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# GYM

**Verena Kessler**



**Pub Date:** Spring 2027

**Editor:** Orla King

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 200pp

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Czech:** Prostor

**Dutch:** Atlas

**German:** Hanser Verlag

**Fresh, wild, and darkly funny, Verena Kessler turns relatability into the extreme in this unsettling novel, for fans of Emma Cline and Ottessa Mosfegh.**

A woman walks into a gym. She's looking for a job and, in her desperation for a fresh start, she'll say anything. In a moment of panic she pretends to have a new baby at home and now she must keep up the lie at all costs . . .

As she becomes increasingly obsessed with pushing her body to its limits, her colleagues start to ask questions about her mysterious corporate past and her imaginary baby and her story is not adding up. Suspicions snowball, culminating in a violent return to a version of herself she thought she'd left behind. Her probation officer won't be pleased.

One of the freshest new novels of recent years, with an unforgettable protagonist and the ratcheting pace of *Yellowface*, the humour of *Big Swiss* and *My Sister, the Serial Killer*, and the addictive darkness of Ottessa Moshfegh and *Love Lies Bleeding*, *GYM* is a propulsive and shocking story of obsession, self-destructive ambition and the acts we are capable of when backed into a corner.

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Born in Hamburg in 1988, **Verena Kessler** studied at the German Institute for Literature in Leipzig. Her debut novel, *Die Gespenster von Demmin* (*The Ghosts of Demmin*, 2020), was nominated for numerous prizes including the Aspekte Literature Prize. Her second novel, *Eva* (2023), was awarded the Der zweiter Roman prize. Her work has been translated into French, Polish, Czech, Greek and Bulgarian..

# Days of Drowning

## Robin Robertson



**Pub Date:** February 2027

**Editor:** Mary Mount

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 384

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**A lyrical story of pandemics, wars, and revolutions in eighteenth-century Europe, from the Booker Prize-shortlisted author of *The Long Take*.**

Amid the turmoil of war and destruction in eighteenth-century Europe, three artists were trying to make sense of rapid change, of ruination: Tiepolo, Piranesi and – particularly – Goya. They are joined, from the margins, by a strange figure – a refugee, an observer, an idiot savant, a Pulcinella, a Fool or Trickster. Nell is another outsider, there on the edge; another loner or non-conformist, whose mutability seems to ensure his survival in a shifting world.

A multi-voiced hybrid, *Days of Drowning* is a new way of telling a story. A prose narrative with the dense music of poetry, an historical novel, an examination of the central importance of art and culture, particularly in times of social and political upheaval. It is also a book about ageing, a story of pandemics, wars and revolutions, dynasties and dictators, power and corruption and social collapse that speaks to our current moment.

Set in the latter half of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th, the novel's turbulent backdrop is the decline and fall of the Venetian Empire, the convulsions of the French Revolution and the disintegration of Spain: war and destruction throughout Europe – displacement, plague and famine. Each artist finds different ways to examine this world of power, moral and social dissolution, the barbarism of war – to bear witness.

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An award-winning poet, [Robin Robertson](#) has received the Petrarca-Preis, the E.M. Forster Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and all three Forward Prizes. *The Long Take* won the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction, the Roehampton Poetry Prize, the Goldsmiths Prize for experimental fiction, and was the first poem to be shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

**Fiction**



# Dishonest Days

Richard House



**Pub Date:** 21 January 2027

**Editor:** Ebruba Abel-Unokan

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**A thrilling and ambitious new novel, spanning decades and continents, from the Man Booker Prize-longlisted author of *The Kills*.**

This spectacularly ambitious follow-up to the Man Booker Prize-longlisted novel *The Kills* is the story of a nebulous, mysterious international protest movement group, codenamed 'Monkey Williams', who are apparently dedicated to making business and government systems fail.

Inspired equally by the works of Don DeLillo and James Ellroy, this gripping, action-packed novel tells its winding narrative of conspiracy and intrigue across many decades and a variety of international locations, while thoughtfully examining the moral and social impact of some of the most powerful and enduring ideas of our modern age: social justice activism, online fake news, domestic terrorism and more. This is a literary thriller about blood and gold, security and power, and a stunning return to the literary world from a uniquely brilliant novelist.

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**Richard House** is an author, filmmaker, artist and university lecturer. As well as the digital-first novel *The Kills*, he has written two previous novels (*Bruiser* and *Uninvited*), which were published by Serpent's Tail in the 1990s. He is a member of the Chicago-based collaborative Haha. He is the editor of a digital magazine, *Fatboy Review*.

## A Chorus of Ears

### Denise Riley



**Pub Date:** 25 June 2026

**Editor:** Colette Bryce

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 96pp

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**‘She’s one of the best poets around’**

**Simon Armitage**

**Essays on voice, lyric and the persona of the poet from one of the greatest living English poets.**

Originally delivered as a series of lectures at Trinity College, Cambridge, in *A Chorus of Ears* Denise Riley meditates upon the emphasis our literary culture places on the person(a) of the poet, relegating their actual poetry to a second-order importance. Prize culture and the primacy of the poet – as opposed to the poem – transform criticism into a beauty contest, constraining our ability to meet the lyric on its own terms.

What, Riley asks, might be discovered about the lyric’s purpose, its originary point within our language and more yet besides, when we liberate it from the persona of the author? In allowing the poem to speak, what might we hear?

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‘Her voice is strong and beautiful - an imperative in itself...remarkable.’

**Guardian**

‘The best thing I’ve read in ages.’

**Sarah Perry, author of *The Essex Serpent*,  
on *Say Something Back***

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**Denise Riley** is a critically acclaimed writer of both philosophy and poetry. She is currently Professor of the History of Ideas and of Poetry at UEA. Her visiting positions have included A. D. White Professor at Cornell University in the US, Writer in Residence at the Tate Gallery in London, and Visiting Fellow at Birkbeck College in the University of London. She has taught philosophy, art history, poetics, and creative writing. She is the author of *Say Something Back* and lives in London.

**Fiction**



# From Scenes Like These

Gordon M. Williams



**Pub Date:** 29 May 2025

**Editor:** Rosie Shackles

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Final

**SHORTLISTED FOR THE FIRST EVER BOOKER PRIZE**

**The lost twentieth-century Scottish cult classic, shortlisted for the first ever Booker Prize.**

Introduced by James Robertson

It's the west of Scotland in the 1950s. New houses are going up. Factories are opening.

But Dunky Logan, a fifteen-year-old brought up in a tenement flat in working-class Kilcaddie, is ditching school to be a labourer on a local farm. Dead set on becoming a hard case, he wants to work shoulder to shoulder with so-called real men.

Irish Catholic Mary O'Donnell arrives at the farmhouse as the new maid. She is pregnant – no boyfriend in sight. But she's smart, and she has a plan to get herself up in the world.

As Dunky is swallowed up by a vicious cycle of violence, betrayal and booze, Mary becomes entangled in a savage family feud.

Now there's no going back, not for either of them.

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**'A masterpiece . . . Demands to be read'**  
**Douglas Stuart, author of *Shuggie Bain***

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**Gordon M. Williams** was born in Paisley in 1934. After he completed national service with the Royal Air Force in Germany, Williams began his career as a reporter for the *Johnstone Advertiser*, before moving to England and becoming an author in the mid-1960s. His novels include *Walk Don't Walk*, *Big Morning Blues*, *The Camp*, *The Upper Pleasure Garden* and *From Scenes Like These*, which was shortlisted for the inaugural Booker Prize in 1969. His novel *The Siege of Trencher's Farm* was adapted into the film *Straw Dogs*, directed by Sam Peckinpah.

**Fiction**

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# The Lost Moonstone

## Soraya Lane



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Editor: Katie Loughnane  
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Extent: 400pp  
Rights: World

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**Dutch:** Park Uitgevers\*

**Finnish:** Under offer

**German:** Droemer Knaur\*

**Norwegian:** Kagge Forlag\*



**A major new series from the queen of historical romance.**

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A sweeping, emotional story of a family lost and a legacy found, *The Gemstone Legacy* is the captivating first book in the highly anticipated new series from international bestseller Soraya Lane.

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***Every gemstone tells a story. Every story holds a secret. Every secret leads to a lost sister . . .***

In glittering 1920s Monaco, the De La Rosa family are a symbol of opulence. But, when a devastating betrayal threatens to shatter their world, matriarch Olympia is forced to make an impossible choice. She entrusts her precious daughters to her beloved maid before she vanishes, leaving each girl a piece of jewellery containing their birthstone – the only items left from their family's former fortune. Though she promised to return, when Olympia finally comes back for her children, they are gone.

Eighty years later, London jeweller Noa Delamonte is struggling to find her footing after a painful breakup. Her work has stalled and she feels emotionally adrift. But a trip to her grandmother's house reveals a long-held family secret. Tucked away in a dusty attic, Noa finds a moonstone pin along with an emerald ring. Both pieces bear a mysterious symbol: a clue that links her family to the missing De La Rosa sisters.

As the past and present collide, Noa's journey takes her to New Zealand to find the answers she seeks. But this is just the beginning of a quest to unravel a legacy that will forever change her family's future.

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'Nobody tugs at the heartstrings like Soraya Lane . . . This talented storyteller continues to affirm her position as one of the genre's boldest and most talented writers'

**Cata Romance**

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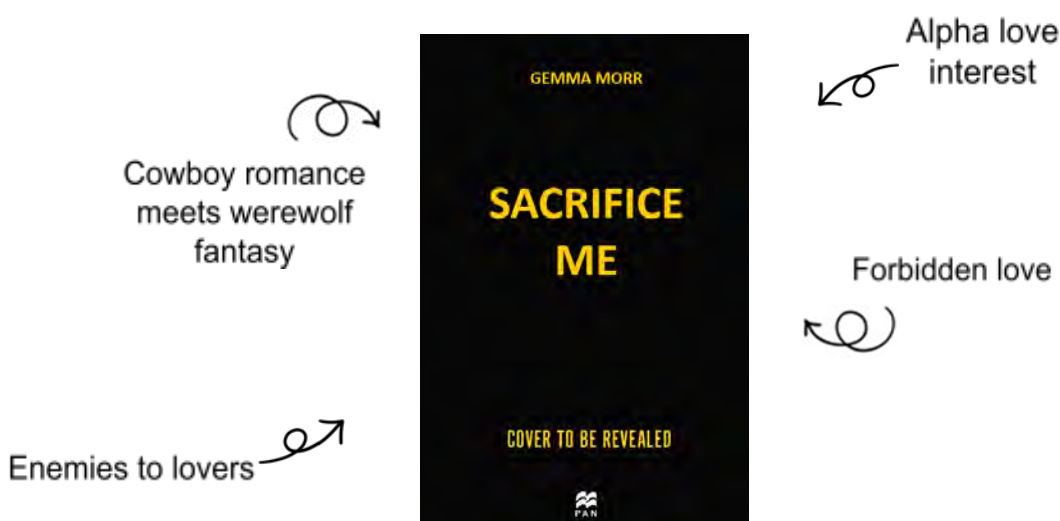
[Soraya Lane](#) is the number one internationally bestselling author of the Lost Daughters series and writes both historical and contemporary women's fiction novels. She lives on a small farm with her family in her native New Zealand.

**Fiction**



# Sacrifice Me

## Gemma Morr



*Yellowstone meets Bride by Ali Hazelwood, with a dash of Buffy.*

Elin Weston rides onto the Yellowstone ranch with a deadly secret and a desperate plan. Disguised as a human sacrifice for the brutal werewolf packs who run the land, she's really there to expose a generations-old lie and escape her dryad clan's suffocating grip. But, from the moment she arrives, the raw, untamed allure of ranch life – and the men who run it – starts to unravel her carefully constructed world.

Her mission collides with Clark, the ruggedly powerful Alpha who was meant to kill her, not claim her. Clark's world of dusty saddles, fierce loyalties and hidden desires is nothing like the world of the monsters Elin was taught to hunt. Yet, as sparks fly between them, she finds herself caught between a dangerous quest for truth and a forbidden longing.

Then a primal urge explodes under a full moon, forging a searing bond that irrevocably ties Elin to Clark. Now, with tensions escalating between rival ranches and as a sinister evil preys on locals, Elin must navigate a treacherous path. Can that white-hot connection survive the shocking revelation of her true nature? She came to the ranch to escape, but she might just lose herself to a love worth dying for.

**Pub Date:** 13 August 2026 **Editor:** Kinza Azira **Binding:** Paperback  
**Extent:** 400pp **Rights:** World **Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**Gemma Morr** has worked in book marketing for twenty years, connecting imaginations with the worlds in which they belong. She currently lives in Hampshire with her family.

Fiction

# The Diamond Back Ranch Duology

## Gemma Morr

### Untamed Heart



**Pub Date:** 14 August 2025

**Escape to the Diamond Back Ranch with this sweet and spicy cowboy romance duology that will leave you breathless . . .**

When Lottie loses her London law firm job and finds out that her boyfriend is cheating on her, she boards a plane to Wyoming straight away, planning to get back in the saddle at her cousin Lil's ranch on the edge of the Grand Teton National Park.

Drowning her sorrows in a honky-tonk bar in Jackson Hole, things get steamy with a scrumptious cowboy called Cole, but once she realizes he works at Diamond Back, too, she knows their relationship must be strictly business. And, once on the ranch, Lottie is thrown into the arms of bull-rider Beau, who just can't seem to find a shirt to wear for all his rope-throwing.

So, under the vast starry skies and in the shadow of the wild Rocky Mountains, Lottie must take the reins and figure out who she wants to be and who will win her heart.

### Reckless Vow



**Pub Date:** 26 March 2026

**Editor:** Kinza Azira

**Rights Sold:**

**Dutch:** De Fontein

**French:** City Editions

**German:** Piper

Hestia never meant to stay in Wyoming. She came to the Diamond Back for a breather – a month to recover from a toxic ex-situationship. She's here for open skies, fresh inspiration and maybe a wild night or two.

Jesse Bennington is pure temptation. A retired bull-rider with a smile that could melt steel, he's sworn to take care of his family, even if it means getting back into the ring. Even if it means breaking his own heart.

So, when he and Hestia agree on a no-strings fling, it should be simple. But nothing's simple when desire runs this deep. And, under the wide Wyoming skies, rules are meant to be broken.

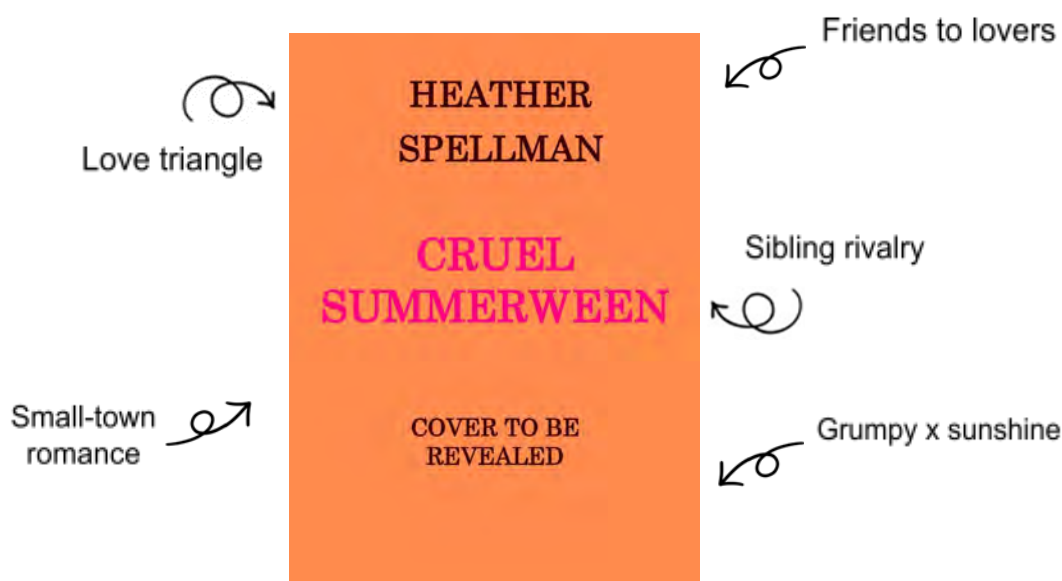
'A swoon-worthy romance, perfect for anyone in their yeehaw era'

**Lucy Jane Wood**

**Fiction**

# Cruel Summerween

## Heather Spellman



**In this witchy, small-town summerween romance, two best friends must compete to win the girl. But who will she choose? A cosy light-romantasy perfect for fans of *The Kissing Booth*, Jenny Han and Ali Novak.**

Izzy always looked forward to summers at Whisperwind Hollow, a magical haven where her powers flourish and old friendships deepen.

Every year, under the warm glow of the sun, Izzy reunites with a unique circle – her family of choice – where magic and love both thrive. But this year the magic feels different.

Caught between the easy charm and playful magic of Finn and the quiet strength and mysterious gaze of Noah, Izzy finds her heart pulled in opposing directions by the two brothers who have always been by her side.

As ancient spells stir and loyalties are tested, Izzy must navigate a treacherous path where one wrong choice could unravel not only her own future, but also the very fabric of their magical world. Izzy must decide where her true allegiances lie – and which guy holds the key to her destiny.

**One witch. Two brothers. Who will she choose?**

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**Editor:** Raphaella Demitris & Emily Sumner

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Spring 2026

**Fiction**



## Two's a Charm Heather Spellman



**In this cosy romantasy, two completely opposite witchy sisters must work together to save their small town, all while navigating romances, family drama and the challenges of magical responsibility.**

Sisters Effie and Bonnie are both witches, but they're worlds apart. Reserved and bookish Effie finds solace in library corners, while Bonnie knows all about being popular. They strive to stay away from one another – a challenging task in the confines of their small hometown, Yellowbrick Grove.

When Bonnie is roped into a magical scheme by their estranged Uncle Oswald, under the guise of helping the locals, she readily agrees. But it turns out no good deed goes unpunished – Oswald's real motives are truly wicked.

Within a day, Bonnie's spells start misfiring and Effie notices something sinister taking root. Can they unite to reverse this magical mishap? Or is life as they knew it over for good?

**Pub Date:** 9 October 2025

**Editor:** Raphaella Demitris & Emily Sumner

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Final

[Stephanie Campisi](#) is an Australian author based in southern California, writing as Heather Spellman. She is the author of *Little Coffee Shop of Terrors* as Hazel Graves.

**Fiction**

# The Matcha Maker Cafe

## Lily Chen



**Pub Date:** 2 July 2026

**Editor:** Ellah Mwale

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Winter 2025

**For fans of Laurie Gilmore and Toshikazu Kawaguchi, love can blossom when you open your heart to the unpredictable.**

Meet the quirky matchmaker who can read romantic potential in tea bubbles but is completely blind to her own brewing love story. Will she finally matchmake herself?

*'Your soulmate is waiting. Let us introduce you.'*

At Matcha Moments, owner Sasha Lee is a star matchmaker, helping customers find love over a smooth cup of matcha. You'd think as the master she'd be living her fairy-tale ending, but Sasha is allergic to commitment.

With a growing reputation, her successes are challenged when the 'unmatchable' Ben walks in – a man who believes he's too boring for love. As Sasha tries to match him, she slowly finds herself drawn to his quiet charm.

As their daily banter becomes the highlight of her day, Sasha must confront the possibility that her own love story might be brewing. Will she embrace the unexpected romance or let her past fears keep her from true love?

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[Tania Tay](#), writing as Lily Chen, is an advertising copywriter whose debut novel, *The Other Woman*, won Headline's Inaugural Modern Stories Open Submissions initiative. She also writes children's books under the pen name Crystal Sung. Tania is second-generation British Malaysian Chinese and lives in east London.

## Tell Tale

### Claire Parkin



**Pub Date:** 28 May 2026  
**Editor:** Katie Loughnane  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 368pp  
**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Fall 2025

**In the heart of a scenic village, where every hedge hides a story and every cobblestone could tell tales, young Debbie-Marie Tunstall uncovers a mystery that might just be more than she can handle . . .**

Debbie lives a seemingly ordinary life in Llanfair, a picturesque Welsh village shimmering with prosperity against the backdrop of the 1984 miners' strike. With her Holly Hobbie notebook in hand, this eleven-year-old is not just your average resident; she's a keen observer – a silent guard over the comings and goings of her neighbours.

But Debbie's penchant for spying and stitching tales from overheard conversations leads to more than just schoolyard whispers. When her actions unveil hidden tensions and a series of distressing incidents, it becomes clear that Llanfair's picturesque facade masks a darker reality.

From a decades-old tragedy to the immediate danger of a potential serial killer on the loose, Debbie takes it upon herself to piece together the mysteries. But even if she uncovers the truth, will anyone believe the village's biggest telltale?

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**Claire Parkin** was born and brought up in a village just outside Cardiff and graduated from King's College London with an MA in nineteenth-century English and American literature. She is the author of one previous novel, *The Final Hours of Muriel Hinchcliffe*.

# Summer at the French Bakery

Jo Thomas



**Pub Date:** 4 June 2026  
**Editor:** Katie Loughnane  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Winter 2025

**An ambitious new chapter with Pan Macmillan will bring bestseller Jo Thomas's signature blend of heartwarming romance and delectable escapism to even more readers worldwide . . .**

After a challenging year and a profound turning point, Juliet Townley seizes a second chance, leaving her past behind for a charming old watermill in France. But her dreams of a tranquil new beginning are quickly kneaded into something far more ambitious when the local mayor offers her a deal she can't refuse: reopen the village's derelict boulangerie.

But Juliet must overcome disgruntled villagers, her lack of baking skills and hidden secrets from within the mill itself, all while a formidable rival – in the form of the local bread vending-machine owner – is determined to crush her.

With help from the outspoken Madame Bertou and the charming local tabac owner Laurent, Juliet battles to bring back the aroma of freshly baked bread – and, with it, the heart of the community. Can Juliet prove that life truly gets sweeter when you dare to live without fear?

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[Jo Thomas](#) is the author of bestselling romantic fiction novels including *The Oyster Catcher* – which won both the RNA Joan Hessayon Award and the Festival of Romance Best eBook Award – and *Escape to the French Farmhouse*, which was a number one Kindle bestseller.

Jo worked for many years as a BBC radio reporter and producer before turning her hand to writing novels.

Her kitchen in Pembrokeshire is her happy place and she can often be found at the kitchen table enjoying meals she has cooked for her family and friends or writing about food, love, laughter and community in places you'll want to call home.

**Fiction**

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# FANTASY & ROMANTASY

# The Shape of Monsters

## C. L. Hellisen



**Pub Date:** 9 September 2027  
**Editor:** Bella Pagan  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World ex Audio  
**Material Available:** Unedited Manuscript

***The Shape of Monsters* is a treasure trove of dark magic and family blood, where the price of power is paid with the ultimate sacrifice.**

In a world where power is everything, Aleks and Vaira Kercheval have rejected their magical heritage. The lives they have carefully constructed for themselves are torn asunder when they inherit Aubrey House, their family's ancestral home. When the siblings cross the threshold, a long-dormant magic awakens, thrusting them into a world of ancient feuds and twisted powers.

As Vaira embraces her magical heritage, determined to claim her rightful place among the Mage Houses, the powerless Aleks accidentally summons Ilea, a monstrous prince from the Void, thereby binding himself to a creature of immense power and insatiable hunger.

When Vaira's quest for power leads her into the depths of the Void, Aleks must make an impossible choice – betray his sister to save her from corruption, or watch as she becomes something monstrous and inhuman. As the lines between human and monster blur, each must decide how far they'll go to survive in a world where even gods can fall.

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C. L. Hellisen (they/them) has published fiction for small presses as [Cat Hellisen](#), and YA with FSG Kids and Henry Holt under this name too. *The Shape of Monsters* is their first adult fantasy to be published by a traditional publisher.



# The Basilisk Gate

## Jen Williams



**Pub Date:** 2 September 2027

**Editor:** Sophie Robinson

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 480pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2026

**Rights sold for *The Sleepless* in nine languages**

**‘One of the great original voices of fantasy’  
– Adrian Tchaikovsky**

***Godkiller* meets Samantha Shannon and RJ Barker in this brand-new epic fantasy duology from three-time British Fantasy Award winner.**

Justice is a dragon, one of the guardians of the Basilisk Gate, through which the dead must pass to determine the shape of their afterlife. She watches the humans that visit the gate every day, envious of their carefree lives, their travel, their food and their music. And then she spots Wren, a wandering magician, performing her small illusion tricks for a crowd of tourists . . .

*Swap places with me for a single day, and I will give you enough magic to be rich the rest of your days.*  
The deal seems too good to be true, but Wren has very little to lose. She agrees to occupy Justice’s post for a single day, while Justice takes human form and spends those precious hours experiencing the freedom of human life.

Only Justice doesn’t return. So Wren sets off to bring the Guardian back to the gates to the underworld – before the dead rise for good . . .

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*‘The Sleepless is a fresh, vibrant, uniquely compelling read filled with fascinating characters in a beautifully intricate world that I couldn’t get enough of. I could not put it down’*

**Abigail Owen on *The Sleepless***

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[Jen Williams](#) is a writer from London currently living in Bristol. She was nominated for Best Newcomer in the British Fantasy Awards, and three of her books went on to win Best Fantasy Novel.

**Fiction**

# Girls' School for Demon Summoning

## Genevieve Cogman



**Pub Date:** 8 October 2026  
**Editor:** Sophie Robinson  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2026

**Rights Sold:**  
**Ukrainian:** Family Leisure Club

**Rights Sold for The Invisible Library Series in 12 languages**

Another 'tremendously fun' fantasy adventure from the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling *The Invisible Library* series!

Hogwarts for delinquents meets the legend of Faust in this light-hearted occult dark academia trilogy.

Philomena was happy with her life at Cambridge University – until her father's mounting gambling debts forced her to leave the world of academia behind. So she can't quite believe her luck when she is hired to be the new Latin teacher at Graynes, an all-girls school nestled in the remote Yorkshire Moors.

But just when Phil is getting used to the odd staff members, not to mention the frivolous schoolgirl pranks, things take an unexpected, and strange, turn: her students are summoning demons in the cellar. Graynes, she discovers, is no ordinary school – it's a training ground for the Queen's elite force of demonologists, and Phil soon finds herself entangled in a plot that threatens to destroy the magical realm from the inside out . . .

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'I absolutely loved this . . . flavoured with truly unique mythology and a dash of the eldritch. Such clever, creepy, elaborate world-building and snarky, sexy-smart characters'

**N. K. Jemisin on *The Invisible Library***

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'*Scarlet* is utterly stunning... Cogman writes with beauty and wit to create a heroine we should all root for'

**T. L. Huchu on *Scarlet***

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[Genevieve Cogman](#) started on Tolkien and Sherlock Holmes at an early age, and has never looked back. She is the author of *The Invisible Library* series and the bestselling *Scarlet Revolution* trilogy.

Fiction

# Ruin and Roses

## Deanna Ortega

Lovers to enemies



Ménage à trois



Love triangle

Unwanted arranged marriage



**The first book in The Cursed Kingdoms quintet: a five-alarm spicy romantasy series about power, betrayal and rewriting fate – no matter the cost.**

Princess Jane Serpen is promised to a foreign prince. On the day of her engagement party, she steals a magical crown – unaware it's one of the keys to unraveling three ancient curses bound to her bloodline.

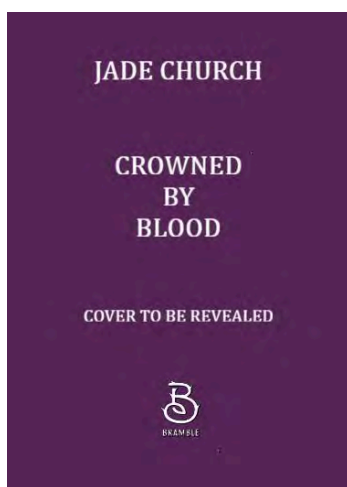
Now, tangled in a political war between kingdoms and caught between two soul-bound men – one a king, the other her magical mentor's second-in-command (neither of them her betrothed) – Jane must decide who she can trust, what she's willing to sacrifice and whether love is worth the ruin it leaves behind.

**Pub Date:** 1 July 2027 **Editor:** Ajebowale Roberts **Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 400pp **Rights:** World **Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

[Deanna Ortega](#) (they/them) is a queer author, [content creator](#) and full-time bookish gutter rat based in Washington State. Their stories have reached hundreds of thousands through BookTok and Instagram, where they're best known for explaining books to their non-reader husband and going feral over hot fae boys and complicated girls.

# Crowned by Blood

## Jade Church



**Pub Date:** 11 February 2027  
**Editor:** Ajebowale Roberts  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**Extent:** 320pp  
**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Edited manuscript

This dark vampire romantasy is a heart-pounding story of hate, lust, and love with a sizzling pace, in the vein of Jennifer L. Armentrout's bestselling *From Blood and Ash*.

**"Til death do us part' lasts a long time when you're immortal.**

He is dark, powerful, cruel . . . and her husband-to-be.

Amaris is in love with a vengeful vampire. But when her love, Celio, sends her to marry and then kill the new vampire king, his own brother, she finds her allegiances shifting in ways she never could have foreseen.

Awakened as a new vampire and married to Severen, the king, Amaris is shocked to discover that her new husband is not the fierce tyrant she expected. Caught between her promise of revenge to Celio and her traitorous heart, Amaris struggles to resist her attraction to her new husband, the dark king . . .

As dangerous secrets rise from the shadows, life as Amaris knows it is set to go up in flames. Which brother does she want by her side as she rises from the ashes?

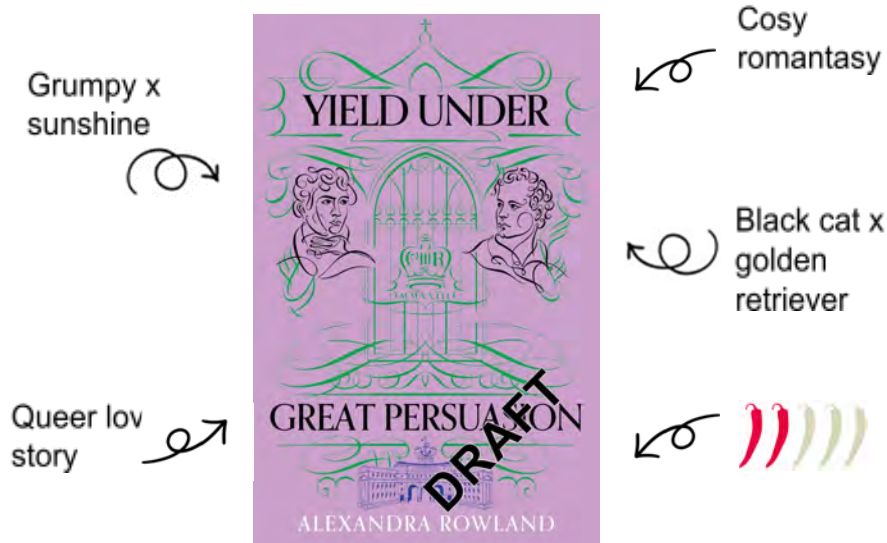
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A prize-winning writer, [Jade Church](#)'s twelve self-published titles have been downloaded more than 100,000 times and caused a stir across Bookstagram and TikTok.

Fiction

# Yield Under Great Persuasion

## Alexandra Rowland



**A cosy, queer romantasy for fans of Lex Croucher and Casey McQuiston.**

Tam Becket has hated Lord Lyford since they were boys. The fact that he's also been sleeping with the man for the past ten years is irrelevant. Tam has reconciled himself to the fact that love and affection are for other people, and that the gods won't answer any of his prayers.

And then, the very last straw: Tam discovers that Lyford bears the divine favour of Angarat, the goddess Tam feels most betrayed and abandoned by. In his hurt and anger, Tam packs up and prepares to leave the village for good.

Tam soon finds himself set on a quest for the most difficult prizes of all: self care, forgiveness, a second chance . . . and somehow the precious knowledge that there is at least one person who loves Tam for exactly who he is – and always has.

**Pub Date:** 16 July 2026 **Editor:** Sophie Robinson **Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 320pp **Rights:** World **Material Available:** Final

**Rights Sold:** French: City Editions

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'Alongside the sexiness and absurdity (and the sexy absurdity) in *Yield Under Great Persuasion* is a tender, resonant story of second and third chances, and being loved when we need it most and feel we deserve it least. Evocative, emotional and endlessly entertaining'

*Jules Arbeaux, author of Lord of the Empty Isles*

[Alexandra Rowland](#) is the author of *A Taste of Gold and Iron*, *Running Close to the Wind*, *A Conspiracy of Truths*, *A Choir of Lies* and *Some by Virtue Fall*, as well as a Hugo Award-nominated podcaster. They hold a degree in world literature, mythology and folklore from Truman State University.

**CRIME &  
THRILLER**



# Untitled Stuart MacBride 2026

Stuart MacBride



**Pub Date:** 21 May 2026  
**Editor:** Francesca Pathak  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**Rights Sold – *This House of Burning Bones*:**  
**Italian:** Newton Compton

**The gripping new thriller from Stuart MacBride.**

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All good things must come to an end . . .

Acting Detective Inspector Roberta Steel has never been shy, but she's finally retiring. After thirty years of policing Aberdeen's underbelly, she's all set for her twilight years to feature gardening gloves, afternoon tea, crosswords puzzles, and shouting at the telly.

So when a body turns up in a wheelie bin, it looks like an excellent way to round off her career and go out with a bang. Only the Northeast of Scotland isn't finished with her yet. There's a violent protest to stop; far-right populist politicians, and sketchy government spooks; a by-election; drugs, dogs, and baby-doll nighties; and a desperate ex-colleague, begging her for help.

With only her Queen Street Irregulars for backup, and the top brass desperate to get shot of her, these final few weeks might just be the death of her . . .

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'Stuart MacBride is an automatic must-read for me . . . always fast, hard, authentic – and different'  
**Lee Child, author of the Jack Reacher series**

'Dark and brilliantly written'  
**Linwood Barclay, author of *I Will Ruin You***

'MacBride is a damned fine writer'  
**Peter James**

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[Stuart MacBride](#) is the *Sunday Times* number one 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.

Fiction



# 'Til Death Do Us Part

## Helen Fellman



**Pub Date:** 13 May 2027

**Editor:** Raphaella Demetris

**Binding:** Paperback

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** November 2025

**A twisted and twisty feminist revenge thriller, perfect for fans of Bella Mackie and Freida McFadden.**

*Planning a wedding can be murder . . .*

Ava Vaughn isn't your average wedding planner. Behind the veils and vows, she offers a very different kind of service to brides: making their terrible fiancés disappear. For ever.

Enter Jessica Holmes, a woman with more reasons to dread her big day than to celebrate it after she discovers her husband-to-be isn't who she thought he was. Desperate to evade the shackles of her upcoming marriage, she enlists Ava's lethal talent, unleashing a chain of deadly events.

But hot on Ava's trail is Detective Daniel Reid, whose relentless pursuit threatens to expose Ava's sinister side hustle. And, in a world where love and death dance dangerously close, Ava, Jessica and Daniel are caught in a story with stakes higher than they could have ever imagined.

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**Here, *'til death do us part* is more than a vow; it's a promise sealed with blood.**

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A BAFTA-nominated digital producer, **Helen Fellman's** debut thriller, *Paper Cuts* (written under the name Helen Blair), was longlisted for the Blue Pencil Agency First Novel Prize in 2023.

# Underdogs

## Stephen Leather



**Pub Date:** 12 February 2026

**Editor:** Raphaella Demetris

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 384pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited manuscript

Organized crime, geopolitics and unfathomable dangers collide in this adrenaline-fuelled action-thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author.

Once a fearless SAS hero, Andy Bird now battles the harsh streets of London after a catastrophic mission stripped him of his hearing, career, home and marriage. His only solace is Tyson, his fiercely loyal and battle-tested dog.

When fate thrusts them into the path of a chilling alleyway murder, Andy and Tyson become the next targets. Who are these relentless hunters and what dangerous secrets are they willing to kill for?

Desperate and cornered, Andy reaches out to his former brothers-in-arms – a team who owe him their very lives. But, as they unravel a sinister web of organized crime and deadly political plots, who will be saving who this time?

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### Praise for Stephen Leather

**'Enthralling'**  
*Financial Times*

**'Explosive'**  
*The Sun*

**'Grabs the reader by the throat'**  
*Daily Mail*

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[Stephen Leather](#) is one of the UK's most successful thriller writers, an ebook and *Sunday Times* bestseller, and author of the critically acclaimed Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series and the Jack Nightingale supernatural detective novels. His bestsellers have been translated into fifteen languages and he has also written for television.

Fiction



# The High Island

## Lin Anderson



**Pub Date:** 13 August 2026  
**Editor:** Raphaella Demetris  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 400pp  
**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited manuscript

**Introducing the Orcadia Mysteries series with this heart-racing, Tartan-Noir crime thriller that you won't be able to put down.**

In a place where everyone knows your name, everything is personal.

Amid the rugged beauty of Hoy Island, a wealthy artist couple's dream to build a cutting-edge eco-friendly home on a historic croft is shattered by a chilling find: the remains of a young mother and baby preserved in the peaty soil. The dark discovery throws their plans into disarray, igniting fierce tensions, with islanders secretly rejoicing in the paused construction.

Enter DI Erling Flett, determined to unravel the mystery of the bodies' identities. But, as he delves deeper, a simmering family feud over the croft's ownership threatens the very heart of his investigation and the lives of those entangled in this web of secrets.

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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 and she has also been shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library Award. Lin is the co-founder of the international crime-writing festival Bloody Scotland.

NON-FICTION

# Life Is In Your Hands

## Christophe Galfard



**Pub Date:** 25 June 2026

**Editor:** Lewis Russell

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 400pp

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Fall 2025

From the author of the international bestseller *The Universe in Your Hand*, a riveting and comprehensive guide to everything we know about life, from the intricate workings of cells to the mind-boggling mechanics of evolution.

In *Life Is In Your Hands*, renowned theoretical physicist Christophe Galfard guides the reader on a journey through space, time, biology, quantum physics, the universe's past and future history to answer the question: what do we know about life?

Galfard invites the reader to travel from Earth to the wider reaches of the cosmos, to travel among stars and black holes, to see how everything in our universe is connected. The reader will meet bacteria and viruses, and be introduced to the cells that form the basis of all known life. The search for answers will take us from our place in space and time, to the past, to some of the most remote places on our planet, where life has remained isolated from the rest of the world for thousands of years.

*Life Is In Your Hands* offers a glimpse of other worlds detected only in recent years, beyond the Solar System. We are left with the overwhelming sense that we belong to a reality that is far greater and weirder, and filled with possibilities beyond what we might have imagined.

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[Christophe Galfard](#) holds a PhD in theoretical physics from Cambridge University, where he was Stephen Hawking's graduate student from 2000 to 2006, researching the so-called black hole information paradox. With Stephen Hawking and his daughter Lucy Hawking, he co-authored *George's Secret Key to the Universe*. His own book, *The Universe In Your Hand*, has been translated into over twenty languages.

**Non-fiction**





# Why Don't Children Sleep?

Unlocking the Mystery of Broken Nights

**Paul Gringras**



**Pub Date:** 22 April 2027

**Editor:** Andrea Henry

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 320pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Proposal and sample chapters

**The extraordinary world of childhood sleep disorders is explored by a world-renowned paediatric sleep professor and leading sleep researcher.**

In *Why Don't Children Sleep?* renowned paediatric sleep specialist Professor Paul Gringras sheds light on some extraordinary childhood sleep disorders. In a series of fascinating case studies which explore what happens when a child's sleep is disrupted, we meet some of his patients: a child who becomes dangerously cold every night, a ten-year-old sleepwalker who falls from an upper storey window, and a six-year-old who appears 'possessed' during sleep. For over twenty years, Gringras has helped children whose severe sleep problems jeopardise not only their health but their entire family's wellbeing.

But these startling stories also offer comfort: the right interventions can restore hope and rest for everyone. Interwoven with interviews from global experts and insights from families on the front line, *Why Don't Children Sleep?* explores how sleep fuels brain development in childhood, shapes the challenges of adolescence, and influences long-term health – from cardiovascular wellbeing to mental resilience. And he explains why establishing healthy sleep in childhood is crucial for lifelong wellness.

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**Professor Paul Gringras** – widely known as 'The Sleep Prof' – is a pioneer in paediatric sleep medicine. He is a Professor at King's College London, a consultant at Evelina London Children's Hospital, and current President of the International Pediatric Sleep Association. Over two decades, he has treated thousands of infants, children, and teenagers, addressing everything from common sleep issues to extremely rare and life-threatening disorders. An internationally sought-after speaker and researcher, he has published on topics ranging from sleep epidemiology to cutting-edge AI diagnostics. *Why Don't Children Sleep?* is his second book.

**Non-fiction**

# What the World Thinks

The Hidden Forces Shaping Our Future

**Bobby Duffy**



**Pub Date:** 2 September 2027

**Editor:** Mike Harpley

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Spring 2026

**A user's guide to the twenty-first-century mind and an essential primer to understanding our diverse world and its 8 billion inhabitants.**

What does the world *really* think about work, family and the future? From what we teach our children to whether success is down to luck or hard work, the answers are more varied – and more surprising – than you might imagine.

We're often told that heated 'culture wars' are splitting our own countries apart, but the data shows a different story: most of us are far less divided than the headlines suggest. The real, and much bigger, story is that, quietly, different parts of the world are drifting apart in their core beliefs, creating a fascinating new map of human values.

As the world's economic centre of gravity shifts to the East, decoding these different cultural attitudes is no longer optional – it's crucial for anyone in business or politics, as well as anyone who is simply curious about our shared future.

Professor Bobby Duffy turns decades of compelling data into a clear-eyed guide, revealing the hidden trends shaping our world. *What the World Thinks* is the essential book for understanding what truly makes different cultures tick.

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**Bobby Duffy's first book, *The Perils of Perception*, was published by Atlantic and translated into 12 languages.**

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**Bobby Duffy** is Professor of Public Policy and Director of The Policy Institute at King's College London. He is the Principal Investigator for the World Values Survey in the UK. He has written extensively on social policy issues in *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Prospect*, *The Telegraph*, *Daily Express* and *The Mirror*. He is the author of *The Perils of Perception* and *The Generation Divide*.

**Non-fiction**



# Lessons for Living

## A Philosopher's Travels

### Jack Symes



**Pub Date:** 6 May 2027

**Editor:** Mike Harpley

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Summer 2026

**A philosopher's journey across Europe, turning ancient wisdom into a heartfelt, personal guide for anyone who has ever felt lost or is in search of direction.**

In a stark hospital waiting room, acclaimed public philosopher Jack Symes came to a sudden halt. He had built a career explaining life's greatest questions to millions, but when crisis struck his own family, he found abstract philosophy offered little comfort.

His response was to seek a different kind of education. Trading the lectern for an old van, he set out on a year-long pilgrimage across Europe, journeying through the landscapes that shaped history's greatest minds in search of a philosophy to live by.

He returns with timeless lessons on love from Diotima, on Stoic resilience from Epictetus and on forgiveness from Nussbaum, stitched into a raw and personal story for anyone who has ever felt adrift. Ancient wisdom is brought back to earth, showing that the answers we seek are found not in abstraction, but on the road, in the world and in our hearts.

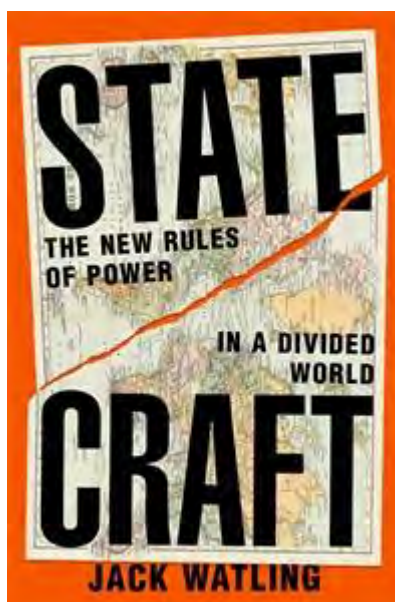
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[Jack Symes](#) is a leading public philosopher and a researcher at Durham University. As the creator and producer of the popular *The Panpsycast Philosophy Podcast*, he has cultivated a global following, bringing profound conversations with some of the world's foremost thinkers to the public. Symes was named a BBC New Generation Thinker in 2024 and is the editor of the acclaimed Talking about Philosophy book series. *Lessons for Living* is his first book.

# Statecraft

The New Rules of Power in a Divided World

Jack Watling



**Pub Date:** 19 February 2026

**Editor:** Mike Harpley

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Edited manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Dutch:** Hollands Diep

**In an era of instability and global competition, *Statecraft* offers a vital guide to understanding how states compete, plan and fight.**

Why did Russia struggle in the early months of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine? Why does Israel repeatedly ignore international pressure on Gaza? How do smaller states shape world events when dwarfed by superpowers?

Today, the world is gripped by conflict at a scale not seen since the Cold War. From Ukraine to the Middle East and Taiwan, we are in a period of intense power competition. In *Statecraft*, Dr Jack Watling takes you to meet the world's powerbrokers – in wood-panelled offices and the bunkers from which battles are coordinated – and explains the mechanics behind these struggles for supremacy.

Informed by a career on the ground in conflict zones and advising generals and political leaders, Watling examines the crucial dilemmas that states face to get ahead, regardless of their size. From economic alliances and global trade to sea power and military technology, *Statecraft* provides a powerful new framework to understand an increasingly divided world.

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'Jack Watling is among the most knowledgeable and perceptive observers of modern war'

*The Economist on The Arms of the Future*

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**Jack Watling** is Senior Research Fellow for Land Warfare at the Royal United Services Institute in London. He works closely with the British, Ukrainian and American military, and advises governments on security and strategy. He was formerly a Global Fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington DC and is the author of *Arms of the Future*. Originally a journalist, he has contributed to Reuters, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Policy* and *The Guardian*, among others.

**Non-fiction**

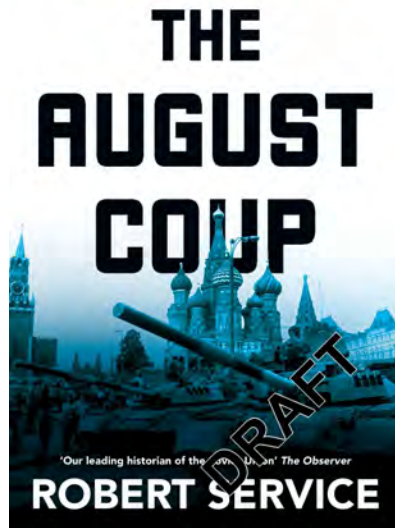


# The August Coup

The Destruction of the Soviet Union and the Making of New Russia 1985-1991

Robert Service

The Destruction of the Soviet Union and  
the Making of New Russia 1985-1991



**Pub Date:** 11 June 2026

**Editor:** Alpana Sajip

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 432pp

**Rights:** World

**Material Available:** Unedited  
manuscript

**Compelling and dramatic, Robert Service's *The 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, *The August Coup* is a dramatic, expertly researched and thoroughly compelling account of an extraordinary moment in Russia's recent history.

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

# The Eel Trap: A Memoir

## Richard Fleming



**Pub Date:** 15 April 2027

**Editor:** Ríbh Brownlee

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**A lyrical memoir of a man's lifelong quest to find an authentic life, connecting with nature and traditional rural cultures through boat-building, fishing and a deep appreciation for a disappearing world.**

In this poignant and evocative memoir, Richard Fleming chronicles his lifelong journey to find meaning in a world increasingly disconnected from nature. From a boyhood in a small Herefordshire village, to building traditional currachs on the west coast of Ireland, salmon fishing in the Scottish Highlands and fishing for eels in England's oldest rivers, Fleming intertwines his story with that of the land.

In *The Eel Trap*, Fleming traces his lifelong relationship with the water and the land, rooted in a boyhood spent observing the unseen world beneath the surface of rivers. He shares his story of building traditional boats, learning the rhythms of the seasons and mastering the ancient art of eel fishing.

A love letter to a vanishing way of life, *The Eel Trap* celebrates the traditions that honour the land and the wild creatures that inhabit it. It is for anyone who has felt the pull of the countryside and wondered what we have lost in the name of progress.

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**Richard Fleming** is a writer and craftsman with a lifelong commitment to living a self-sufficient life in harmony with the natural world. His varied career includes work as a boat-builder, cider-maker, beekeeper, teacher, occasional poacher and, most notably, an eel fisherman. He has successfully campaigned to close a legal export loophole in the Severn elver trade. He lives in a restored oak-framed cottage in the Herefordshire countryside. *The Eel Trap* is his first book.



# Wilderness Mum

How I left city life behind to raise a family in nature

Kate Barron



**Pub Date:** 12 February 2026

**Editor:** Lydia Ramah

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 352pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Edited manuscript

**A heartwarming and inspiring true story about breaking free from society's expectations, connecting with nature and raising an unconventional family.**

Raised in busy East London, Kate followed the expected path: excelling in school and forging a promising teaching career. But beneath the layers of her conventional life simmered an irrepressible desire to explore the world and live a life of adventure.

Kate's journey led her through the vibrant landscapes of South America and into the dangerous terrains of Afghanistan. Then one day, on a clifftop in Scotland, fate struck when she crossed paths with fellow adventurer Chris Lewis. This chance meeting became a love story of epic proportions as together the couple walked the UK's entire coastline for the armed forces charity SSAFA.

Their adventure took an unexpected turn with the arrival of baby Magnus, yet Kate's spirit remained as wild and resolute as ever. With baby Magnus in tow, she continued navigating the rugged coastline of the UK, learning valuable lessons about herself and about motherhood with every step.

In *Wilderness Mum*, Kate blends her expertise in early years education with the invaluable lessons of raising a child surrounded by nature. Her story is a testament to living fearlessly, fostering curiosity and embracing life's uncertainties.

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**Kate Barron** is a mother and adventurer. Along with *Sunday Times* bestselling author Christian Lewis and baby Magnus, she finished walking the whole of the UK coastline in the summer of 2023. Since then she has been raising now two-year-old baby Magnus while exploring remote Scottish islands. In Spring 2024 this adventuring family ('The Wilderness Family' on [Facebook](#), with 150k followers) set off on their next adventure, hiking and cycling the Atlantic coastline from Norway to Portugal.

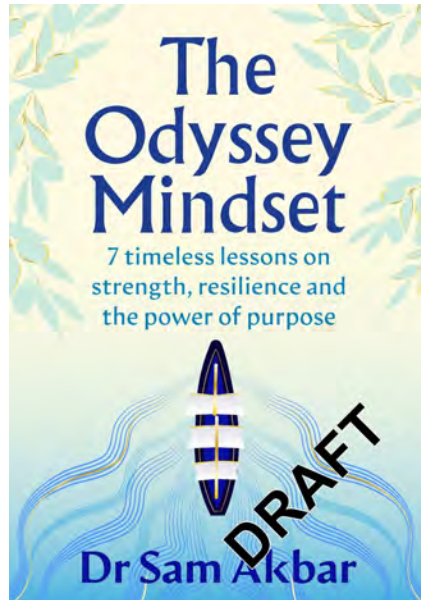
**Non-fiction**



# The Odyssey Mindset

7 Timeless Lessons on Resilience, Self and the Journey of Life

Dr Sam Akbar



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**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 256pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

**Brazil Portuguese:** Under offer

**Dutch:** Ambo Anthos

**German:** Goldmann

**Greek:** Under offer

**Italian:** Corbaccio

**Polish:** Otwarte

**Portuguese:** Under offer

**Spanish:** Under offer

**Discover timeless wisdom for modern times with 7 lessons from Homer's classic *The Odyssey*.**

In *The Odyssey Mindset*, Dr Sam Akbar, an Oxford-trained classicist and Clinical Psychologist, translates the ancient wisdom of Homer's classic epic into a reassuring and helpful toolkit for modern life.

Structured in seven chapters covering resilience, identity, relationships, connection, grief, everyday heroism and self-knowledge, this book takes readers from Troy to Ithaca, teaching us the lesson to be learnt from each episode of Odysseus' journey and giving us practical exercises to help apply that lesson.

*The Odyssey Mindset* shows readers how to embrace ambiguity, vulnerability and change, helping to create a mindset that fosters realistic optimism and perseverance in the face of adversity, whether you're navigating a career transition after redundancy, rebuilding after divorce, or finding meaning during retirement.

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**UK publication will coincide with Christopher Nolan's much-anticipated, all star cast, global blockbuster version of *The Odyssey*, July 26.**

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**For readers of *The Daily Stoic* and *Grit***

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[Dr Sam Akbar](#) is an Oxford-trained clinical psychologist with a particular interest in stress, trauma and resilience. She retains a deep love of the classical world, often drawing on ancient philosophy and myth to explore timeless questions about suffering, resilience and the human condition.

Her first book *Stressilient: How to Beat Stress and Build Resilience* was published by HarperCollins and translated into nine languages.

**Non-fiction**

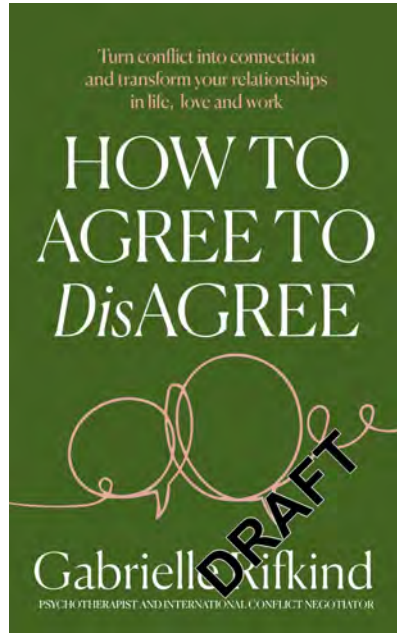




# How to Agree to Disagree

Turning Discord Into Dialogue and Building Better Relationships in Work and Life

**Gabrielle Rifkind**



**Pub Date:** 7 May 2026

**Editor:** Lizzy Gray

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 288pp

**Rights:** WEL

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**Material Available:** Winter 2025

**Discover the secrets of how to manage discord, disagreements and ultimately get on with anyone in *How to Agree to Disagree*, from psychologist and leading conflict negotiator Gabrielle Rifkind.**

As much as we may try to avoid it, conflict is inevitable. From work to family life, friendships and even internal dilemmas, it manifests itself in all kinds of ways. But how many of us actually know how to deal with conflict effectively? How can you stop a disagreement escalating to an argument? And how can we all learn to communicate better?

World leading conflict mediator and psychologist Gabrielle Rifkind is here to help you navigate the discords of daily life with her groundbreaking book *How to Agree to Disagree*. This book is a comprehensive, accessible and practical handbook, covering a wide range of different types of conflict. From finances to families, world issues to the workplace, Gabrielle is an encouraging guide through a modern world of conflict, empowering you to be confident when dealing with disagreements and to get along with anyone.

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[Gabrielle Rifkind](#) is a psychotherapist, leading conflict mediator and founder of the Oxford Process. She frequently contributes to the media, including Radio 4, *The Guardian* and TED.

**Non-fiction**





# How to Take Drugs

A New Approach to Medication for Better Results and Fewer Side Effects

**Nick Barber**



**Pub Date:** 28 May 2026

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 336pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Proposal and sample chapters

**Rights Sold:**

**Czech:** Prah Publishers

**Spanish:** Grupo Planeta

**The way we take and prescribe medicines is broken. *How to Take Drugs* – written by one of the world's leading authority 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.

A pioneering health publication, this book explores not only the effect of sub-standard, but internationally widespread practices on our health - but also the environmental impact of the pharmaceutical industry.

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**Dr. Nick Barber**, Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy at UCL, is one of the world's foremost experts in the field, and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

**Non-fiction**







## Tools for Life

### 10 Essential Therapy Skills Everyone Should Know

**Dr Kirren Schnack**



**Pub Date:** 1 January 2026

**Editor:** Hockley Raven Sloane

**Binding:** Hardcover

**Extent:** 352pp

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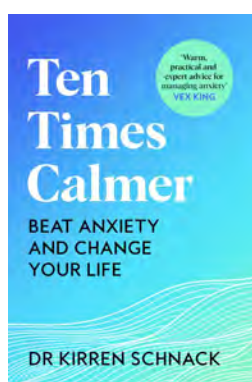
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**Ten Times Calmer (2023)**

**Rights sold in 8 languages**

**Non-fiction**

**Discover the ten essential tools for a happy, healthy life with Oxford-trained clinical psychologist and TikTok star Dr Kirren.**

Find your way back to the life you truly want with Tools for Life Dr Kirren's ten essential therapeutic tools that everyone should know.

Tackling the 10 human struggles that help shape your relationship with yourself and others. Tools for Life is the game-changing book you need, packed with real-world clinical examples, actionable advice, and practical strategies. It gives you the exact words you need to handle any situation with confidence. Dr Kirren's concise but powerful tools reveal how to ditch harmful behavioural and thought patterns and find the courage to live authentically. This book is the ultimate toolkit to help you become the person you want to be.

Tools for Life offers universal tools for self-improvement from a highly credible and engaging voice, reminiscent of Mel Robbins *Let Them* and the practical wisdom of titles like Dr. Julie Smith's *Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before?* and Owen O'Kane's *Addicted to Anxiety*.

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**Dr Kirren Schnack** is a University of Oxford University Clinical Psychologist with more than 22 years of experience. She posts accessible, quick advice and information about mental health and her practice to her 600k+ followers on [TikTok](#) daily.

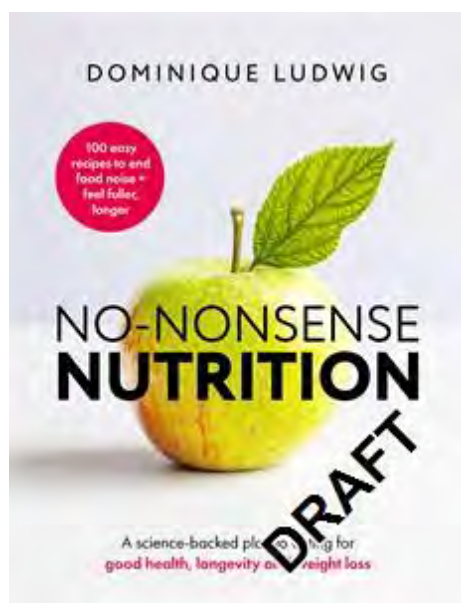
# HEALTH & WELLBEING





# No-Nonsense Nutrition

Dominique Ludwig



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**Rights Sold:**

**German:** Smarticular Verlag

## Science-based Principles and Easy Recipes to Reset Appetite, Boost Energy, Feel Amazing and Transform Your Health

*No-Nonsense Nutrition* is a comprehensive and science-based protocol to transform your health for good. It combines the expertise, research and learnings from 30 years of practice with approachable, delicious cooking.

*No-Nonsense Nutrition* teaches you how to reset your body to naturally release GLP-1 by teaching us how to easily build a balanced plate, using protein, fibre and plants, and give ourselves gaps between meals, reducing inflammation and promoting healthy microbiome. Resulting in an end to 'food noise', curbing cravings and instead boosting energy, mood and weight loss.

It presents six key principles designed to make you feel more energized, healthier and happier in less than two weeks. Dominique explains the importance of protein and fibre in our diet, and introduces her trademark 'Triple 30 method' – 30g of protein, 30g of fibre, and 30 unique plants – making life-long healthy eating easy to understand and even easier to follow.

With innovative and simple recipes for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, baking and treats which will keep you feeling full and satisfied for longer. It also provides weekly plans and shopping lists to take the guesswork out of meal planning, and also provides evidence-based information to dispel nutrition myths.

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**Dominique Ludwig** is one of the UK's leading nutritionists. With 30 years of extensive experience as a qualified King's College clinical nutritionist and nutritional therapist, she shares practical nutrition advice and recipes to over 670,000 followers on [Instagram](#).

**Non-fiction**





# It's All In Your Body

A Practical Roadmap to Healing Through Mind-Body Connection

Dr Sula Windgassen



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In her debut book, leading health psychologist Dr 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 and neuroscience.

Whether you have physical health issues yourself, support those who do, or are experiencing burnout, 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](#) is a leading expert in this field, with two doctoral qualifications and a qualified psychotherapist and clinical practitioner

Through her [Instagram](#) platform she has built a strong community of people actively engaged with her philosophy of Health Psychology.

**Non-fiction**

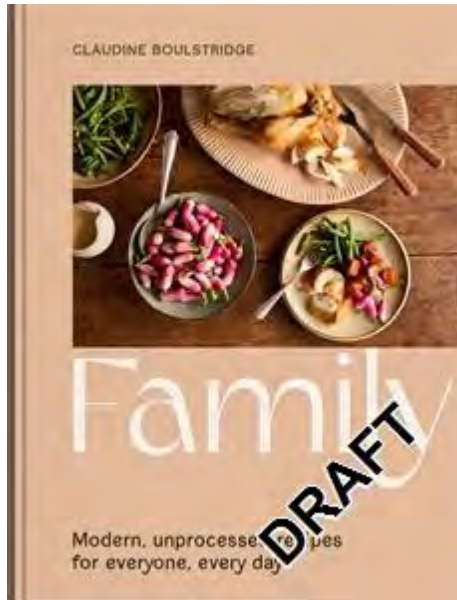




## Family

Modern, unprocessed recipes for everyone, every day

**Claudine Boulstridge**



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

Cook nutritious, balanced and child-friendly meals – without sacrificing on exciting flavours or the joy of food.

British-French 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 at any age. Packed with tempting and creative recipes and practical ideas for a balanced, varied diet, Family will make mealtimes more delicious and help you to nourish 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 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.

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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.

**Non-fiction**





# The Fibre Fix

How to Eat More Fibre and Supercharge Your Health

Kristen Stavridis



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**Editor:** Martha Burley

**Binding:** Trade Paperback

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**Material Available:** Sample spreads

**Make fibre your superpower, transform your health and feel better than ever with this practical guide from registered nutritionist Kristen Stavridis.**

This practical, evidence-based guide will help everyone embrace a fibre-rich diet and feel the lasting impact on physical and mental health, energy levels and appearance (clearer skin, less bloating, fat loss).

*The Fibre Fix* will cut through the noise and overwhelm and share friendly, reliable guidance. With clear actionable takeaways and evidence-based rigour, this book gives you everything you need to understand the true power of fibre and hit your daily 30g target with ease.

The book also contains 30 delicious recipes (from breakfasts to snacks and mains) as well as some sample weekly plans to make it as easy as possible to get started on embracing more fibre in your diet.

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**Kristen Stavridis** is a qualified registered nutritionist (BSc Hons), passionate about bridging the gap between nutritional research and the community. Kristen debunks myths and shares her nutritional guidance and recipes via her large online platform ([@nutritionistkristen](https://www.nutritionistkristen.co.uk)). She focuses on the power of fibre and health of our gut, and is the founder of The Gut Health Programme. She lives on a farm in rural Kent.

**Non-fiction**





# The Seven Behaviours of Highly Destructive People

## Abi Feltham and Dr Rosa Town



**Pub Date:** 7 January 2027  
**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Extent:** 272pp  
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**Material Available:** Proposal

**A highly relatable, bullshit-free guide to turning even the most chaotic of lives around – and an extraordinary personal story – from an addict-in-recovery together with an accredited addiction and mental health specialist.**

Refreshing, unapologetic, and always honest, *The Seven Behaviours of Highly Destructive People* shows readers that no matter how much they may have messed things up, there is still hope. Things *can* get better. Abi Feltham - a now-sober former addict and alcoholic - has amassed hundreds of thousands of followers online through sharing her journey to sobriety and her extraordinary life story.

Presented with dark humour and sarcasm, this is a self-help book with a difference, one which combines Abi's experiences with the wisdom and advice of Dr Rosa Town, an NHS clinical researcher specialising in addiction and mental health. Whether it's 'Avoid feeling at all costs', 'Never forgive yourself' or 'Punish yourself on purpose', Abi breaks down seven habits shared by highly destructive people, outlining how they showed up for her and how they might appear for others, whilst Dr. Rosa sets out advice and exercises that will help anyone make a change.

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**Abi Feltham** is an author and [content creator](#) based in London, known for her candid storytelling around addiction, mental health, and recovery.

Dr Rosa Town is a clinical researcher working in the NHS and specialising in recovery and mental health. She is also an alcoholic in recovery.

**Non-fiction**



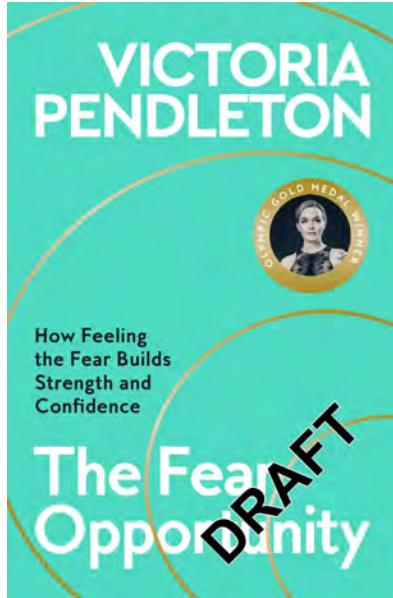




# The Fear Opportunity

How Feeling the Fear Builds Strength and Confidence

Victoria Pendleton



**Pub Date:** 21 May 2026

**Editor:** Jodie Lancet-Grant

**Binding:** Trade Paperback

**Extent:** 272pp

**Rights:** World

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**Material Available:** Unedited MS

A transformative self-help book from Olympic gold medallist Victoria Pendleton, about how intentionally going beyond your comfort zone can build self-confidence, make you calmer and enrich your life.

What if the ultimate way to manage stress, reduce anxiety and generally feel happier, isn't by reducing the risks we face, but instead, calculatedly stepping outside of our comfort zones? Can we grow our sense of self by doing things we doubted we were capable of? Can we change our mindset to see life's challenges as just another adventure?

In *The Fear Opportunity* Victoria Pendleton explores the extensive benefits we can gain from going outside our comfort zone. And she should know. Since retiring from competitive cycling, she's taken on huge challenges – from retraining and competing as a jump jockey, to attempting to climb Everest and walking a high wire above London's O2 stadium.

But Victoria – and the neuroscientists, researchers and psychologists she interviews throughout - are ultra-clear that the lessons she has learned from her extreme experiences can be easily applied to our everyday ones.

This is a practical personal development book, with clear takeaways about why – and also how – we can benefit by bringing more calculated risk into our lives.

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**Victoria Pendleton** is one of Britain's most successful Olympians and a nine-times world champion. After retiring from cycling she retrained as a jockey, and set out to climb Everest.

Non-fiction





# IMPRINTS

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