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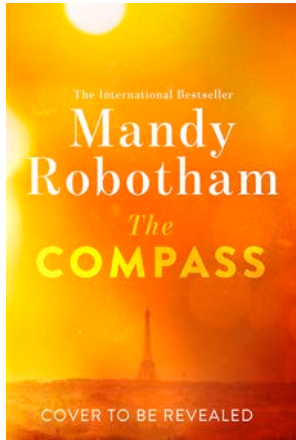
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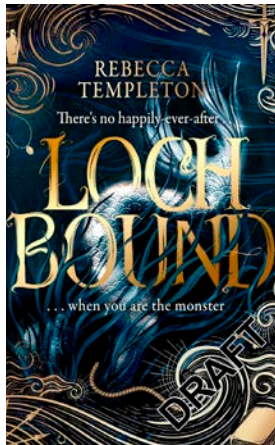
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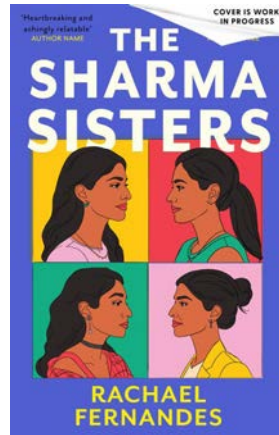
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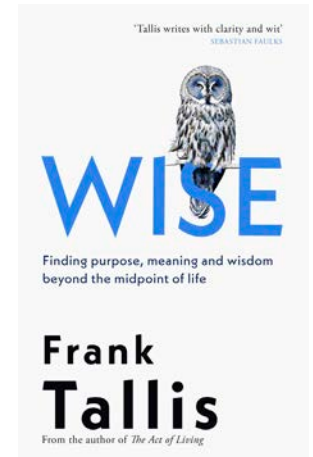
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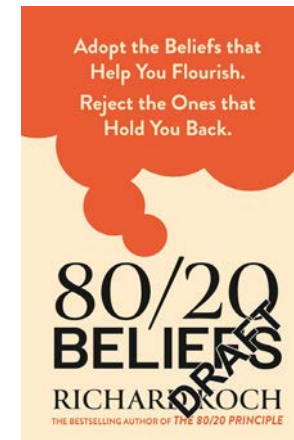
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The Compass

Mandy Robotham

An epic tale of love, loss and the worst kind of betrayal, one woman's search for her missing husband will take her across Europe in the midst of the hottest summer on record - from London to Paris, Zurich to Germany, and through the fated Berlin wall...

June, 1976. Western Europe is caught in the grips of a relentless and sweltering heatwave. In London, the summer marks a milestone of a different kind for Edie: a decade married to the love of her life, and their first child on the way.

But on the night that she plans to tell Joe their news, he doesn't come home. Fearing the worst, Edie scours the city for her missing husband, and eventually she unearths a clue: Joe's wedding ring, alongside a note urging her towards Paris. Using her heart as a compass, Edie sets off on a journey that takes her across Europe, following a trail that promises to unlock the mystery and lead her to Joe.

As tensions rise and temperatures soar, Edie draws closer to the truth - but unravelling the past comes at a cost. When the heatwave finally breaks, will it take Edie down with it?

Epic love and long-kept secrets collide in this evocative and enthralling historical fiction novel, set against the backdrop of the era-defining 1976 European heatwave, from international bestseller Mandy Robotham - perfect for fans of Kristin Hannah, Victoria Hislop and Lucinda Riley.

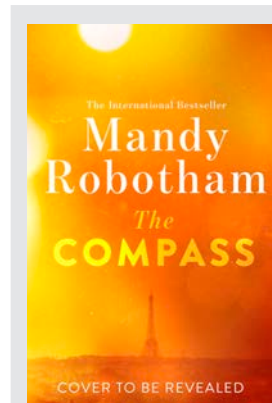
A word from the editor:

"Mandy Robotham's first novel was an instant #1 Globe & Mail bestseller, and since then she's proven to be a writer who challenges herself to raise the bar with every book. I am incredibly excited to be working together as she now embarks on a new era for her publishing with The Compass, which seamlessly blends rich historical settings with a heart-breaking love story, and long-buried family secrets with our heroine's journey of self-discovery. Though similarly captivating, where Hislop sweeps her readers away to the med, and Riley is best known for her band of far-flung sisters, Mandy is the master of the urban setting: painting twentieth-century European cityscapes in such vivid colour that history comes alive on the page".

Molly Walker-Sharp, Editorial Director

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mandy Robotham started her working life as a journalist, became waylaid for two decades by birth and babies, and then returned full circle to her childhood love of books with the publication of her first book in 2018. Since then, she has written eight novels of historical fiction, a faux memoir and a spy caper, all set in worlds without too much technology or mobile phones. Anyone who reads Mandy's books knows she loves coffee, old cafes, The Beatles, Mary Quant, Jane Austen, typewriters and all things retro.



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Fallen Women

Tammy Cohen

A story of the rivalry-turned-friendship of two female parachutists at the turn of the 20th Century when a killer has them in his sights.

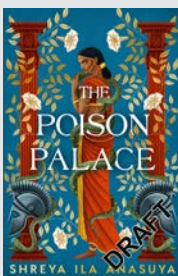
It's the turn of the 20th Century, and the skies above Alexandra Palace are alight with an array of aerial displays and showmen. And the crown jewel of the line-up? The fearless parachutists Betty and Lavinia, or as they are better known: The Butterfly and The Swan.

Betty, 18, is a plucky waitress who finds her calling after filling in for a missing parachutist. Attractive and effervescent, she soon becomes a household name and crowd favourite alongside the more experienced Lavinia 'The Swan' Shawcross. Lavinia has never really enjoyed launching herself out of the basket, experiencing only terror that these could be her last moments. But she is 32 years old and unmarried, so what options does she have?

Amidst the adoring crowds, there is a killer on the loose. He is determined to squash the suffragette movement and send a message about working women, and Lavinia and Betty are the ultimate prey. Perfect for fans of Kristin Hannah, Elizabeth Macneal and Emilia Hart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tammy Cohen is a freelance journalist and the author of several novels under the name Tamar Cohen. She also writes historical fiction under the pseudonym Rachel Rhys. She is a Writer in Residence at Kingston University and lives in North London.



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The Poison Palace

Shreya Ila Anasuya

The Song of Achilles meets *The Power* in this astonishing feminist debut fusing the Indian myth of the poison girls with the legend of Alexander the Great.

Born into poverty in an age of heroes and kings, a future as a courtesan is the best Eka expects in the Maghada Empire. Initiation into the service of the snake goddess gives her a fleeting glimpse of power - until the king demands her services as a vish kanya, or poison girl.

Eka and her childhood companion Ira are fed a diet of poison and taught in its arts. And when a young invader sweeps towards their empire in India, they are chosen to infiltrate Alexander the Great's army. In Alexander's court Eka must play a dangerous political game, all while her feelings for Ira unfurl. Raised to do the bidding of one king, and confronted with the power and destruction of another, the fate of a world will rest on the choice she makes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Shreya Ila Anasuya is an Indian writer of fiction. She is currently a PhD candidate in Cultural History at King's College London. Her work has been recognised with the Otherwise Fellowship, the Toto Award for Creative Writing, and an international Sangam House residency.

Lochbound

Rebecca Templeton

A glitteringly dark reimagining of *The Little Mermaid* set in eighteenth-century Scotland, this enchanting and gothic historical fantasy is *Outlander* meets *Spellbound*.

Kilmara, Scotland. 1725. For fifty years, Iris has accepted the curse that blighted her life. By night, she is a heartbroken woman, destined to walk the misty shores of Kilmara without growing older. By day, she is Moireach, a terrifying monster imprisoned in the murky depths of Loch Moine.

When bodies begin appearing on the shore, the villagers are convinced Moireach is responsible. So a hunter - the rugged, ruthless Henry Carver - is summoned to slay the monster of the loch. As Kilmara's hunt for the monster becomes ever more fevered, Iris must break her curse before she's killed, while she and Henry are drawn together in a dangerous game of impossible attraction. And when a figure from Iris's past suddenly reappears, she must choose what - or who - she is willing to sacrifice to win her freedom.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rebecca Templeton had lofty childhood aspirations of being a writer, though she ended up joining the legal profession instead. After encouragement from her husband, Rebecca rediscovered her creative outlet and *Lochbound* is the result.



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The Witching Hour

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

There is something peculiar about the hour after midnight. It is the time when darkness reigns. And strange things roam the earth.

In this dazzling collection of original haunted tales, thirteen bestselling and much-loved authors bring the old superstition of the witching hour to new and vivid life. Transporting you from the smog of London to the freezing mists of Svalbard, from an Irish town riddled with rumour to a sinister English boarding school, these thirteen stories will serve as your spine-tingling companion to the long hours of winter. So curl up, light a candle, and wait for the clock to strike...

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Between them, the authors of *The Witching Hour* have published numerous national and international bestsellers, have won awards including the Costa First Novel Award and the British Book of the Year Award, and have been translated into 33 languages. Their books have sold more than three and a half million copies in the UK.

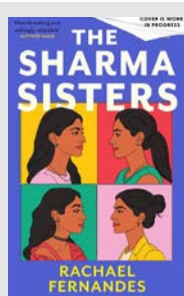
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The Sharma Sisters

Rachael Fernandes

A contemporary British Indian reimagining of *Little Women* with themes of friendship, love and coming-of-age - perfect for fans of *Queenie* and *My Name is Maame*.

'I know who I am, I'm a Sharma sister. A necessary one. One that is loved.'

Kav has always known that she's destined for more. She wants to tell the stories that matter but, instead, she's stuck working on a reality TV show - until she meets Luca, the man who slots so effortlessly into her life and pushes her to chase her dreams. Meanwhile, Mally - the ambitious one - is quickly climbing the corporate ladder. She's set on her success, but what does that mean if she has no one to share it with?

Married to her childhood sweetheart, Ori has everything you could ever dream of; though she's hiding a secret that could unravel everything she's built forever. Then there's Trina, the quiet dreamer struck by wanderlust, knitting the family together. Until she finds herself facing a terrifying diagnosis that leaves everyone reeling.

Heartbreaking, funny and achingly relatable, *The Sharma Sisters* is an irresistibly fresh coming-of-age story brimming with authenticity, love and sisterhood.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rachael Fernandes is a British Indian writer who lives in San Francisco, California. She spent most of her life in London and her first YA RomCom was published this year in the UK by UCLan.



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Second Chances

Roisin Meaney

A heart-breaking yet hopeful read about putting the broken pieces of your life back together again, even when it feels impossible from the Irish bestselling author.

It's never too late for second chances... For the first time in her life, Lydia is taking a great big leap of faith. She's moving to a small town on the West Coast of Ireland to overhaul a large, long-abandoned residence named Chance House with her new husband

Then tragedy strikes, and Lydia is reminded why she doesn't take chances. Suddenly she's facing a very different prospect: a half-finished ramshackle estate, an overgrown garden, dwindling funds, no-one to turn to - and everywhere she looks, reminders of the love she's lost.

Starting over feels impossible. Staying put feels harder still. But when the local community rallies around her, and Lydia is unexpectedly reminded of the power of new beginnings, she realises she might just owe it to herself and them to take a second chance on Chance House...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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

The Stars Over Rome

Charlotte Betts

A gorgeous new historical standalone from the brilliant Charlotte Betts, for fans of Natasha Lester, Tracy Rees and Santa Montefiore.

Rome, 1913. To her mother's dismay, Gabriella Hazelwood has no interest in marriage or a quiet domestic life; she has big dreams of becoming a journalist. When she meets Marco Santorelli, a handsome newspaper heir who believes in her ambitions, Gabriella begins to wonder if she can have both a career and a husband.

Under the magical stars of Rome, their connection deepens, and a sweeping love story begins... until the shadow of war casts a dark cloud over Europe. When Marco is called to the front, and his family's newspaper teeters on the brink of collapse, Gabriella steps in to help, only to face fierce resistance from those who believe a woman has no place in the newsroom. As she fights to prove herself, tradition and progress collide, loyalties are tested, and the devastating consequences of war jeopardise all that she holds close to her heart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Charlotte Betts began her working life as a fashion designer and discovered her passion for writing after her children had grown up. Her novels have been shortlisted for many awards and her debut, *The Apothecary's Daughter*, won the RNA New Writers award in 2011.



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The Fortunes of Ashmore Castle

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Whispers in the servants' hall, scandals in the drawing room - at Ashmore Castle, everyone has something to hide... The fourth in the popular Ashmore Castle series.

England, 1904. Christmas at Ashmore Castle should be a time of celebration - but scandal arrives with snow. The Earl's uncle returns from Italy with a beautiful young bride on his arm, sending shockwaves through the family and threatening Kitty's already fragile place as mistress of the house.

As Kitty wrestles with her marriage and a truth she can't yet reveal, her sister-in-law Rachel risks everything for a forbidden love. Meanwhile, Alice - the Earl's youngest sister - finds herself drawn into a dangerous romance with a man far beneath her station. Downstairs, the staff navigate rivalries, reappointments and suspicions that could ruin more than reputations.

As love and loyalty clash with ambition and duty, the foundations of Ashmore Castle begin to tremble. And with her future on the line, Kitty must summon all her strength - because at Ashmore, secrets don't stay buried for long... Perfect for fans of sweeping period dramas like *Downton Abbey*, *The Crown* and *Bridgerton*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles is the author of the hugely popular *Morland Dynasty* novels, the *Bill Slider* mystery series, as well as the *Ashmore Castle* and *War at Home* series.



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Heart Racer

Megan Avery

The Love Hypothesis meets Ice Breaker in this spicy, dual-pov, academic rivals rom com – as nerdy as it is sure to raise your pulse...

Romance readers! You’ve had chemistry with steminist romance, you’ve raced through sports romance. Now get ready for the ultimate crossover...

Biochemistry major Keely has the next five years of her life down to a science. But when her grad school loan application is inexplicably rejected, her carefully calculated future spontaneously combusts.

Her college’s Pursue Your Passions scholarship could be the answer. The problem? There’s one place left, and she’s not the only student in the running. Enter Max: a state champion sprinter who sets hearts racing on and off the track - and the one thing standing between Keely and her dreams.

Keely knows the key to winning is keeping her head in the game. But when your opponent is Lycra-clad and... rippling?! Well, it’s hard to keep the chemistry to the lab.

Experimenting with her heart could cost Keely everything she’s worked for. But staying away from Max might be a race she’s destined to lose...

- A biochemistry major and a top student-athlete go head to head in this zeitgeisty rom com, uniting two of the hottest trends on TikTok today: STEM and sports romance.
- Paired with multiple perennially popular tropes - academic rivals, estranged childhood friends/ friends to enemies to lovers, grumpy/sunshine, jock/nerd, opposites-attract, he falls first, on-campus - and served with a good dose of spice, this is a must-read for any contemporary romance lover who enjoyed Ice Breaker, The Love Hypothesis, The Cheat Sheet, and The Kiss Quotient.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Megan Avery’s biggest critique of modern media has always been ‘needs more kissing.’ She’s taken it upon herself to make that happen by writing heartwarming and steamy romance novels. She loves coffee, dogs, and books - the bigger the better. On the rare occasion she leaves her home in Kentucky, she’s most likely to be found at a concert or local restaurant with her husband.

North University Series/ Drayton Hills Series

Janisha Boswell

Two exciting new adult series from an up-and-coming romance superstar!

North University series

Book 1: *Falling* - a fake-dating college romance with a figure skater x hockey player!
Book 2: *Unravelling* - a dual POV, academic rivals to lovers college romance.
Book 3: *Spiralling* - an addictive friends-to-lovers college romance with a hockey goalie x art student.

Drayton Hills series

Book 1: *Our Secret Moments* - a spicy, open door football player x journalism major romance.
Book 2: *Our Secret Game* - a fake-dating, friends-to-lovers romance for anyone who loved *High School Musical*.
Books 3 & 4: coming soon! - a forced proximity summer romance/a football player x literature and poetry major where he tutors her...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Janisha Boswell is a romance author known for her heartfelt and steamy stories. Her originally self-published, and hugely popular Drayton Hills and North University series dive into the lives of college students, exploring themes of love, career aspirations, and personal growth. Her work is full of warmth, diverse characters, and emotional depth, resonating with readers who seek romantic and inclusive tales. Writing has always been her passion, and she’s determined to continue to make each love stories even more swoony than the last.



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A Castle for Christmas

Isla Gordon

A fun and festive rivals-to-lovers romance set in a fairytale castle. Perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan, Cressida McLaughlin and Julie Caplin.

This Christmas, anything is possible... Estie’s dream job as a movie location scout is hanging by a thread - and a fairytale castle in Austria might be her last chance to save it.

The castle is opening its doors for Christmas, giving production companies one chance to pitch for the ultimate filming location. Estie knows it’s perfect for the romance film she’s working on, but she’ll have to outshine the competition, which includes her old university crush-turned-rival, Austin.

As they clash over candlelit dinners and snowy strolls, their frosty rivalry begins to melt. And with twinkling lights and Christmas magic in the air, Estie starts to wonder: could the love story she scouting for the screen soon become her reality? A totally gorgeous and escapist rivals-to-lovers festive romance, with an unforgettable setting and swoon-worthy love story.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Isla Gordon has written six books as Isla Gordon, and also has five romantic comedies published under the name Lisa Dickenson.



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Suzanne Wright

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Suzanne Wright lives in England with her husband and two children. When she's not spending time with her family, she's writing, reading or doing her version of housework - sweeping the house with a look. She's worked in a pharmaceutical company, at a Disney Store, at a primary school as a voluntary teaching assistant, at the RSPCA and has a First Class Honours degree in Psychology and Identity Studies.



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The Favor

A spicy fake marriage, grumpy-sunshine contemporary romance standalone from worldwide bestseller Suzanne Wright.

Vienna Stratton knew she only had herself to blame. You didn't let yourself become indebted to a man like Dane Davenport, no matter how badly you needed his help. As his personal assistant, she was very aware that the globally successful CEO was ruthless and unforgiving.

Of course, if she'd known he'd request that she be his wife for twelve months, she'd have hesitated in accepting his help. Because what she'd learned from Dane was that the devil wasn't ugly and terrorising. He was seductive and captivating. He hummed with whispers of temptation - the temptation to sin and surrender, to let him brand and possess you. He awakened every need and fantasy you had. He could even make you love him.



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Black Willow Witch

A brand new seriously spicy paranormal romance from worldwide bestselling author Suzanne Wright, perfect for fans of Raven Kennedy and Scarlett Sinclair.

"Be the biggest, baddest witch in town so no one ever dares bully you again." That was her grandmother's advice and it's been Emberlyn's law since she was a child. It's kept the local coven at bay - until now...

They're furious she won't give up Black Willow Manor, her grandmother's prized home and worse - that the land beside it and Emberlyn herself has been left to Jax 'Ripper' Stone, a rugged, brooding Alpha werewolf. The chemistry between them has always been white hot but Ripper knows to be careful with witches - especially one with her reputation. Now they are allies it becomes harder to ignore - Emberlyn calls to him. Drives him to claim her. But danger's closing in, threatening to take her from him.

Not that Emberlyn can't handle it. She's no damsel. Doesn't need a hero. Sometimes, it takes a wicked witch to get things done. And Emberlyn has ever excelled at being wicked. Welcome to Chilgrave... HEA guaranteed!

Fergus Craig

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fergus Craig is a multi-award-winning actor, comedian and writer for television. In 2022, his character Martin Fishback, fictional creator of Roger LeCarre, appeared in his own BBC Two short. Fergus is the author of parody book *Tips For Actors* and the Roger LeCarre novels *Once Upon a Crime* and *Murder at Crime Manor*.



I'm Not the Only Murderer in My Retirement Home

An affectionate riff on high-concept mystery trend as exemplified by Richard Osman and Bella Mackie, with the heart of *Only Murders in the Building*.

When former serial killer Carol takes her place in a luxury retirement home, she begins to find her feet with a small new group of friends. If she can only keep her past hidden, maybe she has a chance at happiness. That's when she discovers that, absurdly, every other one of Sheldon Oaks residents was involved in the law somehow. It's not long before her true identity is leaked, and when a former police commissioner resident is murdered, naturally all eyes turn to her... Now she must solve the case to prove her innocence - just as her new friends start their own investigations into whether there is more than one killer at Sheldon Oaks.

A word from the editor:

"At once a playful send-up of high-concept mysteries and an addictive ode to the genre, I cannot wait for readers to enter this charming retirement home where nothing is quite as it seems. If cosy crime novels have taught us anything, it is this: underestimate the retirees at your peril."

Jack Butler, Publishing Director



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I'm Not the Only Murderer at This Wedding

The sequel to *I'm Not the Only Murderer in My Retirement Home* sees the return of former serial killer Carol Quinn and her cast of loveable retirees to solve another perplexing mystery.

Former serial killer Carol Quinn is about to get out of prison (again), just in time to attend the wedding of friends and fellow retirees Geoffrey and Catherine on a remote island in the English countryside. When Catherine's horrendous ex-husband Nigel is found murdered on the morning of the wedding, however, all hell breaks loose.

In an unexpected turn of events, the charmingly hapless (and only police officer on the island) Detective Sergeant Gary Tedder insists that the wedding go ahead as planned, if only to keep all the suspects in one place and find the killer before the all is said and done.

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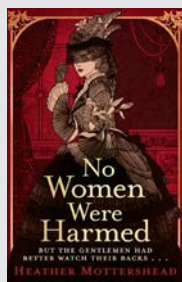
Imagine the man you killed twelve years ago came back. The gripping new thriller from the internationally bestselling author of *The Second Stranger*.

Twelve years ago, Jade Bowyer, a tough young firefighter, watched a man die in a terrible blaze. Curtis Hoole was a criminal, an arsonist and a murderer. Jade didn't kill him, but she could have saved him. Now, Jade has a new life as wildfire lookout in British Colombia, thousands of miles from her past. Four months pregnant, she finally feels hope for the future. Until a small, six-seater plane goes down in the forest and she urgently needs to attend the crash.

When Jade arrives, the site is lit only by the flames of the plane's burning fuel. There is only one survivor and he's barely breathing. Jade lifts his head to check his pupils. It's Curtis Hoole, the man she killed twelve years ago. Jade has her instructions: guard the scene and protect the bodies. Until she can be sure of this man's identity, she must keep him alive, because she can't kill the same person twice. No matter what he knows about her past...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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No Women Were Harmed

Heather Mottershead

Bella Mackie meets Rose Tremain: this remarkable debut follows a woman incarcerated and accused of being mad in an 1800s asylum... but what did she really do?

Named after the funeral flower, Lily has walked hand-in-hand with death for as long as she can remember. But the fact that death has chosen to follow her through life can hardly be conceived as her fault. Certainly she cannot be expected to take the blame for the slew of missing men in her wake. In fact, Lily is in no doubt that there has been some terrible mistake, and she will be released from this asylum any day now. Now she just needs to convince you too...

Set against the harsh realities of a Victorian asylum, this compelling historical debut sees one unruly woman take her revenge on the men who would keep her caged, and ultimately asks where we draw the line between villain and victim in a society where the odds are stacked against women from the start.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Winner of the Daily Mail First Novel competition, **Heather Mottershead** lives in Shropshire. Her debut novel, *No Women Were Harmed*, was born out of her love for both historical research and the county in which she resides.

Sharpen Your Knives

Lauren Ho

One man. Five ex-wives. A weekend they won't all survive... A tongue-in-cheek murder mystery for fans of *Knives Out*.

They're all sharpening their knives... But only one of them stabbed him. Robert West has had five wives, but they've never all been in a room together - until now. Summoned to the ageing movie star's house in the Highlands, they expect a weekend of grandstanding and perhaps some clue about who will inherit his vast fortune one day.

They don't expect Robert to announce that he's dying, and penning a memoir that will dish the dirt on each of his notorious marriages. The wives each seize on his offer to preview their chapter of the story. But after they've read the ruthless exposé, one of them decides not to stand for it - and soon Robert has a knife in his back.

It may not be the most tearful murder scene, but now the police will get involved, the memoir will be entered into evidence, and no one wants that. So the suspects strike a bargain to protect their secrets, and solve the case themselves...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lauren Ho is the author of rom-coms *Last Tang Standing* and *Lucie Yi Is Not a Romantic*. *Sharpen Your Knives* is her first murder mystery.



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Backstabbers

Eliza Jabore

Bodies Bodies Bodies meets *Yellowjackets* in this subversive, bloodthirsty slasher about three women trapped in the hunting ground of a serial killer.

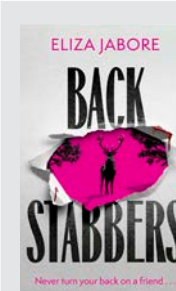
Jade, Stef and Zoe are hiking Washington's Bones Hollow Trail, braving cougars, snakes and the storms that roll in without warning. The friends' paranoia isn't helped by listening to a true crime podcast about the serial killer whose hunting ground they're hiking through.

Then when Stef twists her ankle - badly - there's no one to hear them scream for help. The only sign of life for miles is a cabin that looks straight out of a horror movie, with an owner who's a little too eager to invite them in.

The friends must soon find a way to survive as things spiral out of control. After all, who can you trust when your back's against the wall? But unfortunately for them, the only thing more twisted than this nightmare is their friendship...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eliza Jabore began globetrotting at seventeen and spent the next decade devoted to travelling. She met her husband abroad and, after many years of adventure, finally planted roots back in her hometown in Iowa where she has two kids, two cats, and a dog. *Backstabbers* is her debut novel.



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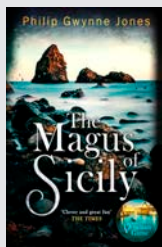
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Other People's Houses

Clare Mackintosh

The new thriller from the multi award-winning, internationally and #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author.

DS Leo Brady is investigating a spate of burglaries at a luxurious, exclusive Cheshire housing estate, while over in Wales, DC Ffion Morgan recovers the body of an estate agent from the lake. As their cases collide, Ffion and Leo discover people will pay a high price to keep their secrets behind closed doors...



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The Magus of Sicily

Philip Gwynne Jones

The first atmospheric page-turner mystery in a new Sicily-set crime series from the master of the Italian destination thriller.

When a corpse appears out the Ionian Sea during a folk festival in the ancient town of Acitrezza, rookie journalist Nedda Leonardi is hoping this could be her big break, while Calogero Muageri, self-styled Magus and con artist, needs to prove his innocence when it's revealed he has a suspicious connection to the dead man pulled from the sea. Can this improbable pair solve the most unusual of murders?



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The Spider Covenant

Brian Klein

From TV director and author of the critically acclaimed *Reich Trilogy* comes a hair-raising new political thriller.

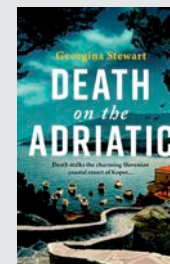
In 1944 a covert organisation codenamed 'Die Spinne' is established to help senior SS officers forge new identities and start new lives in Europe and South America. Eighty years on, Die Spinne has evolved, survived and prospered under a cloak of secrecy, now employing AI technology capable of producing deepfake politicians. The trans-atlantic duo of Troy Hembury and Nicholas Vargas are once again swept into a perilous political conspiracy...

Death Under the Slovenian Sun

Georgina Stewart

Georgina Stewart's second twisty, clever mystery set on the breathtakingly beautiful Slovenian coast.

Inspektora Petra Vidmar and her assistant Policist Ales Koren find themselves deep in the world of wealth, glamour, luxury and lies when a superyacht drifts into the harbour with the body of a social media star sprawled on deck. Can they get to the truth behind the veneer of filtered, fictional, murderous perfection?



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Old Bones in Puglia

Tom Benjamin

Discover Puglia's bewitching Gargano region with the seventh Daniel Leicester mystery, the most propulsive yet.

The wildest corner of Puglia is home to mafia clans, catacombs and sinister ceremonies, and when Daniel arrives for a family visit, old grudges resurface. He is drawn into a search for long-lost precious artefacts, but when a contact is gruesomely murdered by Italian mobsters, he is faced with an impossible choice. Does he flee for good? Or fight to bring the fearsome perpetrators to justice?



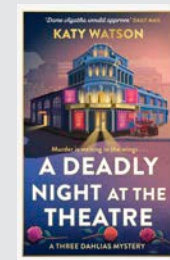
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A Deadly Night at the Theatre

Katy Watson

This fifth charming and whip-smart mystery starring the Dahlias takes them to the glitz and glamour of London's theatreland and the stakes have never been higher to solve a murder case.

Posy and Caro have secured new roles in two very different plays. But just before opening night, Caro's co-star Luke - who has a murky past with Posy - is found dead. Worse, his body is found in Posy's dressing room - with Posy standing over him, covered in his blood. Posy needs her fellow Dahlias to prove her innocence - but first she has to convince them she didn't do it...



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Highlander

Garry Kilworth

Ahead of the blockbuster film reboot starring Henry Cavill, the original, highly acclaimed novelisation of the 1980s cult classic.

The battle rages across the centuries, from the wind-scoured Sahara to the wild Russian steppes to the rocky crags of Scotland. And only one Immortal can survive. MacLeod is the Highlander. A Scottish clan warrior from the 16th century, he was taught the deadly arts by an ancient mentor, who then suffered the only wound that can end an Immortal's life: decapitation.

Now, seven lifetimes later, MacLeod faces the final test. The Kurgan, his ancient adversary, has tracked him all the way to the streets of New York City. The fight will be the same: blade to blade. Only the outcome is in doubt. Will the Highlander win? Or will the Kurgan's scimitar stop him with a blow that will plunge the earth itself into an era of darkness and chaos? Based on the cult film classic, this is the original novel republished for a new generation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Garry Kilworth has written nearly 80 books in several genres, and has been translated into 23 languages. He has won the World Fantasy Award and British Science Fiction Award. His novelisation of *Highlander* is now considered a classic of the genre.



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The Culture series

Iain M Banks

A space opera series of stunning power and awesome imagination, from the modern master of science fiction, Iain M. Banks – now optioned for TV by Amazon MGM Studios.

War rages across the galaxy. The Idirans fight for their Faith; the Culture for its moral right to exist. Principles are at stake. There can be no surrender. Within this cosmic conflict, a crucial battle of wits is waged. Deep within a fabled labyrinth, on a Planet of the Dead forbidden to mortals, lies a fugitive Mind. Both the Culture and the Idirans desperately seek it. It is the fate of Horza, the Changer, and his motley crew of unpredictable mercenaries, human and machine, to actually find it – and with it their own destruction.

Little, Brown handle rights in *Consider Phlebas* (book 1) and *The Player of Games* (book 2) in the Culture series. Curtis Brown handle rights in the books 3-10.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Iain Banks (1954-2013) is acclaimed as one of the most powerful, innovative and exciting writers of his generation.

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Hopeless Necromantic

Shiloh Briar

Necromantasy is the new romantasy in *Hopeless Necromantic*. For fans of *The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy*, *Long Live Evil* or *Assistant to the Villain*.

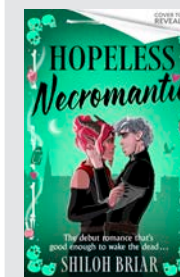
SHE RAISES HELL. HE RAISES THE DEAD. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

When new recruit Helspira takes on the doomed mission that no other soldier wants, life - and death - start to get a little complicated. Helspira must play escort to Sikras - a frustratingly handsome necromancer with the power to raise the dead - as he attempts a mission that he's failed twice before; stopping an undead army at the edges of the kingdom. No-one thinks he will succeed. Not even Sikras. But the more time the two spend together, the more they find they can imagine a brighter future. As secrets come out and the two grow closer - and Sikras's lively skeleton companion Benjamin tries desperately not to be a third wheel - will Sikras' and Helspira's changing feelings for each other be enough to overcome the growing danger?

RAISE A GLASS. RAISE THE DEAD. JUST DON'T RAISE YOUR HOPES.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Shiloh Briar is a self-published author 'who enjoys living in fantasy worlds and chronicling the adventures of characters she has 'known' since childhood.' She is active on Tiktok and Instagram, where she draws and paints the characters from *Hopeless Necromantic*.



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The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains

Reena McCarty

A former changeling must return to the land of the Fae in this delightful debut packed full of wit, charm, adventure and heart.

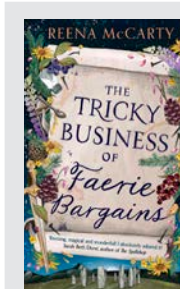
When Poppy Hill was a child, she was stolen from her family's Montana homestead and taken 'Otherside' to the land of the fae, where she spent more than a century as a cook in the Wild King's castle. Now back in the human world, she works for a company that brokers faerie bargains, checking for loopholes in their contracts.

But when a bargain that Poppy is negotiating goes disastrously wrong, she must return to the world she grew up in to try to rectify her mistake, facing danger, intrigue and a pesky ex-boyfriend along the way.

Combining a fantasy quest with cosy vibes, fairy intrigue, a dash of magical bureaucracy and a sprinkling of romance, for fans of T. Kingfisher, Heather Fawcett and T. J. Klune.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Reena McCarty is a lifelong Montanan. She has a BA in theater, a master's in library science and somehow ended up cooking for a living. When not writing, Reena can often be found wandering in the woods with her husband, admiring every dog she sees.



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How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days

Jessie Sylva

A comfort-read fantasy romance between a halfling and a goblin: imagine a classic opposites-attract romcom taking place in a cosy fantasy setting.

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

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

What if cottagecore and goblincore fell in love? This debut is perfect for all fans of cosy fantasies such as *The Spell Shop*, *Legends and Lattes* and *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, as well as any reader who really wishes they could live in the world of *The Lord of the Rings*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessie Sylva is a recovering lawyer living in Toronto with her wife and two cats. *How to Lose a Goblin in Ten Days* is her debut novel, although her first writing commission was *The Official Dragon Age Cookbook*.



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Remembrance

Megan Flynn

A post-apocalyptic, cosy horror, love story for fans of T. Kingfisher's *The Twisted Ones* and Chuck Wendig's *The Wanderers*. A tale of trauma, survival, love, and found family.

Even before the apocalypse, Remembrance Kingston didn't have an ordinary life, raised by doomsday preppers deep in the woods. Since a cataclysmic event caused 99% of the world's population to drop dead and strange creatures to start whispering in the forest, she lives alone with only her faithful dog, Clementine, and the decaying ghosts of her family for company. She learnt long ago that the only person who would ever save her was her best friend, Hunter - and he's been gone for seven years.

Hunter is being held captive by a group of mutated humans who want to force his adopted daughter, Rabbit, into being their killer. But Hunter has taught Rabbit about the one good thing he knows is left in this forsaken world - Remy Kingston. And when this strange, savage girl turns up on her doorstep, Remy will discover that she is stronger than she ever knew, and for the people she loves she will take on the whole damned world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Megan Flynn is your average Canadian nerd-person. She holds an honours BA in Classical Animation writes fantasy-horror blends.

Sarah Rees Brennan

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Rees Brennan was born in Ireland by the sea. After world travel and surviving stage 4 cancer, she settled there in the shadow of a 300-year-old library. Writing young adult fiction, she was a Lodestar, Mythopoeic and World Fantasy finalist, Carnegie nominee and *New York Times* bestseller. *Long Live Evil* is her first adult work; it has been a no. 1 *USA Today* and *Sunday Times* bestseller. Now the sequel is here!



All Hail Chaos

THE EMPEROR IS HERE. AND SHE MADE HIM WORSE.

Rae and her friends are on the run: the Cobra shelters in an eerie manor haunted by dark secrets, while Emer and Lia stoke a revolution in the gutters. Undead armies roam the kingdom, raiders camp at the city gates, and the irresistible emperor - Rae's favourite character ever, now possibly the greatest monster in the land - wants her to be his evil queen.

What's a villainess to do? It's time for wicked bargains and fake engagements, in a fantasy where the most dangerous thing you can do is believe in someone.

All Hail Chaos is Sarah Rees Brennan's wicked, unmissable sequel to the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling *Long Live Evil*.



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Long Live Evil

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

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

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

'Audacious, and supremely satisfying, Long Live Evil is the chosen one we've been waiting for'
Leigh Bardugo

'Long Live Evil is a glorious, swoon-worthy villain romance. What a delicious read'
Tasha Suri



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The Wisdom of Wolves

John Gwynne

The first book in a new epic fantasy duology influenced by Slavic history and folklore, from international bestseller John Gwynne.

Enter a world of frozen rivers and dark woods, where witches, wolves and worse threats lurk in the shadows. A world in need of a hero. The northern invaders swept south and built a new kingdom with blood and iron. The tribes, once fierce and free, are now a conquered people. But hope remains.

Whispers speak of a hidden artefact which holds power over death itself, and of a girl who cannot walk, but who wields the powers of the old gods - and who knows a secret that could bring the newly-forged kingdom tumbling down.

Master storyteller John Gwynne returns with a powerful story inspired by Slavic mythology, packed with conquest and sacrifice, love and loss, dark magic and dangerous superstition.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Gwynne is the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of the *Bloodsworn Saga* trilogy, *The Faithful and the Fallen* series and the *Of Blood and Bone* trilogy. His books have sold over a million copies worldwide and have been published in 17 languages. John is married with four children and lives in Eastbourne, where he is part of a Viking re-enactment group. When not writing, he can often be found standing in a shield wall with his three sons about him.



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The Dungeon Book

Gareth Hanrahan

The Jungle Book meets D&D with a dash of *Pan's Labyrinth* in this delightfully fun standalone fantasy with a sentient skull narrator.

Bait doesn't remember a time before the dungeon. Before the dragon stole her from her cot. She doesn't know what her name was before she was handed over to the monstrous denizens of the dungeon beneath the sorcerer's tower. Luckily for Bait, they decided not to eat her. And so she grew up in the dark - the goblins her adopted family, a vengeful minotaur her protector, a sentient skull her tutor and a blob of corridor slime her main source of nutrition.

But the labyrinthine dungeon, with its haunted halls, buried temples and forgotten magics, draws treasure hunters like moths to flame. And as the outside world starts to intrude, Bait will learn what it means to be monstrous and she will have to decide where she truly belongs.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gareth Hanrahan's three-month break from computer programming to concentrate on writing has now lasted fifteen years and counting. He's written more gaming books than he can readily recall, and lives in Ireland with his wife and three children.

The Book of Fallen Leaves

A. S. Tamaki

Shogun meets *Game of Thrones* in this unmissable retelling of an ancient Japanese samurai saga, written by an exciting new talent in fantasy.

HIS BLOOD WILL START A WAR. HER SOUL SPEAKS TO THE GODS.

THEIR BOND COULD BREAK AN EMPIRE.

Sen Hoshiakari is an exiled prince of a clan that lost everything in his father's failed rebellion. Deprived of his birthright, Sen longs to restore his family's lands and honour. Rui is a peasant girl who saved Sen's life on the night his family were put to the sword. She is adrift and unsure of her place in the world, not knowing that the gods themselves have plans for her. As civil war throws the empire into chaos, and demons seek vengeance on the living, Sen and Rui must fight for both their own future and that of their family.

Debut author A. S. Tamaki weaves a powerful tale of ambition, vengeance and sacrifice in this masterful epic fantasy retelling of an ancient Samurai saga, packed with a cast of memorable characters and stunning worldbuilding.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A. S. Tamaki is a novelist and screenwriter from Los Angeles. He studied creative writing at Oberlin College before working in Hollywood for several years. He now lives in the Pacific Northwest. *The Book of Fallen Leaves* is his first novel.

A Song of Legends Lost

M. H. Ayinde

A relentlessly gripping tale of revenge and rebellion in a richly drawn world, from a major new voice in epic fantasy.

A SONG OF REBELLION. A SONG OF WAR. A SONG OF LEGENDS LOST.

In the Nine Lands, only those of noble blood can summon the spirits of their ancestors to fight in battle. But when Temi, a commoner from the slums, accidentally invokes a powerful spirit, she finds it could hold the key to ending a centuries-long war. But not everything that can be invoked is an ancestor. And some of the spirits that can be drawn from the ancestral realm are more dangerous than anyone can imagine. A relentlessly gripping tale of revenge and rebellion, *A Song of Legends Lost* is an unmissable debut from a major new voice in epic fantasy, perfect for fans of John Gwynne, Anthony Ryan and Evan Winter.

The Invoker trilogy returns with *The Dance of Burning Blades* in April 2026. Tensions simmer as the people of Nine Lands try to reclaim their stolen history and unlock centuries-old secrets.

'Stunning and vividly told' - Andrea Stewart

'A fantastic read' - James Islington

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. H. Ayinde was born in London's East End. Her short fiction has been published in many publications, and she was the 2021 winner of the Future Worlds Prize.



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Grave Empire

Richard Swan

The instant *Sunday Times* bestselling new series from Richard Swan – a dark flintlock fantasy filled with epic adventure, arcane powers, and creeping dread.

A new age of exploration and innovation has dawned, and the Empire of the Wolf stands to take its place as the foremost power in the known world. But dark days are coming. A mysterious plague has broken out in the pagan kingdoms, the Empire's proxy war in the lands of the wolfmen is near collapse, and heretic monks have lost contact with the spirits of the afterlife – the start of an ancient prophecy heralding the end of days: the Great Silence.

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

'Dazzling and immersive epic fantasy' - Publishers Weekly

The *Great Silence* trilogy continues with *Steel Gods*, coming in March 2026. As the world tips towards chaos, the Empire of the Wolf must confront the most terrible enemy it has ever known.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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



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Sister Svangerd and the Not Quite Dead

K. J. Parker

From World Fantasy Award-winning author K.J. Parker comes a devilishly clever tale of murder, intrigue, and existential crisis.

Not even the Church of the Invincible Sun is invincible - and somebody has to do its dirty work. Enter Sister Svangerd and her accompanying priest, both accomplished practitioners. Their mission is simple: to make a meddlesome princess disappear (permanently).

To get to her, they must attend the legendary Ecumenical Council, the once-in-a-century convening of the greatest spiritual minds the world has to offer. But when they arrive, they find instead a den of villainy that would make the most hardened criminal blush.

To complicate matters further, it appears that some people long considered dead might not be after all. What began as a simple murder is about to escalate into a theological debate of terrifying complexity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

K. J. Parker is a pseudonym for Tom Holt. He is a titan of the SFF genre. He was born in London in 1961. He lives in Chard, Somerset, with his wife and daughter.

Slow Gods

Claire North

From the million-copy bestselling Claire North - one of the most original and dazzling voices in speculative fiction - comes an intergalactic tale of conspiracy, war and the fall of empires for fans of Ann Leckie and Adrian Tchaikovsky.

My name is Mawukana na-Vdnaze, and I am a very poor copy of myself. In telling my story, there are certain things I should perhaps lie about. I should make myself a hero. Pretend I was not used by strangers and gods, did not leave people behind. Here is one truth: out there in deep-space, in the pilot's chair, I died. And then, I was reborn. I became something not quite human, something that could speak to the infinite dark. And I vowed to become the scourge of the world that wronged me.

This is the story of the supernova event that burned planets and felled civilizations. This is also the story of the many lives I've lived since I died for the first time. Are you listening?

'Astonishing and thought-provoking' - Adrian Tchaikovsky

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Claire North is a pseudonym for Catherine Webb. They have won the World Fantasy Award and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award, and been shortlisted for the *Sunday Times*/PFD Young Writer of the Year Award, the Arthur C. Clarke Award and the Philip K. Dick Award. They live in London.

Outlaw Planet

M. R. Carey

A thrilling standalone SF adventure set in the multiverse with a unique Wild West twist, from the million-copy bestselling author M. R. Carey.

Sometimes the fate of entire worlds can be decided by a woman with nothing to lose, and the smartest gun in the multiverse in her hand...

This is the story of Bess - or Dog-Bitch Bess as she came to be known. It's the story of the gun she carried, whose name was Wakeful Slim. It's the story of the dead man who carried that gun before her and left a piece of himself inside it. And it's the tale of how she turned from teacher, to renegade, and ultimately to hero. This is also the tale of the last violent engagements in an inter-dimensional war - one of the most brutal the multiverse had ever seen. This is how Bess learned the truth about her world. Came to it the hard way, through pain and loss and the reckless spilling of blood, and carried it with her like a brand on her soul. And once she knew it - knew for sure how badly she'd been used - she had no option but to do something about it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

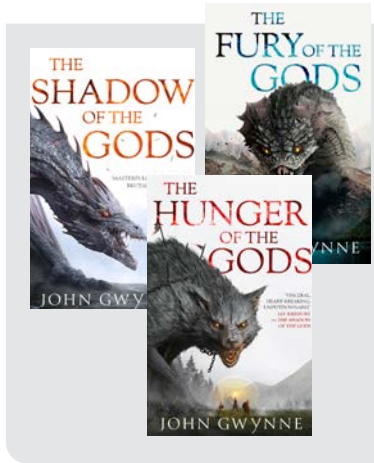
M. R. Carey's books have sold over a million copies worldwide. His space opera *Infinity Gate* was shortlisted for the Philip K Dick Award and named a *New York Times* best book of the year. Under the name Mike Carey he has written for both DC and Marvel, including critically acclaimed runs on *Lucifer*, *Hellblazer* and *X-Men*.



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Last Rites

Ozzy Osbourne

Shocking, bitterly hilarious and surprisingly life-affirming, the brutally honest and unflinching memoir from rock'n'roll hellraiser Ozzy Osbourne.

*'People say to me, if you could do it all again, knowing what you know now, would you change anything? I'm like, f*** no. If I'd been clean and sober, I wouldn't be Ozzy. If I'd done normal, sensible things, I wouldn't be Ozzy.'*

Husband. Father. Grandfather. Icon.
1948 - 2025

At the age of sixty-nine, Ozzy Osbourne was on a triumphant farewell tour, playing to sold-out arenas and rave reviews all around the world.

Then: disaster.

In a matter of just a few weeks, he went from being hospitalised with a finger infection to having to abandon his tour - and all public life - as he faced near-total paralysis from the neck down.

Last Rites is the shocking, bitterly hilarious, never-before-told story of Ozzy's descent into hell. Along the way are reflections on an extraordinary life and career, including his marriage to wife Sharon, and what it took for him to return to the stage for the triumphant *Back to the Beginning* concert, streamed around the world, where Ozzy reunited with his Black Sabbath bandmates for the final time.

Unflinching, brutally honest, but surprisingly life-affirming, *Last Rites* demonstrates once again why Ozzy transcended his status as 'The Godfather of Metal' and 'The Prince of Darkness' to become a modern-day folk hero and national treasure.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ozzy Osbourne was born in Aston, Birmingham, in 1948 and was one of rock music's most enduring figures as the lead singer of Black Sabbath. He achieved even greater heights as a solo artist. Ozzy is survived by his wife, Sharon, and his five children.



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The Anxious Brain

Professor Oliver Robinson

A groundbreaking investigation into the causes of anxiety, what happens to the brain when we feel anxious, and the possibility of revolutionary new treatments, from a world expert in the neuroscience of anxiety.

Anxiety is the most prevalent mental health condition in the UK and it is estimated that 1 in 10 people globally will experience symptoms of an anxiety disorder. Yet, we know very little about how and why we experience anxiety, and as many as 30 per cent of sufferers don't have an effective treatment.

Groundbreaking research is currently underway to discover what is happening in the brain when we feel anxious and to uncover treatments of the future. Professor Oliver Robinson and his team at the Anxiety Lab at University College London are using cutting-edge techniques involving artificial intelligence, neuroimaging and recreations of Marvin the paranoid android to better understand how anxiety works.

In *The Anxious Brain*, Professor Robinson explains what anxiety actually is, what is happening in the brain when we experience anxiety, why some treatments work for some but not others, and how anxious thought processes turn into behaviour change. He will also reveal how his research and innovative approach to personalised medicine could revolutionise how we treat anxiety in the future.

This book will fundamentally change our understanding of an all-too-pervasive condition, offer hope for a future of more effective treatment, and reveal how we can all learn to live with anxiety more peacefully.

A word from the editor:

"It is rare to read a book proposal that is truly – and without hyperbole – groundbreaking, but the material for The Anxious Brain is just that. Professor Robinson's research promises to revolutionise our understanding of why we experience anxiety, how his neuroscientific research could lead to more effective treatments, and what we can all do to live with anxiety more peacefully. Professor Robinson is an incredibly passionate and charismatic advocate for this work and a talented public speaker. This will be an important and ambitious publication."

Elena Roberts, Editorial Director

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Oliver Robinson is a Professor of Neuroscience and Mental Health at University College London. His speciality is understanding anxiety in the brain. He uses computerised testing to probe people's behaviour, brain scanning techniques to observe the brain, and computer models to understand the links between the two. He has been at the forefront of a field known as Computational Psychiatry which attempts to use the tools of computer science to understand psychiatric symptoms. He was made full professor at an unusually young age of 37. He has written nearly 100 scientific articles but has also written for the *Guardian* newspaper and appeared on *More or Less* on BBC4.

Wise

Finding Purpose, Meaning and Wisdom Beyond the Midpoint of Life

Frank Tallis

A book for everyone over 40, reflecting on where their life is going - by writer and clinical psychologist Dr Frank Tallis.

We are living longer and our lifespan continues to extend due to medical advances. But how do you age wisely? From ancient Greece to the 21st century, the greatest philosophers and psychologists have considered this question, and remarkably, their opinions converge. There is a single essential task - integration - that once accomplished, equips us to cope with the many problems we are likely to encounter as we get older. What's more, their insights are supported by cutting-edge neuroscience.

Exploring the common ground shared by the Stoics and the Existentialists, William James and CG Jung, Iain McGilchrist and Daniel Siegel, clinical psychologist Frank Tallis has written his own essential alternative to the standard self-help prescriptions. He explores how we can embrace and accept our mortality when our brains are hard-wired to resist it, how we can achieve meaning in our lives, and how we can understand the passage of time and make the most of it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Frank Tallis is a writer and clinical psychologist. His non-fiction books include *Lovesick*, *The Incurable Romantic* and *The Act of Living*.

Feminism for a World on Fire

Natasha Walter

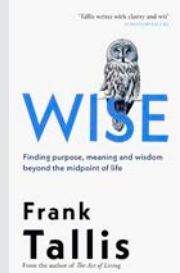
The feminist book we need now: rising above cultural wars to take feminism back to its radical roots along with today's urgent concerns about economics and climate change.

Western liberal feminism, with its focus on individual success and hard graft, is now feeling hollow. The feminist gains of the last century seem fragile: rights are being lost, fundamentalists are regaining power, politicians are embracing online misogynists and tech bros, and young men are moving to the right. Simultaneously, we have a climate catastrophe and profound economic inequality.

Natasha Walter, one of the UK's most prominent feminist voices, argues that our current feminist movement is too narrow, too divided, too timid to take on these challenges. Galvanising and inspiring, *Feminism for a World on Fire* is a call to return to feminism's revolutionary roots.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Natasha Walter is a writer, journalist and human rights activist. She is a graduate of Cambridge and Harvard, and founded the charity Women for Refugee Women in 2007.



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Geography of Heaven

Rory MacLean

A personal - but universal - story about the search for a loved-one after death. The Body keeps the Score - but the Soul tells the Story.

'Death - and the search for Katrin - had reawakened me to wonder [...] I could no longer discount life as a purely biological phenomenon. Now I knew without doubt - because of the depth of love between us - that in some incomprehensible manner the soul lives on, and that those whom we love can reach through the veil to touch us. No one doubts that the dead leave an imprint on our bodies, in our hearts, in our minds. But in those last seconds in the maloca, I shared a truth where the imprint was revealed as so much more.'

Four years ago Rory MacLean set out on a path with no idea of where it would lead, of how long it would take or that his life would change forever. When his wife Katrin died, he needed to know where she had gone. To find her, he embarked on a globe-circling journey to the places where the veil is thin, where our physical world touches the divine. He watched gods walk on fire, heard the voices of water, lay his hand on the stepping stone to another world. He sun danced with the Lakota. He survived a tornado. He felt the rising sun warm his skin in a Himalayan sanctuary and, on Jacob's Rock where angels once descended to earth on a ladder, he spent the night avoiding being shot. In Delhi, he was told the universe will keep sending you loving souls to guide you on this journey and it did, opening doors, revealing wonders beyond his imagination, until - in five truly extraordinary moments - Katrin was beside him.

At the same time, in a subtle exploration of the manner of brain lateralisation, his journey through grief is explained by the latest neuroscientific research. The result is a life-enhancing travel book like no other, reaching for a place from which no one has ever returned. A book that could only have been written with Katrin by his side.

Praise for Rory MacLean:

'A surreal masterpiece'
 Colin Thubron

'Crazy, charming, a delight'
 John le Carré

'The most extraordinary debut in travel writing since In Patagonia'
 William Dalrymple

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rory MacLean is one of Britain's most expressive and adventurous travel writers. His dozen books include UK best-sellers *Stalin's Nose* and *Under the Dragon* and his works have been translated in several territories. He has won awards from the Canada Council, the Arts Council of England and a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Look Now

A Personal History of the Du Mauriers

Paul de Zulueta

An intimate, revelatory family biography of the iconic bestselling author Daphne du Maurier, by her eldest surviving grandson.

The life and works of Daphne du Maurier continue to beguile and fascinate readers across the world. Her blockbuster *Rebecca* has never been out of print since it was published. She has sold well over 35m books worldwide.

A fascinating, intimate, revelatory family memoir, *Look Now* will focus primarily on Daphne but also on her actor/manager father Gerald and caricaturist/novelist grandfather George, the greatest influences on her life and work, as well as a few key figures further back.

Paul de Zulueta, Daphne's eldest surviving grandchild, has access to private papers and letters sent to Daphne as well as the archives at Exeter University. In addition, he has found many unpublished family photographs and will be interviewing other family members and those influenced by Daphne's work. In doing so, he offers an extraordinary look into the world of Daphne du Maurier as it's never been seen before.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paul de Zulueta spent his early 20s in the army, then developed a career in adult education and personal development. Paul writes for *The Times*, *Spectator* and *Household Division Journal*. He has written two books: *Peace, War and Whitehall* and *Those Must be The Guards*.



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The Great Gambon

Michael Gambon in his own words (and others)

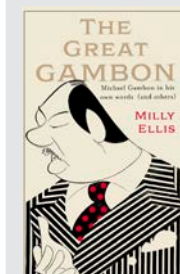
Milly Ellis

A celebration of actor Sir Michael Gambon CBE.

Sir Michael Gambon was one of the greatest actors of the last 50 years, with a career that began as second spear carrier in Hamlet, alongside Anthony Hopkins. He went on to star in plays by Harold Pinter and Samuel Beckett, as well as Dumbledore in the *Harry Potter* films. When Michael Gambon's memory began to fade, he found it increasingly difficult to remember his lines. Ultimately the job fell to Milly Ellis, to be his 'earwig', which she did for fifteen years, giving him his lines through an earpiece. Gambon was a legendary self-mythologiser and this book celebrates the many outlandish stories he told about himself, as well as from those of his friends and fellow actors. Milly Ellis has woven the best of these - from the likes of Tom Hollander, Daniel Craig, Robert de Niro, Judi Dench and Eileen Atkins - into an affectionate tribute to this extraordinary man.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A specialist voice coach for 20 years, **Milly Ellis** has worked alongside some of Britain's finest actors.



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In Bed with the Monarchy

Gabrielle Storey

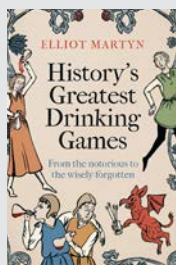
A fun and fascinating deep dive into the sexualities of some of the most infamous early British monarchs - and how attitudes towards sexuality and gender have shifted across the centuries.

In Bed with the Monarchy is a comparative history of medieval and early modern British monarchs who were LGBTQ+ individuals. For some, the evidence of their sexuality has - until now - been misinterpreted; for others, it's been entirely skimmed over. In this book, Dr Gabrielle Storey will reveal how attitudes towards sex and sexualities changed from the medieval through to the modern period, and bring to light its importance to our understanding of LGBTQ+ history today.

Discussing the likes of William Rufus, Richard I, Edward II, Richard II, James VI, Mary II, William III, and Queen Anne, this book brings together letters, contemporary histories, legal records, and governmental documents to bring their 'other' lives - lives which have been obscured, speculated and gossiped over for centuries - to the fore.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr **Gabrielle Storey** earned her PhD in Medieval History from the University of Winchester in 2020. She has participated in international history documentaries on TV and history podcasts. Gabrielle has a book published by Routledge and has co-edited books for Manchester University Press.



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History's Greatest Drinking Games

From the Notorious to the Wisely Forgotten

Elliot Martyn

A whistle-stop guide to some of history's brilliantly bizarre drinking games, from the notorious to the wisely forgotten.

As long as there have been people, there has been drinking - and as long as there has been drinking, there has been drinking stupidly. Across centuries and continents this universal pastime has spawned an astonishing array of drinking games - some elaborate and considered, others down-right absurd - designed to entertain, punish, impress and inebriate.

In this book, Elliot Martyn takes us on a captivating guided tour of some of our forebearers' silliest drinking rituals, revealing how they began and even how to recreate them (if you dare). From the Ancient Greeks flinging wine across the room in competitive abandon to nineteenth-century Italians gatekeeping the drinks of their peers, this book is packed full of fascinating trivia and hilarious historical anecdotes. After all, it's reassuring to know that we've always been idiots - and to learn some new mistakes from the fools who've come before us.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elliot Martyn graduated from the University of Oxford with a first-class degree in modern history and also holds a master's degree from the University of London. He now works as a policy advisor and his research has been published by think tanks and international journals.

The Royal Insider

My Life with the Queen, the King and Princess Diana

Paul Burrell

A brand-new book from bestselling royal memoirist Paul Burrell based on his twenty years in service with the royal family.

For over two decades, Paul Burrell was a silent witness to the making of history - first as footman to Queen Elizabeth II, then as butler to King Charles III (then Prince of Wales), and, most famously, as a confidante of the late Princess Diana. Now, with a unique perspective shaped by time and change and in the wake of the Queen's passing, he's ready to share his own story alongside theirs.

In this deeply personal and intimate memoir, Burrell shares many untold stories of his life at home and abroad with the Royals. With warmth, candour, and rare insight, he recounts unexpected moments of intimacy with the Queen, who gently guided a fresh-faced, 18-year-old Burrell through palace life. He speaks candidly about the tensions that simmered during those years - including the breakdown of Charles and Diana's marriage and his own complex relationship with Princes William and Harry. Heartfelt, sincere and rich in detail, this is the memoir of a man who has lived and learned in the most extraordinary of ways.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paul Burrell is a former servant of the British Royal Household. Following his royal service, Paul became a TV personality, and he also authored the 2 million copy international bestseller *A Royal Duty*, sharing his insights into royal life.

The Queen

100 Years, 100 Stories

Michelle Morgan

A tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, told through 100 stories about her, to mark the centenary of her birth.

Crown jewels, coronations and corgis, this is a warm and nostalgic biography of powerhouse monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, written by experienced biographer Michelle Morgan. Structured around 100 vignettes, the reader will be invited into an intimate telling of key moments of her long life. Many of the stories relate to milestones, such as her wedding to Prince Philip, the coronation, the birth of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her various jubilees. Interspersed with these, are fascinating stories that have been lost or forgotten over the past century. From immersive accounts of her working life, such as trips around the country and abroad to the people she met (including her neighbour for a time, Marilyn Monroe!), and the anecdotes they shared.

The book includes striking photographs of the Queen at different stages of life. Told with insight and warmth, this is the perfect tribute to our longest-reigning monarch.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michelle Morgan is the author of over 35 books, many of which have been published around the world. She has written for a large range of magazines and newspapers.



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The Power and the Glory

A New History of the World Cup

Jonathan Wilson

The definitive history of the World Cup, for the first time exploring the tournament's socio-political impact across the globe as well as the goals and scandals that keep us all gripped.

The football World Cup is the most watched sporting event on the planet. It has become a global obsession: 211 nations initially entered the 2022 edition. It has been running for almost a century. Yet there is no comprehensive history of the tournament: based on fresh interviews and meticulously researched this book will change that.

By 1930, football had outgrown the Olympic Games. A new competition, run by Fifa, would take international football to the next level. After a shambolic start to the first cup in Uruguay - an incomplete stadium, shoddy refereeing and physios accidentally injuring players - the thrilling final saw Uruguay take on Argentina, beating them 4-2.

From those chaotic beginnings grew the modern World Cup, a cultural phenomenon that draws the world together like nothing else, and that gives it a profound importance. The World Cup has political significance. West Germany's success in 1954 was a moment of reintegration into global society. Progress to the semi-finals in 1998 gave a huge boost to Croatia's sense of national self. But football is an unpredictable sport. In the so-called Soccer War of 1969 tensions between El Salvador and Honduras were ignited by a World Cup qualifier. More recently, the focus for governments seeking to political gain has been hosting the tournament, with the World Cups in Russia and Qatar clear examples of sportswashing, staging a tournament to project an image of a thriving society.

There has never been a comprehensive history of the World Cup that has considered not only the matches and goals, the players and coaches, the tales of scandal and genius, the haggling and skulduggery of the bidding process, but has also placed the tournaments within a socio-political framework. The story of the World Cup is also the story of the world; this book tells its definitive history.

'A master at telling football's greatest ever stories... Breathtaking. Wilson's eye for detail and his elegant writing brings the World Cup to life like no other book on the topic I have ever read'

Elis James

'Epic in scope, awesomely rich in detail, and compulsively entertaining'

Tom Holland

'So much of what we know of football's history we know thanks to Wilson'

Simon Kuper

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jonathan Wilson is the editor of the *Blizzard* and a freelance writer for the *Guardian*, *World Soccer* and *Sports Illustrated*. He is the author of twelve books, including the international bestseller *Inverting the Pyramid* and *Two Brothers*, translated in over twenty territories.

Funk is its Own Reward

Lloyd Bradley

An intimate, definitive exploration of Funk, the sound of a generation, that tells its stories, its triumphs and excesses.

From 1968 to 1978; from 'Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud' to Off The Wall; from the Third Harlem Cultural Festival to the P-Funk Earth Tour: *Funk is its Own Reward* plots the journey of an African American cultural movement that was always about far more than simply music.

With roots in the poetry, art, theatre, intellectualism and jazz of the celebrated 1960s Black Arts Movement, and made possible by the shifts in thinking brought about by the Black Panthers, the rise of HBSUs and black political involvement, funk was the Second Great Black Renaissance. *Funk is its Own Reward* makes the connections between the literature, films, television, black arts collectives, theatre groups and media and analyses how they fed into a cultural wave that made a music confident enough to embrace the likes of Barry White, Bill Withers, 24 Carat Black, Bootsy, Mandrill, the O'Jays, the Fatback Band, Miles Davis, and the Brides of Funkenstein not just possible but inevitable.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lloyd Bradley is one of the UK's leading experts on modern black music. He has worked as a music journalist for over thirty years and is the author of the bestselling *Bass Culture* and the internationally acclaimed *Sounds Like London*.

Our Lorde and Saviour

An unofficial guide to the music, life and artistry of a pop icon

M. Bartholomew

A gorgeous, insightful guide to the songwriting process, production, music videos, fashion, and every single song of songstress and pop icon, Lorde.

'A lot of musicians think they can do pop, and the ones who don't succeed are the ones who don't have the reverence - who think it's just a dumb version of other music. You need to be awe-struck.' - Lorde

From the sonically sparse Pure Heroine to the epic pop euphoria of Melodrama, and from the sunny optimism of Solar Power to the raw, primal energy of Virgin, Lorde has been crafting music that defines the moment for over a decade. Now, in the year of 'Lorde Summer' and her World Tour, dive into each album track by track, alongside the songwriting process, production, music videos and fashion of the woman David Bowie considered to be 'the future of music'.

Fully up to date with a chapter on the 2025 album *Virgin*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M. Bartholomew is a London-based pop culture writer, editor and fanatic who has created books about Charli xcx, Taylor Swift, Olivia Rodrigo, Ariana Grande, Harry Styles and Oasis. She has been an obsessive Lorde fan since her debut EP and *Pure Heroine* is the first album she ever owned.



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Killer Cults

Emma Kenny

What makes ordinary people abandon everything to join a cult? Psychologist and true crime expert Emma Kenny delves into gripping true stories of cults operating all around us.

In this exhilarating and terrifying new book, Emma Kenny explores the bewildering world of cults, looking into the magnetic pull of cult leaders who find, ensnare and indoctrinate followers, transforming them from normal people into devoted acolytes, and, in the most extreme cases, into killers.

From Jim Jones and The Peoples Temple to David Koresh and the Branch Davidians; Marshall Applewhite's Heaven's Gate to Order of the Solar Temple, Emma unpicks the interplay between power, manipulation and faith that makes cults work, and takes readers on a journey into the minds of these enigmatic cult leaders and the people who fall under their spell. Discover the answers to the questions that haunt the fringes of society and the human psyche in this must-read for all true crime enthusiasts.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Kenny is a highly experienced presenter and professional, with psychological and Counselling qualifications recognised by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and the British Psychological Society.



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Under Their Roof

My shocking true story of surviving serial killers Fred and Rose West

Kathleen Richards with Ann Cusack

A chilling but ultimately inspiring true story from Kathleen Richards who lived as a lodger with Fred and Rosemary West at 25 Cromwell Street.

Kathleen Richards was just 17 when she and her sister Deirdre found themselves on the doorstep of 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, seeking lodgings from a seemingly friendly local couple: Fred and Rose West. At first, Cromwell Street provided freedom for the sisters who were entertained by Fred's quirky behaviour. Kathleen was also happy to make a new friend in her fellow lodger, Shirley Robinson. But then, things took a sinister turn: Fred began to abuse Kathleen with his wife's encouragement. And, when Shirley suddenly disappeared too, Kathleen's world began to grow very dark...

This is a chilling account of what it's like to come face-to-face with Britain's most notorious serial killers, but it is also an inspiring account of the resilience of women and how to find happiness after trauma.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Kathleen Richards is a mother of three. Originally from Dublin, now living in rural Gloucestershire. She has worked as a carer and foster carer throughout her life. Bestselling author and journalist, **Ann Cusack** has ghost-written sixteen memoirs.

The Work Smarter Guides

The 'Work Smarter' series provides shortcuts, tips and life-hacks for the development of essential business skills.

The Work Smarter Guide to Pitching distils the authors' decades of experience and analysis of thousands of pitches into an easy-to-implement system which works. You may even find you enjoy your next pitch... **The Work Smarter Guide for New Managers** meanwhile offers a concise yet comprehensive way of finding your own answers to the pressing questions that one can face as a manager. And **The Work Smarter Guide to Marketing** will empower you to simplify your approach, whether you're promoting a company, a product, a service, or even your own personal brand.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

David Kean and **Tatiana Khandurova** have been senior leaders in large technology and communications organisations, such as Google and Omnicom.

Maria Morozova-Duthoit has spent over two decades leading teams in sales and customer service at Google and world-wide advertising networks.

Mark Palmer is a professionally qualified market researcher, marketer and change practitioner. He is the founder of Maverick Planet, a facilitated brand and change consultancy.



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80/20 Beliefs

How Small Mindset Changes Can Transform Your Life

Richard Koch

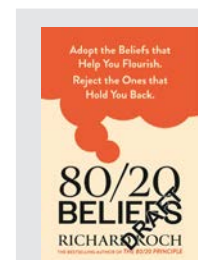
Million-copy bestselling author Richard Koch applies the 80/20 principle to beliefs, revealing how changing a few core beliefs can transform your life and provide last happiness.

In his million-copy bestseller, *The 80/20 Principle*, Richard Koch showed readers how to take advantage of the simple fact that 80% of your results come from 20% of your efforts.

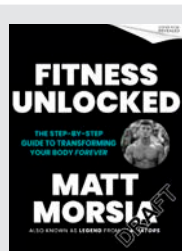
In *80/20 Beliefs*, he shows how just a few core beliefs - often unconscious yet profoundly influential - shape our lives, happiness and success. By identifying and examining the 'toxic' beliefs that cause unnecessary stress and shaping them into good beliefs that foster resilience and joy, we can enjoy a life of greater fulfilment.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Koch is a highly successful author, investor and entrepreneur. A former partner at consulting firm Bain & Co, and co-founder of The LEK Partnership, the fastest growing and most profitable 'strategy boutique' of the 1980s, Richard now lives the 80/20 way between Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal and South Africa.



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Fitness Unlocked

The Step-by-Step Guide to Transforming Your Body Forever

Matt Morsia

Welcome to Fitness Unlocked... the only training manual you will ever need.

For most people, getting (and staying) in good shape seems impossible. Yes, not everyone is blessed with God-like genetics which enable them to stay in decent shape with seemingly minimal effort, but EVERYONE has the ability to get in significantly better shape than they're currently in.

The process of doing so is surprisingly simple. It's not easy, but it's simple. It just needs to be unlocked. Thankfully for you, you've discovered this incredible book written by one of our generation's greatest fitness experts in which he explains all. Complete with tailored tried-and-tested workouts to suit individual needs, in this step-by-step guide Matt breaks down the science and gives clear instructions on how to create the best version of you.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Matt Morsia is a highly successful Fitness Influencer and Professional YouTuber. He is a former international athlete, who specialised in long and triple jump and powerlifting. Matt's first book, *The 24/7 Body* was a *Sunday Times* Bestseller. Matt is 'Legend' in the new BBC One series of *Gladiators*.



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Start Here

A practical guide for the overwhelmed

Kerry Makin-Byrd

An illustrated self-help guide for women on dealing with burnout and overwhelm featuring science-based solutions that will last a lifetime.

Burnout results from chronic stress and when we experience it, we can feel exhausted, hopeless and ineffective. Our performance suffers and we can feel disconnected at work and at home. Over time, stress and burnout can lead to even more significant physical and mental health problems.

Many of us yearn for a map which will guide us from languishing to flourishing, narrated by an expert who has climbed the same mountain. This book is that map - distilling a century of science into a three-step recipe for treating burnout: Soothe, transcend, then move. Research is supported by relatable personal stories, practical real-life lessons and beautiful illustrations. This is the emotional life manual that the overwhelmed reader needs; just Start Here.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clinical psychologist **Dr Kerry Makin-Byrd** is a noted burnout and wellbeing expert and alum of Penn State University, University of California, San Francisco, and Stanford Medical School. Dr Kerry previously published a memoir, *The Ballad of Burnout*.

Healing from Narcissistic Abuse

Using Trauma-focused Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to Cope, Survive and Thrive

Dr Daksha Hirani

The Winner of the 2024 Robinson New Voices Award.

Anyone who has experienced bullying, coercive control or narcissistic abuse may know what it is like to feel a minefield of sensations, thoughts, urges and feelings – fear, anxiety, anger, confusion, guilt, grief, self-doubting – that can feel impossible to navigate; like a tsunami engulfing the mind and body. This book offers you a road map and provides the skills and tools you need to see the path ahead more clearly.

Using evidence-based acceptance and commitment therapy, you will be guided through the FOG of your fears and Feelings of Obligation and Guilt, so that you can focus on living the life you value. This book is relevant for anyone who has experienced narcissistic abuse the hands of a romantic partner, child, sibling, other family member, work colleague or friend.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Daksha Hirani is a clinical psychologist with over twenty-five years of experience. She provides psychotherapy services from her private practice for clients from all walks of life and at all stages in their recovery process, helping them to cope, survive and thrive.



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Keep Your Hair On

Understanding Urges to Pick, Pull or Bite

Professor Clare Mackay

Blending science and lived experience, this book offers a compassionate, stigma-busting exploration of body-focused repetitive behaviours (BFRBs).

Keep Your Hair On combines personal experience with scientific inquiry to explore the misunderstood world of hair pulling, skin picking and nail biting. These behaviours are fairly common and can cause a lot of distress, but have been largely neglected by medical science, leaving many to suffer in silence.

Neuroscientist Clare Mackay shares her own four-decade struggle with hair pulling, while examining what drives these behaviours and why they can make people feel so bad. Drawing on psychology, neuroscience, animal behaviour, dermatology and lived experience, she challenges the stigma and oversimplified assumptions surrounding BFRBs. Mackay offers compassionate insights into why these behaviours develop, why they're so hard to stop, and how shame compounds the struggle. Rather than promoting quick fixes, she encourages understanding over judgement and introduces new avenues for management, including the power of self-compassion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clare Mackay is a professor of neuroscience at the University of Oxford, and has spent over thirty years studying the structure and function of the human brain. Clare is committed to raising and improving our understanding of BFRBs – establishing new collaborations and research projects, and organising the first UK conference for BFRBs.



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Managing Your ADHD

A Self-help Guide For Teenagers

Lucy Willetts and Jo Steer

A self-help guide for teenagers diagnosed with ADHD to help manage your symptoms successfully.

This book provides young people with an overview of ADHD, explaining what it is, what causes it, and what can be done to manage the challenges of ADHD at school, at home and in the workplace. Written by clinicians with many years of experience working in services for children and adolescents, this book follows an approach called cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), which is a really useful way of helping us to make sense of our experiences and overcome the difficulties that we face.

The book includes help and support on: How ADHD can look different in girls and boys; what medication can help with ADHD symptoms; understanding autism, ADHD and neurodiversity; how to get help from family, friends or professionals if you are struggling.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Lucy Willetts is a clinical psychologist and has many years of experience of working both in the NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and also in a school setting.

Dr Jo Steer is a clinical psychologist and associate director for the Emotional Health Service at Achieving for Children in London, providing child & adolescent mental health services.



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Beyond the Label

Empowering parents of ADHD girls

Dr Olivia Kessel

From unpicking the science of ADHD to understanding how it manifests uniquely in girls, this is a practical guide for parents based on medical expertise and lived experience.

Do you find yourself wondering, yet struggling to accept, that your child might have ADHD? Are you on a long waiting list for an assessment? Has your child recently been diagnosed and you are wondering what to do next? Are you overwhelmed daily by challenges and wondering how to go on? You are not alone. This book is your guide, offering practical insights, compassionate support and a roadmap to help you and your child thrive with ADHD.

Dr Olivia Kessel's medical background allows her to approach neurodiversity with empathy and evidence-based solutions. This book reflects her personal story and professional expertise, offering hope, clarity and empowerment for families navigating similar journeys.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Olivia Kessel is a former medical doctor and is the host of the popular SEND Parenting Podcast. She is also mother to a daughter with mild cerebral palsy, dyslexia and ADHD, and is fiercely passionate about empowering other parents with knowledge and practical tools.

No One Talks About This Stuff

Twenty-Two Stories of Almost Parenthood

Kat Brown

A profound and honest anthology in which twenty-two writers share everyday experiences from their pursuit of parenthood.

No One Talks About This Stuff is a support group for almost-parents. A place to share their journeys of loss and limbo, to confront social pressure and to find courage in the darkness of tragedies which happen every day yet are brushed under the carpet.

We hear from a stepmother who wrestles with infertility. A husband and wife each tell their experience of losing their baby. A lesbian comes of age at a time when gay people rarely become parents. A father finds loss to be his unlikely superpower. Complex post-traumatic stress disorder impacts a person's choices about having a family. A black woman unpacks ancestral shame while finding renewed purpose. And each person shares how they lived through it. This captivatingly beautiful, profound and honest anthology opens a much-needed conversation about society, family and honouring the missing children we will never forget.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kat Brown is a freelance journalist and commentator whose work has appeared across national print and broadcast. She has published two books.



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How to Raise a Gentle Man

A guide for parents and carers who want to raise kind, emotionally intelligent and respectful boys

Sarah Ockwell-Smith

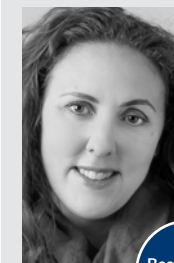
A book for anybody raising a boy, of any age, who would like to grow a kind, respectful and gentle man.

From birth we treat boys differently to girls: we hold them less, talk to them less and discipline them more harshly. Society is full of stereotyped masculinity and families often pass down inherited beliefs of what 'manliness' should look like. Toxic masculinity doesn't just hurt women and girls, it hurts boys too.

Bestselling childcare expert and mother of three young men Sarah Ockwell-Smith argues that the only truly effective way to help our boys become kind, respectful and gentle is through the way we raise them. *How to Raise a Gentle Man* gives step-by-step instructions for concerned parents and carers who want to get to the root of the problem and help boys to thrive in the manosphere. Whether you're a parent to a newborn, a teacher to an eight-year-old, or raising a teenager, you'll find plenty of advice here for you.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Ockwell-Smith has a BSc in Psychology and is a well-known parenting expert, specialising in gentle parenting methods. She writes a parenting blog read by 3 million parents a year. Her books have sold over 550,000 copies.



Bestselling author

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The Bookshop Murder

Henry Lewis

A Mystery Agency Puzzle Book

Step into a detective's shoes and join D.I. Waterstone to solve a murder committed on a quiet street of bookshops in a brand-new escape-room style puzzle solving mystery from Henry Lewis, author of *The Museum Heist*. 8 suspects. 1 Crime. Lots of puzzles. Perfect for fans of Murdle and detective stories.

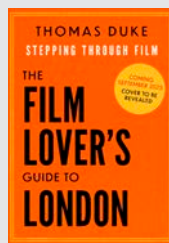
The Museum Heist was a Waterstones Book of the Year 2023.

The Film Lover's Guide to London

Thomas Duke aka Stepping Through Film

Step inside the movie magic with this illustrated guide to your favourite London film scenes!

A photographic guide to where your favourite TV shows and movies' famous scenes were shot in London, from James Bond to Bridget Jones, Paddington Bear to Sherlock Holmes. Thomas Duke has interviewed directors, producers and location scouts to discover what makes magic onscreen. Tom pairs his famous film and TV stills with their real-life backgrounds and guides you through how to find the locations and immerse yourself in the filming magic yourself.



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Angela Harding's Seasonal Quartet

Joyful celebrations of nature and wildlife across the UK at all times of year by iconic illustrator Angela Harding.

This series will take readers on a journey through the seasons, reflecting internationally renowned Angela Harding's view as the nature around her transforms and evolves over the months. Taking in landscapes across the UK, from views from her homely Rutland studio to the Scottish wilderness, the marshlands of Suffolk and the Yorkshire hills, the beautiful illustrations and evocative imagery of the prose make this the perfect book for nature lovers and art lovers everywhere.

The Faithfuls

Huw Dunnit

A hilarious parody of *The Traitors*

In a medieval castle in the wilds of Scotland, innocent but annoying strangers are being murdered one by one. Twelve ordinary individuals arrive to compete in the world's most popular reality TV show. The Faithfuls are ready to make friends and stab each other's backs. Pitted against each other, these law-abiding folk find their values challenged as betrayal, hate and bad faith take the upper hand. Each night one of the group is 'murdered' by the dark, secretive forces within - the Traitors. Will the murderous Traitor be unearthed before the Faithfuls finally rip each other to shreds?



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Historic Pub Crawls

Thomas J Vosper

Guided walks around iconic pubs and landmarks.

Thomas J. Vosper is a true pub aficionado, having spent over a decade crafting pub crawls for friends on request. Whether you're a lover of a traditional pint or intrigued by the fascinating history of pubs, these guides offer carefully curated walks that take you to some of each location's most unique and characterful pubs, paired with iconic historical landmarks.



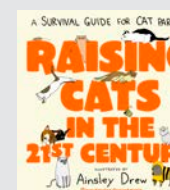
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Raising Cats in the 21st Century

Illustrated by Ainsley Drew

A Survival Guide for Cat Parents

In this hilarious, illustrated guide, learn how to understand the tiny tyrant in your home and raise a happy, kind and caring cat that's only occasionally an a**hole. With the help of courageous illustrations from Ainsley Drew (AKA @lousydrawingsforgoodpeople), prepare to cover some important, not at all frivolous topics like: why cats destroy things around your home that you hold dear; fussy eaters; cats that despise you; tips on how to pretend everything is fine.



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The Meaning of Life

James Bailey

Over 100 luminaries from all fields answer one simple question: What is the meaning of life? Entrepreneurs, environmentalists, artists, authors and adventurers: this book gathers a kaleidoscope of perspectives on what it means to be human. It's more than just a collection of letters; it's a roadmap to finding your own path.

- Contributors include Sir David Attenborough, Dame Hilary Mantel and Rupi Kaur.



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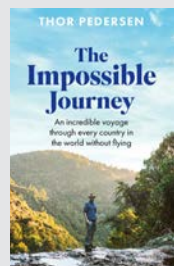
Duncan Weldon

Freakonomics meets economic history and war: The story of the economics of conflict from the Viking Age to the war in Ukraine. Exploring Genghis Khan's role in globalisation; the 1800s witch trials in Scotland; pirates as HR pioneers; Stalin's management style and more – it is a fascinating appraisal of how economic theory and warfare intersect.

'Absolutely fascinating and totally absorbing'
James Holland

'A brilliant book'
Martin Wolf

'Chock full of marvellous nuggets, this fascinating book is both important and surprisingly cheering.'
Ed Conway, author of *Material World*



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The Impossible Journey

Thor Pedersen

203 countries. A decade of travel. Not a single aeroplane in sight. This is the story of one man's journey to be the first to visit every country in the world without flight. An inspiring and epic travel adventure memoir of humanity and perseverance for fans of Bear Grylls or Levison Wood.

- Thor has a TEDx talk about his journey, has conducted copious international publicity, and a documentary is forthcoming

'Never less than entertaining ... the book really comes alive.'
Mail on Sunday

The Danish Way Every Day

Jessica Joelle Alexander

The follow-up to the international bestseller *The Danish Way of Parenting* which introduced parents to the revolutionary PARENT model shows you how to put those theories into practice in everyday life with an age-by-age guide to help you raise happy, well-adjusted children.

- The Danish Way of Parenting* was published in 32 countries and continues to be a long seller globally.



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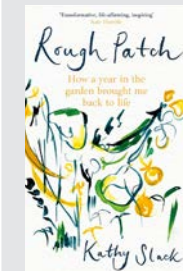
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Rough Patch

Kathy Slack

Eat Pray Love in a vegetable patch: a memoir of breakdown, recovery, growth and lessons from the earth. A beautiful meditation and quiet manifesto on the power of gardening as a form of restoration and its transformative effect on mental health from food writer Kathy Slack.

- Features beautiful illustrations from Rosie Ramsden throughout, along with some of Kathy's delicious recipes.



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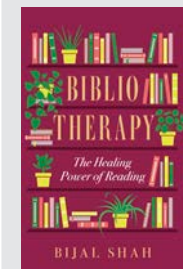
Bijal Shah

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

- The first book on bibliotherapy written by a psychodynamic counsellor

'Utterly fascinating'
Beth Kempton

'Beautifully written and full of insights'
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