy of a Taoiseach

### Gary Murphy

#### Keynote

**An insightful, searing and clear-eyed account of Taoiseach Brian Cowen and his time as leader of the country during Ireland's greatest crisis**

#### Description

**An insightful, searing and clear-eyed account of Taoiseach Brian Cowen and his time as leader of the country during Ireland's greatest crisis**

From the author of the bestselling *Haughey*, Gary Murphy returns with a major reassessment of Ireland's most turbulent political era. In this richly textured account of Brian Cowen's inexorable rise to the office of Taoiseach and his dramatic fall, Murphy offers a ground-breaking portrait of a man and an era that defined modern Ireland. This rigorously researched study examines the decisions, pressures and circumstances that shaped Brian Cowen's 1,036 days as Taoiseach, a period that coincided with the collapse of Ireland's banking system and the state's entry into an EU-IMF programme.

Drawing on extensive interviews, documentation and contemporaneous accounts, Murphy explores the context surrounding the bank guarantee, the loss of economic autonomy and the path that led to external intervention. Balanced, detailed and accessible, this book offers a comprehensive analysis of how government, institutions and global forces interacted during a crisis that transformed modern Ireland.

#### Sales Points

- A definitive reassessment of Brian Cowen by acclaimed political historian Gary Murphy, author of the bestselling *Haughey*.
- Essential for readers of Irish politics, economics and contemporary history
- Packed with exclusive interviews and previously unseen detail, cutting through myth and hindsight

#### Biographies

**Gary Murphy** is Professor of Politics at Dublin City University. He has written extensively on the politics of modern Ireland and is the author or co-author of eight books and dozens of articles and book chapters. He appears regularly in the Irish media and is currently a columnist with the Sunday Times. In 2021 he published *Haughey*, a cradle to grave biography of another former Fianna Fáil leader, and Taoiseach, Charles J. Haughey.

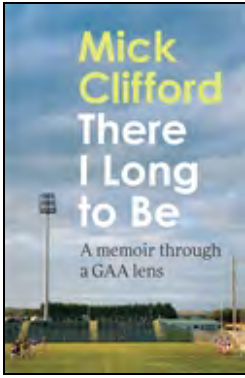
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# There I Long to Be

## A memoir through a GAA lens

### Mick Clifford

#### Keynote

**A fundamental tenet of the GAA is under threat in a manner that has not happened in its 140-year history.**

#### Description

**A fundamental tenet of the GAA is under threat in a manner that has not happened in its 140-year history.**

For generations, the GAA club has been the beating heart of Irish communities - rooted in the parish, sustained by volunteers and inseparable from identity. But today, that foundation is under threat.

In this deeply personal and sharply observed memoir, journalist Mick Clifford traces the seismic shifts that have brought the GAA to a crossroads. From his childhood in football-mad Iveragh to three decades in Dublin - where he mentored his son's team and witnessed the sport's urban transformation - Clifford explores the widening gap between tradition and modernity.

Blending reportage, interviews and historical insight with a lightness of touch, he examines the forces reshaping the club system and asks: what must be done to preserve the soul of the GAA?

This is a story of memory, belonging and the future of a movement that has always been more than just sport.

#### Sales Points

- Mick Clifford is a seasoned broadcaster and columnist, available for interviews, panels and launch events
- Author of *Who Killed Una Lynskey?*, *A Force for Justice: The Maurice McCabe Story* and *Unlocked: An Irish Prison Officer's Story*
- Clifford's lived experience in both rural Kerry and urban Dublin offers a unique lens on the GAA's evolution

#### Biographies

**Mick Clifford** is an award-winning Irish journalist and author, currently serving as Special Correspondent for the *Irish Examiner*. With over two decades in print and broadcast journalism, Clifford has earned acclaim for his investigative reporting, notably on the Garda whistleblower Maurice McCabe, which won him Journalist of the Year in both 2014 and 2016. His non-fiction works include *A Force for Justice: The Maurice McCabe Story*, *Bertie Ahern and the Drumcondra Mafia* (co-authored with Shane Coleman), and *Who Killed Una Lynskey?*. He has also written two crime novels, including *Ghost Town*. Clifford lives in Dublin and is a regular contributor to Irish media and current affairs programming.

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# Pop Culchie

**Páraic Kerrigan**

## Keynote

**Questions to uncover the oddities and eccentricities at the heart of Irish popular culture and society, providing a kaleidoscopic view of both major and obscure moments in Irish culture, from the country's fascination with singing priests and its own Live Aid-style concert to the quirks of children's TV.**

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Why do Irish people love a good moral panic around sex? How did one of Ireland's top-selling pop groups vanish into obscurity? What turned the missing passport of a young Derry girl into a national scandal? Why does Ireland have a martial arts movie set in Meath? Whatever happened to the Fat Frog ice cream? And why did Ireland once have an annual competition to crown the "Housewife of the Year", awarding its winner a gas cooker? This and many other mysteries and conundrums are answered in this fascinating, hilarious book!

*Pop Culchie* asks these questions to uncover the oddities and eccentricities at the heart of Irish popular culture and society.

## Sales Points

- Irish people have a deep love of nostalgia
- Appeal to Christmas gifting market and tourist market
- For readers of books that poke fun at Irish culture, such as *Waterford Whispers* or *Weird Ireland*

## Biographies

**Páraic Kerrigan** is an author, researcher and Assistant Professor at University College Dublin, where he teaches on LGBTQ Irish culture. His most recent book *Reeling in The Queers* was shortlisted for an Irish Book Award in 2024.

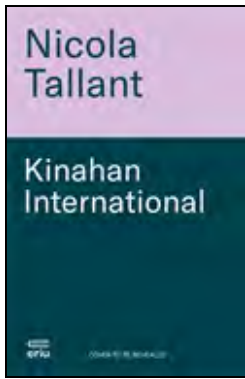
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# Kinahan International

Nicola Tallant

## Keynote

The queen of Irish true crime explores the new order of gangland; borderless, ruled from afar and moulded by the ruthless frontiersmen who led a path to a new era of narco terrorism.

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At the centre of the story of how Ireland's underworld was reshaped lies the mysterious Dapper Don Christy Kinahan and his ambition to create an international cartel - one which would grow to dominance on the world stage.

The first stop in his extraordinary journey to create Kinahan International was Amsterdam as an underground dance culture fuelled by ecstasy exploded and a whole new market of recreational drug users were born.

While Kinahan was one of the first he was not the only ambitious Irishman mixing and mingling in The Damm - the drug supermarket of Europe. George 'The Penguin' Mitchell, John 'The Colonel' Cunningham and Thomas 'The Boxer' Mullen had also been drawn to the bright lights and lax laws of the Netherlands.

Perfectly placed and perfectly timed they made contacts and friends who will weave into the tapestry of some of the most extraordinary stories in recent criminal history and who remain central today to the vast billion euro businesses that seem untouchable.

Amsterdam was just the beginning of an incredible journey across the globe; to some of the richest places on earth and through the poorest. A journey which would place Ireland on the frontline of a global criminal underworld.

In this explosive investigation and fast-moving story that reads like a thriller, Nicola details how the tentacles of the ambitious first cartel bosses spanned out across the world creating new territories and new rules for those who followed.

**This is the story of the new underworld and those who built it.**

## Sales Points

- Exclusive insight from Ireland's most trusted true-crime voice
- The biggest international crime story on Irish soil, reveals how global cartels - including Mexico's Sinaloa organisation - embedded themselves in Ireland and reshaped gangland alliances
- Nicola Tallant has been shortlisted for the CrimeCon True Crime Book Awards for *Cocaine Cowboys* and *Groomed*
- Nicola Tallant is a three-time winner of Crime Journalist of the Year award in Ireland

## Biographies

Nicola Tallant is a three-time winner of Crime Journalist of the Year award in Ireland. In 2024, *Cocaine Cowboys* was shortlisted for the True Crime Awards for Outstanding Investigative Reporting. Nicola specialises in organised and gangland crime. She is the author of a number of books and works as the Crime and Investigations Editor at *Sunday World*. She has a weekly podcast *Crime World* and is also a regular contributor on *The Stand* with Eamon Dunphy

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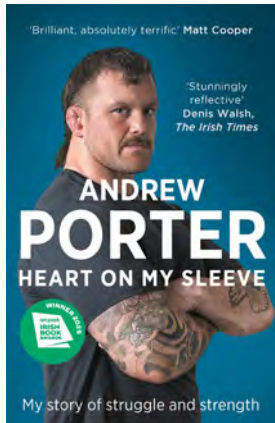
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## Heart on My Sleeve

Andrew Porter



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Andrew Porter lost his mother to breast cancer at the age of 12, spent much of his teens suffering with his mental health and overcame his issues by focusing on rugby. Here, this gentle giant wears his heart on his sleeve and opens up about his challenges and successes on and off the pitch.

Andrew Porter is a professional rugby union player for Leinster and the Ireland national team. A cornerstone of Ireland's front row, he has represented his country in multiple Six Nations campaigns and was selected for the British & Irish Lions tours in both 2021 and 2025. He is currently on the British and Irish Lions tour. Known for his power and versatility, Porter helped Leinster secure the 2025 United Rugby Championship title. He lives in Dublin.

## Twitch

Annmarié O'Connor



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Twitch is a frank and funny memoir about picking up the pieces when personal tragedy hits. In 2021, Irish Examiner columnist, stylist, author and podcaster Annmarie O'Connor was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's disease, an incurable neurodegenerative condition broadly affecting movement and mental health. Though she is no longer working as a stylist as part of her career due to Parkinson's complications, Twitch outlines her journey from a life-altering diagnosis to becoming an activist and agent of change.

Annmarié O'Connor is a bestselling author and fashion editor. In December 2021, she was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's disease - a progressive, degenerative brain disorder with no cure, broadly affecting movement and mental health. Brought up in the United States, she now lives in Cork and is a regular columnist with the Irish Examiner.

## Charlie Vs Garret

Eoin O'Malley



The two opposing political personalities that shaped Irish life in the 1980s and beyond. Eoin O'Malley has amassed an extraordinary body of research, including in-depth interviews with dozens of the most consequential public figures of the time, every Taoiseach, cabinet ministers, TDs, civil servants, and advisers.

Eoin O'Malley is an Associate Professor in political science at the School of Law and Government, Dublin City University. There he teaches politics and public policy.

As a regular columnist in the Sunday Independent, Eoin is a frequent contributor to national debates.

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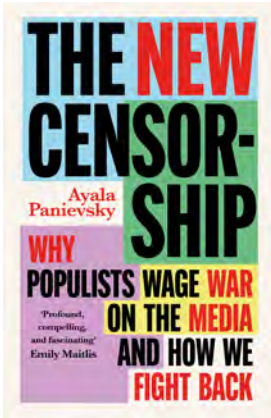
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## The New Censorship:

Why populists wage war on the media and how we fight back

Ayala Panievsky



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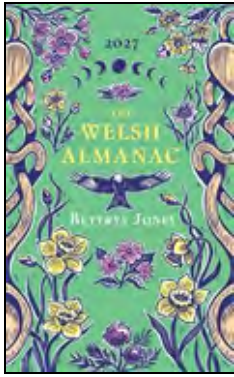
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In *The New Censorship* esteemed academic and former journalist Ayala Panievsky reveals the ways in which, under populist leaders, methods of censorship have evolved into something even more sinister than before. Instead of banning stories, they spread flows of disinformation. Instead of silencing, they shout louder. And, more tragically still, under these external pressures journalists have even begun censoring themselves.

Dr Ayala Panievsky is a researcher, journalist and activist specialising in populism, media under attack, and democratic backsliding at the City University of London. She is the recipient of prestigious grants and awards, and her research has been covered in the BBC, The News Agents, LBC, Politico and more.

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# The Welsh Almanac

## A Seasonal Guide to 2027

### Bettrys Jones

#### Keynote

For fans of the much-loved Lia Leendertz annual *Almanac*, *The Welsh Almanac* focuses in on Wales as a region and its nature, language and timeless traditions.

#### Description

Embark on a journey through Wales with *The Welsh Almanac*, a month-by-month guide that showcases the country's landscapes, heritage, and traditions. Explore valleys, coastlines, tide tables, moon phases, and Welsh customs, alongside regional highlights and translated folk songs.

With a mix of activities and recipes throughout, you can try your hand at making cawl, bara brith, crempogau (pancakes), or even crafting a lovespoon. Along the way, discover the stories behind traditions like the Mari Lwyd and the Eisteddfod, and enjoy snapshots of Wales's most stunning regions, from Snowdonia to the Brecon Beacons and the Pembrokeshire coast.

#### Sales Points

- A Wales-based spin on the perennial bestselling almanac by Lia Leendertz
- With phonetic Welsh translations for key days and festivals, as well as Welsh words of the month
- Author speaks Welsh

#### Reviews

- "A delightful, informative compendium of Welsh language, landscapes, traditions and folklore. The Welsh Almanac is sure to be a fixture on my desk!"

' - Sophie Keetch, *author of The Morgan Trilogy*

#### Biographies

Bettrys Jones is a fluent Welsh speaker and passionate advocate for Welsh language and culture. From Abercarn in South Wales, Bettrys was schooled entirely in Welsh and immersed in Welsh tradition and culture until the age of 18.

She is an actor and writer, and has performed on some of the best stages in the country including the National Theatre, RSC and The Globe. She now lives in Bristol with her husband and their son.

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# Exit 8

## The chilling Japanese mystery from a 3 million copy bestselling author

**Genki Kawamura, Inc.**  
Translated by Sameeha Anwar

**Keynote**

A mind-bending Japanese horror from three-million-copy bestselling author Genki Kawamura, *Exit 8* traps its protagonist - and the reader - in a looping underground world where every wrong move could mean never escaping.

**Description**

Inspired by a cult video game and now adapted into an acclaimed film, *Exit 8* is an innovative work of storytelling, and an ingenious locked-room mystery unlike any other.

A young man is riding the Tokyo subway when he receives a life-changing text message from his ex-girlfriend. He exits the train, but extraordinary things begin to happen, and he finds he cannot escape. Why is he trapped? Is it related to the text message he received? Will he solve the clues before it is too late?

The subway will loop endlessly unless he follows precise rules:  
Do not overlook any anomalies  
If you find an anomaly, turn back immediately  
If you do not find any anomalies, do not turn back  
Get out through Exit 8

**Sales Points**

- This novel is an adaptation of the film based on the original game by KOTAKE CREATE
- The film *Exit 8* will be released for streaming in the UK around the time of publication. It has garnered critical acclaim and fantastic feedback from reviewers.
- Genki Kawamura is a major figure in Japanese film and literature, with international book sales of over three million copies.
- For fans of escape rooms, horror and locked-room mysteries like bestsellers *Bullet Train* and *Strange Houses*.

**Biographies**

**Genki Kawamura, Inc. (Author)**

Genki Kawamura was born in Yokohama, Japan in 1979. In 2012, he published his first novel, *If Cats Disappeared from the World*, which has been translated into 35 languages and sold over 3 million copies worldwide. His other books include *One Hundred Flowers*, *The Horse and I*, and *Whispering Rooms*, co-authored with Marie Kondo. In 2022, Kawamura became the first Japanese filmmaker to receive the Best Director Award at the San Sebastián International Film Festival. In 2025, his second feature film *Exit 8*, inspired by a cult video game, was chosen as an Official Selection at the 78th Cannes Film Festival.

**Sameeha Anwar (Translator)**

Born in 1991 in Bangladesh, Sameeha Anwar is a writer and translator based in Japan. She was awarded Second Prize in the 2025 Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP) International Translation Competition. Her translation credits include the film *Evil Does Not Exist* (2024). She teaches translation at the Japan Visualmedia Translation Academy in Tokyo.

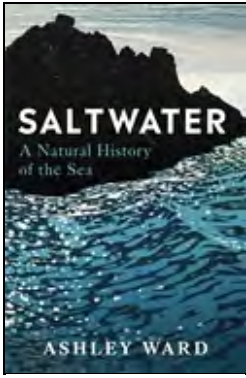
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# Saltwater

## A Natural History of the Sea

Ashley Ward

### Keynote

From sunlit shallows to the abyssal zone, this is a deep dive into the mysteries of saltwater and its majestic inhabitants.

### Description

WE CAME FROM THE SEA

From tidal estuaries to tropical reefs, saltwater has been central to evolution; the amniotic fluid of life itself. Vestiges of our salty origins can be found in the physiological makeup of land dwellers today, and marine chemistry still defines the boundaries of existence for most aquatic animals. But even as we rely upon the sea's life-giving properties, we have failed to protect it.

*Saltwater* brings readers face to face with the secrets of the marine realm, revealing massive sperm whales, delicate dumbo octopuses, nightmarish viperfish, and even the ocean's own version of the northern lights: a shimmering bioluminescent display that illuminates the darkest fathoms.

It examines humanity's eternal connection with the oceans, from ancient fishing traditions to the devastating legacy of industrial whaling. And it shows how today, even as the ocean bears the scars of overfishing, pollution, and climate change, this damage may yet be reversed through cutting-edge science and strategic conservation.

Elegant, deeply researched, and ultimately galvanising, *Saltwater* is a paradigm-shifting look at how saltwater life shapes our world.

### Sales Points

- For readers of *Blue Machine*, *Between the Tides* and *Other Minds*
- A definitive account of saltwater life across the globe
- Author is one of the leading aquatic biologists in the world, based in Yorkshire and available for events.
- In the course of writing this book, and during more than two decades of scientific research leading up to it, the author has travelled extensively to marine habitats around the world, where he has studied and contemplated the animals of the saltwater realm.

### Reviews

- 'By turns immense and intimate, panoramic and poetic, *Saltwater* is a song of praise for the strangeness, beauty and wonder of the ocean, a panoramic account of its centrality to life on our planet and a clarion call for its preservation. It is essential reading.' - James Bradley, author of *Deep Water*
- "A glorious exploration of everything marine, Ward instils into the reader a profound feeling of awe for the weird and wonderful creatures found in our oceans" - Madeline Beekman, author of *The Origin of Language*

### Biographies

Born and once more based in Yorkshire, Dr. Ashley Ward is Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Sydney, Australia one of the world's pre-eminent faculties for Marine Biology. For many years he ran the Animal Behaviour Lab, spanning sites worldwide from One Tree Island on the Great Barrier Reef to the estuaries of Lincolnshire. An expert in ocean creatures from tiny Antarctic krill to the whales that eat them, he is the author of *The Social Lives of Animals* and *Sensational*.

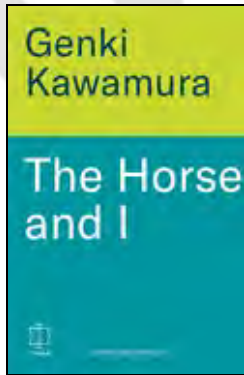
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# The Horse and I

Genki Kawamura, Inc.

## Keynote

From bestselling author of *If Cats Disappeared from the World* comes a taut psychological mystery based on a real-life crime for fans of *Butter* and *Diary of a Void*.

## Description

From bestselling author of *If Cats Disappeared from the World* comes a taut psychological mystery based on a real-life crime for fans of *Butter* and *Diary of a Void*.

She works quietly in a coastal shipyard office, barely noticed by those around her. Life passes in grey repetition until one day, on the side of a road, she sees something that changes everything: a black horse, still and watching.

From that moment, something begins to shift.

As her obsession deepens, so does the double life she builds in secret. What begins with a quiet longing grows into something far more dangerous - and far more difficult to control.

*Horse* is a haunting, slow-burning psychological novel about the hunger for freedom in a world that insists on keeping women small. With echoes of *Butter* and *Diary of a Void*, it probes the uneasy space between yearning and transgression, beauty and brutality, and asks how far a person will go for the one thing that makes them feel alive.

A tense and mesmerising Japanese mystery where desire, silence, and power collide.

## Biographies

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## A Year with the Seals

Alix Morris



For readers of Jennifer Ackerman and Ed Yong, environmental journalist Alix Morris recounts the year she spent following seals, investigating their fascinating behaviour, and how we can try to bring nature back into balance.

Alix Morris is a science writer in midcoast Maine. Her work has appeared in the Boston Globe Magazine, Smithsonian, Sierra Magazine, MIT Technology Review, Down East Magazine, and elsewhere, and she has graduate degrees in science writing from MIT and global health from Johns Hopkins. Her first book, *A Year with the Seals*, is supported by a grant from the Sloan Foundation.

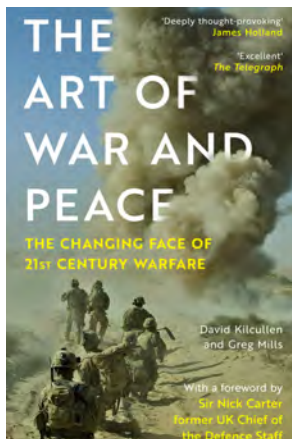
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## The Art of War and Peace

David Kilcullen and Greg Mills



Two leading international experts explain the future of modern warfare, with a foreword by the UK's former chief of defence staff. *The Art of War and Peace* explores how wars can be won on the battlefield and how that success can be translated into a stable and enduring peace.

Dr. David Kilcullen is Professor of International and Political Studies and a leading theorist and practitioner of guerrilla and unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency and counterterrorism and the author of five prize-winning books.

Dr Greg Mills heads the Johannesburg-based Brenthurst Foundation. He is the author of the best-selling books *Why Africa Is Poor* and *Africa's Third Liberation*. His writings won him the Recht Malan Prize for Non-Fiction Work in South Africa.

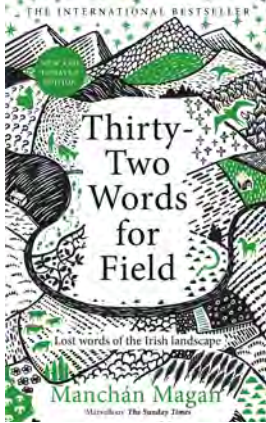
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## Thirty-Two Words for Field

Manchán Magan



In *Thirty-Two Words for Field* Manchán Magan explores the enchantment, sublime beauty and sheer oddness of a 3000-year-old lexicon. Imbuing the natural world with meaning and magic, it evokes a time-honoured way of life, from its 32 separate words for a field, to terms like *loisideach* (a place with a lot of kneading troughs), *bróis* (whiskey for a horseman at a wedding), and *iarmhaireacht* (the loneliness you feel when you are the only person awake at cockcrow).

Told through stories collected from Magan's own life and travels, *Thirty-Two Words for Field* is an enthralling celebration of Irish words, and a testament to the indelible relationship between landscape, culture and language.

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Manchán Magan is a writer and documentary-maker. He has written books on his travels in Africa, India and South America and two novels, along with several award-winning and best-selling books about the Irish language and landscape. He lives in an oak wood, with bees and hens, in a grass-roofed house near Lough Lene, Co Westmeath, Ireland.

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# The Solo Honeymoon

## A Brief, Beautiful True Love Story

### Laura Murphy

#### Keynote

The true story of the soul-searching quest of Laura Murphy, who embarks on her honeymoon alone after her fiancé's tragic death.

#### Description

##### AS SHARED ON TIKTOK

When Laura and Devon sat down to plan their honeymoon, Castellina in Chianti, Italy, was the obvious destination. Four months later, Laura found herself standing in a secret spot at the edge of the village watching the sunset. It would have been perfect, if Devon had been there with her. But Laura's fiancé, the love of her life, had died in her arms a month before their wedding.

*The Solo Honeymoon* follows Laura as she faces her fears and heartbreak by going alone on the honeymoon she had planned with Devon. From screaming from the mountaintops in Ireland to wandering the busy streets of London to dining on the French Riviera and watching the sun set over Castellina, Laura travels across Europe to find solid ground.

The result is a beautiful exploration of what it means to choose life in the face of unimaginable pain. *The Solo Honeymoon* shines a light on the joy of love, the depths of grief, and the community of hope and wonder Laura built along the way.

#### Sales Points

- This is a truly moving and inspiring true story
- Laura's story has been widely covered in the Metro, The Mirror, The Sun and The Times
- She has 50,000 followers on TikTok and her videos have received up to 3M views.
- The ghostwriter is a New York Times bestselling author, so will definitely be able to do the story justice

#### Biographies

Laura Murphy is a lawyer from Canada, where she has just returned after several months of travelling through Europe. She has 50,000 followers on TikTok.

Bret Witter is a ghostwriter based in Georgia, US. He has written seven *New York Times* bestsellers and his books have sold more than 2.5 million copies worldwide

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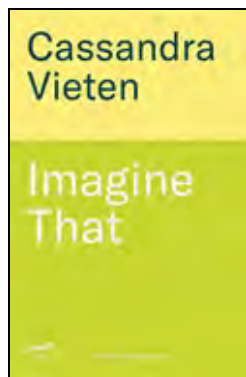
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# Imagine That

## Unlocking the Science of Imagination to Transform How You Think, Feel and Live

Cassandra Vieten

### Keynote

The first book to offer a roadmap of imagination and an imagination profile tool to help each of us determine our imagination strengths and how we can use them to improve our lives.

### Description

Imagination is a kind of magic. Through imagination, you can not only escape the limitations of the physical world but also transcend them. You can enter into states of mind that are not bound by the conventional rules of physics and space/time, or the restrictions of your physical body. You can fly, you can time travel, you can breathe underwater, you can dance with dragons. You can visit far-away friends or those who have passed away. You can experience the impossible. Nothing is off-limits when you harness the power of your imagination.

Imaginative speculation allows you to be released from your pre-existing categories, assumptions, rules. To not only think outside the box, but toss the box away completely. In your imagination, you can travel through territories of possibility, through landscapes of wonder, to alternate worlds. You have within you the ultimate metaverse—a vast array of worlds with infinite potential waiting to be explored.

As with any adventure, when exploring the inner worlds, it helps to have skills, tools, and a map. This book is that map.

### Sales Points

- Cassandra Vieten is an expert voice, with a PhD in psychology.
- The author is extremely well connected, on personal terms with Deepak Chopra, Dan Siegel (who wrote a foreword for a previous book of hers), Bruce Lipton and Michael Pollan, among others.
- We would be following a huge launch in the US, the author is hosting an Imagination Summit with Wisdom for Life on the week of publication that should attract a huge number of attendees, with 350,000 on their mailing list.

### Biographies

Cassandra Vieten, PhD is a university professor, licensed clinical psychologist, mind-body medicine researcher, and internationally recognized workshop leader and public speaker, and author of three books. She is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the and also works at the Centers for Integrative Health at the University of California, San Diego, where she serves as the Director of the Center for Mindfulness. Cassi is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), founded by Apollo 14 Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, where she worked for 18 years. She served as CEO/President from 2013-2016 and President from 2016-2019. She is co-chair of the Board of Directors of Partners for Youth Empowerment, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Consciousness and Healing Initiative, and serves on the Board of the Virtual World Society. She is also a blogger at Psychology Today. She is an internationally recognized workshop leader and keynote speaker, most recently at the American Psychological Association, the Osher Lifelong Learning Centers National Conference, and the Esalen Institute.

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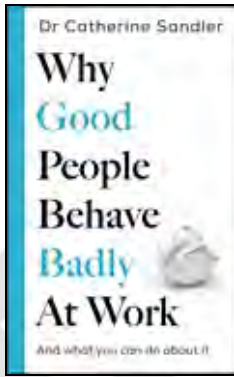
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# Why Good People Behave Badly at Work

## And what you can do about it

Dr. Catherine Sandler

### Keynote

A concise guide to unlocking your working life using a unique framework devised by an expert coach, combining psychological expertise with business know-how.

### Description

***Do you upset people despite good intentions?***

***Do you become irritable under pressure?***

***Do you put others' needs before your own?***

***Do you hate taking unpopular decisions?***

***Do you avoid social contact at work?***

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, you are not alone!

In *Why Good People Behave Badly at Work (and what you can do about it)*, leading executive coach Dr Catherine Sandler describes how stress at work can shift us, in the blink of an eye, from our most effective to our most dysfunctional selves. Drawing on her popular Emotional Profiles Triangle, she explains the strengths and vulnerabilities of the high-powered Tiger, the empathic Dolphin and the self-contained Owl. When anxiety peaks, they can be triggered into Fight, Flight or Freeze and leave their skilful self behind. Packed with case-studies, interviews and practical tools, this highly accessible book will help you gain powerful insights into your own behaviour and that of others.

### Sales Points

- This has great commercial potential. Its concise length makes it accessible to everyone.
- Catherine's first book, aimed at career coaches rather than a general audience, has sold over 9,000 copies.

### Biographies

**Dr Catherine Sandler** is one of the UK's most experienced executive coaches, with over 30 years' experience in leadership development. She works with senior executives, managers, and teams across the business and not-for-profit sectors. Catherine holds a doctorate from Oxford University and a Diploma in Counselling from Regent's University, London. She has published widely on leadership under pressure, emotional intelligence, bullying at work, and the EPT, and is a sought-after speaker, coaching supervisor, and commentator. As a sought-after coaching supervisor, Catherine delivers talks on leadership-related topics at conferences, runs training courses and webinars for coaches and allied professionals in the UK and abroad. She has been interviewed for *The Financial Times* and *The Times* and is regularly approached for comments on a range of related issues.

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### Fawning

Dr Ingrid Clayton



Fawning is the vital, newly-discovered topic in psychology. You've heard of fight, flight and freeze - but fawning might be the most common trauma response of all. Learn how to work through it and find freedom with the leading expert, Dr. Ingrid Clayton.

Ingrid Clayton, PhD is a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles, California. She has been in private practice since 2009. While continually expanding her expertise and training in trauma, Ingrid has always been interested in taking little-known concepts and expanding their reach. Her first book was based on her dissertation research on spiritual bypassing and its impact on recovery for alcoholics and addicts. *Recovering Spirituality: Achieving Emotional Sobriety in Your Spiritual Practice* was published by Hazelden in 2011 (6,869 in sales).

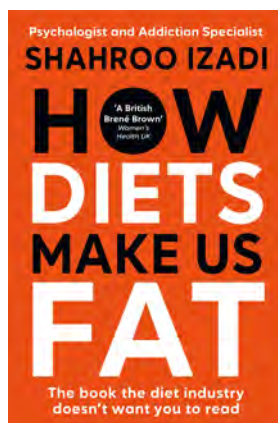
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### How Diets Make Us Fat

Shahroo Izadi



Drawing on both professional and lived experience, Izadi challenges conventional wisdom surrounding diets and obesity treatment, offering readers a clear, compassionate and restorative framework for reclaiming power over food and losing weight for good. *Diets Are Why We're Fat* serves as a defiant call to arms against the diet industry's exploitation and manipulation. By learning to truly trust and believe in themselves again, readers can flip a defiant middle finger to the industry that has profited from their suffering for far too long and finally find the mental peace and physical balance they so deserve.

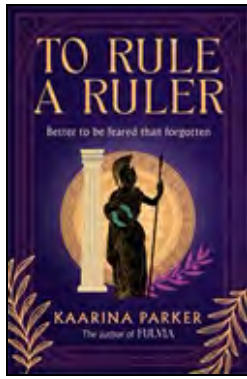
Shahroo Izadi is a psychologist and addiction specialist, who has written two bestselling books. Shahroo herself has struggled with food addiction, and is keen to spread a message of healing that is built on kindness.

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# To Rule a Ruler

## A captivating story of how Fulvia rose to power and defied the expectations of women in Ancient Rome (Book 2 of 2)

**Kaarina Parker**

### Keynote

A captivating story of how Fulvia rose to power and defied the expectations of women in Ancient Rome

### Description

#### Praise for Kaarina Parker:

**'Compelling, relatable characters and a brilliant voice' CONN IGGULDEN**  
**'A tale of power-play, political hope and women's inner strength' ELYSE JOHN**

Fulvia is now a wealthy young widow, with more than gold to her name. In the wake of her husband's death, she has captured the love and loyalty of the people. And the men who rule Rome have begun to understand just how formidable she has become. There are those who fear her and those, like Julius Caesar, who see her potential.

Marcus Antonius is a powerful man in need of a commanding officer. Fulvia sees in him a man who could rule all of Rome, with her help. They marry and, when Caesar is assassinated, Fulvia and her husband begin a perilous game of playing for the ultimate power.

Love of the people. Control of an empire. Their opponents are legion: Caesar's killers, Brutus and Cassius; the wily young queen Cleopatra; the great orator Cicero, and the cold and calculated Octavian. But Fulvia has endured tragedy and condescension, and she will fight for the power and the legacy that she knows she deserves.

Whatever the cost.

### Sales Points

- **Epic historical drama** set in the dying days of the Roman Republic, perfect for fans of Elodie Harper and Madeline Miller.
- **A fierce, unforgettable heroine:** Fulvia is a ruthlessly ambitious woman who defies the men of Rome to claim power and legacy.
- **High-stakes political intrigue:** features familiar faces from history like Marcus Antonius, Cleopatra, Cicero, and Octavian.
- **Acclaimed author endorsements:** praised by Conn Iggulden, Elyse John, Luna McNamara, Naomi Kelsey.

### Biographies

Kaarina Parker was born in Aotearoa, New Zealand. She has a BA (with Honours) from the University of Melbourne in history and feminist film theory and a Master of Creative Writing from Auckland University of Technology. She has a particular love for the extraordinary, largely uncredited, women of the late Roman Republic. Kaarina also has an established career as a fashion model, and is a voice for diversity in the fashion industry in Australia and New Zealand.

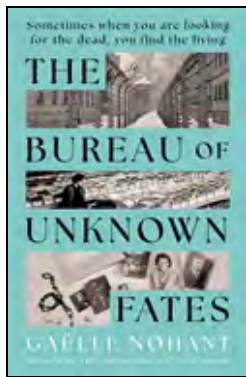
She is the author of *Fulvia*, published in 2025.

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# The Bureau of Unknown Fates

## A heartbreaking novel about WWII's forgotten objects and the lives they hold

**Gaëlle Nohant**

Translated by **Maren Baudet-Lackner, Sophie-Charlotte Buchan**

### Keynote

This gripping novel is set at the heart of The International Tracing Service - an organisation that was created at the end of the Second World War to investigate Nazi crimes, search for missing people, and discover what became of them.

### Description

**'Gripping, poetic' Gwen Strauss, author of The Nine**

**'An unforgettable read' Tatiana de Rosnay, author of Sarah's Key**

*Sometimes when you are looking for the dead, you find the living.*

When Irène joins the International Tracing Service, she becomes consumed by a singular obsession: returning the belongings confiscated from concentration camp prisoners to their families.

A faded cloth doll. A medallion. An embroidered handkerchief. Each object holds a story - and behind each one, a life waiting to be pieced back together.

As Irène traces the owners through fragments of evidence, she reconstructs their final days and discovers that even in the darkest chapter of history, humanity endured.

The Bureau of Unknown Fates is a devastating and beautiful novel about history, memory and survival as one woman helps connect families across generations to the ones they have lost.

Winner of the 2023 Grand Prix RTL-Lire Fiction Award

### Sales Points

- The French edition is the first selection of the jury for the 2023 Closerie des Lilas prize.
- Rights have now sold in 10 territories.
- Winner of RTL/LIRE Prize 2023

### Reviews

- 'A gripping, poetic and historically accurate description of one of the principal institutions of Holocaust research, the International Tracing Service at Bad Arolsen. Gaëlle Nohant gave me access to the archives, a place full of secrets, withheld for decades. I couldn't stop reading this seemingly simple but vital story of returning objects to their rightful place. I was transported by the violence, grief, trauma, generational secrets, and ultimately the power of memory and restitution.' - *Gwen Strauss, New York Times bestselling author of The Nine*
- 'This is an important book, intertwining history with a capital H and the personal quest of a determined archivist. Because it engages with themes that have long preoccupied me - the traces of the past, the memories held in objects and places, the indelible scars of history - Gaëlle Nohant's novel touched me profoundly...an unforgettable read.' - *Tatiana de Rosnay, New York Times bestselling author of Sarah's Key*
- 'A journey toward knowledge and closure that reads like a gripping mystery stirring the heart as well as the intellect. At once, a spellbinding novel and a moral triumph.' - *Ellen Feldman, author of Paris Never Leaves You*
- '*The Bureau of Unknown Fates* is a compelling, evocative, and highly original novel. With haunting, graceful prose, Gaëlle Nohant reveals the horrors of World War II through the deeply personal lens of Irène, who works for The International Tracing Service to return confiscated objects recovered from liberated camps to the families of their owners. Working tirelessly to uncover the histories behind the humblest items—a handkerchief, a locket, a battered puppet—Irène becomes a catalyst of healing for the descendants of those lost during the war. While *The Bureau of Unknown Fates* does not shy away from the heart-rending darkness of the Holocaust it also shows us humanity at its best; the resolution of each case brought me to tears, as did Irène's personal journey. Most important, Nohant reminds us of the

duty to remember, for in uncovering the stories of those we've lost, we honor them and make peace with the past. This is a meticulously researched novel with many layers that will stay with readers long after the final page. A must read!

' - *Adriana Allegri, author of The Sunflower House*

### Biographies

#### Gaëlle Nohant (Author)

**Gaëlle Nohant** is the author of *L'Ancre des rêves*, published in 2007 and winner of the Encre Marine prize, organised by France's Navy. Her second novel, *La Part des flammes*, was awarded the 2016 Prix du Livre de Poche and the Prix du Livre France Bleu - Page des Librairies. The *Légende d'un dormeur éveillé* also won the 2017 Prix des Librairies. Her latest novel is *The Bureau of Fates* which is currently being translated into ten languages and adapted to the screen.

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# FICTION



# More Days at the Torunka Café

The new coffee shop-set cosy novel from the bestselling author of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*

**Satoshi Yagisawa**  
Translated by Eric Ozawa

## Keynote

**From Satoshi Yagisawa - author of the Morisaki Bookshop novels - comes another life-affirming tale set in the charming Tokyo coffee spot beloved by readers: the Torunka Café.**

## Description

**PRE-ORDER *More Days at the Torunka Café*, the cosy, life-affirming Japanese novel - from the international bestselling author of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* and *Days at the Torunka Café*.**

**From Satoshi Yagisawa - author of the Morisaki Bookshop novels - comes another life-affirming tale set in the charming Tokyo coffee spot beloved by readers: the Torunka Café.**

Tucked away on a narrow side street in Tokyo is the Torunka Café, a neighbourhood nook where the passersby are as likely to be local cats as tourists. Three heartwarming reunions unfold at this visit to the Torunka Café. Chiyoko, an elderly woman who has been frequenting the cafe for 20 years, reflects on her long-forgotten memories of her first love; Kota, a childhood friend of the owner's daughter Shizuku, reveals his complicated true feelings held deep within; and Ayako, an aspiring illustrator at a crossroads in her life, embarks on a journey. This is the second instalment of the hugely popular series which invites readers to slow down with a cup of coffee and find happiness in the every day.

## Sales Points

- Building on the incredible success of Satoshi's previous publishing. Sales of the UK editions now exceed 700,000 copies.

## Biographies

### Satoshi Yagisawa (Author)

**Satoshi Yagisawa** was born in Chiba, Japan, in 1977. He is the international bestselling author of *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, his debut novel, which was originally published in 2009 and won the Chiyoda Literature Prize. *More Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* is the sequel and *Days at the Torunka Café* is the first in his newest series.

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# Tenderness

**From the lauded author of *The Divorcees*, a story of love, liars and secrets, set on an island over a wedding weekend**

**Rowan Beard**

## Keynote

A dark, slow-burn relationship drama, set on an isolated island in the 1970s over the course of a wedding weekend

## Description

**'A story of love, liars and secrets . . . Shady, sexy, suspicious - perfect summer holiday reading'**

***The Times*, 2026 Must-Read round-up**

*Shay was no longer in the cult, but still, it made her wedding guests nervous that she was bringing them to an island . . .*

Just a few months after leaving the mysterious and dangerous cult Synanon, Shay is finally marrying her fiancé Andrew. Although their relationship has been rocky since Shay got involved with Synanon, Andrew, wealthy and loyal, has stuck by her.

As the wedding party arrives on a small island off the coast of Virginia, where Andrew's family has vacationed for generations, rumors are swirling about the couple. Shay's former college flame, Joel, has brought his new girlfriend, but it's clear he's still not over Shay. Shay's brother, William, is deeply uncomfortable with the wealth Shay is marrying into and is hiding a tragic secret from his family.

When a strange woman is spotted around the island, and a series of near-disasters begin to escalate, it becomes clear that Shay has not fully cut her ties to Synanon.

**Beguiling and propulsive, Rowan Beard's *TENDERNESS* is a story about family, love, belief, about how much we're ever able to outrun the darker parts of our past.**

## Sales Points

- **The unmissable second novel from the internationally lauded author of *The Divorcees*: 'Excellent . . . riveting to the last page' *The Times***
- **Set on an isolated island over the course of a wedding weekend, this is a perfect literary summer page-turner**
- **Beautifully written and soaked in atmosphere, *Tenderness* is for fans of Emma Cline and Rachel Kushner**

## Reviews

- **'Sly, elegant and menacing, Rowan Beard's *Tenderness* is an intoxicating tale of love and danger, terror and deceit.** You'll find yourself turning page after page, utterly swept up in the heady spell it casts, and the emotional heft that rises to an astonishing crescendo.' - *Megan Abbott*
- **'Filled with evocative period detail and populated with an intriguing tapestry of beautifully drawn characters.'** - *The Observer on THE DIVORCEES*
- **'Excellent, deeply compelling.'** - *Lauren Groff on THE DIVORCEES*

## Biographies

**Rowan Beard** is a writer whose work has appeared or is forthcoming in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Common*, among others. She is the recipient of the *Ploughshares* Emerging Writer Award, and her work has been nominated for a Pushcart. She has received scholarships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and StoryStudio. She currently works at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. *The Divorcées* is her first novel.

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# The Dark

## A spine-tingling seaside folk horror novel, set against the blackouts of the 1970s

Amanda Mason

### Keynote

**A spine-tingling folk horror novel set in a north Yorkshire seaside village in the 1970s, against the blackouts**

### Description

It is the 1970s. A young woman, Rosie, moves to a small remote seaside village, readying to welcome her first child. But with her partner working away on an oil rig, the house isn't the sanctuary she'd hoped for - the situation made worse by the regular blackouts due to the ongoing miners' strikes. And the villagers seem friendly enough, but some of them are taking an uncomfortably close interest in her pregnancy.

Before long, Rosie notices strange noises and unexplained shadows in the corners of the cottage. As her birth date moves closer and the blackouts intensify, her isolation begins to consume her until she feels that she is losing her grip on reality.

But Rosie isn't the only one in the village who has cause to fear the dark . . .

### Sales Points

- **An unmissable home-grown folk horror novel for fans of Andrew Michael Hurley and Francine Toon**
- **Amanda is the lauded author of *The Wayward Girls* - praised by the *Guardian* as 'a near-perfect ghost story'.**
- **Amanda Mason lives in Whitby - close to Staithes, which inspired the setting for this novel - and is well connected with other authors in the genre as well as the local literary scene.**

### Reviews

- 'A near-perfect ghost story.' - *The Guardian on The Wayward Girls*
- 'Mason is one of the best ghost story writers around today.' - *Jess Kidd*
- 'Satisfyingly unsettling, this is a hugely atmospheric novel that oozes with uncanny menace.' - *Lucie McKnight Hardy on The Hiding Place*

### Biographies

Amanda Mason was born and brought up in Whitby, North Yorkshire. She studied Theatre at Dartington College of Arts, where she began writing by devising and directing plays. Her short stories have been published in several anthologies. Her debut novel, *The Wayward Girls* was a dark and captivating story of sisterhood and family secrets, followed by *The Hiding Place*, a haunting novel about mothers and daughters. Her short story, *Three Times, Lefthandwise*, was shortlisted for the V.S. Pritchett Short Story Prize in 2021. *The Dark* is her third novel.

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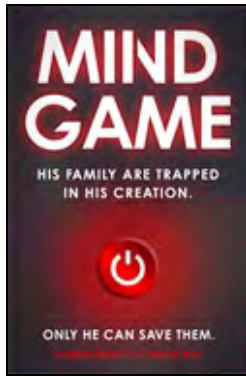
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# Mind Game

## Game Night meets Black Mirror in this race-against-time speculative thriller

### Andrew Ewart

#### Keynote

**A speculative thriller about the dangers of technology, the dividing line between reality and fantasy - and how far you would go to save your family.**

#### Description

Hal Ashton has spent years developing the most anticipated video game of all time. In TAP - Total Altered Perception - players can live out their fantasies in a fully immersive virtual reality simulation. With the deadline only weeks away, it's the last chance to save his career. But the game still isn't perfect.

He's been warned against amending the source code, yet it's the only way he can achieve total immersion, where players won't realise they're in a game at all. He just needs to conduct a final test off the books, and for that he needs willing volunteers: his family.

As Hal's frustrated wife Scarlett, awkward son Grayson and golden girl Olivia enter TAP, sinister glitches appear, twisting their dreams into living nightmares from which they cannot escape. Hal realises the only way to rescue them is to enter their games as another player. Can any of them find their way back to reality - and will they want to?

#### Sales Points

- **ON-TREND:** *Black Mirror* remains popular as people explore their place in an increasingly technological world. Universal themes of work/life balance, relationships, technology and invasion of privacy, and escapism make this a timely subject to explore within a pacy commercial thriller
- **EXPERIENCED AUTHORS:** David Arlo, musician and founder of production company No Ordinary, has co-authored a children's fiction project with Hot Key, while Andrew Ewart has penned speculative thrillers in the past. In this project, they combine their ideas seamlessly

#### Biographies

##### Andrew Ewart (Author)

Andrew Ewart was born in 1983 in Chester, a city bookended by the Romans and Hollyoaks. After leaving school he taught English in Denmark, where he learned the meaning of 'hygge' before it became the subject of a thousand lifestyle articles. He was a runner-up in the ITV Be A Bestseller competition and is the author of two published speculative thrillers, *Forget Me* and *Replace You*. He lives in St Albans with his wife and daughter.

##### David Arlo (Author)

**David Arlo** is a multi-hyphenate and the co-founder of No Ordinary. The recording artist, songwriter, actor, writer, director, and executive producer, who is signed to Arista/Sony Music US, has worked with high-profile producers and creatives. He is a versatile, vital, and visionary creator who tells stories through various media. *Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven* is his debut work of fiction.

#### Market

For fans of John Marrs, Eve Smith and Sarah Moorhead

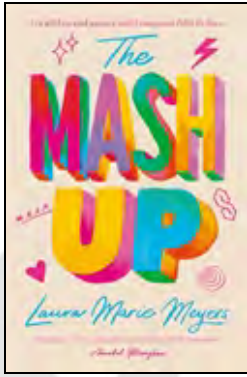
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# The Mash Up

Laura Marie Meyers

## Keynote

***It's all fun and games until someone falls in love. A fun-filled, nostalgic, fantasy rom-com for fans of Emily Henry and 13 Going On 30.***

## Description

'Nostalgic, clever, and joyful to the point of effervescence, *The Mash Up* is the romance I've been dying for.' -**Annabel Monaghan, New York Times bestselling author of *It's a Love Story***

## MANSION \* APARTMENT \* SHACK \* HOUSE

Ruby Wynne is a staunch rule-follower who lives by the numbers. So when a surprising breakup on her thirty-fifth birthday ruins all her well-laid plans, Ruby makes an unexpected wish. The next day she wakes up inside a totally different version of her life, one from the M.A.S.H. game she and her best friend would play in seventh grade to predict their futures.

Settled in a Technicolor mansion, driving a tie-dye Jeep, and running a roller-disco restaurant, Ruby is living out her childhood dreams come true - with one exception. According to the game, Ruby's "other half" is supposed to be Penn Hayes, her brother's annoying, and annoyingly handsome, best friend. But there's zero romance between them. Just like in real life, all they share is sarcasm. With no rules to follow and desperate to return to reality, Ruby makes her best guess at an escape plan: win Penn's heart so the game comes completely true and she can go home.

**It's unthinkable. On Ruby's list of dos and don'ts, Penn Hayes is a lifelong don't. But as Ruby navigates the magical world she dreamed up at thirteen, she wonders if, by finally throwing out her rules, she might just find her way home to the life and love she deserves.**

## Sales Points

- **MILLENNIAL NOSTALGIA:** a fun, high concept romcom that transports a 35 year old millennial into the version of her life she imagined as a teenager with plenty of references to 2000s pop culture and trends.
- **STAR ENDORSEMENTS:** fantastic blurbs from bestselling authors Emily Giffin, Annabel Monaghan and Sophie Cousens.
- **ROM-COMS ARE BACK:** Netflix's adaptation of *The People We Meet On Vacation* and global romance sensation *Heated Rivalry* are part of a wider audience appetite for romance done well.

## Reviews

- 'Laura Marie Meyers' debut novel **glows with charm, humor, and heart.** An irresistible, page-turning treat from first laugh to last swoon.' - Emily Giffin, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Love You More*
- 'Nostalgic, clever, and **joyful to the point of effervescence**, *The Mash Up* is the romance I've been dying for.' - Annabel Monaghan, New York Times bestselling author of *It's a Love Story*
- 'Everything you could wish for in a rom com-**packed full of nostalgia, sizzling with chemistry, with characters you'll be rooting for.** I loved it.' - Sophie Cousens, New York Times bestselling author of *This Time Next Year* and *And Then There Was You*

## Biographies

Laura Marie Meyers is an author and journalist whose work is focused on books, trends, and pop culture. As an interviewer and event moderator, she's led conversations with actors, experts, and bestselling authors. Originally from Chicago, she lives in Northern California with her husband, two sons, and far too many concert t-shirts. *The MASH Up* is her first novel.

## Market

For fans of Emily Henry and *13 Going On 30*.

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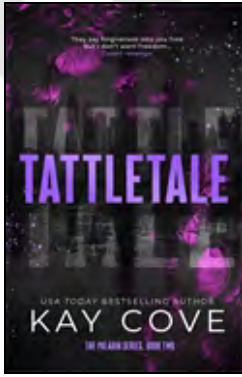
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# Tattletale

## A dark and steamy, friends-to-enemies-to-lovers assassin romance (PALADIN Book 2)

**Kay Cove**

### Keynote

**A dark and steamy best-friends-to-enemies-to-lovers assassin romance with a strong and sassy FMC who has her eyes set on revenge.**

### Description

**They say forgiveness sets you free. But I don't want freedom... I want revenge.**

### CRICKET

We loved each other under the guise of friendship, but we always knew it was more. I thought our bond was unbreakable, until he broke it.

Now, all I want is to escape him and the heartbreak of his betrayal. So when an opportunity outside of our team arises, I volunteer. My mission is simple: seduce the secrets out of the handsome billionaire, then report back to headquarters.

Except his unexpected charming smile has me thinking... maybe it's time to disappear into a new life.

### LANCE

I'll only ever love one woman. And I only betrayed her to save her life.

Now she hates me. Her blood boils when we're in the same room. But I know one day she'll forgive me. In the meantime, her spiteful rage is kind of a turn-on.

The problem is her uncover assignment. Her new boss is a threat I never saw coming. He's extra dangerous. All his games are psychological and she's falling for every single trick.

When Cricket goes missing, I start crossing lines and breaking rules I never thought I would. All to get answers. Hoping somewhere deep down, my best friend is still there.

### Sales Points

- **ON TREND:** A darkly addictive romantic suspense series that taps into the growing dark romance trend, blending heart-racing suspense with high-stakes romance.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Twisted series by Ana Huang and Legacy of Gods by Rina Kent.
- **TROPES:** Touch her and die, forbidden love, friends to lovers, age-gap romance, enemies to lovers, grumpy x sunshine

### Biographies

Kay Cove is a wife, mum, and accidental entrepreneur. She writes multiple romance sub genres, including contemporary romance and romantic suspense. Angst, swoon, banter, and happily ever afters are the common denominator in all her stories.

When Kay isn't writing you'll find her drinking copious amounts of coffee while researching scuba diving trips she never has time to take, and trying desperately to keep up with her toddlers.

### Market

For fans of Ana Huang and Rina Kent.

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# The Carnival

## The must-read destination thriller of summer 2026

### Scarlett Brade

#### Keynote

**A brand-new destination thriller set during an annual carnival in Jamaica from Scarlett Brade, author of *The Hive***

#### Description

*Is the price of the truth worth the cost?*

The annual carnival on Jarrett Estate in Jamaica was once a source of celebration. But when the heir to the estate was found dead a year ago, it became a night his mother would never forget.

Determined to discover the truth of Collin's death, Jannah Jarrett decides this year's carnival will have a twist - a competition. The task: uncover the truth of Collin's death. The prize: her entire estate.

But as the fireworks burst and the partygoers turn detective, what secrets will they bring to light in their search for answers?

#### Sales Points

- **BEACH READ:** A carnival set on a lavish estate in Jamaica provides the perfect backdrop for this sumptuous summer thriller, perfect for the beach-read market
- **EXCITING TWIST:** The partygoers enter a competition where they can win the estate if they successfully solve the mystery of the heir's death from the previous year
- **NEW VOICE:** Scarlett Brade is a brand-new thriller writer with a fresh perspective in this space

#### Biographies

Scarlett Brade is the daughter of parents who migrated from the Caribbean to England in the early 1970s. She was born and educated in London, though as a child she spent her summers in Canada, where she developed her love affair with reading. When not writing Scarlett spends most of her time cooking, drinking fine wines, and entertaining family and friends.

#### Market

Perfect for fans of Lucy Clarke, Sarah Ochs, Nikki Smith and Ruth Kelly

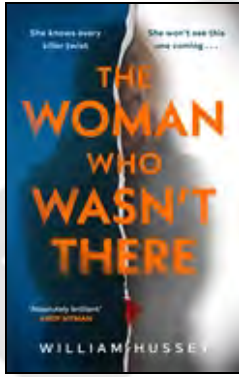
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# The Woman Who Wasn't There

## The fast-paced, twisting and turning psychological thriller

### William Hussey

#### Keynote

There are some twists *no one* can see coming . . . The incredible psychological thriller standalone from the award-winning author of *Killing Jericho*.

#### Description

Bestselling crime author Marian Lane is surrounded by adoring readers when she learns that her husband Dane is dead.

Marian returns home in shock to discover a stranger on her doorstep. A woman who not only claims she's Marian's biggest fan but says that she comforted Dane in his final moments.

At first, this woman, Mary, is a source of comfort. Until she admits Dane confessed a secret. One she can't quite remember; one Marian is desperate to learn.

But Mary is a storyteller too. And though Marian knows every twist in the genre, she won't see this one coming . . .

#### Sales Points

- **CRACKING STANDALONE HOOK:** A woman's grief turns to terror when a stranger inserts herself into a family tragedy, as lies and secrets abound.
- **MULTIPLE AWARD NODS:** Shortlisted for the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing award 2024 and winner of the Capital Crime Fingerprint Award 2024 for *Killing Jericho*.
- **MAJOR STREAMER TO ADAPT SERIES:** Top secret, but a major streamer has snapped up TV rights to *Killing Jericho*.

#### Reviews

- 'So clever, so twisty - a mystery that will leave your jaw on the ground' - *ANDY NYMAN*
- 'A propulsive, mind-bending mystery with a twist to die for. The characters are vivid, the plot moves like a dream, and the tension is relentless. A superb, suspenseful treat' - *TOM MEAD*
- 'This thriller is the very definition of a page turner with the kind of twists and turns that left my head spinning. A brilliant read' - *JENNIE GODFREY, Sunday Times bestselling author of The List of Suspicious Things*

#### Biographies

William Hussey is the critically acclaimed author of over a dozen novels. Winner of the Genre Busting Book of the Year Fingerprint Award for *Killing Jericho*, he has also been shortlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, the CrimeFest Award, and the Polari Prize.

Born the son of a travelling showman, he has spent a lifetime absorbing the history, folklore and culture of fairground people, knowledge he has now put to work in his Scott Jericho thrillers. William lives in Dumfries with his partner Chris and their criminally adorable cat Harry.

#### Market

For fans of twisty psychological thrillers, and authors like Will Dean, Lisa Jewell, Harlan Coben and T.M. Logan.

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# Not That Kind of Proposal

## A brand new enemies-to-lovers wedding romcom from the author of ANY TROPE BUT YOU

Victoria Lavine

### Keynote

A brand new enemies-to-lovers romance from the author of *Any Trope But You*.

### Description

Gracie Holland can plan the perfect Happily Ever After-unless it's her own. After a soul-flattening breakup, she has rebuilt her life planning weddings at Larkwood-an ivy-covered estate where she also lives. But when her beloved boss passes away, Gracie suddenly finds herself pitted against a love-allergic divorce lawyer who is determined to sell both her place of work, and her home.

Jude Larkwood cleans up romantic disasters for a living, so he has no intention of keeping Larkwood as a wedding venue, but there's just one problem: his Nana may have left Jude the estate, but she's left the guest cottage to the maddeningly romantic wedding planner, who has somehow turned his mind into her permanent residence.

**So, when Gracie proposes that he help her plan her ex's shotgun wedding to prove Larkwood is worth saving, he agrees, but if she fails to convince him by the big day, she'll sell him her cottage. As bickering and cake tastings turn into late-night confessions, Gracie and Jude find themselves breaking every vow not to fall for each other...**

### Sales Points

- **ANY TROPE BUT YOU:** one of 2025's breakout contemporary spicy romances and Zaffre's first inclusion in the Illumicrate Afterlight Romance subscription box. Victoria is a future romance superstar and creator of perfect book boyfriends....
- **TROPE-O-METER:** enemies to lovers fun in this small town summer romance with a wedding setting.
- **SEASONAL SMALL TOWN SUMMER ROMANCE:** will have a gorgeous summer reading package to go with the wedding season vibes of the plot and the perfect small town setting.
- **AUTHOR WITH GROWING PROFILE:** Victoria is based in the US where she is published by Atria but she is very active on social media, promoting both UK and US editions of her books, and has a growing profile on Instagram.
- **READERS LOVE VICTORIA LAVINE:** rave reviews on Amazon, Waterstones.com and GoodReads where readers say they can't wait for the next book (and next book boyfriend) from this author.

### Biographies

Victoria Lavine's love of romance novels started in school with a crate of old bodice rippers and a wink from her local librarian. Now she writes her own Happily Ever After's when she's not enjoying the great state of Maine with her husband and daughter, taking orders from her two cats, or coming up with excellent reasons to make her next latte.

### Market

For fans of Emily Henry, Christina Lauren and Laurie Gilmore.

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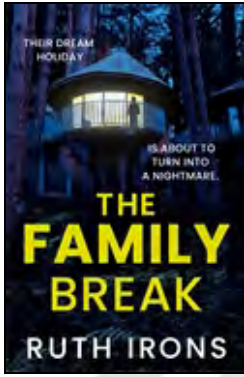
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# The Family Break

## A brand new psychological thriller for 2026 from the author of THE PERFECT GUEST

Ruth Irons

### Keynote

A dream holiday turns into a nightmare in this brand new domestic thriller from the author of THE PERFECT GUEST and HOME SWEET HOME.

### Description

***Their dream holiday is about to turn into a nightmare...***

When upscale travel agent Allegra is offered a complimentary stay for her extended family at a new, high-end woodland retreat, she's delighted to discover it has everything you could ask for: luxury tree house accommodation, activities for the kids, spa treatments, fine dining - what could be more relaxing?

But relationships within the group are fraught, and an impromptu family celebration seems only to worsen matters. Frustrated with her family, and taken for granted by her husband for years, Allegra forms an unexpected bond with someone new, and things begin to go wrong...

**Resentments grow and tensions rise, it seems the family's problems might run deeper than anyone suspected. When the warning signs become dangerous, the family realise they haven't been asking the right questions: how did they really come to be here? And which of them won't be going home?**

A tense holiday thriller, *The Family Break* is perfect for fans of T. M. Logan.

### Sales Points

- **HOLIDAY READ:** the perfect suitcase addition, this is an addictive and easy read for fans of TM Logan and Lisa Jewell.
- **FAMILY DYNAMICS AND CHILLING TWISTS:** A family holiday goes badly wrong in a picturesque Center Parcs / Forest Holidays. Ruth Irons writes characters and circumstances that are relatable but with a suspenseful twist.
- **WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Ruth has worked hard to build her relationships with authors and bookshops in the crime community. She is based in London and is available for events and panels.

### Reviews

- 'Some deliciously dreadful characters and a holiday from hell; this is a **gripping family drama with a murderous twist.**' - Jackie Kabler, author of The Perfect Couple
- '*The Family Break* is a brilliant, brilliant novel. **With nods to both Succession and The White Lotus, it is top-tier writing and deserves to absolutely fly.** The characters are wonderfully three-dimensional, so much so that you find yourself simultaneously entertained and disgusted by some of them. Cannot recommend this enough, I absolutely devoured it.' - G. D. Wright, author of After the Storm
- '**Tense, addictive and hugely atmospheric,** *The Family Break* is a masterfully written and **truly irresistible page-turner.** I could not get enough of this book!' - Lisa Timoney, author of The Daughter She Gave Away
- '**Completely addictive and brimming with tension,** be prepared to lose sleep over *The Family Break* - you literally won't be able to put it down! With a fantastic cast of characters, perfectly drip-fed intrigue and an absolute belter of an ending, **this is domestic suspense at its finest.** An easy 5 stars.' - Sam Frances, author of One by One

### Biographies

Ruth Irons grew up in South Wales before studying music at Exeter University, and then musical theatre at Central School of Speech and Drama. She worked as an actor, musician, and music teacher for many years before turning to writing as a creative outlet, completing courses with Curtis Brown Creative and the Writers Bureau. This is her third novel. Her first, *The Perfect Guest*, was published in June 2024.

Ruth lives in Kingston upon Thames with her husband and two daughters.

### Market



# Secret Dinner

## The international cannibal bestseller from the number one thriller writer in Brazil

### Raphael Montes

#### Keynote

When Dante and his friends can't make rent, they decide to host a dinner with a secret ingredient... *human*.

#### Description

"Raphael Montes is a mixture of **Alfred Hitchcock's suspense with Quentin Tarantino's black comedy**." - *The Guardian*

As Dante and his friends leave their small town for the rush of Copacabana, they can only think of the endless possibilities.

But the capital city of Rio de Janeiro is not the easiest place to live in and the rent is due every month. As a kind gesture turns rotten, Dante and his crew have to figure out a way to make money, and to make it fast. They find their answer through a new website, offering authentic dinners to foreign travellers and Rio's elite. How hard can it be?

When a joke addition to the menu sees them make all the money they need in one night, Dante is faced with a question he never thought he would be: how much money is enough to stop cooking human flesh?

#### Sales Points

- **STRONG SALES RECORD:** Raphael has sold over **a million copies** of his titles, with SECRET DINNER having sold over **300,000 copies** in its Native Brazil.
- **AUTHOR PLATFORM:** Raphael is not just a prolific author but has also worked in TV, creating shows in Brazil for **HBO, Netflix, and Amazon Prime**. He also has over **375k followers** on Instagram.
- **OF THE ZEITGEIST:** With recent successes in the cannibal space, such as **TENDER IS THE FLESH** and **THE LAMB**, SECRET DINNER is primed to land with a big bloody splash.
- **US PUBLISHER:** SECRET DINNER is being published in the US by **Ryan Doherty, VP Editorial Director of Celadon Books** (publisher of **THE SILENT PATIENT**)

#### Reviews

- 'This rollercoaster of a novel is **highly imaginative and totally unique**. I devoured it - no pun intended! - in one sitting. **By turns gory, shocking, macabre and often very funny, you won't be able to put it down**. Just be grateful you're not on the menu...' - *Alex Michaelides*
- 'The translator Zoë Alexandra Perry brings **Brazil's top thriller writer** to American readers with this **fast-paced** tale of four broke 20-somethings lured into the world of Rio's shady elite. What begins as a jokey get-rich-quick scheme - catering exclusive dinner parties - quickly morphs into something **much more sinister**.' - Miguel Salazar and Laura Thompson, *The New York Times*
- 'Raphael is an author who masterfully controls tension (...). In his writing, it is possible to see the influence of suspense masters such as **Patricia Highsmith, Agatha Christie** and **Jim Thompson**. Even stronger are the cinematic influences: Raphael Montes is a mixture of **Alfred Hitchcock's suspense with Quentin Tarantino's black comedy**.' - Pedro Martins, *The Guardian*

#### Biographies

**Raphael Montes** is the biggest thriller writer in Brazil. His eight novels have sold more than a million copies and have been published in more than twenty-five countries. Also a screenwriter, Montes is the showrunner of *Scars of Beauty*-the most-watched original show on HBO Max in Latin America-and Netflix's award-winning series *Good Morning, Verônica*. He splits his time between Rio and New York and has a strong presence on social media, where he shares his creative process with his readers.

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# Freyja

## The thrilling Icelandic debut of 2026 from a brilliant new voice

Margrét Ann Thors

### Keynote

A debut novel about the disappearance of a girl and her friend's reckoning with her complicity twenty years later.

### Description

**Years ago, a child went missing. Now it might happen again.**

Unnur is a single mother to her beloved daughter, Lilja, and lives a deliberately quiet life in Reykjavík, working at a bakery under a fake name and trying to forget the last summer of her childhood. But when her ex-husband returns to Iceland with his new girlfriend, Unnur's carefully crafted reality begins to fray.

Because years ago, Unnur's childhood best friend, Freyja, disappeared and maybe this new woman had something to do with it. Maybe she might do the same thing to Unnur's daughter.

Faced with the risk of losing her daughter, Unnur must look to her past and remember what happened all those years ago. Where did Freyja go? And what did Unnur do?

**Steeped in Icelandic folklore and myth, *Freyja* is at once a gripping story of a child's disappearance, a testament to the power of a mother's love, and an enthralling tale of redemption and forgiveness from a gifted new voice.**

### Sales Points

- **DEBUT NOVEL:** This is Margrét's debut novel. She has written for *Glamour*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Ós Pressan*, *Storychord*, and other outlets.
- **AUTHOR'S BACKGROUND:** Margrét has an MFA from Columbia University and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the English department at the University of Iceland.
- **AUTHOR'S HERITAGE:** Margrét is Icelandic-American and currently resides in Reykjavík.
- **UPMARKET MYSTERY:** This is a well-written slower, meatier mystery, with beautiful descriptions of Iceland's natural beauty, as well as engaging with Icelandic mythology.

### Reviews

- **'An eerie novel that will keep you up late into the night.** Unnur is desperate to escape the past and protect her young daughter, but she will learn that memory is fickle and changelings lurk in the shadows. Margrét Ann Thors beautifully evokes Iceland, with its cold winds, wave-battered cliffs, and mysterious folk tales. **Gripping and heartfelt.**' - *Eowyn Ivey*
- **'Mythic and atmospheric,** *Freyja* tingles the senses like an incipient freeze. I love an icy noir that builds complicated relationships and unique settings, and *Freyja* fits the bill perfectly. **A twisty, compelling read.**' - *Janelle Brown*
- **'I was overwhelmed by this book-**by sentences so sharp they could draw blood, by sheer adrenaline, by the wind and rock of Iceland, by the exploration of memory and grief, and most of all, by the unflinching deep dive into what motherhood means. **There's plenty of terror-and even more love-in these pages.**' - *Gin Phillips*
- **'A spectacular novel** that deftly defies genre, *Freyja* is gripping mystery and a literary tour de force. Margrét Ann Thors masterfully chronicles a mother's love for her child, memories impossible to repress, and the torment of guilt. Set in a backdrop rich with folklore, it's a page-turner, but try to resist turning the pages too quickly, lest you miss the grace of the prose and profound psychological insights. **Original, stunning, and unforgettable.**' - *Binnie Kirshenbaum*

### Biographies

**Margrét Ann Thors** is an Icelandic-American writer based in Reykjavík, Iceland. She received her MFA from Columbia University and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the English department at the University of Iceland. Her writing has appeared in *Glamour*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Ós Pressan*, *Storychord*, and other outlets. ***Freyja*** is her debut novel.

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# Faith's War

**A powerful WWII saga set in wartorn Malta from the author of RNA winner, Bobby's War**  
**Shirley Mann**

## Keynote

**In a city under siege, one woman's courage is the last line of defence**

## Description

**THE NEW BOOK FROM THE RNA WINNING AUTHOR OF *BOBBY'S WAR***

Malta, 1942. A sun-drenched jewel in the Mediterranean - now battered to rubble by relentless German bombs. Beneath the ancient stone of Valletta's fortifications, young nurse Faith tends the wounded in the darkness. But Faith has another connection to Malta. Before she leaves her parents drop a bombshell: she was adopted and her birth mother comes from Malta.

Working side by side with a charismatic doctor, Faith finds herself torn between an unexpected attraction and a search for her birth family - and ultimately herself. As bombs fall and supplies vanish, Faith must decide if her namesake can give her the courage to survive . . . and to find out where she belongs.

**A gripping tale of endurance, love and impossible choices in the darkest days of war.**

## Sales Points

- The sixth book in the powerful and inspirational World War 2 saga collection from Shirley Mann
- Shirley has previously won and been shortlisted for RNA awards for her books *Bobby's War* and *Bridget's War* respectively
- Shirley Mann is a very popular and active member of our ever-growing and revitalised Memory Lane saga community, which has 3.4K Facebook follows and over 3K newsletter subscribers.
- This new book is a little different for Shirley as it's not set in the UK but rather during the siege of Malta and is about a nurse working there. Different location but all of the emotion, drama and historical interest of the rest of the collection.

## Reviews

- 'A gripping series.' - *Rosie Goodwin*

## Biographies

Shirley Mann is a Derbyshire-based journalist who spent most of her career at the BBC. She went on to make films for organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Her first novel, *Lily's War*, was inspired by Shirley's mother, who was a WAAF and her father who was in the Eighth Army. She has now written five books in the collection about inspirational women during World War II.

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# Vengeance

**A brand-new Courtney Series epic for 2026 from the master of adventure, Wilbur Smith**

**Wilbur Smith**

## Keynote

A brand-new Courtney Series adventure and book 8 in the Birds of Prey sequence by Wilbur Smith.

## Description

**ENEMIES BY BIRTH. BROTHERS IN BLOOD. VENGEANCE WILL BE HAD.**

**1829. Mahikeng Mission Station. Highveld, southern Africa.**

The warrior king is dead. Ralph Courtney and Ann Waite have escaped. From the chaos and bloodshed that consumed the Zulu nation after the murder of King Shaka. From Ralph's enemies. From the man who would have enslaved Ann and sold her to the highest bidder. Now Ralph and Ann, and their son Harry, are safe. Rescued by the missionaries at Mahikeng, they can finally dream of a new life. Or can they . . . ?

For what awaits them is a journey of unimaginable horrors, that will take Ralph from the bandit outposts on the border of Cape Colony, across oceans, and into the dark heart of the brutal system by which the British Crown imposes obedience on its subjects, while Ann is drawn inexorably back into her old life in Zululand.

Can Ralph finally lay to rest the ghosts that haunt him? Can Ann overcome the enemy she believed they'd escaped forever? Can Harry make his peace with the secrets and lies that have shaped his life? On a blood-soaked battlefield, as a new nation is forged in violence and slaughter, all three will be given a choice - to succumb to the past, or to stand and fight for their family's future.

## Sales Points

- The next epic adventure from Wilbur Smith - book 26 in the long-running Courtney series
- The 8th book in the Birds of Prey sequence of the Courtney series and follows on from Warrior King
- Publication to be supported by a global campaign.
- Great backlist opportunities with the Courtney Series and Birds of Prey Sequence.

## Biographies

Wilbur Smith was born in Central Africa in 1933. He became a full-time writer in 1964, following the success of *When the Lion Feeds*, his first published novel. An international phenomenon, his readership built up over fifty-five years of writing, his works include the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels, all meticulously researched on his numerous expeditions worldwide.

The establishment of the Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation, in 2015, was driven by Wilbur's passion for empowering writers, promoting literacy and advancing adventure writing as a genre. The foundation's flagship programme is the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize.

Wilbur Smith passed away peacefully at home in 2021 with his wife, Niso, by his side, leaving behind a treasure-trove of novels and stories that will delight readers for years to come.

For all the latest information on Wilbur Smith's writing visit [www.wilbursmithbooks.com](http://www.wilbursmithbooks.com) or [facebook.com/WilburSmith](https://facebook.com/WilburSmith).

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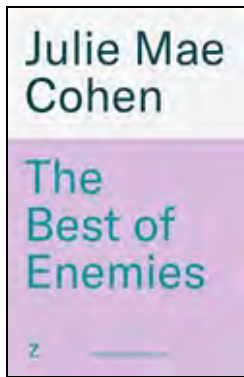
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# The Best of Enemies

Julie Mae Cohen

## Keynote

Someone's turning Gwen's private grudges into a murder spree . . . The brilliantly twisty and sharply funny thriller from the author of BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick *Bad Men*.

## Description

Gwen has a list of enemies. Not that she'd ever hurt them - she just likes knowing if karma catches up.

So when her childhood bully drowns in sewage, Gwen's quietly satisfied. But then another enemy dies. And another. Soon, everyone who's ever crossed Gwen - right down to someone who pushed in front in a queue - is meeting a bizarre end.

The police think Gwen's involved, but she's just as terrified. Someone's turning her private grudges into a murder spree - and her newly rebellious daughter could be next . . .

## Sales Points

- **BRILLIANTLY FUNNY & DARK:** The wit of Bella Mackie with the clever plotting of Caroline Kepnes, *The Best of Enemies* is guaranteed make you laugh - and wince.
- **BANG ON TREND:** Funny, feminist thrillers are having a moment in the UK: including *How To Kill Your Family*, *My Sister The Serial Killer*, and newcomers *How To Kill Men and Get Away With It* and *You'd Look Better as a Ghost*.
- **WORLD RIGHTS:** We've sold Julie's thrillers in over a dozen territories, including the USA.

## Biographies

Julie Mae Cohen is the darker side of Julie Cohen, an award-winning author whose novels have sold over a million copies worldwide. Her thriller debut, *Bad Men*, was a BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick in 2023 and was shortlisted for the RNA Jackie Collins Award for Romantic Suspense. Julie grew up in Maine and now lives in the UK with her family and a terrier of dubious origin.

## Market

For fans of twisty, sharply funny thrillers and readers of Bella Mackie, Katy Brent and Joanna Wallace.

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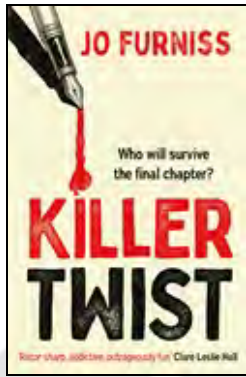
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# Killer Twist

## A clever, twisty whodunnit set at a crime fiction festival

Jo Furniss

### Keynote

**When a celebrity author is murdered at a crime writing festival, a Scandinavian writer of Nordic noir and an English 'crim-ance' novelist form an unlikely team to catch the killer of a man they both love to hate**

### Description

Crime writer Aggie Catchlove can never forget how celebrity author Kit Stirling stole her famous 'twist'. When fellow novelist Jakob Hök learns Kit's next book is a rip-off of his long-running series at the Crème de la Crime festival, he and Aggie furiously plot the perfect murder of a man who is killing their careers. But when Kit Stirling is found dead for real, fingers point at Aggie and Jakob.

They decide the only way to clear their names is to investigate. As the police lock down the event, Aggie and Jakob split up to double their efforts, but paranoia is a third wheel that destabilises their alliance. Both writers want to tell the story, not be the story. And, when push comes to shove, they'll do anything to be the voice of the final chapter.

### Sales Points

- **ON TREND:** Bookish murder mysteries remain popular. This book is accessible and enjoyable without being too introspective, with Jo's trademark wry humour throughout
- **CLEVER FORM:** The novel is told from the POVs of two different crime writers, written in the style of their respective books. Aggie Catchlove is a self-published 'crim-ance' writer (first person, descriptive), whereas Jakob Hök writes Nordic noir (third person, sparing prose, no speech marks)
- **NEW DIRECTION:** This heralds a shift for Jo Furniss, who has previously written gritty thrillers
- **EXPERIENCED AUTHOR:** Jo has written a number of thrillers (including *Dead Mile* and *Guilt Trip* with Zaffre) and contributed to the *Afraid of the Lights* anthology

### Reviews

- 'Jo Furniss always delivers. *Killer Twist* holds up the mirror to the world of crime publishing with twists, turns, and masterful wit. A locked room mystery with a cast of unforgettable characters whose names will be on everybody's lips at all of the major crime writing festivals this summer.' - *Jack Jordan*
- 'A piercingly funny and at times spookily accurate thriller set in the heady world of crime fiction festivals. *Killer Twist* boasts a quirky cast of literary characters, an impossible murder and a twisty plot. Witty, smart and gripping.' - *Heather Critchlow*
- 'Laugh-out-loud funny, this tightly plotted, pacey crime novel is a perfect locked door mystery and also a thoroughly entertaining deep dive into the crime writing world. With two edgy protagonists leading the investigation, *Killer Twist* is packed with jealousy, simmering sexual tension, intrigue and humour. I loved it!' - *Rachel Wolf*
- 'A mystery thick with satisfying misdirection and bamboozlement, made all the thornier by its slippery characters and devilish humour. Consistently laugh-out-loud funny, it shrewdly and mercilessly skewers crime publishing, and will be the talk of group chats and Facebook clans as authors, editorial and publicity recognise themselves in the papercut sharp portraits. Prepare to be filleted.' - *Dominic Nolan*

### Biographies

**Jo Furniss** is originally from the UK, but spent much of her adult life overseas, living in Cameroon, Switzerland and Singapore. She's now back home, beside the seaside in England.

Her novels include the survival thriller, *All the Little Children*, which was an Amazon Chart bestseller in the UK and US. Jo has contributed short stories to the *Afraid of the Light* anthology series, which was nominated for the CWA Dagger Awards in 2021/22, and raised thousands of pounds for British charities.

A former BBC broadcast journalist, Jo also writes for the award-winning SHORT HISTORY OF podcast from Noiser Productions.

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# Flashpoint

**The brand-new Saffron Courtney WWII thriller for 2026 from the master of adventure**

**Wilbur Smith**

## Keynote

**THE MASTER OF ADVENTURE, WILBUR SMITH, RETURNS WITH A BRAND-NEW SAFFRON COURTNEY WWII THRILLER**

## Description

**AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION. A QUEST FOR THE TRUTH. ONLY SHE HAS WHAT IT TAKES . . .**

### **1943, America**

SOE's Saffron Courtney is back in New York, but even as she recovers from her mission to Washington, events on the other side of the Atlantic are making her return to England inevitable. The War Office need someone to extract an asset - a Jewish scientist, Caleb Ezra, a man vital to the war effort - from his hideaway on the besieged island of Leros. But first there is a debt to settle, and the mob do not wait - even for a decorated war hero . . .

### **1946, Kenya**

Back in her beloved homeland, and reunited with her lover-now-husband Gerhard von Meerbach, Saffron thinks that she might finally have found the peace that she craves. The war is over. But when she's paid a visit by an English operative who blackmails her with accusations of Gerhard's involvement in Nazi atrocities, Saffron has no choice but to return to the US at his bidding. With not only her life, but her family at stake, Saffron must track down Ezra once more - before it's too late . . .

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## Sales Points

- Another epic instalment in Wilbur Smith's Courtney series, his most popular and longest running series.
- Follows on directly from the events of Crossfire, which is part of Wilbur's war strand of thrillers, which includes Courtney's War and Legacy of War.
- A race-against-time World War II thriller starring fan-favourite protagonist, Saffron Courtney.
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- Publication to be supported by a global campaign.

## Biographies

**Wilbur Smith** was born in Central Africa in 1933. He became a full-time writer in 1964 following the success of *When the Lion Feeds*, and has since published over fifty global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels, all meticulously researched on his numerous expeditions worldwide. An international phenomenon, his readership built up over fifty-five years of writing, establishing him as one of the most successful and impressive brand authors in the world.

The establishment of the Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation in 2015 cemented Wilbur's passion for empowering writers, promoting literacy and advancing adventure writing as a genre. The foundation's flagship programme is the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize.

Wilbur Smith passed away peacefully at home in 2021 with his wife, Niso, by his side, leaving behind him a rich treasure trove of novels and stories that will delight readers for years to come. For all the latest information on Wilbur Smith's writing visit [www.wilbursmithbooks.com](http://www.wilbursmithbooks.com) or [facebook.com/WilburSmith](https://facebook.com/WilburSmith)



# Mantras and Minotaurs

## A sweet and spicy later-in-life monster romance (Leviathan Fitness Book 3)

### Ashley Bennett

#### Keynote

A single mum decides to take life-and love-by the horns as she falls for a hunky minotaur in this steamy monster romance.

#### Description

REVISED AND EXPANDED PAPERBACK EDITION

When Pam Rollins decides to shake things up after her kids leave the nest, she makes two major changes: starting yoga classes and joining a dating app. After her daughter urges her to connect with other singles, Pam meets a minotaur who is ready to sweep her off her feet.

Alistair Reid is the kind of swoon-worthy monster that every woman dreams of. He's kind, funny, and a wonderful dad.

The only problem is they live states apart and have thriving lives of their own.

However, as romance blooms, it becomes harder to envision a future without each other in it. Will Alistair and Pam discover that their hearts can grow together despite the distance between them?

#### Sales Points

- **GROWING SUBGENRE:** Monster romance is growing fast and this series gives us a great opportunity to reach new readers in an untapped area of the market for us.
- **AUTHOR WITH GROWING PROFILE:** Author is active on social media with an engaged community and the Leviathan Fitness series has received rave reviews across Goodreads, Netgalley and Bookstagram.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** *Bride* by Ali Hazelwood and *Tusk Love* by Thea Guanzon.

#### Biographies

Ashley Bennett is an avid reader and during the Covid-19 pandemic, she decided to dip her toes into writing and hasn't looked back. She loves coffee, candles, fall weather, mid-century modern furniture, and a good alien romance (complete with fancy peens).

#### Market

For fans of *Tusk Love* and *Ava Ross*.

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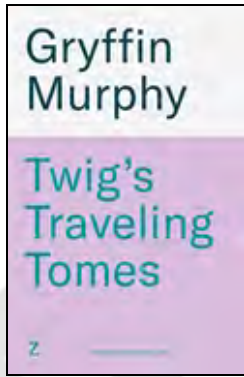
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# Twig's Traveling Tomes

## The perfect bookish fantasy romance to cuddle up with this autumn

### Gryffin Murphy

#### Keynote

**A witch with a magical affinity for books who owns a travelling bookstore reluctantly teams up with a charming rogue, her former professor and a gnome in search of a rare stolen grimoire**

#### Description

*Romance is easier read than done*

Louella Twig is the only witch of her kind, much to the disappointment of her former mentor and her previous academic ambitions. While others connect to nature as their source of magic, Louella has an affinity with books. Denied her graduation broom, Louella carves a new path using her talent, creating a magical ambulatory bookshop that travels throughout the realm uniting readers with stories.

She lives a cosy, stable life, until she collides - quite literally - with a mysterious man between the Romance and Adventure aisles. Everett Sharp is handsome, charming ... and a rogue on the run. He's absolutely not someone Louella wishes to share either an adventure or a romance with. But then her old mentor arrives with a desperate request: a valuable grimoire has been stolen and there is only one witch who can retrieve what has been lost ... a witch who now finds herself in need of a bandit with experience.

Together with friends both old and new, Louella and Everett embark on an adventure across the four kingdoms, encountering whimsical creatures, a flying greenhouse full of plant pirates and a magical World's Fair. Along the way, Louella starts to wonder if this new chapter of her life could include some romance after all ...

#### Sales Points

- **PURE ESCAPISM:** This cosy romantasy is the perfect book to enjoy this autumn. Low stakes, high fantasy, banter, romance, whimsy, joy, magic - it has all the ingredients readers in this area of the market enjoy
- **BOOKSELLER FAVOURITE:** This bookish-themed fantasy featuring an enchanted travelling bookshop is sure to delight booksellers and librarians as much as readers
- **MAGICAL CREATURES:** The book features gnomes and an array of magical creatures. The pages of the lost grimoire are scattered throughout the realm disguised in the form of the creatures they depict
- **AUTHOR COMMUNITY:** The author has previously self-published several cosy romantasy titles and has built up a sizeable social following on TikTok, the perfect platform through which to promote this new book

#### Reviews

- 'Whimsical and wonderful, *Twig's Traveling Tomes* is a delightful treat for booklovers in search of a charming escape!' - *Sarah Beth Durst, New York Times bestselling author of The Spellshop*
- 'Have you ever fallen in love after tumbling into a comfortable armchair, with a crackling fire and a cup of tea waiting for you? If not, then this is the book you should read to experience it! The descriptions bring such vivid, cozy magic to life. *Tangled* meets its cozy sister in this magical read!' - *Delemhach, bestselling author of The House Witch series*
- 'Full of found family and flirty banter, *Twig's Traveling Tomes* puts a fun spin on the idea that books really can take you anywhere. This world-hopping quest with a charming band of misfits is delightfully chaotic and inventive and will make you wish for your own magical traveling bookshop - and a good grappling hook!' - *Julie Leong, Sunday Times bestselling author of The Teller of Small Fortunes*
- '*Twig's Traveling Tomes* is the perfect cozy adventure. Full of lovable characters and laugh-out-loud humor, Gryffin Murphy has written a book that will open a magical door right into your heart.' - *Emily Krempholtz, USA Today bestselling author of Violet Thistlewaite Is Not a Villain Anymore*

#### Biographies

Gryffin Murphy lives in Virginia with her husband and their two pugs, Bagels and Buster. She spends her days in overalls, trying to befriend the neighbourhood crows

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# Keep the Home Fires Burning

## The first book in the heart-warming World War II saga based on the hit TV series, Home Fires

**S. Block**

### Keynote

**A dramatic and emotional saga based on the hit TV series**

### Description

***In Britain's darkest hour, an extraordinary community of women strives to protect the Home Front. When an enemy plane crashes into the village, every one of their lives will change for ever . . .***

Frances Barden, Chair of Great Paxford's Women's Institute, feels it's her role to lead the community. But as her factory is shut down and her husband's secret child arrives at her door, she finds she'll need the support of every woman in the WI. Luckily she has Pat Simms, Erica Campbell and Steph Farrow to turn to.

But as the war escalates, each woman finds herself facing challenges she never expected and threats she couldn't have imagined. When a plane crashes in the heart of their village, every one of their lives will change for ever.

**Will their combined strength be enough to get them through the war?**

### Sales Points

- **Completes the story from the *Home Fires* TV series, which was unexpectedly cancelled after the second series leaving viewers on a cliff-hanger. When this happened several years ago 36,000 fans signed a petition to bring *Home Fires* back. The *Home Fires* book series followed, written by the screenwriter.**
- **The Women's Institute - 220,000 members - are strong supporters of *Home Fires***
- **A community of strong and brave women, coming together in adversity**
- **Packed with drama and emotion. A completely page-turning novel from an expert screenwriter and storyteller.**
- **The TV series has had a resurgence in popularity in 2025 as it's now available to stream so this is the perfect opportunity to reissue for fans who didn't the books back in 2017.**

### Reviews

- 'I very quickly became embroiled . . . a really enjoyable book. Greatly looking forward to the next one' - *Rosie Goodwin*

### Biographies

**S. Block**, the creator and writer behind the *Home Fires* TV series watched by over six million viewers, is a BAFTA award-winning writer who's been nominated for the Royal Television Society Awards and the British Comedy Awards. He's worked on TV shows such as *New Tricks*, *Lewis*, *Wire in the Blood*, *Hotel Babylon* and *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*, as well as shows for NBC and ABC.

Among other jobs he was an elephant keeper at London Zoo, a London bus driver and is the current director of the North London branch of The Samaritans. Simon was born in London and lives there with his wife and sons.

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# Snitch

## A dark and dangerously addictive, spicy age-gap assassin romance (PALADIN Book 3)

### Kay Cove

#### Keynote

**A dark and dangerously addictive, spicy age-gap assassin romance.**

#### Description

**I was sent to end his life. Now love has me risking mine...**

#### SYLVIE

I've been a ghost since I was sixteen. Attachments are a luxury I can't afford. Sympathy is a weakness I've been trained to ignore.

My assignment should be simple. Infiltrate Jeffrey Callen's life, drain him of his secrets, then make him disappear. I'm used to cashing paychecks written in evil men's blood. But no one prepared me for the way Callen would slip past my defences, planting something dangerous and alive inside my heart that no blade can reach. Hope. Everything I've been told about my target is a lie. He's no villain. The only thing he's guilty of is his own humanity.

Sensing my hesitation, my employers have made it clear: finish the mission, or I'm the one who vanishes.

The choice becomes abundantly clear. It's my survival... or his.

#### CALLEN

I was a soldier who believed in the mission. In honour. In the system I swore to protect. Turns out, the system is corrupt.

After saving the innocent lives I was ordered to take, I became a loose end. Fifteen years later, my comrades are mysteriously dropping one by one, and all signs say I'm next. Not even PALADIN can protect me now.

At least there's Sylvie. Sharp tongue, dangerous curves, and eyes that look right through me... like she's searching for something she'll never admit she wants. I know she has secrets. Lethal ones. Her story doesn't add up. But when I see the torment in her eyes, I don't care that she's hiding something. I'd lay my life on the line for her.

But the deeper I get, I have to wonder-am I the one who's really in danger?

#### Sales Points

- **ON TREND:** A darkly addictive romantic suspense series that taps into the growing dark romance trend, blending heart-racing suspense with high-stakes romance.
- **PERFECT FOR FANS OF:** Twisted series by Ana Huang and Legacy of Gods by Rina Kent.
- **TROPES:** Touch her and die, forbidden love, friends to lovers, age-gap romance, enemies to lovers, grumpy x sunshine

#### Biographies

Kay Cove is a wife, mum, and accidental entrepreneur. She writes multiple romance sub genres, including contemporary romance and romantic suspense. Angst, swoon, banter, and happily ever afters are the common denominator in all her stories.

When Kay isn't writing you'll find her drinking copious amounts of coffee while researching scuba diving trips she never has time to take, and trying desperately to keep up with her toddlers.

#### Market

For fans of Ana Huang and Rina Kent.

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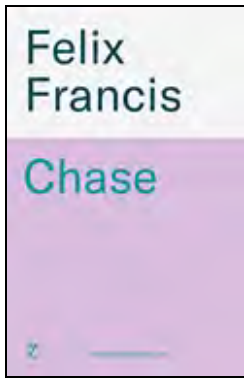
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# The Chase

Felix Francis

## Keynote

New brand new 2026 novel from the modern master of the racing thriller.

## Description

In the world of racing, horse owners will do everything to win. In the world of art, they'll kill . . .

## Sales Points

- **ONE OF A KIND:** The best and most consistent horse racing thriller writer in the UK. We've sold over 90,000 copies of his first three titles.
- **MASSIVE PEDIGREE:** Since taking over from Dick Francis, Felix's books have sold 950k+ copies through the TCM, to a very big and loyal fanbase. He is one of our most pre-ordered fiction authors in hardback and eBook.

## Biographies

A *New York Times*, *Sunday Times* and international bestseller, acclaimed author, Felix Francis, was born in Oxford, England, son of the famous mystery author, Dick Francis and his wife, Mary. Felix graduated from London University with a Bachelor of Science degree. His initial career led him into physics, where he was a successful teacher of A Level Physics for 17 years, becoming head of the science department at Bloxham School. Felix next went into business, spending 13 years as a company director and deputy chairman of World Challenge Expeditions Ltd. But he could not deny that his family's gift of writing had been passed along to him, so in 2005, he started his third career - as an author. His many other accomplishments include being an expert outdoorsman, marksman and pilot. He lives in rural Northamptonshire with his wife, Debbie, and their dogs, who are the ones really in charge!

## Market

For readers of contemporary thrillers and Dick Francis novels.

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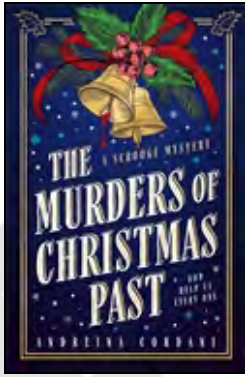
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# The Murders of Christmas Past

## The brand-new festive mystery for Ebenezer Scrooge to solve

### Andreina Cordani

#### Keynote

The brand-new festive mystery for beloved miser Ebenezer Scrooge to solve

#### Description

A killer stalks the streets of London, murdering Christmas-hating misers, a mystery only reformed penny-pincher Ebenezer Scrooge can solve.

But Scrooge's chief witness is dead, his prime suspect is a mystical spirit that can walk through walls and his two faithful friends, Tiny Tim and the Widow Tassell, are doubting his sanity.

Scrooge's quest to find the killer takes him to the poorest, most deprived parts of the city as he has to face the very worst Victorian London has to offer.

#### Sales Points

- **SEASONAL SUCCESS:** Festive mysteries are leading the way in terms of seasonal popularity. In recent years, sales in this area have grown since Zaffre published Alexandra Benedict's *The Christmas Murder Game*, one of the top 10 crime debut hardbacks that year
- **FAN FAVOURITE:** Andreina will reimagine the perennial favourite miser Ebenezer Scrooge in a new mystery series that will delight fans of *A Christmas Carol* and be a touchpoint for Christmases present and to come
- **TALENTED AUTHOR:** Andreina has become Zaffre's Queen of Festive Crime with this being her fourth Christmas crime book with the imprint. She is an exceptionally talented writer who is well connected in the community through her time as a features writer and reviewer for *Good Housekeeping*
- **BEAUTIFUL PACKAGE:** This new hardback release will have an eye-catching festive package that will be impossible not to gift

#### Biographies

Before writing her first novel, Andreina Cordani was a senior editor and writer for women's magazines including *Good Housekeeping* and *Cosmopolitan*. Her assignments included interviewing gun-toting moms on the school run, ordering illegal DIY Botox online and learning to do the splits in eight weeks. She lives on the Dorset coast with her family where she reads voraciously, occasionally makes TikTok videos and swims in the sea.

#### Market

Perfect for fans of Sophie Hannah's Poirot Mysteries and Christmas mysteries from Janice Hallett, Alexandra Benedict and Denzil Meyrick

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# Deathless King

## The first book in a bloodthirsty new epic vampire series

R. A. Castellan

### Keynote

**When the only defence against the vampire horde is destroyed and the threat of another Blood War looms, new heroes must rise to save the world from an evil that refuses to die**

### Description

*Long ago, the Lightbearers saved the Five Kingdoms from the undead, with a light - the Starstone Lamp - that was meant to shine forever, a beacon and barrier against the horrors of the night. But the Lamp has been broken, the Lighthouses that keep the undead at bay have all failed, and the Darkness has returned. New heroes must rise . . .*

Conlan Greylock has tainted blood, and the edict is clear: anyone infected with vampire blood must perish. Refusing to accept his fate, he places his soul in the hands of Rohina, with whom he shares a powerful supernatural bond. Rohina, and her genius son Timor, think they can save Conlan - and the rest of the world - from the vampire plague. But they're outlaws too, for creating the perfect golem, a man made of metal and stone who can think and feel . . . Together they must journey into the wilds, seeking the answers of riddles only they can unravel.

Mohan and his daughter Dariana have their own reasons to haunt the margins: Mohan's beloved wife Shakti is lost among monsters, calling his name. While ambitious young sorceress Yarrow and her friend Emyl are on a quest of their own: to prevent a loved one from joining the undead.

Thrown together by fate, they must save their world from an enemy beyond comprehension: the Vampire God, Varthak.

### Sales Points

- **VAMPIRES IN VOGUE:** Vampires are back in fashion across the market, from rom-com and romantasy to epic fantasy and horror
- **INCREDIBLE WORLDBUILDING:** The author's passion for vampires shines through in his detailed world in which five different vampire clans unite to ignite another Blood War, with a diverse cast of characters and cultures
- **EXPERIENCED AUTHOR:** The author has written multiple fantasy series for adults and children, winning the Best First Book Award and the LIANZA Award in New Zealand

### Biographies

R. A. Castellan is an award-winning, New Zealand-based author of multiple fantasy series for both adults and children. His writing is influenced by his studies of mythology and history at university as well as his time living in India, Thailand and the UK. When not writing, he can be found with his wife and children, or supporting his life-long football club, Leeds United.

### Market

Perfect for fans of Jay Kristoff, Ed Crocker, John Gwynne and Anna Stephens

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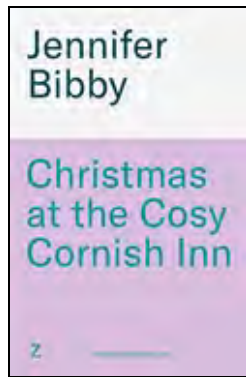
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# Christmas at the Cosy Cornish Inn

**A festive small town second chance love story**

**Jennifer Bibby**

## Keynote

**ESCAPE TO THE PICTURESQUE CORNISH VILLAGE OF POLCARROW FOR A FESTIVE SECOND-CHANCE ROMANCE**

## Description

***Will her best love story be the one she didn't plan to write?***

Ten years ago, Isabella Fox shared one unforgettable night with a stranger. The plan was to arrange to meet again but when weeks passed and she heard nothing from him, she was left heartbroken. Disappointed, she poured all her energy into writing timeslip romances.

Now a bestselling romance author writing as Bella Fox, Isabella no longer believes in love . . . or Christmas. After a painful breakup and a crippling case of writer's block, she escapes to the cosy Cornish village of Polcarrow, hoping the sea air will help her write again. Instead, she finds twinkling lights, festive traditions, a haunted pub . . . and Aidan, the man she never forgot.

As winter closes in and inspiration begins to stir, old sparks reignite and long-buried truths come to light. But with past heartbreaks, difficult choices, and Christmas fast approaching, Isabella must decide whether to return to the life she left behind - or finally believe in second chances.

**A heart-warming romantic cosy read filled with village charm, festive magic, and a love story that refuses to stay in the past. Perfect for fans of Milly Johnson and Jo Thomas.**

## Sales Points

- The fourth book from Jennifer Bibby set in the picturesque seaside Cornish village of Polcarrow. Each book stands alone but also revisits the stories of previous protagonists.
- Jennifer's books are brimming with romance, community spirit and festivities.
- A perfect cosy winter read for fans of Milly Johnson, Heidi Swain, Sarah Morgan and Jo Thomas.

## Reviews

- 'The perfect festive romance' - *Heidi Swain on Christmas at the Little Cornish Bakery*
- 'Charming and romantic, sweet and sunny. I loved it' - *Milly Johnson on The Cornish Hideaway*
- 'Full of heart, hope and holiday sparkle' - *Rachel Griffiths on Christmas at the Little Cornish Bakery*

## Biographies

Jennifer Bibby is an author of warm and heartfelt community romances. Her debut novel, *The Cornish Hideaway*, was a contender for the 2022 RNA Joan Hessayon award. This is her fourth book set in the Cornish village of Polcarrow. A lifelong lover of stories, she enjoys exploring the everyday lives of modern women through literature. Jennifer is happiest by the sea and loves dinosaurs, travel, classy cocktails and medieval history.

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# The Sunbird

**A defining archaeological thriller from the master of adventure, Wilbur Smith**

**Wilbur Smith**

## Keynote

A special collector's edition of the beloved novel by master of adventure, Wilbur Smith.

## Description

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The discovery of a lifetime comes with a high price . . .

For millennia an ancient civilisation has been hidden, deep in the Botswana cliffs. Dr Ben Kazin has only a blurred photograph to prove it, but with the backing of his old friend, Louren Sturvesant, he is determined to uncover the archaeological find of a lifetime.

But a whispered curse and a chance encounter with a local tribe lead him to discover much more than city foundations. The curse, it seems, is real, and will link Ben, his oldest friend, and the woman they both love with a forgotten leader from two thousand years ago, in a city of glory and honour that subsequently disappeared without a trace.

What happened to that ancient civilisation? And what is it that connects that lost empire to Ben, and the violent dangers he must face in the present day?

## Sales Points

- **A SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION OF THE SUNBIRD, ONE OF THE MOST BELOVED AND DEFINING NOVELS BY GLOBAL SENSATION AND MASTER OF ADVENTURE, WILBUR SMITH.**
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- **CONTAINS ARCHIVE MATERIAL AND A SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED INTRODUCTION.**

## Biographies

**Wilbur Smith** was born in Central Africa in 1933. He became a full-time writer in 1964 following the success of *When the Lion Feeds*, and has since published over fifty global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels, all meticulously researched on his numerous expeditions worldwide. An international phenomenon, his readership built up over fifty-five years of writing, establishing him as one of the most successful and impressive brand authors in the world.

The establishment of the Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation in 2015 cemented Wilbur's passion for empowering writers, promoting literacy and advancing adventure writing as a genre. The foundation's flagship programme is the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize.

Wilbur Smith passed away peacefully at home in 2021 with his wife, Niso, by his side, leaving behind him a rich treasure trove of novels and stories that will delight readers for years to come. For all the latest information on Wilbur Smith's writing visit [www.wilbursmithbooks.com](http://www.wilbursmithbooks.com) or [facebook.com/WilburSmith](https://facebook.com/WilburSmith)

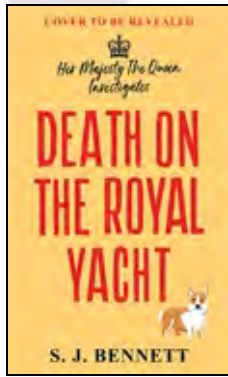
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# Death on the Royal Yacht

## The brand new 2026 murder mystery starring the Queen

### S.J. Bennett

#### Keynote

It's 1966, and Queen Elizabeth II is in the Caribbean on a royal tour on Britannia when Lady Pamela is found dead in her cabin, with a piece of furniture in front of the door to prevent it being opened from the outside.

#### Description

It's 1966 and Queen Elizabeth II is touring the Caribbean aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia. Her schedule is measured in ten-minute increments for five weeks, and nothing can afford to go wrong.

But something does. Early in the trip, the Queen's new diary secretary, Pamela Sinclair, is found dead in her cabin. Rumours abound about how she died, but the truth is, nobody really knows. However, this time, suspicion falls on the Queen's longstanding confidante, Joan McGraw.

The royal yacht is a busy, working ship, from the admiral at the bridge to the chefs in the galleys and the engineers attending to the turbines. It houses a crew of hundreds. Is one of them a murderer?

The Queen and Joan, must use every skill and trick to solve the mystery while seeming to glide, unflustered, from one be-hatted engagement to the next, as the multi-island visit unfolds with the whole world watching.

#### Sales Points

- **OUR BESTSELLING COSY BRAND:** We have sold over 330,000 copies of the series - and over 800k worldwide.
- **DEVOTED FANBASE:** S. J. Bennett is one of our most pre-ordered authors - with over 1k hardbacks and 2k eBooks for *Murder Most Royal*. *The Queen Who Came in from the Cold* is set to overtake this as our most pre-ordered title in the series.

#### Biographies

**SJ Bennett** was born in Yorkshire and travelled the world as an army child. She had a varied career before her first novel was published when she was 42. Since then, her books have won awards, been optioned for TV, and have been translated into over 20 languages.

She was once asked to interview for the role of Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen and still considers it the job that got away. A curious royal watcher for many years, she lives in London, where she can often be found haunting its palaces, museums, galleries and libraries. She currently writes the 'Her Majesty the Queen Investigates' series.

You can find her on Instagram @sophiabennett\_writer and on Twitter @sophiabennett.

#### Market

For readers of cosy crime - and fans of Richard Osman, Rev Richard Coles, Robert Thorogood, Ian Moore and Agatha Christie.

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# A Winter Hope

## A heartwarming wintery World War II story from the much-loved saga author Sheila Newberry

### Keynote

A heart-warming World War II saga by Sheila Newberry, author of *The Winter Baby* and *The Nursemaid's Secret*.

### Description

Previously published as *The Family at Number Five*.

**For fans of Katie Flynn and Dilly Court, *A Winter Hope* is a heart-warming novel from the Queen of family saga, perfect for curling up at home with.**

**All they want is a new home.**

Number five Kitchener Avenue heralds the start of a new life for the Hope family. For pregnant Miriam it is a warm, safe environment to bring up her child. For her sister, fourteen-year-old Barbara, it means independence . . . and boys. And for Fred it provides the security he craves for his young family.

The Hopes settle in, and start to make happy memories in their new home. But World War II is round the corner, and this carefree life can't last.

Soon the family are split up. Bar, wanting to do her bit for the war effort, joins the ATS, while Miriam and her children are evacuated to the countryside and away from her husband.

As the country is thrown into turmoil, can the Hope family come back together and find the happiness they crave?

**'A *Winter Hope* is a heartwarming novel following two sisters from pre-war to post-war, their parallel stories filled with love and loss. I found myself completely wrapped up with their experiences and shed a tear at the twists and turns of their lives.'** Mollie Walton, author of *The Daughters of Ironbridge*

**'I have long been a fan of Sheila Newberry's novels. I love their wonderful warmth and charm.'** Maureen Lee, bestselling author of *The Seven Streets of Liverpool*

**'Reading a Sheila Newberry book is like having dinner with your mother in her warm and cosy kitchen. You can feel the love and care put into every juicy morsel'** - Diane Allen, bestselling author of *For the Sake of Her Family*

### Sales Points

- A reissue of one of Sheila's best selling winter tales, set during the Second World War in London.
- Perfect for fans of *Call the Midwife*, and readers of Sheila Jeffries, Maggie Hope and Katie Flynn.
- Sheila Newberry has sold over 120K paperbacks since her revival in 2015.
- Sheila Newberry is central to Bonnier Zaffre's ever growing Memory Lane community.
- Another heart-warming festive saga by a much-loved author.

### Biographies

#### Sheila Newberry (Author)

Sheila Newberry was born in Suffolk and spent a lot of time there both before and during the war. She wrote her first 'book' before she was ten - all sixty pages of it - in purple ink. Her family was certainly her inspiration and she was published for most of her adult life. She spent forty years living in Kent with her husband John on a smallholding. She had nine children, twenty-two grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Sheila retired back to Suffolk where she lived until she passed away in 2020.

#### Sheila Everett (Author)

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# FICTION



# Wrap Party

The chilling thriller to stay inside with this Christmas

J. A. Wallace

## Keynote

This Christmas, someone won't make the cut. A seasonal psychological thriller set during a wrap party of a popular fictional detective TV series in London

## Description

A blackmail plot at the end-of-season wrap party for middling detective series *Bankwood* turns fatal - because another member of the cast has a plan of their own. The setting: a spectacular underground Masonic Hall beneath the City of London, with many tunnels, no phone signal ... and only one way out. Unlike the programme, there are no killers or psychopaths, but a disparate group of people who all have a secret they'd rather stay hidden - and will go to extreme lengths to keep under wraps.

## Sales Points

- **SEASONAL THRILLER:** Festive fiction continues to be popular and this fast-paced, page-turner is one to stay inside with this Christmas
- **FICTIONAL DETECTIVE:** Fact and fiction converge as the action takes place at the wrap party for a long-running TV show where some characters are playing a role long after the director has yelled 'Cut!'
- **EXPERIENCED AUTHOR:** The author has written several speculative thrillers in the past, but this is his first, fully grounded thriller

## Biographies

J. A. Wallace was born in 1983 in Chester, a city bookended by the Romans and *Hollyoaks*. After leaving school he taught English in Denmark, where he learned the meaning of 'hygge' before it became the subject of a thousand lifestyle articles. He lives in St Albans with his wife and daughter.

## Market

Perfect for fans of Chris Frost and Alex Pine

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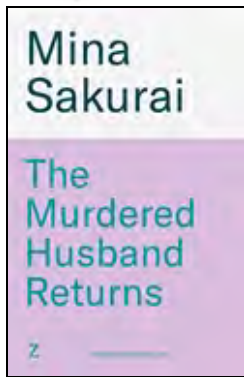
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# The Murdered Husband Returns

**The twisty Japanese bestseller**

**Mina Sakurai**

## Keynote

When Mana sees her husband, she's surprised for two reasons. One, it's been five years since she last saw him. Two, didn't she kill him?

## Description

**The international bestseller published in English for the first time.**

Mana Suzukura spends her days working at a clothing manufacturer in Tokyo in quiet solitude. But one day, on her way home, she is ambushed by Hodaka, a client who has taken a persistent liking to Mana. She is saved from his advances by her husband, Kazuki Suzukura, but Mana is not relieved. She is terrified. Because five years ago, Mana pushed her husband off a cliff.

Kazuki claims to have no memories of their past life together and there seems to be no trace of the violent man Mana once knew him as. So, reluctantly, she allows him to move back into their former home.

Just as Mana is adjusting to this new life, an anonymous letter arrives at her doorstep: "I know about Mana Suzukura's past." Then a detective informs Mana that Kazuki's remains have been found in the mountains of Miyagi Prefecture.

Who is this man that Mana has allowed into her house? What kind of woman can't recognise her own husband?

**A page-turning psychological thriller with secrets like open wounds, *The Murdered Husband Returns* is a gripping exploration of what a woman will do to survive.**

## Sales Points

- **BESTSELLER IN JAPAN:** THE MURDERED HUSBAND RETURNS is a bestseller in its native Japan, having sold over 165,000 copies.
- **ZEITGEIST:** Books in translation from Japanese women are popular amongst commercial readers right now, with recent successes like BUTTER, CONVENIENCE STORE WOMAN, and BREASTS AND EGGS.
- **TWISTY PLOT:** THE MURDERED HUSBAND RETURNS has a mystery at its heart and numerous twists, whilst also dealing with societal expectations on women in Japan

## Biographies

**Mina Sakurai** is the award-winning author of thirteen novels, and is a member of Mystery Writers of Japan. *The Murdered Husband Returns* is her first work to be published in English. The title sold over 165,000 copies in its native Japan.

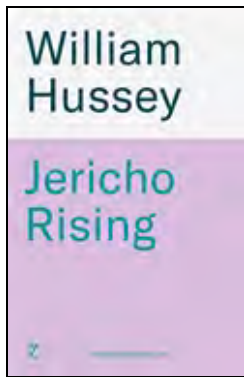
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# Jericho Rising

William Hussey

## Keynote

Former detective Scott Jericho in the fourth book in the award-winning Jericho thriller series.

## Description

Shattered by the events of his last case, Scott Jericho has returned to the darkest shadows of his past. With Harry in a coma and critically ill, and the truth of his mother's mysterious death finally revealed, nothing and no one can rein in those violent impulses Jericho has striven for decades to control.

Remorseless, he now hunts a man who, it seems, has been haunting his life for longer than anyone could have guessed. But as a final confrontation with the killer known only as 'Peter Garris' looms - this time in a remote glacial valley, at the height of a lethal waterfall - another case calls out to Scott's humanity.

A child survivor of a serial killer is in danger. A child once taken from Jericho's Fair and who knows the identity of 'the Pied Piper' - the savage monster who abducted and held him hostage for months on end. A desperate, lonely child who will speak only to Scott Jericho...

As other children go missing from fairs around the country, apparent victims of the Piper, the Traveller community joins the hunt while simultaneously coming under media and public assault. A populist backlash, led by a far-right politician from Scott's past, threatens the fairground way of life. Only the distracted and increasingly unstable Scott Jericho can save both the children and the community he calls home. But as he homes in on the soul-shattering solution to the mystery, will Scott be able to bring a new kind of killer to justice?

## Sales Points

- **CRIME FICTION'S FIRST TRAVELLER DETECTIVE IS BACK:** A troubled, two-fisted, ingenious sleuth who draws on the skills of his unique upbringing and heritage to solve the most baffling and gruesome of crimes.
- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED SERIES:** We've received killer blurbs from some of crime's biggest authors, including Janice Hallett, Chris Whitaker, T.M. Logan, Sarah Pinborough, SJ Watson, John Connolly and many more - and in the press: *The Times*, *Heat*, *Crime Monthly*.
- **INCREDIBLE PERSONAL STORY:** Born the son of a fairground showman, just like the detective in his book. He grew up in the Traveller community, packs his debut with hypercolour detail and, like his hero, William is a gay man existing in this culture, with all its complexities, richness and challenges

## Biographies

William Hussey is the critically acclaimed author of over a dozen novels. Winner of the Genre Busting Book of the Year Fingerprint Award for *Killing Jericho*, he has also been shortlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, the CrimeFest Award, and the Polari Prize.

Born the son of a travelling showman, he has spent a lifetime absorbing the history, folklore and culture of fairground people, knowledge he has now put to work in his Scott Jericho thrillers. William lives in Dumfries with his partner Chris and their criminally adorable cat Harry.

## Market

For fans of brilliantly original crime fiction that pushes the boundaries - and readers of Robert Galbraith, Mark Billingham and M.W. Craven.

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# The Stranger from the Mountains

## The icy new thriller in the million-copy bestselling series

### Satu Rämö

#### Keynote

The fifth book in the international bestselling Hildur series, soon to be a TV show of the same name.

#### Description

Every autumn, farmers in rural Iceland head to the icy heights of the mountains to gather sheep. In a remote valley, a different discovery is made: a corpse, its flesh picked clean by ravens.

There's one detail that makes Detective Hildur Rúnarsdóttir suspect murder, and an observation by her Aunt Tinna strengthens her suspicions. Hildur has crossed paths with this killer before, and what Aunt Tinna remembers may be the key to catching them.

What secrets does Hildur's past hide? And can she face them before another person is killed?

#### Translated by Kristian London

#### Praise for Satu Rämö:

'Satu Rämö's Hildur series is a wildly successful publishing phenomenon that has put the genre of "Nordic blue" on Europe's literary map' **The Guardian**

'Atmospheric and startlingly original' **Sunday Times**

'Hildur Rúnarsdóttir, a police detective who surfs the icy waters of Iceland, barrels into the genre like a tsunami. This book must be read in one sitting' **Max Seck, NYT and Der Spiegel bestselling author**

#### Sales Points

- **ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE:** Over a million copies have been sold in the Hildur series around the world.
- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** The series is a top 10 bestseller in Germany, Iceland, Sweden, and Finland, and has been sold in 23 territories.
- **TV SHOW:** The series has been adapted into a TV show, with distribution details to come soon!
- **AWARDS:** Satu is an award-winning author: Petrona Award for 2025; Nextory E-Book Award for Fiction 2023; Supla Audiobook of the Year Award 2023; CWA Crime Fiction in Translation Dagger 2025 (shortlisted); BookBeat 'Newcomer of the Year' 2022 (shortlisted)

#### Biographies

**Satu Rämö** is a bestselling Finnish-born crime author who has lived in Iceland for the past twenty years. Her Nordic crime *Hildur* series has sold over one million copies worldwide and has been a bestseller in Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Germany. A TV adaptation will premiere in 2026 and the series has also been adapted for the stage. Satu has also published numerous bestselling, prizewinning non-fiction titles in her native Finland.

She lives with her Icelandic husband and two children in the small town of Ísafjörður in northwest Iceland.

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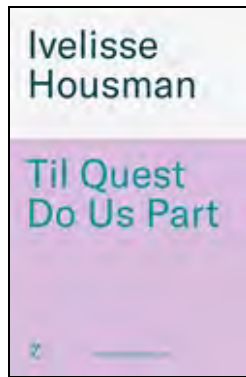
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# Til Quest Do Us Part

## A heartwarming second-chance romantasy brimming with magic and desire

Ivelisse Housman

### Keynote

**Two former-teen-protagonists-who-saved-the-world now need to learn how to be adults - with adult feelings - in this witty, warm and fantastical fantasy**

### Description

Princess Elysande Lunara Soledanza of the West, speaker of the Divine, impulsively made a vow to her knight champion, Faron, at eighteen years old, under the secrecy of night and the thousand watchful eyes of her Goddess. To be fair, they were about to face certain death at the hands of an evil Sorceress the next day - but then they didn't.

Once she took the throne, everything changed. Ely and Faron agreed that they were too young and too important - as Queen and Knight Champion - to be anything more. And with Ely's responsibility as the new sovereign of her people, it was better to forget the whole thing than risk the kingdom's new-found peace.

Which worked out great, until, ten years later Ely finds herself needing to marry the prince of a neighboring territory for political advantage, and discovers that she is, technically, married to her best friend. And the Goddess won't let her out of her oath that easily. Now, Ely and Faron must work together to seek the Goddess and break their vows, in favor of the greater good - even if they risk rekindling a flame that never truly died.

### Sales Points

- **FRESH TAKE:** This unique romantasy begins at the end. The evil sorceress was defeated ten years ago and the then teen, goddess-blessed protagonists impulsively married fearing their impending death. Now, they are on a quest to face their goddess's wrath and annul their marriage ... but will reconnect romantically along the way
- **BEAUTIFUL WORLDBUILDING:** The richly painted wintry landscape is the perfect setting for this genuinely heartwarming tale to unfold, with the Queen in possession of the ability to walk into the dreams of others ... which is the setting of the first passionate, intimate scene within the story - another unique twist
- **MATURE ROMANCE:** This is a book for anyone who has experienced the heady desire of first love as the two protagonists reconnect romantically in their late twenties. Their relationship is built on a solid foundation of true understanding which helps this book stand out in an incredibly crowded, and young adult focused, romantasy market
- **UNDERREPRESENTED AUTHOR:** The author is Puerto Rican-American and has autism. The protagonists each display neurodivergent traits that are seamlessly, and compassionately, explored within the world of the story. The Queen crochets to help her focus; the Knight feels overwhelmed in crowds and she supports him emotionally in such situations
- **TROPES:** Second-chance romance, Queen x Knight, Forbidden love, Fated lovers, One bed, Found family, Spice

### Biographies

Ivelisse Housman is an autistic, Puerto Rican-American author of books about magic and neurodivergence. When she's not writing, she's starting a new crafting project, each cozier and more complex than the last. She lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains with her high school sweetheart/archnemesis and their rescue pets

### Market

Perfect for fans of T. Kingfisher, *The Princess Knight* by Cait Jacobs, Tasha Suri's *The Isle in the Silver Sea* and *The Second Death of Locke* by V. L. Bovalino

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### The Weekend

T.M. Logan



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When a group of friends rent a converted farmhouse in the Yorkshire Dales, they have little idea that this one weekend may change the course of their lives forever. While out on a walk, a storm descends and the friends take shelter in the mouth of an old lead mine. Inside, they discover a backpack filled with more money than they've ever seen.

Before long, six good friends find themselves sliding headlong into a world of deceit, treachery, betrayal and murder . . .

T.M. Logan is a Sunday Times bestseller whose thrillers have sold more than three million copies in the UK and are published in 22 countries around the world. The Holiday was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and was adapted into a four-part TV drama, as was The Catch. Formerly a national newspaper journalist, he writes full time and lives in Nottinghamshire with his wife and two children. Follow him @TMLoganAuthor

### One Woman's War

Rosie Goodwin



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A Rags to Riches novel.

The second book in a brand-new historical trilogy from Britain's best-loved saga author.

Rosie Goodwin is the four-million-copy bestselling author of more than forty novels. She is the first author in the world to be allowed to follow three of Catherine Cookson's trilogies with her own sequels. Having worked in the social services sector for many years, then fostered a number of children, she is now a full-time novelist. She is one of the top 50 most borrowed authors from UK libraries and has sold over four million copies across her career. Rosie lives in Nuneaton, the setting for many of her books, with her husband and their beloved dogs.

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## Paperback Highlights Zaffre

### Sacrifice

Lynda La Plante



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She was once asked to interview for the role of Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen and still considers it the job that got away. A curious royal watcher for many years, she lives in London, where she can often be found haunting its palaces, museums, galleries and libraries. She currently writes the 'Her Majesty the Queen Investigates' series.

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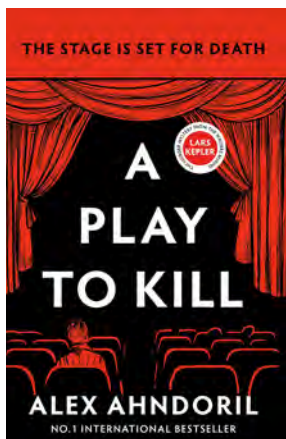
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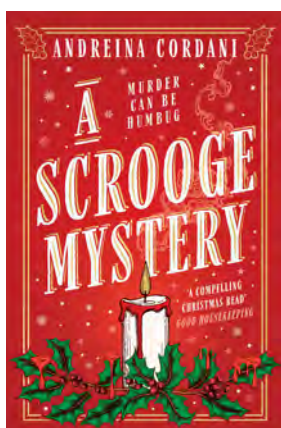
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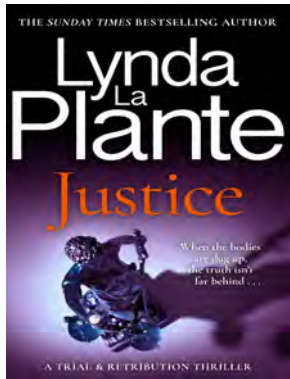
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