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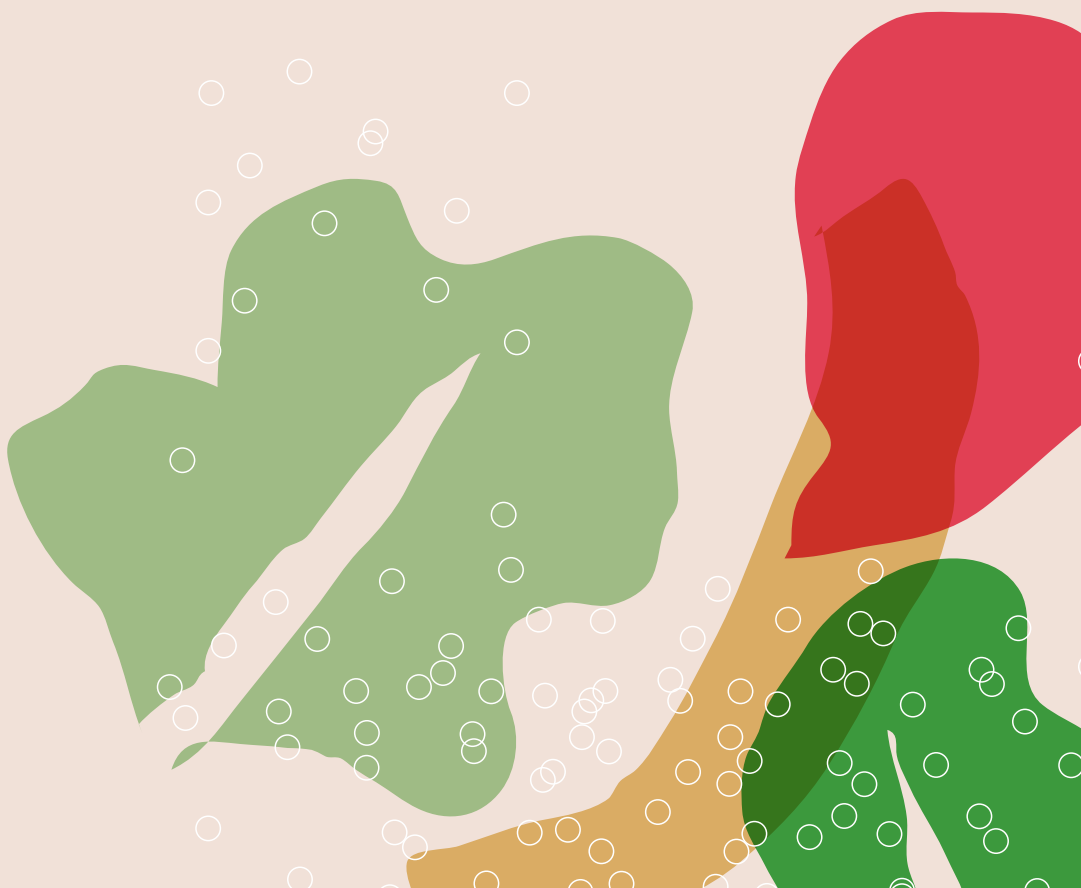
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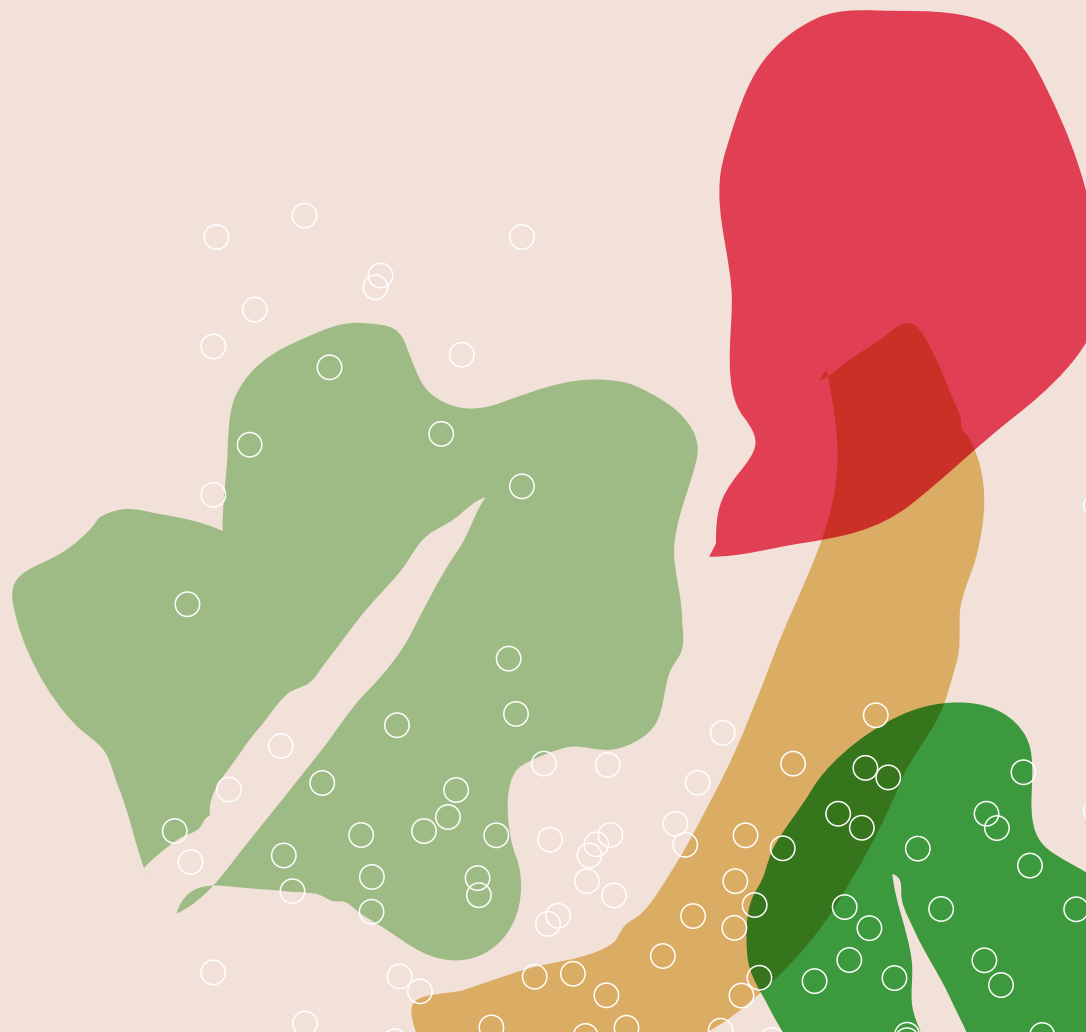
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Recently Published





# COMMERCIAL FICTION



# Dissection of a Murder

Jo Murray



**Pub Date:** 5 March 2026

**Editor:** Francesca Pathak

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 384pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**A propulsive courtroom thriller, full of twists and turns and the rich details of the legal world.**

When Leila Reynolds is handed her first murder case, she's shocked at how high profile it is. The murder of a well-respected, well-known judge. This shouldn't be the kind of case she's leading, it's way out of her expertise. But the defendant, Jack Millman is clear. He wants her, and only her.

To make things worse, he's refusing to talk. How is she supposed to prove herself on what appears to be an unwinnable case?

Losing is not an option. She must find the most persuasive argument. Trials aren't won by convincing judges or fellow barristers. They're all about convincing a jury.

Suddenly, Leila finds herself not only fighting to keep Jack out of prison; but fighting to keep her own secrets buried too.

It's true what they say – there are always two sides to a story.

Guilty or Not Guilty?

You decide.

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Jo Murray was raised in Teesside in the 1980s when girls who lived on council estates were told they definitely could not be lawyers. Jo ignored everyone, successfully becoming the first person in her family to go to university. She studied Classics at Newcastle before going to law school and working as a criminal barrister in Leeds. She eventually left the profession to care for her two children. Jo now lives in Yarm, a market town in the North East of England.

**Fiction**



# Rewitched

## Lucy Jane Wood



**Pub Date:** 19 September 2024

**Editor:** Lucy Brem

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 416pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**US:** Ace / Berkley

**Brazilian Portuguese:** Under offer

**Czech:** Under offer

**Dutch:** Under offer

**French:** Flammarion

**German:** Bastei Luebbe

**Hungarian:** Anassa

**Italian:** Giunti Editore

**Polish:** Insignis

**Romanian:** Under offer

**Ukrainian:** Family Leisure Club

**A cosy, magical debut that is *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* meets *Gilmore Girls* and *Charmed*. An instant *Sunday Times* bestseller.**

It's time to rediscover her magic . . .

Belladonna Blackthorn hasn't lost her magical spark, but she hasn't seen it in a while either. Balancing work at her beloved Lunar Books with handling her toxic boss, all while concealing her witchcraft from those around her – Belle is burnt out. Perfecting the potential of her magic is the last thing on her mind.

But, when her thirtieth birthday brings a summons from her coven and a trial that tests her worthiness as a witch, Belle risks losing her magic forever. With only the month of October to fix things and signs that dark forces may be working against her, Belle will need all the help she can get – from the women in her life, from an unlikely mentor figure and even from an (infuriating) watchman who's sworn to protect her . . .

With found family, slow burn romance and an uplifting message about self-love, *Rewitched* is a cosy autumnal fantasy that will leave readers spellbound.

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Lucy Jane Wood is an online content creator, avid reader and cosiness-seeker from the Wirral. These days, you'll find her living in London, giant coffee in hand, being headbutted at any given time by her cat. *Rewitched* is her debut novel.

Fiction



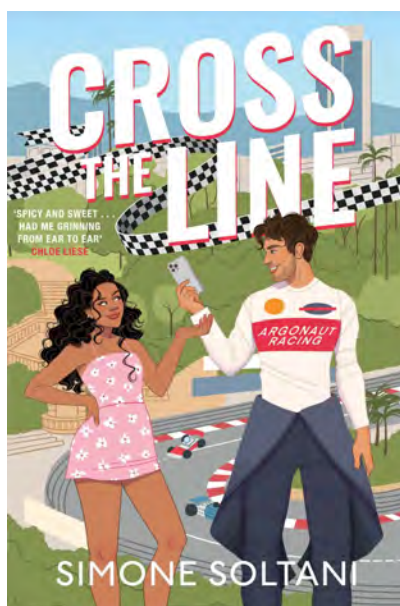
## Simone Soltani

### Ride with Me



**Pub Date:** 22 May 2025  
**Editor:** Kinza Azira  
**Binding:** Trade Paperback  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World  
**Material Available:** Manuscript

### Cross the Line



**Pub Date:** 23 May 2024

**Fiction**

**A marriage of convenience threatens to go off track in this steamy Formula 1 romance . . .**

Stella Baldwin thought her life couldn't get worse. Being left at the altar was bad enough, and the drunken rant she posted to her half a million social media followers in the aftermath was the cherry on top. But having to show up at her cousin's bachelorette party in Las Vegas barely two weeks later feels like a cruel joke.

Thomas Maxwell-Brown is just looking for a good time. With his aristocratic family's expectations pressing down, his career as a Formula 1 driver threatened by fresh talent, and a new reputation as the most hated man on the grid, he needs a break to clear his head. And what better way to decompress than with a stag party in Vegas?

Stella isn't the woman Thomas expects to meet that night. And Thomas isn't the man Stella expects to wake up next to in the morning – with a ring on her finger. Staying married might be the perfect solution to all their problems, even if it is a little wild. Maybe what happens in Vegas doesn't need to stay there . . .

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Simone Soltani is a romance author and former ghostwriter for a serialized fiction platform. Born and raised in Washington, DC, she holds a BA in Geography from The George Washington University, which she likes to think comes in handy for world-building in her novels.

**Rights Sold for *Cross the Line*:**

**US:** Berkley  
**Brazilian Portuguese:** Intrinseca  
**French:** Flammarion  
**German:** Piper Verlag  
**Hungarian:** Maxim Könyvkiadó Kft.  
**Italian:** De Agostini Libri  
**Portuguese:** Grupo Planeta  
**Spanish:** Editoras S.A.  
**Turkish:** Alfa Kitap  
**Ukrainian:** Family Leisure Club



# Unapologetic Love Story

Elle McNicoll



**Pub Date:** 9 April 2026

**Editor:** Kinza Azira

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Brazilian Portuguese:** Editora Sexante

**German:** Piper Verlag

**Ukrainian:** Knigolove

***Unapologetic Love Story* is an unapologetic celebration of love, relationships and the women who have historically been shut out of such stories, until now . . .**

Raina Lewis is London's newest 'It Girl', a podcaster and vlogger who also happens to be autistic. Dragged along to a fancy literary party one evening by her best friend Pepper, Raina catches the eye of investigative journalist Tom Branimir. Dubbed 'the King of Cancel Culture', Tom is convinced that she can't be as perfect as she seems. If she has a hidden agenda, he's determined to find it, he just has to avoid falling under her spell.

With shades of *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, *Unapologetic Love Story* is whip-smart, tender, completely candid and totally swoon-worthy – hints of Jessa Hastings' *Magnolia Parks* but with all the heart of Talia Hibbert's romances.

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Elle McNicoll is a bestselling and award-winning novelist and screenwriter. Her debut middle grade novel, *A Kind of Spark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award and the overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize, as well as Blackwell's Book of 2020. She is a four-time Carnegie nominated author, and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Branford Boase Award 2020 and The Little Rebels Award 2020 and 2021. She was also honoured in the US with the Schneider Award 2022. Her second novel, *Show Us Who You Are*, was Blackwell's Book of the Month and one of *The Bookseller's* Best Books of 2021. Her first fantasy middle grade, *Like a Charm*, was nominated for Best Children's Book for Older Readers in the first ever *The Week* Junior Book Awards, and was highly praised in *The New York Times*. To date, Elle's books have been translated into over eighteen languages.

Fiction



## Deadline

### Steph McGovern



**Pub Date:** 3 July 2025  
**Editor:** Francesca Pathak  
**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**A fast-paced and authentic debut thriller set in the world of TV.**

Your child has been kidnapped. You're live on TV. Going live in 10, 9, 8 . . .

Today is a huge day for TV reporter Rose's career. A live interview with one of the most powerful men in the country, on one of the nation's biggest TV shows. . . . 7, 6, 5 . . .

But, when she hears an unfamiliar voice in her ear, she knows something is very wrong. . . . 4, 3, 2 . . .

Her earpiece has been hacked. She's live on air in the middle of the interview. They tell her they have kidnapped her family. . . . 1

And, in order to protect them, Rose must do exactly what the hijacker says. They are in control now.

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'We live in a golden age of books but I am incredibly excited for this one' – **Richard Osman**

'A pacy, witty, engaging thriller . . . hard-hitting and thought-provoking' – **Ann Cleeves**

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Steph McGovern is an award-winning broadcaster who has worked in journalism for over twenty years, eight of them as part of the BBC. Steph is an avid crime reader and has interviewed countless authors including Val McDermid, Ann Cleeves, Hillary Clinton, Harlan Coben and Lee Child, as well as judging the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award at the Harrogate Crime Festival since 2019.

Fiction



# The New Logan McRae Thriller

Stuart MacBride



**Pub Date:** 22 May 2025

**Editor:** Francesca Pathak

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Autumn 2024

**Stuart MacBride is back with a brand-new Logan McRae to celebrate twenty years since his first appearance in *Cold Granite*.**

There's no point screaming – we've only just begun . . .

It's not going well for NE Division: half the force is off sick, all leave's been cancelled, someone's firebombed a migrant hostel and there's a massive climate change protest march happening this Saturday. With officers dropping like flies, Detective Inspector Logan McRae has to kick off a major murder investigation with a skeleton staff of misfits, idiots and malingerers – AKA: DS Steel's team – until the top brass can arrange backup from other divisions.

But as bad as everything seems, there's something far more sinister lurking in the heat-haze of a sweltering Aberdeen summer: something that's been building for years. Something that longs to sing its horrible song . . .

And it's clear that things are going to get much, much worse before this is over.

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Stuart MacBride is the *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestselling author of the Logan McRae and Ash Henderson novels. He has also published standalones, novellas and short stories, as well as a slightly twisted children's picture book for slightly twisted children.

Stuart lives in the north-east of Scotland with his wife Fiona, cats Gherkin, Onion and Beetroot, some hens, some horses and an impressive collection of assorted weeds.

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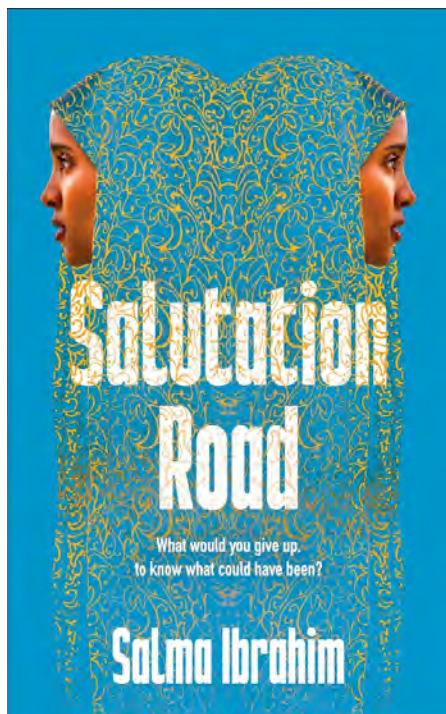
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# Salutation Road

Salma Ibrahim



**Pub Date:** 13 February 2025

**Editor:** Kinza Azira

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 256pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited Manuscript

A speculative literary debut for fans of Mohsin Hamid and Nadifa Mohamed.

Twenty-three-year-old south Londoner Sirad Ali's life is forever changed when she finds herself transported inexplicably to an alternate reality in present-day Mogadishu during her morning commute . . .

*Salutation Road* by Salma Ibrahim is a speculative literary debut about the everyday struggles of immigration, love and letting go of a past that never really existed.

Twenty-three-year-old Sirad Ali is a woman adrift. Abandoned by her father in childhood, she does her best to support her mother and younger brother in their small flat in south London. But she can't help but wonder if this is the life she really wants.

Until one morning, when she boards the bus to work in Greenwich and finds herself transported to an alternate reality in present-day Mogadishu. There she encounters her double, Ubah – the woman she could have been, had her parents never fled to London during the Somali Civil War. And what follows will change both of their lives for ever . . .

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Salma Ibrahim is a Somali south Londoner with a passion for humanitarian issues. By day, Salma works in marketing at UNICEF; by night, she writes novels and runs a literary organization called Literary Natives to provide support and opportunities to writers of colour around the world.

Fiction



# No Friend To This House

Natalie Haynes



**Pub Date:** 11 September 2025

**Editor:** Maria Rejt

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 368pp

**Rights:** Translation

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

*Stone Blind* has been translated into **17 languages**

**Rights Sold:**

**Brazilian:** Pensamento

**Dutch:** Meulenhoff Boekerij

**French:** Michel Lafon

**German:** Under offer

**Italian:** Sonzogno Editore

**Portuguese:** PRH Portugal

**Turkish:** Ithaki

**The story of Medea, but not as you think you know her . . . From Natalie Haynes, the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Stone Blind***

Medea is one of the legendary murderers of Greek myth: a witch who uses her magic powers to slay a dragon and steal a talismanic object (the golden fleece), a woman who will kill her own children in a startling act of revenge against her husband. And before all that, a young girl who fell in love with a man on a quest, who had already abandoned one (pregnant) wife before he arrived on Colchis.

This novel will reveal the many faces of a woman whose name is synonymous with villainy, an archetypal bad mother. Is she the victim of misogyny, of the age-old prejudice against clever women, foreign women, women who subvert societal norms? Or is she a cold-blooded killer, a woman who kills her brother, her love rival, her own children, who persuades other women to kill their male relatives too? Is she a woman in control or beyond it? Why is her treacherous husband the only person she leaves alive?

**So who is she, this woman who can commit the ultimate act of anti-motherhood and somehow, impossibly, stay sane?**

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Natalie Haynes is a writer and broadcaster. She is the author of *The Amber Fury*, *The Children of Jocasta*, *A Thousand Ships*, which was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2020, and *Stone Blind*, which was longlisted for the same prize in 2023. She is also the author of two non-fiction books, *Pandora's Jar*, which was a bestseller in both the UK and the US, and *Divine Might*. She has written and performed nine series of her BBC Radio 4 show, *Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics*. In 2015 she was awarded the Classical Association Prize for her work in bringing Classics to a wider audience.

**Fiction**

## New Novel

### Alexandra Potter



**Pub Date:** 31 July 2025

**Editor:** Trisha Jackson

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 464pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Autumn 2024

**Rights Sold for *Confessions*:**

**US:** HarperCollins

**Brazil Portuguese:** Buzz Editora\*

**Bulgarian:** Helikon

**Complex Chinese:** Infotress

**Czech:** Prah\*

**Danish:** NB Books

**Finnish:** Bazar Kustannus

**French:** Eyrolles

**German:** Piper\*

**Hebrew:** Tchelet

**Italian:** Newton Compton

**Portuguese:** Saida de Emergencia

**Romanian:** Corint Books

**Serbian:** Vulkan\*

**Slovak:** Noxi\*

**Spanish:** Newton Compton Spain

**Swedish:** Nona

**Turkish:** Dahi Yayincilik

\* Two book deal

The new novel from the half-a-million copies sold bestselling author of *Confessions of a Forty-Something F\*\*\* Up!*

He'd taken everything she had. Her money, her home – and her heart. But now it's her turn. A poignant, fun-filled trip across Europe to find a romance fraudster ultimately turns into a journey to find themselves.

Fifty-something Maggie thought she'd found her love, only to find that she'd been a victim of romance fraud. He'd stolen her heart, her life savings and her self-esteem. Flick, a twenty-something reporter, realises that this is happening to women everywhere and this story could be the big break she's been looking for. Flick persuades Maggie they have to find this man, and they travel around Europe, hot on his trail, with the proceeds serendipitously gained from a trip to the casino. Despite being a generation apart, these two women are at a real turning point in their lives.

As the unlikely pair go on the road trip of their lives, unexpected twists, hidden secrets and truths are revealed, together with breathtaking moments and unforeseen joys. But most importantly, they discover their sense of identity – who they really are. Because, ultimately, this journey isn't about finding the man, it's about finding themselves.

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Alexandra Potter is the bestselling author of numerous romantic comedy fiction novels in the UK, including *One Good Thing* and *Confessions of a Forty-Something F\*\*k Up*, one of the bestselling books of 2022 and 2023 and the basis of a major TV series. These titles have sold in twenty-five territories and achieved worldwide sales of more than one million copies, making the bestseller charts across the world.

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## Confessions of a Forty-Something F\*\*k Up



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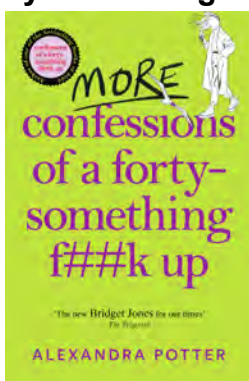
Hilarious, poignant, utterly relatable – *Confessions of a Forty-Something F\*\*k Up* is a must-read for anyone whose life isn't working out quite how they'd planned.

'The new Bridget Jones for our Covid-ridden times' – Celia Walden, *The Telegraph*

'Brilliant! Laughing out loud' – Emma Gannon

'Funny but layered, light-hearted but surprisingly deep, this is a perfect and inspiring new year read' – *Red*

## More Confessions of a Forty-Something F\*\*k Up



Pub Date: 17 August 2023

The laugh-out-loud sequel to the runaway bestseller of 2022 and funniest WTF AM I DOING NOW novel of the year.

'The story of Nell Stevens' struggle through her imperfect, messy life doesn't just make brilliant fiction, it's turning into a cultural revolution!' – Matt Cain

There is no magical land you finally arrive at where everything is figured out, fixed and sorted. Life, like us, is a sum of moving parts, and if we're lucky, we get to keep f\*\*king up, figuring it out and laughing in the face of it all.

## One Good Thing



Pub Date: 28 April 2022

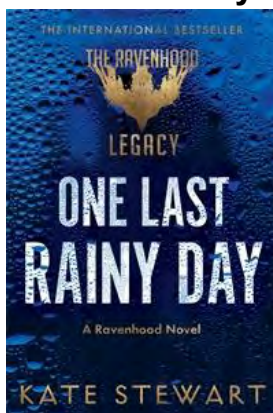
Liv Brooks is still in shock. Newly-divorced and facing an uncertain future, she impulsively swaps her London life for the sweeping hills of the Yorkshire Dales, determined to make a fresh start. But fresh starts are harder than they look and feeling lost and lonely she decides to adopt Harry, an old dog from the local shelter, to keep her company.

But Liv soon discovers she isn't the only one in need of a new beginning. On their daily walks around the village, they meet Valentine, an old man who suffers from loneliness, who sits by the window and Stanley, a little boy who is scared of everyone, who hides behind the garden gate and Maya, a teenager who is angry at everyone and everything. Slowly things start to change . . .

Fiction

## Kate Stewart

### One Last Rainy Day



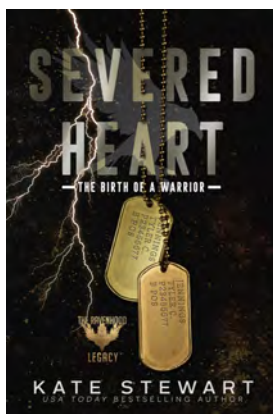
**Pub Date:** 5 December 2024  
**Editor:** Gillian Green

The deliciously steamy, internationally bestselling Robin Hood retelling that set TikTok on fire continues. Shedding a new light on the secret, morally grey brotherhood – this time from the brooding and magnetic perspective of Dominic.

*One Last Rainy Day* is the first instalment of the Ravenhood Legacy series, a spin-off of the original Ravenhood trilogy.

***Severed Heart* is the second novel in the series, and the prequel romance of fan favourites Tyler and Delphine.**

### Severed Heart



**Pub Date:** 24 April 2025  
**Material Available:** Winter 2024

Once upon a time . . . there lived an ambitious boy determined to become a man before his time. And a woman, and battered soldier who recognized the scars that marred his soul – scars that mirrored her own. Determined to help shape the warrior within him, it was their inexplicable bond that would forever alter his heart. And the loss of that love that would redefine his destiny. After all, nothing has ever been fair in love and war.

***Birds of a Feather* is the third instalment of the Ravenhood Legacy series. Here is the book that fans have been clamouring for – Tyler's story, in his own words . . .**

When Larissa and Tyler collide, they both recognize what powerful adversaries they are. And that losing their hearts to one another while sharing all they know might be the most damning and dangerous thing they've ever done . . .

### Birds of a Feather



**Pub Date:** 4 December 2025  
**Material Available:** Winter 2024

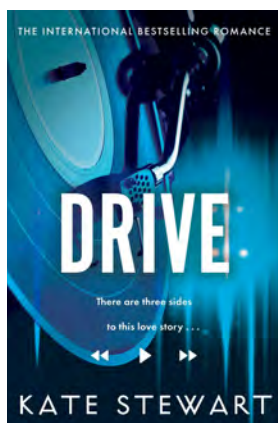
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**Bulgarian:** Egmont Bulgaria  
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**Dutch:** Muelenhoff  
**French:** Pocket  
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**Greek:** Psychogios  
**Hebrew:** Tchelet  
**Hungarian:** Mulvet Nep  
**Italian:** Rizzoli  
**Macedonian:** Knigoholicari  
**Portuguese:** Saida de Emergencia  
**Romanian:** Grup Media Litera  
**Serbian:** Laguna  
**Spanish:** PRH Spain  
**Turkish:** Olimpos Yayincilik  
**Ukrainian:** Vivat Publishing

Fiction



## Drive



**Pub Date:** 20 March 2025

**Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold:**

**French:** Pocket

**Macedonian:**

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## Reverse



**Pub Date:** 29 May 2025

**Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold:**

**French:** Pocket

**Two days.**

**One playlist.**

**And the long road home with her past in the rear-view mirror.**

As a music connoisseur, Stella has a song for every day of her life – setting a pace with their rhythms and a tone with their lyrics. But when a heart-stopping phone call rocks the balance, Stella is faced with a long car journey home, and all matters of the heart to play for.

Now a successful journalist, Stella looks back at the life she's composed and how she is still torn between her two great loves: her fiancé and boss, Nate, and Reid Crowne, lead drummer of the Dead Sergeants and the man who broke her heart . . .

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**Reverse is the second book in the Bittersweet Symphony Duet.**

***In order to find their happy ending, they had to go back to their beginning . . .***

Natalie Butler is confronted with hard truths when she uncovers her father's decades-hidden secret in the local newspaper archives: thirty years ago he was the other half of a scandalous love affair. Reading through the series of buried emails, Natalie searches for answers, and along the journey stumbles into a fateful love story of her own.

Easton Crowne slowly becomes the centre of Natalie's world, their mutual love of music forging an unbreakable bond and setting the pace of their passionate romance. However, it soon becomes clear that Easton and Natalie's relationship was fated beyond expectation, and is the key to revealing the reason behind their parents' messy history. Doomed from the start, Natalie and Easton's star-crossed romance unravels secrets from the past, and they are faced with the cost of the truth. In order to find their ending, they first have to go back to their beginning . . .

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Bestselling author and Texas native, Kate Stewart lives in North Carolina with her husband, Nick. Kate is a lover of all things '80s and '90s, especially John Hughes films and rap. She dabbles a little in photography, can knit a simple stitch scarf for necessity, and, on occasion, does very well at whiskey. Her series, The Ravenhood Trilogy, consisting of *Flock*, *Exodus* and *The Finish Line*, has become an international bestseller, a TikTok phenomenon and reader favourite.

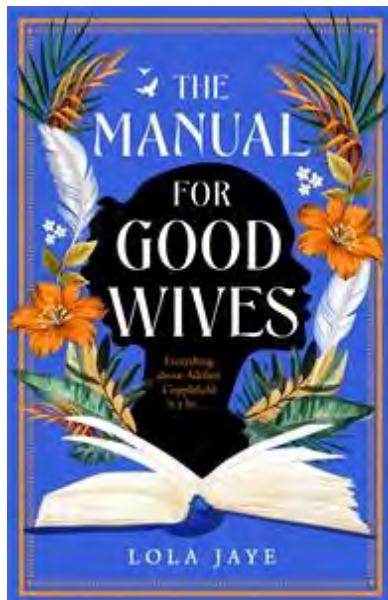
**Fiction**



# The Manual for Good Wives

A powerful and heartfelt multi-generational novel

Lola Jaye



**Pub Date:** 20 February 2025

**Editor:** Gillian Green

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**Rights Sold for *The Attic Child*:**

**US:** William Morrow

**Dutch:** A.W. Bruna Uitgevers

**Portuguese:** Virgula d'Interrogacao

Lola Jaye's *The Manual for Good Wives* is a dual-narrative historical novel about love, generational trauma and second chances from the critically acclaimed author of *The Attic Child*.

Everything about Adeline Coplefield is a lie . . .

To the world, Mrs Coplefield is the epitome of Victorian propriety: an exemplary society lady who writes a weekly column advising young ladies on how to be better wives.

Only Adeline has never been a good wife or mother, she has no claim to the Coplefield name and nor is she an English lady . . .

Now, a black woman born in Africa, who dared to pretend to be something she was not, is on trial in the English courts with all of London society baying for her blood. And she is ready to tell her story . . .

***The Manual for Good Wives* is a historical novel about love, generational trauma, second chances and hope.**

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Lola Jaye is an author and registered psychotherapist. She was born and raised in London, and has lived in Nigeria and the United States. She has a degree in Psychology, and a Masters in Psychotherapy and Counselling. She has contributed to the sequel to the bestseller *Lean In*, penned by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, and has also written for *The Huffington Post*, CNN, *Essence*, *HuffPost* and the BBC.

She is a member of the Black Writers' Guild and the author of five previous novels. *The Attic Child* was her first epic historical novel.

Fiction



# The Cat and the Christmas Kidnapper

L T Shearer



**Pub Date:** 23 October 2025

**Editor:** Alex Saunders

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**Rights Sold in the Conrad the Cat Detective series:**

**Estonian:** Eesti Raamat

**Finnish:** Bazar Kustannus

**Italian:** Mondadori

**Conrad the cat detective tracks down a ruthless kidnapper at Christmas.**

In the city of Bath, a child's kidnapping disturbs the Christmas peace, threatening wealthy families with a demand of £50,000 or their child will be next. But the criminals are unaware that Lulu and her companion, Conrad the cat detective, are on their trail.

The case turns personal for Lulu, godmother to one of the children of a family who has been targeted, when her godchild disappears from her bedroom. Teaming up with Conrad, they dive into the investigation, determined to outsmart the kidnappers and bring the girl home.

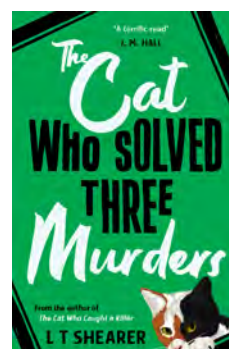
Their journey is a race against time, pushing them to their limits to solve the case before it's too late . . .

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L T Shearer has had a lifelong love of canal boats and calico cats, and both are combined in *The Cat Who Caught a Killer*, a one-of-a-kind debut crime novel. The story continues with *The Cat Who Solved Three Murders* and *The Cat Who Cracked a Cold Case*.



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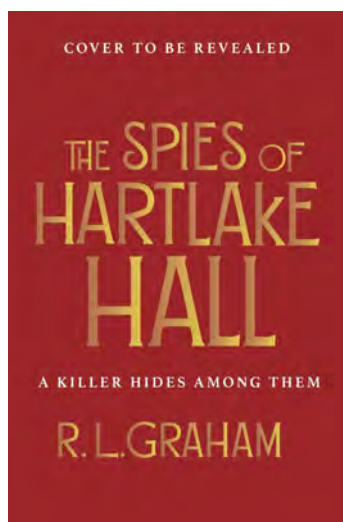
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Fiction



# The Spies of Hartlake Hall

R. L. Graham



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**Editor:** Alex Saunders

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 432pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Autumn 2024

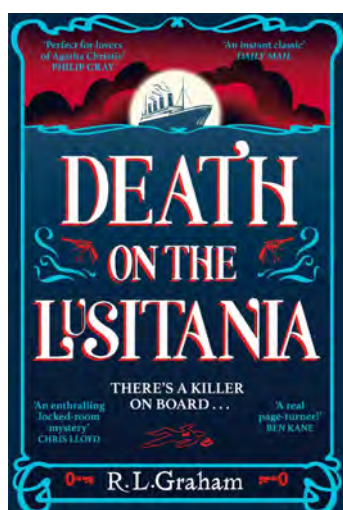
*The Spies of Hartlake Hall* is a gripping and evocative historical crime novel that shines a light on the code-breakers and spies who helped avert disaster in the First World War.

London, 1917. It is a day like any other day at Room 40, the code-breaking centre at the Admiralty in London – at least until one of the secretaries, Mrs Lane, goes to fetch more paper from the stationery storeroom. The door to the room is locked and jammed from the inside; moreover, once the door has been forced, the body of a man in naval uniform is found lying on the floor. He has no identification and the only thing in his pockets is a copy of a partly decoded telegram referring to the USA, Mexico and Japan. This is the Zimmermann telegram and it is political dynamite.

Against this background a new mystery will unfold for Patrick Gallagher to investigate as the story moves to the grand country manor house of Hartlake Hall, where many in attendance are not who they say they are and the stakes couldn't be higher as the final years of the First World War rage on . . .

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## Death on the Lusitania



**Pub date:** 25 January 2024

**Rights Sold:**

**Czech:** Grada

R. L. Graham is a historian and writer with a broad range of interests in many periods of history, including the Belle Époque, the tumultuous years leading up to the First World War and the post-war reordering of the world.

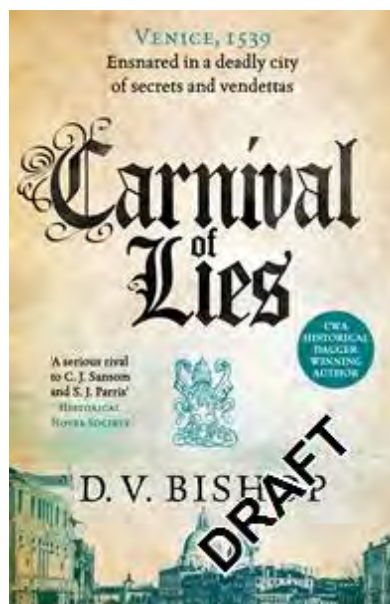
He is very much drawn to the shadowy world of crime, espionage and political intrigue. He is particularly fascinated by historical mysteries: things that have happened with no apparent explanation. Originally from Canada, he now lives in a small village in Devon.

Fiction



# Carnival of Lies

D. V. Bishop



**Pub Date:** 26 June 2025

**Editor:** Alex Saunders

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Winter 2024

**Rights Sold *City of Vengeance:***

**Croat:** Znanje\*

\*Two-book deal

An atmospheric and evocative historical thriller set against the backdrop of the Medici dynasty in 1530s Renaissance Italy from CWA Historical Dagger-winning author D. V. Bishop.

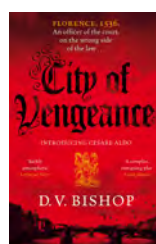
Winter, 1539.

When Cesare Aldo learns of a conspiracy to assassinate Duke Cosimo de' Medici, he is hired to protect the ruler of Florence. The deadly attack leads to bodies, bloodshed – and something far more dangerous.

The instigators obtain a secret journal of Cosimo's thoughts and strategies that – in the wrong hands – could destroy all of Florence. Aldo must hunt down those responsible and reclaim the journal, or face banishment from the city and everyone he loves.

The trail leads him inexorably towards the one place Aldo has sworn never to return, a city of masks and lies where he has no allies and far too many enemies: Venice.

D. V. Bishop is the pseudonym of award-winning writer David Bishop. His love for the city of Florence and the Renaissance period meant there could be only one setting for his historical thrillers. The first Cesare Aldo novel, *City of Vengeance*, won the Pitch Perfect competition at the Bloody Scotland crime writing festival and the NZ Booklovers Award for Best Adult Fiction Book. Book two in the series, *The Darkest Sin*, won the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Historical Dagger. He teaches creative writing at Edinburgh Napier University.



February 2021



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Fiction

# The Dead and the Dying

Lin Anderson



**Pub Date:** 31 July 2025

**Editor:** Alex Saunders

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**‘Forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod has become one of the most satisfying characters in modern crime fiction’ – *Daily Mail***

**In the heart of Orkney, a whale rescue mission at Skail Bay uncovers a stone cist, sparking a gruesome mystery that spans centuries.**

At Orkney’s Skail Bay, a mass whale beaching leaves a deathly scene. Among the volunteers, forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod uncovers more than she bargained for: a human body buried in a stone cist.

The grave is believed to hail from the Viking Age, but Rhona’s analysis of the contents points to more recent evil. And when the skeleton is finally identified, it seems that those closest to her may be implicated in a web of guilt.

As one clue leads to another, revealing a second, chilling discovery, the question looms – how many more secrets does the sand conceal?

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Lin Anderson is a Scottish author and screenwriter known for her bestselling crime series featuring forensic scientist Dr Rhona MacLeod. Four of her novels have been longlisted for the Scottish Crime Book of the Year, with *Follow the Dead* being a 2018 finalist. Her short film *River Child* won both a Scottish BAFTA for Best Fiction and the Celtic Film Festival’s Best Drama award, and has now been viewed more than one million times on YouTube. Lin is also the co-founder of the international crime-writing festival Bloody Scotland, which takes place annually in Stirling.



# SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY



# The Brides

Charlotte Cross



**Pub Date:** 2 April 2026

**Editor:** Sophie Robinson

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Manuscript

**Haunting, creepy and incredibly gripping, *The Brides* is a feminist gothic horror about the three women who became the brides of Dracula – and the fourth, who managed to escape . . .**

Before Dracula, there were the Brides . . .

1903. Sir John Seward, survivor of Count Dracula's murderous campaign ten years before, takes up a post as a psychiatric doctor at an Oxford public asylum. But soon, a new patient arrives whose traumatic experiences resurrect horrors John has spent a decade trying to forget.

1884. Mafalda Lowell journeys from London to Budapest to care for her recently widowed Aunt Reka. She uncovers the chilling truth about her uncle's death and writes to her secret love, Lucy North, for comfort.

Lucy – chaperoned by Eliza, her former school friend, and Alice, her lady's maid – travels across the continent to be with her beloved. Only Alice, beset by nightmares and terrifying visions, notices the strange, black-clad man who seems to follow them wherever they go. When Eliza is struck down by a mysterious wasting illness, her doctor orders her to take the healing waters of Transylvania – a journey with devastating consequences.

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Charlotte Cross writes historical speculative fiction, having been fascinated by stories of the past since she was a child. She grew up in a small town in southern England with a rich history, and spent many happy hours at the local museum where her grandmother was a volunteer. Charlotte now lives in central Scotland with her partner and their opinionated ginger cat. *The Brides* is her first novel.



# Brigands & Breadknives

Travis Baldree



**Pub Date:** 9 October 2025

**Editor:** Sophie Robinson

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** Translation

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**Rights Sold for *Legends & Lattes*:**

**US:** TOR\*

**Brazil Portuguese:** Intrinsic\*

**Bulgarian:** Studio of A

**Chinese:** Ecus

**Czech:** Euromedia\*

**Danish:** Ulven og Uglen

**Dutch:** Zomer & Keuning\*

**Finnish:** Karisto

**French:** Ynnis Editions\*

**German:** DTV\*

**Hungarian:** Fumax\*

**Italian:** Mondadori\*

**Japanese:** Tokyo Sogensha

**Korean:** HappyBooks

**Polish:** Insignis\*

**Portuguese:** Particular\*

**Romanian:** Alice Books

**Slovak:** Zeleny Kocur

**Spanish:** Roca\*

**Thai:** Words Wonder

**Turkish:** Ithaki Yayinlari

**Ukrainian:** Art Books\*

Discover *New York Times* bestselling Travis Baldree's next cosy fantasy adventure, set in the same world as *Legends & Lattes*.

Fern has weathered the stillness and storms of a bookseller's life for decades but now, in the face of crippling ennui, transplants herself to the city of Thune to hang out her shingle beside a long-absent friend's coffee shop. What could be a better pairing? Surely a charming renovation montage will cure what ails her! If only things were so simple . . .

It turns out that fixing your life isn't a one-time prospect, nor as easy as a change of scenery and a lick of paint.

A drunken and desperate night sees the rattkin waking far from home in the company of a legendary warrior surviving on inertia, an imprisoned chaos-goblin with a fondness for silverware, and an absolutely thumping hangover.

As together they fend off a rogue's gallery of ne'er-do-wells trying to claim the bounty the goblin represents, Fern may finally reconnect with the person she actually is when there isn't a job to get in the way.

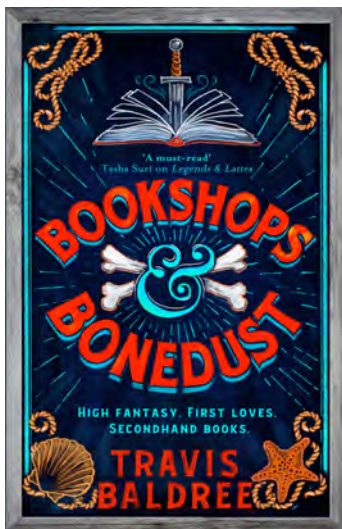
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Travis is a full-time audiobook narrator who has lent his voice to hundreds of stories. Before that, he spent decades designing and building video games like *Torchlight*, *Rebel Galaxy* and *Fate*. Apparently, he now also writes books. He lives in the Pacific Northwest with his very patient family and their small, nervous dog. He is the author of *Legends & Lattes* and *Bookshops & Bonedust*.

Fiction

## Travis Baldree

### Bookshops & Bonedust



**Pub Date:** 9 November 2023  
**Editor:** Sophie Robinson  
**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 368pp  
**Rights:** World  
**Material Available:** Final

### Legends & Lattes



**Pub Date:** 10 November 2022  
**Material Available:** Final

Set twenty years before the events of *Legends & Lattes*, *Bookshops & Bonedust* is a standalone cosy fantasy by BookTok sensation Travis Baldree about the power of good bookshops, great friends and the unexpected choices along the way.

When an injury throws a young, battle-hungry orc off her expected path, she may find that what we need isn't always what we seek.

First loves. Second-hand books. Epic adventures.

Viv's career with the renowned mercenary company Rackam's Ravens isn't going as planned. Wounded during the hunt for a powerful necromancer, she's packed off against her will to recuperate in the sleepy beach town of Murk – so far from the action that she worries she'll never be able to return to it. What's a thwarted soldier of fortune to do?

Spending her hours at a struggling bookshop in the company of its foul-mouthed proprietor is the last thing Viv would have predicted. Even though it may be exactly what she needs. Still, adventure isn't far away. A suspicious traveller in grey, a gnome with a chip on her shoulder, a summer fling, and an improbable number of skeletons prove Murk to be more eventful than Viv could have ever expected.

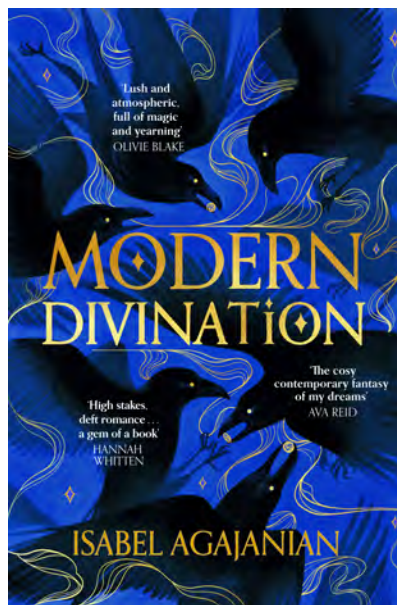
*Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree is a cosy, heartwarming slice-of-life fantasy about found families and fresh starts – perfect for fans of TJ Klune, Katherine Addison and T. Kingfisher.

'What I love about Travis Baldree is that set against an epic world of adventure he writes about the small victories that make life worthwhile. *Bookshops & Bonedust* does this and it's glorious' – Ben Aaronovitch, author of *Rivers of London*

'It's the rare prequel that beautifully adds depth, power and love to the lore. This is a book for those who were once young and pulled between fighting the world with all they had . . . or curling up in a dusty bookshop with a good story' – J. R. Dawson, author of *The First Bright Thing*

# Modern Divination

Isabel Agajanian



**Pub Date:** 30 January 2025

**Editor:** Gillian Green

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 512pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Italian:** Mondadori

**Ukrainian:** Family Leisure Club

**A debut fantasy novel from a young writer, and the first book in the Spells for Life and Death duology. This is dark academia with witches, perfect for fans of Olivie Blake and Rebecca Ross.**

*A Discovery of Witches* meets *The Atlas Six* in *Modern Divination*, a dark contemporary fantasy from a brilliant new talent.

The colour of magic was gold . . .

Twenty-three-year-old witch Aurelia Schwartz has always had to carefully balance her human life with her secret magical one. With a place at an elite Cambridge University college, she almost has everything she could possibly want within her grasp. Just so long as she follows the rules: Make no promises. Tell no one what you are. And never stay the night.

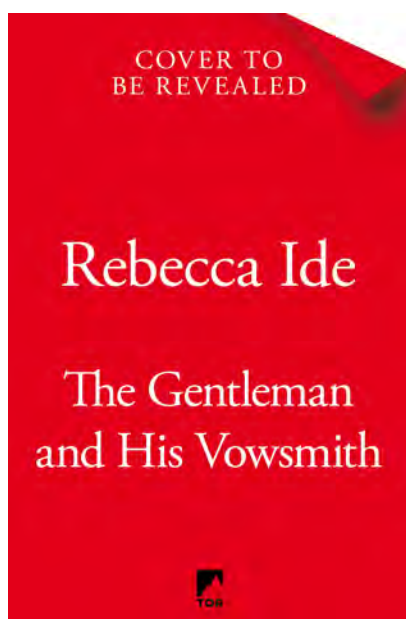
Except Aurelia's gift of green magic has begun to fade. Worse still, someone is hunting witches – and stealing their powers. Reluctantly, Aurelia needs the help of fellow witch – and dreadfully arrogant classmate – Theodore Ingram. Together, they seek refuge among his family in the remote corners of an already-desolate town. But as she grows closer to Theodore, the power-hungry witch-killer, too, draws nearer. And they threaten to destroy everything Aurelia holds dear . . .

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Isabel Agajanian (they/them) is a writer and illustrator living in the United States. Raised in California and spirited away to Florida, then Oregon, Isabel is never writing in one place for too long. *Modern Divination* is their first published novel at the crux of a hundred unpublished stories.

# The Gentleman and His Vowsmith

Rebecca Ide



**Pub Date:** 24 April 2025

**Editor:** Sophie Robinson

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** Translation

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**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Italian:** Mondadori

***A Marvellous Light meets Mortal Follies* in this queer historical fantasy from an Aurealis Award-winning author. In Regency England, an old romance is reignited as the body count rises . . .**

**BRIDGERTON WITH MAGIC AND MURDER!**

Lord Nicholas Monterris, the last remaining heir of a crumbling ducal house, must marry to save his family from complete decline. His father chooses Lady Leaf Serral, eldest daughter of his greatest rival. Nic is sure it can't get any worse – until he learns the head negotiator is to be Dashiell sa Vare, an old flame he has neither forgiven nor forgotten . . . a man their rigid class structure forbids him to love.

Locked in the mouldering grandeur of Monterris Court (a house more haunting manifestation of dynastic ambition and ancestral guilt than home), the first dead body is troubling; the second a warning that someone doesn't want the contract to go ahead. But while Nic and his wife-to-be team up to banter their way through a secret murder investigation, it's Dashiell he can't stop thinking about. What would be worse? To love and have to let go, or to wholly deny the yearning of one's heart forever?

A queer historical fantasy of magic, murder and high heat set in Regency England.

Perfect for fans of Freya Marske and Alexis Hall.

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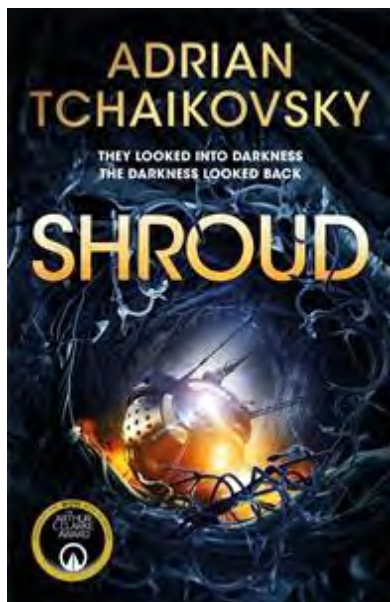
Rebecca Ide is the pen name of Devin Madson, the Aurealis Award-winning author of *In Shadows We Fall*. Having given up on reality she is now a dual-wielding rogue with a lot of points sunk into stealth and lock-picking skills. She lives in Australia with no cats and no neighbours and she doesn't drink coffee.

Fiction



# Shroud

Adrian Tchaikovsky



**Pub Date:** 27 February 2025

**Editor:** Bella Pagan

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 560pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Proofs

**Rights Sold:**

**US:** Orbit US

After two scientists crash on a hostile moon, they must use every tool at their disposal to survive. A tense, atmospheric voyage into the unknown from Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time*.

**They looked into darkness.**

**The darkness looked back.**

A commercial expedition to a distant star system discovers a pitch-black moon alive with radio activity. Its high-gravity, high-pressure, zero-oxygen environment is deadly to human life, but ripe for exploitation. They name it Shroud.

Under no circumstances can a human survive Shroud's inhospitable surface – but a catastrophic accident forces Juna Ceelander and Mai Ste Etienne to make an emergency landing in a barely adequate escape vehicle. Alone, and fighting for survival, the two women embark on a gruelling journey across land, sea and air in search of salvation.

But as they travel, Juna and Mai begin to understand Shroud's unnerving alien species. It also begins to understand them. If they escape Shroud, they'll somehow have to explain the impossible, and translate the incredible. That is, if they make it back at all . . .

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Adrian is the author of the critically acclaimed Shadows of the Apt series, the Echoes of the Fall series and other novels, novellas and short stories. *Children of Time* won the prestigious Arthur C. Clarke Award, and *Children of Ruin* and *Shards of Earth* both won the British Science Fiction Award for Best Novel.

# Children of Strife

## Adrian Tchaikovsky



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**Editor:** Bella Pagan  
**Binding:** Hardback  
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**Rights:** World  
**Material Available:** Summer 2025

### Rights Sold in the Children of Time Series:

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**Bulgarian** - Studio of A\*  
**Chinese (simplified)** - Eight Light Minutes\*  
**Croatian** - Hangar 7\*  
**Czech** - Triton\* & One Hot Book  
**Dutch** - Iceberg Books\*  
**French** - Editions Denoel\*  
**German** - Wilhelm Heyne Verlag\*  
**Georgian** - Palitra L  
**Hungarian** - Fumax\*  
**Italian** - Fanucci\*  
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**Slovakian** - Ikar  
**Spanish** - Alamut Bibliópolis SLU\*  
**Thai** - Solis Publishing\*  
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**Ukrainian** - Vivat  
 \* Multiple book deal

The unmissable next instalment of the highly acclaimed *Children of Time* series from the award-winning master of science fiction Adrian Tchaikovsky.

Before human civilization fell, a group of renegade industrialists claimed to be humankind's only future. They transformed a planet using revolutionary techniques. But their success became their failure, and the world was poisoned by its self-proclaimed gods.

Thousands of years later, a team of oddities, outcasts and scientists seek adventure and opportunity. They find a verdant, Earth-like world and an ancient colony ship in orbit – infested with mysterious life. Intrigued, they send a team to explore. Then disaster strikes, and death is the result.

But one of the crew escaped to the planet. A very dangerous crewmember. Those remaining must rescue their compatriot from its denizens – or vice versa. And the world below is very angry indeed . . .

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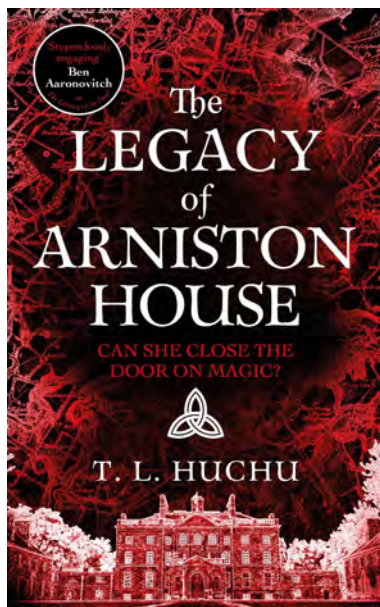
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# The Legacy of Arniston House

T. L. Huchu



**Pub Date:** 7 November 2024

**Editor:** Bella Pagan

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:**

Edited Manuscript

**Rights Sold for *The Library of the Dead*:**

**US:** Tor US\*

**German:** Blanvalet

**Russian:** Omega-L

\*2-book deal

A dangerous cult craves a dark power. *The Legacy of Arniston House* is the spellbinding fourth instalment of the *Edinburgh Nights* series by T. L. Huchu. Perfect for fans of *Stranger Things* and *Rivers of London*.

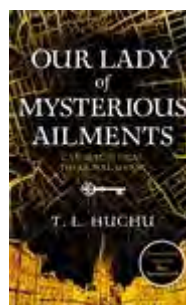
Ropa Moyo is a wannabe magician, can speak to the dead, and has officially given up being an intern. Leaving Scottish magic behind, she now works for the English Sorcerer Royal. But just as she adjusts to working for the English, an old enemy reveals a devastating secret about her Gran, and Ropa's world falls apart.

Outraged, she rushes home, but finds her grandmother dead – murdered – with no killer in sight. What's more, she's the prime suspect. In her quest to find the true murderer, Ropa becomes caught in the dark tendrils of a cult, hell-bent on resurrecting an ancient power. Ropa must use her wits and her magic, and call in all favours to stop the ritual – and clear her name. **The fifth and final instalment coming 2025.**

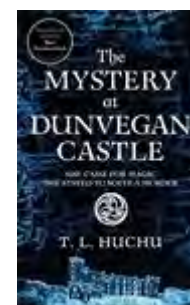
T. L. Huchu is a writer whose short fiction has appeared in publications such as *Lightspeed*, *Interzone* and elsewhere. *The Library of the Dead* won Best Novel at the Nommo Awards, presented by the African Speculative Fiction Society, and his work has also been shortlisted for the Caine Prize and the Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire. Between projects, he translates fiction from Shona into English and the reverse. He is the author of the *Edinburgh Nights* series.



4 February 2021



3 March 2022



27 July 2023

Fiction

# House of Dragons

Book 1 in the Royal Houses series

**K. A. Linde**



**Introducing the Royal Houses series: follow half-Fae, half-human Kerrigan Argon as she seeks her place in an unforgiving world filled with magic, mayhem and romance. Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Holly Black and Rebecca Yarros.**

An enemies-to-lovers, slow burn romantasy that BookTok is calling '*Fourth Wing* meets *Throne of Glass*' from *USA Today* bestselling author K. A. Linde!

Ten years ago, half-Fae, half-human Kerrigan Argon was discreetly dropped off on the steps of Draco Mountain with nothing but a note. Her life changes completely as she's swept into the care of the House of Dragons – an elite training program for gifted Fae.

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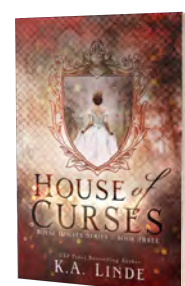
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K. A. Linde is a *USA Today* bestselling author of both romance and fantasy novels. She has a Master's degree in political science from the University of Georgia and loves reading fantasy novels, travelling and dancing.

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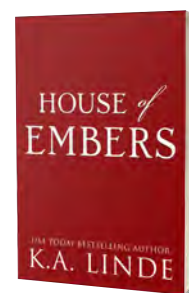
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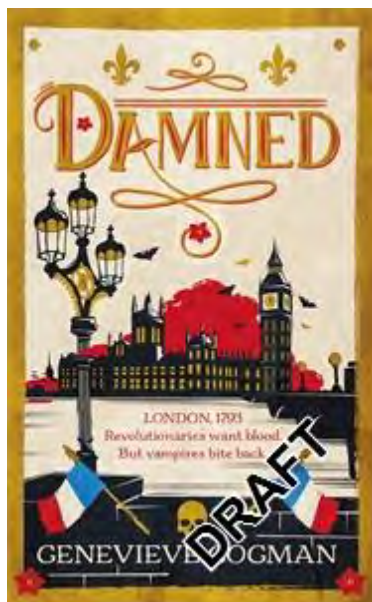
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**Fiction**



# Damned

## Genevieve Cogman



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**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 336pp  
**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Winter 2024

**Rights Sold for Scarlet:**  
**US:** Berkley  
**German:** Bastei Luebbe

In England, the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel discover earth-shattering secrets that could change their world forever . . . *Damned* is the final heart-pounding instalment in Genevieve Cogman's Scarlet Revolution trilogy.

1794. Eleanor, a member of the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel, is a prisoner in Bedlam psychiatric hospital, being bled, drugged and purged daily. Threatened by her growing magical powers, scheming English vampires have captured Eleanor and are hunting down her allies.

With the King known to be ill, possibly mad, England is not as it should be. As the vampires plot to take control of the country, Eleanor's chances of escape are futile.

But the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel are never to be underestimated, and a devil's bargain is struck with an old enemy to secure her freedom. Then Eleanor, using her new magical ability, uncovers a devastating, centuries-old secret that is so steeped in blood, it will change not only England but the entire vampire world forever . . .

*Damned* by Genevieve Cogman is the final book in the Scarlet Revolution series, a spellbinding adventure of magic, vampires and mayhem.

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Genevieve Cogman started on Tolkien and Sherlock Holmes at an early age, and has never looked back. On a perhaps more prosaic note, she has an MSc in Statistics with Medical Applications and has wielded this in an assortment of jobs: clinical coder, data analyst and classifications specialist. Although *The Invisible Library* was her debut novel, she previously worked as a freelance roleplaying-game writer. She is the author of the Invisible Library series and the bestselling Scarlet Revolution trilogy. Genevieve's hobbies include patchwork, beading, knitting and gaming, and she lives in the north of England.

## Genevieve Cogman

### Scarlet



**Pub Date:** 11 May 2023  
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**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 320pp  
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**Material Available:** Final

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### Elusive



**Pub Date:** 23 May 2024  
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**Revolution's a bloodthirsty business . . .**  
**A thrilling reinvention of the tale of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* with the addition of magic and even more mayhem.**

*Scarlet* is the first book in the Scarlet Revolution trilogy, set during the turbulent French Revolution and featuring all of Genevieve Cogman's trademark wit and fast-paced plotting. It's perfect for fans of the Invisible Library series, Kim Newman and Gail Carriger.

'*Scarlet* is utterly stunning. The intrigue and adventure keep you turning the page in this exciting tale of revolution, vampires and the guillotine. Cogman writes with beauty and wit to create a heroine we should all root for' – T. L. Huchu, author of the Edinburgh Nights series

'You don't need to be familiar with the tale of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* to enjoy this romp through Revolutionary France . . . If you appreciate a solid historical setting and have a soft spot for vampires, you'll enjoy this first book in what promises to be an intriguing trilogy' – Lucy Holland, author of *Sistersong*

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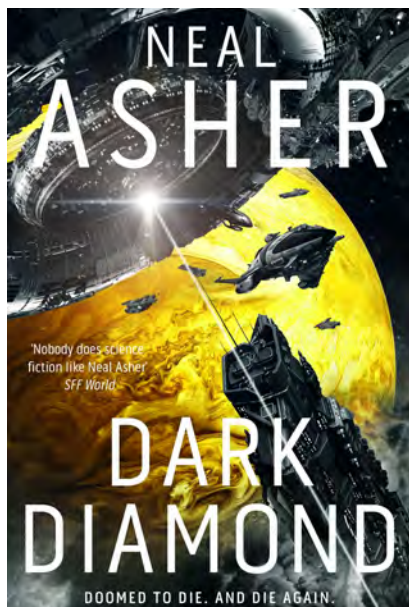
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Fiction

# Dark Diamond

Neal Asher



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**Editor:** Michael Beale

**Binding:** Hardback

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**Rights:** World

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**Rights Sold:**

**US:** Start Publishing

Captain Blite owns a death-defying device that's coveted by powerful factions across space and time. Join the adventure in the first instalment of this thrilling new trilogy from sci-fi's most explosive author, Neal Asher.

DOOMED TO DIE. AND DIE AGAIN.

*Dark Diamond* is the first in a high-octane new trilogy from Neal Asher, creator of the Polity universe.

Captain Blite knows that someone, or something, is trying to kill him. But a device he possesses, known only as the dark diamond, won't let that happen. After a series of accidents and assassination attempts, Blite learns that, whenever he dies, the dark diamond rewinds time to the moment before his death. He must go through the traumatic experience again and again until he escapes.

The device attracts the attention of Polity agents and the crab-like Prador, determined to manipulate its gift of immortality for their own purposes. Hunted across space and time, Blite must uncover the true nature of the dark diamond before it causes his destruction . . .

## Book 1 in the Time's Shadow series

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Neal Asher divides his time between Essex and Crete, mostly at a keyboard and mentally light years away. He has written over thirty science-fiction novels – often set in his hugely popular Polity Universe.

# Dark Agent

Neal Asher



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**The second book in Neal Asher's explosive Time's Shadow series. Agent Cormac and Captain Blite are trapped on a planet that they've saved from destruction – can they make the right alliances and escape a vengeful AI?**

THE BATTLE FOR THE FUTURE HAS BEGUN.

Seemingly defeated at Yossander's Hold, the vast AI mind of Straeger plots revenge against Agent Cormac and Captain Blite. As his destructive plans unwind, it becomes clear that the fate of the cosmos may lie in an unlikely alliance between humans and the alien Prador – united against a common foe.

As Cormac and Blite struggle to get off-planet, they are forced to make desperate decisions to defeat a terrifying biotech swarm. And a new friend lurks in the darkness, waiting for the right moment to strike.

**Book 2 in the Time's Shadow series, due in April 2026**

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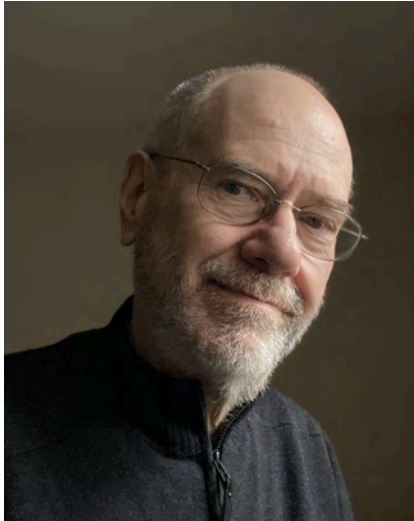


# LITERARY FICTION



## Peacock

James Hynes



**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026

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**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 464pp

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**Rights Sold:**

**US:** The Overlook Press

**Canada:** Harper Collins

**German:** DTV

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**Italian:** Guanda



The hugely anticipated sequel to *Sparrow*, the *Sunday Times* bestselling historical epic. A slave boy navigates Christian cults, debauched aristocrats and cut-throat politicians to survive amid a dying Roman empire . . .

Sparrow has flown from the confines of the Carthaginian brothel where he was raised.

Now older and smarter, and having learned the arts of deception and enticement from the women who raised him, he vies to become a player in the internal politics of the late Roman province of Arcadia.

He attempts to play all three parts of the estate of the governor whom he now serves to his own advantage – the villa’s household, wherein the governor’s debauched interests are allowed to run unchecked; the farmstead, dominated by an orthodox Christian sect; and the wider community, most of whom belong to another, ascetic brand of Christianity.

But Sparrow’s efforts to get ahead, and play those around him against one another, incur the wrath of his owner. And the governor struggles to maintain his political position as the local Christian sects gain ever more influence.

The dangers mount for Sparrow, and force him into a fight for survival that will see him journey as far afield as the cold, alien shores of Britain, in order to stay one step ahead of peril . . .

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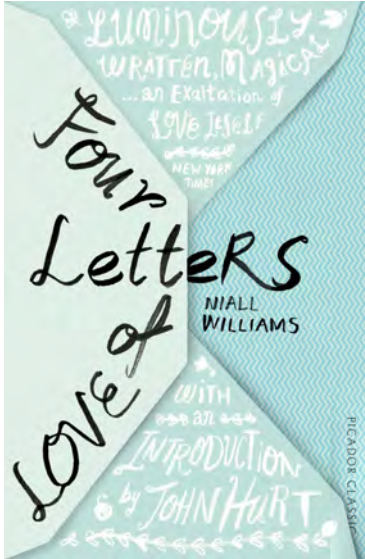
James Hynes is the author of several books including *Sparrow*, *Next*, *Kings of Infinite Space*, *The Lecturer’s Tale*, *Publish and Perish*, and *The Wild Colonial Boy*.

Fiction



## Four Letters of Love

### Niall Williams



**Pub Date:** 30 January 2025

**Editor:** Anne Meadows

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 368pp

**Rights:** World

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**US:** Bloomsbury Academic

**Bulgarian:** Labyrinth

**French:** Heloise d'Ormesson

**Hebrew:** Penn Publishing

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**Italian:** Neri Pozza

The new edition of Niall Williams' international bestseller, soon to be a film starring Helena Bonham Carter and Pierce Brosnan. A life-affirming paean to human folly, to fate, and to the miracle of love.

*'When I was twelve years old God spoke to my father for the first time. God didn't say much. He told my father to be a painter and left it at that . . .'*

So begins Niall Williams' magical tale about love and destiny.

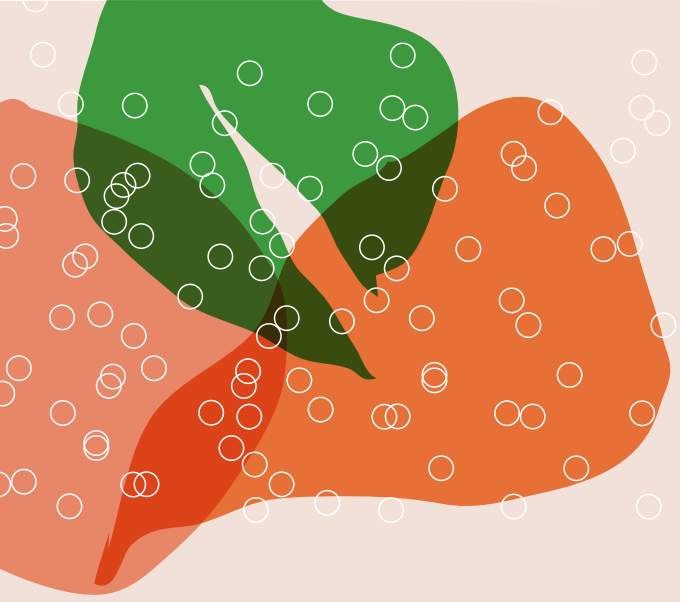
Nicholas Coughlan and Isabel Gore were made for each other – but fate doesn't always take the easiest or the most obvious route to true love. For a start, Nicholas and Isabel have never met, and nor are they likely to, without some kind of divine intervention. But as God, ghosts, a series of coincidences and seemingly chance events and encounters conspire to bring the couple together, other – often more human – forces attempt to keep them apart. 'What will be, will be', of course, but that doesn't guarantee a happy-ever-after ending, nor answer the question, 'Will they, won't they?'

Written in a lyrical, lilting tone, *Four Letters of Love* is a glorious, uplifting story about faith, about seizing the moment, believing in your instincts and acting on impulse – and about following your heart, no matter where it may lead.

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Niall Williams was born in 1958 and lives in Kiltumper, Ireland, with his wife Christine and their two children. He is the author of several novels, including *Four Letters of Love*, which was sold in over twenty countries and is an international bestseller.

**Fiction**



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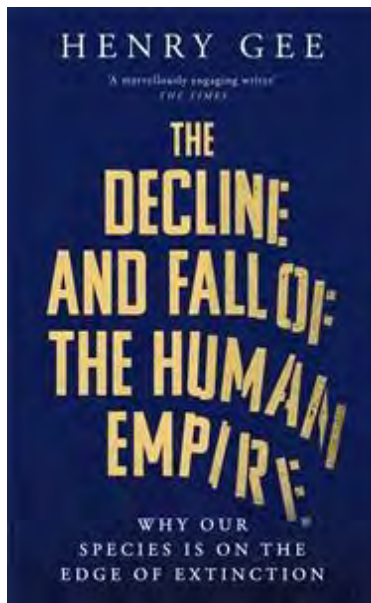




# The Decline and Fall of the Human Empire

Why Our Species is on the Edge of Extinction

Henry Gee



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**Editor:** Lewis Russell

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 320pp

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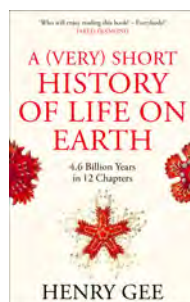
**Japanese:** Diamond

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**Romanian:** Humanitas

**Spanish:** Urano

*A (Very) Short History of Life on Earth* has been translated into **25 languages**.



**Non-fiction**

**Nature** editor and Science Book Prize winner Henry Gee explores the future of our species and our probable extinction, while suggesting how, through technological innovation, we might indefinitely postpone our fate.

In 'Humans Are Doomed To Go Extinct', an article in *Scientific American* published in November 2021, veteran *Nature* editor Dr Henry Gee predicted that *Homo sapiens* is on a rapid one-way ride to extinction. The article provoked media coverage and comment around the world. In *The Decline and Fall of the Human Empire*, Gee expands the themes of his much-discussed article to book length, charting both the rise as well as the fall of humans.

After 10,000 years of exponential growth, the rate of human population increase is falling, and rapidly, from a peak of more than 2 per cent a year in 1968 to a shade over 1 per cent today. At this rate, in 10,000 years' time, our species will be extinct. Rapid climate change is threatening the capacity of human beings to survive on this planet. But there are internal stresses, too. The global economy has been stagnant for twenty years, and across the world, humans are not having children as often as they once did.

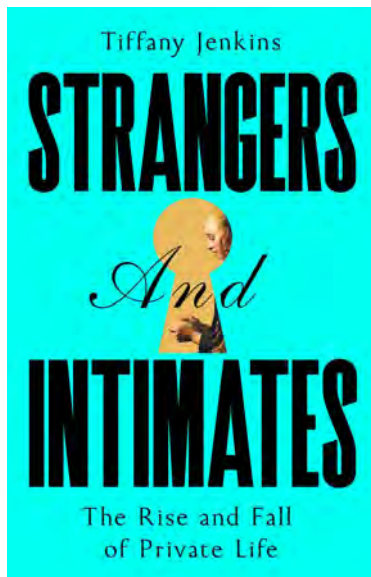
Gee paints a picture of extinction within the next 10,000 years – and suggests ways that our exceptional species might avoid its fate.

Dr Henry Gee was born in 1962. He was educated at the universities of Leeds and Cambridge. For more than three decades he has been a writer and editor at the international science journal *Nature*. His latest book, *A (Very) Short History of Life on Earth*, won the 2021 Royal Society Science Book Prize and has been translated into over two dozen languages. He lives in Cromer, Norfolk, with his family and numerous pets.

# Strangers and Intimates

The Rise and Fall of Private Life

Tiffany Jenkins



**An exciting, urgent history of the rise and fall of private life in the West.**

Two decades into the twenty-first century, the boundary between public and private life has dissolved. In her groundbreaking new book, Tiffany Jenkins reveals that this began long before the Internet and Big Tech made incursions into our private worlds. Describing the battles fought to achieve a private life in the West, *Strangers and Intimates* shows why, following decades in which it has been relinquished and ransacked, it is now in mortal danger.

At its heart are dramatic and moving stories: from the emergence of private sanctuaries following the turbulence of the Reformation and the first modern privacy panic in 1844, when the British government opened private letters sent to the exiled Italian republican Giuseppe Mazzini, to the struggles of feminists who declared that ‘the personal is political’ and the ‘privacy paradox’ of Harry and Meghan, who bare all while demanding their privacy be respected.

*Strangers and Intimates* shows that a private life, essential for the wellbeing of individuals and society, is a hard-won achievement that is now under threat. And, Jenkins warns, we won’t understand what we have lost until it is gone.

**Pub Date:** 15 May 2025

**Editor:** Andrea Henry

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited Manuscript

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Dr Tiffany Jenkins is an academic and broadcaster. The author of the acclaimed *Keeping Their Marbles: How Treasures of the Past Ended Up in Museums and Why They Should Stay There*, she is an honorary fellow in the Department of Art History at the University of Edinburgh. Tiffany wrote and presented the BBC Radio 4 series ‘A History of Secrecy’ and ‘Contracts of Silence’, about the rise of non-disclosure agreements. She is a frequent commentator for *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Financial Times*, *The Scotsman*, and *The Spectator*. *Strangers and Intimates* is her second book.

**Non-fiction**



# Statecraft

The New Rules of Power in a Divided World

Jack Watling



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**Editor:** Mike Harpley

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

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**There are more conflicts raging globally than at any time since the Second World War. From the Middle East to Ukraine to Taiwan, we are in a period of profound instability. In this dangerous climate, how can countries ensure they succeed? The answer is statecraft.**

*Statecraft* is a practical guide for how states can shape conditions in pursuit of their goals. Exploring issues from supply chains and technology to financial markets and geopolitical chokepoints, journalist and policy adviser Dr Jack Watling lays out the new rules and challenges that countries face. Informed by on-the-ground experience from the front line of recent conflicts, where Jack has worked with a range of governments, this is an unprecedented insight into the diplomatic dilemmas that will determine the great power struggles of tomorrow.

With a unique big-picture perspective, Watling combines considerations of national security with economic policy, underlining the significance of an interlocking strategy in cultivating power and influence. In an evermore divided world, *Statecraft* is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand our present and our future.

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Dr Jack Watling is senior research fellow for Land Warfare at the Royal United Services Institute and a global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC. Jack works closely with the British and American military, conducting operational analysis of contemporary conflicts.

Originally a journalist, he has contributed to Reuters, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Policy* and *The Guardian*, among others. Jack was shortlisted for the European Press Prize Distinguished Writing Award in 2016 and won the Breakaway Award at the International Media Awards in 2017.

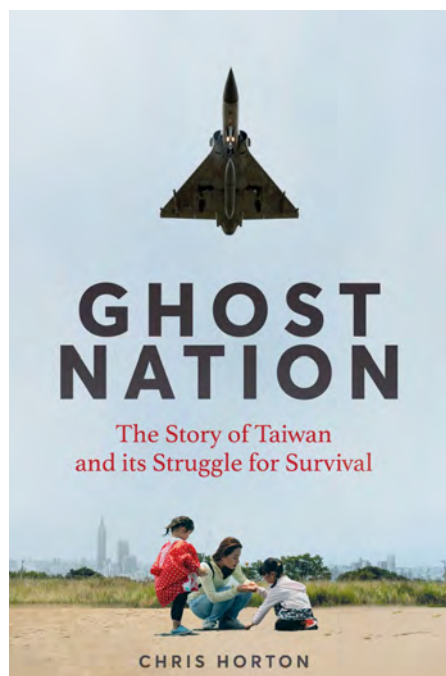
**Non-fiction**



# Ghost Nation

The Story of Taiwan and Its Struggle for Survival

Chris Horton



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**One of the most highly respected and longstanding foreign correspondents in Taiwan explores the people, politics and history of the unique nation caught in a power struggle between the USA and China.**

Following the war in Ukraine, all eyes have turned to Taiwan as the next possible geopolitical tinderbox. Yet, while it lies at the epicentre of China and the USA's tense relationship, its story and its people go overlooked and misunderstood. In *Ghost Nation*, readers will discover why this disputed country has become so critical to the future of the world and its economy.

Drawing on over a decade of living in and reporting from Taiwan, leading journalist Chris Horton crafts a compelling narrative that unravels the complexity of this thriving democracy and technological powerhouse. Exploring the ghosts of Taiwan's past, a past haunted by colonization and political turmoil, Horton interviews influential figures and everyday citizens to provide a panoramic view of this fascinating country. As Taiwan grapples with its identity and dreams of international recognition, this riveting and empathetic account will leave readers with a profound appreciation for Taiwan's history and peoples.

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Chris Horton is a freelance reporter in Taiwan, having covered cross-strait politics, domestic politics, the economy, culture and breaking news in Taiwan for *The New York Times*, Bloomberg, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times* and *Quartz*. He has lived in Taiwan since 2015 and in China and Hong Kong for the decade preceding that. He is the last foreign journalist to interview former president Lee Teng-hui, arguably the midwife of Taiwanese democracy and one of the most underappreciated post-war Asian leaders. He is fluent in Mandarin and is vice president of the Taiwan Foreign Correspondents' Club.

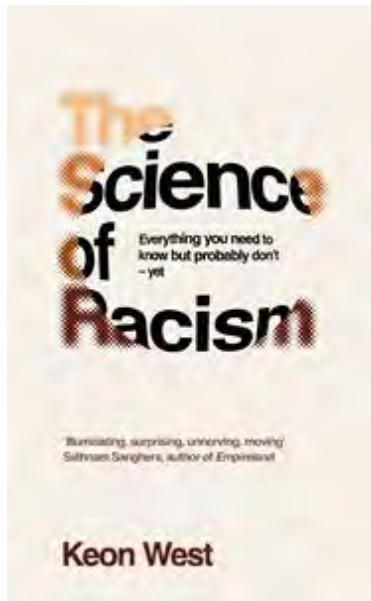
**Non-fiction**



## The Science of Racism

Everything you need to know but probably don't – yet

**Keon West**



**Pub Date:** 23 January 2025

**Editor:** Andrea Henry

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 352pp

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**How do we know if racism really exists? And if it does, how big a problem is it for the outcomes of people of colour? Only science has the answers to some of society's most pressing questions.**

Polls show that if you ask the average person even the most basic question – 'Does racism still exist?' – half the population will say that it does, while the other half will say that it doesn't. Despite increasingly vocal and polarized opinions, as a society we have no more clarity about racism than we did a generation ago.

In the ground-breaking *The Science of Racism* Professor Keon West cuts through the divisive anecdotes and rhetoric with clear, factual, rigorous science to reveal truths about racism that are shocking and tragic, but also (somehow) funny and entertaining. He explains how we know, for example, that Black people are up to 50 per cent less likely to be called in to interview than identically qualified White people. He shows how we know the financial cost of selling items online while Black. He reveals the effects of racism on our friendships, relationships, healthcare and justice system. And he exposes the continued prevalence of racism, and the inadequacy of the many attempts to address it.

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Professor Keon West is a social psychologist at the University of London. He earned his doctorate from Oxford University in 2010 as a Rhodes Scholar and has since published more than seventy quantitative papers on prejudice and discrimination in many of the best peer-reviewed social-psychology journals. Professor West has written for national and international newspapers and hosted numerous radio and television shows on the topics of prejudice and discrimination. He is a citizen of three countries and has, over his life, been a resident of four. *The Science of Racism* is his second book.

**Non-fiction**

# Indispensable

## The Seven Ways to Thrive in the Workplace

Chris Hirst



**Pub Date:** 26 June 2025

**Editor:** Ause Abdelhaq

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 272pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Winter 2024

**A foolproof guide to the best way to get ahead at work in the twenty-first century.**

It is a universal truth that to have a job (even a very good and exciting job), you must have a boss. Yet many of us find ourselves in situations where we feel stifled, frustrated or worse. We feel that, despite our best efforts, we are held back by mediocre leaders and poor cultures and even find ourselves in organizations that act contrary to our own values. Far from being part of the solution, many of us feel our bosses are part of the problem. Their greatest ambition: to avoid making mistakes; their greatest talent: managing up, often stepping adroitly on our shoulders to do so.

Once upon a time, work was simply about climbing gradually up the career ladder; but today, people want more than that. They want to get ahead but also to get things done; to achieve the things that matter to them; to do the right thing; to be a great boss themselves. Most importantly, people want to be able to fulfil their own potential, not simply occupy the box their boss would like them to fill.

But all is not lost – you can thrive despite this. *Indispensable* maps out an escape route for even the most frustrated.

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Chris Hirst is the award-winning author of *No Bullsh\*t Leadership* and *No Bullsh\*t Change* and the Global CEO for Havas Creative, a multi-disciplinary marketing services network. He was previously CEO at advertising agency Grey London. Once an engineering graduate working in a glass factory, his career path has taken him to the boardroom via Harvard Business School.

Named in 2018's Evening Standard Power 1000 list and ranked one of the industry's most influential CEOs, Chris is a regular commentator in national press including BBC News, The Politics Show, *Evening Standard*, CNBC, *Financial Times* and Sky News. *Indispensable* is his third book.

**Non-fiction**

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## August Coup

### Robert Service



**Pub Date:** 26 February 2026

**Editor:** Georgina Morley

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 432pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**Compelling and dramatic, Robert Service's *August Coup* expertly conveys how and why the USSR crumbled in 1991.**

The August Coup of 1991 was a dramatic turning point in Russian history, in which the deceitful actions of a group of ambitious men shifted the country's political system from communism to capitalism.

Beginning with a minute-by-minute re-enactment of Mikhail Gorbachëv's capture from his holiday home, Robert Service follows the plot from its inception to its ultimate failure. The conspirators' ambition was to declare a state of emergency and restore stability through authoritarian rule, but the reality turned out to be far more chaotic. The coup was soon dismantled, Boris Yeltsin took charge of internal and external policy, while criminal gangs and government corruption grew exponentially. A highly authoritarian New Russia had been born, with little or no benefit to the Russian economy or its people.

Spanning the years from the coup itself to Vladimir Putin's first presidential term of office in the early 2000s, *August Coup* is a dramatic, expertly researched and thoroughly compelling account of an extraordinary moment in Russia's recent history.

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Robert Service is a Fellow of the British Academy and of St Antony's College, Oxford. He has written several books, including the highly acclaimed *Lenin: A Biography*, *Russia: Experiment with a People*, *Stalin: A Biography* and *Comrades: A History of World Communism*, as well as many other books on Russia's past and present including *Kremlin Winter: Russia and the Second Coming of Vladimir Putin*. *Trotsky: A Biography* was awarded the 2009 Duff Cooper Prize. He lives in London.

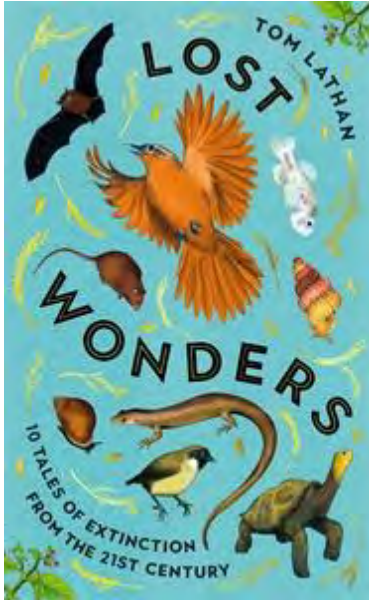
**Non-fiction**



## Lost Wonders

10 Tales of Extinction from the 21st Century

Tom Lathan



**Pub Date:** 7 November 2024

**Editor:** Andrea Henry

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 448pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final

**In *Lost Wonders* Tom Lathan tells ten powerful stories of species that have lived, died out and been declared extinct since the turn of the twenty-first century.**

Many scientists believe that we are currently living through the Earth's sixth mass extinction, with species disappearing at a rate not seen for tens of millions of years – a trend that will only accelerate as climate change and other pressures intensify. What does it mean to live in such a time? And what exactly do we lose when a species goes extinct?

In a series of fascinating encounters with subjects that are now nowhere to be found on Earth – from giant tortoises to minuscule snails the size of sesame seeds, from ocean-hopping trees to fish that wag their tails like puppies – Tom Lathan brings these lost wonders briefly back to life and gives us a tantalizing glimpse of what we have lost within our own lifetime.

Drawing on the personal recollections of the people who studied these species, as well as those who tried but ultimately failed to save them, and with beautiful illustrations, *Lost Wonders* is an intimate portrait of the species that have only recently vanished from our world and an urgent warning to hold on all the more tightly to those now slipping from our grasp.

*Illustrated by Claire Kohda.*

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Tom Lathan is an author and journalist whose writing has appeared in publications including *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times* and *The Times Literary Supplement*. He volunteers with Kent Wildlife Trust, working as part of their initiative to introduce wild bison to the UK at West Blean and Thornden Woods Nature Reserve. *Lost Wonders* is Lathan's first book and was the recipient of a Society of Authors award.

**Non-fiction**

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# Animal

**Michael Bond**



**Pub Date:** 5 February 2026

**Editor:** Lewis Russell

**Binding:** Hardback

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**Rights:** World

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**US:** Harvard University Press

**Korean:** Across Publishing Group

**Russian:** Azbooka-Atticus

**Japanese:** Hakuyosha

**Chinese (complex):** Rye Field

**Italian:** Corbaccio

**A wide-ranging exploration of humanity's relationship with the world of animals, from the cave art of the earliest humans to the most cutting-edge contemporary scientific research.**

In *Animal*, Michael Bond examines how humanity has considered other animals, our relationship with them and its impact on our psychology, from early prehistory to the present day.

Today, biologists are challenging many of the assumptions that have allowed us to believe that we humans are something special. If animals have sentience, intelligence, culture, creativity, empathy and the use of tools, as the latest evidence suggests, what does that make us? Science is now forcing us to consider that the differences are less significant than they seem, and that we are creatures at our core. What, then, does it mean to be human? The answer is becoming increasingly complicated.

Blending insights from psychology, anthropology, biology, animal cognition, literature and history with story-telling, expert interviews and ethnographic observation, Bond reaches across an exotic range of subjects: feral children, talking horses, the art of early humans, medieval bestiaries of real and imagined creatures, dog-headed people and other monsters of the mind, animals who get treated like people, people who believe they are animals, the healing power of pets, the near-universal fascination with wolves, the mythology of shapeshifters, and the dark history of dehumanization.

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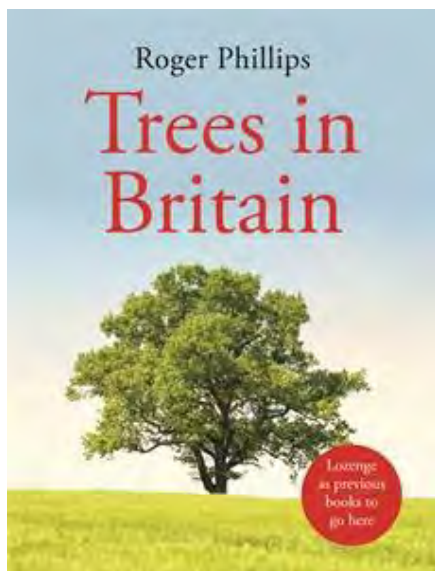
Michael Bond won the 2015 British Psychological Society prize for *The Power of Others*. He writes on human behaviour and is a former editor at *New Scientist*. His acclaimed *Wayfinding* has been translated into five languages. He is currently a Royal Literary Fund fellow at Oxford Brookes University.

**Non-fiction**



# Trees

Roger Phillips



**Pub Date:** 27 March 2025

**Editor:** Ause Abdelhaq

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 272pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final Manuscript

**Beautiful and comprehensive, *Trees* is the essential guide for all admirers of the natural world, from the acclaimed and award-winning Roger Phillips.**

This book enables you to identify all of the trees found in Britain, from the familiar to the exotic, and contains more than 1,000 full-colour photographs.

Each tree is illustrated in full detail – by leaf, flower, fruit, bark and mature tree shape – and is fully described in the text. A unique leaf index makes the identification of trees simple and accurate. The trees are arranged alphabetically by Latin name, with indexes of common names and botanical names concluding the book. An indispensable companion for both the enthusiast and the botanist.

This is the ultimate photographic guide to the trees of Britain.

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Roger Phillips was an award-winning photographer with a reputation spanning thirty years. He consistently pioneered the use of colour photography for the reliable identification of natural history subjects and wrote more than twenty books dedicated to this purpose, including *Wild Flowers of Britain and Ireland*, *Vegetables*, *Mushrooms* and *Wild Food*. He wrote and presented two major six-part TV series on gardening for the BBC and Channel 4. He received an MBE for his work on London's garden squares. Roger Phillips died in November 2021.

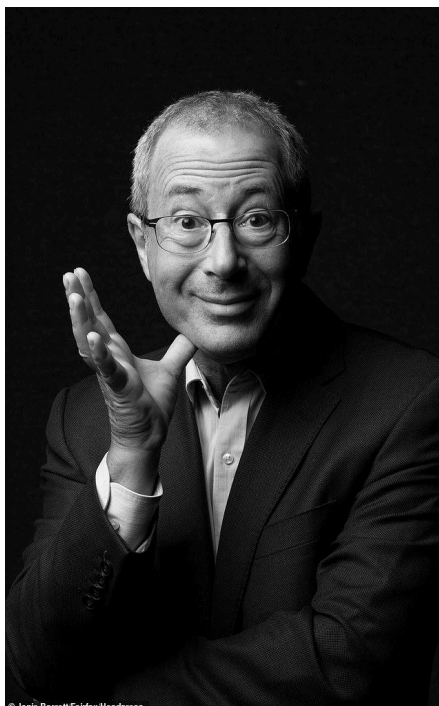
**Non-fiction**



# Who Do I Think I Am?

The Autobiography

Ben Elton



**Pub Date:** 9 October 2025

**Editor:** Sara Cywinski

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**Novelist. Screenwriter. Sitcom writer. Playwright. Actor. Comedian. Stage director. Film director. Librettist. Social activist. Who does Ben Elton think he is?**

For the first – and only – time, in this one-of-a-kind autobiography, Ben tackles this question head on in the frank, forthright and hilarious manner that we've become accustomed to in his work. He marches and meanders through his long and varied career, from drunken nights at the Fringe with Rik Mayall to marathon record-breaking show runs at the Hammersmith Odeon. He also delves into his archives to reveal the true stories behind smash hits *The Young Ones*, *Blackadder* and *We Will Rock You*, as well as reflecting on his pioneering routines as host of *Saturday Live*, which birthed a revolution in stand-up comedy.

Alongside unique insights into his groundbreaking work, Ben talks honestly and hilariously about his personal and professional relationships with two generations of brilliant friends, contemporaries and occasional foes. The cast of characters is a feast: Emma Thompson, French & Saunders, Fry & Laurie, Rowan Atkinson, Ade Edmondson, David Mitchell, The Beatles, Queen, Andrew Lloyd Webber and even Neil Kinnock.

And that's only the half of it. After forty-five years in public life, and sixty-five if being alive, Ben has a lot of stories to tell – and a very clear idea of who Ben Elton really is . . .

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Born in Catford, south-east London, in 1959, Ben was state-educated and studied drama at Manchester University, where he now holds an honorary doctorate. He began his professional career in 1981. Ben married Australian musician Sophie Gare in 1994 and became an Australian citizen in 2004. He lives in Australia and has a home in the UK.

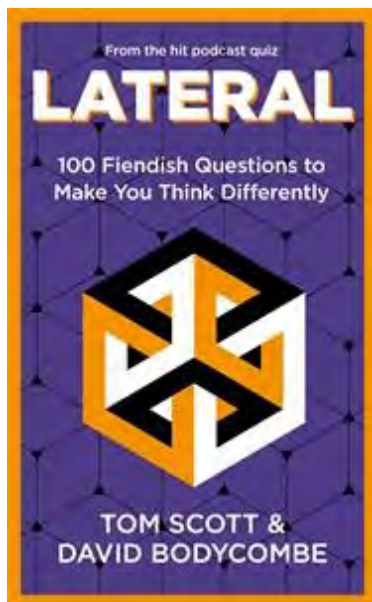
**Non-fiction**



# Lateral

## 100 Fiendish Questions to Make You Think Differently

Tom Scott



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**Binding:** Trade Paperback

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**Rights Sold:**

**US:** Union Square

**From the makers of the hit podcast *Lateral*, a quiz book that challenges readers to think differently in order to answer weird and wacky questions.**

The official *Lateral* podcast quiz book! Do you excel at outside-the-box thinking, love logic puzzles or simply enjoy learning fascinating and bizarre facts about the world around us? Then this is the quiz book for you.

Why are Swiss army knives red? Which type of alcoholic drink, when added to ice, becomes something a child could consume legally? What sort of person would be interested in buying exactly 1.91 US dollars?

Based on the show that posits weird questions with wonderful answers, *Lateral* is full of sideways-thinking twists. There are no points or prizes – just reputation and bragging rights on the line. So grab a friend, pick a question at random and have fun trying to figure out some of our world's most interesting and off-the-wall facts!

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Tom Scott runs two successful YouTube channels with weekly videos and is the host of the *Lateral* quiz podcast. His videos have taken him across the world and amassed more than 1.6 billion views in the process. He was the presenter of *Gadget Geeks* on Sky One in 2012 and was most recently seen on *Christmas University Challenge*, competing for the York team, where he got to the semi-final.

A two-time winner of the Creative Thinking World Championships, David Bodycombe is a professional quiz writer and quiz consultant and the former question editor for *Only Connect*. He has written several quiz books for Constable and Michael Joseph, some of which have been reprinted more than thirty times, and has contributed to television shows including *The Crystal Maze*, *Treasure Hunt* and *Fifteen to One*.

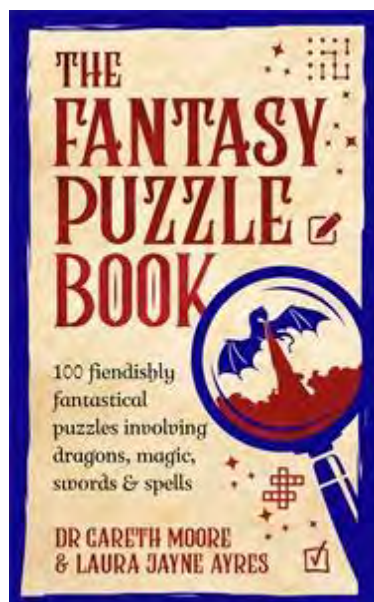
**Non-fiction**



# The Fantasy Puzzle Book

100 fiendishly fantastical puzzles involving dragons, magic, swords and spells

**Dr Gareth Moore and Laura Jayne Ayres**



**Pub Date:** 12 September 2024

**Editor:** Ingrid Connell

**Binding:** Trade Paperback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Dutch:** Under offer

**Italian:** Sperling & Kupfer

**A fabulously creative puzzle book for all fans of fantasy fiction, with a hundred puzzles to challenge and entertain you.**

Pit your wits against dangerous dragons, deceitful sorcerers, malevolent witches and greedy goblins in this fantastically clever collection of a hundred original puzzles.

In *The Fantasy Puzzle Book*, you will join Miralda and Orien on their epic quest as they journey to the fabled kingdom of Ellamir and attempt to take back what's rightfully theirs. Along the way, you'll be dodging hostile weapon-forgers by moonlight, navigating mystical mazes, cracking cryptic incantations – and much, much more. These brain-teasers include logic, word and number puzzles and will provide hours of entertainment.

Written by puzzle master Gareth Moore with Laura Jayne Ayres, this is the perfect book for fantasy fans.

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Gareth Moore is the internationally bestselling author of a wide range of brain-training and puzzle books for both children and adults, including *The Ordnance Survey Puzzle Book*, *The Whodunnit Puzzle Book*, *Anti-Stress Puzzles*, *RHS Gardener's Quiz & Puzzle Book*, *Brain Games for Clever Kids*®, *Lateral Logic* and *Extreme Mazes*. His books have sold more than a million copies in the UK alone and have been translated into thirty-five different languages.

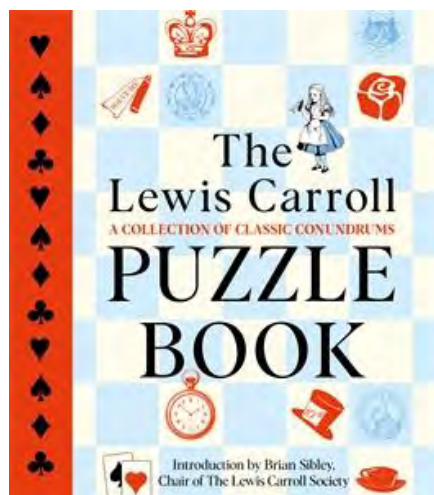
Laura Jayne Ayres is a puzzle writer and researcher. After studying linguistics at the University of Cambridge, she worked as a playwright before joining Dr Gareth Moore's puzzle team. Books that she has worked on include *Hacked: The Cyber Crime Puzzle Book*, *The Great British Puzzle Book*, *The Perfect Crime Puzzle Book*, *The Nautical Puzzle Book* and *The Ordnance Survey Kids' Adventure Book*.

**Non-fiction**



# The Lewis Carroll Puzzle Book

Lewis Carroll



**Pub Date:** 31 October 2024

**Editor:** Lydia Ramah

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 208pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final Manuscript

**A gorgeous, giftable puzzle collection celebrating one of most influential puzzle creators of all time, Lewis Carroll.**

Step through the looking-glass into a world where logic and imagination intertwine in the most curious of ways. In this celebratory curated collection of Lewis Carroll's best puzzles, Brian Sibley, chair of the Lewis Carroll Society, uses his expert knowledge to take readers inside the inimitable mind of Carroll, with a beautiful introduction and annotations throughout.

Mind-bending and utterly charming, the puzzles and games include delights such as Doublets (word ladders), Syzygies (a more elaborate form of word ladder), Mirror Writing and Arithmetical Croquet, as well as some of the most delightfully puzzling riddles from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass* – enough to keep even the most inquisitive minds entertained for hours.

Packed with wit and nostalgia and illustrated with beautiful full-colour imagery from John Tenniel, the original illustrator of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, this is the ultimate celebration of one of the most famous puzzlers of all time. *The Lewis Carroll Puzzle Book* is the perfect gift for both seasoned puzzlers and the Carroll curious.

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Lewis Carroll was the pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. Born in 1832, he studied at Christ Church College, Oxford, where he became a mathematics lecturer.

Brian David Sibley is an English writer. He is the author of more than a hundred hours of radio drama and has also written and presented hundreds of radio documentaries, features and weekly programmes, as well as being president of the Lewis Carroll Society.

**Non-fiction**





# BLUEBIRD NON-FICTION





# How to Take Drugs

Nick Barber



**Pub Date:** 14 May 2026

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**The way we take and prescribe medicines is broken. *How to Take Drugs* – written by one of the world's leading authorities on pharmaceuticals - will reveal why and empower patients to decide what to take, or not, to improve their health.**

This is a book about how we take medicine, why it doesn't work and what we - on both an individual and a society level - can do differently to change that situation. Medicines are a \$1.3bn dollar industry, with an efficacy rate we would not accept in a dishwasher. But at the same time, they continue to save and improve the quality of countless lives. We need to acknowledge and embrace that uncertainty so that we can all, individually, navigate a way through it to better health, less risk and reduced waste.

*How to Take Drugs* sets out why humans have always taken medicine; how medicines actually work in our bodies; how they're tested for safety, how to take them effectively; but most crucially how to advocate for yourself when being prescribed. The author also offers a groundbreaking new strategy for starting, taking and stopping medicines, one that will result in fewer side effects and better results, and which anyone can put into practice.

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Dr. Nick Barber, Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy at UCL, an expert in the field, and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. He developed a national service for patients starting new medicines, which is currently being used by around a million patients a year in the UK alone, and which has been copied in six countries. He also developed the national framework of good prescribing against which all GPs were measured, and his work on medication errors in care homes led to a Ministerial Summit and changes to national policy.

**Non-fiction**







# Not Just a Period

Reclaim Your Cycle, Harness Your Hormones, and Take Control of Your Health

**Dr Hazel Wallace**



**Pub Date:** 22 May 2025

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Manuscript

**A roadmap to embracing your hormones for better periods, more energy and improved health all month long, and a revelatory new approach to women's health in general, examined for the first time through the lens of the menstrual cycle.**

1.9 billion people on this planet menstruate and, on average, have approximately 456 periods over 38 years of life. But despite this, less than 1 in 5 women feel they have enough information on menstrual wellbeing and many of us are in the dark about how the different phases of our cycle affect us.

This book brings together pioneering research, community-driven surveys, case studies and research-backed lifestyle practices, to teach women how to navigate every phase of our menstrual cycle with greater ease and control and to deepen our understanding of how our bodies work.

Not only is this book a roadmap toward a better understanding of women's health, through the lens of our cycle, it is also a call to arms to remove the ancient and absurd stigma around periods which stops women asking for help when they need it.

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Dr Hazel Wallace – also known as The Food Medic – is a doctor, registered associate nutritionist and personal trainer, and host of *The Food Medic* podcast, which has run for 9 seasons. She is one of the world's most influential health voices online, with over 820,000 highly engaged followers on Instagram.

She is author of the best-selling books *The Food Medic* (2017), *The Food Medic For Life* (2018) and *The Female Factor* (2022).

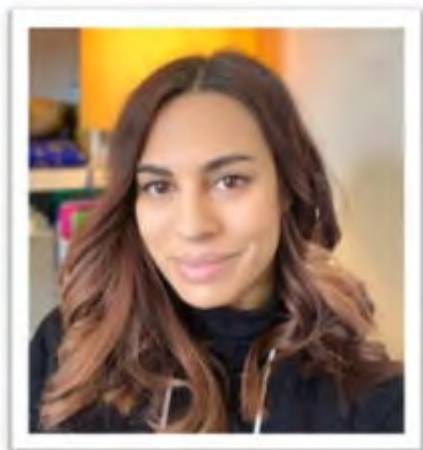
**Non-fiction**





# It's All in Your Body

## Dr Sula Windgassen



**Pub Date:** 8 January 2026

**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 272pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2025

**In her debut non-fiction book, Sula gives you the holistic picture of mind body science, empowering you to reclaim control and reconnect with your body using principles from health psychology, psychoneuroimmunology and neuroscience.**

Whether you have physical health issues yourself, are experiencing burnout or support those who do, this book is armed with the latest science and practices that can be implemented straight away to meet healing goals, whatever they may look like. Learn how to nurture your mind–body connection to reclaim your life!

Dr. Sula Windgassen is a distinguished figure in the field of health psychology, leveraging her personal and professional experiences to aid individuals grappling with chronic conditions, burnout and trauma. Her journey began as a patient contending with chronic urinary tract infections and mysterious pelvic symptoms, which propelled her toward mindfulness practice and subsequently a career in health psychology. Sula's comprehensive education and research in the interaction between mind and body inform her practice, where she currently directs a clinic assisting hundreds.

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Dr Sula Windgassen has been featured in and written articles for *Women's Health*, *Glamour*, *Psychologies Magazine*, *Stylist Magazine*, *iNews*, *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph* and *Evening Standard* and she has appeared on podcasts and delivered presentations in multiple international conferences. Through her Instagram platform [@the\\_health\\_psychologist\\_](#) (25,000+ followers) she has built a strong community of people actively engaged with Sula's philosophy of Healthy Psychology, as well as collaborating with other influential figures in the mental health, wellness and health industry.

**Non-fiction**





# The Uncertainty Toolkit

Worry Less and Do More by Learning to Cope with the Unknown  
**Sam Conniff and Katharine Templar-Lewis**



**By fundamentally changing how you deal with uncertainty – the ‘end of level baddie’ controlling your daily anxieties – you can learn to worry less, do more, and see a huge improvement in your wellbeing.**

If it feels like the wheels have come off your world and you’re daunted or exhausted at the thought of what to do next, if the struggle against constant change is leaving you weary, or you’ve simply come to realize that the world we live in is fundamentally uncertain, you need *The Uncertainty Toolkit*.

**Pub Date:** 12 June 2025

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

This groundbreaking book shows you not only how to cope with uncertainty, but also how to harness its power into opportunities for growth and creativity. Based on cutting-edge research from UCL’s Brain Science department, and written by a cognitive scientist and an award-winning communicator, it unveils a roadmap for better mental health and a measurably increased tolerance for the unknown. Chapters include practical exercises, compelling narratives from unlikely ‘uncertainty experts’ including prisoners, former addicts, refugees and hostages, and insights into pioneering scientific techniques.

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**Material Available:** Manuscript

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Sam Conniff is a British author and the founder of multi-award-winning creative agency Livity. Conniff won the Ernst Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year and a Big Society Award.

Katherine Templar Lewis is a cognitive scientist and science communicator. She teaches at UCL and Goldsmiths University on creative health. Katherine is co-founder of the female-led, neuroaesthetic studio Kinda Studios, which explores connection and wellbeing.

**Non-fiction**

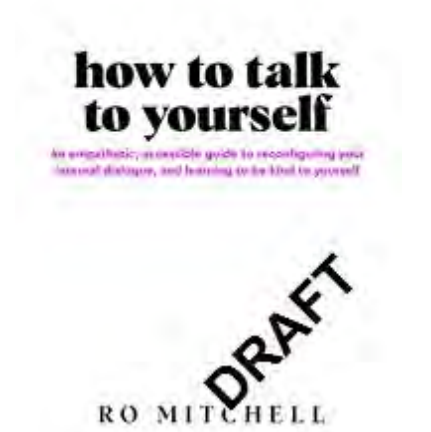




# How to Talk to Yourself

Ro Mitchell

**An empathetic, accessible guide to reconfiguring your internal dialogue, and learning to be kind to yourself, from influencer Ro Mitchell.**



**Pub Date:** 17 April 2025  
**Editor:** Lizzy Gray  
**Binding:** Trade Paperback  
**Extent:** 256pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Manuscript

'We cannot be everything, always, all of the time. And that is a beautiful thing. We are humans, we have limits, we have flaws, and we are worthy of love and respect just by existing.'

In *How to Talk to Yourself*, Ro Mitchell offers a comforting and empowering guiding hand exploring how to find self-acceptance, be kinder to ourselves, to forgive ourselves, and to approach discipline and success from a new, healthier angle.

After sharing her own recovery story online, Ro discovered that her vulnerability and advice really resonated with her audience, and was a huge eye-opener to the sheer number of people battling self-esteem issues with nobody to listen, to understand, or to help them in proactively making changes. *How to Talk to Yourself* is the gentle, nurturing, and interactive guide that she needed but never had. But now, you do.

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Ro Mitchell is a voice for young women – a content creator who is dedicated to positive messaging, with honesty and growth at the forefront of everything she does. Ro is here to remind you to be kind to yourself.

Her message is ultimately aimed at women of all ages, and it is one steeped in authenticity. Ro's growth has been rapid, and entirely organic – and the incredibly high engagement rate her content has maintained over a prolonged period is testament to the impact she is having on people's lives – Ro is a genuine force for good, and her influence is growing on a daily basis.

**Non-fiction**





# The Ancient Ways

## Seren Hawley-Plows



**Pub Date:** 19 March 2026  
**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant  
**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 272pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Summer 2025

**Reconnect with nature, ancient traditions and yourself in this spellbinding book from hedgewitch and content creator Seren Hawley-Plows (@hedgerow\_healing).**

*The Ancient Ways* is an empowering guide to reconnecting with the natural world in order to live a happier and more purposeful life. It seeks to deepen your connection with nature through mythology and folklore – ancient traditions based on the land and the seasons.

Hedgewitch and content creator Seren Hawley-Plows explores how, in the past, humans' lives centred around the rhythms of the natural world and how this can help you lead a more connected and fulfilled life. *The Ancient Ways* is structured around the seasons and pagan festivals, exploring the history of equinoxes and how they are celebrated, how to rewild yourself through knowledge of plants and nature and how to benefit from these ancient traditions in a modern world. Whether you live in the countryside or a bustling city, *The Ancient Ways* provides a slice of calm, belonging and connection – the perfect gift for yourself or others.

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Seren Hawley-Plows is a second generation new-age traveller, with a deep connection and love for the natural world. She was taught herbalism and ancient practices from an early age by her parents and their community, and spent much of her youth travelling around festivals, full moon gatherings, and attending ceremonies at sacred sites.

Her interest in nature and humankind's ancestral connection to the natural world developed as she grew older, and she began to retell tales, myths, forgotten knowledge and ancient practices as short informative videos on Instagram, where she now has an international following of over 160k.

**Non-fiction**





# The Shadow Path

A Journey to Uncovering Your Depths and Illuminating Your Full Potential

**Chelsey Pippin Mizzi**



**Pub Date:** 2 January 2025

**Editor:** Cara Waudby-Tolley

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold:**

**Romania:** Bookzone

**A practical 10-week introduction to Shadow Work, the trending self-care practice that empowers you to uncover and embrace the hidden parts of yourself for personal and spiritual growth.**

Do you want to cultivate a deeper understanding of yourself and realize your full potential? Then it's time to meet your Shadow. This beginner-friendly 10-week journey guides curious spiritual wellness seekers along a path of self-discovery through Shadow Work – a process of exploring and claiming unconscious desires, hidden impulses, hopes and fears.

Each week, Shadow expert Chelsey Pippin Mizzi guides you through short lessons, journaling prompts, visualizations, field trips and creative exercises designed to help you safely explore and engage with your Shadow, including:

- Meeting and naming your Shadow
- Dream journaling to study your Shadow
- Holding a candlelight vigil to illuminate your Shadow
- Uncovering your Shadow's desires through automatic writing
- Writing a letter of pardon to forgive your Shadow
- 365 journal prompts, one for every day of the year

In this gentle and positive introduction to your Shadow side, learn to embrace every part of yourself for ultimate personal and spiritual growth.

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Chelsey Pippin Mizzi is a Shadow Work expert and the author of *The Tarot Spreads Yearbook* and *Tarot for Creativity*. She has a Master's in European Culture from University College London, where she studied Jungian and Freudian thought, and the unconscious. She has written for *BuzzFeed*, New York Magazine's *The Strategist*, and *METRO*. She is the founder of the tarot-informed creativity consultancy, Pip Cards Tarot.

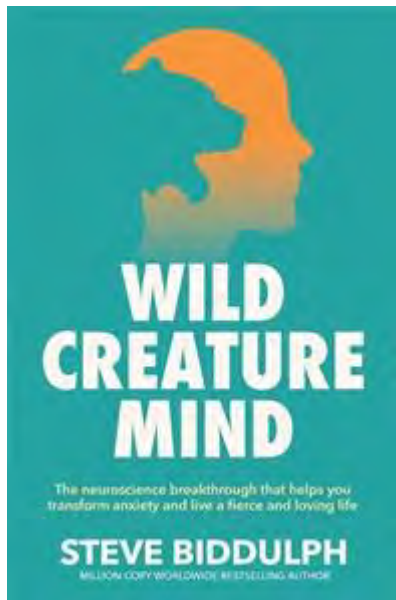
**Non-fiction**





# Wild Creature Mind

Steve Biddulph



**Pub Date:** 12 September 2024

**Editor:** Katy Denny

**Binding:** Trade Paperback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final Manuscript

**From bestselling author Steve Biddulph comes a transformative book on how to reconnect with your primal, animal mind and trust your intuition and overcome stress, anxiety and trauma.**

Bestselling psychologist Steve Biddulph reveals a ground-breaking insight: we possess not just one, but two minds. While our familiar, analytical mind dominates in today's busy, modern world, our primal, instinctual 'wild creature mind' lies dormant, waiting to guide us with its innate intuition and compassion.

In a world grappling with unprecedented mental health challenges, Steve offers a lifeline. Drawing on cutting-edge therapy and cognitive science research, he shows you how to awaken your dormant mind through poignant anecdotes and practical exercises. You will learn to embrace your body's wisdom, trust your instincts, heal trauma, navigate life's complexities with newfound clarity and embark on a journey of profound transformation.

There's a million years of animal intelligence, lying silent, wanting to help you. This is absolute science, yet incredibly simple, and about to change your world.

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Steve Biddulph is one of the world's best known parent educators who lectures worldwide on parenting, and boys' education. A psychologist for forty years, he is now retired but continues to write and teach. His books, including *Fully Human*, *The Secret of Happy Children*, *Raising Boys*, *The New Manhood* and *10 Things Girls Need Most* are in four million homes and over thirty languages. They have influenced the way we look at childhood and especially the development of boys and men.

**Non-fiction**





# Am I Having Fun Now?

Anxiety, Applause and Life's Big Questions, Answered

**Suzi Ruffell**



**Pub Date:** 5 June 2025

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited Manuscript

**Honest, moving and, of course, very funny: award-winning comedian Suzi Ruffell tells the story of a life afflicted with anxiety, and asks the experts to answer some of life's big questions along the way. Perfect reading for fans of *Strong Female Character* by Fern Brady, *How to Fail* by Elizabeth Day and *No Shame* by Tom Allen.**

Does peaking in high school ruin you for life? Was Miley Cyrus right, is it all about the climb (when it comes to building a career?) And what – scientifically – is the best way to mend a broken heart?

In this brutally honest, funny, and often moving memoir, Suzi winningly tells her life story, and asks a host of experts to answer the tricky questions it prompts along the way. Diamond life advice comes from contributors including Elizabeth Day, Dolly Alderton, Charlene Douglas, Laura Bates and more.

From masking anxiety with musical theatre, developing an obsession with the movie *Titanic* and struggling to find her groove at school, on stage, and in her love life, to (eventually) coming out, falling in love, and becoming a parent Suzi lays her life bare with trademark wit, verve and style.

**'A brilliant representation of anxiety made hilarious' – Romesh Ranganathan**

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Suzi Ruffell is an award-winning stand-up comedian, radio presenter and podcast host. Her video clips have been viewed by millions around the world, and her podcasts – including *Like Minded Friends* with Tom Allen, *Big Kick Energy* with Maisie Adam, and her solo offering *Out*, have a significant international listenership, especially in the US.

**Non-fiction**

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## Do Ask. Do Tell

LGBTQ+ Life, Love and Culture Laid Bare

Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley



**Pub Date:** 29 May 2025

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Winter 2024

A rollercoaster ride through LGBTQ+ life, love and culture. From sticky dancefloors to pushing prams, from drag to dealing with hate and homophobia and from dressing rooms to churches, schools and old people's homes, this book unboxes the diversity of the queer experience – because there is no right or wrong way to be LGBTQ+.

What's the difference between bisexual and pansexual? What does it mean to be femme or masc or 'camp'? How do intersex and asexual people feel about being part of the queer spectrum? Writers Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley – your intrepid queer explorers – are here to answer these questions and so many more, as they navigate the rich tapestry of LGBTQ+ life, for queer and cis straight people alike.

Ageing, HIV, drag, open relationships, religion, racism, body dysmorphia, hedonism: Lotte and Stu go there – literally and metaphorically – as they hit the frontline of queer experiences, and head so far outside of their own comfort zones along the way they need more than a pair of ruby slippers to get them home. As a cis gay man and gender-queer lesbian the authors know that their own lived experience represents the equivalent of a single pixel of the rainbow and they want to know more.

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Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley are the authors of *The Queer Parent* and hosts of the award-winning *Some Families*, the UK's leading LGBTQ+ parenting podcast. Lotte is a leading journalist and author of *This Love* and children's book *My Magic Family*. Stu Oakley is a film publicist and freelance journalist, having written *The Guardian*, *ELLE* and *Attitude*. Stu has worked on some of the biggest film franchises of all time including *Star Wars* and *Jurassic World*.

Non-fiction

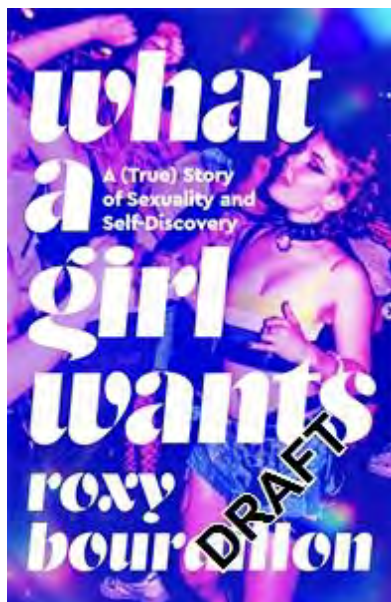




# What a Girl Wants

A (True) Story of Sexuality and Self-Discovery

Roxy Bourdillon



**Pub Date:** 17 April 2025

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited Manuscript

Warm, relatable and moving, *What A Girl Wants* is a gorgeous, nostalgia-drenched, coming-of-age memoir. Think Dolly Alderton's *Everything I Know About Love* with a gloriously queer twist.

'I am 13 years old and these are my secrets.

1. I have a crush on Jet from ITV gameshow *Gladiators*. So strong! So pretty!
2. I still play with Barbie dolls. It's mostly making them scissor.
3. I just kissed my best friend. Spoiler alert: she's a girl.'

From the suburbs of Leeds to the streets of Sydney, from the queer clubs of London to a quiet life by the sea, through love, family, friendship and heartache, join Roxy Bourdillon on a journey to work out exactly who she is.

WHAT GIRL WANTS is for any woman who grew up in the late 90s, 2000s and early 2010s, anyone who's ever been catcalled, anyone who has despaired about their body, fallen in love, had their heart broken and found friends who can put it back together.

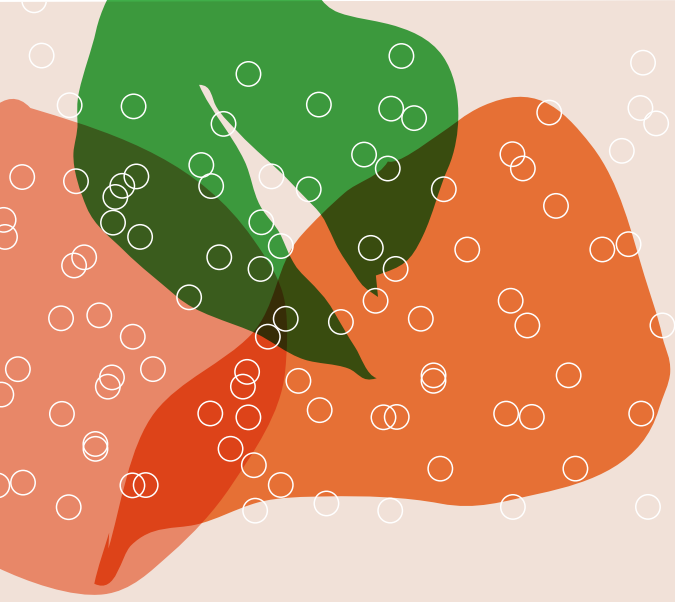
From overcoming shame and the joy of finding your tribe, to surviving the dating scene and learning to really express yourself, this is a book about joy, empowerment and freedom.

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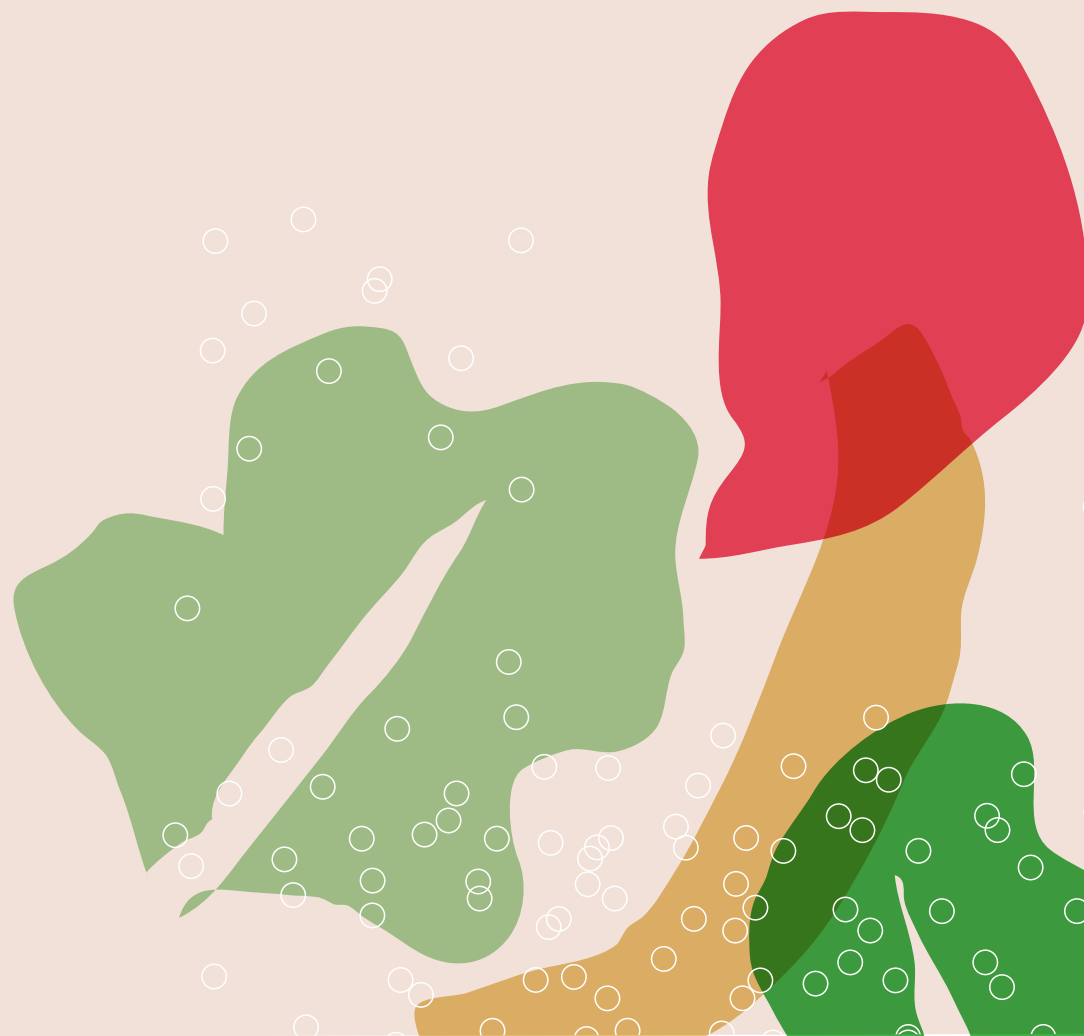
Roxy Bourdillon is an award-winning writer and the editor-in-chief of *DIVA*, the world's biggest magazine for LGBTQ+ women and non-binary people. She has interviewed everyone from A-listers Emma Stone, to the legendary Rebel Dykes. Roxy's groundbreaking work in queer media has earned her a place in both the Pride Power List, published in *The Guardian*, and The Attitude 101: LGBTQ+ Trailblazers Changing The World.

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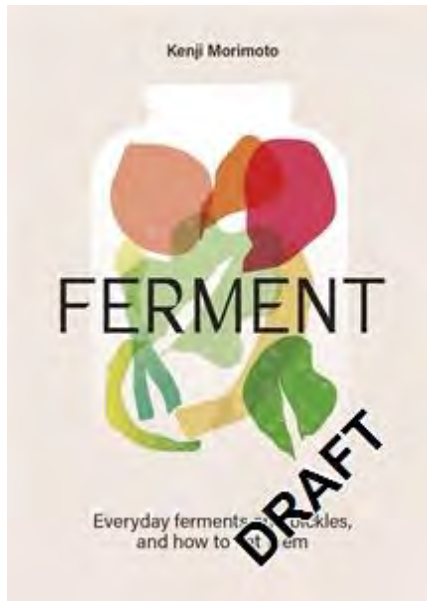
# BLUEBIRD COOKERY



## Ferment

Everyday Ferments and Pickles, and How to Eat Them

Kenji Morimoto



**Pub Date:** 24 April 2025

**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 272pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Page Proofs

**Fermenting expert Kenji Morimoto shows how to make delicious, health-boosting ferments and use them to stunning effect in your everyday cooking.**

Pickles and ferments bring so much flavour and variety to meals and are easy to make, but they can seem unachievable for many. Enter third-culture cook and fermenting expert Kenji Morimoto, who shows just how simple it is to introduce homemade miso, kimchi, sauerkraut, kombucha, quick pickles and more into your everyday cooking with delicious, gut-healthy results.

Whether it's Kimchi Bhajis served with Miso Coriander Chutney, One Pot Citrus Miso Salmon and Edamame Rice, Kombucha Sorbet or Pickled Rhubarb Pound Cake, this is mouthwatering, flavour-forward food that you won't have seen before.

*Ferment* includes everything you need to get started on the adventure of preserving food. Packed with step-by-step guidance and mouthwatering starters, main meals, desserts and drinks, *Ferment* is a stylish and practical cookery book that simplifies an ancient technique.

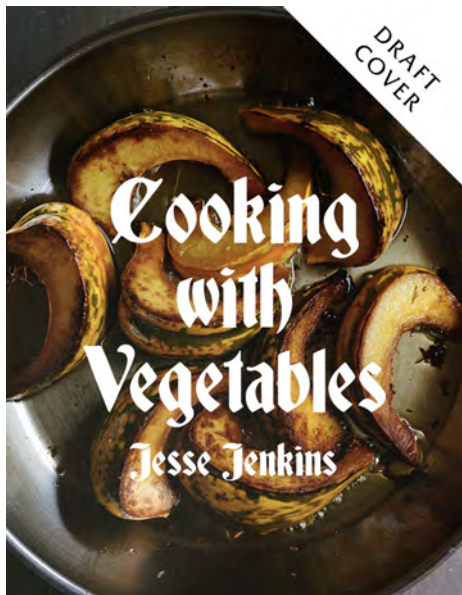
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Kenji Morimoto is a content creator and food writer based in London. In 2020, he started his Instagram @kenjcooks to document his interest in fermentation and connecting the dots between diasporic traditions and his own. Since then, he's cooked in kitchens in Poland, led fermentation and Japanese focused supper clubs in London, taught workshops on koji and kimchi and collaborates with Ottolenghi Test Kitchen and Zoe.



# Cooking: With Vegetables

Jesse Jenkins



**Pub Date:** 19 June 2025

**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Page Proofs

The stunning debut cookbook from London–LA chef and pro skater, Jesse Jenkins. This distinctive, original work redefines modern vegetable cooking and will appeal to fans of Yotam Ottolenghi, Joshua Weismann and Anna Jones.

Start with a vegetable and end up with an unashamedly delicious dish.

Jesse Jenkins' flavour-forward, creative recipes and highly distinctive style take vegetable cooking to new heights with over 100 original dishes.

Jesse's standout debut cookbook shows you how to apply the same method typically applied to meat or fish to vegetables. Jesse cooks everything from the humble cabbage, leek or tomato (no need for heirloom or special varieties) to fennel, seaweed or miso-glazed courgette in stages to add layers of texture and make the flavour sing, and his love of fast food ensures there's always a comforting, satisfying edge to his dishes.

Organized by type of vegetable – such as leafy veg, brassicas, root veg, aubergine and mushrooms – *Cooking: With Vegetables* redefines modern cooking alongside Jesse's stunning photographs.

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Jesse Jenkins, aka Another Day in Paradise, is a new star on the London food scene, with cinematic cooking videos racking up millions of views. A relative newcomer to social media, Jesse grew up in LA, combining work in a professional kitchen with life as a sponsored skateboarder. Inspired by the people he has cooked for and alongside over the years, his food is fresh, fast and a bit filthy, with a laid-back vibe – perfect for sharing.

Cookery





# Indian 101

## Karan Gokani



**Pub Date:** 28 August 2025

**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Winter 2024

**Chef and cookbook author Karan Gokani breaks down the secret to authentic Indian cooking at home with 101 delicious, vibrant and diverse recipes.**

*Indian 101* (re)introduces beginners and seasoned home cooks to authentic Indian recipes, in an easy-to-cook, contemporary and intuitive way – going beyond the stereotypes of Indian food and making real Indian cooking accessible to all. Rather than a masterclass on regional Indian food, Karan introduces 101 simple, easy-to-follow recipes from across the country that push boundaries of flavour and experience.

Karan introduces tips and hacks to make the trickier methods quicker and easier to make at home without compromising on authenticity or flavour. There are air-fryer methods, tray-bake alternatives and ingredient variations to help you flex your cooking methods while remaining true to the unique and hugely diverse Indian traditions. You can easily create full meals out of individual dishes, making *Indian 101* your go-to cookbook for weekday meals as well as weekend feasts.

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Mumbai-born Karan Gokani opened Hoppers, a Sri Lankan and South Indian restaurant in Soho, London in 2015. Gokani published his first book, *Hoppers* (Bloomsbury) in 2022. He has written travel features and recipes on Sri Lanka and southern India for national press and is a regular on BBC's *Saturday Kitchen*. Karan lives with his wife Sunaina and two young sons in London. His Instagram account is @karancooks.



## Family

Modern Cooking for Healthy Eating

**Claudine Boulstridge**



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**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Summer 2025

**Modern, healthy cooking for families for fans of Ottolenghi from French–British chef and recipe writer Claudine Boulstridge.**

Chef and mother-of-three Claudine Boulstridge is passionate about family food. She wants to show everyone how to transform everyday meals into flavour-forward, vibrant and healthy home-cooked dishes you and your children will love. Packed with tempting and creative recipes and practical ideas for giving your children a balanced, varied diet, *Family* will make mealtimes more delicious and help you to grow adventurous eaters at the same time.

This cookbook will transform the way you eat as a family without upending your daily routine. With one-pot dishes, prepare-ahead meals, and minimal washing up, *Family* is the perfect solution for health-conscious, time-pressed families.

Claudine champions recipes that not only taste incredible but are also also inexpensive, unprocessed and low in sugar. Her work as a recipe tester for Yotam Ottolenghi has helped her to tailor ambitious, experimental recipes and flavour combinations to her family. She has collaborated on the book with her husband, the consultant Dr Rhodri Martin, to explain the science behind the ingredients that help children thrive and grow.

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Claudine Boulstridge has been Yotam Ottolenghi's beloved recipe tester for fifteen years, she has created, tested, styled and photographed recipes for companies including Ocado, Lindt, Crazy Jacks, Biotiful Kefir and Bart. Claudine studied at Leith's School of Food and Wine with First Class Honours and went on to teach at a range of popular London cookery classes at Divertimenti and The Cookery School at Little Portland Street.

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# RecipeTin Eats: Tonight

Foolproof Recipes for 150+ Easy Dinners

**Nagi Maehashi**



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**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardback

**Extent:** 360pp

**Rights:** Translation

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**Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold for *RecipeTin Eats: Dinner*:**

**US:** Countryman Press

**Dutch:** Under offer

**German:** ZS Verlag GmbH

**A gorgeous follow up to the fastest-selling non-fiction debut of all time in Nagi Maehashi's native Australia, with 101 new delicious and easy recipes.**

RecipeTin Eats TONIGHT includes more than 150 brand-new foolproof, flavour-packed recipes, 800 variations on those recipes and 3000 possible combinations that match formulas (including Nagi's world-famous Charlie sauce) with different ingredients. You'll find crave-worthy crowd-pleasers (try slow-baked Italian meatballs in a rich tomato sauce with bubbling melted cheese or fall-apart Asian chicken cooked in a sticky-sweet soy glaze); 20-minute dinners; pantry staple dinners; high-impact guest-impressing; and turn-to Sunday suppers (the Vietnamese pulled pork is a festival of flavour) while the sweet chapter delivers on the promise of maximum decadence.

There is a stunning photo and link to a how-to video for every recipe.

RecipeTin Eats TONIGHT is a standout cookbook for every home kitchen, for every level of cooking ability, for every budget, for every set of taste buds – and for every single night of the week.

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Born in Japan, raised in Sydney, Australia, Nagi Maehashi first had a successful career in corporate finance. Nagi decided to pursue a future where her passion really lay, and set up RecipeTin Eats, ably assisted by her chief recipe tester, Dozer the dog. Her blog quickly established itself as the go-to place for delicious, simple to make and cost-effective recipes with 'wow' factor.

**Cookery**



## Nancy's Green and Easy Kitchen

Nancy Birtwhistle



**Pub Date:** 27 February 2025  
**Editor:** Hockley Raven Sloane  
**Binding:** Hardback  
**Extent:** 256pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Page Proofs

**All the cooking know-how you need to make easy, delicious, unprocessed and budget-friendly meals from scratch – in the most sustainable way possible.**

Nancy Birtwhistle is renowned for her no-nonsense advice and clear instructions on all things eco-friendly, and here for the first time is her collection of must-have, no-frills recipes to keep you and your loved ones well fed without wasting time, money or ingredients.

Cooking from scratch with fresh, natural produce can be daunting at first, but Nancy guides even the most inexperienced cook through all of the steps needed to create delicious dishes to be proud of. By explaining how her recipes work and giving practical tips and tricks along the way, success is almost guaranteed – and you'll build your skills and knowledge so you feel confident making swaps and additions to recipes, and even creating your own.

From stocks, soups and preserves to best use of leftovers to family meals and celebration dinners – and a bit of everything in between – Nancy has you covered in the kitchen.

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Nancy Birtwhistle is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author, lifelong gardener and Hull-born baker who won the fifth series of *The Great British Bake Off* in 2014. Motivated by protecting the planet for her ten grandchildren, Nancy decided to change how she used plastic, single use products and chemicals in her home. Sharing her tips online, she amassed an engaged international following of devoted fans interested not only in her delicious recipes, but also her innovative ideas and time-saving swaps that rethink everyday house and garden tasks to make as little an impact on the environment as possible. Nancy is the author of *Clean & Green*, *Green Living Made Easy*, *The Green Gardening Handbook*, *The Green Budget Guide* and *Sizzle & Drizzle*.

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## Sizzle & Drizzle

The Green Edition: Over 100 Essential Bakes, Recipes and Tips  
**Nancy Birtwhistle**



**Pub Date:** 24 October 2024  
**Editor:** Hockley Raven-Sloane  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**Extent:** 336pp  
**Rights:** World

Over 100 indispensable recipes from *Great British Bake Off* winner and *Sunday Times* bestselling author Nancy Birtwhistle, all with practical tips and down-to-earth instructions that anyone can easily follow, including essential advice on allergy substitutions and cost-cutting ideas.

Repackaged and fully updated for 2024, *Sizzle & Drizzle* is Nancy's first baking book. Packed with all of the tips and tricks that Nancy is best known for, it'll have you heading straight to the kitchen to create some mouth-watering treats, feeling confident that whatever you make will be easy, delicious and satisfying as well as good for the planet. Nancy guides you through each of the simple recipes, making sure you have fun along the way. There is genuinely something for everyone, including gluten-free, fat-free, low-sugar, dairy-free, vegetarian and vegan options. In true Nancy style, *Sizzle & Drizzle* is brimming with tips hacks and even includes QR codes linking to videos of Nancy making the dishes.

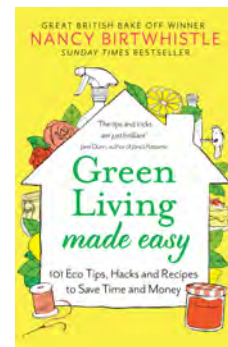
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**Rights Sold for *The Green Budget Guide* and *Clean & Green*:**

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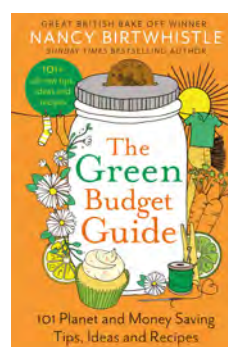
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# What to Cook and When to Cook It

Georgie Mullen



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**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Winter 2024

Simple recipes that use the best of seasonal ingredients to help you cook and eat more sustainably. Fall back in love with veg, learn how to nourish both yourself and the planet and cook delicious, healthy food.

With *What to Cook and When to Cook It*, food writer Georgie Mullen shows how to bring out the best flavour in your usual fruit and veg. She shares 120 incredibly simple, versatile and delicious meals that make the most of the season's produce. Whether you choose refreshing Peach Panzanella Salad for a summer barbecue or a comforting Leek and Butterbean Gratin in the colder months, this plant-based food allows easily sourced, simple produce to shine.

Georgie Mullen has garnered a huge and loyal following thanks to her beautiful, vibrant seasonal plant-focused cooking on her website and instagram @georgieeats. *What to Cook and When to Cook It* brings together simple meals divided by season and focused on hero fruit and veg. Georgie's meals are comforting, satisfying and always highly cookable.

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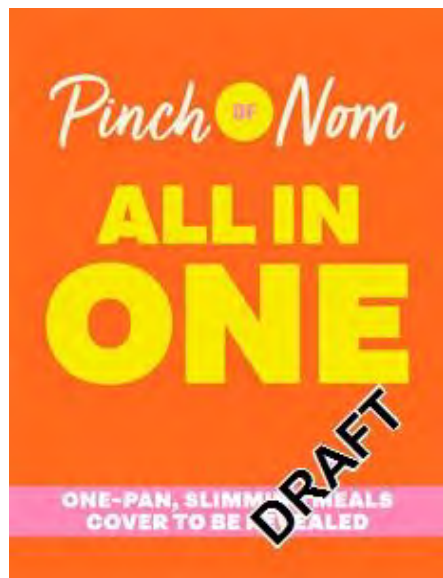
Georgie is from the south coast of England. In between writing her blog, Georgie Eats, teaching plant-based cookery classes and hosting her own supper clubs, she is a freelance recipe developer and food writer.



# Pinch of Nom All In One

One-pan, Slimming Meals

Kate and Kay Allinson



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**Bulgarian:** Knigomania

**Chinese (comp):** Sharp Point Press

**Chinese (simp):** China Machine Press

**Czech:** Euromedia Group A.S.

**Dutch:** Scriptum

**French:** Hachette Pratique

**German:** ZS Verlag

**Greek:** Fantastikos Kosmos

**Hungarian:** Gabo Publishers

**Korean:** BookRecipe

**Lithuanian:** Alma Littera

**Polish:** Wydawnictwo Sonia Draga

**Portuguese:** Lua de Papel

**Romanian:** Grup Media Littera

**Russian:** Azbooka-Atticus

**Slovak:** Ikar a.s.

**Slovene:** Aktivni Mediji d.o.o.

**US:** St Martin's Press

**One hundred fantastic, failproof Pinch of Nom recipes that can be made in just one pot, pan or tray, saving time, effort . . . and the washing up!**

All the flavour, all the ease, all the enjoyment – ALL IN ONE.

The UK's fastest-selling food writers and chefs, Pinch of Nom, are back with 100 brand-new, slimming recipes that can be made in one pot, one pan or one roasting dish. Enjoy satisfying, flavour-packed and fully calorie-counted meals without the hassle or washing up.

ALL IN ONE includes low-effort, high-reward fakeaways such as Chicken Tikka and Rice One-Pot, hearty bakes including Cheesy Butternut Bacon Orzo, and mouthwatering sweet treats like Slow Cooker Self-Saucing Chocolate Pudding.

Pinch of Nom's food feels so indulgent that you'd never guess how straightforward it is to make – thanks to foolproof recipes, flexible cooking methods and easy-to-find ingredients.

- Photograph for every triple-tested recipe
- Calorie and carb counts
- 30 new slow cooker recipes (with hob or oven options)
- Air fryer instructions

Big on taste and small on fuss, ALL IN ONE has your mealtimes sorted.

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Record-breaking bestselling authors Kate and Kay Allinson are the creators of Pinch of Nom, a food blog with the aim of teaching people how to cook. Pinch of Nom is the UK's most visited food blog with an active and engaged online community of over 4.5 million followers. Their first book, *Pinch of Nom*, was the fastest-selling cookbook of all time.

**Cookery**



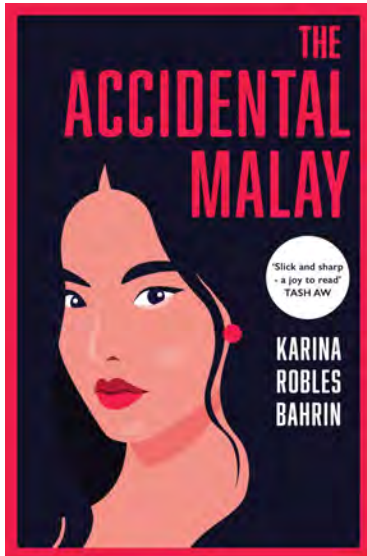


# RECENTLY PUBLISHED



# The Accidental Malay

Karina Robles Bahrin



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**Editor:** Orla King

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World excl. Malaysia & Singapore

**Material Available:** Final

A deeply nuanced and witty debut novel examining the human cost of Malaysia's racial policies through the lens of the tenacious Jasmine Leong, who is unwilling to accept the fate history has designated for her.

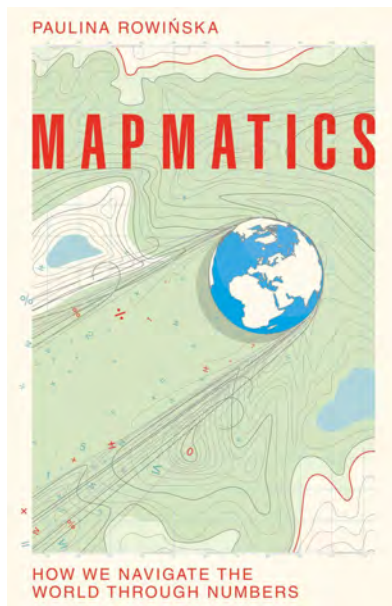
Jasmine Leong is the heiress apparent to Phoenix, her family's billion-ringgit company known especially for its pork snacks. When her grandmother, the great Madame Leong, unexpectedly passes away, Jasmine discovers she is actually a Malay Muslim and her new-found identity threatens to upend her life and ambitions. Set in Kuala Lumpur, *The Accidental Malay* examines the human cost of a country's racial policies and paints a portrait of a woman unwilling to accept the fate history has designated for her.

Karina Robles Bahrin got her first break as a writer when she guest-edited a weekly teen column in *The New Straits Times* a very long time ago. Her short fiction has been published in *Urban Odysseys: KL Stories*, *KL Noir: Blue*, *A Subtle Degree of Restraint & Other Stories* and *Malaysian Tales: Retold & Remixed*. She currently lives and works on the island of Langkawi where she runs a hotel, restaurant, farm and community initiative promoting storytelling among the island's youth and children. *The Accidental Malay* is her first novel.

# Mapmatics

How We Navigate the World Through Numbers

Paulina Rowińska



**Pub Date:** 6 June 2024

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**Binding:** Hardback

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**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold:**

**US:** Harvard University Press

**German:** Aufbau

**Italian:** Arnoldo Mondadori S.p.A

**A gripping exploration of how cartography shapes the world we see and the role of mathematics in completing the picture.**

'Historical insights and human stories . . . Highly readable' - Ian Stewart, author of *What's the Use?*

How does a delivery driver distribute hundreds of packages in a single day? Why does remote Alaska have such a large airport? Where should we look for elusive serial killers? The answers lie in the crucial connection between maps and maths.

In *Mapmatics*, Dr Paulina Rowinska takes us on a fascinating journey to discover the mathematical foundations of cartography and cartographical influences on mathematics. From a sixteenth-century map that remains an indispensable navigation tool while emphasizing the North–South divide, and maps of voting districts that can empower or silence whole communities, to public transport maps that both guide and mislead the passengers, Rowinska reveals how maps and maths shape not only our sense of space and time but also our worldview.

Through entertaining stories, fascinating real-world examples and a cast of unforgettable characters, *Mapmatics* helps us to appreciate the mathematical methods and ideas behind map

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Dr Paulina Rowinska has a PhD in Mathematics of Planet Earth from Imperial College London. Her 2017 TEDx talk 'Let's Have a Maths Party!' explained that maths is all around us. Thanks to her science communication activities, in 2019 she received the Imperial College President's Award for Excellence in Societal Engagement. Today, she creates interactive content for a leading innovative educational company, Brilliant. *Mapmatics* is her first book.

**Non-fiction**

