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# **IMPRINTS**



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Headline Fiction understands readers, what drives them to buy and read books and where and how they read them. We publish the novels people really want to read; the books that keep them reading into the early hours, with worlds people want to escape to and with characters they can relate to.





#### Wildfire

Wildfire publishes a broad range of quality commercial fiction and non-fiction. The fiction list comprises everything from must-read crime and thriller novels, and imaginative concept-led narratives. On the non-fiction front, Wildfire publishes books which have a strong purpose and which cover a range of subjects, whether important historical eras and figures, or key social issues, or just very funny observations. Wildfire's overriding ambition is to publish compelling and thought-provoking books, books you will want to talk about endlessly with your friends, books that have a little bit of soul.





#### Headline Review

Headline Review is Headline's sister imprint for the lover of commercial reading group fiction. Headline Review's storytellers have a softer touch and will transport you to another time or place and make you feel differently about the world; these are the books that make you feel and also make you think.



#### Tinder Press

Tinder Press is Headline's literary imprint, a space where classy, intelligent writing can thrive. Our bestselling and award-winning authors include Maggie O'Farrell, Patrick Gale, Sue Monk Kidd, Deborah Moggach and Guy Gunaratne, and we are always on the lookout for new and exciting talent. We pride ourselves on a diverse list of fiction and non-fiction, with both commercial clout and prize-winning potential.

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#### Headline Home

Encompassing the genres of food and cookery, health and wellbeing, parenting, popular psychology and a little bit of mindfulness, Headline Home publishes books that guide and advise – offering practical solutions for everyday life. Books that readers will learn from, cook from, take advice from and authors that will offer a helping hand, a nod in the right direction and much-needed advice to help us all to live the best possible lives we can in this fast-paced, modern world. In short, books which speak to real people about real issues.





#### Mountain Leopard Press

At Mountain Leopard Press, we strive to push the boundaries of commercial fiction publishing. Like our colophon leopard, we are an agile and adaptable team, putting readers at the heart of everything we do. We are hungry for distinctive, page-turning fiction across a range of genres, including – but not limited to – crime and thriller, romantic comedy, historical and book club. Above all, we love books we can sink our teeth into.

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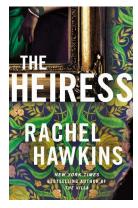
Headline Eternal is Headline's boutique, specialist romance imprint and our aim is to publish love stories for everyone. Our list is home to international bestsellers like Jasmine Guillory, Jo Watson, Lauren Layne, Jill Shalvis, and Mariana Zapata, as well as newer stars like Erin Sterling, Sarah Adams, Grace Reilly, Mazey Eddings and Amber V. Nicole. We pride ourselves on publishing a truly diverse range of authors and we're always on the lookout for new voices in romance fiction.

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# The Heiress

### Rachel Hawkins



Imprint: Headline Pub: 04/07/2024 Format: Paperback Original Price: £10.99 ISBN: 9781035409631



#### THERE'S NOTHING AS GOOD AS THE RICH GONE BAD

### 'One of the most deliciously twisted families ever put to page' Riley Sager

When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, she's not only North Carolina's richest woman, she's also its most notorious. The victim of a famous kidnapping as a child and a widow four times over, Ruby ruled the tiny town of Tavistock from Ashby House, her family's estate high in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

But in the aftermath of her death, her adopted son, Camden, wants little to do with the house or the money - and even less to do with the surviving McTavishes. Instead, he rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal life as an English teacher in Colorado and marrying Jules, a woman just as eager to escape her own messy past.

Ten years later, his uncle's death pulls Cam and Jules back into the family fold at Ashby House. Its views are just as stunning as ever, its rooms just as elegant, but the legacy of Ruby is inescapable.

And as Ashby House tightens its grip on Jules and Camden, questions about the infamous heiress come to light. Was there any truth to the persistent rumours following her disappearance as a girl? What really happened to those four husbands, who all died under mysterious circumstances? And why did she adopt Cam in the first place? Soon, Jules and Cam realise that an inheritance can entail far more than what's written in a will - and that the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.



**Rachel Hawkins** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Wife Upstairs* and *Reckless Girls*. She also writes as our own Erin Sterling, author of *The Ex-Hex* and *The Kiss-Curse*, and has written multiple books for young readers.

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# The Summer Party

## Kate Gray



Imprint: Mountain Leopard Press Pub: 04/07/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99

ISBN: 9781802793765

### We all have regrets after the office party. But will murder be one of them?

The team Mel works in feels just like a family. Working hard and playing harder, striving for the best ad campaigns and the biggest bonuses. But even the happiest family has its dirty secrets.

When a select group of colleagues are invited to spend the night after their office party at an ultra luxe hotel, Mel can't believe her luck. The former naval base only accessible by boat and promises the best food, champagne on ice and staff that anticipate your every desire.

A night out together is just what the team needs after the loss of one of their own, Hannah. The bright young woman was tragically killed in a mugging gone wrong just a few months ago. As she settles into her hotel suite, Mel picks up on an oddly familiar scent: Hannah's perfume.

The night rolls on, and the alcohol flows cracks in the happy family facade start to appear. Secret relationships, blackmail, greed. No one is innocent. But just who is guilty of Hannah's murder?

An intense thunderstorm breaks out, cutting off the island from the mainline. One tragic accident follows another, until they don't seem so accidental anymore. Can Mel work out who's behind it all in time to save herself? Just how far will the killer go to protect their secret?

A twisty locked-room thriller that will leave you breathless, and turning down all party invites.

You think you know your colleagues. You don't.



Before becoming a full-time author, **Kate Gray** worked in public relations and was a freelance journalist. Her work has been featured in *Stylist, Marie Claire*, and national newspapers. She's had short stories published in women's weekly magazines, both in print and online. She also has national and international broadcast experience. She lives in a pretty town in North Yorkshire with her family and two rescue cats. She runs writing workshops and offers coaching for debut novelists.

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# Versions of a Girl

## Catherine Gray



Imprint: Mountain Leopard Press Pub: 04/07/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £18.99 ISBN: 9781802795165

'No other writer has ever made me laugh and cry as much as Catherine Gray' Daisy May Cooper

'Compulsive, edible, I devoured it' Holly Whitaker, New York Times bestelling author of Quit Like A Woman

Do we become who we are because of our parents, or in spite of them?

Fern's mother is a social climber and a former ballet dancer who lives a plush life in a London townhouse.

Fern's father only climbs if there's a bottle at the top, has an IQ of 133 and lives hand-to-mouth in Californian motels.

Aged fourteen, Fern has spent equal time with each of her parents. That is, until an unexpected visitor triggers a life-changing dilemma: whether she should get on a plane to London to be with her mother, or stay in California with her father. Here, Fern's narrative splices in two.

Two possible lives, one person. Each Fern will grow in wildly different, but eerily similar directions. Both must determine who they want to be - and how they deal with a thorny problem which threatens to undo them all: a murder.

Warm and brilliantly wise, this is the irresistible fiction debut from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*.



**Catherine Gray** is a *Sunday Times* Bestselling author, who has over sold half a million books in English-speaking territories alone. With a background in journalism, Catherine has been a guest columnist at *Grazia*, is a regular guest on the Woman's Hour, and her writing has been published everywhere from the *Guardian* to *Stylist. Versions of a Girl* is her debut novel.

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# Retreat to the Lakeside Cottage Erin Green



Imprint: Headline Review Pub: 04/07/2024 Format: Paperback Original Price: £10.99 ISBN: 9781035417667





#### Welcome to Lakeside Cottage . . .

Escape this summer with the brand-new uplifting and feel-good novel from Erin Green. If you love Lucy Diamond, Phillipa Ashley, Sue Moorcroft and Holly Martin, you'll love RETREAT TO THE LAKESIDE COTTAGE – a heart-warming story of love, life and laughter.

#### Praise for Erin Green's novels:

'An uplifting and wonderful story about the power of female friendships, love and self-discovery'

DONNA ASHCROFT
'A lovely, heart-warming story . . . I was hooked!'
CHRISTINA COURTENAY

'A delightful tale of friendship, family and love' JENNI KEER

'Thoroughly entertaining. The characters are warm and well drawn' SUE ROBERTS

Warm, humorous and full of friendship an ideal holiday read GEORGIA HILL

**Erin** was born and raised in Warwickshire. An avid reader since childhood, her imagination was instinctively drawn to creative writing as she grew older. Erin has two Hons degrees: BA English literature and another BSc Psychology - her previous careers have ranged from part-time waitress, the retail industry, fitness industry and education.

She has an obsession about time, owns several tortoises and an infectious laugh! Erin writes contemporary novels focusing on love, life and laughter. Erin is an active member of the Romantic Novelists' Association and was delighted to be awarded The Katie Fforde Bursary in 2017. An ideal day for Erin involves writing, people watching and drinking copious amounts of tea.

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# Long Island Compromise

## Taffy Brodesser-Akner



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

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

But nearly forty years later, when Carl's mother dies, the trauma that has been bubbling beneath the Fletchers' lives all this time surfaces at last. It becomes apparent that Carl has been quietly pursuing closure to the kidnapping for all these years, and his wife and children must face that the money that they believed bought them safety was actually never capable of doing any such thing.

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

#### PRAISE FOR FLEISHMAN IS IN TROUBLE:

'This is the novel of the summer . . . There is no one that this book isn't for. Pure brilliance' INDIA KNIGHT, THE SUNDAY TIMES

'Could be one of the books of my entire lifetime. I've never felt so seen' GRACE DENT, GUARDIAN

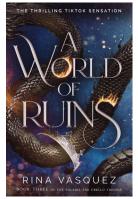


**Taffy Brodesser-Akner** is a star writer for *The New York Times Magazine*. She has also written for *GQ, ESPN the Magazine*, and many other publications. *Fleishman Is in Trouble*, her first novel, was a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestseller, and was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction. *Long Island Compromise* is her second novel.

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# A World of Ruins

### Rina Vasquez



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 16/07/2024 Format: Paperback Original Price: £9.99 ISBN: 9781035414413



### THE THRILLING EPIC FINALE TO THE SOLARIS AND CRELLO TRILOGY BY TIKTOK SENSATION RINA VASQUEZ

Will King Aurum succeed in taking over Emberwell?

Will Darius and Nara be able to reunite and fulfil the prophecy of Solaris and Crello?

The fate of the kingdom rests on their shoulders.

#### PRAISE FOR THE SOLARIS AND CRELLO TRILOGY

'This book is everything I wanted and more! Sometimes the second book of a series can be a hit or miss but this didn't disappoint in the slightest!'

'Nara and Darius' relationship is honestly funny and sweet and gripping all at the same time. Honestly never know what's going to happen with these two."

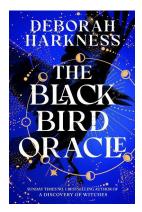
'The world building is phenomenal and the characters are well developed and lovable!'



**Karina Natalia Vasquez** is a fantasy romance author based in England. She is of Peruvian and Spanish descent and adores anything that has dulce de leche in it. When she isn't writing, she is reading fantasy, romance and fangirling over Star Wars. You can usually find her holed up in her room, cuddling her two dogs, collecting crystals for her superstitious mind or daydreaming in the hope that she will magically end up in a Fae kingdom one day.

# The Black Bird Oracle

### Deborah Harkness



Imprint: Headline Pub: 16/07/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £25 ISBN: 9781035410163



Diana Bishop journeys to the darkest places within herself - and her family history - in the highly anticipated fifth novel of the beloved Number One *Sunday Times* bestselling *All Souls* series.

Deborah Harkness first introduced the world to Diana Bishop, Oxford scholar and witch, and vampire geneticist Matthew de Clairmont in *A Discovery of Witches*. Drawn to each other despite long-standing taboos, these two other-worldly beings found themselves at the centre of a battle for a lost, enchanted manuscript known as Ashmole 782. Since then, they have fallen in love, travelled to Elizabethan England, dissolved the Covenant between the three species, and awoken the dark powers within Diana's family line.

Now, Diana and Matthew receive a formal demand from the Congregation: They must test the magic of their seven-year-old twins, Pip and Rebecca. Concerned with their safety and desperate to avoid the same fate that led her parents to spellbind her, Diana decides to forge a different path for her family's future and answers a message from a great-aunt she never knew existed, Gwyneth Proctor, whose invitation simply reads: It's time you came home, Diana.

On the hallowed ground of Ravenswood, the Proctor family home, and under the tutelage of Gwyneth, a talented witch grounded in higher magic, a new era begins for Diana: a confrontation with her family's dark past, and a reckoning for her own desire for even greater power - if she can let go, finally, of her fear of wielding it.



**Deborah Harkness** is the number one *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Discovery of Witches, Shadow of Night* and *The Book of Life.* A history professor at the University of Southern California, Harkness has received Fulbright, Guggenheim, and National Humanities Center fellowships.

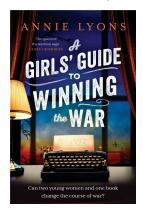
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# A Girls' Guide to Winning the War

### Annie Lyons



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### Can two young women, and one book, change the course of war . . .?

1940. Whip-smart librarian Peggy Sparks is determined to make sure that her brother Joe returns from the frontline to their London home, which they share with their beloved mother and grandmother. So when she is offered a once-in-a-lifetime job at the heart of the war effort, Peggy jumps at the prospect of making a real contribution to her country.

But when she finds herself working under the fanciful socialite Lady Marigold Cecily, Peggy discovers that those around her are more keen on dancing at the Café de Paris than on ending the war. Writing accounts of her daily life is the only thing keeping Peggy's hopes alive. But when she finds her inner-most thoughts accidentally published by the Ministry of Information, Peggy realises she needs Marigold's help to save her job, and to bring her brother home . . .

From the author of *The Air Raid Book Club* comes a powerful tale of unexpected friendship, community and two remarkable women who change the course of the war. Full of heart, emotion and drama, it is the perfect uplifting story for fans of Kate Thompson and Natasha Lester.

#### **READERS ADORE ANNIE LYONS' BOOKS:**

'So touching and heartwarming. What a beautiful novel this is. And as for that ending  $\dots$  get those tissues ready' - Jill Mansell

A sweet and nourishing ode to books that historical fiction fans will love - Kate Thompson



'A warm and tender tale about the power and healing of friendship and community and the magic of books' - Ruth Hogan

After a career in bookselling and publishing, **Annie Lyons** became an author. When not working on her novels, she teaches creative writing. She lives in south-east London with her husband and two children and black labrador, Nelson.

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# Exploding Tomatoes and Other Stories Sophie Grigson



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Having moved to a small town in Puglia over two years ago - a place she now calls home - Sophie Grigson felt ready for another adventure... Driving along the coastal 'instep' of southern Italy in her trusty purple car, she travels between little fishing ports and explores Puglia's gay capital, then heads into the wild hills of Basilicata and Calabria's high Sila famed for its chestnuts and mushrooms, and ends her journey in the bergamot orchards clustering around Reggio. In this book, Sophie charts the local delicacies, ingredients and producers through recipes and stories, she immerses you in the beauty, culture, food and characters of southern Italy.

### **Praise for Sophie Grigson**

'Vivid, humorous and unsentimental, Sophie's portrait of modern Puglia, still seeped in old ways, is a delicious treat' Xanthe Clay

'Take a vicarious trip to southern Italy with seasoned cookery writer Sophie Grigson... She recounts her impressions of everything from the idiosyncrasies of her local market to the region's famous storied olive groves in this charming, sparingly illustrated read, bookended with traditional recipes (some with her slant). One to savour.' *Delicious Magazine* 

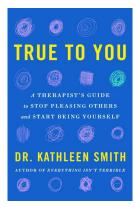
[A] 'delicious account of new friends and fantastico food that will leave you hungry for more.' Daily Mail



**Sophie Grigson** is a cook, food writer and television presenter with over 20 books to her name and eleven television series for BBC, Channel 4 and Discovery. She has also written columns and articles for the *Evening Standard, Independent, Sunday Times, Country Living, BBC Good Food* and *Waitrose Food Illustrated*. On impulse, after interviewing the late Russell Norman about his book, Venice, in 2019 she sold or gave away the majority of her belongings and packed herself into her purple car to move to Puglia in the south of Italy. Home is now the small town of Ceglie Messapica.

# True to You

### Dr Kathleen Smith



Imprint: Headline Home Pub: 09/07/2024 Format: Trade Paperback Original Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781035417544 When's the last time you felt as composed as you portray to your boss, family and friends? If there's a discord between the two, you're not alone. Humans are master pretenders? We often seem stronger, calmer and more mature than we really are, while the truth is we're full of doubts and self-criticism that pushes us to borrow reassurance from friends, beliefs from strangers on the internet, or attention that, in the moment, makes us feel successful, but leaves us totally hollow and burnt out.

Dr. Smith uses examples from her own life and the lives of her therapy patients to explain how we borrow confidence, calmness and beliefs from our relationships and offers solutions and steps for building a life with our own best-thinking.

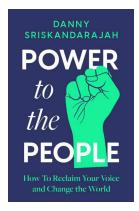
She also unpacks the science of our social nature, explaining why we're so focused on others and teaching us how to interrupt anxious relationship patterns. If a reader is unsure if the career path they're on is one they want to stay on, Dr. Smith will show them how to redefine what a successful career means to them. If they only feel steady when overfunctioning for others, she'll help them learn how to let others be responsible for themselves. By the end of the book, readers will have learnt to stop people-pleasing and be armed with a new set of principles and a new sense of self, ready to stand strong in the face of any challenge.

**Dr. Kathleen Smith** is a licensed therapist and mental health author and reporter with over 10,000 subscribers to her weekly newsletter. An associate faculty member of the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, she teaches Bowen family systems theory to leaders around the globe and is the only traditionally published author to bring this theory to readers, starting with her previous book, *Everything (Isn't) Terrible*. She has been interviewed by *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* about anxiety and burnout during the Covid pandemic, and her writing has appeared in *Slate, Salon, New York Magazine, Psychology Today* and more.

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# Power to the People

# Danny Sriskandarajah



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Danny Sriskandarajah learned the value of citizenship at a young age as the child of Tamil migrants who moved from Sri Lanka to Australia. Arriving in the UK as the first Rhodes scholar from an Asian immigrant background, he has gone on to run a series of civil society organisations, and has become a leading voice in the third sector.

**POWER TO THE PEOPLE** is his radical manifesto for change designed to inspire citizen action around the world. The book presents a blueprint for how we, as individuals, can make a difference through greater community engagement, and how we can deliver a society that works for the many and not the few. He speaks to voter apathy and a growing sense that elections no longer matter, with politicians and institutions too focused on short-term issues to grapple with complex global problems such as climate change, rising inequality, and digital disruption. Yet the book is also filled with inspiring real-life examples of citizen power in action, ranging from a volunteer-run repair café in Danny's local suburb to Avaaz's successful campaigns to tackle endemic corruption in Brazil.

From public ownership of social media spaces to democratising share ownership, and from re-energising co-operatives to creating a people's chamber at the United Nations, this campaigning book has a clear mission to make us reclaim our power as citizens of the world.

**Danny Sriskandarajah** is the child of Tamil migrants who fled Sri Lanka's civil war for Australia, before moving to the UK in 1998. After running CIVICUS, the Johannesburg-based alliance of civil society organisations with members in more than 180 countries, he became CEO of Oxfam GB in early 2019 with a brief to sort out Oxfam's failure to prevent sexual abuse in Haiti and elsewhere. He did so quickly, introducing reforms, notably by involving partner organisations, and by challenging Oxfam's fund-raising orthodoxies.

Danny is at heart a thinker and a radical who believes that governmental and charity structures are based on outdated nineteenth-century models. His opinion pieces have been published in newspapers in more than 30 countries, and he regularly appears on broadcast media, including programmes such as the BBC's Today programme and Question Time. He has spoken at over 500 events in some 70 countries, including at the United Nations General Assembly, the World Economic Forum Annual Meetings at Davos, and committees of both Houses of the UK Parliament. He is the CEO of the New Economics Foundation, the progressive think tank.

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# **Artifice**Claire Berest



Imprint: Mountain Leopard Press Pub: 01/08/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £20 ISBN: 9781914495922

Abel Bac, a police officer, has been suspended from duty for unknown reasons. Haunted by a recurring nightmare, he walks the streets of Paris hoping to lose himself in the city, but somehow, he always nds his way home. Solitary by nature, he retreats from the extroversion of his new neighbour Elsa, and his former colleague Camille who is pained by her unrequited love for him. All that gives Abel comfort are the ninety-four orchids which populate his small apartment.

In museums across Paris something strange is happening. A white horse appears in the library of the Pompidou Centre. In a small museum, stuffed wolves are displayed in fine garments drinking tea. The police are baffled and Abel, who is somehow linked to it all, is becoming more and more unnerved.

Soon, the hidden darkness of his life will rise to the surface and lead him to Mila, the mysterious artist at the heart of this enigma. And it is not long before we discover that nothing about these events is coincidental.



**CLAIRE BEREST** is a writer from Paris. In 2019, her novel *Rien n'est noir* about the life of Frida Kahlo won Elle's Grand Prix des lectrices. With her sister Anne, she is also the author of *Gabriële*, a critically-acclaimed biography of her great-grandmother, Gabri le Bu et-Picabia, Marcel Duchamp's lover and muse. She is the great-granddaughter of the painter Francis Picabia.

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**SOPHIE LEWIS** is a literary editor and translator from French and Portuguese into English. She has translated works by Jules Verne, Marcel Aymé, Violette Leduc, Leïla Slimani and João Gilberto Noll, among others. Her translations have been shortlisted for the Scott Moncrie and Republic of Consciousness prizes, and longlisted for the International Booker Prize.

# Witness 8

### Steve Cavanagh



Imprint: Headline Pub: 01/08/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £16.99 ISBN: 9781035408207



The award-winning, Sunday Times Top Five bestseller returns with a brand new thriller featuring the unforgettable Eddie Flynn.

### WHAT IF THE ONLY WITNESS TO A MURDER IS MORE TWISTED THAN THE KILLER?

Ruby Johnson is a nanny and maid to wealthy families in Manhattan's West 74th Street.

She knows their routines. Their secrets.

One night, on her way home, Ruby witnesses a neighbour's murder.

She knows the victim. She knows the killer.

She makes an anonymous call to the police and names the murderer. But Ruby didn't tell the truth...

Because there's something wrong with Ruby Johnson.

Eddie Flynn, conman turned trial lawyer, must defend an innocent man accused of this terrible crime.

As Ruby's deadly game begins, one thing is certain. It won't be the last murder this witness is involved in...

#### **Praise for Steve Cavanagh:**

'Steve Cavanagh's twists hit you between the eyes. You never seem them coming' ANTHONY HOROWITZ

'This guy is the real deal. Trust me' LEE CHILD

 $\hbox{`Steve Cavanagh writes the best hooks in the business' MICK HERRON}$ 

'Cavanagh is a genius... page-turning stuff' EVENING STANDARD

'A masterclass in misdirection' THE GUARDIAN



**Steve Cavanagh** has sold over a million copies of his novels in the UK alone. His eight books have all been nominated for major awards and many are international bestsellers. His third novel, *The Liar*, won the CWA Gold Dagger for Crime Novel of the Year 2018. *Thirteen* won the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2019. *Fifty-Fifty* was a Richard and Judy Book club choice and was also selected for the BBC 'Between the Covers' book club. Twisted, *Fifty-Fifty, The Devil's Advocate* and *The Accomplice* were all *Sunday Times* Top 10 bestsellers





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# The Drownings

### Hazel Barkworth



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'Barkworth is excruciatingly good' Observer

These waters became wild centuries before this university was dreamed of. Leysham has always been a dangerous place for women . . .

Serena arrives on campus reeling from the injury that destroyed her champion swimming career. She is lost until she meets Jane, an enigmatic tutor obsessed with the historic witch trials that took place in Leysham's freezing waters.

When several young women are assaulted, the university's shadowy legacy becomes inescapable. Those in power turn a blind eye, but Jane urges Serena and her friends to rise up. As their anger builds into an inferno of female rage, Serena takes matters into her own hands.

Leysham has reawakened something within her, a dark, impossible power. In the waters, she can see what must be done - and the sacrifice it will demand.

From the author of *Heatstroke*, an intoxicatingly atmospheric new novel about infl uence, obsession and betrayal - for readers of *The Things We Do to Our Friends, Weyward* and *Promising Young Woman*.

#### **Praise for Hazel Barkworth:**

'Stylish and sensual' Kiran Millwood Hargrave

'A sultry, stiffing debut exploring power, consent and womanhood' *Cosmopolitan* 

'Barkworth has a pin-sharp eye for detail...it's propulsive, thoughprovoking and atmospheric' *Daily Mail* 

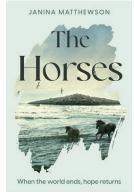


**Hazel** grew up in Stirlingshire and North Yorkshire before studying English at Oxford. She then moved to London where she spent her days working as a cultural consultant, and her nights dancing in a pop band at glam rock clubs. Hazel is a graduate of both the Oxford University MSt in Creative Writing and the Curtis Brown Creative Novel-Writing course. She now works in Oxford, where she lives with her partner. *Heatstroke* is her first novel.

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# The Horses

### Janina Matthewson



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A moving story of isolation and mankind's connection with nature, perfect for fans of Emily St. John Mandel and Jon McGregor.

Nineteen-year-old Sarah wakes up one morning feeling that something big, something irrevocable has happened on Black Crag, a small seaside village of around a few hundred people. To this remote community it seems as though the rest of the world had gone to sleep - aeroplanes no longer criss-cross the sky, the radios have gone silent and the ferry no longer brings their supplies. It's almost as if there is no world at all, when life begins and ends with the slate-coloured waves outside their front door.

This is a story of self-examination, what binds a community together when they are cut off from the rest of the world and what brings hope of renewal and the rekindling of the human spirit.



Janina Matthewson is originally from Christchurch, New Zealand and now lives in London. She trained as an actress and also studied English, history and linguistics. Her first novel, OF THINGS GONE ASTRAY, was published by The Friday Project in 2015. She coauthored with Jeffrey Craner) her latest novel, YOU FEEL IT JUST BELOW THE RIBS, which was published by HarperCollins US in November 2021. She also co-writes the podcast WITHIN THE WIRES a cultishly successful thing, with 7million downloads over its five seasons, and more to come. She has also written for Murmurs, The Cipher, and Passenger List.

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# Wicked Serve

## Grace Reilly



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He's my brother's biggest hockey rival . . . but he's bringing the heat for me.

'Sparkling prose and delicious tension . . . Grace Reilly is the queen of sports romance!' STEPHANIE ARCHER

#### Nikolai

Hockey is my life, and I need to make this last season count. But when I'm forced to transfer to rival school McKee University for my senior year, I risk pissing off the captain, who happens to be the older brother of Isabelle Callahan: the gorgeous beam of sunshine I messed around with in secret this summer.

Rekindling our fling could risk her brother icing me off the team - not to mention the fact that my scarred past makes having a real relationship impossible - and yet the moment I see Isabelle again, all my wild, burning feelings come rushing back . . .

#### Izzy

I have two goals for sophomore year: win back my old volleyball position, and forget I ever knew devilishly handsome hockey defenseman Nikolai Abney-Volkov. As the youngest and only daughter in a family full of athletes, failure isn't an option.

But when Nik crashes back into my life, I can't stay away from his broody charm. I'm determined to guard my heart this time, but between the furtive hookups and the heartfelt conversations, the lines between friends-with-benefits and more begin to blur. As we fall deeper into a place we can't come back from unscathed, we'll have to make a choice: fight for a future together, or watch it go up in flames.

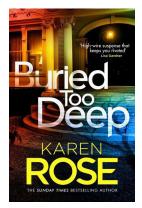


**Grace Reilly** writes swoony, spicy contemporary romance with heart - and usually a healthy dose of sports. When she's not dreaming up stories, she can be found in the kitchen trying out a new recipe, cuddling her pack of dogs, or watching sports. Originally from New York, she now lives in Florida, which is troubling given her fear of alligators.

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# **Buried Too Deep**

### Karen Rose



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### 'Intense, complex and unforgettable' James Patterson

Cora-Jane Winslow s father walked out on her family 23 years ago his letters to her over the years the only connection she has had to him. When his body is discovered in an abandoned building, she is shocked to discover he has been dead all this time. What happened to him and who would cover up his murder by writing the letters?

After his post-traumatic stress disorder forced him to run away from his life, Phin Bishop returns to the Burke Broussard Private Detective Agency, only to stumble upon an armed break-in. Cora-Jane is seen running from the building and his colleague Joy has been shot.

When it appears the shooting is related to Cora-Jane's father, the Agency step in to offer protection while they hunt for the perpetrator. Someone knows what really happened to Cora Jane's father and will stop at nothing to prevent their long-buried secrets being discovered . . .

'Fast and furious' Sun

'High-wire suspense that keeps you riveted' Lisa Gardner



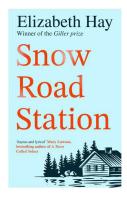
**Karen Rose** was introduced to suspense and horror at the tender age of eight when she accidentally read Poe's *The Pit and The Pendulum* and was afraid to go to sleep for years. She now enjoys writing books that make other people afraid to go to sleep.

Karen lives in Florida with her family, their cat, Bella, and two dogs, Loki and Freya. When she's not writing, she enjoys reading, and her new hobby - knitting.

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# **Snow Road Station**

### Elizabeth Hay



Imprint: Mountain Leopard Press Pub: 15/08/2024 Format: Trade Paperback Original Price: £14.99 ISBN: 9781035418695 From the Giller Prize-winning author comes a novel, witty and wise, about thwarted ambition, unrealized dreams, the enduring bonds of female friendship, and love's capacity to surprise us at any age.

In the winter of 2008, as snow falls without interruption, an actor in a Beckett play blanks on her lines. Fleeing the theatre, she beats a retreat into her past and arrives at Snow Road Station, a barely discernible dot on the map of Ontario.

The actor is Lulu Blake, in her sixties now, a sexy, seemingly unfooled woman well-versed in taking risks. Out of work, humiliated, she enters the last act of her life wondering what she can make of her diminished self. In Snow Road Station she decides she is through with drama--but drama, it turns out, isn't through with her. She thinks she wants peace. It turns out she wants more.

Looming in the background is that autumn's global financial meltdown, while in the foreground family and friends animate a round of weddings, sap harvests, love affairs, and personal turmoil. At the centre of it all is the friendship between Lulu and Nan. As the two women contemplate growing old, they surrender certain long-held dreams and confront the limits of the choices they've made and the messy feelings that kept them apart for decades.

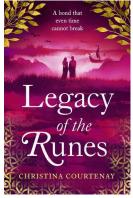


**ELIZABETH HAY** is the Giller Prize-winning author of six novels, including *Late Nights on Air, His Whole Life*, and *A Student of Weather*. Her memoir *All Things Consoled* won the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Non fiction her story collection *Small Change* was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction. A former radio broadcaster, she spent a number of years in Mexico and New York City, and makes her home in Ottawa.

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# Legacy of the Runes

# Christina Courtenay



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Brimming with romance, adventure and vivid historical detail, Christina Courtenay does for the Vikings what Diana Gabaldon's Outlander.

Storm Berger has never forgiven himself for his younger sister Madison's disappearance. Suspecting she's travelled back to the ninth century in the footsteps of other family members, Storm can only make sure she's safe by going after her.

Raised unconventionally as her father's only child, Freydis has never been content to simply accept her fate. So, when she's promised in marriage to a tyrant, she's determined to find a way out of the arrangement. Help comes in the form of a mysterious and attractive stranger stranded on her island's shores: Storm.

The only way Freydis can truly be free is for Storm to marry her himself. But that would mean entwining lives that, until now, have been separated by centuries. . .

### Just some of the rich praise for Christina Courtenay's novels:

'An absorbing story, fast-paced and vividly imagined' PAMELA HARTSHORNE

'Prepare to be swept along in this treasure of an adventure!' KATE RYDER

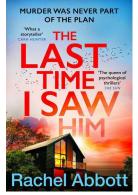


**Christina Courtenay** is an award-winning author of historical romance and time slip (dual time) stories. She has eleven novels published and won the RNA's Romantic Novel of the Year Award for Best Historical Romantic Novel twice with *Highland Storms* (2012) and *The Gilded Fan* (2014), and once for Best Fantasy Romantic Novel with *Echoes of the Runes* (2021). Christina is now based in Herefordshire, close to the Welsh border. To find out more, visit christinacourtenay.com, find her on Facebook /christinacourtenayauthor.

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# The Last Time I Saw Him

### Rachel Abbott



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### WOULD YOU KEEP A SECRET FOR A STRANGER, IF IT MEANT THE BLOOD WAS ON YOUR HANDS?

Celia, Juliette and Nadia are complete strangers with one thing in common: they have all been wronged by Ellis Cobain. A wealthy philanthropist on course for a knighthood, Ellis' public persona is bulletproof - but lurking beneath this veneer is a sinister side that only the women closest to him have seen.

When they meet at a boutique hotel on the Cornish coast, brought together by the blind arrogance of their tormentor, they realise what connects them and form a pact: to blackmail him and free themselves from his grasp.

But when he is discovered the next morning, murdered in cold blood, they are left scrambling. None of them knows who did it, and now they must desperately cover their tracks.

Will they keep each other's secrets, now they are all implicated in his death? Will one turn on the others, when any of them could be next?



**Rachel Abbott** began her career as an independent author in 2011, with *Only the Innocent*, which became a No.1 bestseller on Kindle, topping the chart for four weeks. Since then, she has published ten further psychological thrillers, plus a novella, and sold over 4 million copies in the English language. She is one of the top-selling authors of all time in the UK Kindle store (published and self-published), and her novels have been translated into 21 languages. *The Last Time I Saw Him* is the much anticipated fourth thriller in the Stephanie King series..

# **Turning to Stone** This is a remarkable, though provoking, study of rocks, the stories they can tell us and the various ways they continue to shape and

## Marcia Bjornerud



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they can tell us and the various ways they continue to shape and influence our lives.

In Turning to Stone, Marcia Bjornerud invites you into a geo-centric perspective, in which rocks are raconteurs, companions, mentors, oracles, and sources of solace. She dispels the notion that rocks simply are and instead help you to see them as living entities with biographies that intersect with our own

Contrary to their reputation, rocks are alert, responsive, and communicative. Their long and complex lives represent an alien kind of animacy in which matter is forever in the process of transformation, simultaneously impermanent and eternal. Rocks are the force field in which we live, the infrastructure of our existence. They are also shape shifters and fortune tellers. Once one becomes attuned to the dialects of rocks, it is obvious that the earth is speaking to us all the time.

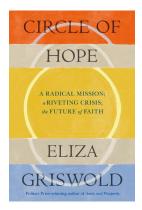
'To me, rocks have distinct personalities. Each type has its own idiom. Some are extroverts, easily read and eager to share, while others are reticent and cryptic. Some are like celebrities, famous and beautiful but of little functional importance to the world, while many that seem plain and dull are essential to the long-term stability of the planet.'



MARCIA BJORNERUD is Professor of Geology at Lawrence University. She researches the physics of earthquakes and mountain building. She is a two-time Fulbright Senior Scholar as well as a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters. Bjornerud is a contributing writer to The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, Wired, and The Los Angeles Times, and the author of READING THE ROCKS, TIMEFULNESS, and GEOPEDIA (forthcoming, 2022). TIMEFULNESS was longlisted for the 2019 PEN/E. O. Wilson Prize for Literary Science Writing, and was a finalist for the LA TIMES Book Prize in Science and Technology and the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science.

US

# Circle of Hope: A radical mission; a riveting crisis; the future of faith Eliza Griswold



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### The Pulitzer Prize winner's extraordinary portrait of one religious community - and what it means for us all

Although most evangelicals have their sights firmly set on salvation in the afterlife, one extraordinary church in Philadelphia is designed to fight for progress and dedicated to social justice in this life. Over forty years, Circle of Hope grew from one family to four congregations battling for equality among the sexes, an end to racial discrimination, and offering hope to believers of all kinds - from outcasts to addicts - in its radical mission to improve the world.

Then, rocked by many of the same issues facing society at large, from MeToo to Black Lives Matter, Circle of Hope is forced to confront its own mistakes, plunging the community into existential crisis.

Building on years of deep reporting, Pulitzer Prize-winner Eliza Griswold paints an intimate portrait of pastors and church members' desperate wrestling to find a way to remain together despite their dividing truths.

Through generational rifts, an increasingly politicised religious landscape, a pandemic and a rise in foundation-shaking activism, *Circle of Hope* tells a propulsive, layered story of what we do to stay true to our beliefs. It is a soaring, searing examination of what it means for a community to love, to grow, and crucially to disagree.



**Eliza Griswold** has written and translated five books of non fiction and poetry, and was awarded the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in General Non ction for *Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America*, which was also a *New York Times* Notable Book and Critics' Pick. Griswold has held fellowships at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the New America Foundation, among others. She has been awarded various prizes, including the J. Anthony Lukas Prize, a PEN Translation Prize, and the Rome Prize for her poetry. Currently a Distinguished Writer in Residence at New York University, she has written for *The New Yorker* since 2003. She's currently living in London with her husband and son.

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# What's Next: A Backstage Pass to The West t and Crew, and Its Enduring rvice gerald and Mary McCormack A behind-the-scenes look into the creation and legacy of The West Wing as told by cast members Melissa Fitzgerald and Wing, Its Cast and Crew, and Its Enduring Legacy of Service

### Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack



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West Wing as told by cast members Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack, with compelling insights from cast and crew exploring what made the show what it was and how its impassioned commitment to service has made the series and relationships behind it endure. Includes an exclusive foreword by showrunner Aaron Sorkin and introduction by cast member Allison Janney.

Step back inside the world of President Jed Bartlet's Oval Office with Fitzgerald and McCormack as they reunite the West Wing cast and crew in a lively and colourful "backstage pass" to the timeless series. This intimate, in-depth reflection reveals how The West Wing was conceived, and spotlights the army of people it took to produce it, the lifelong friendships it forged, and the service it inspired.

**Melissa Fitzgerald** is an actor, producer and social justice advocate. As an actor, Melissa is best known for her seven-year role as Carol on The West Wing. While in Hollywood, Melissa co-founded Voices in Harmony, a mentoring program that uses theatre to work with historically underserved teens. She took Voices in Harmony to war-torn northern Uganda to work with former abducted child soldiers, resulting in the award-winning documentary After Kony: Staging Hope. In 2013, Melissa left Hollywood to champion justice system reform at All Rise where she is at the forefront of engaging the public in the expansion of treatment courts and advancing justice system responses for individuals impacted by substance use and mental health disorders.

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Mary McCormack is an actor, producer, and activist who played Deputy National Security Advisor Kate Harper on The West Wing. A Tony-nominated Broadway actress, she is known for a diversity of roles across film, television, and theatre. Mary is an outspoken advocate for a whole host of causes, from social justice and women's rights to veterans' issues and criminal justice reform. X @marycmccormack | @marycmccormack

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# Mini Psychology

### Jonny Thomson



'Witty, knowledgeable and mind-expanding' RICHARD FISHER

'A joyful romp' TOM HARFORD

### 'A fun and inspiring teaser for curious minds' JÉRÉMIE HARRIS

Psychology is often mistaken for a modern discipline. It's thought that it was something born in the cigar fog of an Austrian café with names like Adler and Freud. But humans have been doing a form of psychology as long as we've been living together. We have records of mental health diagnostics, for instance - people were melancholic, touched by the moon (lunatic), or possessed. Scholars, thousands of years ago, present us with hugely detailed treatises on emotions, consciousness, and rationality. Psychology has a rich, wide, and ancient history, and it's ready to explore.

Covering everything from how Plato's tripartite view of the soul is basically Freud's ego/ID/superego, Dante's Hell is equally about human motivations and emotions as it is about pitchforks and icy Lucifer and how modern CBT is almost blow-for-blow lifted from Epictetus' Stoicism.

Not just another academic read this is an exploration of humanity itself. *Mini Psychology* will explain the major theories and names of the discipline while inviting readers to examine their own inner life as well.

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**Jonny Thomson** taught philosophy in Oxford for more than a decade before turning to writing full-time. He's a star writer at Big Think, where he writes about philosophy, theology, psychology and occasionally other subjects when he dares step out of his lane. His rst book, *Mini Philosophy*, is an award-winning, international bestseller, and has been translated into twenty languages. Jonny also runs the 'Mini Philosophy' Instagram and Facebook accounts (@philosophyminis).



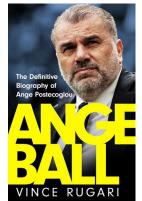


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# Angeball Vince Rugari



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The definitive biography and ultimate origin story of Ange Postecoglou, the Premier League's most intriguing new manager and instigator of the 'Angeball' phenomenon that has taken the football world by storm.

It has taken no time at all for fans of Tottenham Hotspur to fall completely in love with Ange Postecoglou and his 'Angeball' brand of front-foot football.

To those who have followed his intriguing journey - from a five-year-old Greek immigrant, to a marauding left-back in the Australian National Soccer League, to a pioneering coach who has won trophies on three different continents - it is no surprise at all. Big Ange did the same thing in Glasgow with Celtic five trophies in two seasons , and in Japan with Yokohama F Marinos.

Before that, he claimed four titles with his boyhood club South Melbourne, travelled the globe with Australia's junior national teams, set a national record with a 36-game unbeaten streak at Brisbane Roar, and guided the 'Socceroos' to their greatest achievement, winning the Asian Cup in 2015.

Fuelled by an unshakable belief in himself and his ideas, Postecoglou's unique, mesmerising style of football is inspired by the kind of teams he would enjoy watching as a child with his father. And it works. It turns sceptics into believers and then into full-blown disciples.

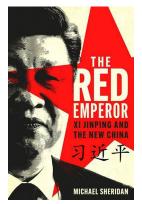
Drawing on dozens of interviews with Postecoglou and his players, coaches, colleagues, friends and foes, and reams of archival material, Angeball delves into the heart and soul of a man who has reshaped the football landscape. It explores the dynamics behind his coaching brilliance, his complicated relationship with the game in his homeland, and the profound impact he has had on fans worldwide.

Vince Rugari is a sports reporter for *The Sydney Morning Herald*. He has written for *The Area News, Cairns Post* and *The Australian Associated Press*.

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# The Red Emperor

### Michael Sheridan



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A revealing biography of the enigmatic ruler of China

The Red Emperor presents an eye-opening portrait of Xi Jinping, the man who presides over 1.4 billion people and the second largest economy on earth. Born a 'princeling' to one of Communist China's ruling families, the young Xi was exiled to the countryside during the Cultural Revolution. He fought his way back to the top by stealth, privilege and guile. In 2012, following the spectacular fall of his rival Bo Xilai, Xi Jinping became the leader of China.

In a compulsively readable narrative, veteran foreign correspondent Michael Sheridan takes the reader from the poor, isolated country of Xi's youth to the military and economic superpower of today. In Xi's new China, family mafias struggle for power amid murder, corruption and sex scandals as ministers and generals vanish in purges. No one is safe in his techno-security state. Xi is an absolute ruler whose word is law on everything from war and peace to the ruthless campaign against Covid-19. He aims to dominate world trade, to defeat Western democracy and to make China the supreme power in the East. A loner and a risk-taker, he is the most consequential leader of our time.

Drawing on intimate stories from the closed world of China's leading families and two decades of first-hand reporting, Michael Sheridan sheds new light on the history and politics of China. The book reveals that behind the façade of the Chinese Communist Party there is a modern dynasty and a new emperor.



**Michael Sheridan** first reported from Hong Kong and China in June 1989 and later served as the Far East correspondent of the Sunday Times for 20 years, covering the rise of China, the handover of Hong Kong in 1997 and the city's struggle for democracy. Earlier he worked for Reuters, ITN and the Independent, reporting on war in the Middle East, global diplomacy and European politics, with postings in Rome, Beirut and Jerusalem. His work has also appeared in the *Spectator*, *Tablet* and *Vanity Fair*.

London

# The Ballad of Smallhope and Pennyroyal Jodi Taylor



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From the globally bestselling author of the *Chronicles of St Mary's* and *Time Police* series - the origin story of everyone's favourite bounty hunters: Smallhope and Pennyroyal.

Meet Lady Amelia Smallhope - for whom there is no problem that can't be solved by a drink and a think.

And Pennyroyal - for whom there is no problem. Ever.

Bounty hunters extraordinaire. Sorry - recovery agents.

No situation they can't save. No bad guy they can't handle. No fee too large. No expense account too flexible. No adventure too outrageous.

Join them as they break every rule in the book, settle many old scores and take the world by storm.

The timeline doesn't know what's hit it.

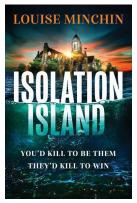


Jodi Taylor is the internationally bestselling author of the Chronicles of St Mary's and Time Police series. Alongside these, Jodi is known for her gripping supernatural thrillers featuring Elizabeth Cage together with the enchanting Frogmorton Farm series. Born in Bristol and now living in Gloucester, she spent many years with her head somewhere else, much to the dismay of family, teachers and employers, before finally deciding to put all that daydreaming to good use and write a novel. Over twenty books later, she still has no idea what she wants to do when she grows up.

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# Isolation Island

### Louise Minchin



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A tense, addictive thriller set within the world of hidden cameras and celebrity egos.

#### IT'S A PRIZE ANYONE WOULD KILL TO WIN...

Ten celebrities have arrived to take part in the most gruelling - and lucrative - reality survival show ever devised: two weeks completely alone on a remote Scottish island, in the depths of winter.

With a production team that seems incapable of keeping them safe, a gathering storm and the unrelenting gaze of hidden cameras, the contestants are stretched to the limit as they try and outshine their fellow competitors and hide their darkest secrets.

But when a contestant winds up dead, it soon becomes clear that the players are not just fighting for the prize, but for their lives.



**Louise Minchin** is most famous for her twenty-year stint on BBC Breakfast's red sofa, but she has also been the main news anchor on the BBC News Channel and the BBC's One O'clock News and presented The One Show, Five Live Drive, Real Rescues and Missing Live. Her television career has also seen her participate in a number of reality TV shows including ITV's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, Channel 4's Time Crashers and the BBC's Celebrity MasterChef.

Louise has also written non-fiction titles, *Dare to Tri* and *Fearless*, and she was Chair of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2023. *Isolation Island* is her debut novel.

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# **Broken Ghosts**

### J D Oswald



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Twelve year old Phoebe's world is falling apart. It's the summer of 1985 and she has just buried her parents, a fire at their family home claiming both in a freak accident. Her life is uprooted in an instant, and she takes little solace in the fact that her uncle Louis and aunt Maude have generously offered to take her in at their home in the Welsh woods.

Under the summer sun, though, Phoebe falls into the rhythm of life with her eccentric guardians in their curious idyllic home, the hum of her aunt Maude's beehives filling the air. While exploring the surrounding woods, she strikes up a friendship with a strange girl, Gwyneth, but when she mentions this to her aunt she tells Phoebe that there are no children by that name in the village. Over the course of the summer the two girls strike up a strong bond, though nobody else seems to believe that Gwyneth exists.

Soon, Phoebe begins to see the woods for what they truly are a strange place where the line between life and death is blurred, where spirits roam and secrets fester. But has she learned this truth too late to escape it?



**J D Oswald** is the pseudonym for James Oswald, author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling Inspector McLean series of detective mysteries, as well as the new DC Constance Fairchild series. James's first two books, NATURAL CAUSES and THE BOOK OF SOULS, were both short-listed for the prestigious CWA Debut Dagger Award.

James farms Highland cows and Romney sheep by day, writes disturbing fiction by night.

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# A Reluctant Spy

### David Goodman



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Jamie Tulloch is a successful exec at a top tech company, a long way from the tough upbringing that drove him to rise so far and so quickly. But he has a secret...since the age of 23, he's had a helping hand from the Legend Programme, a secret intelligence effort to prepare impenetrable backstories for undercover agents.

Real people, living real lives, willing to hand over their identities for a few weeks in return for a helping hand with plum jobs, influence and access. When his tap on the shoulder finally comes, it s swiftly followed by the thud of a body. Arriving at a French airport ready to hand over his identity, Jamie finds his primary contact dead, the agent who's supposed to step into his life AWOL and his options for escape non-existent.

Pitched into a deadly mission on hostile territory, Jamie must contend with a rogue Russian general, arms dealers, elite hackers, CIA tac-ops and the discovery of a brewing plan for war.

Dangerously out of his depth, he must convince his sceptical mission handler he can do the job of a trained field agent while using his own life story as convincing cover.

Can Jamie play himself well enough to avoid being killed - and to avert a lethal global conflict?



**David Goodman** is an author of espionage and speculative fiction. He lives in East Lothian, Scotland with his family. You can learn more about David and his writing at his website, www.davidgoodman.net.

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## The Son's Story

### Marie-Hélène Lafon



Winner of the Prix Renaudot. A mysterious novel about a boy who uncovers and then explores a family secret.

This is the story of a family and the puzzle that lies at its heart. André is the son, raised by his aunt in the provinces. His mother Gabrielle, a beautiful, distant figure, lives in Paris. His father is a stranger whose name no-one voices. As he grows André decides to discover the truth.

The Son's Story explores the life of a family across a century the collective happiness of the everyday, the silent tensions of the unsaid and the tragedies passed down through the generations.

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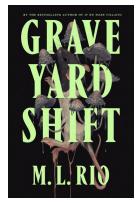


Originally from the Cantal, **Marie-Hélène Lafon** is a classics professor in Paris. Histoire du Fils, The Son's Story was the winner of the Prix Renaudot 2020.

**Paris** 

## **Graveyard Shift**

M.L. Rio



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The bestselling author of international BookTok sensation *If We Were Villains* returns with a story of a group of misfits who meet in the local cemetery each night to unearth the secrets lurking in an open grave.

Every night, in the college's ancient cemetery, five people cross paths as they work the late shift: a bartender, a rideshare driver, a hotel receptionist, the steward of the derelict church that looms over them, and the editor-in-chief of the college paper, always in search of a story.

One dark October evening in the defunct churchyard, they find a hole that wasn't there before. A fresh, open grave where no grave should be. But who dug it, and for whom?

Before they go their separate ways, the gravedigger returns. As they trail him through the night, they realize he may be the key to a string of strange happenings around town that have made headlines for the last few weeks--and that they may be closer to the mystery than they thought.

Atmospheric and eerie, with the ensemble cast her fans love and a delightfully familiar academic backdrop, *Graveyard Shift* is a modern Gothic tale in *If We Were Villains* author M. L. Rio's inimitable style.

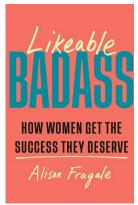


**M. L. Rio** is the author of international bestseller and BookTok sensation *If We Were Villains*. She holds an MA in Shakespeare Studies from King's College London and Shakespeare's Globe and a PhD in early modern English literature from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research explores representations of madness and mood disorder on the early modern stage. She lives in Washington, D. C. with too many books, too many records, and a mutt called Marlowe.

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### Likeable Badass

### Alison Fragale



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'A deeply practical, science-backed read, full of easy-to-implement strategies to increase your status, power, and influence.' - Annie Duke, bestselling author of Thinking in Bets and Quit.

How do you balance kindness and competence in the workplace? How can you get the success you deserve, earn credit for your accomplishments, and navigate complex office politics without antagonising your colleagues?

Over decades of research, behavioural scientist Alison Fragale encountered these recurring questions from high powered and early career women alike, determining that many women's workplace issues boil down to the perception of others. No degree, title, or paycheck will raise a woman's workplace stature unless it also affects how other people respect and regard her. Acknowledging this roadblock, Fragale pulls back the curtain on how we can change how others see us by developing our standing as a "likeable badass." By cultivating perceptions of warmth and assertiveness, women can achieve the kind of reputation that leads to a seat at the table and a fulfilling career path.

Likeable Badass is equal parts behavioural science and life hacks, weaving together rigorous research with actionable advice and impactful stories from a diverse array of women. This is a warm, heartening book written for women of all stripes, as well as their allies, who want evidence-based, practical strategies for success, served with a side of inspiration and humour.



Alison Fragale is the Mary Farley Ames Lee Distinguished Scholar of Organizational Behavior at the Kenan-Flagler Business School. Her scholarship has been published in the most prestigious academic journals in her field, and featured in prominent media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Financial Times, Boston Globe, and Inc. A sought-after keynote speaker and trusted advisor, she lives in Chicago with her family.

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## The stories of hibakusha - Japanese for atomic bomb survivors - lie at the heart of this compelling minute-by-minute account of 6 August 1945 - the day the world changed forever as the Enola Gay dropped its payload over Hiroshima, ushering in the nuclear age. These survivors Hiroshima: The Last Witnesses M.G. Sheftall



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payload over Hiroshima, ushering in the nuclear age. These survivors and witnesses, now with an average age of over 90, are the last people alive who can still provide us with reliable and detailed testimony about life in Hiroshima before the bombings. In this heart-stopping account they relay what they experienced on the day the city was obliterated, and what it has been like to live with those memories and scars over the rest of their lives.

M. G. Sheftall has spent years personally interviewing survivors who were just adolescents at the time but have lived well into their nineties, allowing him to construct portraits of what Hiroshima was like before the bomb, and how catastrophically its citizens' lives changed in the seconds, minutes, days, weeks, months and years afterwards. Fluent in spoken and written Japanese, his deep immersion in Japanese society has given him unprecedented access to the hibakusha in their waning years. Their trust in him is evident in the personal and traumatic depths they open up for him as he records their stories.

The result is a deeply human history of an unfathomable tragedy, which continues to haunt the world today.

M. G. Sheftall has lived in Japan since 1987. He has a PhD in international relations and modern Japanese history from Waseda University in Tokyo. Since 2001, he has been a professor of modern Japanese cultural history and communication at the Faculty of Informatics of Shizuoka University. He lives in Hamamatsu, Japan.

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## at?: On a Mission oken Britain orderman 'I'm just an old bird with an iPhone who's been on the telly for over forty years. Sixty-three and post-menopause, I hate bullies and charlatans, and I don't give a flying fig for what those people say about me.' Now What?: On a Mission to Fix Broken Britain

### Caroline Vorderman



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Amidst a landscape of economic turmoil, eroding freedoms and deepening societal fractures, one thing is clear: Britain is in a mess. Instead of serving the common good, our politicians seem fixated on personal gain, while certain segments of the media only seek to divide us further. But who is responsible for this descent into chaos? And how can we hold these people to account?

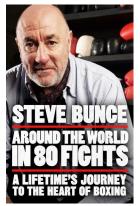
With her characteristic outspokenness and irrepressible sense of humour, Carol Vorderman here reveals the intricate web of influence responsible for our nation's unravelling. Part diary, part political manifesto, this is the story of how an old bird with an iPhone exposed the incompetence and lies of the Tory establishment, and inspired countless others to find their voice and stand up for what they believe



Born in 1960, Carol grew up in North Wales with her sister, brother and her beloved mum, Jean. She went to the University of Cambridge at just seventeen. Since childhood, Carol has had a passion for everything mathematical and her skill with numbers secured her a role on Countdown in 1982, the show that cemented her position as one of the most successful and popular female presenters in British TV history. Awarded an MBE in 2000, she has now turned her attention to maths education. Carol lives in Bristol with her children.

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## Around the World in 80 Fights An autobiographical white-knuckle ride around the global fight game by the legendary Stave Burge: the voice of the sport who Steve Bunce



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game by the legendary Steve Bunce: the voice of the sport who is celebrating four decades of writing and talking about boxers Q and boxing.

In Around the World in 80 Fights, let the Voice of Boxing take you on the ultimate sporting odyssey: to the rings of New York, to the makeshift rings of Bukom in Ghana, to the riches of Las Vegas, and to Riyadh, Atlantic City, Bethnal Green, Mexico City, Rome and Berlin.

To the basement rooms in dingy pubs where old fighters chase the last round a bullring in December under the stars a small square on the outskirts of Naples with a ring obscured by a fountain the abandoned centre of boxing excellence in a forest lost in East Germany a railway arch in south London and a bin-bag packed with cash.

Let Buncey tell you about the conversations with Mr. T at ringside a meeting with the Pope s people the thoughts of Donald Trump when he had plans to make boxing great again Don King in exile in his nineties an overheard conversation with Fidel Castro and a very real diplomatic incident.

The hard conversations with a dead boxer's mother in the hour after a machine had been switched off. The bravery, stupidity, guts, desire and glory of the boxers in the world's most famous and unknown rings. They fought for millions, for pride, for their country and for nothing. They bled, cried and died in those rings.

Around the World in 80 Fights vividly reveals the simple, wonderful and truly awful business of boxing. It is Buncey's business and this is his story.

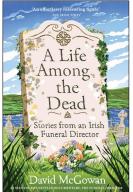
**Steve Bunce** has worked as a journalist and broadcaster since 1984, writing about boxing for the Daily Telegraph for a decade and since 1999 at the *Independent*, as well as having a column in *Boxing Monthly* and for ESPN.com. He has been at six Olympic Games, reported on more than fifty fights in Las Vegas and covered bouts in over twenty countries. He is a regular on BBC Radio Five Live, working on their monthly show since 2004, the weekly podcast and all major live ghts. He has been part of the broadcast team at BoxNation since 2011 and also holds various ridiculous records on the BBC's award-winning Fighting Talk.

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# Among The Dead when Non-Fiction When death is a way of life... In Have You Trouble? Lessons on Life and Death from an Irish Funeral Director, David McGowan takes us through the business, science. and A Life Among The Dead

### David McGowan



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Director, David McGowan takes us through the business, science, and the unexplained elements of death. Sharing stories that are poignant, humorous, and educational in turn, David explores the unique approach of Irish culture when it comes to grief and death and seeks to demystify the process of dying and what happens to the body afterward.

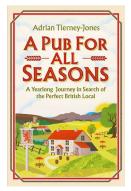
The only certainty when we come into this life is that we are going to leave it, and yet it's something most people are reluctant to discuss or allow themselves to think about. David's mission is to open up conversations and encourage people to have an understanding of their loved ones wishes as well as their own

**David McGowan** is a master funeral director and embalmer based in the West of Ireland. He has a lifetime of experience in the death care profession. David has been an education provider to the funeral industry since 1995 when he established the Irish College of Funeral Directing and Embalming. He has trained funeral directors and embalmers from Ireland and abroad. He regularly appears on television and radio in Ireland, and in 2019 he was the subject of the RTS Awardwinning documentary, The Funeral Director currently screening on Netflix.

West of Ireland

### A Pub For All Seasons

### Adrian Tierney-Jones



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"A hymn to the unique charms of the British pub ... Elegiac, moving and as satisfying as a cool pint of Harvey's Best on a hot Summer's day." Henry Jeffreys

"Adrian Tierney-Jones doesn't just visit pubs - he inhabits them and gives them a voice, allowing them to tell us how they act as the cornerstones of culture and community." Pete Brown

Ever since he was old enough to enjoy them, award-winning journalist and beer-expert Adrian Tierney-Jones has been visiting and drinking in pubs all over the country.

As the world opened up post-Covid and we were all finally able to return to our locals, Adrian's love for this British institution burned even brighter and he promised himself he would travel around the UK in search of the best pub he could find.

The story of one man through the year and his travels to all corners of the country, A Pub For All Seasons follows Adrian as he visits far-flung corners of the country. From mellow, gentle pubs in autumn and dim, cosy spots in winter to bright, lively bars in spring and wondrous, buzzing gardens in summer, Adrian speaks to locals and landlords, hears unique sounds and stories, and samples food, drink and atmosphere. He watches the wild and beautiful similarities, differences between pubs, and notices how they all shift, tonally, throughout the year.

And what started as a simple quest to find a nice place to sit and drink, ends up revealing to Adrian so much more: the secret to what truly makes the perfect British local across the four seasons.



**Adrian Tierney-Jones** is an award-winning beer writer, whose work appears in the Daily Telegraph, All About Beer and the *Sunday Times Travel Magazine*. He is based in Exeter.

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### Extra Time Beckons, Penalties Loom Adam Hurrey



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The long-awaited follow-up to Football Clichés Adam Hurrey's cult classic about the language of football.

Does language evolve? Yes, it does.

Will it ever be acceptable for a football commentator to call a shot that bounces before it goes in 'a screamer'? No, it will not.

With tongue firmly-in-cheek, Adam Hurrey sets off to define the definitive rules of the language of football.

He will answer the big questions such as: Is it acceptable to say a player is 'breaking their silence' (it's complicated), can headers can be 'lashed' (anatomically impossible), whether a penalty shootout could ever be described as 'late drama' (truly abhorrent), how many games constitute a 'bumper' day of Premier League action (minimum of eight) and just how big a deficit constitutes a mountain to climb certainly not Liverpool going 1-0 down at home to Wolves in the third minute, Sky Sports.)

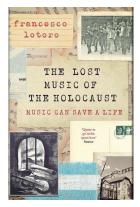
Playful yet deadly serious, follow Hurrey as he rules on countless infringements - both glaring and subtle - of football's linguistic laws.



**Adam Hurrey** is a London-based football writer. He created the *Football Clichés* blog in 2007 while working as a TV listings editor and has since contributed articles about the unique language of football to the websites of the *Guardian* and the *Telegraph*, among others. He also had trials for Swindon Town as a youngster, but was genuinely rejected for being 'too small'.

# Lost Music of the Holocaust Sic of the Holocaust Lotoro Italian pianist and composer Francesco Lotoro has been on a lifelong quest to find the music written by the impates of

### Francesco Lotoro



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a lifelong quest to find the music written by the inmates of concentration camps during the Second World War. Lost Music of the Holocaust movingly pieces together the human stories of those whose only solace during their imprisonment was their music.

These incredible stories bear witness to the most devastating experiences in twentieth-century history - but here music was a lifeline that had to be hidden with ingenuity and so sheet music was sewn into the lining of coats, instruments were taken apart and hidden in suitcases, scores written on food wrappings and prison walls.

Lotoro has painstakingly salvaged and performed symphonies, operas and songs written by the incarcerated musicians, many of whom died in the camps, not expecting their music could ever be known or heard by the world. He has travelled the globe to meet with the families of those who lost their lives, as well as survivors themselves. This compelling book takes readers on a journey into some extraordinary lives and music, shining a light on a unique beauty that somehow prevailed against all odds.

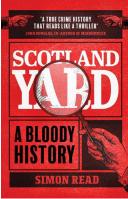


Born in 1964 in Barletta (Italy), **Francesco Lotoro** is a pianist, composer and conductor in addition to being a piano professor at the "Niccolò Piccinni" Music Conservatory of Bari.

Italy

### Scotland Yard

### Simon Read



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Katherine Webster: dismembered and gutted her former employer, boiling the parts down into a sludge and selling it to the local pub as the 'best dripping'.

George Joseph Smith: married several women under different aliases, only to drown each of them while they bathed.

Patrick Mahon: swept pregnant Emily Kay off her feet and brought her to his house of horrors, where he chopped her up into 37 different pieces and torched her bones.

From the torched bones to the dismembered bodies hidden in haystacks, London has been home to some of the most gruesome murders in history. Based on official case files, trial transcripts and first-hand accounts, Scotland Yard follows some of their most notorious murders to look at how they pushed the police force to its limit, forcing them to grow and develop new techniques.

Filled with stories of decapitation, public executions, poisoning and more, *Scotland Yard* is a fascinating look into some of the most horrific crimes in history and how they've shaped the police force into what it is today.

Award-winning journalist and crime reporter **Simon Read** is the Personal Finance Editor at *The Independent*. He consistently writes for the news and business pages of *iNews*, with his work appearing in several publications, including *The San Francisco Chronicle* and *Time*. He has previously published nine titles in both the UK and US including, *Human Game: Hunting the Great Escape Murderers* and *Dark City: Murder, Vice, and Mayhem in Wartime London*. He currently lives in the US.

US

## Guilty

### Martina Cole and Jacqui Rose



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Also available as an ebook

'The stuff of legend' Mirror
'The queen of crime' Woman & Home
'One of the best fiction authors around . . . spectacular' Closer

Steph Barker can't forget her past. A single mother, Steph runs a women's shelter for local prostitutes while coming to terms with a tragic loss. And it's people like Joseph Potter, battling with his own grief, who keep her going.

When Hennie, one of her friends from the shelter, goes missing, Steph's convinced Hennie's violent pimp Artie Rogers has something to do with it. Steph and Artie go way back, but his reign of terror throughout the Medway towns is out of control and even she can't do anything to stop him. Then another prostitute disappears and it's time to find out who's guilty.

Everyone has their secrets - but one them is getting away with murder.



**Martina Cole'** s first novel *Dangerous Lady* caused a sensation when it was published, and launched one of the bestselling fiction writers of her generation.

Martina has since gone on to have seventeen No. 1 bestsellers. She won the British Book Award for Crime Thriller of the Year with *The Take*, which then went on to be a hit TV series for Sky 1. Four of her novels have made it on the screen, with more in production, and three have been adapted as stage plays. Her unique, powerful storytelling is acclaimed for its hard-hitting, true-to-life style - there is no one like Martina Cole.

## The Stars are Dying

### Chloe C. Peñaranda



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A USA Today and B&N bestseller, don't miss this tale of starcrossed lovers in a world full of magic, mystery, and betrayal.

In a world abandoned by its celestial guardians and left to suffer a tyrant king's reign, all Astraea can recall are the fragmented memories of the past five years. She's determined to discover more about her past, even if that means leaving behind the only safety and security she has ever known by venturing out into a world where bloodthirsty vampires are rumoured to roam.

Making her way in an unfamiliar world, she encounters the mysterious Nyte, who makes her an offer she cannot refuse. As Astraea accepts Nyte's help, she is drawn in by his darkness and she begins to wonder if she has struck a deal with one of the ruthless beings her people have always feared.

Astraea's opportunity to escape this deal presents itself when she has to decide whether to take her friend's place in centenary celebrations of the Libertatem - a succession of trials hosted by the king in which the five human lands compete for safety against vampires who hunt them down to drink their blood.

Is fighting for the safety of her kingdom worth more than answering questions about her past?

**CHLOE C. PEÑARANDA** is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Nytefall* trilogy and *An Heir Comes to Rise* series.



A lifelong avid reader and writer, Chloe discovered her passion for storytelling in her early teens. Her stories have been spun from years of building on fictional characters and exploring Tolkien-like quests in made up worlds. During her time at the University of the West of Scotland, Chloe immersed herself in writing for short film, producing animations, and spending class time dreaming of far off lands.

In her spare time from writing in her home in scenic Scotland, Chloe enjoys digital art, graphic design, and down time with her three little dogs. When the real world calls, she rarely listens.

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## The Wedding Witch

### Erin Sterling



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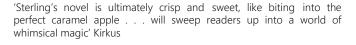
New York Times bestselling author Rachel Hawkins, writing as Erin Sterling, follows her TikTok hit, *The Ex Hex* and *The Kiss Curse*, and casts a spell with the conclusion to this witchy romance trilogy.

Bowen Penhallow has always been a loner, studying dark and ancient magic on a mountaintop in Wales. He prefers it that way, but when his friend Colin-who happens to be a ghost-asks him to attend a Yuletide wedding at a grand estate deep in the Welsh countryside, Bowen reluctantly agrees. As a procurer and seller of magical items, Tamsyn Bligh's business is not always above board, but she's been trying to x that mostly. Bowen is an occasional customer-as well as the star of several of Tamsyn's dirtiest dreams-but she's been around enough witches to know that, as a human, getting involved with one is not the smartest idea. She's finagled an invite to the Witchy Wedding of the Century in the hopes of finally making a score big enough to retire. Just one priceless magical artifact from Tywyll House would set her up for life.

But Tamsyn isn't the only one sneaking about in Tywyll House, and the mix of a very strong spell combined with a wedding mishap transports Bowen and Tamsyn into Tywyll House's past, to the Yuletide Celebration of 1958. As Bowen and Tamsyn work together to get back to the present, they must also face off with the origins of Tywyll House's haunting, the suspicions of their fellow witches...oh, and the fact that somewhere between the mistletoe and the bonfire, they might be falling in love.

#### Praise for The Ex Hex. an unmissable treat!

'A spooky romantic comedy treat that had me sighing at one page, laughing out loud at the next' TESSA BAILEY





**Erin Sterling**, who also writes as Rachel Hawkins, is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Ex Hex* and *The Wife Upstairs*, as well as multiple books for young readers. Her work has been translated in more than a dozen countries. She studied gender and sexuality in Victorian literature at Auburn University and currently lives in Alabama.





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## Home Again for Christmas

### **Emily Stone**



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The best journey takes you home... Lose your heart with this gorgeous winter read and escape to beautiful Bath then on a romantic journey around Europe and then home again with bestselling author Emily Stone.

Ever since Lexie can remember, she has written a wish in the countdown to Christmas and put it into her 'wish jar'. The jar is something that comes with her to every new place. and Lexie is never in the same place for long. It is not as if she expects her wishes to come true. She learned that as a little girl when she realised her dad would never come back to live with them, no matter how hard she wished for it.

When Lexie learns she has inherited her father's company in Bath, she is shocked, but more than that, the company is to be split between her and Theo, the handsome but bad-tempered stranger who used to work with her dad. Her father's will states they have a year to commit to running the company together.

Lexie and Theo grudgingly agree to put aside their diff erences and make a go of it the quicker they can make this work, the quicker they can go their separate ways. But when they find themselves thrown together on a work trip to sizzling Spain, the chemistry between them is impossible to deny. And more surprises are on the way, when Lexie finally discovers the secret her dad has been keeping from her all these years...

#### Your favourite authors all love Emily Stone's books:

'A gorgeous, festive, romantic read. Highly recommend!' SOPHIE COUSENS

'A life-affirming story that will wrap around you like a hug in any season' JOSIE SILVER

'Tender and gorgeously romantic. I LOVED it!' CATHY BRAMLEY 'Romantic and full of warmth' SARAH MORGAN

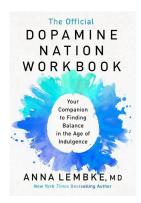


**Emily Stone** wrote her debut novel *Always, in December* in an old Victorian manor house in Chepstow with an impressive literary heritage. She now lives in Bristol.

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# The Official Dopamine Nation Workbook

### Dr Anna Lembke



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A practical companion to the international bestseller *Dopamine Nation*, for individuals, families, counsellors, teachers, and anyone who wants to go beyond the narrative and engage in practices that will reset reward pathways for a more flourishing life.

In *Dopamine Nation*, Dr. Lembke introduced readers to her groundbreaking research that demonstrates how abundance itself is a stressor, contributing to rising rates of addiction, depression, and anxiety. Now, she's written the workbook that her followers have been asking for. Full of writing exercises, example charts, and checklists, readers will be able to more clearly identify the substances and behaviours they have an unhealthy relationship with. They'll also understand the reasoning behind these tasks-for example, how using language to describe our behaviours strengthens our prefrontal cortex. With the warm, authoritative voice we know and love, Dr. Lembke will share her valuable advice on how to undertake your own dopamine fast.

Seventy percent of deaths across the globe are attributable to diseases caused by modifiable behavioural risk factors. *The Official Dopamine Nation Workbook* shares a hopeful message and the necessary scaffolding for how readers can improve their own lives through balance.



Anna Lembke is the medical director of Stanford Addiction Medicine, program director for the Stanford Addiction Medicine Fellowship, and chief of the Stanford Addiction Medicine Dual Diagnosis Clinic. She is the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding research in mental illness, for excellence in teaching, and for clinical innovation in treatment. A clinician scholar, she has published more than a hundred peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, and commentaries in prestigious outlets such as The New England Journal of Medicine and JAMA. She sits on the board of several state and national addiction-focused organizations, has testi ed before various committees in the United States House of Representatives and Senate, keeps an active speaking calendar, and maintains a thriving clinical practice.

Stanford, CA

# The Get-Ahead Christmas Cook Jane Lovett



Let Jane Lovett take away the stress of the Big Day with her The Get-Ahead Christmas cookbook. Inside you'll find failsafe recipes which can be prepared and often made ahead, along with hints, tips and menus for throughout the festive season and beyond.

'Jane knows what we want: dishes that are easy, great to look at and eat, and made with ingredients you can find' Prue Leith

Somehow, we always seem to be taken by surprise by the impending arrival of Christmas, but with a little planning you'll be surprised how smoothly things can go. The need to prep-ahead is never greater than at this time of year. You will never regret having ordered, prepared, or made something in advance. After all, Christmas should be a happy time of celebration with loved ones, hosts included.

When it comes to this time of year, you need a trusted voice, such as Jane's, to guide you, but you also want something new, and Jane has so many delightful and original recipes that can be enjoyed and shared throughout the year. Jane has everything covered with canapé recipes for Christmas drinks parties, ideas and menus for seasonal entertaining, foolproof recipes for the big day and creative ideas for using up leftovers, plus - if you have any room left - indulgent baking and sweet treats.

This book will soon become your essential Christmas companion, offering delicious recipes, a helping hand and ensuring a happy and stress-free occasion for everyone.

Imprint: Headline Home Pub: 03/10/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £28 ISBN: 9781472298386



**Jane Lovett** is an experienced cook who runs popular cookery demonstrations from her home and around the country. Having trained at Le Cordon Bleu in London, she has taught at Leiths School of Food & Wine, contributed and produced recipes and food for cookery books and magazines as a food stylist, and run her own successful London catering business.

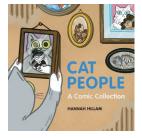
Jane lives in Northumberland where she enjoys growing her own fruit and vegetables, which are the starting point of many of her recipes. She sends seasonal recipes via a newsletter from her website www. janelovett.com. Her cookbooks include *Make It Easy, The Get Ahead Cook, Just One Pan* and *Deliciously Simple.* 

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Northumberland

## Cat People

### Hannah Hillam



**Imprint**: Wildfire Pub: 08/10/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £14.99 ISBN: 9781035411054



CAT PEOPLE begins with our protagonist falling through a portal made of cat puke into an alternate dimension where the roles of humans and cats are reversed...

'ou're probably wondering, does the cat-sized human act like nized human, and the human-sized cat act like a requirece versa? The answer is I DON'T KNOW.

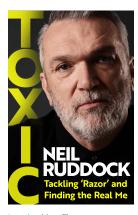
hat I do know is it features human ting 'gifts' for '' inspection. for inspection.

Hannah Hillam has always loved to draw on everything. When she succeeded in making her family laugh by drawing a butt-erfly, it launched a lifetime of chasing validation from peers by drawings butts on stuff. Having entertained the internet for years with her trademark comics, this will be her debut book - featuring not just butts and cats but... actually mostly butts and cats. The book will be a compilation of brand new comics divided into themed sections, providing the same loose narrative structure as Hannah's Instagram comics.

Hannah Hillam is an Illustrator and comic artist living in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband, two kids, and two cats.

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### Toxic Neil Ruddock



Imprint: Headline Pub: 10/10/2024 Format: Hardback Price: f22 ISBN: 9781035419548



In this inspiring and uplifting memoir, Neil Ruddock charts his toxic journey of self-destruction, a path littered with food addiction, journey of self-destruction, a path littered with food addiction, plummeting self-confidence and a dangerous relationship with drink which took him to the brink of death.

'Razor' was his caricature of the larger-than-life football hardman, a persona which turned from a natural extension of Ruddock s character to a comfort blanket to smother every mood, every emotion. When his front door closed, the laughter stopped. He was depressed and despairing. Football had institutionalised him. Talking about his inner feelings wasn't an option, owning up to mental health issues was an absolute no-no.

In a remarkable series of confessions, and with his trademark humour and brutal honesty, Ruddock recounts how he spiralled so far out of control that he lost sight of who he really was. No matter how he was feeling, he reached for the same old answer - the mask of 'Razor' and a big night out.

Following the fitting of a pacemaker and drastic stomach surgery, Ruddock has lost nine stones, firmly pressed the reset button on his life, and found the strength to free himself of the shackles of the bloke he thought he needed to be in order to become the man he always knew he was.

*Toxic* tells the story of how Ruddock faced the battle of his life: to become a di erent person. No longer does he feel the need to be anything but his true self. As he now says: I'm half the man I used to be, but twice the man Lused to be '

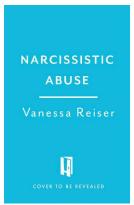
Born in London in 1968, **Neil Ruddock**'s professional football career spanned 466 appearances and 42 goals with eight different clubs including Tottenham (twice), Southampton, Liverpool and West Ham.

Since retirement in 2003, his TV appearances have included I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!, Celebrity Masterchef and Harry's Heroes, Ruddock is a regular contributor on talkSPORT radio. He lives in Kent with his wife and their two children

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### Narcissistic Abuse

### Vanessa Reiser



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Narcissism is one of ten personality disorders and a type of mental illness whereby a person has trouble perceiving and relating to situations and people. Narcissistic abuse is an insidious form of domestic violence that is characterized by a cycle of abuse, including purposeful love-bombing and devaluing as a means to control.

This book will educate readers by identifying triggers, red flags and patterns of behaviour in order to understand malignant behaviours and the different phases of narcissistic abuse: The Luring Phase, The Love-Bombing Phase, The Mask-Slipping Phase, The Discard Phase and The Smear Campaign Phase. Delving into the mentality and motivations of a narcissist, Vanessa Reiser will also look at the victim's mindset so that survivors of narcissistic abuse can better understand their own behaviours. She offers practices and tools for healing from the trauma and breaking any cycles of abuse that may have formed.

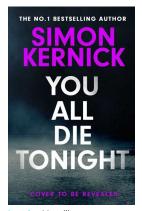
Reiser also identifies three essential elements of narcissistic abuse:

- Dangerous behaviours and warning signs
- How to escape safely from an abuser
- Ways to heal from the psychological damage

Vanessa Reiser is a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist who specializes in narcissistic personality disorder. Her private practice focuses on treating victims and survivors of cults, narcissists and domestic violence. She, herself, is a victim of narcissistic abuse and has made it her life's mission to help others recover from this insidious form of domestic violence. She sits on the panel for the Narcissistic Abuse Awareness Alliance, an invite-only organization for clinicians specializing in this area, as well as on the board of the Center for Safety and Change in New York, a victim-centred non-profit offering free programmes and services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes.

## You All Die Tonight

### Simon Kernick



Imprint: Headline Pub: 07/11/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £20 ISBN: 9781472292452



The new twisting thriller from the number bestseller is coming soon...

Seven people wake up in a remote mansion. The doors are all locked. They have no idea where they are. Who brought them there. Or how to escape. Each knew the victims of a dreadful crime committed four years earlier but that's all that links them. Then a voice echoes through the house with a terrifying message. They've been poisoned - and have less than 12 hours to live. There's an antidote on hand: but only if someone admits to being a killer. And they all claim to be innocent.

The time for confession is rapidly running out. How many - if any - of them will survive the night?

'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!' HARLAN COBEN

'Simon Kernick writes great plots, great characters, great action' LEE CHILD

'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride' PETER JAMES 'One of Britain's top thriller writers' THE SUN

'That thud you hear is Kernick whipping the rug from under your feet again' THE TIMES

'Simon Kernick is one of the most reliable purveyors of the edgeof-your-seat thriller' SUNDAY EXPRESS

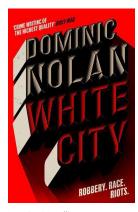
'Pace, pace, pace is what Simon Kernick does best' DAILY MIRROR



**Simon Kernick** is a number one bestseller and one of the UK's most popular thriller writers, with huge hits including KILL A STRANGER, GOOD COP BAD COP, RELENTLESS, THE LAST 10 SECONDS, SIEGE and the BONE FIELD series.

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# White City Dominic Nolan



Imprint: Headline Pub: 07/11/2024 Format Hardback Price: £20 ISBN: 9781035416752



A stunning crime novel in which the most brazen heist in history sends shockwaves through 1950's London – and tears apart the lives of two families.

It's 1952, and London is victorious but broken, a city of war ruins and rationing, run by gangsters and black-market spivs. An elaborate midnight heist, the biggest robbery in British history, sends newspapers into a frenzy. Politicians are furious, the police red-faced. They have suspicions but no leads.

For two families, it is more than just a sensational headline, as their fathers fail to return home on the day of the robbery. Young Addie Rowe, daughter of a missing Jamaican postman and drunk ex-club hostess mother, struggles to care for her little sister in a dilapidated Brixton rooming house. Claire Martin, increasingly resentful of roads not taken, strives to make the rent and keep her teenage son Ray from falling under unsavoury influences in Notting Dale. She finds herself caught between the interests of dangerous men who may know the truth behind her husband's disappearance: Dave Lander, whose reserved nature she finds difficult to reconcile with his reputation as a violent gang enforcer, and Teddy 'Mother' Nunn, a sociopathic, evangelising outlaw and top lieutenant in Billy Hill's underworld.

Drawn together through the years in the city's invisible web of crime and poverty, the fates of the broken families and violent men collide in 1958, as the West Indian community of Notting Hill's slums come under attack from thugs and Teddy Boys. For Addie, Claire, Dave and Mother, old scores will be settled and new dreams chased in the crucible of London's violent summer.



**Dominic Nolan** lives in London. He is the author of three novels *Past Life, After Dark* and *Vine Street* all of which received glowing reviews from press and fellow authors alike. Dominic was shortlisted for a CWA Short Story Dagger 2021. *White City* is his much anticipated fourth crime novel.

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# Revenge of Rome (Eagles of the Empire 23) Simon Scarrow



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#### An epic new Roman adventure from the number one bestseller, Simon Scarrow.

1st-century Britannia is the setting for an epic and action-packed novel of tribal rebellions, battles to the death and great courage in the Roman army ranks.

The 23rd Eagles of the Empire novel.

Two heroes of the Roman army - Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro, battle-scarred veterans famed for their resilience and bravery - lead their best men into battle against a terrifying leader, Boudica, Queen of the Britons. A spectacular and unforgettable story of brutal warfare, honour and sacrifice as brave men prepare to throw down their lives for the glory, and survival, of the Roman Empire.

#### Praise for the Eagles of the Empire novels:

'Scarrow's novels rank with the best' INDEPENDENT

'Always a joy' THE TIMES

'Gripping' SUNDAY EXPRESS

**Simon Scarrow** pursued his great love of history as a teacher before becoming a full-time writer. His Roman soldier heroes Cato and Macro first appeared in 2000 in *Under The Eagle*, and have s ubsequently fought their way through over twenty novels, including *Rebellion*, *Death to the Emperor* and *Centurion*.

Simon is also the author of the Criminal Inspector Schenke thrillers, *Dead of Night* and *Blackout*, set in Berlin during the Second World War, as well as: the Wellington and Napoleon quartet, chronicling the lives of the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte *Sword & Scimitar*, the epic tale of the 1565 Siege of Malta and *Hearts Of Stone*, set in Greece during the Second World War. He is the co-author with T. J. Andrews of Roman era bestsellers *Pirata*, *Invader* and *Arena*, and the co-author with Lee Francis of the contemporary thriller *Playing With Death*.

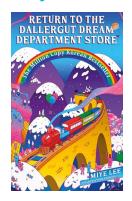
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## Return to the DallerGut Dream Department Store

### Miye Lee



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Original
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ISBN: 9781035412778

#### THE NO.1 KOREAN BESTSELLER WITH OVER A MILLION COPIES SOLD

It has been a year since Penny fi rst walked through the doors of DallerGut Dream Department Store, and surviving a year at the store means one thing . . . She is now an official employee of the dream industry. She can finally take the express commuter train to the Company District, where all the dream production companies are located and discover how all raw dream materials and testing equipment are produced.

But the Company District is not quite what she expected, it hides the darker underbelly of the magical industry that Penny thought she was a part of.

Penny discovers the Civil Complaint Center, full of people filing com-plaints about their dreams. She also learns about the regular customers who have stopped coming to the store. As she gets to the bottom of each complaint, she begins to expand her horizons, transforming from just selling dreams to understanding what lies in the hearts of their lost regulars.

Return to the DallerGut Dream Department Store delves deeper into the dream industry and its customers. Why do some of them buy a dream and never return? Will Penny and her colleagues be able to bring their regulars back?

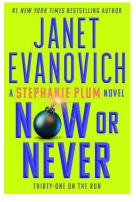


**Miye Lee** was born in Busan in 1990. After graduating from the Busan National University School of Materials Science and Engineering, she worked as a semiconductor engineer at Samsung Electronics. Her debut novel *Dallergut Dream Department Store* published entirely funded through a crowdfunding service in Korea in 2020 and has since drawn many enthusiastic responses and favourable reviews.

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### Now or Never

### Janet Evanovich



The latest Stephanie Plum novel from #1 New York Times bestseller and "the most popular mystery writer alive" (The New York Times) Janet Evanovich.

Stephanie Plum, New Jersey's hardest working, most under-appreciated bounty hunter, returns with a bang in her latest adventure. While Stephanie's personal life is hanging by a thread, a killer case lands on her doorstep that changes everything. Full of humor and suspense, *Now or Never* proves that a new book from #1 bestselling writer Janet Evanovich is always right on time.

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Over the last twenty-six years, **Janet Evanovich** has written a staggering forty-three *New York Times* bestsellers. Her bestselling Stephanie Plum novels include *Going Rogue, Game On, Fortune and Glory* and *Twisted 26*.

Janet has won several major crime ction awards, including the CWA John Creasey Award, the Dilys Award and the Silver Dagger.

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## Going to the Dogs

### Pierre Lemaitre



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ISBN: 9781914495250



Mathilde has always been a headstrong woman. A member of the French resistance when she was just eighteen years old, she both impressed and horrified everyone with her cool capacity for violence.

Now it is 1985 and Mathilde is in her sixties. She is not as glamorous as she once was, but she continues to take great pride in all that she does. Recently, however, the sixty-three-year-old has been affected by loss of memory and erratic changes in mood that even her exasperated dog Ludo has noticed.

This is a potentially dangerous situation, since Mathilde now makes her living as a contract killer...



**Pierre Lemaitre** is an internationally renowned French author who was awarded the Prix Goncourt, France's most prestigious literary award, for his novel *The Great Swindle*, and has three times won the

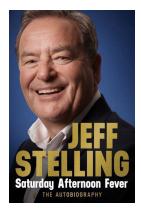
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**Frank Wynne** is an award-winning literary translator. He has translated works by Michel Houellebecq and Frédéric Beigbeder, and his translation of *Vernon Subutex* by Virginie Despentes was shortlisted for the Man Booker International 2018.

### Saturday Afternoon Fever

### Jeff Stelling



Imprint: Headline Pub: 07/11/2024 Format: Hardback Price: £22 ISBN: 9781472279811



A profoundly personal, warmly nostalgic and deliciously funny memoir by the legendary Sky Sports anchorman Jeff Stelling, chronicling a life spent obsessing about 'The Beautiful Game' ever since he was a little boy, and underpinned by a deeply rooted love of football and of people.

For a quarter of a century the iconic Sky Sports football presenter Jeff Stelling was the face and voice of football television. As the host of Soccer Saturday, a results show with National Treasure status, he expertly presided over a live panel of former footballers watching the most exciting sporting chapter of the weekend, on the telly, in front of a trans fixed audience of millions, watching, unbelievably... on the telly.

Beginning at midday and wrapping just after the Premier League's players had showered and changed, the show's popularity stitched Stelling into the fabric of match-day rituals up and down the country. For fans, the weekend didn't exist without an hour or four of Soccer Saturday.

Saturday Afternoon Fever is Stelling's moving and fascinating memoir: a love letter to the game that has shaped and defined him, as it has millions of other football fans across the UK. This is the passionate, engaging tale of one fan's journey from the terraces at Hartlepool's rainy Victoria Park in the 1960s to the sleek and salubrious confines of the Sky Sports studios, an adventure that spans well over half a century and some of the most fast-changing, exciting periods in football's history.

Born in Hartlepool in 1955, **Jeff Stelling** is a lifelong supporter of his hometown side, Hartlepool United, and the club's President.

He was a presenter on LBC's Sportswatch programme in the early 1980s then moved to BBC Radio 2's Sport on 2. He later spent time as a sports newsreader before moving to Sky in 1992 to present coverage of horse racing, snooker and darts.

Three years later Stelling became presenter of what is now called Soccer Saturday, a show he hosted until 2023. Between 2011 and 2015 he also fronted Sky Sport's coverage of the Champions League.

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## Your Neighbour's Table

### Gu Byeong-Mo



Imprint: Wildfire Pub: 03/12/2024 Format: Trade Paperback Original Price: £14.99 ISBN: 9781035416479 From the award-winning author of The Old Woman with the Knife comes the thought-provoking story of community and the cultural expectations of motherhood, through four women whose lives intersect in unexpected ways at a government-run apartment complex outside Seoul. Translated by Chi Kim Chi-Young.

When Yojin moves with her husband and daughter into the Dream Future Pilot Communal Apartments, she's ready for a fresh start. Located on the outskirts of Seoul, the experimental community is a government initiative designed to boost the national birth rate. Like her neighbours, Yojin has agreed to have at least two more children over the next ten years.

Yet, from the day she arrives, Yojin feels uneasy about the community spirit thrust upon her. Her concerns grow as communal child care begins and the other parents show their true colours. Your Neighbour's Table traces the lives of four women in the apartments, all with different aspirations and beliefs.

Will they find a way to live peacefully? Or are society's expectations stacked against them from the start?



**Gu Byeong-mo** was born in 1976 in Seoul. She studied Korean language and literature at Kyung Hee University, and worked as an editor. She made her literary debut with the novel *Wizard Bakery* (2009), which won the Changbi Prize for Young Adult Fiction. It became bestseller in Korea and was translated into many different languages. Her short story collection *Hoping That It Wasn't Only Me* (2015) received Writer of the Year Award and Hwang Sun-won Literary Award for New Writers.

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