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Talk Dirty to Me & Other Spicy Stories for Bedtime Reading

Julie Murphy & Sierra Simone

Romance for the audio market: A collection of sweet and spicy interconnected short stories set in the coziest small town. A gossip podcast called Talk Dirty to Me will reveal all the juiciest romantic dalliances...

Welcome to Spooning, Connecticut, a sleepy town in the tree-carpeted Litchfield Hills, where life is friendly and quiet... that is, until the four Barstow brothers, along with their sister, are left a farm in their grandparents' will.

Suddenly they're all back in Spooning, and the once sleepy town has unknowingly become the setting of the latest season of Baby Barstow's popular podcast, Talk Dirty to Me. And seeing as she's here, she can't help but inject a little local gossip into each recording.

Soon it becomes clear that there is a lot more forking happening in Spooning than at first meets the eye - and Baby Barstow isn't interested in keeping any of it quiet. In fact, we're about to hear all about it...

WHAT TO EXPECT...

- Cosy small-town vibes
- Hot brothers
- Enemies-to-lovers
- Forced proximity
- Only one bed
- Grumpy x sunshine
- Marriage of convenience
- Opposites attract

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Julie Murphy is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dumplin'*, *Puddin'*, *Ramona Blue*, and *Side Effects May Vary*. She lives in North Texas with her husband who loves her, her dog who adores her, and her cats who tolerate her. When she's not writing, she can be found reading, traveling, or hunting down the perfect slice of pizza. Before writing full time, she held numerous jobs, such as wedding dress consultant, failed barista, and, ultimately, librarian.

Sierra Simone is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling former library employee (who spent too much time reading romance novels at the information desk). Her notable works include *Priest*, *American Queen*, and *A Merry Little Meet Cute*, and her books have been featured in *Marie Claire*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *Buzzfeed*. She lives with her husband and family in Kansas City.



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Summer Under a Starry French Sky

Get swept away this summer by this gorgeous second chance romance

Sophie Claire

Get swept away this summer by this gorgeous second chance romance, set in the rolling hills of Provence

Daredevil stunt double Amber is fearless in every way... except when it comes to love.

She isn't scared of high-speed car chases. Or of being beaten up. Or even of diving off a cliff - literally. But relationships? That's where you really get hurt.

So when she finds herself spending the summer working on a film set in the rolling French hills she's 100% clear: romantic as the setting may be, she's not open to anything besides casual flings.

Enter scruffily handsome archaeology academic Romain. He's furious to be missing an important dig to work instead as an on-set historical accuracy advisor for a ridiculous Hollywood movie, and his scathing tone soon starts to irritate Amber no end. After a disastrous run-in one night she vows to avoid the grumpy professor for good.

And yet.

As long hot days melt into slow evenings drinking wine under the stars, everyone on set finds themselves changed by the sensual French summer unfolding around them. And Amber and Romain can't help but feel their own walls start to come down too...

But can a change of setting ever really be enough to bring about a change of heart?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sophie Claire, born to a French mother and Scottish father, grew up in Manchester where she still lives with her husband and two sons. She writes stories centred around sunny Provence, where she spent her summers as a child.

Sophie is the author of six gorgeously escapist seasonal romances, including *The Christmas Holiday*, *An Escape to Provence* and *Christmas at the French Repair Shop*.

Also available



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I Love You, And Georgia Stone

Jude Lamarra has made a pact. She will not, under any circumstances, hook up with a man again.

Okay, maybe not never again. But, like, at least not for a few months.

She's ready to focus on something more fulfilling: her business. Perpetually single Jude learnt a long time ago that the world isn't built for people to thrive on their own, and if she has anything to do with it that is about to change. She's completely thrown herself in to opening her own community hub, providing fun (and, erm, unusual...) solo activities.

Meanwhile, when an older friend from book club ropes her into fake-dating her son for an event, Jude is happy to go along with it, because, hey, it's not real, so it doesn't break her pact.

The problem? The son in question is the quiet, awkward man who ghosted Jude after a one-night stand two years ago.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Georgia Stone is a London-based author of contemporary romance. She writes love stories that she hopes make people laugh out loud and clutch their hearts in equal measure. When she's not reading or writing, you can usually find her trying out DIY projects in her ridiculously colourful flat, spending far too much time feeding *The Algorithm*, or acting unhinged at gigs with her friends.

Also available

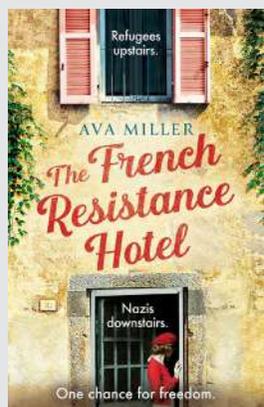


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The French Resistance Hotel

A sweeping, one-of-a-kind WW2 historical fiction novel for 2026, inspired by an incredible true story

Ava Miller

A one-of-a-kind, sweeping novel, based on the incredible true story of the Hotel Arbez, a refuge for prisoners of wars and Jews fleeing the Nazis, from an exceptional new voice in historical fiction.

France, 1940.

A hotel on the border.

Refugees upstairs. Nazis downstairs.

One woman will risk everything to save them.

After escaping an abusive relationship in Nice, Eloise thought she'd never find a home again. Until she arrives at the Hotel Cordier in the eastern town of Sainte-Béline, straddling the frontier between Switzerland and France.

But when the Nazis invade, everything changes.

Trapped under occupation, Eloise finds herself drawn to the resistance - and to André, its charismatic local leader. André is determined to use the hotel's unique position to save as many refugees fleeing persecution as he can.

It doesn't take long before the Germans start closing in. Facing the threat of discovery and the shadows of her past, Eloise must decide how much she is willing to risk for the cause, for freedom, for love...

A devastating, sweeping and romantic historical epic of the Second World War from a thrilling new voice in historical fiction, perfect for readers of Kristin Harmel, Fiona Valpy and Heather Morris.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ava Miller is a hugely respected historical fiction novelist. Under her other pen-names, Ava has been listed in a range of awards, from being nominated for the Edinburgh International Book Festival First Book Award, to twice being a finalist in the Romantic Novelists' Association Saga of the Year Award. She writes short fiction for magazines including *My Weekly* and the *Sunday Express* magazine, as well as articles for *The History Quill*, *Writers & Artists* and *The Royal Literary Fund*, and she mentors emerging writers for *Curtis Brown Creative*. Ava has a *Masters in Writing*, a *PGCE* in English and is an *Associate Fellow* of the *Higher Education Academy*, as well as having decades of experience as an author, teacher and examiner. She provides reader and writer services on her website beccanovelist.com. She lives by the sea in the east of England with her family.

The Wandering Queen

Claire Heywood

Bestselling author Claire Heywood returns with a beautifully rendered tale of the fierce Queen Dido of Carthage, her rule and her doomed love affair with Trojan prince Aeneas.

'A beautifully woven tale with brilliant, confident writing, [Heywood] has illuminated the stories of ladies too often relegated to the role of villain or damsel'
CLAIRE M ANDREWS

The King of Tyre is dead, his final words anointing his clever and strong-willed daughter, Elissa, as the new queen until his young son, Pygmalion, comes of age. But betrayal and danger soon haunt Elissa, and she is forced to flee the kingdom - exiled with a band of loyal followers and a broken heart.

After an arduous search for a new home, Elissa and her people settle in North Africa, and she is crowned Queen Dido: the ferocious and devoted ruler of her newly established city of Carthage. Soon a powerful trading hub, Carthage thrives under Dido's governance.

But when a band of Trojan survivors, led by the valiant Aeneas, washes up on a nearby shore, Queen Dido is reminded of a promise she made long ago, never to trust or to love another again. Can Dido overcome her past and open herself - and her city - up to Aeneas, or is their love doomed to burn everything to the ground?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

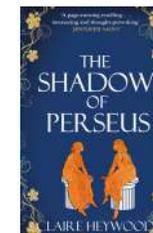
Claire Heywood is a scholar of the ancient world, having gained a 1st Class BA in Classical Civilisation and an MA with Distinction in Ancient Visual and Material Culture, along with two academic prizes, from the University of Warwick. Her writing is inspired by her love of mythology, her knowledge of ancient cultures, and her fascination with women's forgotten voices. Originally from Coventry, she now lives and writes in Bristol, UK.

Also available



Rights sold in
Daughters of Sparta:
 Brazil (Universo dos Livros)
 Czech Republic (Euromedia)
 France (City Editions)
 Germany (Droemer)
 Italy (Newton Compton)

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 Kit Neville
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 70k Words
 Rights Sold
 US (Union Square)

The Gourmet Detective

Chanyang Hyun

A cosy, warming Korean mystery about a brilliant detective who solves crimes not with a knife, but a spoon.

Heo Gyun is an investigator of a different flavour: a "gourmet detective." With an exceptional palate, he can taste a dish once and immediately reconstruct the recipe in his mind. He understands how seasonings pair, the properties of ingredients, and how food interacts with the human body.

Exiled to the rural village of Hamyeol, accused of a crime he didn't commit, he forms a close bond with the town's most powerless. Broken down and reshaped through the lives of those not even considered full citizens, Heo Gyun rediscovers his purpose as a detective, solving mysteries around the dinner table.

He may be a man driven by an insatiable appetite, but someone who has mastered one world can often perceive truths in another. His deep knowledge of food allows him to see into the heart of people's lives.

A cosy, warming Korean mystery about a brilliant detective who solves crimes not with a knife, but a spoon.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chanyang Hyun studied film at Korea Animation High School, theatre at Sogang University and the Korea National University of Arts, and literature at Yonsei University Graduate School, where she wrote her thesis on romance comics. She made her literary debut in 2013 with the play *Room 401: Yoon Jung's Family*, which was selected in the Busan Ilbo New Year's Literary Contest. In 2021, she began her career as a fiction writer with *A Palace Ghost on a Sleepless Night*, which won the Mystery Short Story category at the 4th Elixir Awards. That same year, her script *The Gourmet Detective* won the MBC Drama Script Competition, and she is currently working on the TV series of the same name.

Bitter Fruit

The next big thing in crime fiction

Tempest Black

A razor-sharp, Irish-set police procedural infused with intricately woven depths and mysticism, for readers of Tana French and Jane Harper.

On the first day, a body is found in the ruins of a church, knelt as if in prayer - naked, beheaded, castrated. Veteran Garda DI Lewan Kane and his team are called in to investigate, but this ritualistic killer hasn't left a trace.

In a quiet corner of Dublin, Ella Lonan is wrestling with her sanity. Four years on from a devastating loss, she is haunted by disturbing visions - severed heads in the nave of a church, a young woman drowned by a black ocean.

When Kane appears in one of her visions, Ella turns up at the Garda station, desperate for answers. The team refuse to base their investigation on the ravings of a stranger... but soon Kane realises that unlocking her mind is the key to a case darker than anything they've seen before.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

After immigrating to Ireland from South Africa, gaining Irish citizenship in the process, **Tempest Black** discovered a love of writing, coffee, and corvids. She fused her passion for all three into her debut crime novel, *The Seventh Day*. Tempest holds an honours degree in psychology, and her studies are currently being used to craft the next unhinged killer for DI Lewan Kane to confront. She lives in Dublin with her family, where she runs a tattoo parlour with her husband.



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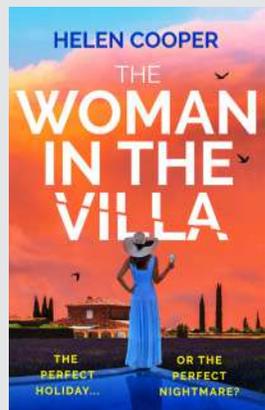
French (Payot & Rivages,
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German (Piper, pre-empt)

Italian (Mondadori, at auction)

Romanian (Editura Trei)

Ukrainian, (Family Leisure Club)



Hodder Paperbacks
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320pp

The Woman in the Villa

An utterly gripping psychological thriller with a heart-stopping twist

Helen Cooper

Another utterly addictive read with twists you won't see coming from Kindle top 100 bestselling author Helen Cooper!

A holiday to the Umbrian Hills with my husband and his family should be a dream trip. Spending a week in the scorching sun, relaxing by the pool, sipping on local wine...

A whole week of trying to hide what I've done.

When I meet Carmen, the woman staying in the villa next to us, I'm immediately drawn to her, thankful to have some normalcy against the intensity of my in laws. I didn't expect to tell her my biggest secret, one that could tear my whole life apart...

But when I return the next day to beg Carmen not to tell a soul, the house is completely empty, and she is nowhere to be found.

What happened to the woman in the villa? Can I trust her with my secret - or is she hiding something even bigger than me?

Praise for Helen Cooper:

'Dark and twisty with a shocking conclusion'
Nicole Trope

'Another masterfully constructed novel from the queen of psychological thrillers'
Sarah Bonner

'I was gripped by this beautifully, written, intricately plotted, tangle of secrets and lies'
Louise Jensen

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Helen Cooper is from Derby and lives in Leicester. She has taught English and Academic Writing in both Further and Higher Education and was Head of Learning Enhancement at the University of Birmingham. She has an MA in Creative Writing from Nottingham Trent University and has been published in *Writers' Forum*, *Mslexia*, *Woman*, *the Bath Short Story Award Anthology* (2014) and the *Leicester Writes Short Story Prize Anthology* (2018).

The Last Retreat

Marina Palmer

An explosive and utterly addictive espionage thriller.

After surviving a raid in Ukraine, war photographer Tash Carter is in desperate need of recuperation. She accepts a job teaching photography at Belford Abbey, a luxurious estate where the super-rich come to switch off and be renewed.

One of Belford's most esteemed clients is billionaire Eliot Drake, owner of Panopticon, a data-mining company which could be any government's biggest asset, or, if in the wrong hands, shatter global diplomacy.

When Tash is approached by an MI6 agent asking her to uncover information, she quickly learns that Eliot Drake is a very powerful, and very dangerous man.

Tash has seen enemies on the battlefield, but soon she'll find that the biggest threat lies within Belford's walls...

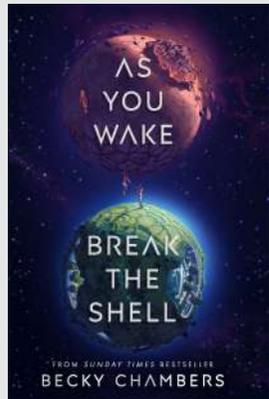
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marina Palmer is the pseudonym of bestselling British author Imogen Robertson used for her contemporary solo thriller writing.

Imogen was born and brought up in Darlington and read Russian and German at Cambridge. Before becoming a full-time writer, she directed for TV, film, and radio. She is the author several novels, including the *Crowther* and *Westerman* series and *The Paris Winter*, and has co-written novels with former Labour Deputy Leader Tom Watson (*The House*), screenwriter Darby Kealey (*Liberation* as Imogen Kealey) and the legendary Wilbur Smith (*King of Kings*). Imogen has been shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger three times and for the CWA Dagger in the Library Award once. She has also written for Hampton Court Palace, chaired the Historical Writers' Association and been mentioned in *Private Eye* twice.



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Hodderscape

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Molly Powell

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Bulgarian (Studio of A)

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Spanish (Alianza)

US (Voyager)

As You Wake, Break the Shell

Becky Chambers

The stars are waiting for you. We hope you will come find us there.

Life on Fortune is hard. The atmosphere is poisonous, the planet hardly fit for life. But for its inhabitants, it's home.

Pilot Cora suffers from a rare and dangerous condition, brought about by her bond with Colibri, the alien animal she pilots to quarry vital water for the colony. If Cora seeks treatment, she risks losing her license - and her connection to Colibri forever.

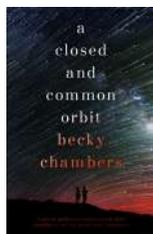
Then she meets Signy, a brilliant but reclusive botanist, whose bio-printed medicine is the only thing that can save her. But to do so, Signy must break the rules that govern their lives, risking her livelihood and the other colonists who rely on her for survival.

As Cora and Signy navigate their balance of risk and trust, they are forced to confront what they owe to each other and to their community - and begin to question whether survival is enough...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Becky Chambers is a science fiction author based in the US. She is best known for her Hugo Award-winning *Wayfarers* series. Her books have also been nominated for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Locus Award, and the Women's Prize for Fiction, among others. Becky grew up in a family heavily involved in space science, and spends her free time looking through her telescope. Having hopped around the world a bit, she's now back in her home state, where she lives with her wife. She hopes to see Earth from orbit one day.

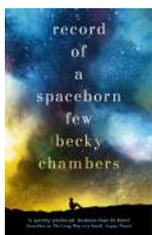
Also available



Rights sold in the *Wayfarers* series:

Bulgarian (Studio of A)
Chinese Simplified (United Sky)
Croatian (Hangar)
Czech (Host)
French (Sarl Librairie L'Atalante)
German (Fischer)
Hungarian (Metropolis)
Italian (Fanucci)

Japanese (Tokyo Sogensha)
Polish (Zysk)
Portuguese - Brazil (Darkside)
Russian (Exem)
Spanish (Alianza)
Turkish (Panama Basim Yayin Dagitim)
US (HarperCollins)



The Door of Shadows

Georgia Summers

A stunning, magical adult fantasy standalone set in the same world as *The City of Stardust*.

Caspian Verne is destined for greatness: to join the powerful worlds-walking scholars and fulfil his grandmother's ambitions. It's also a destiny he's determined to get out of. Instead, he's been secretly pursuing a quest that could upend his grandmother's machinations for good. For there is an astral said to grant a powerful favour to those willing to pay the price. The only problem is that the god is missing: a myth of myths. And without the ability to walk between worlds, he'll never be able to escape the long shadow of his family's crushing power.

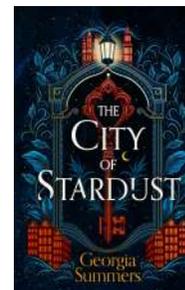
When a ritual to track down the missing astral goes terribly awry, Caspian finds himself at the mercy of Mira, who has nothing to do with the scholars and yet possesses a worlds-walking gift of her own. Desperate, he makes a bargain he has no intention of keeping: together, they will find the astral and split the favour between them.

As Caspian and Mira hunt the missing astral across worlds, they discover that not all doors are meant to be opened. For his grandmother has made a bargain of her own at terrible cost. And something dark is stalking the scholars...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

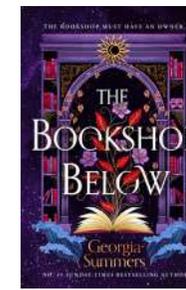
Georgia Summers is a half-British, half-Trinidadian writer, who spent most of her life living across the world, including Russia, Colombia and the US. When she's not doing bookish things, she's planning her next great adventure. She currently lives in London, but she dreams of one day living in a haunted chateau with a ghost that cleans. She is the author of *The City of Stardust*.

Also available



Rights sold in *The City of Stardust*:

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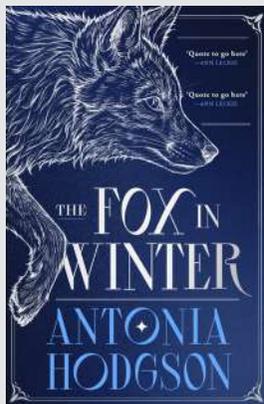
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Slovak (Vydavateľstvo Tatran)

Spanish (Grupo Atico/Oz)

Ukrainian (Family Leisure Club)

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The Fox in Winter

The epic fantasy sequel to *THE RAVEN SCHOLAR*

Antonia Hodgson

The thrilling sequel to the rich and epic fantasy *The Raven Scholar*.

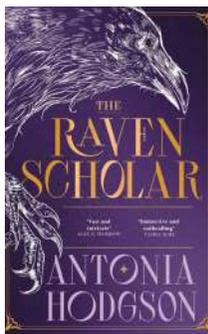
Exiled to the rural village of Hamyeol, accused of a crime he didn't commit, he forms a close bond with the town's most powerless. Broken down and reshaped through the lives of those not even considered full citizens, Heo Gyun rediscovers his purpose as a detective, solving mysteries around the dinner table.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Antonia Hodgson has written four acclaimed historical crime novels. She won the CWA Historical Dagger for *The Devil in the Marshalsea*, and her work has also been shortlisted for numerous awards including the Theakston Crime Novel of the Year.

Antonia's first (unpublished) novel was a gothic fantasy and she always dreamed of writing an epic series, given the chance. *The Raven Scholar* was released to widespread acclaim in 2025 and became an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller. She is now busy finishing its sequel.

Also available



Rights sold in *The Raven Scholar*:

Arabic (Al Karma)

Bulgarian (Studio of A)

Chinese (Sichuan Science Fiction World)

Czech (Albatros)

French (Bragelonne)

German (Heyne)

Hungarian (Könyvmolyképző Kiadó)

Italian (Mondadori)

Polish (Vesper)

Spanish (Grupo Atico (Oz))

Turkish (Prime Kitap)

Ukrainian (Family Leisure Club)

US (Orbit)

Vietnamese (Alpha Books)

Still Falling For You

A stunning high-concept love story from the bestselling author of *The Sight of You*

Holly Miller

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Sight of You* comes a devastating love story unlike anything you've read before.

They say true love lasts forever. But what if it really could?

Josh is 18. Rachel is 18.

From the first night they meet as freshers, Rachel and Josh know they are meant to be. An electric connection quickly blossoms into plans to spend the rest of their lives together.

Josh is 29. Rachel is 29.

Inexplicably, none of the men in Josh's family has lived past the age of thirty. As the fateful birthday approaches, Josh is wracked with fears: of his own death, and of leaving Rachel alone in this world. So when a genius scientist offers him a radical new treatment - which might just save Josh's future with Rachel - how can he possibly say no?

Josh is 29. Rachel is 31.

Rachel wanted nothing more than to grow old with her soulmate, surrounded by the family they longed for. Now, faced with the impossibility of that dream, she has a heartbreaking choice to make. Does the pursuit of happiness mean more to her than true love?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Holly Miller was born and grew up in Bedfordshire. Since university she has worked as a marketer, editor and copywriter. Her debut love story *The Sight of You* was published in 2020 in the UK - where it was a pick for the Richard & Judy Spring Book Club - and in 26 other territories around the world. The novel has also been optioned for film by a major Hollywood studio, Holly currently lives in Norfolk with her partner and their dog.



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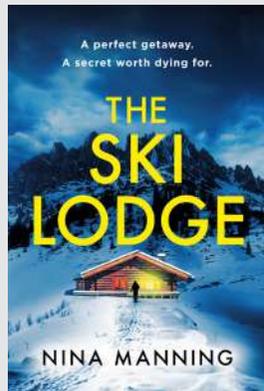
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The Ski Lodge

A gripping and unputdownable psychological thriller with a heart-stopping twist for 2026

Nina Manning

An utterly gripping destination and locked-room thriller from bestselling author Nina Manning.

A perfect escape. A secret worth dying for.

After all flights are grounded, Jolie finds herself stranded at a luxurious ski resort with her two children. Having checked out of her hotel, she desperately posts a message on social media asking for a place to stay.

When Rona offers an isolated ski lodge higher up the mountain, Jolie can't refuse.

But Jolie's hiding something: she's been to this resort before, and the past won't let her go. And as the whirling snowfall takes a turn for the worse, it becomes clear Rona has ulterior motives for letting Jolie stay in the chalet with her family.

What is each woman hiding? And will the truth be deadly?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nina Manning is the author of ten psychological thrillers, including worldwide bestsellers *The Daughter in Law* and *The Bridesmaid*. Her most recent is *The Beach Holiday*. Nina is also the author of *The 3am Shattered Mums Club* and the sequel, *The 6pm Frazzled Mums Club*.

Nina studied Psychology and criminology and is a trained chef; she has worked in private households and catered an intimate afternoon tea for HRH, King Charles III.

After moving from Dorset to Inverness, Scotland, Nina is inspired by the dramatic backdrops of The Highlands.

When she is not writing, she can be found romping in the woods with her dog and family, plotting more books.

The Opposite of Murder

The twisty new thriller from bestselling author of *The Couple at the Table*

Sophie Hannah

The gripping new thriller from *Sunday Times* bestseller Sophie Hannah, the queen of the unguessable twist.

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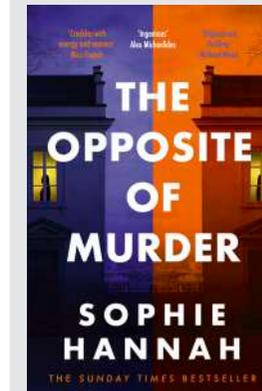
What if the only way to prevent a murder is by confessing to it?

Jemma Stelling has confessed to a crime - one she can't have committed. She has an unshakeable alibi: when Marianne Upton was stabbed to death outside her home, Jemma was at the police station confessing to a deadly obsession with Marianne and a plan to kill her in precisely the way she was killed.

So is Jemma innocent? Or is she an ingenious, cold-blooded murderer?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling crime fiction writer. Her psychological thriller *The Carrier* won the Specsavers National Book Award for Crime Thriller of the Year in 2013. Sophie is the author of the bestselling Poirot continuation mysteries. *The Point of Rescue* and *The Other Half Lives* have been adapted for television as *Case Sensitive*, starring Olivia Williams and Darren Boyd. Sophie is also a bestselling poet who has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot award. Her poetry is studied at GCSE and A-level. Sophie is an Honorary Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. In 2023 Sophie was awarded the prestigious Dagger in the Library from the Crime Writers' Association in recognition of her brilliant body of work. She lives in Cambridge with her family.



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Chain Reaction

The Wondrous Chemistry of Everyday Life

Ijeoma Uchegbu

A personal and eye-opening exploration of the chemistry that binds us all together.

All around us are ever-evolving strings of chain reactions, of bonds forged and broken, of connections made and unmade in less than the blink of an eye.

In *Chain Reaction*, Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu dives into the chemistry that underpins our everyday existence. With warmth and personal anecdotes about the chemistry that has shaped her life, Uchegbu takes us on a journey exploring how our bodies are held together by weak chemical bonds, how our constituent molecules start to break up once our heart stops beating, how our food is stitched together by a careful exploitation of chemical bonds at the interface between water and oil, and exactly what the fibres in our clothes are made of. To be human is to be a walking chemical reaction, as our individual cells are all powered by careful co-ordination of chemistry.

From hairdressing disasters and laundry mishaps to life-saving medicines and kitchen experiments, this eye-opening book reveals that chemical processes are all around us, defining our interactions with the world we live in. This is a story that's both universal and personal, grand and intimate, and it will change the way you see everything.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ijeoma Uchegbu is Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience at University College London, President of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, an inventor, and an educator. She is a fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a governor for Wellcome Trust and Chief Scientific Officer of Nanomerics Ltd, a company that she co-founded. She has held a variety of leadership positions in science including serving as Chairperson of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences and has appeared on BBC Radio 4 *Woman's Hour*, *Desert Island Discs*, BBC *Outlook* and been featured in the *Guardian* and *Daily Telegraph*. In 2025 she was made Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours.

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Atomic Universe

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You are composed of more atoms than there are stars in our universe. In *Atomic Universe*, you'll follow one of your atoms back in time to the Big Bang, and witness the extraordinary evolution of our cosmos, in reverse, along the way.

The aim of *Atomic Universe* is as simple as it is ambitious: to gift the reader comprehension of one of the hardest concepts encountered by the human brain – the Big Bang: what it was, how it happened, the gargantuan domino effect it caused to allow you to be reading these words today, and why we're all directly connected to it.

As the narrative travels back in time – past the milestones of the universe's evolution that will allow readers to imagine seeing stars in formation, hearing the very first sound to break the silence of the cosmos, and being thrashed in the collision that created our earth – the timeline shrinks, until it's 15 minutes to go, a nanosecond to go, and then ... we'll be there in the instant of the Big Bang itself.

Alongside this journey, the book will also tell the story of the atom. Because scientists' discoveries of and about the atom – one of the most incomprehensibly tiny particles in the universe – has helped to explain absolutely everything we can (and can't) see in the cosmos around us.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

David Kelly is from England and is based in Spain. As well as running YouTube channel *Voices of the Past* (1,070,000 subscribers) and co-running YouTube channels *History of the Earth* (571,000 subscribers) and *History of Humankind* (132,000 subscribers), he is the brains behind the vastly popular YouTube channel *History of the Universe*, which produces videos exploring how the cosmos came into existence and why it behaves in the ways it does. He is passionate about transforming complicated physics into dramatic pieces of storytelling (once upon a time, David was an actor). As well as originating and producing the videos, in collaboration with expert scriptwriters and animators, he is the channel's awe-inspiring and much-loved narrator.

Cosmologist **Paul M. Sutter** is a NASA advisor, TV host and U.S. Cultural Ambassador based in Connecticut. He has won awards as a science communicator, including the 2022 Corones award from the Krell Institute, and is currently an associate research scientist at Johns Hopkins University. He has his own YouTube channel of over 70,000 followers, writes and hosts the *Ask a Spaceman* podcast, which has been downloaded over 7 million times, and has hosted a variety of science shows for TV and digital media including *How the Universe Works* on Science Channel and *Space Out* on Discovery. He has spoken at establishments including the Boston Museum of Science, the Houston Museum of Science and the Griffith Observatory among many others. In 2018, US publisher Prometheus published his first book *Your Place in the Universe* which was described as the 'perfect choice for readers looking to understand the universe on scales both human and cosmic'.

How We Think

Ten Thinker-Types to Understand Ourselves and Those Around Us

Marius Ostrowski

A groundbreaking book that defines the ten different 'thinker types' we all inhabit, by leading academic Marius Ostrowski

'Deeply insightful. An essential guide to our many ways of thinking.'
CAMILLA PANG

What is going on inside their head? Why do some people think so differently to me? Why do I think what I think?

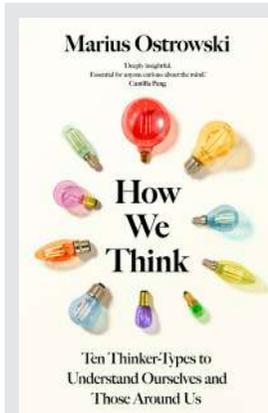
Bringing together startling new evidence from psychology, philosophy, sociology, and political science, Marius Ostrowski breaks down our thinking into ten 'thinker-types' that help us understand ourselves and everyone around us.

We all fall within one or more of these ten distinct mindsets, from the 'Keen Bean' to the 'Agoniser', from the 'Happy Camper' to the 'Worrywart', as coined by Ostrowski. Some overlap, others clash. They are neither 'good' nor 'bad', and they are constantly evolving, adapting to our circumstances. We start growing into them from the moment we are born; which thinker-type we are is the result of our experiences over the course of our lives. Understanding where we and others fit within the ten 'thinker-types' is transformative.

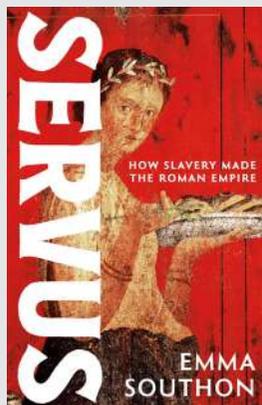
Through these ten ways of thinking, Ostrowski gives us remarkable insight into our own minds as well as those who think differently to us, and reveals how we might even change our minds for the better. *How We Think* is an eye-opening tour of the mind and the surprising factors that shape not just what we think but how we think. It is the essential thinking about thinking.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Marius Ostrowski is a social scientist, political theorist and historian focusing on how ideas and ideologies emerge and gain influence among the general population. He has held Fellowships at All Souls College and the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, and at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Florence. Ostrowski is also an Honorary Professor at the Centre for Research into Ideas and the Study of Political Ideologies, University of Nottingham. Born in Frankfurt, he speaks fluent German, French, Italian, Russian and English.



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Servus

How Slavery Made the Roman Empire

Emma Southon

A ground-breaking account of the role slavery played in the creation and maintenance of the Roman Empire by acclaimed classical historian Emma Southon.

We associate the Romans with majesty and greatness: we marvel at their straight roads and innovative underfloor heating, at the dominance of their army and navy, at the grandeur of their palaces and temples. But the Romans were also enslavers. They built an empire on the backs of millions of people snatched from their homes in the aftermath of war, kidnapped from the streets, sold into slavery as punishment or, simply, born enslaved.

Servus takes us into the invisible spaces of the Roman world, where millions of enslaved lives were unwillingly dedicated to the perpetuation of the empire that owned them. From the fields of wheat required to give every Roman their daily bread, to the actors and gladiators who provided their circuses, and the miners who kept Rome a city of gold and marble, enslaved people were the bedrock of the Roman Empire. These enslaved people were ubiquitous, but silenced. Through the fragments they left behind, historian Emma Southon traces the pain and tragedy of their lives alongside the love stories, lifelong friendships, small victories and hard-won freedoms.

Servus tells the truth about the Roman empire and the unseen lives that made it so dominant.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Southon is a former bookseller and the author of *A History of the Roman Empire in 21 Women*, *A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and *Agrippina: Empress, Exile, Hustler, Whore*, a Best Book of the Year for the *New Statesman*. Armed with a PhD in Ancient History, she also co-hosts the *History is Sexy* podcast. She lives in Belfast, with her husband and her cat Livia.

Queen Elizabeth II

A personal history

Hugo Vickers

A unique and deeply researched portrait of our best-loved monarch.

A TIMES AND TELEGRAPH BOOK TO WATCH IN 2026

Queen Elizabeth II occupies a unique place in the hearts of her people, and in this new, revelatory biography, acclaimed royal historian Hugo Vickers sheds new light on the woman behind the crown.

Even as a child, Elizabeth was elegant, self-contained, and enigmatic. After a supremely happy childhood, gravitas descended with the death of her beloved grandfather and the Abdication of her uncle Edward VII. As Vickers reveals in impeccable prose, she accepted her destiny and worked steadfastly to prepare for what was to come. Crowned at just 21 in 1947, she made a promise to serve and kept it for a remarkable 75 years. She was steadfast and conciliatory and presided calmly over decades of change, political upheaval and family tragedy.

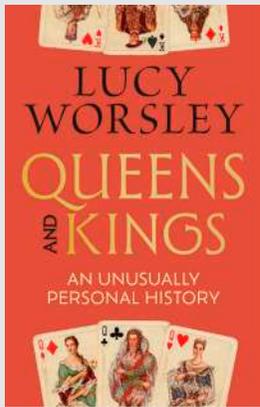
This major new biography is based on sixty years of close observation and research, and uses never-before-seen sources and personal recollections to illuminate her life as never before. Hugo Vickers has been described by the *Financial Times* as 'the most knowledgeable royal biographer on the planet'. This is his most incisive book yet, decoding hidden patterns in our most iconic monarch's behaviour to shed new light on her as never before.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hugo Vickers is a writer, lecturer and broadcaster, and an acknowledged expert on the British Royal Family. He has written biographies of the Queen Mother, Cecil Beaton, Vivien Leigh, Princess Andrew of Greece, and the Duchess of Windsor. His book *The Kiss* won the 1996 Stern Silver Pen Award for Non-Fiction. His recent bestsellers have included *The Quest For Queen Mary* and *The Sphinx – the life of Gladys, the Duchess of Marlborough*.



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Queens and Kings

An Unusually Personal History

Lucy Worsley

A fresh new history of the monarchy from the Tudors to the present as told by *Sunday Times* bestselling historian Lucy Worsley, drawing upon her experience as Chief Curator of Britain's palaces for over two decades.

No one has lived and breathed the monarchy quite like Lucy Worsley. For over twenty years, she worked as Chief Curator in some of Britain's most splendid palaces - and now she is ready to throw open the doors and welcome us in.

In *Queens and Kings*, Lucy takes us on a journey through some of our most turbulent and significant moments in history. From the Council Chamber in which Henry VIII decided to break from the Pope to lunch with the late Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace, from encounters with the Tower of London's Ravenmaster to the depths of Queen Victoria's wardrobe, Lucy shares how she grew to know the queens and kings, courtiers and servants who lived in these buildings before her. She traces their footsteps through the corridors and cloisters, the courtyards and kitchens and breathes new life into moments of great joy and consequence - as well as tales of intrigue which lurked in the shadows of regal splendour.

Packed with new stories told from unexplored places, this is a fresh history of the monarchy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lucy Worsley was Joint Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces for twenty years. Her biographies of Agatha Christie, Queen Victoria and Jane Austen were all *Sunday Times* bestsellers. She presents BBC Radio 4's *Lady Killers* and her many TV documentaries include *Lucy Worsley Investigates* and *Killing Sherlock*.

Live Better For Your Brain

A lifestyle guide to help protect your brain from the symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's

Anthea Rowan

An accessible and practical lifestyle guide distilling all the latest research and advice into dementia prevention.

Polls show that today adults fear developing dementia more than any other health condition, a fear exacerbated by the widespread belief that dementia is an inevitable consequence of getting old. Misconceptions like these muddy the messaging around dementia and, together with dread and stigma, make people reluctant to talk about it.

This book seeks to demonstrate the holistic and reciprocal, link between the brain and the rest of the body. Combining scientific evidence with personal experience through storytelling, turning complex science into relatable lay-language. Narrative storytelling like this is known to better engage emotions, increase retention, reduce stigma and - crucially - motivate readers to adopt healthier habits, which pure science books often fail to do.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anthea Rowan is an author and journalist. She writes for newspapers and magazines across the world. She has written for the UK nationals, the *Washington Post*, *The Irish Times* and the *South China Morning Post*. Anthea has written extensively about mental illness, brain health and dementia. A number of features on mental illness have won her awards at the charity, Mind.



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How to Age

Supercharge Your Health and Feel Better Than Ever

Liz Earle

This is not just another wellness book, this is a revolution in pro-ageing.

So much of what we have been told about ageing - especially as women, is wrong. We're not meant to shrink, fade or be sidelined, we're not here to spend our later years in silent decline. We have just never been shown the full picture of what is possible - or how we can take control of it. But now Liz Earle's new book *How to Age* is here to blow the cover.

The strategies Liz shares in this book are different from anything you have read before. Liz has tried and tested these protocols, combed the scientific papers and cutting-edge reports on cellular renewal and longevity to synthesise the very best evidence-based biohacks and practical, easy-to-implement, daily plans to improve and boost your energy as you age. She has used these same protocols to turn back her biological age by decades and she now feels stronger, happier and more purposeful in her 60s than in any other decade of her life. And in her new book she shares her findings so now you can, too.

- Strengthen your body at a cellular level
- Understand the primary power of sunlight, water, vibrational energy on your circadian rhythms
- Become more resilient to chronic disease and modern viruses
- Look and feel more youthful in both appearance and outlook
- Use the daily plans in each chapter to achieve your goals

Women are living longer but often in poorer health, so grab the reins and add abundant health to your years. Be more youthful, more vibrant now - this is *How to Age*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Liz Earle MBE is a trusted authority on wellbeing and an award-winning author of over 30 books on nutrition, diet, beauty, gut health, hormones and natural beauty. She hosts the popular *Liz Earle Wellbeing Show* and is a regular commentator on TV and radio. An expert in midlife living and longevity, her well-researched approach and passion for demystifying science has earned a loyal following. She is an ambassador for many healthcare and environmental charities. Her book *A Better Second Half* (2024) was a Number One *Sunday Times* Bestseller.

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A Better Second Half:
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The Power of Hormones

Break free from fear and misinformation about hormones and harness them for a healthier, happier life

Dr Louise Newson

Why everything they've told us about hormones is wrong: and why it matters, by one of the UK's foremost hormone experts.

For decades, three vital hormones in the female body, progesterone, estrogen and testosterone, have been misunderstood, dismissed and feared. Their critical roles in improving function of women's brains, bones, hearts and long-term health have been ignored.

Confusion between natural, body identical hormones and synthetic, chemically altered 'hormones' has fuelled fear, distorted medical guidelines and shaped media narratives. The result? Countless women struggling with hormone imbalances left untreated, misdiagnosed or prescribed antidepressants and other medications instead of being prescribed the hormones their bodies are lacking.

In this bold, evidence-based book, leading doctor and women's hormone specialist Dr Louise Newson exposes the uncomfortable truth behind medicine's blindness, ignorance and complacency, revealing how women's suffering has been normalised for generations. Drawing on powerful medical history, science and decades of clinical experience, she dismantles myths around menopause, HRT and so-called 'sex hormones', and gives women the knowledge that has been withheld for too long.

The Power of Hormones exposes why so many people have been let down and continue to be failed by outdated medicine. Passionate, empowering and refreshingly honest, the book shows how understanding and restoring hormonal balance can transform quality of life as well as future health.

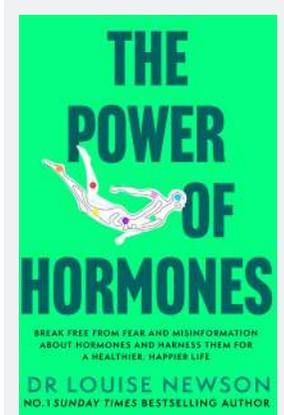
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Louise Newson is a GP and pioneering menopause specialist who holds an Advanced Menopause Specialist certificate with Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare.

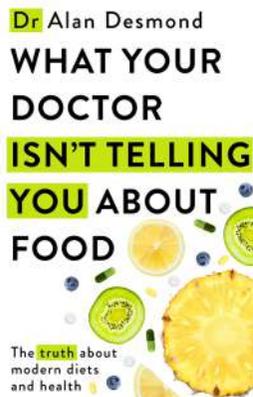
Described as the 'medic who kickstarted the menopause revolution', she is a No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author, founder of the award-winning Balance app and The Menopause Charity, and creator of the Balance website and Dr Louise Newson podcast, which has been ranked the No.1 medical podcast in the UK.

She has written numerous articles and editorials, and launched her first book, *Menopause Manual* with Haynes Publishing in 2019. She has been a director for Primary Care Women's Health Forum and an editor for the *British Journal of Family Medicine*.

Louise is also the founder of the not-for-profit company, Newson Health Research and Education, and founded the Newson Health Menopause Society, a society for healthcare professionals and experts who are passionate about improving women's health and understand the impact of hormones in disease prevention and maintenance of future health.



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What Your Doctor Isn't Telling You About Food

The truth about modern diets and health

Dr Alan Desmond

Essential reading for anyone who wants to take control of their health through evidence-based plant-forward food choices.

Most people people say their doctor has never talked with them about food, yet what we eat is the one thing that we have control over which can seriously impact our health for the better. This book is here to bust some deep rooted myths about plant-based eating.

- Is plant protein as good as animal protein?
- What foods should you eat to live longer?
- Are Sugar Spikes the enemy?
- What are the 10 rules for eating better than 90% of your friends?

Drawing on over 20 years of experience as a doctor and gastroenterologist, Dr Alan Desmond shows the powerful connection between what you eat and how you feel - both today and for the rest of your life.

Addressing common misconceptions you'll learn which protein-rich foods are the foundation of a truly healthy diet, how ultra-processed foods might be sabotaging your health, and why dietary fibre is the unsung hero of gut health and overall well-being.

This book is about more than just avoiding disease. It's about optimizing your diet for better digestion, more energy, a sharper mind, for a longer, healthier and happier life. You don't have to be perfect to make this work- but you do need to be better informed and ready to make smarter choices every time you eat.

Packed with insights from researchers, dietitians, athletes, and top experts in human nutrition, *What Your Doctor Isn't Telling You About Food* offers straightforward, practical advice you can actually use. Whether you're looking to fight disease, improve your health, or simply make better food choices, this book is your guide to taking control of your health - starting today.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Alan Desmond is a Consultant Gastroenterologist who works for the NHS and in his own private practice based in Devon. He has published numerous research papers and regularly lectures around the world on the benefits of a plant based diet.

26.2 Things to Do Instead of Running a Marathon

The ultimate gift for marathon runners present and aspiring

Jennifer McCartney

A humorous gift for the marathon runners in your lives: show them many other ways to have fun and protect their knees!

Do you know someone whose life is dominated by training blocks and energy gels? Are you fed up of hearing about blisters in too much disgusting detail? Or have you yourself succumbed to running fever and are willing race day to be over - or quietly hoping that it never comes?

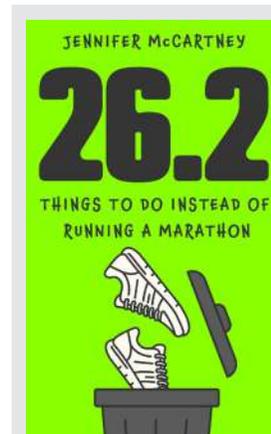
Fear not! Whether you're a long-suffering marathon runner or an equally long-suffering supporter, this book will get you back on track. Packed to the brim with fun things to do, such as painting a watercolour masterpiece and baking the perfect cookie, this is a must-have guide for anyone looking for hobbies which are kind to their calendars, bank accounts* and shins.

*It's certainly cheaper than a TheraGun. Or a knee replacement.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jennifer McCartney is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than a dozen books translated into 25+ languages. She has written about utopias, time machines, and train travel for outlets like BBC Radio 4, *The Atlantic*, *Architectural Digest*, *Vice Magazine*, *Teen Vogue*, and CBC.

Originally from Hamilton, Ontario, she has lived in four countries and held 27 jobs including at a ski resort, an amusement park, and on an island in the Great Lakes. She has degrees from the University of Guelph and the University of Glasgow. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.



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Kimchi

80 recipes for classic kimchi and modern twists

Jihyun 'Kimmy' Kim

The ultimate kimchi cookbook with over 80 recipes to make and use everyone's favourite fermented food!

There's truly no one I'd trust more to write about all things kimchi. This book is a treasure and a joy! Sam Cooper, author of *The Fermentation Kitchen*.

Bring the heart and soul of kimchi to your kitchen with a selection of authentic, classic kimchi recipes, plus modern twists for using kimchi in everyday delicious dishes.

In this beautiful book, discover the craft of kimchi through traditional and seasonal recipes, plus delicious ways to use kimchi in your cooking, from Kimchi Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Kimchi Mac and Cheese, to Kimchi Quesadilla, Kimchi Summer Rolls and Stir-Fried Kimchi Udon with Greens.

Kimmy grew up surrounded by the scents of garlic, chilli, and fermented vegetables, and watched the women in her family prepare huge batches of kimchi during kimjang each winter. It wasn't just about food - it was about love, sharing, and tradition. This cookbook is a mix of the old and the new, designed to help you feel more connected to the food you make, and more inspired to explore kimchi in your own way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kimmy Kim is the founder and owner of London-based fresh kimchi brand 'Kimchi and Radish'; she holds nationally accredited cook's certifications in both Korean and Japanese cuisine. In 2006, she completed the Cordon Bleu Certificate at Tante Marie Culinary Academy. A South Korean native, Kimmy's diverse culinary background is anchored in East Asian tradition and refined through European technique. Her work is defined by a balance of technical precision, cultural depth and a deep, seasonal sensibility.

The Pistachio Lover's Baking Book

Sam Dixon

A collection of irresistible, deliciously addictive bakes inspired by internet's favourite little green nut.

Delectable recipes for pistachio-lovers everywhere - this little green nut packs a big punch and elevates every bake!

The Pistachio Lover's Baking Book brings 60 deliciously simple, standout and moreish recipes straight to your kitchen, perfect to impress family and friends, enjoy as a weekday treat or indulge at a special occasion.

From addictive cookies and traybakes to foolproof cakes and no-bake desserts, this stunning cookbook is filled with pistachio-themed recipes for anyone to make at home - for experienced and novice bakers alike!

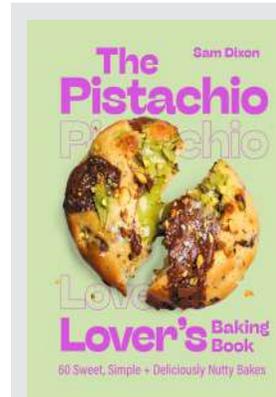
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- Pistachio and Raspberry Cream Cake
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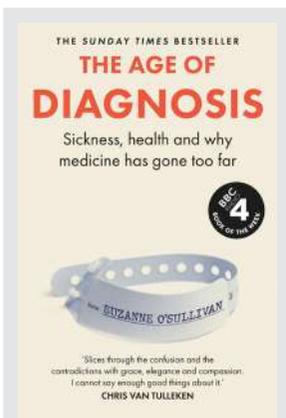
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sam Dixon is a food stylist for editorial, film and TV, with a background in baking. Sam started her career at Violet bakery in East London, where she developed a love for seasonal ingredients and honed her creativity and aesthetic. Since then, she has written a number of cookbooks including *Brownie and Blondies*, *Broke Vegan* and *A Very Vegan Christmas* and worked with the likes of *The Guardian*, *GQ* and *The Telegraph*. She is also the co-creator of Studio Feast, a food photography studio in Hackney, London.



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The Age of Diagnosis

Are Medical Labels Doing Us More Harm Than Good?
- THE MUST-READ SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

Suzanne O'Sullivan

An ambitious book about modern diagnosis from the neurologist and prize-winning author of *It's All In Your Head*.

'Slices through the confusion with grace and compassion.

I cannot say good enough things about it.'

CHRIS VAN TULLEKEN

'A brilliant study of the dangers of overdiagnosis'

GUARDIAN

'Compassionate and bracingly independent thinking' -

THE TIMES, best books of 2025

From autism to allergies, ADHD to long Covid, more people are being labelled with medical conditions than ever before. But can a diagnosis do us more harm than good?

The boundaries between sickness and health are being redrawn. Mental health categories are shifting and expanding all the time, radically altering what we consider to be 'normal'. Genetic tests can now detect pathologies decades before people experience symptoms, and sometimes before they're even born. And increased health screening draws more and more people into believing they are unwell.

An accurate diagnosis can bring greater understanding and of course improved treatment. But many diagnoses aren't as definitive as we think. And in some cases they risk turning healthy people into patients. Drawing on the stories of real people, as well as decades of clinical practice and the latest medical research, Dr Suzanne O'Sullivan overturns long held assumptions and reframes how we think about illness and health.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Suzanne O'Sullivan has been a consultant in neurology since 2004, first working at The Royal London Hospital and now as a consultant in clinical neurophysiology and neurology at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, and for a specialist unit based at the Epilepsy Society. She specialises in the investigation of complex epilepsy and also has an active interest in psychogenic disorders. Suzanne's first book *It's All in Your Head*, won both the Wellcome Book Prize and the Royal Society of Biology Book Prize and *The Sleeping Beauties* was shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Book Prize. She is from Dublin, Ireland.

Thinking Sideways

How to Think Like a Chess Player and Win at Life

Jennifer Shahade

Essential life lessons from the world of chess, from making smarter choices to building focus and confidence.

Chess is the art of the possible - after all, there are more potential chess games than atoms in the universe.

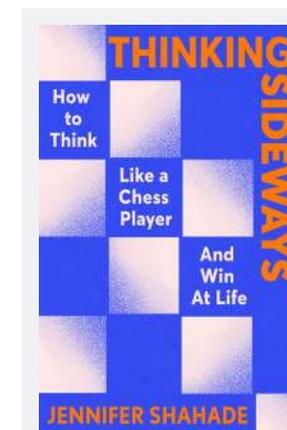
Great players are experts at exploring options, allowing them to seize an opportunity, idea or move that no one else saw. Two-time US chess champion Jennifer Shahade calls this 'thinking sideways'. And in today's hyper-competitive world, thinking sideways can help you win at life

In *Thinking Sideways*, Shahade shows you don't have to be a chess player to think more like a chess player. From building mind palaces to crafting decision trees, she reveals the most useful strategies from the ancient game that we can use in our daily lives. Drawing on examples from business, sports and psychology, as well as her own experiences touring the world as a chess and poker champion, *Thinking Sideways* offers a practical toolkit for smarter thinking and transforms our understanding of what success looks like, and how to achieve it for ourselves.

This book is not about playing chess - it's about how thinking sideways can propel you to success and happiness.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jennifer Shahade is a three-time National Chess Champion, poker pro, speaker and author. Jennifer was the first female to win the US Junior Open, and won two US Women's Championship titles. She is a two-time Global Poker Award Winner and has won poker tournaments all over the world. Her previous books include *Chess Queens*, *Play Like a Champion* and *Play Like a Girl!* Her writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *Financial Times*. She lives in Philadelphia with her family.



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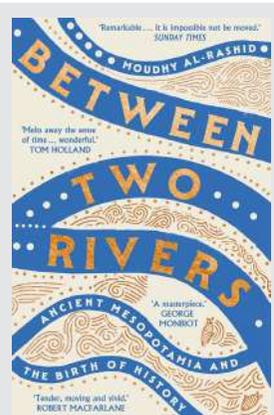
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Between Two Rivers

Moudhy Al-Rashid

'A wonderful read'

Tom Holland

Thousands of years ago, in a part of the world we now call ancient Mesopotamia, people began writing things down for the very first time.

What they left behind, in a vast region between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, preserves leaps in human ingenuity, like the earliest depiction of a wheel and the first approximation of pi. But they also capture breathtakingly intimate, raw and relatable moments, like a dog's paw prints as it accidentally stepped into fresh clay, or the imprint of a child's teeth.

In *Between Two Rivers*, historian Dr Moudhy Al-Rashid reveals what these ancient people chose to record about their lives, allowing us to brush hands with them millennia later. We find a lullaby to soothe a baby, instructions for exorcising a ghost, countless receipts for beer, and the adorable, messy writing of preschoolers. We meet an enslaved person negotiating their freedom, an astronomer tracing the movement of the planets, a princess who may have created the world's first museum, and a working mother struggling with 'the juggle' in 1900 BCE.

Together, these fragments illuminate not just the history of Mesopotamia, but the story of how history was made.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Moudhy Al-Rashid is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Oxford's Wolfson College, where she specialises in the languages and history of ancient Mesopotamia. She completed her BA from Columbia University in Philosophy, and after a single day of learning about cuneiform texts at a summer school, decided to pursue the subject with a Master's degree and eventually a Doctoral degree at the University of Oxford. She is from Saudi Arabia, where she also grew up, and now lives in Oxfordshire with her family.

Confidence

THE INSTANT *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER

Roxie Nafousi

The transformative new 8-step confidence guide, from global bestseller Roxie Nafousi.

Confidence is at the foundation of everything we do. It's the invisible power that propels you to dream bigger, take bold risks, and create a life you truly love. But for too many of us, it feels out of reach - reserved for those who seem to have it all together.

In this brand-new guide, globally acclaimed self-development coach Roxie Nafousi teaches us that confidence isn't something you're born with - it's a skill you can build. With her trademark warmth, wisdom and research-backed insights, Roxie will teach you how to transform your mindset and step into your most empowered self.

In *Confidence*, you'll learn how to:

1. MASTER YOUR THOUGHTS
2. ACT WITH INTENTION
3. STOP TRYING TO BE LIKED BY EVERYBODY
4. BREAK FREE FROM COMPARISON
5. CELEBRATE YOURSELF
6. DO HARD THINGS
7. BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS
8. SHOW UP AS YOUR BEST SELF

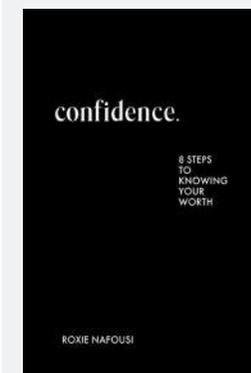
Confidence isn't just a feeling - it's a way of being. Whether you're struggling with self-doubt, navigating tough times or simply ready to unleash your potential, *Confidence* is your roadmap to knowing your worth and living as your boldest, most authentic self.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Roxie Nafousi is a renowned self-development coach, inspirational speaker, manifesting expert, and a two-time *Sunday Times* Bestselling author. Her debut book, *MANIFEST: 7 Steps to Living Your Best Life*, achieved global acclaim and is widely regarded as the ultimate guide to manifestation. It has been translated into 37 languages and consistently ranked among the *Sunday Times* Bestsellers, appearing for 29 weeks.

Hailed as 'the manifesting queen' by Forbes & *The Financial Times*, Roxie brings her unique approach to self-development across the world, hosting corporate workshops for the world's largest companies including Google, Meta and Rothschild. Roxie also hosts her own sell-out workshops and webinars.

Her commitment and dedication to transforming the lives of people who suffer with emotional and mental-health issues and helping them to fulfil their potential has seen her quickly become a leading figure in the wellness world.



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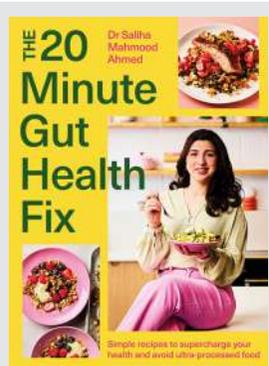
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The 20-Minute Gut Health Fix

Simple recipes to supercharge your health and avoid ultra-processed food

Saliha Mahmood Ahmed

A cookbook to revolutionise your gut health and reverse your reliance on ultra-processed food from *Masterchef* winner, Gastroenterologist and *Saturday Kitchen* favourite, Saliha Mahmood Ahmed.

Life does not allow for extended sessions in the kitchen but it's still possible to eat delicious home-cooked food in just 20 minutes a day! Saliha Mahmood Ahmed

As a specialist registrar in gastroenterology with a Masters in Nutrition and an award-winning cookery writer, Saliha is in a unique position to help home cooks transform their health by stealth. By simply cooking her delicious 20-minute recipes you will be improving your gut health and reducing your reliance on harmful UPF.

Saliha has created 3 simple steps to success:

1. IDENTIFY the percentage of UPF consumed each week and count the number of plant-based foods.
2. AIM to eat less than 20% UPF and include 30 different plant-based ingredients each week.
3. FOCUS your 20 minutes cooking a day on the mealtime where there are the most health gains to be made.

Enjoy a healthy protein packed breakfast to replace your boring cereal like Berry and Chia Seed Breakfast Bowl; portable lunches like Chicken, Cucumber and Kimchi Sandwiches that will make a tempting change from any Meal Deal option; or try super family friendly suppers like Prawn Tacos with Gut Loving Relish.

After two weeks following the Gut Health Fix method and cooking Saliha's delicious 20-minute meals, you'll see significant decreases in the amount of UPF you consume, increases in number plant-based ingredients on your plate and your gut will be thanking you.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Saliha Mahmood Ahmed is a Gastroenterology Doctor, winner of *MasterChef* 2017 and author of *Foodology*, *Khazana*, which won the *Observer Food Monthly* Best Cookbook of the Year 2019, and *The Kitchen Prescription*. *Khazana* was also shortlisted for the Travel Cookery Book of the Year in the 2019 Edward Stanford Travel Writing Awards and was winner of the Summer Harvest Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2020, in the category Celebrity Chef in English. She is based in London, working for the NHS, and has two children. *The 20-Minute Gut Health Fix* is her fourth book.

The Elements of Baking

Making any recipe gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free or vegan

Katarina Cermelj

Learn how to remove gluten, eggs and/or dairy from any recipe with this fun, nerdy cookbook packed full of helpful tips and mouthwatering recipes.

'As soon as I read The Elements of Baking, I knew it would have a permanent spot on my kitchen bookshelf.'

Dorie Greenspan, New York Times bestselling author of Baking with Dorie

Armed with a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry, Katarina Cermelj lays out the science behind baking and the ingredients that make it work, so you can easily adapt your baking to your diet and lifestyle, and still make sure it tastes spectacular. With an abundance of mouth-watering recipes together with quantitative modification rules that you can use to convert any recipe into whatever version you fancy, *The Elements of Baking* will transform the way you think about ingredients. It will be a constant companion in the kitchen and the book you refer to every time you want to bake.

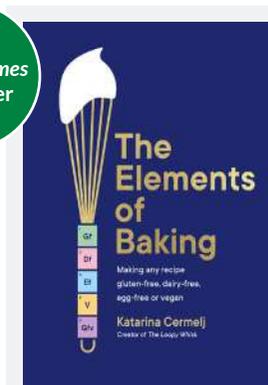
Just like the recipes of her popular baking blog *The Loopy Whisk*, the recipes Katarina shares in her latest book are always approachable, reliable and incredibly delicious, ranging from savoury dishes like Gluten-free Cheesy Garlic Pull-apart Bread and Vegan Veggie & Hummus Galette to sweet delicacies like Dairy-free Apple Pie Cupcakes and Egg-free Lemon Swirl Cheesecake Bars. And the gluten-free vegan chapter will delight anyone who has to avoid gluten, eggs and dairy, with recipes such as Gluten-free Vegan Cinnamon Rolls and Gluten-free Vegan Lemon Meringue Cake.

With a completely novel approach to baking and modifying recipes, *The Elements of Baking* will demystify allergy-friendly baking once and for all.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katarina Cermelj is a food writer, photographer and creator of the popular baking blog, *The Loopy Whisk*, where she shares her sumptuous allergy-friendly recipes. She has a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Oxford. Her scientific background, a love of research and a good deal of stubbornness allowed her to develop mouth-watering recipes suitable for a wide range of dietary restrictions, including gluten-, dairy- and egg-free. Originally from Slovenia, Katarina now lives near Oxford. She is the author of *Baked to Perfection*, which was the winner of the Fortnum and Mason Food and Drink Awards 2022 and winner of the Guild of Food Writer's Specialist Subject Award 2022.

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Quick Wins

Healthy Cooking for Busy Lives - The ultimate guide to easy, plant-based, healthy eating, packed with over 75 recipes and 8 meal plans

Ella Mills

With an overwhelming amount of health and wellness advice, how do you find the balance, peace of mind and confidence to take control of nourishing your body whilst juggling the endless other to-do lists that life throws at you? Eating well isn't about chasing perfection, and what works is often the simplest solution. These recipes balance deliciousness, variety, nutrition and ease, so you can enjoy fresh, wholesome food without the stress.

In this book, you'll find eight weeks of meal plans designed to make healthy eating effortless. Each one comes with a shopping list for six dinners and two lunches, giving you plenty of flexibility to adapt to your routine. There's no pressure to follow them exactly; swap recipes to suit your taste, skip meals if you're out, or freeze extras from your batch cook. The goal is to help you enjoy delicious, nourishing meals while effortlessly getting 30 (or more!) different plants a week into your diet and cutting down on ultra-processed foods. It's about real food, real flavor, and a way of eating that feels satisfying and sustainable.

These recipes are some of the best I've created and I can't wait for you to try them, from Fajita Traybakes and Tahini Miso Noodles to one-pan Green Herby Beans, Crispy Cauliflower Rice Bowls and 15-minute Curries.

It's all goodness, no fuss.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ella Mills is an award-winning cookery author, entrepreneur and a champion of plant-based living. She started the popular recipe website, *deliciouslyella.com*, before releasing a #1 app and writing the fastest selling debut cookbook in the UK, *Deliciously Ella*, which was named Amazon's biggest-selling book in the year of publication and was a *New York Times* bestseller.

In 2015 Ella started working with her husband, Matthew Mills, and together they have launched over 100 plant-based food products into 10,000+ stores across the UK and globally, with customers including Tesco, Ocado, Morrisons, Waitrose, Holland and Barrett, Boots, Sainsburys and more. With a team of almost 50 people, they're running one of the fastest growing food brands in the UK.

In 2017, Ella and Matthew won the Ernst & Young Rising Star Award at the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in London. Ella and Matthew live in West London with their two daughters.



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Autumn

Kate Mosse

In *Autumn*, Kate Mosse celebrates the time of shifting light, sharpening pencils and crisp mornings. In a magical adventure through the season, she describes the ever-changing colours of the autumn landscape, the crunch of leaves underfoot, and the last of the sun's warmth for the year.

Exploring folklore, nature and creativity, this is a love-letter to Sussex and an atmospheric portrait of the autumn season.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kate Mosse, CBE, is an award-winning novelist, playwright, performer, and non-fiction writer. The author of eleven novels and short-story collections, four works of non-fiction and three plays, her books have been translated into thirty-eight languages.



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Winter

Val McDermid

In *Winter*, Val takes us on an adventure from the frosty streets of Edinburgh to the windblown Scottish coast, from Bonfire Night and Christmas to Burns Night and Up Helly Aa. She remembers winters from childhood, and shows us that winter is a time of rest, retreat and creativity, for scribbling in notebooks and settling in beside the fire.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Val McDermid has sold over 19 million copies of her novels to date worldwide, her work has been translated into more than forty languages and adapted for radio, theatre and television.



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Spring

Michael Morpurgo

As the natural world shakes off a long winter, Michael watches lambs being born on the farm, delights in a fanfare of bluebells in the woods, and sings to the birds.

With new poems and reminiscences about childhood and springs gone by, this is an enchanting memoir of a season from one of the world's best-loved authors.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's best-loved writers. He has written more than 100 books and has won the Smarties Prize, the Whitbread Award, and most recently the Blue Peter Book Award for *Private Peaceful*.



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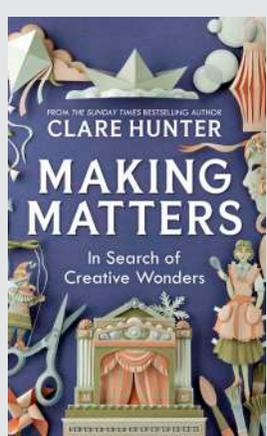
A powerful novel about families and ageing: a married couple's painful past resurfaces as they prepare to move into a retirement village.

It's time. Mary, an ex cop, and her husband, retired librarian Pete, have decided to move into a retirement village. They aren't falling apart, but they're watching each other – Pete with his tachycardia and bad hip, Mary with her ankle and knee.

Selling their beloved house should be a clean break, but it's as if the people they have lost keep returning to ask new things of them. A local detective calls with new information about the case of their son, Will, who was killed in an accident forty years before. Mary finds herself drawn to consider her older sister's shortened life. Pete is increasingly haunted by memories of his late mother, who developed delirium and never recovered.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Damien Wilkins is the author of fourteen books, most recently *Aspiring*, winner of the Young Adult Fiction Award in 2020. His first novel, *The Miserables*, won the New Zealand Book Award for fiction in 1994, and he has been long-listed three times for the Dublin Literary Award. He received a Whiting Writers' Award from the Whiting Foundation, New York, in 1992, and an Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureate Award in 2013. He is a professor at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and Director of the International Institute of Modern Letters Te Putahi Tui Auaha o Te Ao. As a musician and songwriter, he writes and records as the Close Readers.



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Making Matters

In Search of Creative Wonders

Clare Hunter

The new book from *Sunday Times* bestselling author and community textile artist and historian Clare Hunter: An exploration of under-appreciated craft practices and the ways that they have inspired people through history - and how they can open up imaginative space for us today.

A celebration of the overlooked artistry in crafts practised across the world'
THE TIMES

'Clare Hunter is out to reclaim the joy of making for the masses... no act of creativity is too humble, too ephemeral, for this hymn to the sensory wonder and connectivity of the homemade'
OBSERVER

'Making Matters is an open door to the power of craft. Now inspired, I'm off to get creative'
DAILY EXPRESS

As children, we made things: snowmen, paper boats, eccentrically costumed plays. That making fired our minds and imaginations - it altered our small worlds and shaped who we became. But as adults, it is hard to find the space for creativity and to remember its power.

Exploring craft traditions and forms of making from across centuries and cultures, Clare Hunter encourages to engage with the world afresh. To use our hands again, to see beauty in unexpected places, to play and protest and embrace imaginative possibilities. From paper crafts to wonders made from light and snow, she searches for creative delight - making lanterns, puppets and pinhole cameras.

Inspiring and fascinating, Making Matters celebrates individual and collective creativity. It blends history, culture and politics with rich storytelling, wonderful characters and tales of remarkable objects. Read this, and then make something.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clare Hunter has been a banner-maker, community textile artist and textile curator for over twenty years and established the community enterprise NeedleWorks in Glasgow. Her first book, *Threads of Life*, won the Saltire First Book Award, was a Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month and a Radio 4 Book of the Week.

The Cloud Collector's Handbook

Gavin Pretor-Pinney

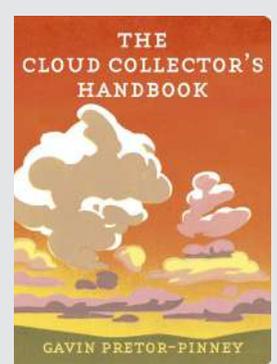
From the author of the bestselling *The Cloudspotter's Guide* comes the essential aid for everyday cloudspotting.

The Cloud Collector's Handbook fits into pockets, allowing cloudspotters to identify cloud formations anytime and anywhere. All the common cloud types are represented, as are many of the rare ones, each fully described and illustrated with a range of photographs. Not only is *The Cloud Collector's Handbook* an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to be able to identify and understand every cloud that floats by, it also caters for the competitive cloudspotter. Points are awarded for each cloud type identified - the rarer the cloud, the greater points - and there's space to fill in where and when it was sighted.

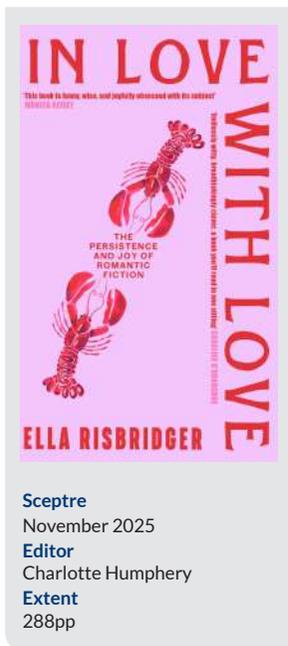
Beautifully designed, in colour throughout, and full of the humour that made *The Cloudspotter's Guide* so engaging, the Handbook is the essential reference for anyone with their head in the clouds.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gavin Pretor-Pinney is co-founder, with Tom Hodgkinson, of *The Idler* magazine and contributor to *Crap Towns*. As head, together with Tom, of Idle Industries, he has worked on creative development for clients including the *Guardian* and Channel 4. He has degrees in philosophy and graphic design from Oxford and St Martin's respectively, and in August 2004 became chairman and founder member of the Cloud Appreciation Society.



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In Love with Love

The Persistence and Joy of Romantic Fiction

Ella Risbridger

A smart, funny, loving defence and celebration of romantic fiction! For the romance fans and romance-curious readers

'A literary and deeply heartfelt exploration of an under-appreciated genre. It is heaven from start to finish'
INDIA KNIGHT, The Times

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MONICA HEISEY

'Endlessly witty, breathtakingly clever, a book you'll read in one sitting'
CAROLINE O'DONOGHUE

Smart, funny and passionate: An ode to a beloved genre and a brilliantly insightful piece of cultural criticism

Cowboys and aliens, dukes and dancers, power dynamics, death and domesticity, vampires and veterans, tradwives and single dads and sisters and small-town politics, private jets and princes and horses, hopes and dreams and fears, and so, so much kissing: this is a love letter to romantic fiction, but it's also a book about creativity and creation and the job of art in this crazy old world.

Why do we read? Why do we write? What makes some books last forever, and others vanish from memory? What is the point of everything, anything, when everything - especially romantic love - is so fleeting in the grand scheme of things? How do we love when the world is falling apart? And what does it mean that love is the one subject of which we never seem to tire?

Part literary criticism, part investigation, total passion project, In Love with Love is a wild tour from the very beginnings of kissing in books through historic trends, favourite tropes, beloved friends and brand-new loves, from Jane Austen to Jasmine Guillory, Jilly Cooper to Georgette Heyer, from the depths of the ocean to the furthest reaches of the outer galaxy...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ella Risbridger is a writer and editor, whose cookbooks, anthologies, children's books include *The Year of Miracles*, *Set Me on Fire* and *The Secret Detectives*. *Midnight Chicken: & other recipes worth living for* was *Sunday Times* Book of the Year 2019, *Guild of Food Writers General Cookbook of the Year*, and an Amazon bestseller in both hardback and paperback. She likes poems, cats and gardens.

Frankie

The most courageous heroine you'll meet this year, from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author

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Frankie Howe was never quite sure enough of herself to take centre stage - after all, life had already judged her harshly. Now in her eighties, she finds it easier to forget the life that came before.

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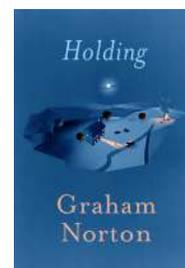
From post-war Ireland to the dazzling art scene of 1960s New York, Frankie shares a world in which friendships and chance encounters collide. A place where life blazes with an intensity that can't last but will perhaps live on in other ways and in other people.

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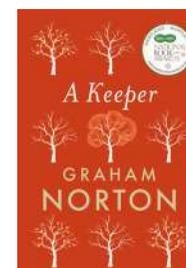
Graham Norton is the author of five hugely successful novels, all of which have been bestsellers in the UK and Ireland and have won or been shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards. His writing has won him critical acclaim in media and from the literary community across the world. Graham's debut novel *Holding* was made into a high-profile TV drama in 2022, and *Home Stretch* and *Forever Home* have both been optioned for major TV series.

He is a five-time BAFTA TV Award winner for *The Graham Norton Show*, which has been running for almost two decades, and is known internationally for commenting on the Eurovision Song Contest and as a recurring judge on *RuPaul's Drag Race UK*.

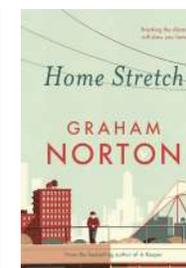
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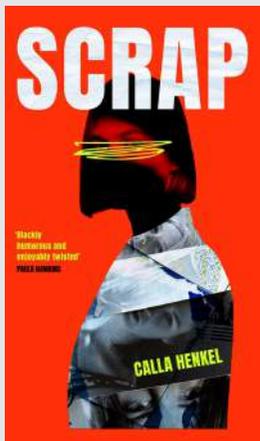
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Scrap

Calla Henkel

Netflix's *You* meets *The Talented Mr Ripley*: an artist's commission turns into a hunt for a murderer, as a struggling painter becomes obsessed with a wealthy family who seem to be hiding a violent secret - from the author of cult-hit *Other People's Clothes*.

'Blackly humorous and enjoyably twisted'
 Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train*

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 Alice Slater, author of *Death of a Bookseller*

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 Jenny Mustard, author of *Okay Days*

Recently dumped and stuck with the mortgage, artist Esther Ray wants to burn the world, but instead, she reluctantly accepts a scrapbooking job from the deliriously wealthy Naomi Duncan. The scrapbooks, a secret birthday gift for Naomi's husband Bryce, trace the Duncan's twenty-five-year marriage. The conditions: Esther must include every piece of paper she's been sent, must sign an NDA, and must only contact Naomi using the burner phone provided. Otherwise she'll spoil the surprise.

As Esther binges true-crime podcasts and works through the near-two hundred-boxes of Duncan detritus, she finds herself infatuated with the gilded family - until, mid-project, Naomi dies suspiciously. When Esther becomes convinced the husband killed her, she uses the scrapbooks' trove of information to insert herself into the Duncan's' lives to prove it. But the more Esther investigates, the further she is dragged back to the scorched earth of her past and the famous artist who paid her to disappear.

Laced with pitch-black humour and conspiratorial unease, *Scrap* is a razor-sharp examination of wealth and power, art and truth, of the line between justice and revenge - and who gets to cross it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Calla Henkel is an American writer, playwright, director and artist living between Berlin and Los Angeles. Her debut novel, *Other People's Clothes*, was a *New York Times Book Review* 'Editors' Choice'. She has staged plays at Volksbühne Berlin and the Whitney Museum of Art, and her artistic work with Max Pitegoff has been exhibited in museums and galleries worldwide. She currently operates a theatre in Los Angeles, called New Theater Hollywood. *Scrap* is her second novel.



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Uncivilised

A science historian explores ten founding ideas of Western civilisation and unearths their flaws

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'A talented writer with much to say'
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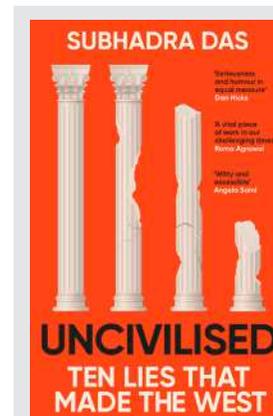
Western civilisation is a powerful brand, and full of accepted wisdoms like these that we rarely question. Taking cues from Greek philosophy and honed in the Enlightenment, certain notions about humanity and society grew into the tenets many of us still live by today.

But if we take a closer look at these ideas, it seems they are not all they are cracked up to be. In fact, some of them are outright lies - and we can start to ask who really benefits from them. What is the value of a scientific worldview that conjured up 'race'? Are the Western concepts of 'saving' and 'wasting' time really the best ways to live? Who are our laws actually designed to serve? And the real question: is the West as civilised as it likes to think it is?

In an age of division and entrenched inequality, *Uncivilised* is a timely, provocative and entertaining counter to the ideas and assumptions that have shaped the West, exposing the fatal flaws at its core.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Subhadra Das is a writer, historian, broadcaster, and comedian who looks at the relationship between science and society. She specialises in the history and philosophy of science, particularly the history of scientific racism and eugenics. For nine years, she was Curator of the Science Collections at University College London, where, more recently, she was also Researcher in Critical Eugenics at the Sarah Parker Remond Centre for the Study of Racism and Racialisation, working with Paul Gilroy. She has written and presented podcasts and stand-up comedy shows, curated museum exhibitions, and regularly appears on radio and TV.



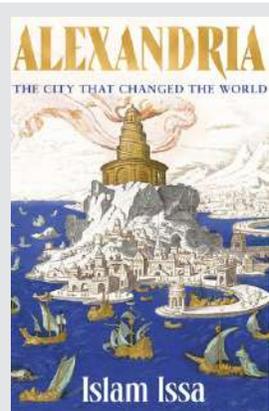
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Alexandria

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A city drawn in sand.

Inspired by the tales of Homer and his own ambitions of empire, Alexander the Great sketched the idea of a city onto the sparsely populated Egyptian coastline. He did not live to see Alexandria built, but his vision of a sparkling metropolis that celebrated learning and diversity was swiftly realised and still stands today.

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Literary Review

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Paul Strathern, author of *The Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Professor Islam Issa is an award-winning British-Egyptian author, broadcaster and curator, recently named by the BBC as 'one of the UK's most significant new thinkers'. He is Professor of Literature and History at Birmingham City University, has written several academic books and curated internationally renowned exhibitions. As well as contributing regularly to the *Guardian*, *New Statesman* and *Times Literary Supplement*, he has presented television and radio documentaries on the BBC and featured on such outlets as Netflix.

Jane Austen at Home

250th Birthday Edition

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, Lucy Worsley has written a new Introduction to her *Sunday Times* bestselling biography - the book that leads us into the rooms from which our best-loved novelist quietly changed the world.

This telling of the story of Jane's life shows us how and why she lived as she did, examining the places and spaces that mattered to her. It wasn't all country houses and ballrooms, but a life that was often a painful struggle.

Jane famously lived a 'life without incident', but with new research and insights Lucy Worsley reveals a passionate woman who fought for her freedom. A woman who far from being a lonely spinster in fact had at least five marriage prospects, but who in the end refused to settle for anything less than Mr Darcy.

Agatha Christie

The *Sunday Times* bestseller

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'Nobody in the world was more inadequate to act the heroine than I was.'

Why did Agatha Christie spend her career pretending that she was 'just' an ordinary housewife, when clearly she wasn't? As Lucy Worsley says, 'She was thrillingly, scintillatingly modern'. She went surfing in Hawaii, she loved fast cars, and she was intrigued by the new science of psychology, which helped her through devastating mental illness.

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She was born in 1890 into a world which had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do. Lucy Worsley's biography is not just of an internationally renowned bestselling writer. It's also the story of a person who, despite the obstacles of class and gender, became an astonishingly successful working woman.

With access to personal letters and papers that have rarely been seen, Lucy Worsley's biography is both authoritative and entertaining and makes us realise what an extraordinary pioneer Agatha Christie was - truly a woman who wrote the twentieth century.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lucy Worsley is Joint Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces. Her biographies of Agatha Christie, Queen Victoria and Jane Austen were all *Sunday Times* bestsellers. She presents BBC Radio 4's *Lady Killers* and her many TV documentaries include *Lucy Worsley Investigates* and *Killing Sherlock*.



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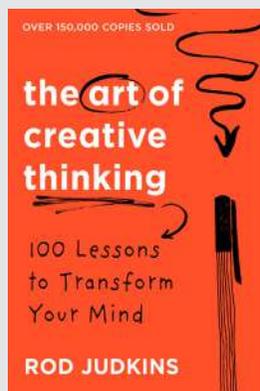
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You'll realise why you should be happy when your train is cancelled; meet the most successful class in educational history (in which every single student won a Nobel Prize); discover why graphic nudity during public speaking can be both a hindrance and surprisingly persuasive; and learn why, in the twenty-first century, it's technically illegal to be as good as Michelangelo.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rod Judkins is a bestselling writer, artist, illustrator, creative innovation consultant and university lecturer. He has written six books, including *Lie Like an Artist*, *The Art of Creative Thinking* and *Change Your Mind*, which have been translated into over fifteen languages. Judkins has delivered workshops and talks on creative thinking to businesses around the world, including Apple and Google. He teaches at Central Saint Martins.

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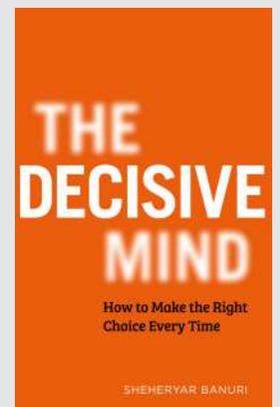
In a world overflowing with choices and distractions, indecision can be paralysing. It can lead to missed opportunities, stress, even damaged relationships. In *The Decisive Mind*, decision making expert Professor Sheheryar Banuri provides a new framework to choose the life you want, one decision at a time.

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From big, life-altering choices to the everyday decisions that shape your routine, *The Decisive Mind* puts you in control of your decision-making and sets you on the path to a more decisive you. Whether you seek to make bold career moves, enhance your relationships, or simply improve your overall well-being, this book will help you harness the immense potential of you.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Sheheryar Banuri is a behavioural economist and an expert on motivation and incentives, behaviour, and public policy. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. His work has provided policy guidance to the governments of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Burkina Faso. His work has been published in academic journals such as *Social Science and Medicine*, *the European Economic Review*, *the World Bank Economic Review*, and *Social Choice and Welfare* (among others). He is a co-author of the World Bank's *World Development Report 2015: Mind, Society, and Behavior*, and has made contributions to the *World Development Report 2016: Digital Dividends*, and the *World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law*.



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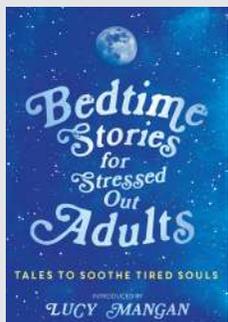
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Sacred Seasons

Nature-inspired rituals, wisdom and self-care for every day of the year

In this inspirational handbook, moon mentor, soul alignment and spiritual coach, Kirsty Gallagher, takes us through the year season by season to help us reconnect with nature. *Sacred Seasons* shows us how to find balance and a deep connection with the seasons, the astrological cycles and the lunar phases in order to live well and thrive.

Packed with nourishing moon rituals, crystals and altar set-ups, journal prompts and practices and Kirsty's trademark wisdom, *Sacred Seasons* will show you how to draw on inspiration from nature's events, including the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox and Imbolc. You'll learn about the Wheel of the Year and the best moments to pause and reflect and look inwards, as well as when to tap into your abundant energy and achieve all your goals.

Kirsty Gallagher

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kirsty Gallagher is a moon mentor, soul alignment and transformation coach, yoga teacher and meditation teacher with an infectious passion for life. She has been sharing the life-changing benefits of yoga and the moon for 13 years through classes, workshops, private and corporate sessions, and has taught over 80 worldwide retreats. She is the founder of the online sisterhood Lunar Living, which teaches you how to weave the secret and ancient wisdom of the moon into modern, everyday life. Kirsty works alongside women helping them live back in alignment with an ancient cycle, a natural rhythm and flow.

Kirsty has shared moon magic on the Chris Evans *Breakfast Show* and *This Morning* and been featured in *YOU Magazine*, *Stylist*, *Red Magazine*, *Women's Health*, *Soul and Spirit Magazine* and *Natural Health Magazine*.



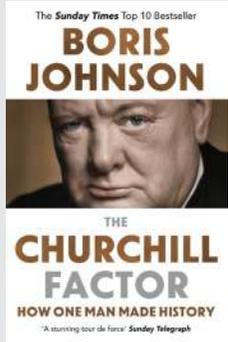
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The Churchill Factor

How One Man Made History

Boris Johnson

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

'A stunning tour de force'

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'Genuinely clever... this book sizzles.'

The Times

Ex-Prime Minister Boris Johnson takes on Winston Churchill - a biography like no other.

Brexit, pandemic, economic crisis: Boris Johnson's leadership was an extraordinary period in recent British history, and his inspiration has always been Winston Churchill.

In this book, he explores what makes up the 'Churchill Factor' - the singular brilliance of one of the most important leaders of the twentieth century. Taking on the myths and misconceptions along with the outsized reality, he portrays - with characteristic wit and passion - a man of multiple contradictions, contagious bravery, breath-taking eloquence, matchless strategizing and deep humanity.

Fearless on the battlefield, Churchill had to be ordered by the King to stay out of action on D-Day; he embraced large-scale strategic bombing, yet hated the destruction of war and scorned politicians who had not experienced its horrors. He was a celebrated journalist, a great orator and won the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was famous for his ability to combine wine and dining with many late nights of crucial wartime decision-making. His open-mindedness made him a pioneer in healthcare, education and social welfare, though he remained incorrigibly politically incorrect.

Published in association with Churchill Heritage, *The Churchill Factor* is essential reading for anyone who wants to know what makes a great leader in a time of crisis.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Boris Johnson was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party from 2019 to 2022. He previously served as Foreign Secretary (2016-18), and was Mayor of London (2008-16) for two terms, most notably during the London Olympics. He was also MP for Henley-on-Thames (2001-2008). Johnson was born in 1964 and has had a long and colourful career as a journalist, most recently as a columnist for the *Daily Mail*. He was the editor of *The Spectator* (1999-2005).

He is the author of many books, including the international bestseller *The Churchill Factor*, which was published in more than twenty-five countries. His memoir *Unleashed* was a Top Ten Bestseller in 2024.

Handbook for Hard Times

A Monk's Guide to Fearless Living

Gelong Thubten

'Thubten is a very generous and kind monk who writes with the lived honesty and humour of someone who has experienced the wisdom he shares. His writing is full of inspiration but also the pragmatism needed to form a sustainable practice. He clearly illustrates why we all need meditation and mindfulness in our lives.'

Benedict Cumberbatch

We all go through hard times. We can experience moments when life feels like an uphill struggle, leading to unhappiness and stress. Perhaps we are feeling sad, anxious, or are challenged to deal with something bigger, such as a bereavement, a loss, a painful ending or a broken heart. It is during these moments when life feels difficult that we could do with some help with our thoughts and feelings.

In *Handbook for Hard Times*, Gelong Thubten teaches us to understand that happiness, kindness and resilience can be cultivated through reframing life's difficulties as opportunities for transformation. Meditation and mindfulness practices help us to access deep reserves of inner strength as we learn how to 'lean into' our suffering. Thubten suggests how we can find meaning in pain and discomfort, transforming deeply ingrained patterns of fear and resistance.

As we discover how hard times can enhance the development of mindfulness, compassion and forgiveness, we can develop a fearless outlook on life and lasting, unshakeable happiness.

This approachable and practical book, complete with meditations, is designed for modern times, and will be a valuable resource to anyone during times of struggle, but also during all times to encourage and build resilience and help us find inner contentment and peace.

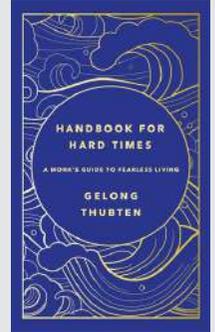
'A most qualified guide in the journey from darkness and turmoil towards inner peace and positivity.'

Annie Lennox

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Gelong Thubten is a Buddhist monk, meditation teacher and author from the UK. He ordained as a monk 26 years ago at Samye Ling Tibetan Monastery in Scotland, and he has spent over six years in intensive meditation retreats, the longest of which was 4 years long. He is now regarded as one of the UK's most influential meditation teachers, with pioneering work in providing non-religious mindfulness programmes to businesses, hospitals, schools, universities, prisons and addiction counselling centres. He works with major global companies such as Google, Accenture and LinkedIn, and has lectured at Oxford University and for the United Nations. Thubten teaches mindfulness to medical students at the National University of Ireland, and he trained Benedict Cumberbatch and Tilda Swinton in meditation techniques during the filming of Marvel's *Dr. Strange*. Thubten contributed to Ruby Wax's book, *How to Be Human*.

His book, *A Monk's Guide to Happiness* was a *Sunday Times* Top Ten Bestseller with editions in 14 countries internationally. Thubten's work has been featured in *The Times* and *Guardian* newspapers and on Sky, the BBC and ITV. He has appeared on some of the leading health and wellness podcasts, including *Deliciously Ella* and Poppy Jamie's *Happy not Perfect*.

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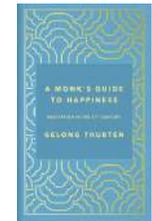
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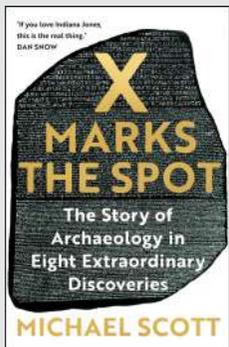
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X Marks the Spot

The Story of Archaeology in Eight Extraordinary Discoveries

Michael Scott

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'Fascinating'

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Mountains of Fire

The Secret Lives of Volcanoes

Clive Oppenheimer

CHOSEN AS ONE OF WATERSTONES' BEST BOOKS OF 2023

'If Michael Palin had been a volcanologist, this is the book he would have written...'

A darn good read.'

LITERARY REVIEW

'What the French adventurer Jacques Cousteau was to the hidden world under our seas, Oppenheimer is to the hidden, molten world bubbling under our feet.'

SUNDAY TIMES

'A book that will make all readers want to become volcanologists.'

PETER FRANKOPAN

'Gripping ... like a thriller ... Oppenheimer is better than good. This is terrific.'

SPECTATOR

'Beautiful. Mountains of Fire is bursting with poetry, with storytelling.'

WERNER HERZOG

Volcanoes mean so much more than threat and calamity. Like our parents, they've led whole lives before we get to know them.

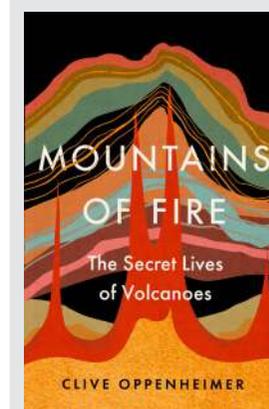
We are made of the same stuff as the breath and cinders of volcanoes. They have long shaped the path of humanity, provoked pioneering explorations and fired up our imaginations. They are fertile ground for agriculture, art and spirituality, as well as scientific advances, and they act as time capsules, capturing the footprints of those who came before us.

World-renowned volcanologist Clive Oppenheimer has worked at the crater's edge in the wildest places on Earth, from remote peaks in the Sahara to mystical mountains in North Korea. His work reveals just how entangled volcanic activity is with our climate, economy, politics, culture and beliefs. From Antarctica to Italy, he paints volcanoes as otherworldly, magical places where our history is laid bare and where nature speaks to something deep within us.

Blending cultural history, science, myth and adventure, *Mountains of Fire* reminds us that, wherever we are on the planet, our stories are profoundly intertwined with volcanoes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clive Oppenheimer is a volcanologist and filmmaker. He is Professor of Volcanology at the University of Cambridge, where he has been based for 30 years. His research seeks to understand how volcanoes work and to probe the connections between eruptions, climate and society. He has conducted fieldwork around the world - either at the crater's edge peering in with assorted monitoring devices or hunting for the far-flung deposits of Earth's greatest eruptions. He has also made two documentary features with legendary filmmaker Werner Herzog, *Into The Inferno* (Netflix, 2016) and *Fireball: Visitors From Darker Worlds* (Apple TV+, 2020).



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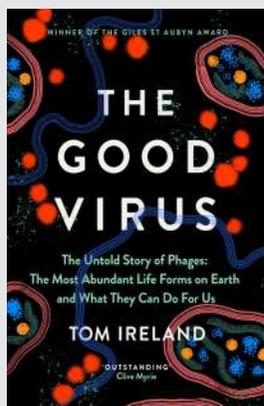
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The Good Virus

The Untold Story of Phages: The Most Abundant Life Forms on Earth and What They Can Do For Us

Tom Ireland

CHOSEN AS A BOOK OF THE YEAR 2023 BY WATERSTONES AND THE TIMES

'The book that might change the world ... This is luxury-class science writing' TELEGRAPH

'One of the best books of any genre that I've read in 2023, this superbly-written book ... will fascinate absolutely everyone.' FORBES

'A delight. To learn more about phages is to discover fascinating details about a hidden world' NATURE

'Outstanding' CLIVE MYRIE

Not all viruses are out to get us - in fact, the viruses that do us harm are vastly outnumbered by viruses that can actually save lives.

At every moment, within your body and all around you, trillions of microscopic combatants are fighting an invisible war. Countless times per second, 'good' viruses known as phages are infecting and destroying bacteria. These phages are the most abundant life form on the planet and have an incredible power to heal rather than harm. So why have most of us never even heard of them?

The Good Virus reveals how personalities, power and politics have repeatedly crashed together to hinder our understanding of these weird and wonderful life forms. We explore why Stalin's Soviet Union embraced using phages to fight disease but the rest of the world shunned the idea. We find out why scientists only recently realised phages are central to all ecosystems on Earth. And we meet the often eccentric phage heroes who have shaped the strange history of this field and are unlocking its exciting future.

Faced with the threat of antibiotic resistance, we need phages now more than ever. *The Good Virus* celebrates what phages could do for us and our planet if they are at last given the attention they deserve.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tom Ireland is a freelance science journalist and award-winning magazine editor. Tom's passion for all things microscopic began with him hiding jars of mouldy food around the house as a young child. From microbes to mental health, biohacking to bioethics, Tom specialises in making difficult scientific topics accessible and fun to read. As a freelance journalist he has written science stories for outlets including BBC News, *New Scientist* and the *Observer*. He is the editor of *The Biologist*, the magazine of the Royal Society of Biology. In 2021 he won the Giles St Aubyn Award for Non-Fiction for *The Good Virus*.

The Book Swap

A romance novel about book lovers, for book lovers - uplifting, moving, and full of love

Tessa Bickers

Two book lovers. Two broken hearts. One fresh chapter?

A reason to live.

Still grieving the death of her best friend, Erin knows she needs to start living - but has no idea how.

Then she loses her favourite book, a heavily annotated copy of *To Kill A Mockingbird* containing her friend's last gift.

A reason to love.

When James finds Erin's note-filled book in his local community bookshelf, it sparks a life-changing conversation. He writes his own message for her to find, inviting her to meet him in the margins of *Great Expectations*. As the book exchange continues, they both begin to open up . . . and perhaps fall in love.

A reason to forgive?

But Erin and James have a shared history that neither of them has guessed. How will Erin react when she discovers that the other writer isn't a stranger at all - but the person she swore she'd never forgive?

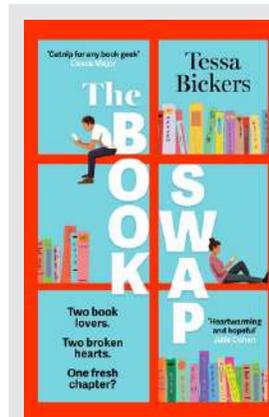
Funny, heartwarming and romantic, *The Book Swap* is story of second chances and new beginnings. It is also a heartfelt love letter to books and the power of reading.

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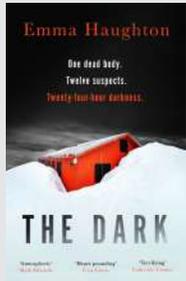
Tessa Bickers studied journalism at Bournemouth University, and went on to co-present a breakfast radio show in the South West. Moving into celebrity news, she interviewed some of the biggest names in show business, including Leonardo DiCaprio and the cast of *Sex and the City*.

Tessa started her creative career as a singer-songwriter and, after a few failed *X Factor* auditions, she went on to perform at Glastonbury Festival and Secret Garden Party with her band Tess and the Tellers. These days she has replaced her guitar with a keyboard, and songs for books.

The Book Swap is her debut novel.

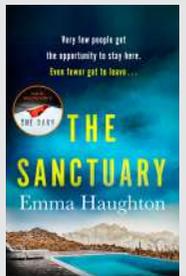


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'Outstanding ... Haughton writes vividly about a claustrophobic community ... her novel really is a superlative locked-room mystery'
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'Clever and atmospheric, Haughton's story weaves a delicate web of intrigue and mystery'
DAILY MAIL

'This locked-room thriller wowed me. Perfect pacing and a cinematic vibe'
PRIMA

Emma Haughton

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Haughton grew up in Sussex, studied English at Oxford and worked as a journalist for several national newspapers, including *The Times* Travel section. Emma has written several non-fiction books for schools as well as YA thrillers. *The Dark* was her first crime novel; *The Sanctuary* is her second.

The Dark

The unputdownable and pulse-raising *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Month

One dead body. Twelve suspects. Twenty-four-hour darkness.

In the most inhospitable environment - cut off from the rest of the world - there's a killer on the loose.

A&E doctor Kate North has been knocked out of her orbit by a personal tragedy. So when she's offered the opportunity to be an emergency replacement at the UN research station in Antarctica, she jumps at the chance. The previous doctor, Jean-Luc, died in a tragic accident while out on the ice.

The move seems an ideal solution for Kate: no one knows about her past; no one is checking up on her. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect that Jean-Luc's death wasn't accidental at all.

And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes.

The Sanctuary

A must-read gripping locked-room crime thriller that you will leave you on the edge of your seat!

Very few people get to stay here. And some don't get to leave ...

Zoey doesn't remember anything about last night. But she knows something went badly wrong. For she is no longer in New York. She's woken up in the desert, in a white building she doesn't recognise, and she's alone.

When she discovers she's been admitted to The Sanctuary, a discreet, mysterious, isolated refuge from normal life, to avoid jail, she is stunned. She knows she has secrets, troubles, but she thought she had everything under control. But as she spends more time with other residents, she begins to open up about what she's running from. Until she realises that not everyone in The Sanctuary has her best interests at heart, and someone might even be a killer ...

Agent Seventeen

The most intense and thrilling crime action thriller of the year.

'Keeps readers on the edge of their seats through a roller-coaster ride of high-octane action that builds to an explosive finale'
SUNDAY EXPRESS

Call me Seventeen. I have no other name, not any more.

Sixteen killers have done this job before me. Officially, I don't exist, but every government uses me. I'm the most feared hitman in the world.

But nobody gets to do this job for long. Because to be the best, you must beat the best, and there are rivals on my tail.

My days are numbered. But until then, it's one hell of a ride.

Assassin Eighteen

A gripping action thriller for fans of Jason Bourne and James Bond

'I am waiting for someone to kill me. Tonight would be a good night for it.'

Agent Seventeen, the most infamous hitman in the world, has quit. But whoever wants to become Assassin Eighteen must track him down and kill him first.

So when a bullet hits the glass inches from his face, he knows who fired it - doesn't he?

But the sniper isn't the hardened killer he was expecting. It's Mireille - a mysterious, silent child, abandoned in the woods with instructions to pull the trigger.

Reuniting with his spiky lover, Kat, Seventeen must protect Mireille, and discover who sent her to kill him, and why.

But the road he must travel is littered with bodies. And the answer, when it comes, will blow apart everything Seventeen thought he knew.

John Brownlow

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Brownlow is a screenwriter, producer, and director who wrote the film *Sylvia*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Daniel Craig, the TV series *Fleming* about Ian Fleming's work as a spy and the genesis of James Bond, and the TV series *The Miniaturist*, adapted from Jessie Burton's best-selling novel.



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