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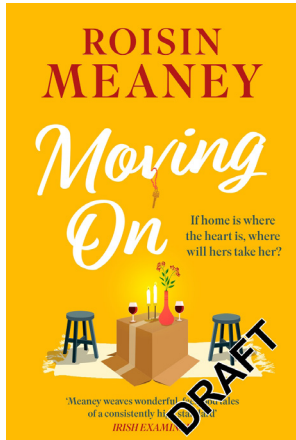
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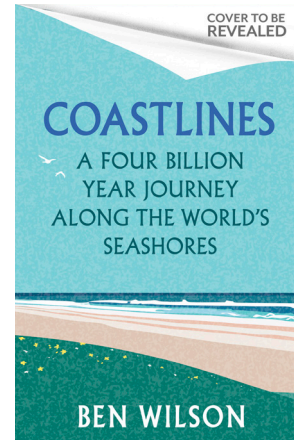


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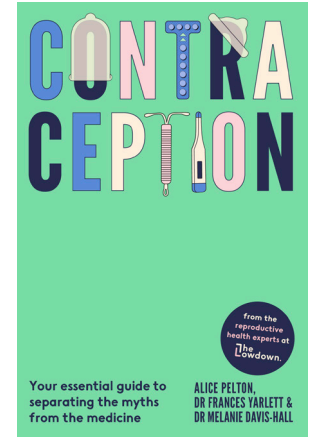
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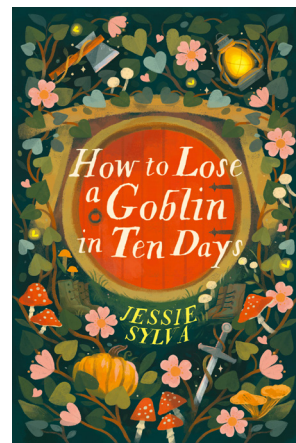
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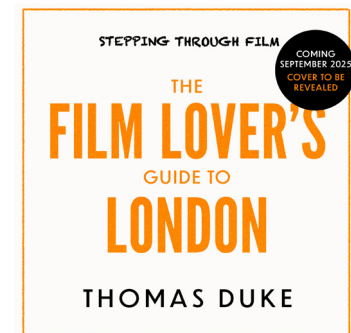
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A Hue of Blu

Marie-France Leger

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The unforgettable novel that's taking TikTok by storm. A raw and tragic portrait of love between two broken souls.

How much pain are you willing to endure for someone you love?

Bold, charismatic, and charming Blu Henderson wears a fake smile every day, pushing through life because she has to – not because she wants to. Quiet, introverted, and mysterious Jace Boland catches her eye the second she sees him. Drawn together by inexplicable attraction, a whirlwind connection forms that persists and torments, mends and breaks, and forces both Blu and Jace to confront the traumas of their past while trying to make their relationship work.

A Hue of Blu explores how two broken hearts can find comfort in tragic losses, how two broken souls can find peace in pain, and how loving yourself may be the only way to love another...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marie-France Leger lives in Toronto, Canada, where she spends her days writing and her nights reading. In the absence of a book or a notepad, she's playing the piano and (attempting) to learn various different artistic activities. TikTok @maariefrance / Instagram @mariefrancelegerofficial.



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The Monsters We Are

Suzanne Wright

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The third instalment in the seriously spicy romantasy trilogy from worldwide bestselling author Suzanne Wright, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas.

Suzanne Wright's latest romantasy trilogy comes to a conclusion as Wynter and Cain must fend off the biggest threat to Devil's Cradle. As the stakes are raised, they'll both do whatever it takes to keep each other by their side.

The trilogy is even spicier and filled with more magic than Suzanne's internationally bestselling *Dark In You* series, coming at the perfect time for a whole generation of TikTok fans to discover Suzanne's addictive writing and for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Raven Kennedy and Scarlett Sinclair and anyone looking for 'monsters and spice'. The series follows the relationship between exiled witch Wynter Dellavale and the infamous Cain, one of the Ancients of the Aeons, who are brought together when Wynter seeks safe haven for herself and her coven at Devil's Cradle.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Suzanne Wright lives in England with her husband and two children. When she's not spending time with her family, she's writing, reading or doing her version of housework - sweeping the house with a book.

Friends of Dorothy

Sandi Toksvig

A touching, funny novel about a family that is not biological, but logical from the star of *QI* and *The Great British Bake Off*.

After much searching, the happily married young couple, Amber and Stevie think they have found the perfect spot in Grimaldi Square. Despite the rundown pub across the way, the overgrown garden and a decidedly nosy neighbour, number 4 is the house of their dreams. Stevie, a woman who has never left anything to chance, has planned everything so nothing can spoil their happiness.

But ... upstairs in their new home, seated on an old red sofa is the woman they bought the place from – eighty-year-old foul-mouthed, straight-talking, wise-cracking Dorothy – who has decided that she's not going anywhere. It turns out that Dorothy will be only the first in a line of life-changing surprises.

'Warm, witty and wise... the perfect balm for these turbulent times'
Graham Norton

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sandi Toksvig has been on British stage, screen and radio for over forty years and was awarded an OBE for Services to Broadcasting. She is the mother of three children, married and lives in London.

Breaks, volume 3

Emma Vieceli and Malin Ryden

With millions of views and thousands of subscribers on webcomic platforms, *Breaks* is 'a high school love story, but a little bit broken'.

The final volume in the enemies-to-lovers queer webcomic sensation is here.

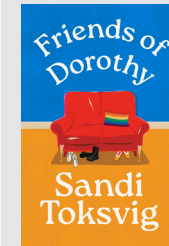
School is over, adult life beckons, and new beginnings lie before Ian and Cortland as their relationship deepens. But when Ian's father is released from prison, questions of trust and deceit threaten to tear them apart. The boys will walk a dark path together as the shadows of the past try to claim the present. The answers to all their questions will be revealed in this final volume, and some may prove dangerous beyond their wildest imaginings...

Breaks is perfect for fans of popular LGBTQ+ graphic novels, such as Alice Osman's *Heartstopper* who might be looking for something darker and more mature.

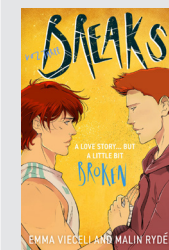
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Vieceli has worked as an artist and writer across multiple publishers, genres and formats, winning the writers' Scribe award for best graphic novel with her *Life in Strange* comic series in 2022.

Malin Rydén is the author of the bestselling interactive fiction books *Fallen Hero: Rebirth* and *Fallen Hero: Retribution*, as well as co-author of the critically acclaimed comic *Breaks*.



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So Good to See You

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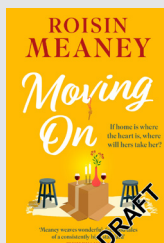
A funny, sharply observed and poignant novel about friendship, love, class and money, from the author of the bestselling *Seven Days of Us*.

Caspar Campbell and John-Pencey Delahunt's wedding promises to be the event of the summer, with four days of celebrations at a remote chateau in Provence. It's been over a decade since Caspar's three best friends from Oxford have been in one room. Surely they can set aside their differences for one weekend to celebrate his marriage? But the reality is more complex. People pleaser Rosie is dreading a weekend with her ex, trustafarian Serge. Actor Daniel is battling demons and resentments. And Serge, desperate to reconnect with fiancée Isla, finds himself caught in a social media storm.

As the cake is cut and champagne begins to flow, historic rivalries surface and secrets threaten to explode. A big wedding always throws up a few surprises – but this is going to be a weekend that nobody forgets.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Francesca Hornak is a journalist and writer, whose work has appeared in newspapers and magazines including *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian*, *Grazia* and *Stylist*. Her debut novel, *Seven Days of Us*, sold over 50,000 copies and was translated into 16 languages and was selected as a Radio 2 Book Club pick.



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Moving On

Roisin Meaney

Three great loves. Two very different countries. One step closer to finding her way home...

As a new decade begins, Ellen is finally moving on from her hometown – and she can't wait to strike out on her own. In Galway, she takes a job in a bookshop. And somewhere between the dusty bookshelves and the quiet afternoons, a bookseller called Ben finds a place in her heart.

Fast forward, and London is calling Ellen's name. There, amidst the big-city lights and too-small flats, romance blossoms with Leo, a charming banker who might just be The One. And wherever Ellen goes, though they never seem to be in the right place at the right time, her heart beats in time with her childhood friend, Danny. But which is the right place? Who is her right person? And if home is where the heart is, where will Ellen's lead her?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Roisin Meaney is a Number One bestselling author with a consistent presence on the Irish bestseller list. She is the author of twenty novels including *Life Before Us*, *It's That Time of Year* and *The Restaurant*. She has also written books for children.

Stealing Dad

Sofka Zinovieff

The unlikely story of a dysfunctional family coming together in tragic yet hilarious ways, from acclaimed author Sofka Zinovieff.

When Iris' father dies, she is shocked to learn that she and her siblings are not allowed to attend his funeral. Based in London, Alekos was a successful if controversial Greek sculptor and his many marriages resulted in numerous far-flung children. His last wife and now widow is determined that they stay away, but for the first time, all the sisters and brothers meet up and plan to take matters into their own hands.

A tragic-comic story about a dispersed and dysfunctional family coming together, *Stealing Dad* addresses bereavement and the problems of dealing with death and grieving in a modern society that has forgotten its rituals.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sofka Zinovieff was born in London, has Russian ancestry and is attached to Greece. She is the acclaimed author of three works of non-fiction and three novels, which have been named a Best Book of The Year in *The Observer*, *The Spectator* and *The New Statesman*.



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The Thinning

Inga Simpson

A powerful literary page-turner about two young people in a race against time to reach a monumental solar eclipse, from famed Australian novelist Inga Simpson.

Fin grew up by an observatory with her mother and father, then leaders in their fields of astrophotography and astronomy. Those days are long over. Now Fin, her mother Dianella, and a band of outliers live deep off the grid, always ready to run.

In the outside world, extinctions and a loss of diversity threaten what's left of the environment. With a new disaster looming, Fin finds herself thrust into an unlikely partnership with a stranger who has appeared in their camp. Terry is one of a new breed of evolved humans, the Incompletes, who are widely distrusted. But the pair will need to work together during a dangerous journey if they are to play their part in a plan to help restore the natural world – and humankind.

The Thinning is both an exquisitely written novel of nature and urgent psychological suspense.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Inga Simpson has written seven books for adults and children. She was awarded the final Eric Rolls Prize for her nature writing and has obtained a two PhDs, one in creative writing and another exploring the history of Australian nature writers. Inga lives on the New South Wales south coast.



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Even Beyond Death

Fiona Melrose

A stimulating and swashbuckling love story set amid the courts of 17th century Avignon from the Women's Prize longlisted author.

It is 1657, and 24-year-old Marquis Jehan Beaudelaire – Avignon's most striking and sought-after bachelor – is in desperate need of a wife, an heir, and, most urgently, a new valet. Enter Jonathan Kryk, a vision of breath-taking beauty. Despite his immense wealth and high status, Jehan finds himself ensnared by the rigid constraints of his era and social rank. His longing for the man who tends to him daily, who dresses and bathes him, remains an impossible dream. Spies lurk everywhere – can he trust anyone in his household, even his own family? The ever-watchful eyes of God and the law put him in immense danger.

Lavish and steamy, mischievous and dramatic, this is the story of a man in love and a passionate and heart-wrenching tale of the sacrifices we make for true love. With the aid of his disapproving scribe, Jehan wishes to record a memoir of love and tenderness.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Melrose is a novelist whose debut novel, *Midwinter*, was longlisted by the Women's Prize and her second, *Johannesburg*, was shortlisted for the RSL Encore Award. She runs creative writing retreats in Tuscany.



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The Witching Hour

Various authors

From the creators of *The Haunting Season* and *The Winter Spirits* comes a third collaboration between the biggest names in historical fiction.

Since the dawn of time, people have believed there is something peculiar about the hour after midnight. Once the clock strikes twelve, strange things begin to roam.

Now, thirteen bestselling authors bring this hour to life in a thrilling new collection of haunted tales.

CONTRIBUTORS

Bridget Collins, Imogen Hermes Gowar, Natasha Pulley, Jess Kidd, Andrew Michael Hurley, Elizabeth Macneal, Michelle Paver, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Stuart Turton, Catriona Ward, Laura Shepherd-Robinson, Susan Stokes-Chapman, Stacey Halls

The Last Visitor

Martin Griffin

An evocative, atmospheric thriller set on an uninhabited island, where a young woman must work out which of her research team is really a killer...

The island was abandoned for fifty years. So how did the body get there?

Five-hundred kilometres from land in the middle of Atlantic Ocean lies Navigaceo. A tiny island that was hastily abandoned fifty years ago and has been uninhabited ever since.

Until now. Tess Macfarlane is a documentary filmmaker tasked with capturing the wild beauty of Navigaceo. Accompanied by a small team of researchers, her job is to film everything she sees.

But Tess sees too much: a body. It's clearly recent. It shouldn't be there. And the victim is wearing the same expedition uniform as her colleagues.

Someone has been here already and everyone on the team is a suspect. More than one of them could be a murderer. With five days until they are returned to the mainland, Tess must be careful, or hers might be the next body found on the shore...

Praise for Martin Griffin:

"If there is a finer crime debut this year, it will be a surprise... Stunning"
Daily Mail

'Fresh, gripping and addictive! An absolute gem of a crime novel!'
Allie Reynolds, author of *Shiver*

'Tense!'
The Sun

'Clever and bold... Anything you think you know, you don't'
Lisa Gardner, author of *One Step Too Far*

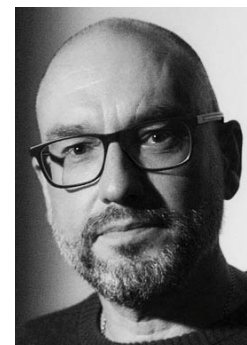
Previous novel *The Second Stranger* was a #5 Italian bestseller with 37K copies sold



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Martin Griffin is an exciting new voice in the crime genre. Before turning his hand to writing, he was a deputy headteacher and a doomed singer who was once asked to support The Fall on tour. Martin lives in Manchester with his wife and daughter.





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Other People's Houses

Clare Mackintosh

The new thriller from the #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and international sensation.

When the body of an estate agent is found in an upturned kayak on Mirror Lake, DC Ffion Morgan quickly realises the accident has been staged. There's no love lost between Ffion and estate agents, but who hated this one enough to want her dead?

Over the border in Cheshire, DS Leo Brady has his own property nightmare on his hands. The Hill is the kind of place where owners relish people gawking at their multi-million-pound homes – but now someone is breaking and entering their houses one by one.

Ffion and Leo are about to learn that people will pay a high price to keep their secrets behind closed doors. And even on the most desirable street, there's a dark side...

Praise for *A Game of Lies*:

'Packed with twists'
Alex Michaelides

'Smart, sharp writing'
Shari Lapena

'Brilliantly plotted'
Sarah Pearse

Over
250,000
copies sold
of the DC
Ffion Morgan
series!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clare Mackintosh is a former police officer and a multi-award-winning author. Translated into forty languages, her books have sold more than two million copies worldwide, and have been *Sunday Times* and international bestsellers. She lives in North Wales with her family.

The Margaret Code

Richard Hooton

Elizabeth is Missing meets *The Maid* in this compulsive and charming debut crime novel.

89-year-old Margaret has lived on Garnon Crescent all her life, except for those few years she never talks about. She knows all the neighbours; their hopes, their heartbreaks. Only recently, Margaret's memory isn't what it used to be. She is sure Barbara, her best friend and neighbour, told her something important. Something she was supposed to remember.

When Barbara is found dead, Margaret determines to recover her missing memory. She and her grandson James begin to investigate, but soon strange incidents occur in her home. Margaret's daughter thinks her memory is getting worse, but Margaret knows somebody wants her out of the way.

Because Margaret holds the key to solving this crime. If only she could remember where she put it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Hooton has received numerous prizes for his short fiction. *The Margaret Code*, his debut novel, is inspired by his relationship with his grandmother.



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Everyone In My Retirement Home Thinks I Killed Someone... Dead!

Fergus Craig

An affectionate send-up of the high-concept mystery trend as exemplified by Richard Osman, Bella Mackie, and Benjamin Stephenson.

Carol, a retired serial killer, takes her place in a retirement home – only to discover every other resident is a former criminal investigator of one sort or another. She spends her days reminiscing about how it was easier in her day; people used to help you bury the body – everyone was friendlier in the 80s – and trying to find excitement at embroidery class, karaoke night and croquet.

When one of the residents, Howard Crisp, a former police commissioner, is murdered, all eyes turn to her. Former doctor Catherine, detective Geoffrey and judge Margaret soon form a group, seemingly hell bent on proving Carol's culpability, leaving Carol with no choice but to investigate herself before it's all pinned on her...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fergus Craig is a multi-award-winning actor, comedian and writer for television. Fergus is the author of two Detective Roger LeCarre novels, *Once Upon a Crime* and *Murder at Crime Manor*, the latter of which was shortlisted for the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for comic fiction.



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The Infirmary

Carly Reagon

Clare Mackintosh meets Susan Hill in this chilling contemporary ghost story.

St Hilda's House sounds like the perfect holiday in the countryside for Joel, Lauren, and their two daughters. But troubled teenager, Summer, is soon unnerved by the sickly sweet odour in her bedroom, while 7-year-old Xanthe is drawn to the woods at the bottom of the garden, Joel's hypochondria spirals out of control, and Lauren, puzzled by what lies behind the locked door on the first floor, struggles to keep her increasingly disturbed family safe. As things go from bad to worse, the family pray that they'll be free of whatever is haunting them.

Back home, the family make efforts to resume an ordinary life. But Xanthe is hiding a secret: aware of her own powers to speak to the dead, she has brought a friend home with her from St Hilda's House.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carly Reagon is the author of *The Toll House*, which was a Waterstones Welsh Book of the Month. In 2019 she was shortlisted for the Lucy Cavendish Prize for fiction.



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The Spider Covenant

Brian Klein

An alternative-history scenario of Hitler secretly surviving WWII to establish a dynasty that would, one day, deliver on his despicable mission...

In 1944, a covert organisation codenamed 'Die Spinne' – The Spider – was established. Tasked with creating new identities for SS officers escaping the clutches of advancing allied forces, notorious criminals began new lives in Europe and South America, many landing key roles in the worlds of politics, banking and industry.

In November 2024, a stolen USB stick containing the coded names of prominent politicians – neo-Nazis who are members of the Spider Network – falls into the hands of Chief Inspector Nicolas Vargas of the Buenos Aires Police Department and Troy Hembury, the Head of Internal Security at the White House. The pair join forces to try and expose a dark political conspiracy, which threatens to rock the very fabric of world stability.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brian Klein is an award-winning television director, with over twenty-five years' experience in the industry. His work regularly appears on Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC and Sky and his directing credits include 25 seasons of *Top Gear*.

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The Reunion

Bronwyn Rivers

The Hunting Party meets *The Dry* in this tense, atmospheric locked-room thriller set in the deadly heat of the Australian bush.

Ten years ago, five friends went into the forest. Only four came back out. Now, someone is looking for answers.

When classmates from high school Hugh, Charlotte, Alex, Laura and Jack reunite to attend their friend Ed's 10-year memorial, they are less than enthused. Not least because it will be hosted by Ed's overbearing mother, Mary, at her isolated farm in the bush. They've barely seen each other since they were teenagers, but perhaps reconnecting is what they all need – an opportunity to move on from Ed's death.

But Mary has other plans for them. Convinced that something sinister happened on that fateful hike, she wants answers, and it's clear Mary will do almost anything to uncover the truth... and as temperatures and tensions rise, they realise the danger they're in. With their survival at stake, the group must decide whether they're willing to confront the past and the secrets they swore to keep.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bronwyn Rivers grew up in New South Wales, and moved to the UK to take a doctorate on nineteenth-century women's novels at Oxford. She now lives in Sydney with her husband and two children.



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Closer Than She Thinks

Zoe Lea

Someone has been watching... and they know Louise's secret. A gripping psychological thriller for fans of Harriet Tyce, C. L. Taylor and Rachel Abbott.

Louise never thought she'd be the sort of woman to have an affair. She's a good wife, a good mother and a good daughter – even if she is far from happy. But everything changes when Louise crosses paths with Oscar, a man fifteen years her junior. She knows what they're doing is wrong, but she just can't stop...

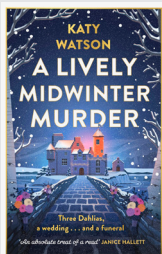
When odd messages begin to arrive, it seems clear that someone has been watching Louise, and that they know her secret. They don't just want Louise to stop her affair with Oscar though – they want much more. And they will stop at nothing to get it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Zoe Lea lives in the Lake District, UK with her husband, two children, dogs and peregrine falcons. She's previously worked as a teacher, photographer and in the television industry, but writing has always been her passion.



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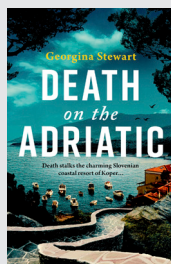
A Lively Midwinter Murder

Katy Watson

The three Dahlias face their next mystery at a castle in the Scottish Highlands which is cut off by the snow ...

A high society Christmas Eve wedding at a remote Scottish castle sounds like the perfect winter getaway for the three Dahlias – until a snowstorm hits and the dead body of one of the other guests wearing a wedding dress and a stolen diamond necklace turns up outside the family chapel.

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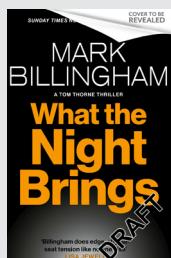
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Death on the Adriatic

Georgina Stewart

A debut crime novel from a fresh new voice following in the footsteps of Inspector Montalbano.

When respected police inspector Ivan Furlan's body is found on a coastal path in the Slovenian seaside resort of Koper, his estranged brother is arrested without investigation. But after a whistleblower sends an anonymous message to the Ljubljana headquarters asking for urgent assistance to prevent a miscarriage of justice, inspector Petra Vidmar is despatched to investigate...



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What the Night Brings

Mark Billingham

The latest Tom Thorne story is one of master author Billingham's finest novels of his whole career – and one of the most shocking.

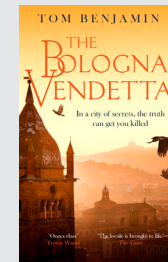
The targeted murder of four officers starts a spiral of attacks that leaves police scared, angry and, most worryingly of all, vengeful. As Tom Thorne and Nicola Tanner dig into the reasons for the violence, a deeper darkness seeps to the surface: the possibility that these murders are payback. Payback for something unspeakable...

The Bologna Vendetta

Tom Benjamin

The sixth atmospheric crime thriller in the Daniel Leicester series, set in the beautiful Italian city of Bologna, now optioned for TV.

When Daniel Leicester goes after his late wife's missing bicycle in the oppressive heat of a Bologna summer, he is transported to her final days a decade earlier and begins to suspect Lucia's accidental death may not have been an accident after all.



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The Venetian Sanctuary

Philip Gwynne Jones

The latest gripping Nathan Sutherland thriller set in beautiful Venice.

When an Englishman on retreat at the monastery in the San Francesco del Deserto island is found strangled by the altar, Nathan is called to help – both with removing the language barrier and working out what past events could drive someone to murder in an ancient monastery in the middle of a lagoon...



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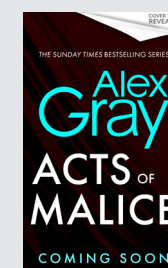
Acts of Malice

Alex Gray

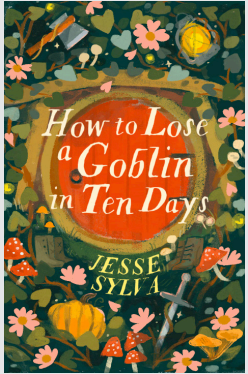
The thrilling twenty-second instalment in the million-copy *Sunday Times* bestselling William Lorimer series.

When the body of actor Guy Richmond is discovered on the outskirts of Glasgow, DSI William Lorimer's team are drawn into the peculiar world of professional theatre, caught in a web of rivalry, thwarted dreams and ruthless ambition. It seems the finest actors are those with the darkest secrets to hide . . .

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How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days

Jessie Sylva

A comfort read fantasy romance between a halfling and a goblin for fans of rom-coms and *Lord of the Rings*.

When a halfling, Pansy, and a goblin, Ren, each think they've inherited the same cottage, they make a bargain: they'll live in the house together and whoever is driven out first forfeits their ownership. Amidst forced proximity and cultural misunderstandings, the two begin to fall in love.

But when the cottage - and their communities - are threatened by a common enemy, the duo must learn to trust each other, and convince goblins and halflings to band together to oust the tall intruder.

Perfect for fans of cosy fantasy novels including *The House in the Cerulean Sea* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

A word from the editor:

"Imagine a classic romcom taking place in those cosy scenes in the hobbit's Shire from The Lord of the Rings. Expect magical forests, interfering wizards, lots and lots of home cooking and maybe even a kiss at the Harvest dance! This book is just perfect for fans of cosy fantasy and romantic fantasy, and it also taps into popular aesthetic trends such as cottagecore and goblincore".

Jenni Hill, Editorial Director

Sales points:

- Appeals to Gen Z/TikTok trends such as #cottagecore and #goblincore.
- Hits the increased consumer demand for cosy fantasy and romantic fantasy.
- This is an #ownvoices romance, with endearing characters, cosy fantasy worldbuilding and plenty of heart.
- This will be launched simultaneously by Orbit US and UK in January 2026, with publicity and marketing campaigns for maximum global impact.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessie Sylva is a recovering lawyer living in Toronto with her wife and two cats. She writes fantasy with an emphasis on queer joy, telling stories full of magic, adventure, and, of course, kissing. The cosy fantasy *How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days* is her debut novel, although her first writing commission was *The Official Dragon Age Cookbook*.

Long Live Evil

Sarah Rees Brennan

A no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling fantasy for anyone who ever had a crush on the villain.

Rae is a bookworm who prefers fictional men over real-life boyfriends. But her life takes a strange turn when she is trapped by magic inside her favourite fantasy series, and she finds herself pitted against her suddenly living and breathing crush, the 'Once and Forever Emperor'. In a palace on the brink of war, she has become the villainess in his tale, and she needs to take control of the narrative before it, and the Emperor, take control of her... fatally.

This adult epic fantasy debut from Sarah Rees Brennan puts the reader in the villain's shoes: expect a cast of dilettante aristocrats, knights-in-armour, magic-wielding warriors, sarcastic servants and one particularly murderous, if annoyingly handsome, bodyguard..

'Audacious and supremely satisfying [...] a delicious, subversive treat of a book'
 Leigh Bardugo

'The fantasy novel that every fantasy reader has been waiting for'
 Jay Kristoff

'A glorious, swoon-worthy villain romance - what a delicious read'
 Tasha Suri

'Brennan's brilliant Long Live Evil harnesses clever banter, delightful turns of phrase, and epic worldbuilding'
 Holly Black

'Truly one of the most inventive fantasy books I've ever read'
 Nisha J. Tuli

'So clever, so horrifying, so brilliant'
 Book Brunch

Time of Iron Book 2 is coming in September 2025...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Rees Brennan was born in Ireland by the sea. After world travel and surviving stage 4 cancer, she settled there in the shadow of a 300-year-old library. Writing young adult fiction, she was a Lodestar, Mythopoeic and World Fantasy finalist, Carnegie nominee and *New York Times* bestseller. *Long Live Evil* is her first adult work.



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Once Was Willem

M. R. Carey

From the bestselling M. R. Carey comes an utterly unique and enchantingly dark epic fantasy fable like no other.

This is the tale of Once Was Willem, who – eleven hundred and some years after the death of Christ, in the kingdom that had but recently begun to call itself England – rose from the dead to defeat a great evil facing the humble village of Cosham.

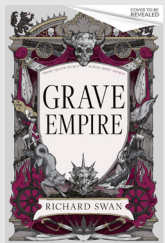
Pennick for all its beauty was ever a place with a dark reputation. The forests of the Chase were said to be home to nixies and bogbarts, and there was a common belief, passed down through many generations, that the castle housed an unquiet ghost of terrible and malign power. These rumours I can attest were all true; indeed they fell short of the truth by a long way...

'A masterpiece of medieval dark fiction'
 Christopher Buehlman

'Complicated, monstrous and beautiful'
 Seanan McGuire

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. R. Carey has written many novels, radio plays and screenplays, including the million-copy bestseller *The Girl With All the Gifts*. Under the name Mike Carey he was written for DC and Marvel, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*.



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Grave Empire

Richard Swan

The first novel in an unmissable new epic fantasy series from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Richard Swan.

Blood once turned the wheels of empire; now it is money. A new age of exploration and innovation has dawned, and the Empire of the Wolf is the foremost power in the known world. But dark days are coming. A mysterious plague has broken out in the north, while the Empire's war with the wolfmen is near collapse to the south. Worse still, two heretic monks claim to have lost contact with the spirits of the afterlife, believing this is the start of an ancient prophecy heralding the end of days – The Great Silence.

It falls to Renata Rainer, a low-ranking ambassador to an enigmatic and vicious race of mermen, to seek answers from those who still practise the arcane arts. But with the road south beset by war and the Empire on the brink of supernatural catastrophe, soon there may not be a world left to save...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Swan is the author of the *Empire of the Wolf* trilogy. He studied law at the University of Manchester, and was Called to the Bar in 2011. He lives in Sydney with his wife and two sons.

A Song of Legends Lost

M. H. Ayinde

A relentlessly gripping tale of revenge and rebellion, this is an unmissable debut from a major new voice in epic fantasy.

In the Nine Lands, only those of noble blood can summon the spirits of their ancestors to fight in battle. But when Temi, a commoner from the slums, accidentally invokes a powerful spirit, she finds it could hold the key to ending a centuries-long war.

But not everything that can be invoked is an ancestor. And some of the spirits that can be drawn from the ancestral realm are more dangerous than anyone can imagine.

'Stunning and vividly told ... Ayinde is a master storyteller'
 Andrea Stewart

'A relentlessly gripping, glorious epic fantasy - the exhilarating must-read fantasy debut of 2025'
 Tasha Suri, author of *The Jasmine Throne*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. H. Ayinde was born in London's East End. She was the 2021 winner of the Future Worlds Prize, which was created to discover new writers of science fiction and fantasy from ethnically diverse backgrounds. *A Song of Legends Lost* is her debut novel.



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The Outcast Mage

Annabel Campbell

A sweeping epic fantasy debut full of intrigue, magic and dragons, perfect for fans of Trudi Canavan, James Islington and Samantha Shannon.

In the glass city of Amoria, magic is everything. And Naila, a student at the city's academy, is running out of time to prove she can control hers. If she fails, she'll be forced into exile... or consumed by her own power.

When a tragic incident threatens her place at the Academy, Naila is saved by Haelius Akana, the most powerful living mage. Haelius risks his reputation to help her to harness her abilities, but he has many enemies who desire him – and Naila – to fail. Trapped in the deadly schemes of Amoria's elite, Naila must discover the truth of her powers, or watch Amoria descend into civil war. For there is danger brewing on the wind, and greater forces at work across the wider world. Forces who could use her powers for good... or destroy everything she's ever known.

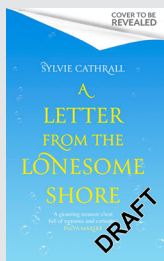
'Truly enchanting'
 Trudi Canavan

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Annabel Campbell writes fantasy with fierce female characters, disaster wizards and all the fun tropes. She has a PhD in cardiovascular science, and when not making things up for a living, she works from home in Scotland as a Medical Writer.



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A Letter to the Lonesome Shore

Sylvie Cathrall

The charming conclusion to the Sunken Archive duology, a heart-warming magical academia fantasy with underwater cities, romance of manners and found family.

Former correspondents E. and Henerey, accustomed to loving each other from afar, did not anticipate continuing their courtship in an enigmatic underwater city. When their journey through the Structure in E.'s garden strands them in a peculiar society preoccupied with the pleasures and perils of knowledge, E. and Henerey come to accept – and, more surprisingly still, embrace – the fact that they may never return home.

A year and a half later, Sophy and Vyerin finally discover one of the elusive Entries that will help them seek their siblings. As the group's efforts bring them closer to E. and Henerey, an ancient, cosmic threat also draws near. . .

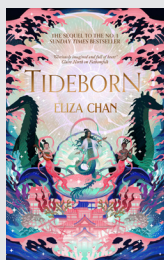
Perfect for fans of *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*.

'A under-water treasure chest to be slowly unpacked' – Freya Marske

'The setting and the story are exquisite' – Megan Bannen

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sylvie Cathrall holds a graduate degree in odd Victorian art and lives in the mountains. Her debut novel *A Letter to the Luminous Deep* was a FairyLoot pick and sold over 32,000 copies.



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Tideborn

Eliza Chan

A dragon queen, a vengeful sea witch, and a mythical titan converge on the underwater city of Tiankawi in this sequel to the no. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling epic fantasy, *Fathomfolk*.

A tsunami and a dragon's wish have wrought changes upon the city of Tiankawi that have never been seen before. But shared experiences have not healed the rift between the city's fathomfolk and human citizens, and scars from years of oppression still remain.

Mira, a half-siren and activist, fights politicians and her own people to rebuild her city, and to uncover a deadly conspiracy. And Nami, the dragon princess, undertakes a daring ocean voyage alongside friend and foe, in order to convince a mythical Titan not to destroy Tiankawi for its crimes...

'An unforgettable, must-read fantasy' – Shelley Parker-Chan

'A thrilling, incisive fantasy of diaspora and dragons' – Tasha Suri

'Gloriously imagined and full of heart' – Claire North

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eliza Chan is a Scottish-born Chinese-diaspora author whose work has been published in *The Dark*, *Podcastle*, *Fantasy Magazine*, *The Best of British Fantasy* and on Tor.com.

The Fury of the Gods

John Gwynne

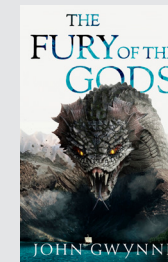
The hugely-anticipated final book in John Gwynne's bestselling, Norse-inspired epic fantasy trilogy.

Varg has finally become an accepted member of the Bloodsworn, but now faces his biggest challenge yet: slaying a dragon. Elvar is struggling to consolidate her power in Snakavik and as Biorr and his warband make their way north, Gudvarr is hoping to win Lik-Rifa's favour. All paths lead to Snakavik for the final battle – a titanic clash that will bear witness to the true fury of the gods.

'A masterfully crafted, brutally compelling Norse-inspired epic'
 Anthony Ryan

'Reminds me of all that I love in the fantasy genre'
 Fantasy Hive

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The Sword Unbound

Gareth Hanrahan

Gareth Hanrahan's acclaimed epic fantasy series of dark myth, daring warriors and bloodthirsty vengeance continues.

Twenty years ago, Alf and his companions defeated the Dark Lord and claimed his city. Now they find themselves unwilling rebels, labelled traitors. As rebellion blazes, Alf navigates a maze of conspiracy, wielding a weapon of evil – the black sword Spellbreaker is always hungry for slaughter. But can Alf remain a hero, or is his legend tarnished forever?



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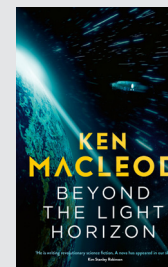
Beyond the Light Horizon

Ken Macleod

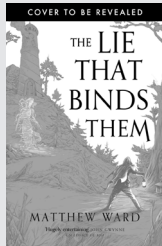
The thrilling conclusion to the Lightspeed trilogy, a gripping tale of first contact and dark conspiracies among the stars from a science fiction legend.

In the far reaches of the galaxy, John Grant discovers a planet of humans who believe he has travelled not only through space, but also time. On Apis, the mysterious Fermi appear to have vanished; but Marcus Owen, the robot AI now plagued with sentience, knows the Fermi would not easily abandon the native life of Apis, nor take kindly to mankind asserting dominance on their world...

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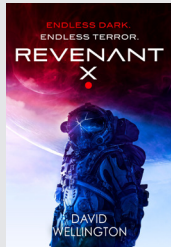
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The Lie That Binds Them

Matthew Ward

The final book in an action-packed new fantasy series from the author of the acclaimed *Legacy* trilogy.

The sprawling Kingdom of Khalad stands alone. Severed from the rest of the world by an ancient, arcane war, its folk toil behind a wall of living mist, beholden to an undead king and his barons. But hope lies with Kat, an accomplished thief, and Vallant, a rebel and folk hero. Together they will light a fire that will burn away the corruption and tyranny of King Diar's rule...



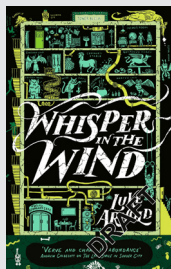
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Revenant-X

David Wellington

The terrifying second novel in the *Red Space* series - a survival horror adventure in deep space from Arthur C. Clarke award-nominated author David Wellington.

The crew of the Artemis have survived the furious onslaught of the Basilisk and can now pursue their original mission: investigating why Earth's first deep space colony has fallen silent. The site is deserted. Or so they think. Some of the colonists remain. But they're no longer human...



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Whisper in the Wind

Luke Arnold

The latest Fetch Phillips adventure from actor and novelist Luke Arnold in which a detective solves cases in a fantasy world where magic has disappeared.

Fetch is done being a hero. Once a detective, all he wants now is to run his café in peace. But when a kid on the run shelters in Fetch's café, and a chain of gruesome murders begins among Sunder's high and mighty, trouble is brought to Fetch's door...

The Mitford Murders

Jessica Fellowes

The much-acclaimed Golden Age murder mysteries each following one of the glamorous Mitford sisters through love, scandal and murder.

- Quarter of a million copies sold in the 6-book series
- Nominated for a CWA Dagger Award, named a Waterstones and *Times* Book of the Year, and won a prestigious Italian bookseller award
- Rights sold in 18 languages
- Optioned for TV



Ithaca trilogy

Claire North

A breathtaking trilogy of stories retelling the classic Greek myth of Penelope from the critically acclaimed Claire North, each narrated by a different goddess - Hera, Aphrodite and Athena.

- *Sunday Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Year
- Rights sold in 13 territories
- Strong appeal to fans of Greek myth, but also to powerful feminist works like *The Handmaid's Tale*
- Sales of the series stand at 115,000 copies to date



Trudi Canavan

Number 1 internationally bestselling, award-winning fantasy author of genre-defining epic fantasy series: *The Black Magician*, *Age of Five* and *Millennium's Rule*.

- Over 3 million copies sold worldwide
- Rights sold in 25 languages
- *Sunday Times* bestselling author
- *Independent's* Best Fantasy Novel of the Year
- Nielsen Bookscan's bestselling debut fantasy series of the decade





Natasha Lester

Breathtaking historical women's fiction, full of intrigue, mystery and dangerous secrets, set against the vivid backdrop of Paris for fans of Lucinda Riley and Tracy Rees.

- RNA Historical Romance award winner in 2020 and 2023
- *New York Times*, *USA Today* and Australian top 10 bestselling author
- 105,000 copies sold in the UK
- Translation rights sold in 17 languages



Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Stalwart historical fiction author of 100 novels – including the popular family drama *Morland Dynasty* series and the new epic family saga *Ashmore Castle* series.

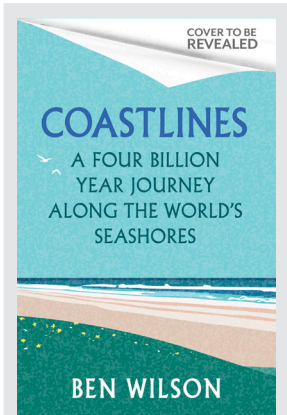
- Over 250,000 copies sold
- Book 1, *The Founding*, recently a bestseller in Norway, Sweden and Denmark
- *Ashmore Castle* series is perfect for fans of *Downton Abbey* and *Bridgerton*



Carole Matthews

The Queen of uplifting fiction has something to please every women's fiction fan: from cosy Christmas reads, coastal escapes and rom-coms, both standalones and series about love, friendship and family.

- Author of 34 novels with over 6 million copies sold
- Translated into 31 languages
- *Happiness for Beginners* has been optioned for TV
- *The Chocolate Lovers' Club* is being adapted as a stage musical



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Coastlines

Ben Wilson

A deep history of Coastlines from Alaska to Atlantis as Robert Macfarlane meets *Sapiens*.

Coastlines takes us on a four-billion-year journey from a barren planet earth to the urgent prospect of vital change in a climate-challenged world.

Leaving no pebble unturned, Wilson weaves history, anthropology, science, and ecology into a stunning narrative, introducing us to our earliest semi-aquatic ancestors, Venetian princes, Barbary pirates and saucy seaside tourists among a host of exceptional characters and unexplored communities along the way. Both shore-hugging in its attention to detail and panoramic in its perspective, *Coastlines* promises to inform, inspire and entertain, and firmly situates Ben Wilson among contemporary writers such as Yuval Noah Harari, Peter Frankopan and Thomas Halliday. They all share a radical and compelling passion to talk to their many readers about history in an entirely original way.

The book will have a global reach covering the United States, Australia, South Africa, Japan and more. It promises to move the market on after the success of Yuval Noah Harari's *Sapiens*, Peter Frankopan's *The Silk Roads*, Thomas Halliday's *Otherlands* and Robert Macfarlane's *Underland*. This will be a beautifully literary work that also sounds a warning about the erosion of the coast due to climate change and is full of interesting, quotable facts: Norway is the country with the most coastline in the world; eating shellfish was the catalyst for human intellectual improvement; Atlantis is real. Or rather there are thousands of Atlantises – drowned cities, villages and camps that disappeared all over the world in prehistory and lodged in the collective imagination.

A word from the editor:

"When Coastlines appeared in my inbox, I immediately knew it would be something special. I have followed Ben's career for a long while and have always been impressed by the depth of his historical intelligence, as well as his fine prose style. But the sheer temporal range of Coastlines—from tracking our ancestors' emergence from the sea four billion years ago to showing how man-made climate change is overwhelming our coastal communities—makes this his most ambitious and important work yet."

Sameer Rahim, Publisher



Photo: Liz Seabrook

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ben Wilson is a well-established writer and historian. *Coastlines* will be his eighth book. Among many plaudits and successes, *What Price Liberty?* (2009), won the Somerset Maugham Award. *Empire of the Deep* (2013) was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and *Metropolis* (2020) and *Urban Jungle* (2023) have sold in over thirty territories.

Prosecuting the Powerful

War Crimes and the Battle for Justice

Steve Crawshaw

Could Putin or other war criminals ever be put on trial? Steve Crawshaw shows it is more likely than you might think.

Putting a country's leader on trial once seemed unthinkable. But this book – a blend of vivid reportage and gripping history – shows it's now a possibility.

Drawing on his on-the-ground reporting from the front lines of justice in Ukraine and Israel, as well as encounters with Serbian leader Slobodan Milošević and other war criminals, Crawshaw tells the story of the long struggle for accountability. From the origins of the Geneva Conventions in the 19th century, to the fierce arguments today over who exactly the International Criminal Court in The Hague should hold accountable for war crimes, Crawshaw argues that Western double standards cannot be allowed to tip the scales of justice.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steve Crawshaw has written and worked on human rights and justice for thirty years. He was a journalist at Granada Television and the *Independent*, and worked in advocacy at Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and Freedom from Torture. He has written four books, studied Russian and German, and lived in Poland.



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Blood and Treasure

The Economics of Conflict from the Vikings to Ukraine

Duncan Weldon

The story of the economics of conflict, for readers of *Black Box Thinking* and *Freakonomics*.

Wars are expensive, both in human terms and monetary ones. For centuries, the phrase 'blood and treasure' has sought to encapsulate these costs.

Using the concepts of incentives and institutions, *Blood and Treasure* examines why Genghis Khan should be regarded as the father of globalisation, how New World gold and silver kept Spain poor, why some economists think of witch trials as a form of 'non-price competition' and how pirate captains were pioneers of effective HR techniques. Along the way it considers why some medieval kings were right to arm their soldiers with inferior weapons, takes some management lessons from Joseph Stalin and analyses the changing economic costs of war and ask whether war is always bad for the economy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Duncan Weldon is a writer, broadcaster and former economist. He was previously the Britain Economics Correspondent at *The Economist* and the Economics Correspondent for *Newsnight* and has written and presented several documentaries for BBC Radio 4. An economist by background, he began his career at the Bank of England.



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The Confessions of Samuel Pepys

Edited by Guy de la Bédoyère

A collection of the most personal aspects of Samuel Pepys' diaries, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of their publication.

The Diary of Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) is the most famous published diary in the English language. This collection will target Pepys's sexual behaviour, his relations with women (which included mistresses, servants, his wife, casual encounters, and women of rank) in order to provide a compelling insight into the mind of a seventeenth-century man of professional status who lived in and worked in the heart of London during tumultuous times.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Guy de la Bédoyère has written extensively on the ancient world over the last thirty years, most recently *Gladius* (which was described by the *Sunday Times* as 'highly enjoyable'), *Pharaohs of the Sun* and *Populus*. He also edited the correspondence between Pepys and fellow 17th C diarist, John Evelyn.



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The Bloomsbury Indians

Susheila Nasta

A new history of the Bloomsbury group, telling the forgotten stories of the Indian writers, publishers and editors who were at its heart.

Much has been said about the British in India and the days of the Raj. But what of India in Britain and its contributions to Britain's cultural, intellectual, and political history?

The Bloomsbury Indians offers a long overdue reappraisal of the cultural, literary and political landscape of the imperial metropolis in the inter-war period. Focusing on 'Bloomsbury', that still most potent cultural icon of 'English' cultural capital, it will shift the lens to the remarkable Indians – including Krishna Menon, Mulk Raj Anand and James Meary Tambimuttu – who lived in and walked in West Central London's streets for several decades. All significant literary, cultural, and political figures, their collective stories plunge us into the mixed cultural landscape of a 'Bloomsbury' still hidden in plain sight.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

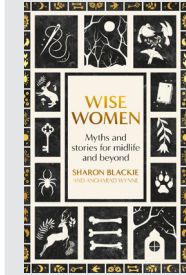
Susheila Nasta is a writer, literary activist and publisher. In 1984, she founded *Wasafiri*, and received an MBE in 2011 for her services to Black and Asian literature. In 2019, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. She is Emeritus Professor of Modern and Contemporary Literatures at Queen Mary, University of London.

Wise Women

Sharon Blackie and Angharad Wynne

An inspiring and beautifully told collection of retellings of ancient stories from European myth and folklore which celebrate women in midlife and beyond.

From the award-winning author of *Hagitude* comes a new collection of myths and fairy tales featuring a dazzling array of not-to-be-messed-with female characters in midlife who outwit monsters, test and mentor younger heroines, embody the cycles and seasons of the earth, weave the world into being – and almost always have the last laugh.



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Feminism for a World on Fire

Natasha Walter

This manifesto takes feminism back to its radical roots and encompasses today's urgent concerns about economics and climate change.

Journalist and human rights activist Natasha Walter harnesses the anger many women are feeling at the growing global inequality and impending climate emergency, and exposes the failures of individualist feminism. She maps out how we can bring together what is most valuable in feminist and environmental thought and action to move forwards.



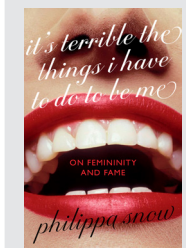
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It's Terrible The Things I Have to Do to Be Me

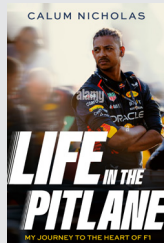
Philippa Snow

A collection of essays exploring femininity, self-image and performance in the lives of iconic famous women.

In this series of interconnected essays about pairs of famous women – like Marilyn Monroe and Anna Nicola Smith, and Amy Winehouse and Billie Holiday – award-nominated essayist Philippa Snow explores in fascinating, lurid and entertaining detail the echoes and connections between female icons and lays bare the artful and gruelling demands of femininity.



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Life in the Pitlane

Calum Nicholas

An inspiring memoir from Red Bull's senior engineer Calum Nicholas that will open up the world of F1 like never before.

Replete with all the high-octane tales and behind the scenes details you'd expect from a life lived next to the fast lane, *Life in the Pitlane* brings a brand-new perspective to this incredibly exciting corner of the market, as Calum Nicholas reflects on his career in the sport so far, as well as the future he hopes lies ahead.

Unflinching in his appraisal of F1 and where it's at in terms of diversity and inclusion, Calum hopes to spark industry-changing conversations and initiatives. While it addresses some difficult topics, it is, ultimately, a book designed to inspire its reader – because no matter what the odds have been, Calum has always found a way to make it work.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Calum Nicholas is the Red Bull pit stop World Champion and holds the Guinness World Record for changing a tyre. He is the Senior Power Unit Assembly Technician at Red Bull Racing, part of the team who have won three consecutive World Championships with driver Max Verstappen and the Constructors' Championship in 2022 and 2023.



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The Secret History of the World Cup

Jonathan Wilson

The definitive history of the World Cup, exploring the tournament's global socio-political impact along with the gripping goals and scandals.

The football World Cup is the most watched sporting event on the planet. It is a global obsession: 211 nations initially entered the 2022 edition. By 1930, football had outgrown the Olympic Games, and a new competition, run by Fifa, would take international football to the next level. After a shambolic start to the first cup in Uruguay – an incomplete stadium, shoddy refereeing and physios accidentally injuring players – the thrilling final saw Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2.

From those chaotic beginnings grew the modern World Cup, a cultural phenomenon that draws the world together like nothing else. There has never been a comprehensive history of the World Cup considering the matches, goals, players, coaches, scandals and bidding process, placing the tournaments within a socio-political framework. The story of the World Cup is also the story of the world; this book tells its definitive history.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

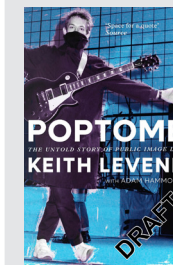
Jonathan Wilson is the editor of *Blizzard* and a freelance writer for the *Guardian*, *World Soccer* and *Sports Illustrated*. He has written twelve books, including *Inverting the Pyramid* and *Behind the Curtain*.

Poptome

Keith Levene with Adam Hammond

The memoir by the late Keith Levene, innovative and legendary guitarist and co-founder of Public Image Ltd and The Clash.

Completed shortly before Levene's death in November 2022, *Poptome* is the first time Keith Levene opened up about his musical adventures and the controversies and speculation surrounding his time in the classic era of Public Image Ltd. Having kept himself to himself for four decades he finally decided to set the record straight... Featuring contributions from former bandmates, managers, managers and producers, this is a music memoir like no other.



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So Tell Me What You Want

Nicki Chapman

The riveting behind-the-scenes story of the 90s and 00s music scene from TV and radio's Nicki Chapman, former music management executive.

Chapman supported so many of the major artists who 'made it' during the 90s and 00s, and smashed through the glass ceiling while doing so. This is her story of promoting, managing and touring with Prince, Amy Winehouse, Bowie, Take That, The Spice Girls and many more – along with her transition from looked-over assistant to judge on *Pop Idol*.



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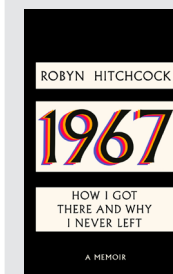
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How I Got There and Why I Never Left

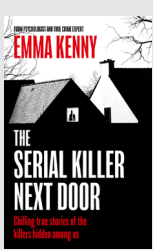
Robyn Hitchcock

An idiosyncratic childhood memoir from elusive national treasure and great avatar of British psychedelia, Robyn Hitchcock.

Robyn Hitchcock is truly a one-of-a-kind artist – beloved of everyone from Led Zeppelin, R.E.M. to the late Jonathan Demme. In January 1966, Robyn Hitchcock is still a boy pining for his green Dalek sponge and his family's comforting au pair, Teresa. By December 1967, he's mutated into a 6'2" rabid Bob Dylan fan, with all the ingredients in place that will make Robyn Hitchcock a songwriter for life. But then again, does 1967 ever really end?



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The Serial Killer Next Door

Emma Kenny

Would you know if you lived next door to a serial killer? Psychologist Emma Kenny reveals the chilling true stories of killers who hide in plain sight.

Taking readers on a journey into the dark side of humanity, Emma Kenny explores the ingredient list of experiences that turns regular people into murderous monsters. From Ted Bundy to Joanna Dennehy, Richard Trenton Chase to Aileen Wuornos, Emma explores the crime scenes and criminal minds of some of the most notorious and lesser known serial killers of our time.

What unites all of these killers is the ability to slip into society. They look just like you and me. Some were married or parents, conscientious neighbours or fixtures of their community. Join Emma in this compelling exposé of their depraved world to understand what motivates them and what they look for in a victim. Then maybe you'll be able to spot the serial killer next door...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Kenny is a highly experienced presenter and professional psychologist, with qualifications recognised by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and the British Psychological Society. Emma writes a weekly therapy column, and shares her expertise on TV and radio.



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Edith's Story

The True Story of How One Girl Escaped the Holocaust

Edith Velmans

The inspiring and deeply moving true story of 'the Anne Frank who lived', about how one girl survived the Nazi occupation of Holland by hiding in plain sight, reissued with a new introduction from Esther Freud.

In 1940, while the Germans occupied Holland, fourteen-year-old Edith van Hessen was filling her diary with the intimate, carefree details of a typical teenager's life. By 1942, as Edith was contemplating her first kiss, the Germans had begun to escalate their war against the Jewish population. Caught in the crossfire of the Holocaust, Edith began a bitter struggle to survive.

This extraordinary memoir weaves together entries from Edith's diaries with letters smuggled between family members during the occupation, and her own memories. *Edith's Story* stands as a profoundly important addition to the literature of the Holocaust: a story of one girl's grief, loss, courage, and belief in human goodness in the face of despair. Hidden in plain sight by another Dutch family, Edith bargained with, and finally faced, the horrors of war - and survived to become an extraordinary woman.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Edith Velmans took a degree in Psychology at the University of Amsterdam after the war and was Director of the War Orphanage there until 1948. She was knighted by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands in 1996. She died aged 97 in 2023.

The Impossible Journey

Thor Pedersen

An inspiring memoir of humanity and perseverance about one man's epic journey to visit every country across the world - without flight.

195 countries. Over a decade of travel. Not a single aeroplane in sight.

When Thor Pedersen set out on the adventure of a lifetime, he never dreamed of the people he'd meet and the places he could go. It took him to the brink of his sanity, wiped his funds and tested his relationships. Over the years he encountered grave danger in countries stricken with war zones and across the high seas. He has slept on the street and dined in the homes of billionaires. Life becomes unnecessarily complicated without the luxury of flying. *The Impossible Journey* is a triumphant memoir as Thor shares the lessons, stories and unique perspectives on humanity he learned along the way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thor Pedersen is the only person in history to have reached every country in the world completely without flying. The project, named Once Upon A Saga, was completed on 23rd May 2023. Find out more at: <https://thorpedersen.dk/#the-impossible-journey>



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Stone Lands

A Journey of Darkness and Light through Britain's Ancient Places

Fiona Robertson

An enchanting memoir of the deep past and the personal present, perfect for readers of *The Salt Path*.

A few months after discovering that her beloved husband, Stephen, had incurable stage 4 gallbladder cancer, Fiona Robertson began to write this book. As a megalith enthusiast, something resonated profoundly from the ancient monuments as she faced the prospect of losing him. Ideas of death, the deep past, survival and memory lie within the stones, and they offer a way to understand our collective history alongside our individual fates.

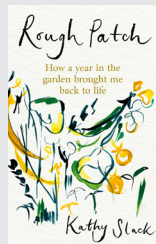
Journeying across twelve 'stone lands', from West Penwith and Avebury to the Lake District and Orkney, this book uncovers the magic and rich history of Britain's most incredible megaliths - and what they mean in the shadow of personal pain and how they can enchant our world with their folklore, magic and mystery. The result is an enthralling memoir, about grief, embracing life and ancient wonder; a luminous reminder of what it means to exist on this earth.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Robertson is Publisher of Watkins and Nourish. She has a deep interest in history with a BA in Modern History from The Queen's College, Oxford, and an MA in South Asian Studies from SOAS.



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Rough Patch

How a Year in the Garden Brought Me Back to Life

Kathy Slack

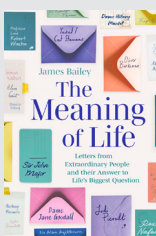
A memoir of breakdown, recovery, growth and lessons from the earth.

When Kathy was forced to quit her high-flying career in London, she was burnt out, anxious, consumed by depression. But she found solace in an unlikely place – the veg patch. She put her hands in the soil and found a way to grow, to sow some small seeds of hope.

In *Rough Patch*, Kathy draws us into the world of the kitchen garden to reflect on the lessons she learnt from the soil, along with sharing recipes inspired by the land. Weaving together her own story of recovery with the year she spent growing and cooking her harvests, Kathy shares how reconnecting with the earth restored her hope and renewed her life. This book is a candid, hopeful and funny story about the healing powers of nature; a quiet manifesto for a more connected life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kathy Slack is a food writer, stylist, photographer and kitchen gardener. Kathy's first book, *From the Veg Patch* was shortlisted for a Guild of Food Writers Award. She writes the Substack newsletter *Tales from the Veg Patch*, hosts two podcasts and regularly appears on BBC radio.



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The Meaning of Life

Letters From Remarkable People on Happiness, Purpose and Finding Your Way

James Bailey

Over 100 extraordinary people and their inspirational answers to life's biggest question.

With letters from Mark Manson, Henry Marsh, Gretchen Rubin, Dame Hilary Mantel, Oliver Burkeman, Jodi Picoult, Monica Heisey, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and many more...

When James Bailey was feeling lost in life, he was inspired by philosopher Will Durant's 1930s project to write to 100 luminaries in arts, politics, religion, sport and sciences, challenging them to respond to the fundamental question of life's meaning. A decade on, James had garnered an incredible collection of replies, collated here for the first time. By turns thought-provoking, amusing and enlightening, these letters from scientists, writers, campaigners, athletes, political leaders, entertainers, survivors and philosophers are a wonderful source of inspiration. Some are about happiness and heartbreak, or purpose, some are funny and some will change the way you think.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Bailey is a writer from Bristol with a degree from King's College London. His debut novel, *The Flip Side*, has been published in eleven languages.

Every Moment Was You

Notes on Loving and Parting

Ha Tae-Wan, translated by Shanna Tan

The runaway Korean million-copy international bestseller on love, heartbreak, growing up and moving on.

With heart-wrenching stories of fate and yearning that sparked a social media frenzy in South Korea, *Every Moment Was You* is an immediate, yet deeply moving collection of short essays about the beauty of youth and the growing pains that come with it. From heartbreak to acceptance, Ha Tae-Wan writes with gentle wisdom and maturity.

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

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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What I Believe

Humanist Ideas and Philosophies to Live By

Andrew Copson

An inspiring collection of interviews with prominent humanists about the values, convictions and opinions they live by.

Discover the rich diversity of non-religious thought today in this inspiring collection of interviews with over thirty different humanists in the public eye, including Stephen Fry, Sandi Toksvig and Alice Roberts. Humanists UK Chief Executive Andrew Copson speaks to actors, authors, activists and more to find out what they believe and the values, convictions and opinions they live by.

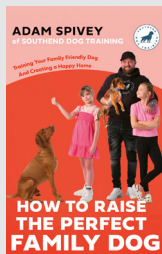
Inspired by the 'What I Believe' essays of two humanist greats – the philosopher Bertrand Russell and the novelist E M Forster – this book opens a window to different humanist perspectives of today. The humanist view of life is progressive and dynamic. All ideas, values, and beliefs are open to question and in this book you will find inspiration to shape your own worldview.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrew Copson is the Chief Executive of Humanists UK and President of Humanists International. He is a well-known humanist voice on television and radio and has written on humanism for many publications in the UK and globally. He is the co-author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Little Book of Humanism*.



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How to Raise the Perfect Family Dog

Adam Spivey and Evan Norfolk

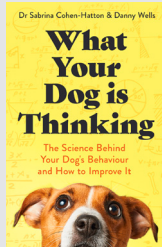
How to train the perfect family-friendly dog and create a happy, harmonious home.

There are few things more heartwarming than a happy, healthy relationship between dogs and children. Yet many dogs end up in rescue centres because their owners struggle to manage problem behaviours or cultivate a safe home environment. Adam Spivey is here to change that. He has helped thousands of dogs overcome significant behavioural issues and has taught countless families how to responsibly care for their pets.

Whether you are expecting your first child or planning to bring a dog into your family, this book contains everything you need to know, including: choosing an appropriate breed for your lifestyle, preparing your dog for the arrival of a newborn, addressing serious behavioural problems, involving children in fun and effective training, and teaching mutual respect. This book equips you with the knowledge and techniques to properly train your dog and allow your family unit to flourish.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Spivey set up Southend Dog Training in 2012, quickly building a first-class reputation for his straight-talking approach. Adam's videos are an invaluable resource for dog owners around the world, and he has more than 4 million followers on social media.



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What Your Dog is Thinking

The Science Behind Your Dog's Behaviour and How to Improve It

Sabrina Cohen-Hatton and Danny Wells

Explore the latest in canine psychology and learn fascinating insights into how our dogs think and how we can strengthen our unique bond with them.

Does your dog feel guilty when it is caught misbehaving? Can your dog sense when you're upset? Does your dog really love you? Written by a leading dog trainer and a neuroscientist, *What Your Dog Is Thinking* reveals the answers to these questions and more using the latest cutting-edge research from neuroscience, psychology and other life sciences to bust common myths about dogs and their relationship with people.

As well as providing fascinating insights into canine psychology, *What Your Dog Is Thinking* contains practical take-home tips for dog owners to improve the way they interact with their dogs. This is the definitive book for anyone who wants to understand their dog and strengthen their unique bond.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dr Sabrina Cohen-Hatton is a dog-obsessed neuroscientist researching human and animal learning mechanisms. She is an Honorary Fellow and Professor at Cardiff University.

Danny Wells is a well-respected and multi-dimensional dog trainer, who specialises in rehabilitating dogs deemed untrainable.

Calm The F*ck Down!

Sam Delaney

Sam explains why high-performance thinking is mostly bollocks and makes the case for a happier, less wanky way of living.

In this rallying cry for a phlegmatic and fun brand of masculinity, Sam Delaney makes the case for a happier way of living. He proves you don't have to be a wanker to be a winner; and you don't need to be a hippy to be at peace.

Understand why consistency is just another word for 'boring'; how process is the enemy of beauty; that rest is a fundamental human right; why male friendships in particular should be rooted in fun, not competitiveness; and that self-acceptance always trumps self-improvement.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sam Delaney is a journalist, broadcaster, host of the mental health podcast *The Reset*, and author of four previous books, the most recent of which - *Sort Your Head Out* - was an Amazon Top 50 bestseller and widely acclaimed.

The Gurkha Mindset

10 Lessons in Courage and Resilience

Kailash Limbu

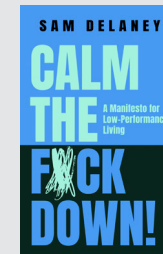
Discover the secrets of the Gurkha mindset and learn how to live courageously from *Sunday Times* bestselling soldier Kailash Limbu.

Captain Kailash Limbu has been on five tours of active service in Afghanistan with the Gurkhas. Over more than two decades in the British Army, he has been on the front line of the fighting in Helmand Province, on risky resupply missions and operations in Sierra Leone, and shared moments of peace and happiness with his brothers in the mess. All these experiences have shaped a man of rare honesty, courage and humility.

In *The Gurkha Mindset*, he shares the moments that made him, the lessons he has learned and the principles at the heart of the Gurkha mindset, so that readers too can conquer adversity, find their inner strength, embrace life's challenges and lead with honour.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

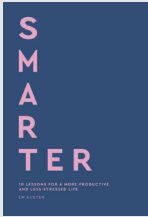
Captain Kailash Limbu was born in 1981 in Khebang, Nepal. He joined the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles in 1999 and has been on operations in Bosnia, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. He is the author of the bestselling *Gurkha* and *Gurkha Brotherhood*.



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Smarter

10 Lessons for a More Productive and Less-Stressed Life

Emily Austen

The essential guide for working Smarter in all facets of your life from harnessing your talents and increasing productivity to reach your goals.

Busyness has become a status symbol, colloquially used to intimate success. The 'more is more' philosophy still prevails, running us into the ground and out of natural energy. That's where *Smarter* steps in: reframing the idea of over-productivity equalling success, and showing that those who work smarter, are those who achieve more long-term success.

Featuring 10 achievable steps, and the experience of successful entrepreneur Emily Austen, *Smarter* will show you how to reframe previous systems that your brain predicts, switch your mindset from one of scarcity to one of abundance, join the 8am club, conduct a busyness detox, define what success means to you, track your energy not your time, identify and set healthy boundaries, time block, habit pair and switch to mono tasking.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emily Austen is the founder and CEO of award-winning PR agency EMERGE, Strategic PR advisor to UN Women UK and guest lectures at Harvard University. She has a diploma in Venture + Finance from Oxford University.



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Manage Your Money, Manage Your Mind

Positive Psychology Skills for Financial Wellbeing

Dr Pradnya Surana

A simple and solution-focused guide to managing your personal finances using tools from psychology and spirituality.

Lots of us feel overwhelmed by money management, emphasising the need for better financial education. If we want to reduce that stress and develop our skills with handling our money, we need to look at our relationship with money, our values and overall happiness.

A more positive relationship with money, and making good financial choices creates a good cycle: more happiness makes us better with money, and being better with money makes us happier. But interestingly, not many people actually do this. Books, articles and advice often focus on happiness or money; they don't combine the ideas, even though they could and should work together. This book is different. It brings all these ideas together, showing how Eastern and Western ideas around happiness, stress, money, and how our brains work can all work together.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Pradnya Surana is a positive psychologist, financial wellbeing coach and behavioural economics researcher. Pradnya is a lecturer in positive psychology at the University of East London, manages her own enterprises and consults widely on business.

Contraception

Everything You Need to Know to Reclaim Your Health

Alice Pelton, Dr Fran Yarlett & Dr Melanie Davis-Hall

The definitive, mythbusting book on female contraception from the experts behind The Lowdown, the world's first contraceptive review platform.

The choices we make with our contraception can have wide-ranging consequences for our health, and yet nearly 80% of women suffer with side effects, often because we don't know there are other options available. Choosing the right contraception option is a frequently bewildering journey, littered with trial and error and misinformation. Moreover, our needs change over the course of our lives: if we have children, or develop health issues, or when we start to go through the menopause.

Based on the invaluable advice from users of The Lowdown's website – available in UK and US and coming soon in Germany, the medical expertise of their in-house team, and the very latest global scientific research, *Contraception* is for anyone who wants to take control of their health choices, with zero bias.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Alice Pelton founded The Lowdown in 2019 and has since become a spokesperson to drive for change, working with the UK government.

Dr Melanie Davis-Hall and **Dr Frances Yarlett** are specially trained GPs at the Lowdown's in-house medical team. They write and review all of the curated content (200+ blogs) on the platform and social channels.

Fitness Without Limits

Training to Break Through Obstacles, Live Without Fear and Find a Better You

Ben Mudge

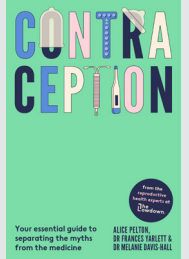
The inspiring first fitness book from Ben Mudge, the Compassionate Coach, about how to break through obstacles in training and life.

After he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, Ben was told he faced a short and sedentary life. Refusing to give in, Ben reinvented himself through fitness. Via a holistic training regime, Ben transformed himself into someone who, instead of seeing his limits, could say 'Yes I can.' Now you can do the same.

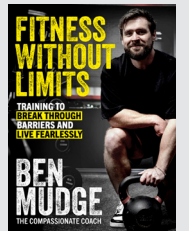
Using Ben's four-pillar approach – Sleep, Nutrition, Mental Health, Movement – you will understand how each of these interact to create a powerful fitness base. Then learn the foundational fitness principles of workout programmes, and advice for using a full, easy-to-select series of exercises to create your own custom training plan to break through your limits.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ben Mudge is an online coach known for sharing his inspirational journey with cystic fibrosis. He is passionate about helping others to lead healthy and active lives both physically and mentally.



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How to Sort Your Self-Esteem

James Withey

40 simple, practical and amusing techniques to help strengthen your sense of self-worth and confidence.

Low self-esteem affects nearly everyone. Your sense of worth is dependent on social, genetic and environmental factors that impact how you feel about yourself. Very few people feel completely confident and comfortable in their own skin. Counselor James Withey's latest self-help book will help strengthen your sense of self-worth, whether your self-esteem impacts you on a daily basis or are experiencing a crisis of confidence for the first time.



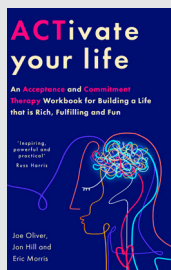
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The Long Sleep

Kate Hill

An updated edition of a classic text – the essential guide to the understanding and prevention of suicide in young people.

This book explores the origins, symptoms and meanings of young peoples' suicidal crises and argues the need for sensitive responses and improved understanding. Combining moving accounts from relatives and young attempters with extensive research into the subject, campaigner and researcher Kate Hill offers important and timely insights. This edition has been fully revised from the original published by Virago in 1984.



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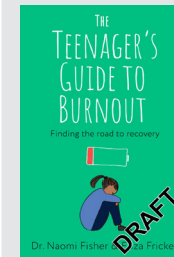
Embark on a remarkable journey of self-discovery and personal growth with *ACTivate Your Life*. This book, written by clinical psychologists and an executive coach, aimed at clinicians and clients, equips you with powerful tools derived from Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to help you set meaningful goals and breathe new life into your being.

The Teenager's Guide to Burnout

Dr. Naomi Fisher and Eliza Fricker

A new illustrated guide for teenagers that feel burnt out from the pressures of school and life, offering practical tools and support for recovery.

Many people think burnout only happens to adults, but it's something lots of teenagers experience too. This book from clinical psychologist Dr Naomi Fisher and bestselling author and illustrator Eliza Fricker will help you understand what burnout is, how you got there and what you can do to get back to a life you enjoy.



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A collection of thirty positive birth stories brought together to offer positivity and confidence to anyone about to give birth.

Collected here by doula and hypnobirthing coach Claire Fulton are thirty true stories from a diverse group of ordinary people, representing a wide array of experiences. There are hospital births and home births; inductions, caesareans and vaginal deliveries. Things rarely go quite to plan, but all of the stories deliver comfort, reassurance and a happy ending.



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150 tips and tricks to help you boss Mum Life, from mum, influencer and all-round timesaving powerhouse, Casey Major-Bunce.

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Jessica Joelle Alexander

An age-by-age guide that puts the theories outlined in the bestselling *The Danish Way of Parenting* into practice.

The Danish Way of Parenting has changed the lives of millions of parents. The book's PARENT model (Play, Authenticity, Reframing, Empathy, No Ultimatums and Togetherness and Hygge) has become a well-established framework taught in universities, cited in numerous academic papers, and used by parents, grandparents, carers and teachers around the globe.

The Danish Way Every Day takes the PARENT model one step further by providing practical, real-world ways to integrate this framework into your daily family life. The book has four sections – Everyday Activities, Routines, Chores and Fun – and explores how the PARENT approach can be used in all sorts of everyday situations, whether you're taking your children shopping, trying to create a better bedtime routine, negotiating screen time or making the most of a walk through the forest.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessica Joelle Alexander is a bestselling author, Danish parenting expert, columnist and cultural researcher. Her work has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time* and many more. She is a spokesperson for LEGO on the power of play and gives talks on parenting, education and wellbeing around the world.



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Sarah Ockwell-Smith

A guide for parents and carers of children with ADHD and explosive behaviour.

In this guide for parents and carers of children with ADHD and explosive behaviour, Sarah Ockwell-Smith will provide specific behavioural advice, especially concerning navigating schooling and how to apply gentle parenting to these children. It will be antidote to the mainstream ADHD advice that centres on being very harsh and controlling.

The book will cover: ADHD, explosive behaviour and other correlated conditions; getting your child diagnosed; medication; why some children have far more explosive behaviour than others; how to cope when your child's behaviour is out of control; how to prevent explosive behaviour; ADHD, explosive behaviour and education; how to cope with the exhaustion, guilt, shame, and despair of being a parent of an explosive child; what to do if you notice symptoms in your own behaviour.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Ockwell-Smith has a BSc in Psychology and is a well-known parenting expert, specialising in gentle parenting methods. She writes a parenting blog read by 3 million parents a year. Her books have sold over 550,000 copies. Sarah's 20-year-old son has ADHD, and she is well experienced both personally and professionally on this topic.

The Bookshop Murder

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Henry Lewis

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The Mystery Agency: The Bookshop Murder is the second book in *The Mystery Agency* series, presented in the same format as *Mystery Agency: The Museum Heist*. 8 suspects. 1 Crime. Lots of puzzles.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Henry Lewis is a powerhouse creative: writer, actor, director and puzzle genius. He is Artistic Director of the theatre company Mischief. His first book *The Museum Heist* was named a Waterstones best book of the year.



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The Film Lover's Guide to London

Thomas Duke aka Stepping Through Film

An illustrated guide to where movies' most famous scenes were shot in London.

A photo guide to where movies' most famous scenes were shot for you to discover for yourself. Each double-page spread contains a short summary of the film in question, instructions for how to find the filming location, and a photo of the author holding a movie still.

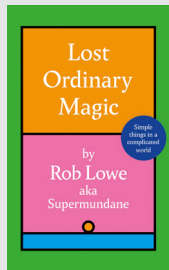
A huge range of films and TV shows will be covered, including hugely popular buzzy new releases like *Heartstopper*, iconic favourites like *Friends* and Marvel movies, older classics from 50+ years ago, as well as exclusive sneak peeks of unreleased movies.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thomas Duke studied Film & TV at Brunel University, delving deep into the realms of what makes film, film; visiting film locations and attending premieres to meet his favourite stars. As a result he started Stepping Through Film, social media's leading film account with 600,000 followers.



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Lost Ordinary Magic

Rob Lowe

A book of simple things in a complicated world from artist Rob Lowe aka Supermundane.

This is a book about simple things (such as: being alone, nonsense, pockets and spontaneity) told through personal stories and observations, accompanied by Supermundane's geometric prints. This book offers a chance to take a break from our chaotic world and reconnect with the Lost Ordinary Magic all around us.



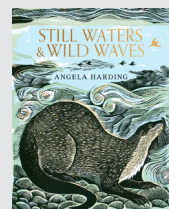
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Trees in Winter

Richard Shimell

A moving and powerful memoir about the healing properties of nature and walking in the coldest season.

Trees in Winter is about the healing properties of nature and of walking, especially during the coldest season, when the inclination is for so many of us to stay indoors. Featuring over forty of Richard Shimell's stunning prints, this beautiful book captures the intricate beauty of British trees in the colder months.



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Angela Harding

A celebration of dramatic seascapes and reflective rivers from the artist behind the iconic book cover of *The Salt Path*.

Featuring over 50 original illustrations of dramatic seascapes and reflective rivers, alongside photography of the stunning places that inspired the artwork, Angela Harding's beautiful new book captures the waters that move us. It is a joyful celebration of water and wildlife across Britain - perfect for art admirers and nature lovers everywhere.

For the Swifties

A Puzzle Book Inspired by Taylor Swift (Unofficial Version)

Aida Alonzo

Put your Swiftie knowledge to the test with this ultimate celebration of Taylor Swift's unparalleled talent and style, comprising of over 50 Taylor-themed puzzles and activities.

Taylor Swift needs no introduction. The global superstar is one of the greatest singer-songwriters of her generation with a fanbase that covers the globe. Now it's the fandom's time to shine with *For the Swifties*.

Put your Tay-Tay knowledge to the test with puzzles ranging from things you know All Too Well to slightly more tricky ones that might confound you with a Blank Space. Taking in every album she's ever made, right up to The Tortured Poets Department, and packed full of Taylor-themed quizzes, wordsearches, crosswords and much more, this is the perfect activity to do with your friends en route to a concert or at home listening to your favourite album (Taylor's Version).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aida Alonzo has been a loyal Swiftie ever since she first heard *Our Song* on the radio all those years ago. She has a day job at an international charity in London but when the opportunity to write *For the Swifties* arose, she couldn't resist.



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You Can't Say That Any More

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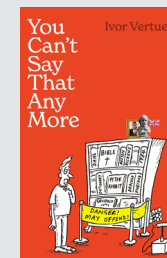
A satirical guide to detoxifying the classics.

Protecting delicate sensibilities from the harmful values of yesteryear, *You Can't Say That Any More* reveals the shocking danger around us in the books, films and TV shows we used to cherish. From *Bambi* to *Bleak House*, from the lack of balcony safeguarding in *Romeo and Juliet* to the troubling depiction of body dysmorphia in *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, we are surrounded on all sides by danger, depravity and profoundly harmful messaging.

Titles taken to task and put on the naughty step (at long last!) include: *Middlemarch* the Bible, *Pride and Prejudice*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, *Star Wars*, Homer's *Iliad* and many, many more! Each entry includes trigger warnings, suggested edits, alternative plots and helpful rewritings of deeply problematic books, films, plays, television series and musicals.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ivor Vertue is a pseudonym for Bruno Vincent. He was a bookseller and book editor before he was an author. His humour books for grown-ups, co-authored with Jon Butler, were national bestsellers.



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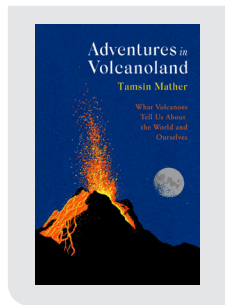


The Danish Way of Raising Teens

Iben Dissing Sandahl

Psychotherapist and family councillor Iben Dissing Sandahl shares the parenting secrets that make Danish teenagers the happiest in the world. From the co-author of international sensation *The Danish Way of Parenting*.

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- *The Danish Way of Parenting* sold 85,000 copies and was translated into 32 languages



Adventures in Volcanoland

Tamsin Mather

Mixing memoir, travel and popular science, Oxford Professor Tamsin Mather's *Adventures in Volcanoland* shows how volcanoes shape our planet, and its future, written with warmth, lyricism and infectious fascination.

- Perfect for fans of Robert MacFarlane and Raynor Winn
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'a detailed, impeccably researched study'
The Guardian

'It's like learning about a difficult subject from your favourite science teacher.'
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Bibliotherapy

Bijal Shah

Counsellor Bijal Shah introduces the concept of bibliotherapy: how reading can act as a form of therapy, and practical advice on how to curate reading lists for every mood and need.

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