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WOMEN'S FICTION

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MY MOTHER'S SHADOW

NIKOLA SCOTT

A glorious summer by the sea in 1950s Sussex leads to stolen kisses, passion... and a shocking secret only to be unravelled decades later...

My Mother's Shadow by Nikola Scott is the enthralling, heartbreaking and mysterious story of a lost child, a mother's secret, and one golden summer that changed a woman's life for ever... If you love the novels of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore you will love *My Mother's Shadow*.

It is 1958. Elizabeth is sent away from her quiet terraced suburb to the beautiful, rambling Hartland House on the Sussex coast, to be spared her dying mother's final days. An idyllic, sunny summer follows amongst kind new friends in this glorious setting. A lovely but innocent girl, Elizabeth is ready to fall in love, and there is no one to warn her that her dreams are dangerously naïve.

Decades later, Elizabeth's adult daughter Addie is stunned when a stranger on the doorstep announces that they share a mother. Addie doesn't believe it. Then she asks her father if it's true, and learns that everything she's been told about her early life is a lie. Addie and her new sister Phoebe are at the start of an astonishing journey back to a time of fallen women, domineering fathers and scandalous gossip. They are about to discover the extraordinary truth about their mother...

Nikola Scott moved to New York City after her Master's degree to begin her first job in book publishing - a career in which she could fully indulge her love of fiction. She spent ten years working in publishing in New York and then in London, editing other people's books, before she decided to take the leap into becoming a full-time writer herself. She now lives in Germany with her husband. *My Mother's Shadow* is her debut novel.



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THE SECRET

KATHRYN HUGHES

A beautiful, tearjerking novel which will be cherished by all those thousands of readers who lost their hearts to *The Letter*.

From the author of the Kindle Number One bestseller *The Letter* comes a heartbreaking novel of tragedy, hope and second chances, set in the north of England in 1976 and the present day, and in Australia. Readers who treasure the novels of Lesley Pearce and Susan Lewis will adore this author.

It's the long hot summer of 1976 and the regulars of The Taverners pub in Manchester are preparing for a day trip to the seaside. But after a horrific coach crash not all of the day trippers make it home. Forty years later and the devastating consequences are still being felt by the families. But what if not all was as it seemed on that fateful day and someone has been hiding a life-changing secret...?

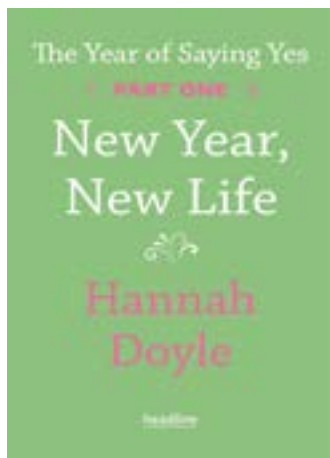
THE LETTER

The story of two women, born decades apart, whose paths are destined to cross and how one woman's devastation leads to the other's salvation.

Tina Craig longs to escape her violent husband. She works all the hours God sends to save up enough money to leave him, also volunteering in a charity shop to avoid her unhappy home. Whilst going through the pockets of a second-hand suit, she comes across an old letter, the envelope firmly sealed and unfranked. Tina opens the letter and reads it - a decision that will alter the course of her life for ever...

Billy Stirling knows he has been a fool, but hopes he can put things right. On 4th September 1939 he sits down to write the letter he hopes will change his future. It does - in more ways than he can ever imagine...

Kathryn Hughes was born in Altrincham, near Manchester. After completing a secretarial course, Kathryn met her husband and they married in Canada. For twenty-nine years they ran a business together, raised two children and travelled when they could to places such as India, Singapore, South Africa and New Zealand. Kathryn and her family now make their home in a village near Manchester. Her first novel, *The Letter*, was a Kindle Number One bestseller.



15th DECEMBER 2016

Epub, 96 pages

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THE YEAR OF SAYING YES PART I

NEW YEAR, NEW LIFE

HANNAH DOYLE

The FIRST of four exclusive part-serialisations of *The Year of Saying Yes* by Hannah Doyle.

Join Izzy on her journey from January blues to joy. *The Year of Saying Yes* by Hannah Doyle will make you laugh, feel warm and fuzzy, and rediscover life's magic - all thanks to one little word: yes. Fans of Lindsey Kelk, Mhairi McFarlane and Lucy-Anne Holmes, you're in for a real treat.

PART I of Izzy's rollercoaster year of saying yet. Get ready for non-stop hilarity, unadulterated entertainment and the journey of a lifetime.

Don't miss Part 2 of Izzy's adventure, *Dare Izzy* where Izzy is challenged to ask a total stranger for his number, pose naked for a life drawing class and, wait for it... perform at Glastonbury!

Hannah Doyle started out at a press agency in Bristol before skipping off to London to be a celebrity journalist. She now lives with her husband in Yorkshire where she writes for women's magazines, runs a blog and fairs about on Instagram. *The Year of Saying Yes* is her debut novel.



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THE READING GROUP:

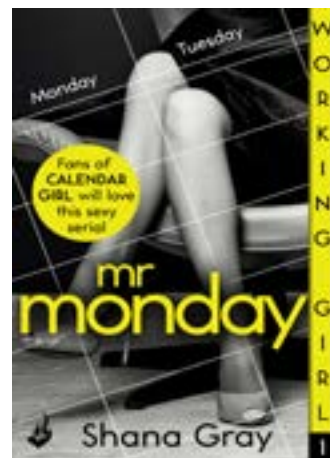
DECEMBER

DELLA PARKER

The FIRST of six part-serialisations of *The Reading Group*.

Twelve women in the seaside village of Little Sanderton come together every month to share their love of reading. No topic is off-limits: books, family, love and loss . . . and don't forget the glass of red!

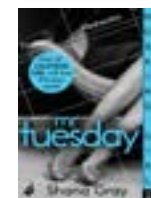
Della Parker is a novelist, short story writer and journalist. She's had over a thousand short stories published in the UK alone. She is a popular speaker at writing conventions and the agony aunt for *Writers' Forum* magazine. When she is not writing Della enjoys walking her dogs around the beautiful Dorset countryside and beaches.



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WORKING GIRL SERIAL

SHANA GREY

A sexy new serial, perfect for fans of Audrey Carlan's *Calendar Girl*.

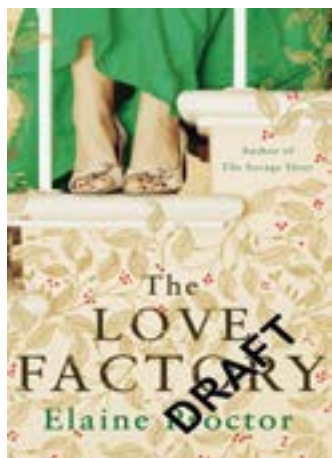
A sexy seven-day job interview. Seven irresistible interviewers. Who will she choose at the end of the week?

Tess has been determined to get revenge for her father, ever since he was falsely accused of misusing company funds and unceremoniously let go from Diamond Enterprises. Applying to be Executive Assistant to the elusive, elderly head of the company, Mr King, seems the ideal way to get inside the firm and clear his name.

But the job interview is not what she expects. Arriving at the company HQ, she is escorted to a helicopter, blindfolded and flown to a secret location. She meets a man whose voice is disguised, but introduces himself as Mr King and says the job advertisement was a ruse to find the new CEO of Diamond Enterprises. The catch, the interviewer says, is that the job will only be hers if she passes a seven-day interview.

Tess will have seven mysterious men who will assist her - one for each task each day. She will have to use all of her skills if she's to succeed and to resist the powerful magnetism of the irresistible men sent to help - or distract - her. Or will Tess find herself losing her heart when she meets her man of the week?

Shana Gray is a hybrid author who was first published in 2010 and has written contemporary erotic romances for multiple publishers including Harlequin Blaze, Random House, and Headline and is also an indie author. Her stories range from scorching quickie length to longer full-length novels. She lives in Ontario,.



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THE LOVE FACTORY

ELAINE PROCTOR

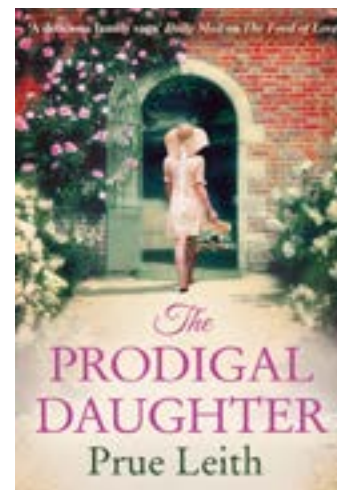
A smart and witty novel about finding real passion with the help of your friends, for fans of Maggie O'Farrell

How can you write true passion if you've never experienced it? When Anna turns to writing erotica to pay the bills after her husband loses his job, she faces an uncomfortable realisation: she doesn't know how to, because she doesn't actually know what desire is. Even her Sicilian grandmother - wearer of diamante sunglasses and knock-off Louis Vuitton - knows more than she does about love and passion.

So instead Anna turns to her friends for inspiration, and discovers more about them than she ever knew: one is a lesbian; one has been in love with a married man for twenty years; and one has never had an orgasm. Along with Cordelia, a creative-writing classmate, Anna publishes her erotica online, sharing stories of desire from her friends' lives in the hope of inspiring other women to seek passion for themselves.

But Anna knows she can't rely on borrowed passion forever - for her tales to truly sizzle, she needs to find proper love of her own...

Elaine Proctor was born in South Africa. She became involved in the anti-apartheid movement as a teenager and filmed several political documentaries up until 1986. She has made several films, including *On The Wire* (winner of the British Film Institute's Sutherland Trophy) and *Friends* (selected by the Cannes Film Festival and winner of the Mention Speciale - Prix de Camera D'Or), has written a series for the BBC and published two novels.



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THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER:

THE FOOD OF LOVE II

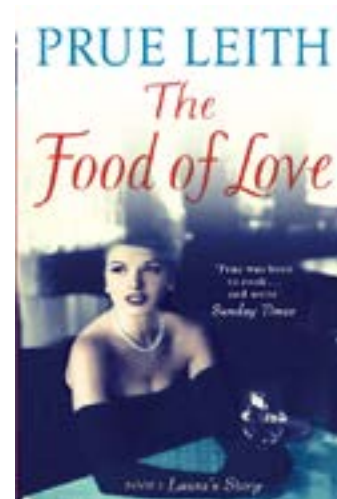
PRUE LEITH

The second book in the Food of Love trilogy by celebrated author, chef and food writer Prue Leith

Angelica Angelotti moves to Paris to go to culinary school, where she falls in love with her charismatic but unreliable cousin Mario

Navigating a blossoming career alongside an increasingly toxic marriage eventually proves impossible. Angelica has to leave Mario, and makes the decision to move back to Gloucestershire to help her other cousin Silvano with a new branch of the family business. Angelica soon realises her mistake: she fell in love with the wrong brother.

Prue Leith has played a key role in the revolution of Britain's eating habits since the Sixties as a cook, restaurateur, food writer and business woman. She has written five contemporary romance novels, all in print with Quercus.



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THE FOOD OF LOVE: BOOK I

A proud family. Snubbed by aristocratic neighbour Lord Frampton at a coming-of-age ball, Donald Oliver dreams of the day he'll have his vengeance.

A wild daughter. Laura Oliver, beautiful and tempestuous, falls in love with Giovanni, an Italian ex-prisoner-of-war, now a humble cook. Disdaining her father's snobbishness - and his wrath - the couple flee to London.

A desperate hope. Giovanni and Laura arrive to a city that has not yet re-awoken after the traumas of war. Facing destitution, only their love for one another and their dream of opening a restaurant business keeps them going.

From Cotswolds farmland to London fish markets, society ballrooms to icy gutters, this is a tale of prejudice and ambition, power and passion, and one couple's struggle to overcome all obstacles and carve out a life of their own.

4th MAY 2017

Paperback, 544 pages

THE HOURGLASS

TRACY REES

The powerful third novel from the author of the Richard and Judy bestseller *Amy Snow*. Perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley and Dinah Jefferies' *The Tea Planter's Wife*.

London, present day - Nora has always been sensible and thrived in her career. Now her life is falling apart. Troubled by anxiety and nightmares, she finds herself drawn to the sweeping beaches of Tenby, that she visited just once when she was younger. Together with Kaitlin a local girl she rents a beautiful townhouse and starts settling into a new life, when she meets handsome Logan Parry from New Zealand.

Wales, 1950s - teenager Chloe Samuels goes to Tenby every year for her summer holidays. She stays with relatives, and spends the long days on the beaches and haunting the picturesque town with a local boy she calls Llew, her "best friend in all the world". When she is eighteen, she sets her sights on a glamorous older boy who seems to offer everything she has always wanted. Then, on the night of her Big Date, Chloe realises that her heart still lies with Llew. But before she can tell him, a terrible accident occurs, leading to the guilt that has chased Chloe all through the decades ...

The Hourglass is a powerful novel about reinvention and reconciliation, about finding love even after it seems too late, about mothers and daughters and the healing power of a magical town by the sea.

Tracy Rees was born in South Wales. A Cambridge graduate, she had a successful eight-year career in nonfiction publishing and a second career practising and teaching humanistic counselling. She was the winner of the Richard and Judy Search for a Bestseller Competition and the 2015 LoveStories 'Best Historical Read' award.



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FLORENCE GRACE

TRACY REES

The stunning second novel from Richard and Judy Search for a Bestseller winner Tracy Rees.

Florrie Buckley is an orphan, living with her grandmother on the wind-blashed moors of Cornwall. It's a hard existence but Florrie is content; she runs wild in the mysterious landscape - she has a strong connection to the natural world. She thinks her future and destiny are set in stone.

But when Florrie is fourteen, her grandmother dies, revealing a never-imagined secret. Florrie is related to a wealthy and notorious London family, the Graces. Thus Florrie Buckley must become Florence Grace. Overnight, her life changes and she moves from country to city, from poverty to wealth.

Cut off from everyone she has ever known, she struggles to adapt while learning the rules of a strange and confusing world. And the Graces are no ordinary Victorian family: they are the conflicted and dysfunctional fragments of a once-great dynasty. Florrie's sensitive spirit battles for survival as she tries to stay true to herself.

Last but not least Florrie must try to fathom and conquer her destructive pull towards the enigmatic and troubled Turlington Grace, a man with many dark secrets of his own.

Tracy Rees was born in South Wales. A Cambridge graduate, she had a successful eight-year career in non-fiction publishing. She was the winner of the 2014 Richard and Judy Search for a Bestseller Competition.

PRAISE FOR AMY SNOW

'A sparkling and compelling mystery. Amy Snow captured our hearts from the very first page' *Richard and Judy*

'Amy Snow is written with warmth and attention to detail ... Best of all, it offers a tenderly poignant portrait of true friendship' *Historical Novel Society*

'Tracy's writing is so fresh, original and authentic. A delightful novel' *Rosanna Ley, author of The Villa*



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THE FACTORY GIRLS:

THE BOMB GIRLS III

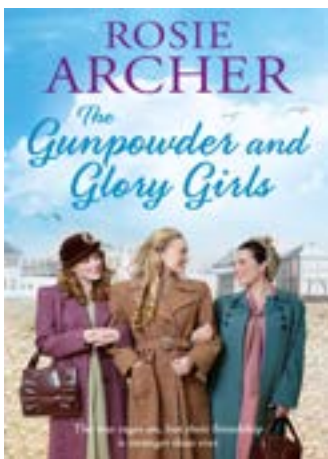
ROSIE ARCHER

A heart-warming wartime saga about a group of women who work in an armaments factory. No matter how hard the times, through thick and thin friendship will pull you through.

Autumn, 1944. Doodlebugs are the latest threat to war-battered southern England. At Priddy's Hard munitions factory though, Em Earle is about to suffer a threat to her livelihood from much nearer home. Local crook Samuel Golden is back and up to his old tricks, trying to find ways to exploit people's hardship for his own gain.

As well as Samuel's unwanted attentions, Em has to deal with some huge revelations from within her own family. Her daughter Lizzie is pregnant, and a strange woman has turned up on Em's doorstep claiming to be her sister. Em is excited, but wary - could this woman be too good to be true?

Once again it will be up to the girls from the bomb factory to rally round and support one of their own.



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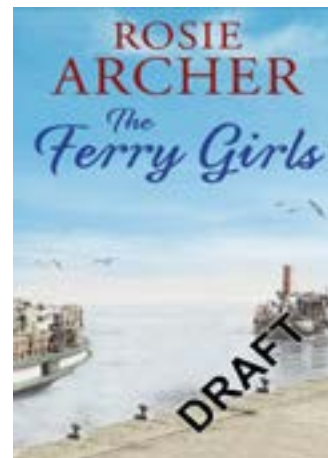
THE GUNPOWDER AND GLORY GIRLS:

THE BOMB GIRLS IV

ROSIE ARCHER

The war is drawing to a close, but the munitions girls are still hard at work in the factory. Gladys, who's been promoted to overseer, has been feeling lonely lately. Her daughter has moved away, and a lot of her friends have left Gosport too. Then an act of kindness towards Goldie, a homeless teenager, provides Gladys with a new friend and lodger.

But Goldie has run away from her dangerous family - a group of local gangsters and black-market smugglers, including a particular thug, a pimp, who is determined to make the girl his.



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THE FERRY GIRLS:

BOOK I

ROSIE ARCHER

A young German girl finds friendship, camaraderie and even love while working on Gosport's ferries in the height of World War 2

Vee Smith is 22 when she starts work on Gosport's ferries, taking a job left vacant by the men gone off to war.

She soon makes friends with the other women workers, and together they enjoy nights out dancing in Gosport - keeping their spirits up despite the hard work, rationing and heavy bombing. Vee even feels herself falling for Sam, the skipper of the ferry and her unhappily married boss.

But Vee has a secret: her real name is Violetta Schmidt, and she is half-German. If her true nationality is discovered, she and her mother could find themselves interned as enemy aliens.

Rosie Archer was born in Gosport, Hampshire, where she still lives. She has had a variety of jobs including waitress, fruit picker, barmaid, shop assistant and market trader selling second-hand books.

A VIEW ACROSS THE MERSEY

ANNE BAKER

A View Across the Mersey is set between the First and Second World War and is sure to appeal to fans of Katie Flynn and Annie Groves.

For generations, the Mortimers have been successful Liverpool ship owners, but after the First World War, everything changes. With the business struggling, ships are taken out of service, and Charles Mortimer the head of the household worries how they will survive the years ahead.

But the Mortimers are made of stern stuff and they unite to weather the storms ahead.

Anne Baker trained as a nurse at Birkenhead General Hospital, but after her marriage went to live first in Libya and then in Nigeria. She eventually returned to her native Birkenhead where she worked as a Health Visitor for over ten years before taking up writing.

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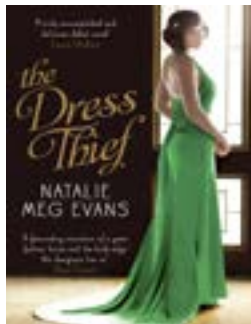
THE WARDROBE MISTRESS

NATALIE MEG EVANS

From the award-winning author of *The Dress Thief*, comes a love story set in the glittering world of London theatre. Perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley and Kathleen Tessaro.

War has been over more than a year but rationing and shortages persist. The worst winter in two-hundred years is just around the corner. London desperately needs an injection of cheer and colour, and the glamorous Farren Theatre Company intends to provide it.

Young war widow, Vanessa Kingcourt, has just been hired as wardrobe mistress at the notorious old theatre the Farren in London. Working backstage at the Farren is a lifelong ambition, and she's looking to re-find the sense of purpose that war work gave her. But when Vanessa becomes romantically entangled with the Farren's married owner - the enigmatic Alistair Redenhall - Vanessa's career, and her very happiness, are put on the line.



In the late 1970s, Natalie Meg Evans ran away from art college in the Midlands for a career in London's fringe theatre. She spent five years acting, as well as writing her own plays and sketches before giving it up to work in PR. She now writes full-time from her house in rural mid Suffolk.



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COMMERCIAL FICTION



January 2018

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THE WINTER ROAD

CONSTANTINE CAREW

The first title in Constantine Carew's extraordinary fantastical history series. For fans of Conn Iggulden and Paul Hoffman.,

The Winter Road is an astonishing novel set in an imagined world which has echoes of a dark-age Europe – in which we see the power struggle between two very different races. This is an extraordinary piece of writing, accessible but intricate, majestic and muscular in its portrayal of political intrigue epic battles and heroic warriors. It's like a hybrid between George RR Martin's *Game of Thrones* and Conn Iggulden's *Cesar* series. At its heart – this is a novel about human identity, and it asks just how far we will go to protect our sense of identity.

Constantine Carew is a 25-year-old Cambridge graduate in Biological Anthropology (hence his interest in other species of human), currently studying medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital and the London Medical School. Apart from writing, his real passion is exploration, which led him to spend a year living in a tent in the High Arctic, where he trained and worked as an Arctic guide.

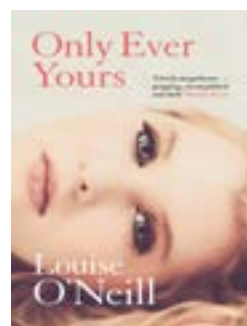


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ASKING FOR IT

LOUISE O'NEILL

BOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE IRISH BOOK AWARDS 2015.

The award-winning, bestselling novel about the life-shattering impact of sexual assault, rape and how victims are treated.

'A soul-shattering novel that will leave your emotions raw. This story will haunt me forever. Everyone should read it' Guardian

In a small town where everyone knows everyone, Emma O'Donovan is different. She is the special one - beautiful, popular, powerful. And she works hard to keep it that way.

Until that night . Now, she's an embarrassment. Now, she's just a slut. Now, she is nothing.

And those pictures - those pictures that everyone has seen - mean she can never forget.

Louise O'Neill was born in west Cork in 1985. She studied English at Trinity College Dublin and has worked for the senior Style Director of American Elle magazine.

ONLY EVER YOURS

WINNER: Newcomer of the Year at the IBAs

WINNER: Bookseller YA Prize

WINNER: CBI Eilis Dillon Award

Buzzfeed's Best Books Written by Women in 2014

The bestselling novel about beauty, body image and betrayal

eves are designed, not made.

The School trains them to be pretty

The School trains them to be good.

The School trains them to Always be Willing.

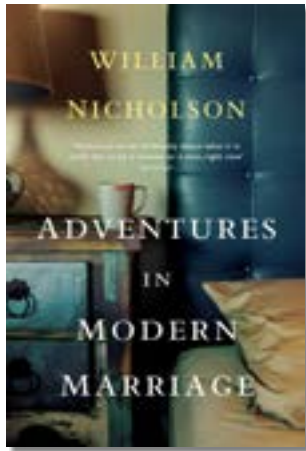
All their lives, the eves have been waiting. Now, they are ready for the outside world.

companion ... concubine ... or chastity

Only the best will be chosen.

And only the Men decide.

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ADVENTURES IN MODERN MARRIAGE

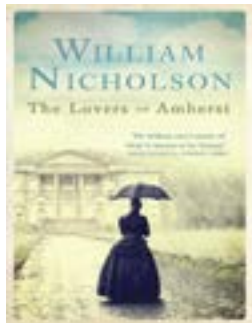
WILLIAM NICHOLSON

A big-hearted novel about life and love in the bestselling vein of Colm Toibin and Nick Hornby

Set over the week leading up to the 2015 General Election, *Adventures in Modern Marriage* revisits the characters from *The Secret Intensity of Everyday Life*. Focusing on Henry and Laura Broad and their daughter Carrie, this is a minute - but in true Nicholson style, extraordinarily empathetic - dissection of relationships and what keeps them going. It is an acute and compassionate look at male mid-life crises, female sexual desire, death and the fear of it, children and the trouble with them - all the things we battle with every day.

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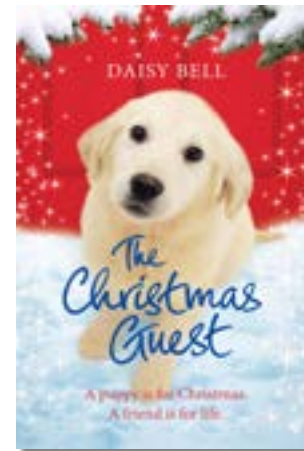
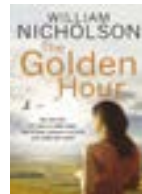


THE LOVERS OF AMHERST

August 1881: An attractive young married woman, Mabel Todd, arrives in Amherst, Massachusetts, with her husband David. The treasurer of the college is Austin Dickinson, the most respected citizen of the town, a married man with three children. Austin's sister Emily lives as a recluse in the Homestead, the house next-door to Austin's family. Over the months that follow the Todds' arrival, Austin falls passionately in love with Mabel, and she with him.

October 2013: Alice Dickinson, 24 years old, is struggling with her failure to find a boyfriend. At the same time she wants to escape her copy-writing job and make a living as a screenwriter. She takes time off work to research a screenplay where a love of Emily Dickinson's poems was triggered by the coincidence of her own surname. The story is the illicit love affair between Austin Dickinson and Mabel Todd.

William Nicholson grew up in Sussex and was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge. He was co-writer on the film



THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

DAISY BELL

A puppy is for Christmas. A friend is for life. The heartwarming tale of a homeless puppy with a huge heart who healed a family ...

When Teddy runs away from home a week before Christmas, he's far too excited to worry about what lies ahead. But all too soon Teddy realises just how cold and scary the world really is, and what was supposed to be the perfect adventure now seems like a terrible mistake.

Then Teddy is discovered on a snowy doorstep by the Woods family. With their kind hearts and cosy cottage, Claire, Ben and their daughter Emily are the family Teddy is desperate to have.

Teddy knows he and little Emily have a once-in-a-lifetime bond, and that he can be the best friend she needs in this dark time. If only he can prove to Ben and Claire how much happier he could make them all, Teddy might just find the family of his dreams this Christmas.

Daisy Bell lives in London. She loves baking gingerbread and decorating the Christmas tree, but always leaves the gift-wrapping until the last possible moment!

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THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

JOANNA BOLOURI

A hilarious and heartwarming Christmas comedy. Perfect for fans of Mhairi McFarlane, Tracy Bloom & Chrissie Manby.

Thirty-eight year old Emily has a satisfying job, fab friends, an amazing car and a boyfriend called Robert and it's going really well. So well, in fact, that this year Emily is hoping to take him home for Christmas to meet her family.

But when Robert breaks up with her a week before Christmas, Emily is gutted. How on earth is she going to face her family now?

Joanna Bolouri has had articles and reviews published in The Skinny, the Scottish Sun, the Huffington Post and HecklerSpray. She lives in Glasgow with her daughter.

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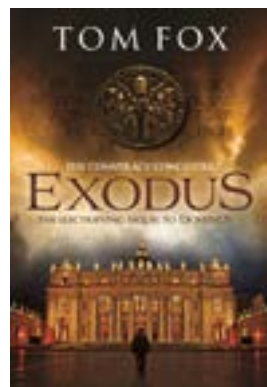
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THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

TOM FOX

The River Tiber starts flowing red. An fire bursts into life in the most ancient part of the Eternal City.

As Rome stops in its tracks, it's up to academic, Angelina Calla, and Vatican specialist, Ben Verdyx, to form an unlikely pairing, and uncover the terrifying plot that threatens to shake the world it its core...



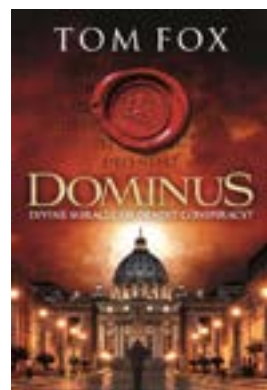
EXODUS

In just eight hours and forty-five minutes, an explosive device is primed to rock the foundations of Rome...

When journalist Alexander Trecchio is awoken from dark dreams and called to the Vatican in the face of emergency, he knows just how much is at stake. Someone has desecrated the Sistine Chapel - and they have revenge in their sights.

As Alexander is drawn deeper into the deadly web of lies, it's clear he is about to come face-to-face with an evil force who will stop at nothing to succeed... Can he stop them in their tracks before it's too late?

10th MARCH 2016



DOMINUS

The Vatican Cathedral is packed to the rafters as Pope Gregory XVII leads the congregation in mass. A cloaked stranger steps suddenly and fearlessly towards the altar and commands the wheelchair-bound Pope to stand.

He does.

The miracle stops the world in its tracks. Who is this stranger?

More miraculous events follow and as the Vatican retreats and closes its doors to the world, journalist Alexander Trecchio and police officer Gabriella Fierro set out to find an explanation that might calm an increasingly hysterical nation.

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Tom Fox's storytelling emerges out of many years spent in academia, working on the history of the Christian Church.

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THE MIDAS LEGACY:

(WILDE/CHASE 12)

ANDY MCDERMOTT

Nina is following in her late mother's footsteps as she and husband Eddie search for King Midas's legacy.

The lost city has defined Nina Wilde's life. Her parents' obsession with Atlantis cost them their lives, but finding it brought Nina to her husband Eddie Chase and a series of archaeological treasures.

A decade later, the International Heritage Agency needs their help to locate the Secret Codex, an account of ancient Atlantean explorer Talonor's journeys, thought to be located in the dangerous underwater ruins of Atlantis. Unable to resist one more adventure, the couple join the mission.

But when a long-lost relative reappears in Nina's life, asking her to use the Codex to find a hidden cave containing the secret of King Midas, she is unprepared for the devastation that follows. The promise of unlimited gold has aroused the greed of powerful and ruthless forces... and only Nina and Eddie stand in their way.

Andy McDermott is the bestselling author of the Nina Wilde & Eddie Chase adventure thrillers, which have been sold in over 30 countries and 20 languages.

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TIN MAN

SARAH WINMAN

The unforgettable and emotionally devastating new novel from Sarah Winman, author of the international bestseller *When God Was a Rabbit* and the Sunday Times Top Ten bestseller *A Year of Marvellous Ways*.

Sarah Winman grew up in Essex and now lives in London. She attended the Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art and went on to act in theatre, film and television.



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A YEAR OF MARVELLOUS WAYS

SARAH WINMAN

A Year of Marvellous Ways is the much anticipated and utterly beguiling new novel from Sarah Winman, author of the international bestseller *When God Was a Rabbit*.

A Richard & Judy Bookclub Pick Spring 2016

Marvellous Ways is eighty-nine years old and has lived alone in a remote Cornish creek for nearly all her life. Lately she's taken to spending her days sitting on a mooring stone by the river with a telescope. She's waiting for something - she's not sure what, but she'll know it when she sees it.

Drake is a young soldier left reeling by the Second World War. When his promise to fulfil a dying man's last wish sees him wash up in Marvellous' creek, broken in body and spirit, the old woman comes to his aid.

A Year of Marvellous Ways is a glorious, life-affirming story about the magic in everyday life and the pull of the sea, the healing powers of storytelling and sloe gin, love and death and how we carry on when grief comes snapping at our heels.



LARCHFIELD

POLLY CLARKE

WINNER OF THE MSLEXIA PRIZE.

A beautiful novel about a woman's struggle with isolation and sanity woven with the story of the poet W. H. Auden

It's 1930 and an awkward and brilliant young man of twenty-four arrives to teach at a crumbling prep school in Helensburgh, a seaside town in the west of Scotland. The young man is W. H. Auden and the next two years will transform and torment him in equal measure.

It's 2008 and a woman poet, Dora Fielding, arrives into Helensburgh, newly married and pregnant. She is excited about the prospect of a new life that combines motherhood and creativity, but finds the reality of small town life suffocating and, eventually, terrifying.

The human need for connection drives these two brave and vulnerable outsiders to find each other and make a reality of their own that will save them both.

Larchfield is about the ability of the human imagination to transcend terrible circumstances. Atmospheric as a modern-day *Rebecca*, this page turning novel combines the real and the fictional to show how little the distinction really matters.

Polly Clark was born in Toronto and lives in Helensburgh on Scotland's west coast, a few streets away from where W. H. Auden wrote 'The Orators'. As Literature Programmer for Cove Park she brings writers from all over the world to take part in Scotland's International Artist Residency.

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MUSSOLINI'S ISLAND

SARAH DAY

He knows. Before the loud, insistent knocking, the shouts, the sound of his name being called by a stranger, his mother's eyes wide with fear; he knows.

Francesco has a memory of his father from early childhood, a night when life for his family changed: their name, their story, their living place. From that night, he has vowed to protect his mother, to keep her happy, and to follow the words of his father: Non mollare. Never give up.

When Francesco is rounded up with a group of young men and herded into a camp on the island of San Domino, he realises that someone must have handed a list of names to the fascist police; everyone is suspicious, everyone has their secrets. His former lover Emilio, a very young veteran of a previous war, is constantly agitating for revolution, and escape from the island. Francesco's childhood friend Gio jealously watches their relationship rekindle. Locked in spartan dormitories, taken away from family and their real lives, resentment and bitterness between the men grows each day, forcing Francesco to question who he can really trust, and if he will make it off the island alive.

The illiterate Elena, a young island girl on the cusp of womanhood, is drawn to the handsome Francesco yet fails to understand why her family try to keep her away from him. By day, she makes and flies her paper birds, willing them to escape from the island, just as she wants to herself. Sometimes, in the wings of those birds, there are messages that she passes on. She's not sure who they are from; she knows simply that Francesco is hiding something.

As Elena discovers the truth about the group of prisoners, she is horrified and the fine line between love and hate pulls her towards an act that can only have terrible consequences for all.

Seductive, moving and full of insight into the desperate acts committed by individuals when fighting for their lives and their rights, *Mussolini's Island* is a powerful exploration of sexuality and desire, of hidden passions and the secrets we keep locked within us.

Sarah Day lives in London, where she works as a science communicator. She has written columns for a variety of publications, including the Guardian and The Vagenda. After graduating with a Masters in the History and Philosophy of Science from Durham University, she studied Science Communication at Imperial College London. *Mussolini's Island* is her first novel.



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THE PRESIDENT'S GARDEN

MUHSIN AL-RAMIL

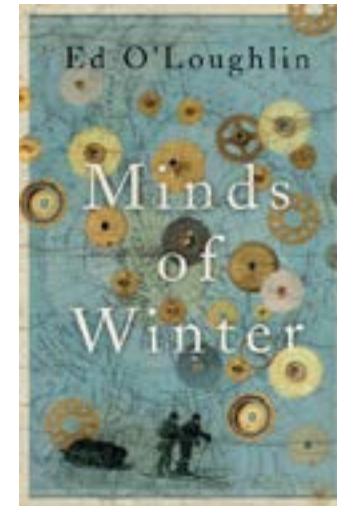
One Hundred Years of Solitude meets *The Kite-Runner* set in Saddam Hussein's Iraq

The President's Gardens is an epic novel about Saddam Hussein's Iraq, following the lives of three friends from the beginning of the Iran-Iraq War to the aftermath of the American invasion.

Abdullah loses twenty years to Iranian captivity before returning to learn the terrible truth of his birth. Tariq, the son of the local Sheik, avoids the army, and becomes a man of power and influence, able to help his friends but always careful to keep his own interests closest to his heart. Ibrahim loses a foot in the first Gulf War and his wife to cancer before taking on a menial job in the gardens of one of the president's many palaces - a job whose responsibilities will escalate beyond his wildest imaginings.

Epic in scope, moving, philosophical and true, it has much to impart about war and oppression, love and marriage, fathers and daughters, and what it means to live under a murderous, totalitarian regime.

Muhsin Al-Ramil is an Iraqi writer, poet, academic and translator, born in the village of Sudara in northern Iraq in 1967. He has lived in Madrid since 1995. *The President's Gardens* was longlisted for the IPAF, known as the "Arabic Booker", in 2013.



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MINDS OF WINTER

ED O'LOUGHLIN

The new novel from the Man Booker longlistee, in which a meeting between two strangers sheds light on the greatest unsolved mystery of polar exploration.

Fay Morgan and Nelson Nilsson have each arrived in Inuvik, Canada searching for answers about a disappeared family member: Nelson for his older brother, Fay for her grandfather. They soon learn that these two men share an unexpected link: in the form of one of the greatest enduring mysteries from the annals of polar exploration.

In a feat of extraordinary scope and ambition, Ed O'Loughlin moves between a frozen present and an-ever thawing past, and from the minds of two everyday drifters to those of polar history's most celebrated figures. *Minds of Winter* is a novel about ice and time and their combined abilities to preserve and kill.

Ed O'Loughlin was born in Toronto and raised in Ireland. His first novel, *Not Untrue & Not Unkind* was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2009. His second novel, *Toploader*, was published by Quercus in 2011.



7th APRIL 2016

Hardback, 400 pages

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ALL THEIR MINDS IN TANDEM

DAVID SANGER

An enigmatic stranger unearths a small town's secrets.

A mysterious figure by the name of 'The Maker' has entered this small community and, almost immediately upon doing so, started entering the minds of the townsfolk.

Townsfolk who are as curious as The Maker himself. Like Dr Umbründ, the pint-sized physician with a prodigious capacity for sin; like the three sisters in the house on the hill - one stern, one wild, one mysterious; like the tavern's semi-mythical siren, 'The Bird', who plays spellbinding music from behind a black velvet curtain, and whom no patron has ever laid eyes on; like Odell, a youth with dreams and ambitions that his craven disposition will forever prevent him from seizing; and who has spent the entirety of his erstwhile existence under the crushing heel of Clay, New Georgetown's lead cad and chief alpha male.

David Sanger lives in London, and is currently publicity officer at Scholastic Books.



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THIS IS 64

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

The new novel from Bollinger-shortlisted Joseph Connolly.

George is a fashion mad Beatles fan, selfish and cruel. Why his girlfriend Dorothy loves him is a mystery to her and to his best friend Sammy. When George callously chucks her he never anticipates that his life, post 1964, will never be the same. And forty-four years later, when George is sixty-four, rich and successful, his past will catch up with him.

Joseph Connolly is the critically acclaimed and internationally bestselling writer of many novels and works of fiction and non-fiction. He lives in London.



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Trade Paperback, 320 pages

BELLADONNA

DAŠA DRNDIĆ

A timely parable on the perils of growing old and infirm in an unforgiving modern world - by the author of the acclaimed *Trieste*

Andreas Ban is a writer and a psychologist, an intellectual proper, full of empathy, but his world has been falling apart for years. When he retires with a miserable pension and finds out that he is ill, he gains a new perspective on the debris of his life and the lives of his friends. In defying illness and old age, Andreas Ban is cynical and powerful, and in his investigations into his own past, he learns stories told by the disempowered, hunted down and helpless, stories that uncompromisingly lay bare a gamut of taboos.

In *Belladonna*, Daša Drndić pushes to the limit the issues about illness and the (im)possibility of living (and dying) in contemporary, utterly dehumanised world where old age and illness are the scarlet letters of shame thrown in the face of the advertised eternal youth and beauty.



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DAŠA DRNDIĆ

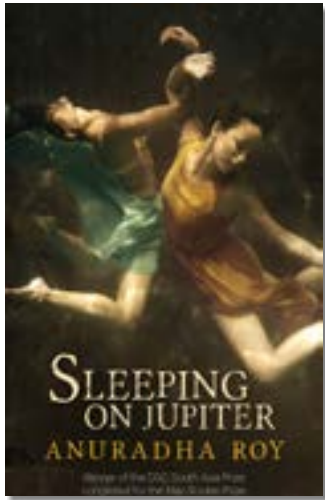
A mesmerising meditation on memory, madness and the lesser known horrors of Nazi Germany.

A woman meets a stranger who tells her her identity is a lie. 772 (or 789) children's brains rest silently in jars. A traveller comes to a quotidian city, unknowingly approaching her past.

From the author of *Trieste* (shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize) comes this bedazzling kaleidoscopic novel, stitching together fact and fiction, history and memory, words and images into a heart-breaking collage that manages to look askance at the blinding horror of history.

Ranging across themes of memory, loss, inheritance and storytelling, Drndić borrows from every tradition of writing to weave together a fragmented narrative of love and disease, in a novel that's very format raises penetrating and unanswerable questions about history, and the processes by which we describe and remember it.

Daša Drndić is a distinguished Croatian novelist, playwright and literary critic, author of radio plays and documentaries. She is the author of *Trieste* (2012), *Leica Format* (2015) and *Belladonna* (2017).



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SLEEPING ON JUPITER

ANURADHA ROY

Longlisted for The Man Booker Prize 2015 and winner Of The 2016 Dsc Prize For South Asian Literature

A train stops at a railway station. A young woman jumps off. She has wild hair, sloppy clothes, a distracted air. She looks Indian, yet she is somehow not. The sudden violence of what happens next leaves the other passengers gasping.

The train terminates at Jarmuli, a temple town by the sea. Here, among pilgrims, priests and ashrams, three old women disembark only to encounter the girl once again. What is someone like her doing in this remote corner, which attracts only worshippers?

The full force of the evil and violence beneath the serene surface of the town becomes evident when their lives overlap and collide. Unexpected connections are revealed between devotion and violence, friendship and fear, as Jarmuli is revealed as a place with a long, dark past that transforms all who encounter it.

Anuradha Roy won the Economist Crossword Prize, India's premier award for fiction, for her novel *The Folded Earth*, which was nominated for several other prizes including the Man Asia, the D.S.C., and the Hindu Literary Award.



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THRILLER

LOONGLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE 2015

'I was captivated by *The Folded Earth* and swept into its narrative' *The Independent*

'Roy's prose does not hit a single wrong note: its restrained beauty sings off the page.' Neel Mukherjee, *Time Magazine*

'Poetic and evocative, Roy's writing is a joy.' *Financial Times*

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COLETTE MCBETH

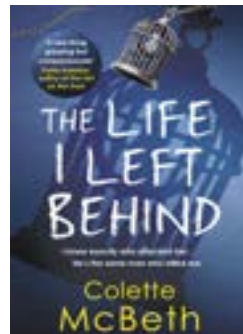
Gabriel Atkinson is the perfect son, the golden boy. And his mother will do anything to keep him that way. She'll even let him get away with murder.

When I first saw Gabriel's picture in the newspaper, I thought that's not him, it's someone else.

On the night of his 40th birthday party, Gabriel Atkinson's wife goes missing and his mother is attacked. When police arrive he confesses to the crimes. What made him do it? What was the tipping point for the successful man, the ultimate golden boy, that caused him to crack?

This is the story of Gabriel, and of his mother, charting their lives from the time when she covered up a terrible crime and has done everything she can to protect her son. How far can a mother go with the wrong kind of love, such that it suffocates and destroys her most precious thing?

Colette McBeth was a BBC TV News Correspondent for ten years. Her debut novel, *Precious Thing*, was published in 2013 and *The Life I Left Behind* in 2015. She lives in Hove with her husband and three young children.



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(Mondadori Libri); German
(Rowohlt); French (Super 8)

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THE DISCIPLE

STEPHEN LLOYD JONES

Stephen Lloyd Jones - acclaimed author of *THE STRING DIARIES* - returns with a richly-imagined thrill ride that will leave fans of Lauren Beukes and Sarah Lotz reeling.

On the dark, treacherous roads of Snowdonia, Edward Schwinn encounters a horrifying accident. There is one survivor: a woman, heavily pregnant, cuffed and bound.

After a night of unspeakable events, Edward finds himself surrogate father to a girl with inexplicable gifts, and on the run from forces he cannot understand.

Something is hunting the child: an evil beyond measure. Once it reveals its face, nothing will be the same. Not for Edward. Not for any who live to see it.

Stephen Lloyd Jones grew up in Hampshire, and studied at Royal Holloway College, University of London.

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UNTITLED THRILLER

SIMON SCARROW

A series of killings suggests that a murderer who slipped through the FBI's net a few years ago is back in action. And he's smarter and more dangerous than ever before.

It looks like arson. An apartment in San Francisco's wealthiest district has been torched. A body's been discovered and it's a mess. FBI Special Agent Rose Blake has never seen anything like it. There's no obvious break-in, so where did the violence come from?

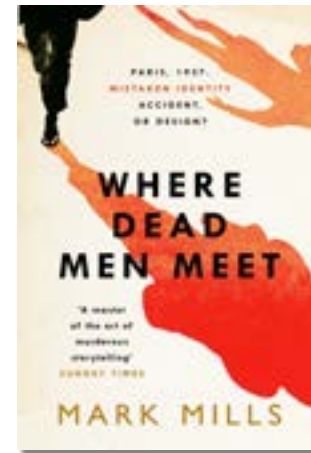
Rose's reputation is at stake. She failed to apprehend notorious serial killer Shane Koenig, who filmed his murders and streamed them live on the internet. Has he returned to taunt Rose? When another suspicious death comes to light, a body expertly mangled, but seemingly untouched by human hand, the shocking realization dawns that there could be a whole new world of murder out there.

The noose tightens horribly when Rose's son Robbie is entangled in the twisted mind games of an elusive malevolence. One thing Rose knows for certain is that she will save her family - even if it means sacrificing herself.

Simon Scarrow is a Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author. His many successful books include his *Eagles of the Empire* novels *Britannia*, *Brothers in Blood* and *Praetorian*, as well as *Hearts of Stone*, set in Greece during the Second World War.

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WHERE DEAD MEN MEET

MARK MILLS

Mistaken identity, accident, or design? *Where Dead Men Meet* is a superior intelligence thriller from the bestselling author of *The Savage Garden*. Perfect for any reader of William Boyd or Robert Harris.

Paris, 1937. Luke Hamilton - a junior air intelligence officer at the British Embassy - finds himself the target of an assassination attempt. A clear case of mistaken identity, or so it first appears. As Luke is hunted across a continent sliding towards war, he comes to learn that the answers lie deep in a past that predates his abandonment as a baby on the steps of an orphanage twenty-five years ago.

From the author of the bestselling *THE SAVAGE GARDEN*, and set against a terrific backdrop of Europe on the cusp of the Second World War, this is a compelling novel, rich in adventure, espionage, secrets and lies.

Mark Mills graduated from Cambridge University in 1986. His first novel, *The Whaleboat House*, won the 2004 Crime Writers' Association Award for Best Novel by a debut author. His second, *The Savage Garden*, was a No. 1 bestseller.

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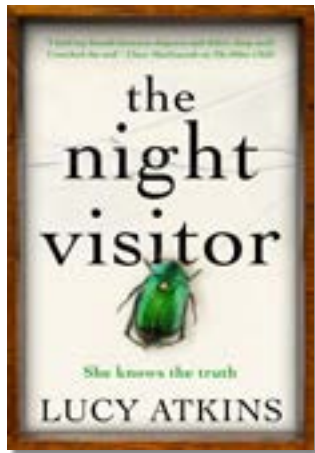
SINÉAD CROWLEY

A toxic friendship leads to a desperate race against time for Sergeant Claire Boyle in this twisting psychological thriller.

Being held hostage at gunpoint by her childhood friend is not Dr Heather Gilmore's idea of a good day at work. It only gets worse when she hears that her nineteen-year-old daughter Leah has been kidnapped.

Sergeant Claire Boyle wasn't expecting to get caught up in a hostage situation during a doctor's appointment. When it becomes apparent that the kidnapping is somehow linked to the hostage-taker, a woman called Eileen Delaney, she is put in charge of finding the missing girl. Claire Boyle must dig up the secrets from their pasts to find out - and quickly, because Leah is still missing, and time is running out to save her.

Sinead Crowley is Arts and Media Correspondent for RTE, Ireland's national broadcaster, working for television, radio and online.



THE NIGHT VISITOR

LUCY ATKINS

The stunning new domestic noir thriller from the author of the bestselling *The Missing One* and *The Other Child*. Perfect for fans of *I Let You Go* and *The Ice Twins*.

London-based TV historian Olivia Sweetman has everything - a successful career, three beautiful children, and a talented writer husband. In a small Sussex museum one day she meets Vivian, the socially awkward sixty year old housekeeper of nearby Ilford Manor. When Vivian shows Olivia the sensational Victorian diary she has found, Olivia is desperate to write a book about it. But in order to secure access, Olivia must put her misgivings aside and hire Vivian as her research assistant.

Eighteen months later, with the book finished and tipped as a bestseller, Olivia is relieved to be shot of the difficult, if highly efficient, Vivian. She takes a much-needed summer holiday with family and friends in the South of France. But a bizarre and unsettling event shatters the holiday, throwing Olivia's life headlong into crisis and soon everything she has worked for - her family, career and reputation - is on the verge of collapse. But why?

There is only one person who knows the truth that can ruin her. How far will Olivia go to save her own skin?

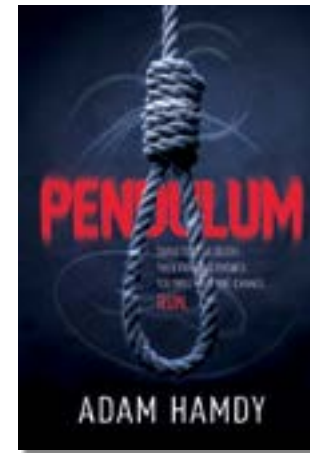
Lucy Atkins is an award-winning feature journalist and author, as well as a Sunday Times book critic. She has written for many newspapers, including the Guardian, The Times, The Sunday Times, and the Telegraph, as well as magazines such as Psychologies, Red, Woman and Home and Grazia. She lives in Oxford.

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PENDULUM

ADAM HAMDY

An everyman is targeted for death by a serial killer in this high-concept, searing novel.

John Wallace has no idea why he has been targeted. No idea who his attacker is. No idea how he will prevent the inevitable.

Then the pendulum of fate swings in his favour. He has one chance to escape, find the truth and halt his destruction.

When a murder touches so many lives, not even the cops are immune from the consequences. In the end you must decide what you can live with: a loving lie or the deadly truth?

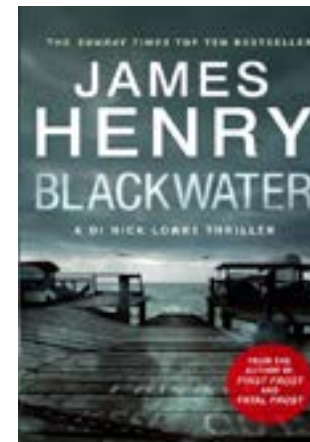
Adam Hamdy is an author, screenwriter and filmmaker who has worked with producers and studios on both sides of the Atlantic.

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BLACKWATER

JAMES HENRY

A new Essex-based crime series from the bestselling author of the DI Jack Frost prequels

January 1983, Blackwater Estuary - A new year brings a new danger to the Essex shoreline. An illicit shipment, bound for Colchester - 50 kilograms of powder that will frantically accelerate tensions in the historic town, and leave its own murderous trace.

The Colchester police force made up of Lowry, Kenton and Gabriel must now develop a tolerance to one another, and show their own substance, to save Britain's oldest settlement from a new, unsettling enemy.

James Henry has written three prequels to R D Wingfield's popular Frost series. He works in publishing, and enjoys windsurfing and long lunches.

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A SUMMER REVENGE

TOM CALLAGHAN

Akyl Borubaev is a reluctant lone wolf, having resigned from Bishkek Murder Squad with blood on his hands. Then the Minister of State Security approaches Borubaev with a promise to give him his old life back ... but only if he agrees to travel to Dubai and find the man's vanished mistress. The beautiful Umat Sulonbekova has disappeared with proof of a harrowing secret – something that could end the Minister's promising career?

But when Borubaev arrives in Dubai – and walks straight into a scene of horrific carnage – he learns that what Umat is carrying is worth far more than a soiled reputation. Exposing the truth not only risks Borubaev's chance at the Murder Squad, but immerses him in a deadly game of carnage that means he might never return to his homeland at all ... at least not in one piece.

A SPRING BETRAYAL

TOM CALLAGHAN

“We uncovered the last of the bodies in the red hour before dusk, as the sun stained the snowcaps of the Tian Shan mountains the colour of dried blood and the spring air turned sharp and cold.”

Inspector AkylBorubaev of Bishkek Murder Squad has been exiled to the far corner of Kyrgystan, but death still haunts him at every turn. Borubaev soon finds himself caught up in a mysterious and gruesome new case: several children's bodies have been found buried together - all tagged with name bands. In his search for the truth behind the brutal killings, Borubaev hits a wall of silence, with no one to turn to outside his sometime lover, the beautiful undercover agent Saltanat Umarova.

When Borubaev himself framed for his involvement in the production of blood-soaked child pornography, it looks as though things couldn't get any worse. With the investigation at a dangerous standstill, Borubaev sets out to save his own integrity, and to deliver his own savage justice on behalf of the many dead who can't speak for themselves ..

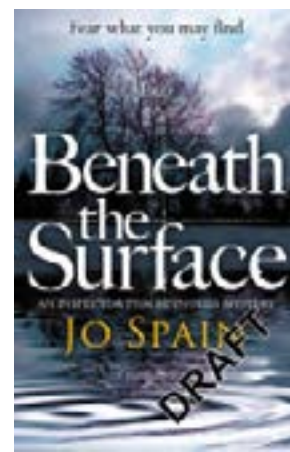
Tom Callaghan was educated at the University of York and Vassar College, New York. An inveterate traveller, he divides his time between London, Prague, Dubai and Bishkek.



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AN INSPECTOR TOM REYNOLDS I

JO SPAIN

THE TOP TEN IRISH BESTSELLER. Shortlisted for the 2015 Richard and Judy Search for a Bestseller Competition. Discover more DI Tom Reynolds with the next book in the series, *Beneath the Surface*.

It's true what they say ... revenge is sweet. 1975. A baby, minutes old, is forcibly taken from its devastated mother. 2010. The body of an elderly woman is found in a Dublin public park in the depths of winter.

Detective Inspector Tom Reynolds is working the case. He's convinced the murder is linked to historical events that took place in the notorious Magdalene Laundries. Reynolds and his team follow the trail to an isolated convent in the Irish countryside. But once inside, it becomes disturbingly clear that the killer is amongst them ... and is determined to exact further vengeance for the sins of the past

BENEATH THE SURFACE:

AN INSPECTOR TOM REYNOLDS II

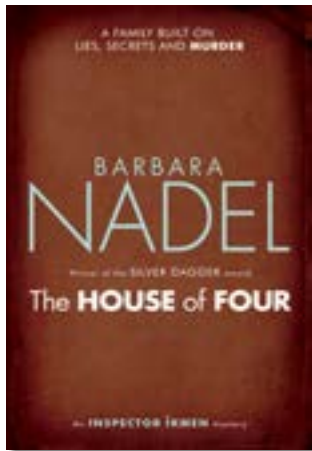
JO SPAIN

From top-ten Irish bestselling author Jo Spain comes the gripping second novel in the Inspector Tom Reynolds series

Ryan Finnegan, a high-ranking government official, is brutally slain in Leinster House, the seat of the Irish parliament. Detective Inspector Tom Reynolds and his team are called in to uncover the truth behind the murder. As the suspects start to rack up, Tom must untangle a web of corruption, sordid secrets and sinister lies.

At first, all the evidence hints at a politically motivated crime, until a surprise discovery takes the investigation in a dramatically different direction. Suddenly the motive for murder has got a lot more personal ... but who benefits the most from Ryan's death?

Jo Spain has worked as a journalist and a party advisor on the economy in the Irish parliament. Her first novel, *With Our Blessing*, was shortlisted in the Richard and Judy Search for a



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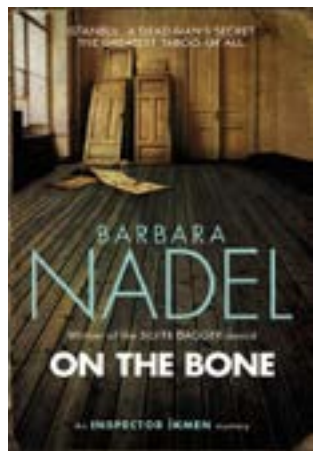
THE HOUSE OF FOUR: (INSPECTOR IKMEN MYSTERY 19)

BARBARA NADEL

The nineteenth novel in the critically acclaimed Inspector Ikmen series from Silver Dagger Award-winning author Barbara Nadel.

Everyone in the Istanbul neighbourhood of Moda knows the Devil's House. A crumbling Ottoman mansion, and once the home of a princess, it is a place associated with ill fortune. The princess's four children, now in old age, still live in separate apartments on different floors. Then one of them is found dead, stabbed through the heart, and it is discovered that the other three siblings have met an identical fate. All evidence must be gained from letters and diaries, but as Inspector Ikmen digs into their past it becomes clear they have been harbouring a secret...

Meanwhile a young couple are arrested for a series of seemingly random killings on the streets of Istanbul. They claim to have been squatting in the Devil's House. This fiendish mystery will take Inspector Ikmen to the darkest and most devilish depths of this ancient city.



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ON THE BONE: (INSPECTOR IKMEN MYSTERY 18)

BARBARA NADEL

In Istanbul ancient myths and modern evils are at work...

On a street in Beyoglu, a young man drops dead. His death was natural but the autopsy betrays a shocking truth: his last meal was human flesh. Under pressure from their superiors, Inspector Cetin Ikmen and his colleague Mehmet Süleyman begin their most obscure investigation yet. How did Ümit Kavas, apparently a good, liberal man, come to partake in the greatest taboo of all?

They find themselves embroiled in a dark web of underground worlds: of Turkey's old secular elite; a community of squatters; and a new gastronomy scene breaking every boundary.

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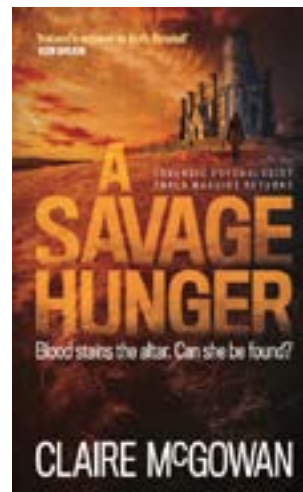
BLOOD TIDE

CLAIRE MCGOWAN

Paula is sent to investigate the disappearance of a couple from a remote island off the Irish coast.

Two scientists inexplicably disappear from remote Bone Island during a vicious storm, and suspicions are quickly raised about foul play. With her own pressing personal issues and the possibility of her mother still being alive at the forefront of her mind, Paula has other concerns but is determined to help.

It quickly becomes apparent though that this island has secrets of its own and despite its idyllic and peaceful guise, its history of loyalties and grudges amongst its small community leads Paula to think a murderer may be at large. But with another storm heading in, will Paula be able to solve the case and leave the island in time? Or will she find herself trapped on an inescapable island with a killer's sights firmly on her...



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A SAVAGE HUNGER

CLAIRE MCGOWAN

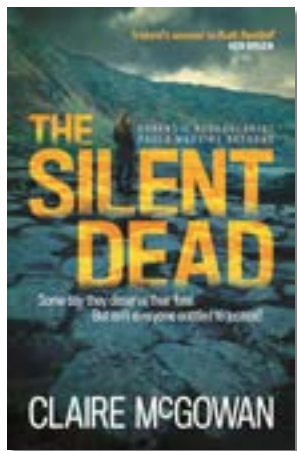
The fourth in the crime series featuring forensic psychologist Paula Maguire by Claire McGowan acclaimed as 'Ireland's answer to Ruth Rendell' by Ken Bruen.

Victim: Female. Twenty-two years of age.

ID: Alice Morgan. Student. Last seen at a remote religious shrine in Ballyterran.

Alice's disappearance raises immediate questions for forensic psychologist Paula Maguire. Alice, the daughter of a life peer in the Home Office, has vanished along with a holy relic and the only trace is the bloodstains on the altar.

With no body to confirm death, the pressure in this high-profile case is all-consuming. A connection to a decades-old murder immediately indicates that all may not be as it seems; as the summer heat rises and tempers fray, can Alice be found or will they learn that those that are hungry for vengeance may be the most savage of all?



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THE SILENT DEAD

CLAIRE MCGOWAN

The third in the crime series featuring forensic psychologist Paula Maguire by Claire McGowan acclaimed as 'Ireland's answer to Ruth Rendell' by Ken Bruen.

Victim: Male. Mid-thirties. 5'7".

Cause of death: Hanging. Initial impression - murder.

ID: Mickey Doyle. Suspected terrorist and member of the Mayday Five.

Doyle was one of five suspected bombers who caused the deaths of sixteen people. When a second body is found, it's clear they are being killed by the same methods their victims suffered. Forensic psychologist Paula Maguire is assigned the case but she is up against the clock - both personally and professionally. After all, even killers deserve justice, don't they?

Claire McGowan works in the charity sector and also teaches creative writing.



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BETRAYAL

MARTINA COLE

Keep everything in the family. Even BETRAYAL.

Survival. It's all down to who you trust.

Aiden O'Hara has been head of the family since he was kid, and he's going to keep it that way.

Jade Dixon is the one who watches his back. Mother of his son. The one who makes him invincible.

But Jade's been in the game a lot longer than Aiden. She knows no one's indestructible.

And when you're at the top, that's when you've got to watch the hardest.

Especially the ones closest to you ...



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GET EVEN

The twenty-second novel from *Sunday Times* No.1 bestseller, Martina Cole, author of *Danger Lady*, *The Take*, *The Good Life* and many more...

Playing grown-ups, the future is theirs for the taking.

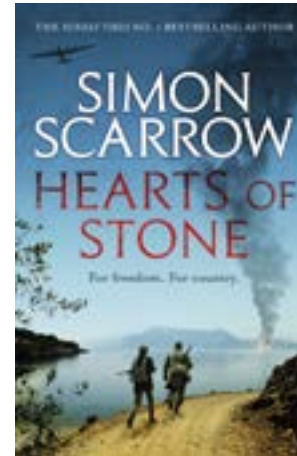
Sharon Conway and Lenny Scott are childhood sweethearts. Everyone says they are too young, but nothing can keep them apart. Sharon doesn't question Lenny's business dealings and it isn't long before his reputation as a hard man destined for the top means they are living the good life with their sons.

Martina Cole is the acknowledged queen of crime drama with over twenty novels to her name, of which over a dozen have been No.1 bestsellers. She has spent more time at No.1 than any other author.w

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HEARTS OF STONE

SIMON SCARROW

A dramatic and atmospheric novel of war, betrayal and friendship against the backdrop of a beautiful Greek island during the Second World War.

In the early 1930s schoolboys Peter Dorner and Andreas Papandraki became friends while Peter's father worked on an archaeological dig on the Greek island of Lefkas.

Years later, at the height of the Second World War, they are fated to meet again. Now, though, Peter is an intelligence officer in the German army, brought in to help suppress the partisans, while Andreas is the leader of the local resistance movement. Peter's knowledge of the island and its people is now a deadly weapon against his old friend, and the many others who made his childhood visit so idyllic.

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INVADER

SIMON SCARROW

A tense, action-packed adventure with the Roman army officer Figulus in the heart of barbaric first-century Britannia.

In this gripping novel about the Roman army's struggles against the barbarians in first-century Britannia, the junior officer Figulus faces a series of missions which could bring him honour and promotion - or lead to a dreadful fate at the hands of a ruthless enemy.

Amongst the bravest in the heart of the action, Figulus has not sought out leadership but, as the story progresses, must rise to the challenge of bringing his men safely through skirmishes and sabotage as well as brutal face-to-face combat.

And always every soldier, whatever his rank, knows that this may be the day he is asked to make the ultimate sacrifice for Rome...

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INVICTUS

(THE EAGLE SERIES: BOOK XV)

SIMON SCARROW

An action-packed novel of the Roman army, bringing to life the dangerous streets of ancient Rome and the restless province of Hispania in the first century AD.

It is AD 54. The soldiers of the Roman army patrol a growing Empire, from the Mediterranean to the North Sea, from the Atlantic to the banks of the Nile. Rome brutally enforces its rule, and its legions are the most efficient and aggressive fighting force in the world.

Two battle-scarred veterans of this army, Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro, have survived years of campaigning in Britannia and have been recalled to Rome. Their time in the teeming, dangerously political city is short, and soon they are travelling with the Praetorian Guard to Spain, a restless colony where simmering tension in the face of Roman rule is aggravated by bitter rivalry amongst the natives. The challenges that face two old friends and their comrades in arms are unlike any they have seen before - in a land that declares itself unconquerable...

Simon Scarrow is a *Sunday Times* **No. 1 bestselling author**. He has a great passion for history, and has brought a number of different eras vividly to life in his acclaimed and much-loved fiction, from the days of the Roman Empire in *Centurion* and *Brothers in Blood*, to the times of the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte in the quartet including *Young Bloods* and *Fire and Sword* to the Siege of Malta in the sixteenth century with *Sword & Scimitar*. His portrayal of an idyllic world torn apart by war in *Hearts of Stone* is powerful, authentic and unforgettable, and shows one of our finest authors of historical fiction at the height of his powers.



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BRITANNIA

THE EAGLE SERIES: BOOK XIV

The action-packed new novel of courage, camaraderie and warfare in the Roman era

A thrilling, action-packed adventure featuring Roman Army heroes Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro. As they tramp the hillsides of western Britannia dreaming of their eventual return to Rome, the officers face daily threats that will test their courage to the full as they fight to protect their men and the Empire.



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BROTHERS IN BLOOD

THE EAGLE SERIES: BOOK XIII

A messenger on the streets of Rome has been intercepted and tortured, revealing a plot to sabotage the Roman army's campaign against Caratacus, commander of Britannia's native tribes. A treacherous agent's mission is to open a second front of attack against them and eliminate the two Roman soldiers who could stand in the way.



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THE BLOOD CROWS

THE EAGLE SERIES: BOOK XII

A Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro are summoned by Governor Ostorius to Londinium. Tasked with leading a newly formed cavalry cohort into the heartland of Wales, they must destroy the growing resistance. But with Caratacus hatching increasingly ambitious plans and disorder threatening from within Macro and Cato's own ranks, this final test will push the soldiers to their limits.

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THE HARROWING

JAMES AITCHESON

1066, The Norman Conquest: Five strangers. Five secrets. No refuge. No turning back.

Five strangers. Five secrets. No refuge. No turning back.

In the aftermath of 1066, a Norman army marches through the North of England: burning, killing and laying waste to everything in its path. The Harrowing has begun. As towns and villages fall to the invaders, five travellers fleeing the slaughter are forced to band together for survival. Refugees in their own country, they journey through the wasteland, hoping to find sanctuary with the last stand of the Saxon rebellion. But are they fleeing the Normans or their own troubles?

Priest, Lady, Servant, Warrior, Minstrel: each has their own story; each their own sin. As enemies past and present close in, their prior deeds catch up with them and they discover there is no sanctuary from fate.

James Aitcheson was born in Wiltshire in 1985 and studied History at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where began his fascination with the medieval period and the Norman Conquest in particular. He is a regular speaker at historical festivals and schools.



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TROUBLE AT ZERO HOUR

ROB LOFTHOUSE

Three operations to retake Europe; two drops into occupied territory; one hell of an adventure

Written by a retired British soldier, Trouble at Zero Hour is a breathless and vivid story, dramatizing three of the key Allied operations that turned the tide of the Second World War.

6 June, 1944, somewhere over the Normandy coastline: Robbie Stokes sits in a glider, his Bren resting on the floor between his outstretched legs. The nose lowers and the glider descends rapidly: ten minutes of stomach-churning twists and turns until suddenly the call goes up to 'BRACE'. The belly makes contact with the ground and the first Allied troops tumble out into occupied Europe.

For new recruit Robbie Stokes it is the beginning of ten months of brutal and relentless conflict that take him from D-Day, via Operation Market Garden and the battle for Arnhem Bridge, to the Rhine Crossing and the final push for victory. Three operations that change the course of the war and test Robbie Stokes and his band of brothers to their limits. If they fail, then the Allied invasion fails. They must succeed through their longest days.

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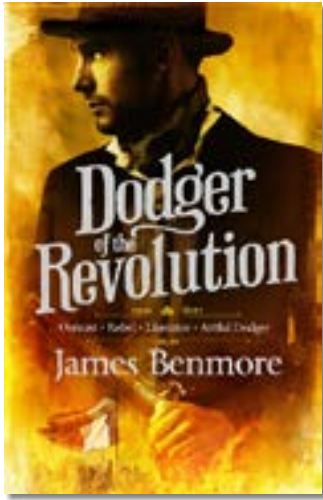
TROUBLE AHEAD

ROB LOFTHOUSE

From the author of *Trouble at Zero Hour* comes the dramatic and vivid story of one of the most significant battles of the Second World War's Greek campaign.

Crete, 1941. British Captain Bentley Paine leads his battered company against hardened German Parachutists led by a humble farmer's son, Captain Martin Bassom.

Robert Lofthouse was born in Twickenham and joined his local county infantry regiment (1 PWRR) straight from school at the age of sixteen. After serving 20 years, having served in Poland, Germany, Kenya, Canada, Falkland Islands, Iraq, Northern Ireland, and Kosovo, he retired in the rank of Sergeant. He now works as a defence consultant and lives in Portsmouth with his wife and three children.



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DODGER OF THE REVOLUTION

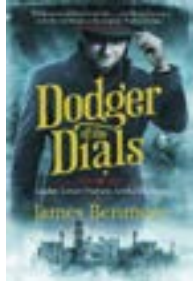
JAMES BENMORE

The Artful Dodger faces his most dangerous adventure yet as he leaves Dickensian London and finds himself manning the barricades in defence of liberty, fraternity and larceny in the 1848 Paris uprising

For Dodger, life as a criminal kingpin is losing its allure. Opium-addicted and heavy-fingered, Dodger is fast becoming a laughing stock on his own patch until a chance encounter leads him to Paris and a job like nothing he's had before.

In a city alive with rebellion, Dodger must avoid assassins, jilted lovers and revolutionaries, and rediscover his touch if he is to lift his most precious treasure yet.

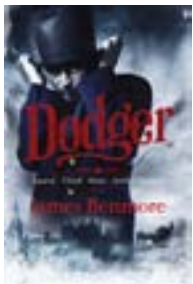
James Benmore has won the AM Heath prize in 2010 for best work of fiction by a writer graduating from Kellogg College.



DODGER OF THE DIALS

The Artful Dodger is back doing what he does best: stealing, charming and leading a gang of petty thieves from the Seven Dials. But crime in London has become a serious business - and when Jack needs protection he soon finds himself out of his depth and facing the gallows for murder.

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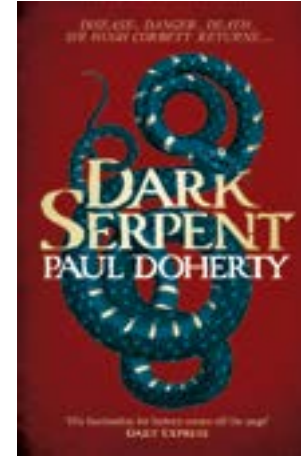


DODGER

After five years in an Australian penal colony, the Artful Dodger returns to London in search of a hidden fortune. Unaware of the fate that befell Twist, Fagin and Sikes, Dodger revisits the criminal underworld of Dickensian London to seek out his old comrades, any of whom might possess the key to the treasure...

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DARK SERPENT

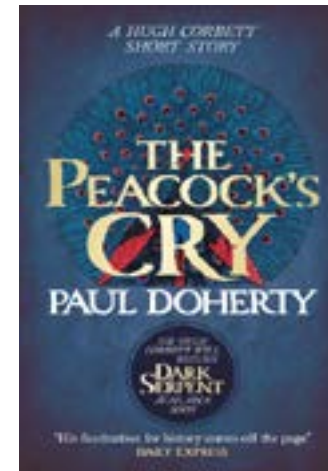
(HUGH CORBETT 18)

PAUL DOHERTY

Corbett, last seen in THE MYSTERIUM, returns in the eighteenth compelling novel in the series.

Summoned to meet the King to be congratulated on their work together, Corbett and Ranulf learn of the death of Corbett's close friend, Ralph Grandison. Ralph, a leper, has been found dead in a rowing boat, a dagger thrust through his chest. But this murder is not the first of its kind. Other patients of the hospital in which Ralph was staying have similarly slaughtered and it seems as though the lepers, all former knights of the Royal household, are being targeted.

The discovery that Ralph was killed by no ordinary weapon, but a poison dagger that once belonged with the Crown Jewels before being famously stolen, leads Corbett down a complex path, where the risk of disease plays out against the backdrop of finding an assassin who will use any means necessary to kill. As Corbett puts himself in the path of extreme danger, will he survive to see another day?



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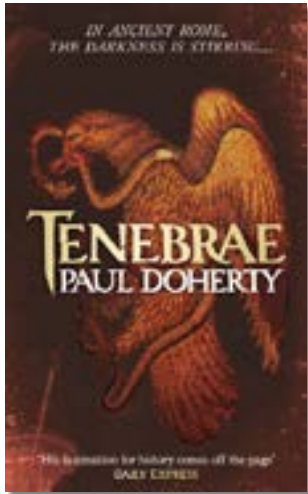
THE PEACOCK'S CRY

An exclusive digital novella featuring Sir Hugh Corbett, lead of acclaimed historian Paul Doherty's most popular series.

It is 1311 and England seethes with unrest. Sir Hugh Corbett, former keeper of the Secret Seal, has been absent from royal service for over six years. Content to live a life more relaxed with his wife and children in the country Corbett has enjoyed his time away from the machinations of court and the secrets men will kill to keep.

But a visit from his new King, Edward II, brings about change. His former protégée, Ranulf atte Newgate, now Senior Clerk in the Chancery, has been implicated in the death of a young novice, and Edward has made it clear that Corbett must resume his post and solve the case if Ranulf is not to hang for the murder...

Corbett knows that resuming his post will bring him to the fore of Edward's political machinations but with Ranulf's life at stake, does Corbett have any choice but to accept the Seal once more?



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TENEBRAE

Roman soldier Manoletus must face the most formidable creatures yet, and his time is running out . . .

Germany, A.D. 9. Roman soldier, Manoletus, finds himself trapped, in surrounded by dead comrades, but manages to flee. Thinking himself safe, he encounters a more fearsome enemy than the German army: the Tenebrae and its Ataru. This deadly, cloaked, blood-sucking killer and keeper of the Underworld, capable of slaying villages of people, trains its gaze upon Manoletus.

The Tenebrae are born from Cleopatra's death, and Manoletus' path becomes tied with the legend and is drawn to Egypt to delve deeper into the mystery of these immortal creatures.

Still on the run, Manoletus meets a late comrade's daughter and vows to protect her. When the Tenebrae send her back to Rome, Manoletus is determined to make his way home to her. But will Manoletus find her before the Tenebrae find him?



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THE ANNALS OF ANCIENT ROME

The Annals of Ancient Rome features a new, exclusive short story from the master historian, Paul Doherty.

Under the full moon, a fire blazes to ward off the evil dead, and the spirits of four old warriors have come to tell their ghost story. It is a tale of battle, of death, and of Carinus the Thracian gladiator and his enemy, the Emperor Domitian, whose souls wander the streets of Rome . . . both for good and for evil.

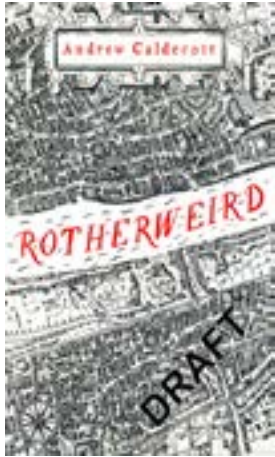
Also includes first chapters from Paul Doherty's spectacular Ancient Roman novels featuring series lead Claudia - Murder Imperial, The Song of the Gladiator, The Queen of the Night and Murder's Immortal Mask.

Paul Doherty was born in Middlesbrough. He studied History at Liverpool and Oxford Universities and obtained a doctorate for his thesis on Edward II and Queen Isabella. He is now headmaster of a school in north-east London and lives with his family in Essex.

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ROTHERWEIRD

ANDREW CALDECOTT

Welcome to Rotherweird: a town with no maps, no guidebooks and no history, but many many secrets . . .

Rotherweird stands alone - there are no maps and no guidebooks, despite the tangled architecture, avant gardescience and offbeat rituals. Cast adrift from the rest of England by Elizabeth I, its independence is subject to one disturbing condition: nobody, but nobody, studies Rotherweird or its history.

For beneath the enchanting surface lurks a patch of slippery sky and a secret so dark that it must never be rediscovered, still less reused.

But secrets have a way of leaking out.

Two inquisitive outsiders arrive: Jonah Oblong, to teach modern history at Rotherweird School (nothing local and nothing else before 1800), and the sinister billionaire Sir Veronal Slickstone, to renovate the town's long-derelict Manor House.

Though driven by conflicting motives, Slickstone and Oblong strive to connect past and present, until they and their allies are drawn into a race against time, and each other . . . with lethal and apocalyptic consequences.

In Rotherweird, nothing is quite what it seems.

Andrew Caldecott is a practising barrister in media law, fantasy novelist, and occasional playwright. His play Higher than Babel was described as "impressive" by the FT and "a bold debut" by the Independent. Driven by subsequent neglect of his dramatic talents (or by the lack of them), he turned to the fantasy novel and wrote his debut, Rotherweird. A sequel is currently taking shape.



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EMPRESS OF THE FALL: THE SUNSURGE QUARTET BOOK 1

DAVID HAIR

Desperate for the next Game of Thrones? Pick up Empress of the Fall for your full-on fix of epic fantasy drama and adventure, politicking and romance, blood and guts and power struggles. .

The Emperor is dead - long live the Empress!

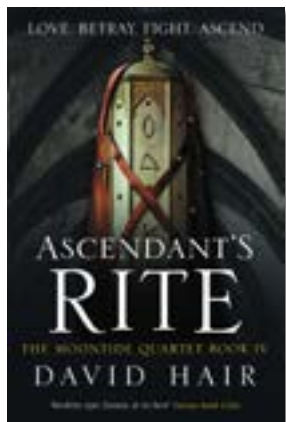
Emperor Constant is dead and his rivals are scrabbling for power - but any misstep could plunge the land, already devastated by the shocking outcome of the Third Crusade, into a calamitous civil war.

The Imperial throne is not the only one in jeopardy. Two brothers, imprisoned veterans of the Crusades, finally return home to find their father's kingdom being plundered - but the price of regaining their birthright will have far-reaching implications for the entire empire.

In the East, Sultan Salim, peacemaker and visionary ruler, faces his greatest challenge as his people demand an invasion of the West in retribution for the Rondian Crusades

And lurking in the darkness, orchestrating both the power struggles and the inevitable conflicts, is a shadowy group threatening to destroy civilisation itself.

Once more, Urte stands on the brink of cataclysm.



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ASCENDANT'S RITE: THE MOONTIDE QUARTET: BOOK IV

DAVID HAIR

The Moontide is ending; new powers must rise to save or damn Urte, and on the mighty Leviathan Bridge itself, all will be decided.

LOVE. BETRAY. FIGHT. ASCEND.

The last few months of the moontide - when the bridge connecting East and West rises above the sea - has come, and in the West Emperor Constant prepares the final phase of his plan to conquer the East.

For failed mage Alaron and his companion Ramita - widow to the mage who built the Leviathan Bridge - the unthinkable has happened. They have lost the Scytale of Corineus, the key to the Rite of Ascendancy, as well as one of Ramita's infant sons, to the hands of their deadliest enemies.

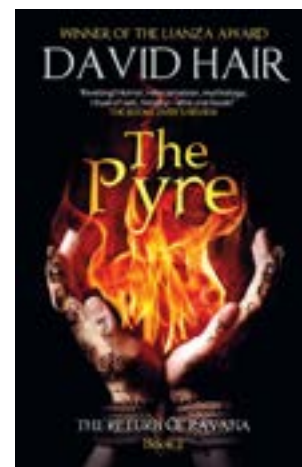
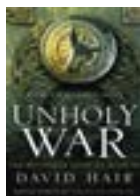
In Javon, Cera Nesti, the imprisoned queen, has been freed, and plots to take on the overwhelming might of the Rondian Empire. But standing between her and her goal is a band of deadly mercenaries playing a dangerous game of their own.

And in the East, Seth Korion's Lost Legions must navigate treacherous roads to gain safety, bearing secrets that could bring down the Emperor.

The time has come for the Rite of Ascendancy to be performed. New powers must rise to save or damn Urte, and on the mighty Leviathan Bridge itself, all will be decided.

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David Hair is an award-winning writer of fantasy for adult and YA readers. He was born in New Zealand and travelled widely, and after spending time in Britain, then India, he now lives in Auckland, New Zealand, with his wife. His epic fantasy sagas The Moontide Quartet and The Sunsurge Quartet, and his YA series The Return of Ravana, are published by Jo Fletcher Books.



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THE PYRE

DAVID HAIR

One deathless demon-king. Six ghostly queens. Four teenagers to fight them

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THE ADVERSARIES

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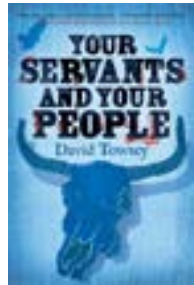
Going from the floodlit studios of Mumbai to the glittering Rajput courts, Vikram and his friends must battle an age-old adversary whose power only grows...

Mumbai, October 2010: Bollywood actress Sunita Ashoka will marry the man who wins her hand in Swayamvara Live, a TV reality show. Vikram Khandavani decides to participate to draw out his nemesis Ravindra. It's a deadly gamble.

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THE WALKIN' BOOK SAGA

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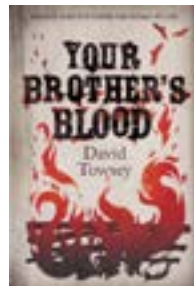
4th JUNE 2015

YOUR SERVANTS AND YOUR PEOPLE

In a dystopian future the dead don't always die - they are the Walkin', but there are those who will not suffer the wicked to live ...

Seven years after Thomas returned as a Walkin', the McDermott family are looking for a new life and Thomas has set his heart on starting a farmstead near the remote outpost of Fort Wilson.

But the teachings of J.S. Barkley are not so easily forsaken - there are those who would see the sinners dead, and they are slowly closing in.



28th AUGUST 2013

YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD

The earth is a wasteland, with no technology, science, or medicine - but the dead don't always die. Those who rise again are the Walkin'...

Thomas is thirty-two. He comes from the small town of Barkley. He has a wife there, Sarah, and a child, Mary; good solid names from the Good Book. And he is on his way home from the war, where he has been serving as a conscripted soldier.

Thomas is also dead - he is one of the Walkin'.

And Barkley does not suffer the wicked to live.

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TYRANT'S THRONE:

THE GREATCOATS BOOK IV

SEBASTIEN DE CASTELL

The Greatcoats are back: 'first-rate fiction, first rate adventure, first rate full stop,' says Sunday Times bestseller Conn Iggulden

Would you - could you? - uphold the law at the cost of those you love?

After years of struggle and sacrifice, Falcio val Mond, First Cantor of the Greatcoats, is on the brink of fulfilling his dead King's dream: Aline, the King's daughter, is about to take the throne and restore the rule of law once and for all.

But for the Greatcoats, nothing is ever that simple. In the neighbouring country of Avars, an enigmatic new warlord is uniting the barbarian armies which have long plagued Tristia's borders - and even worse, he is rumoured to have a new ally: Trin, who's twice tried to kill Aline to take the throne for herself. With the armies of Avars at her back, she'll be unstoppable.

Falcio, Kest and Brasti race north to stop her, but in those cold and treacherous climes they discover something altogether different, and far more dangerous: a new player is planning to take the throne of Tristia, and the Greatcoats, for all their skill, may not be able to stop him.

As the nobles of Tristia and even the Greatcoats themselves fight over who should rule, the Warlord of Avars threatens to invade. It is going to fall to Falcio to render the one verdict he cannot bring himself to decide: does he crown the girl he vowed to put on the throne, or uphold the laws he swore to serve?



TRAITOR'S BLADE

THE GREATCOATS: BOOK I

Falcio is the first Cantor of the Greatcoats. Trained in the fighting arts and the laws of Tristia, the Greatcoats are travelling Magisters upholding King's Law. They are heroes. Or at least they were, until they stood aside while the Dukes took the kingdom, and impaled their King's head on a spike.

Now Tristia is on the verge of collapse and the barbarians are sniffing at the borders. The Dukes bring chaos to the land, while the Greatcoats are scattered far and wide, reviled as traitors, their legendary coats in tatters.
15th JULY 2015



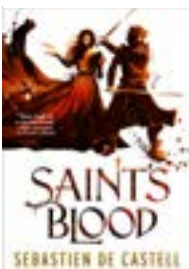
KNIGHT'S SHADOW

THE GREATCOATS: BOOK II

Tristia is a nation overcome by intrigue and corruption. The idealistic young King Paelis is dead and the Greatcoats have been branded traitors. But just before his head was impaled on a spike, the King swore each of his hundred and forty-four Greatcoats to a different mission.

Falcio Val Mond, with the help of fellow Greatcoats Kest and Brasti, has completed his King's final task: he has found his Charoites – well, one at least, and she was not quite what they expected. Now they must protect the girl from the many who would see her dead, and place her on the throne of a lawless kingdom.

5th MARCH 2015



SAINT'S BLOOD

THE GREATCOATS: BOOK III

The Dukes were already looking for ways out of their agreement to put Aline on the throne, but with the Saints turning up dead, rumours are spreading that the Gods themselves oppose her ascension. Now churches are looking to protect themselves by bringing back the military orders of religious soldiers, assassins, and (especially) Inquisitors - a move that could turn the country into a theocracy. The only way Falcio can put a stop to it is by finding the murderer. He has only one clue: a terrifying iron mask. But even if he can find the killer, he'll still have to face him in battle.

7th APRIL 2016

Sebastien de Castell had just finished a degree in Archaeology when he started work on his first dig. Four hours later he realised how much he hated archaeology and left to pursue a very focused career as a musician, ombudsman, interaction designer, fight choreographer, teacher, project manager, actor and product strategist.



THE HELGAR FINNSDOTTIR SERIES

SNORRI KRISTJANSSON



7th SEPTEMBER 2017

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HELGAR FINNSDOTTIR BOOK I

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First came Scandi-crime and Nordic Noir - now it's time for Viking Crime! Make way, Lisbeth Salander and Sarah Lund, for Helga Finnsdottir. Lies. Manipulation. Murder. There's nothing quite like family ...

Everyone loves a family reunion ...

It is the summer of 970. Adopted daughter Helga awaits the arrival of Unnthor Reginsson's children, who are coming for the regular family gathering at their remote family farm. Unnthor, once a fearsome Viking warlord, now prosperous farmer and chieftain of his and neighbouring valleys, is not the only one doing well. Karl, his oldest son, has also settled down to farming after a successful career raiding and plundering and middle son Bjorn is a respected horse farmer on the Swedish border. Aslak, the youngest, works closer to home, and daughter Jorunn is married to a Swedish chieftain's son.

As the siblings gather, bad blood simmers and old feuds resurface as Unnthor's heirs make their moves on the old man's estate - until Karl is found dead and the bloodied knife is discovered in Bjorn's son's bed.

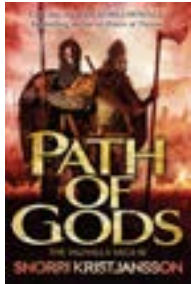
For all his size and strength, Helga's not convinced Volund Bjornsson has it in him to kill anyone - but if she's to save the boy from the axe, she must uncover the truth ... before the killer strikes again.

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Snorri Kristjansson was born in Iceland and is a writer and a teacher, with a background in acting, music and stand-up comedy. He lives in Edinburgh with his wife. *The Valhalla Saga*, his Viking Fantasy series and *Kin and Council*, his Viking Crime series are both published by Jo Fletcher Books.

THE VALHALLA SAGA

SNORRI KRISTJANSSON



PATH OF GODS

Reunited, Audun and Ulfar have a new sense of purpose: to ensure that the North remains in the hands of those who hold with the old gods. To do this, they must defeat the people who seek to destroy all they have ever known with the new White Christ. But these are powerful enemies and if they have any chance of victory, they must find equally powerful allies.

2nd JULY 2015



BLOOD WILL FOLLOW

Ulfar Thormodsson and Audun Arngrimsson survived the battle for Stenvik, although at huge cost. They have suffered much worse than heartbreak; they have lost the very thing that made them human: their mortality.

While Ulfar heads home, looking for the place where he thinks he will be safe, Audun runs south. But both men are about to discover that they cannot run away from themselves. For King Olav has left the conquered town of Stenvik in the hands of his lieutenant so he can journey north, following Valgard in the search for the source of the Vikings' power.

5th JUNE 2014



SWORDS OF GOOD MEN

For Ulfar Thormodsson, the Viking town of Stenvik is the last stop on a two-year-long journey, before he goes home.

But for other, larger powers, Stenvik is about to become the meeting ground in a great war: one that will see a clash of the old gods versus the new White Christ. One that will see blood wash the land.

1st AUGUST 2013

Snorri Kristjansson was born in Iceland and is a writer and a teacher, with a background in acting, music and stand-up comedy. He lives in Hertfordshire with his wife. The entire Valhalla Saga

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THE SHATTERED KINGDOMS SAGA

EVIE MANIERI



STRIFE'S BANE

Lahlil Eotan has left her great victory in Norland behind her in the hopes of reuniting with King Jachad of the Nomias - before his transformation into a god separates them for ever. But somehow she's acquired a travelling companion in the form of one Rho Arregador, who won't let her forget her role in the Shadar's predicament or in her sister Isa's chilling transformation.

4th FEBRUARY 2016



FORTUNE'S BLIGHT

Victory for the Shadari rebels has come at a terrible price. Hardship, superstition and a murderous cabal poison King Daryan's young regime, but help is nowhere to be found: the mercenary who led their rebellion has vanished, their Nomias allies have troubles of their own, and the Norlanders who returned home to plead - or fight - for the Shadari's independence have found themselves embroiled in the court politics of an empire about to implode.

1st JANUARY 2015



BLOOD'S PRIDE

The Norlander governor is dying and, as his three alienated children struggle against the crushing isolation of their lives, the Shadari rebels spot their opening and summon the Mongrel, a mysterious mercenary warrior who has never yet lost a battle. But her terms are unsettling: she will name her price only after the Norlanders have been defeated.

30th AUGUST 2012

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Evie Manieri graduated from Wesleyan University with a degree in Mediaeval History and Theatre - disciplines that continue to influence her work in equal measure. Evie lives with her family in New York and in her spare time she can be found singing soprano with New York's Renaissance Street Singers.



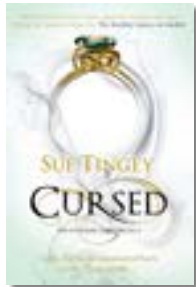


15th JUNE 2017

BOUND

She always knew she was psychic, but discovering her ghostly best friend was in fact her demon half-sister - and she herself is half-demon - came as a shock. Falling in love with two men wasn't in her game plan either, but that's working out brilliantly.

Or it was . . . but now Jinx the Deathbringer has been kidnapped by Lucky's enemies, who intend to use his powers to destroy the worlds above and below. And Jamie has tried to use his own powers to control her, destroying her trust in him.



4th FEBRUARY 2016

CURSED

Lucky knows she has some hard choices to make: will it be Jinx, the sexy Deathbringer, or Jamie, the gorgeous Guardian?

But before she can even start to enjoy life in the Underlands, her sister's men are slain and Kayla herself is kidnapped by the Sicarii, assassins-for-hire member of a death-cult.

They can't be working for Lucky's nemesis, for Henri le Dent is being held in the court's dungeons, at least according to court torturer Amaliel Cherour - but the Chambers of Rectification are empty, both Amaliel and Henri have fled and it soon becomes clear that Kayla is just bait to catch Lucky.



7th MAY 2015

MARKED

With no family and very few friends, Lucky's psychic ability has always made her an outcast. The only person she can rely on is Kayla, the ghost girl who has been with her since she was born.

But Kayla is not all that she appears.

And when Lucky is visited by a demonic assassin with a message for her friend, she finds herself dragged into the Underlands - and the political fight for the daemon king's throne.

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IDLE HANDS

THE FACTORY TRILOGY: BOOK II

TOM FLETCHER

Can Wild Alan unite the Discard against the tyranny of the Pyramid?

Desperate to cure his son Billy of the disease Idle Hands, Wild Alan must find a way back into the Pyramid from which he was exiled. But, trapped in the barren wasteland that is the Discard - the area surrounding the Pyramid - there isn't much he can do alone.

Bloody Nora, the mapmaker, has her own reasons for wanting to get into the Pyramid; she believes that the secrets of Glean's history can be found in the Pyramid's vaults. And she has worked with Wild Alan before.

Tom Fletcher has published a number of short stories as well as three novels with Quercus. He lives in Cumbria with his wife and son.



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THE LAST GASP

TREVOR HOYLE

No oxygen, no life: when the air thins in this near-future thriller, a race against time to find the solution begins

Mankind is killing the air we breathe.

Scientists have been warning for decades that we are poisoning the Earth. Now their prophecy is coming true. The oceans have become polluted, destroying a crucial link in the planet's life-support system.

Instead of joining in friendship to meet this deadly future, corrupt superpowers are plotting to secure the last remaining clean air for the privileged few.

This is the terrifying 21st-century prophecy of what we are doing to our home in space.

Once it was just a scary bedtime story. Now it has become horrifyingly real.

Time is short. The air is running out.

Trevor Hoyle was born and lives in Lancashire. He worked as an actor, an advertising copywriter and a lecturer in Creative Writing before becoming a full-time writer.

THE GAIA CHRONICLES

NAOMI FOYLE



STAINED LIGHT

THE GAIA CHRONICLES BOOK IV

Outside Astra's fortified Gaian homeland, an infertility crisis is threatening the survival of the human race, while global civilisation's reckless pursuit of rare earth mining is infuriating the ancient spirits of the planet. Astra may have found her voice as a messenger of cosmic harmony - but is anyone listening? And if she cannot persuade humanity to respect the elemental laws of the universe, will she at least see her life-long personal enemies, Dr Samrod Blesserson and Ahn Orson, face justice on Earth?

14th DECEMBER 2017

THE BLOOD OF HOOPOE

THE GAIA CHRONICLES: BOOK III

War is breaking out in Kadingir. Still struggling to accept her role as a long-prophesied icon of unification between Is-Land and Non-Land, Astra Ordott is on a journey across the windsands to join her father and his people - the mystics of Shiimti, who claim to hold the secret of truly healing the damaged relationship between human beings and the Earth.

3rd MARCH 2016

ROOK SONG

THE GAIA CHRONICLES: BOOK II

Astra Ordott is in exile evicted from her paradise homeland for a crime she does not regret. She has found work in an ancient fortress, headquarters of CONC, the Council of New Continents, which is responsible for providing humanitarian aid to the desperate inhabitants of this toxic refugee camp.

5th FEBRUARY 2015

ASTRA

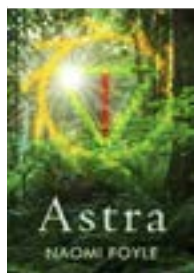
THE GAIA CHRONICLES: BOOK I

Is-land is a Gaian paradise in the middle of a blasted world - but its success comes at a dark price.

Astra just wants to grow up to protect her homeland and help her beloved Shelter Father, but she is unwittingly caught in a net of lies and deceit. If she is to survive, she must learn to navigate this adult world of deception ... or her actions could bring the whole community toppling down.

30th JANUARY 2014

Naomi Foyle was born in London, grew up in Hong Kong, Liverpool and Canada, and currently lives in Brighton. She spent three years in Korea, teaching English, writing travel journalism and acting in Korean educational television. She is a highly regarded poet and performer.



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VERITY FASSBINDER: BOOK II

ANGELA SLATTER

Verity's all about protecting her city, but right now that's mostly running surveillance and handling the less exciting cases for the Weyrd Council - after all, it's hard to chase the bad guys through the streets of Brisbane when you're really, really pregnant.

An insurance investigation sounds pretty harmless, even if it is for 'Unusual Happenstance'. That's not usually a clause Normals use - it covers all-purpose hauntings, angry genii loci, ectoplasmic home invasion, demonic possession, that sort of thing - but Susan Beckett's claimed three times in three months. Her house keeps getting inundated with mud, but she's still insisting she doesn't need or want help ... until the dry-land drownings begin.

Angela Slatter has been shortlisted for numerous prestigious prizes, including the Norma K. Hemming Award, and has won the World Fantasy Award, the British Fantasy Award and five Aurealis Awards. Her short stories have appeared widely, including in annual British, Australian and North American Best Of anthologies

VIGIL

VERITY FASSBINDER: BOOK I

ANGELA SLATTER

Verity Fassbinder has her feet in two worlds.

The daughter of one human and one Weyrd parent, she has very little power herself, but does claim unusual strength - and the ability to walk between us and the other - as a couple of her talents. As such a rarity, she is charged with keeping the peace between both races, and ensuring the Weyrd remain hidden from us.

But now Sirens are dying, illegal wine made from the tears of human children is for sale - and in the hands of those Weyrd who hold with the old ways - and someone has released an unknown and terrifyingly destructive force on the streets of Brisbane.

And Verity must investigate - or risk ancient forces carving our world apart.



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THE HIDDEN PEOPLE

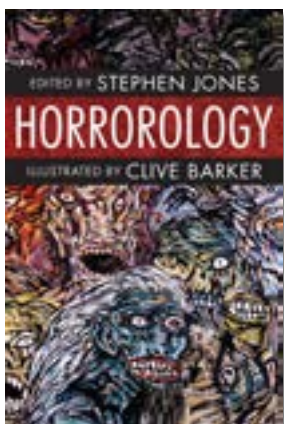
ALISON LITTLEWOOD

A new standalone novel set in rural Victorian England, where superstition and myth bleed into real life with tragic consequences...From the bestselling author of *A Cold Season*.

Pretty Lizzie Higgs is gone, burned to death on her own hearth - but was she really a changeling, as her husband insists? Albie Mirralls met his cousin only once, in 1851, within the grand glass arches of the Crystal Palace, but unable to countenance the rumours that surround her murder, he leaves his young wife in London and travels to HalfOak, a village steeped in superstition.

Albie begins to look into Lizzie's death, but in this place where the old tales hold sway and the 'Hidden People' supposedly roam, answers are slippery and further tragedy is just a step away ...Angela Slatter and Lisa Tuttle.

Alison Littlewood is the author of *A Cold Season*, published by Jo Fletcher Books. The novel was selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club, where it was described as "perfect reading for a dark winter's night."



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HORROROLOGY

EDITED BY STEPHEN JONES

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In the Library of the Damned, there exists a certain bookcase where the most blasphemous of tomes sit upon a dusty shelf.

And amongst those titles there is one volume that is the most terrible of them all. That book is the Lexicon of Fear. But, long ago, some of its pages were ripped from the binding and spirited away by a lowly student of the ancient science of Horrorology, who was determined the secrets contained therein would one day be shared with the world.

And now that day has come. These are the words that comprise the very language of horror itself, and the tales they tell are not for the fainthearted.

Featuring stories from Clive Barker, Robert Shearman, Michael Marshall Smith, Pat Cadigan, Mark Samuels, Joanne Harris, Muriel Gray, Kim Newman, Ramsey Campbell, Reggie Oliver, Angela Slatter and Lisa Tuttle.

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