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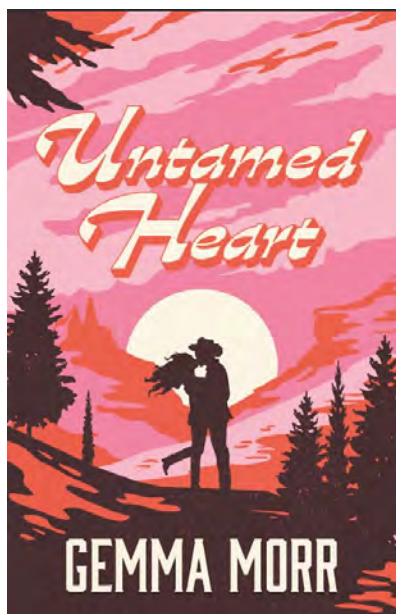
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Untamed Heart

Gemma Morr



Pub Date: 14 August 2025

Editor: Kinza Azira

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:

Dutch: De Fontein

French: Eden / City Editions

German: Piper

***Untamed Heart* is a sweet and spicy cowboy romance for fans of Elsie Silver and Lyla Sage.**

Escape to the Diamond Back Ranch with the new steamy, small-town, Grumpy/Sunshine romance that will leave you breathless . . .

When Lottie Wright is made redundant from her London law-firm graduate job, and finds out that her banker boyfriend, Kyle, is cheating on her, she gets the hell out of dodge and straight on a plane to Jackson Hole. Her plan is to get back in the saddle at her cousin Lil's ranch, the Diamond Back, on the edge of 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 nothing seems to be going right when she realizes that he works at Diamond Back too – meaning their tension 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 western skies, and in the shadow of the wild Rocky Mountains, Lottie must take the reins and figure out just who she wants to be and who will win her heart . . .

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 husband and two children. *Untamed Heart* is her debut novel.

Two's A Charm

Heather Spellman



Pub Date: 9 October 2025

Editor: Emily Sumner and
Raphaella Demetris

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 384pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

In this cosy romantasy two completely opposite witchy sisters must work together to save their small town, all whilst navigating new romances, family drama, and the challenges of magical responsibility . . . *Wicked* meets *Impractical Magic* and *10 Things I Hate About You*.

Sisterhood can be downright wicked . . .

Sisters Effie and Bonnie might both be 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 hold space from one another - a challenging task in the confines of their small hometown, Emerald Creek.

When their estranged Uncle Oswald draws Bonnie into a magical scheme under the guise of helping the locals whilst proving her magical abilities, she readily agrees. But as it turns out, no good deed goes unpunished; Oswald's true motives are downright wicked.

Within one short day, Bonnie's spells start misfiring, and Effie notices something bad taking root. Can the sisters unite to reverse this magical mishap, or is life as they knew it over for good?

Heather Spellman is an Australian author based in Southern California. She has slept in a cemetery, has a friend who was bullied by a prince, and has lived in a haunted house in a haunted town.

Heather's books include *Little Coffee Shop of Terrors* (as Hazel Graves), *Luis and Tabitha* and *Warrior Fairies*, as well as the forthcoming *Sparkle Pigs* series (as Kit Holliday) and *The Unfinished Business* duology.

Chef's Kiss at the Chalet

Sookie Snow



Pub Date: 6 November 2025
Editor: Kinza Azira, Lucy Brem
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 320pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Spring 2025

***Chalet Girl* meets *When in Rome* by Sarah Adams in this cosy, spicy seasonal romance.**

Torn between two worlds, can their love survive the season?

When Eleanor Evans lands a spot at London's most prestigious culinary school, her dreams finally feel within reach. Desperate to scrape together the cash for her tuition, she accepts a last-minute agency position as a chalet girl, which whisks her away to Maplewood Creek – a quaint, snow-kissed town nestled in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

Hired by the affluent Hawthorne family, Elle finds herself in a world of wealth, luxury and big egos, far removed from her humdrum everyday life. As she navigates the challenges of her new job, mastering gourmet dishes and catering to the whims of her discerning employers, she soon realizes there's something she hadn't accounted for: Charles Hawthorne, the family's charming and undeniably sexy eldest son.

Charles soon becomes an unexpected distraction for Elle, and she can't deny the sizzling chemistry between them. But with Elle's career aspirations hanging in the balance, and Charles's carefree lifestyle and family expectations putting strain on their blossoming relationship, can this unlikely duo survive the season . . . ?

Sookie Snow writes small-town, seasonal romances. A lover of all things cosy, sweet and spiced, she is at her happiest curled up by the fire with a hot chocolate and a swoon-worthy romance – HEA guaranteed. *Chef's Kiss at the Chalet* is the first book in the Maplewood Creek series.

Uncharmed

Lucy Jane Wood



Pub Date: 18 September 2025

Editor: Lucy Brem

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold for *Rewitched*:

US: Ace / Berkley*

Brazilian Portuguese: Alta Books

Czech: Euromedia

Dutch: A.W. Bruna*

French: Flammarion*

German: Bastei Luebbe*

Hungarian: Anassa*

Italian: Giunti Editore*

Polish: Insignis*

Portuguese: Under offer

Romanian: Storia Books

Spanish: Maeva

Ukrainian: Family Leisure Club*

*Two-book deal

The spellbinding new cosy fantasy from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Rewitched*, about the joy of swapping perfectionism for being your true magical self.

Annie Wildwood is practically perfect in every witch way. Her life is a haze of pink, magic and impossibly high standards. But when she is tasked with mentoring a troubled teenage witch with extraordinary powers, Annie's charmed existence is quickly thrown into utter chaos . . .

Set in the same enchanting world as *Rewitched*, *Uncharmed* celebrates found family, unconditional love and the joy of swapping perfectionism and people-pleasing for being your true magical self.

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



19 September 2024

'With delightful friendships, magic both wild and gentle and an enormously relatable heroine who just needs to find her spark again, *Rewitched* is pure cosy joy' – Sangu Mandanna, author of *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*

Fiction

So, I Met This Guy . . .

Alexandra Potter



Pub Date: 5 February 2026
Editor: Trisha Jackson
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 464pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold for *Confessions*:
US: HarperCollins
Brazil Portuguese: Buzz Editora*
Bulgarian: Helikon*
Complex Chinese: Infortress
Danish: NB Books
Finnish: Bazar Kustannus*
French: Eyrolles
German: Piper*
Hebrew: Tchelet
Hungarian: General Press Kiadó
Italian: Newton Compton
Lithuanian: Tyto Alba
Macedonian: Deixis
Portuguese: Saida de Emergencia
Romanian: Corint Books*
Serbian: Vulkan*
Spanish: Newton Compton
Swedish: Nona

* Two-book deal

Fiction

A poignant, fun-filled trip across Europe to find a romance fraudster turns into a journey of personal discovery and friendship. From the author who captured the hearts of half a million readers with *Confessions*, ‘the Bridget Jones of our time’.

He’d taken everything she had. Her money, her home – and her heart. But now it’s her turn.

Fifty-something Maggie thought she’d found love, only to find out 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, realizes that the same thing is happening to women everywhere, and this story could be the big break she’s been looking for. Flick persuades Maggie that they have to find her perfidious paramour, and they set off on a caper around Europe, hot on his trail, with the proceeds serendipitously gained from a trip to a casino. Despite being a generation apart, these two women are both 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 shocking 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.

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.

Confessions of a Forty-Something F**k Up



Pub Date: 31 Dec 2020

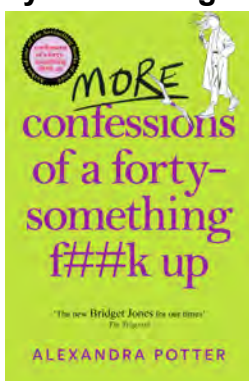
Hilarious, poignant, utterly relatable – *Confessions of a Forty-Something F**k Up* is a must-read for anyone whose life isn't working out quite how they'd planned.

'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 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

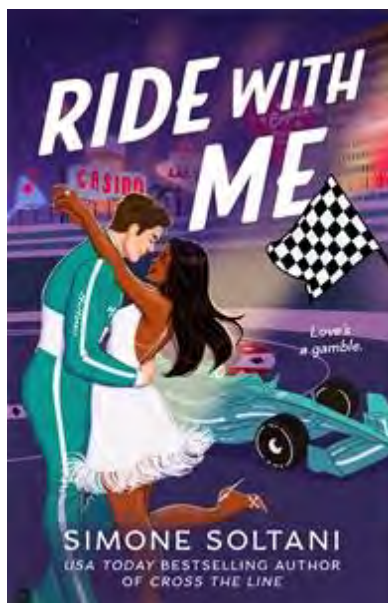


Pub Date: 28 April 2022

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 – 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 and sits by his window; Stanley, a little boy who is scared of everyone and hides behind his garden gate; and Maya, a teenager who is angry at everyone and everything. Slowly, things start to change . . .

Ride with Me Simone Soltani



Pub Date: 22 May 2025
Editor: Kinza Azira
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 432pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Final material

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 any 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 weighing him 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 with the next morning – with a ring on her finger. Staying married might be the perfect solution to all their problems. Sometimes, what happens in Vegas doesn't need to stay there . . .

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

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

Rights Sold:

Brazilian Portuguese: Editora Sexante

German: Piper Verlag

Ukrainian: Knigolove

A joyful, whip-smart, unputdownable romance, perfect for fans of Emily Henry, Taylor Jenkins Reid and Talia Hibbert. In her debut novel for adult readers, Elle will have you falling for her characters from the very first page.

Unapologetic Love Story is a frank and joyful celebration of love, relationships and the women who have historically been shut out of such stories – until now . . .

Enter Raina Lewis, London's newest autistic 'It Girl', who has investigative journalist Tom Branimir 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 . . .

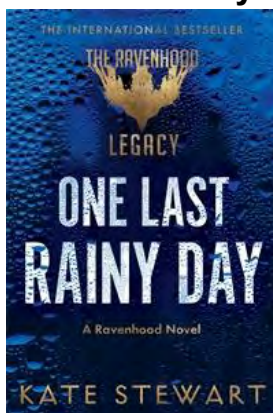
Elle McNicoll is a bestselling and award-winning novelist and screenwriter. Her debut middle-grade novel, *A Kind of Spark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award and the overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize. She is a four-time Carnegie nominated author and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards in 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Branford Boase Award in 2020 and The Little Rebels Award in 2020 and 2021. She was also honoured in the US with the Schneider Award in 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



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: 26 June 2025
Material Available: Spring 2025

Once upon a time . . . there lived an ambitious boy determined to become a man before his time. And a woman who recognized the scars that marred his soul – scars that mirrored her own. She was determined to help shape the warrior within him, and it was their inexplicable bond that would forever alter his heart. And it was 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 in the Ravenhood Legacy series. This 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
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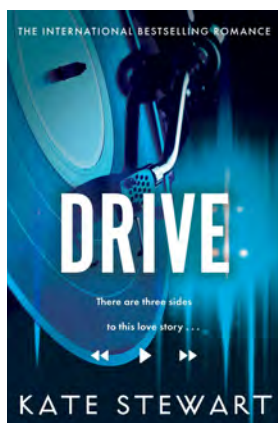
Rights Sold in the Ravenhood Series:

Brazil Portuguese: Buzz Editora
Bulgarian: Egmont Bulgaria
Croat: Fokus
Dutch: Muelenhoff
French: Chatterley
German: Blanvalet
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: Chatterley

Macedonian:

Knigoholicari

Reverse



Pub Date: 29 May 2025

Material Available: Final

Rights Sold:

French: Chatterley

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 – each 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, still torn between her two great loves: her fiancé (and boss), Nate; and Reid Crowne, lead drummer of the Dead Sergeants, the man who broke her heart . . .

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 one 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 doomed from the start, and their star-crossed romance is the key to revealing the reason behind their parents' messy history. But the truth will cost them. In order to find their ending, they first have to go back to their beginning . . .

Bestselling author and Texas native Kate Stewart lives in North Carolina with her husband, Nick. Kate is a lover of all things eighties and nineties, 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.

Dissection of a Murder

Jo Murray



Pub Date: 14 May 2026
Editor: Francesca Pathak
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 384pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

Rights Sold:

US: Dutton*

Brazilian Portuguese: Faro Editorial*

Bulgarian: Era Media Ltd.

Chinese (complex): Rye Field

Chinese (simplified): Under offer

Dutch: Ambo Anthos

French: Bragelonne

German: Piper*

Italian: Giunti*

Polish: Publicat

Slovene: Mladinska Knjiga Založba

Ukrainian: Family Leisure Club*

*Two-book deal

A brand-new, gripping courtroom drama, following all the ins and outs of the legal world, with the twists and turns of a propulsive thriller.

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 beyond 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 fighting not only to keep Jack out of prison, but also to keep her own secrets buried.

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

Guilty or not guilty?

You decide . . .

TV rights have been optioned by Apple, who will develop *Dissection of a Murder* into the second season of *Presumed Innocent*.

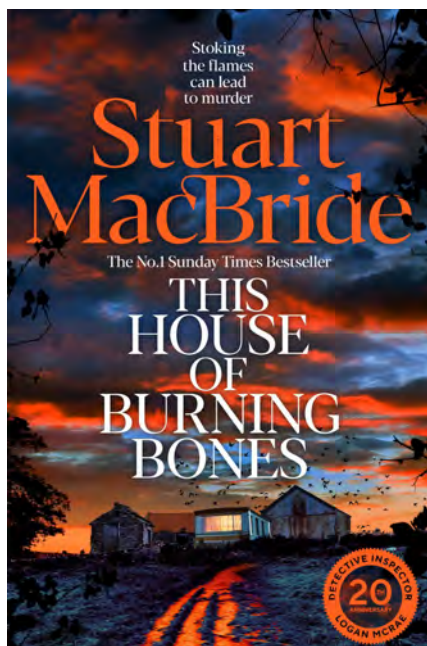
Jo Murray was raised in Teesside in the 1980s, when girls who lived on council estates were told they definitely could not be lawyers. Jo ignored everyone, successfully becoming the first person in her family to go to university. She studied Classics at Newcastle University before going to law school and working as a criminal barrister.

Fiction



This House of Burning Bones

Stuart MacBride



Pub Date: 22 May 2025
Editor: Francesca Pathak
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 640pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:
Italian: Newton Compton

***Sunday Times* bestselling author Stuart MacBride is back with a brand-new Logan McRae to celebrate twenty years since the detective's first appearance in *Cold Granite*.**

The Granite City is ready to burn, and all it takes is a single spark...

In the heat of a blistering summer, Aberdeen's police are struggling: half the force is off sick, all leave has been cancelled, someone's firebombed a hotel full of migrants, and there's a massive protest march happening this Saturday.

With officers dropping like flies, Detective Inspector Logan McRae is forced to juggle cases and run a major murder investigation with a skeleton staff of misfits, idiots and malingerers until the top brass can arrange back-up from other divisions.

It doesn't help that the Aberdeen Examiner has just been bought by a tabloid media tycoon hell-bent on blaming local police for everything. And she's more than happy to fan the flames.

But, as bad as everything seems, it's all about to get much, much worse...

'Dark and brilliantly written' – Linwood Barclay

'Crime fiction of the highest order' – Mark Billingham

Stuart MacBride has sold almost 6.5 million copies worldwide of his books so far, including his Logan McRae series and the Oldcastle series.

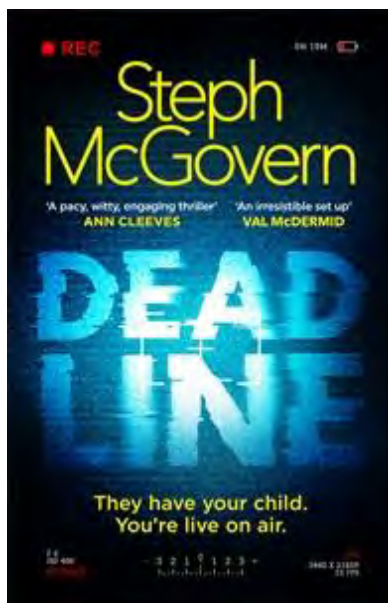
Stuart MacBride is the *Sunday Times* number one bestselling author of the Logan McRae and Ash Henderson novels. He has also published standalones, novellas and short stories, as well as a slightly twisted children's picture book for slightly twisted children.

Fiction



Deadline

Steph McGovern



Pub Date: 3 July 2025
Editor: Francesca Pathak
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 384pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:
Spanish: RBA Libros

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

Your child has been kidnapped. You're live on TV.

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.

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

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

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

'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

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 Spies of Hartlake Hall

R. L. Graham



Pub Date: 21 August 2025

Editor: Alex Saunders

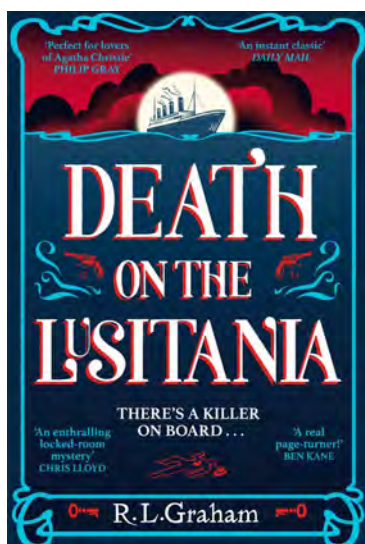
Binding: Hardback

Extent: 432pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Death on the Lusitania



Pub Date: 25 January 2024

Rights Sold:

Czech: Grada

Fiction

From the author of *Death on the Lusitania*, *The Spies of Hartlake Hall* by R. L. Graham is a gripping and evocative historical crime novel set in the closing stages of the First World War as a mysterious killing is investigated in a stately manor house.

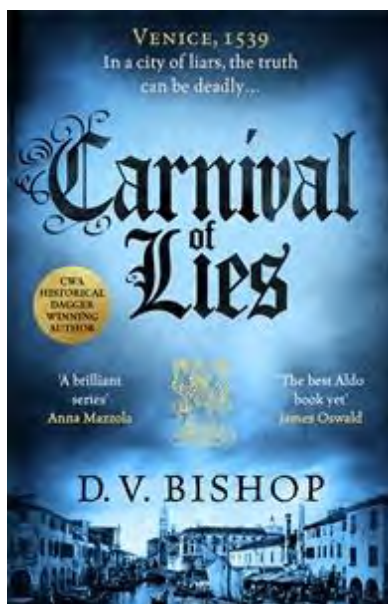
London, 1917. When a man's body is found deep inside Room 40, a highly secretive organization within the Admiralty, intelligence agent Patrick Gallagher is brought in to investigate. The man has no identification and was discovered in a room locked from the inside with no other apparent exit. Moreover, a highly confidential telegram is found on the body that would be political dynamite if it were to fall into the wrong hands.

Few know about the death and, to avoid raising further suspicion, Gallagher invites those involved to his family's home at Hartlake Hall for questioning. But they are not the only guests at the stately home, as members of a shooting party are staying for the weekend. Over the course of three days, further bodies pile up as a ruthless killer continues to pull the strings from the shadows. As the First World War rages on in Europe, many of the guests have secrets to hide, and Gallagher must move quickly in order to expose a deadly spy among them . . .

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 Devon.

Carnival of Lies

D. V. Bishop



Pub Date: 26 June 2025

Editor: Alex Saunders

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 384pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold for *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.

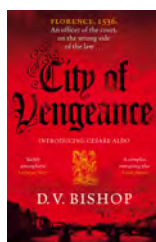
Renaissance Italy. Winter, 1539.

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 to never 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



March 2022



June 2023



June 2024

Fiction

The Cat and the Christmas Kidnapper

L T Shearer



Pub Date: 16 October 2025

Editor: Alex Saunders

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 400pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold in the Conrad the Cat Detective series:

Estonian: Eesti Raamat

Finnish: Bazar Kustannus

Italian: Piemme

Conrad the cat detective and retired police detective Lulu Lewis are back to solve another crime.

Join Lulu Lewis, a retired detective with a knack for uncovering secrets, and Conrad, her extraordinary talking cat, as they take on their latest case.

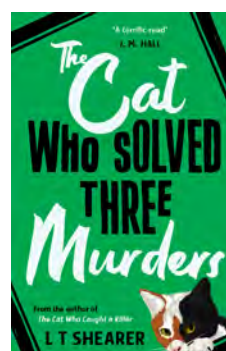
Hoping for a relaxing break, Lulu sets off with Conrad on her canal boat, *The Lark*, to the picturesque city of Bath to visit friends. But Christmas cheer soon gives way to festive fear when the pair learn of a ruthless kidnapping plot that is plaguing parents in the area.

As the kidnapers fuel panic with further demands, the pair must unravel clues faster than Conrad can charm with his witty banter if they are to stand any chance of bringing the criminals to justice in time to save the holidays . . .

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 series continues with *The Cat Who Solved Three Murders* and *The Cat Who Cracked a Cold Case*.



27 October 2022



26 October 2023



17 October 2024

Fiction

The Dead and the Dying

Lin Anderson



Pub Date: 14 August 2025

Editor: Raphaella Demetris

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 400pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Spring 2025

In the heart of Orkney, a whale-rescue mission at the Bay of Skaili uncovers a stone cist, sparking a gruesome mystery that spans centuries. *The Dead and the Dying* is a gripping thriller from Lin Anderson.

An ancient grave. A modern evil.

In the dim morning light, Orkney's Bay of Skaili is the backdrop for a calamity of nature's making. When forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod joins the rescue efforts as a volunteer, she uncovers more than she bargained for: a human skeleton entombed in a stone crypt.

The grave is believed to hail from the Viking Age, but Rhona's analysis of the content points to a more recent and sinister evil. And a shadow is thrown over the investigation when the skeleton is finally identified, as unsettling connections between the victim and the very people trying to solve the case come to light.

As forensic clues lead Rhona to a second, horrifying discovery, the question looms: how many more secrets does the sand conceal?

'Lin Anderson is one of Scotland's national treasures . . . her writing is unique, bringing warmth and depth to even the seediest parts of Glasgow' – Stuart MacBride, author of the Logan McRae series

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, which takes place annually in Stirling.

Fiction



science fiction & fantasy

A Sorcerer's Tail

Victor Konara



Pub Date: 20 May 2027

Editor: Michael Beale

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Rights: Translation

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

A laugh-out-loud fantasy romp featuring a money-grabbing wizard cat and a dumb-as-rocks holy knight as they quest through a Sri Lanka-inspired fantasy realm.

You've probably heard of Art the Magnificent. He's the legendary magician who – *allegedly* – assassinated the emperor. Through no fault of his own, he's since been turned into a cat, and is looking for a way to undo this catastrophe – by any means necessary . . .

That's where Gary comes in. Gary is strong and a pretty decent guy, but he's not the sharpest sword in the armoury. And after he lopped off the head of a well-connected VIP, he was expelled from the Paladins' Guild and sent packing to the north.

So when Art teams up with Gary, Gary's convinced the two are on a grand redemption quest. But Art's dreaming of scarpering with all the cash. As they work together to put on fake exorcisms, negotiate with dragons and burn down inns in acts of insurance fraud, Art's cynicism starts to melt and Gary starts to question whether good and evil are as black and white as he thought.

Victor Konara is the pseudonym of Yudhanjaya Wijeratne, a Sri Lankan author, activist and researcher, classified as part of a new wave of South Asian fiction writers. His work has appeared in *Wired*, *Foreign Policy* and *Slate*. His novel *The Salvage Crew* (Atheon / Podium) was named as one of the best science fiction and fantasy books of 2020 in *Polygon*. Wijeratne is only the second Sri Lankan to be nominated for a Nebula Award since Arthur C. Clarke and was selected by *Forbes* as one of 2021's '30 under 30'.

Travis Baldree

Legends & Lattes



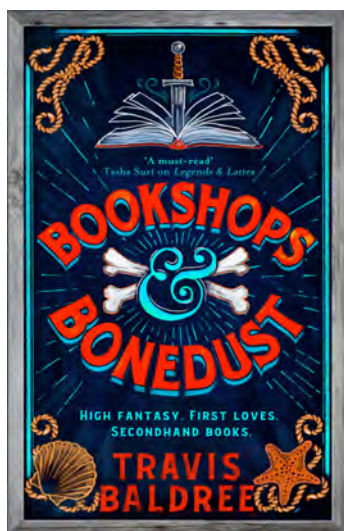
Pub Date: 10 November 2022

Editor: Sophie Robinson

Extent: 368pp

Rights: World

Bookshops & Bonedust



Pub Date: 9 November 2023

Editor: Sophie Robinson

Extent: 368pp

Rights: World

A cosy, heartwarming slice-of-life fantasy about found families and fresh starts. An instant *New York Times* No. 1 bestseller that has been translated into twenty-one languages.

High fantasy, low stakes – with a double-shot of coffee.

After decades of adventuring, Viv the orc barbarian is finally hanging up her sword for good. Now she sets her sights on a new dream – for she plans to open the first coffee shop in the city of Thune. Even though no one there knows what coffee actually *is*.

If Viv wants to put the past behind her, she can't go it alone. Help might arrive from unexpected quarters, yet old rivals and new stand in the way of success. And Thune's shady underbelly could make it all too easy for Viv to take up the blade once more.

But the true reward of the uncharted path is the travellers you meet along the way. Whether bound by ancient magic, delicious pastries or a freshly brewed cup, they may become something deeper than Viv ever could have imagined.

A cosy, heartwarming slice-of-life fantasy about found families and fresh starts – perfect for fans of TJ Klune, Katherine Addison and T. Kingfisher.

Bookshops & Bonedust is a standalone cosy fantasy about the power of good bookshops, great friends and the unexpected choices along the way set twenty years before *Legends & Lattes*.

'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 . . . it's glorious' – Ben Aaronovitch, author of *Rivers of London*

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'FILLS MY
HUNGER FOR
HAPPY ENDINGS'
GENEVIEVE
COGMAN

Fiction

Brigands & Breadknives

Travis Baldree



Pub Date: 13 November 2025

Editor: Sophie Robinson

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Rights: Translation

Material Available: Summer 2025

Rights Sold for *Legends & Lattes*:

US: TOR*

Brazil Portuguese: Intrinseca*

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 heart-warming, cosy fantasy adventure, set in the same world as *Legends & Lattes*.

Return to the cosy fantasy world of the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling *Legends & Lattes* with *Brigands & Breadknives* by Travis Baldree, a new adventure featuring fan-favourite foul-mouthed bookseller Fern.

Fern has weathered the stillness and storms of a bookseller's life for decades, but now, in the face of crippling ennui, she 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.

***Tales From The Territory* - A new collection of short stories coming in May 2026!**

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.

Fiction

House of Dragons

K. A. Linde



Pub Date: 25 September 2025

Editor: Gillian Green

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 496pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

Rights Sold:

German: Bastei Luebbe

Sarah J. Maas meets Rebecca Yarros; fae meets dragons in No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling K. A. Linde's magical Royal Houses series, which begins with House of Dragons. House of Dragons follows the story of Kerrigan Argon, a half-Fae, half-human as she seeks her place in an unforgiving world filled with magic, mayhem and romance.

House of Dragons is an enemies-to-lovers, slow burn romantasy that has been called 'Fourth Wing meets Throne of Glass' from No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author K. A. Linde.

Ten years ago, half-Fae, half human Kerrigan Argon was discreetly dropped off onto 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. On the year of her seventeenth name day, each student will be chosen by one of the twelve tribes of Alandria to enter society. Everyone is chosen, except Kerrigan.

So, she strikes a bargain with the Dragon Society: convince a tribe to select her or give up her birthright forever. With the unlikeliest of allies – Fordham Ollivier, the cursed Fae prince, who escaped his dark throne – she has to chart her own destiny to reshape the world.

Discover the second heart-pounding book in the series, House of Shadows.

K. A. Linde is the No. 1 Sunday Times and USA Today bestselling author of fantasy and romance. She has a Master's degree in political science from the University of Georgia and served as the head coach of the Duke University dance team. In her spare time she loves reading fantasy novels, binge-watching Buffy, travelling and dancing. The Wren in the Holly Library is the first book in The Oak and Holly Cycle.

Fiction



Trad Wife

Sarah Langan



Pub Date: 21 May 2026
Editor: Sophie Robinson
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 400pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Autumn 2025

Rights Sold:
US: Under offer

***Trad Wife* by three-time Bram Stoker Award-winner Sarah Langan is *Get Out* meets *Behind Her Eyes* with echoes of *The Yellow Wallpaper*.**

Welcome to Black Swan.

A picture-perfect three-hundred-acre Utah farm, home to lifestyle influencer Mia Wright, her all-American husband, Gray, and their eight children. Millions of followers from around the world watch every day as Mia makes meals from scratch, milks the cows, homeschools the kids and cleans the house wearing a smile and an immaculate blow-dry.

Sent on assignment by her magazine, and desperate to claw back a tarnished career, reporter Jenny Kaplan will spend a week profiling Mia and her family. She arrives at the remote farmhouse ready to pen a scathing expose, but finds it impossible. Mia really is that sunny and sweet, and her husband really is that kind and handsome. Before long, Jenny begins to question her own life choices. Wouldn't it be nice to just give up this silly career and be more like Mia, baking sourdough and loved by everyone?

But the answer is darker than she realizes. Because Black Swan always has a price.

Sarah Langan grew up on Long Island and got her MFA in Creative Writing from Columbia University, and also received her Master's in Environmental Health Science/Toxicology from New York University. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, daughters and rabbits. She's received three Bram Stoker awards for her fiction, and her work has often been included in best-of-the-year lists and anthologies. She's a founding board member of the Shirley Jackson Awards, and works in both film and prose.

The Brides

Charlotte Cross



Pub Date: 2 April 2026
Editor: Sophie Robinson
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 400pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

Rights Sold:
US: HarperCollins

Haunting, creepy and incredibly gripping, *The Brides* is a feminist gothic horror about the three women who will become the brides of Dracula – and the fourth who manages 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. There, 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 – leading to a journey with devastating consequences.

A dual-timeline epistolary novel with a sapphic romance that places women at the centre of the story, *The Brides* follows three women who will become brides of Dracula, and the fate of one who manages to escape his clutches.

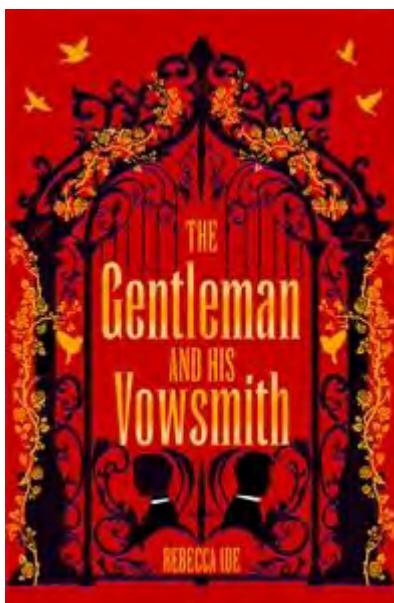
Charlotte Cross writes historical fiction, having been fascinated by stories of the past since she was a child. Charlotte lives in central Scotland with her partner and their opinionated ginger cat. When not writing, she enjoys yoga, reading Victorian novels and exploring her adopted country. *The Brides* is her first novel.

Fiction



The Gentleman and His Vowsmith

Rebecca Ide



Pub Date: 24 April 2025

Editor: Sophie Robinson

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 464pp

Rights: Translation

Material Available: Final

Rights Sold:

Italian: Mondadori

A sparkling historical fantasy filled with arcane magic, deadly conspiracies and an irresistible queer romance, perfect for fans of Freya Marske, Alexis Hall and *Bridgerton*.

Lord Nicholas Monterris is trapped. The only heir to a declining dukedom, Nic is destined for a marriage of convenience. What he didn't expect was for his bride to be Lady Leaf Serral, daughter of his father's hated rivals. Now they must all be locked inside mouldering Monterris Court for the duration of the contract negotiations, along with head negotiator, master vowsmith Dashiell sa Vare – beautiful, perfect Dashiell, an old flame Nic has neither forgiven nor forgotten.

What could go wrong?

Only a dead body turning up mere hours after they lock the doors. This first death could be an accident, but a second one makes clear something sinister is unfolding at Monterris Court, and long-buried secrets begin to surface. As accusations fly, Nic must work with his former lover and his future bride to uncover the killer before they become the next targets.

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.

Quiet Spells

Isa Agajanian



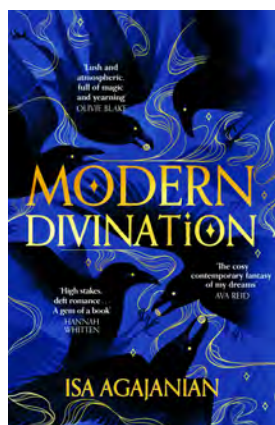
Pub Date: 29 January 2026
Editor: Gillian Green
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 400pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:
French: City Editions Paris*
Italian: Mondadori*
Ukrainian: Family Leisure Club*

*Two book deal

Modern Divination



Pub Date: 8 May 2025

Fiction

From the acclaimed author of *Modern Divination* comes the dark and magical concluding part of the *Spells for Life and Death* duology. This is dark academia with witches, perfect for fans of *Olivia Blake* and *Rebecca Ross*.

Ghosts passed through the cottage sitting on the peak of Townsend Hill like passengers in a train station. Some, Teddy Ingram knew, stayed longer than others.

More than half a year has passed since the disappearance of Gemma Eakley, and Teddy Ingram still has no clue as to whether she is alive, dead or something worse. With Gemma's young daughter left in his care, Teddy haunts the rural haven of Townsend like one of its many spirits.

But then Aurelia, his beloved ex-rival, returns with the news that her own mother is dead, and a ghost forms from the pages of her farewell to give the would-be lovers a message: *They won't let me rest*.

One coven's efforts to reverse the looming extinction of witches involves resurrecting the dead, and Meredith's old coven wants to know what secrets she took with her to the funeral pyre. Did she have the key to fixing their botched attempts at necromancy?

'Lush and atmospheric, full of magic and yearning'
 – *Olivia Blake*

Isa Agajanian (they/them) is a writer and illustrator living in the United States. Raised in California and spirited away to Florida, then Oregon, Isa is never writing in one place for too long. They are joined in their pursuit of good stories by a hefty grey cat named Mosse and at least one roommate at a time.

Children of Strife

Adrian Tchaikovsky



Pub Date: 19 March 2026
Editor: Bella Pagan
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 400pp
Rights: World
Material Available: Summer 2025

Rights Sold in the Children of Time Series:

US: Orbit US
Arabic: Aser Al-Kotob
Brazilian Portuguese: Editora Morro Branco
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*
Japanese: Take Shobo
Lithuanian: Kitos Knygos
Polish: Vesper
Romanian: Nemira*
Serbian: Laguna Publishing House*
Slovakian: Ikar
Spanish: Alamut Bibliópolis SLU*
Thai: Solis Publishing*
Turkish: Eksik Parça*
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 orbited by an ancient colony ship – infested with mysterious life. Intrigued, they send a team to explore. Then disaster strikes, and death is the result.

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

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.



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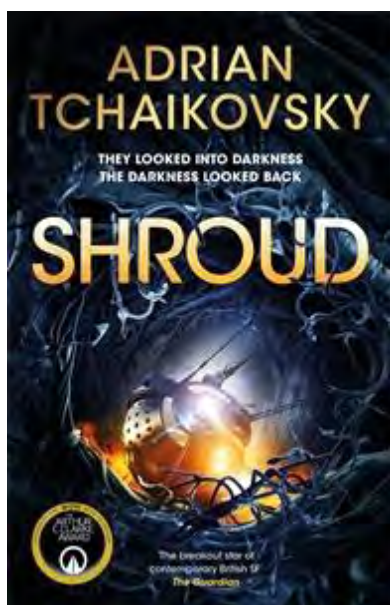
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Shroud

Adrian Tchaikovsky



Pub Date: 27 February 2025

Editor: Bella Pagan

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 448pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final

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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Fiction

Girls' School for Demon Summoning

Genevieve Cogman



Pub Date: 15 October 2026
Editor: Sophie Robinson
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 400pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Spring 2026

Rights Sold for The Invisible Library Series:

US: Berkley Publishing Group*
Brazilian Portuguese: Morro Branco
Complex Chinese: Gaea
Czech: Dobrovsky
Estonian: Varrak
German: Bastei Luebbe*
Italian: Fanucci
Romanian: Nemira
Russian: AST
Spanish: Urano
Turkish: Timas Basim Ticaret Sanayi

*3-book deal

In this fun occult dark academia, a former Cambridge scholar takes a teaching post at an all-girls school in the remote Yorkshire Moors, only to discover the students are summoning demons in the cellar.

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.

Protecting England from nefarious forces certainly wasn't on the job description. As Phil is plunged into a world of dark arts, demon pacts and witches-in-training, she soon finds herself entangled in a plot that threatens to destroy the magical realm from inside out . . .

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. She lives in the North of England.

Fiction

Genevieve Cogman

Scarlet



Pub Date: 11 May 2023

Revolution is a bloodthirsty business . . .
A thrilling reinvention of the tale of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* with the addition of magic and even more mayhem.

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

1794. Eleanor, once a lowly English maid, is now a member of the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel and a promising conjuror. With a vampire plot thwarted in Paris, the League's next daring rescue is that of the Pimpernel's beloved wife, Lady Marguerite, imprisoned in her London townhouse on unjust charges of treason and espionage.

Elusive

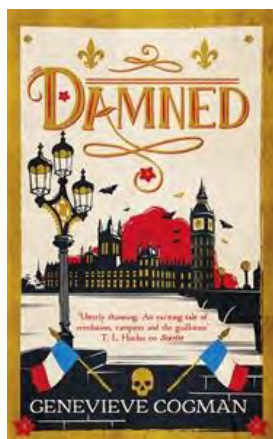


Pub Date: 23 May 2024

But Lady Marguerite's captivity is only the first threat from the League's vampiric enemy. With the King known to be ill, possibly mad, England is not as it should be. Vampires conspire to take control over the whole country whilst challenging Eleanor and the League at every turn.

Then, using her growing magical powers, Eleanor uncovers a devastating, centuries-old secret. It is one so steeped in blood that it will change not only England, but the entire vampire world, forever . . .

Damned



Pub date: 22 May 2025

Damned is the unmissable third book in the Scarlet Revolution trilogy from Genevieve Cogman, author of *The Invisible Library* series. Discover where Eleanor's journey first began in *Scarlet*, a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

'A thoughtful exploration of class and revolution . . . This book is a smart, swashbuckling joy. I loved it' – H. G. Parry, author of *The Magician's Daughter*, on *Scarlet*

Rights Sold for *Scarlet*:

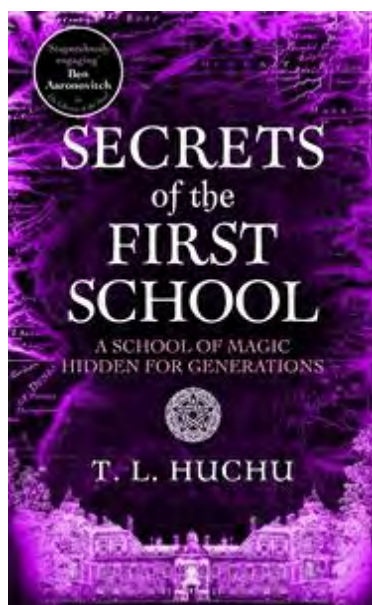
US: Berkley

German: Bastei Luebbe

Fiction

Secrets of the First School

T. L. Huchu



Pub Date: 16 October 2025

Editor: Michael Beale

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 400pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

Rights Sold for *The Library of The Dead*:

US: Tor US*

German: Blanvalet

Russian: Omega-L

*2-book deal

The epic conclusion to the witty and charming Edinburgh Nights series. Ropa Moyo, failed magician, orphan and mischief-maker, must confront her past to forge a better future in this gripping urban fantasy series.

Ropa Moyo is dead, banished to the Other Place by the reanimated spirit of Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville of Scotland. Turns out being on the losing side sucks worse than being skint.

Now, the Cult of Dundas intends to ascend to godhood, spreading their corrupting reach from Edinburgh to all of Scotland's schools of magic. Ropa must find some way to escape the Other Place, save her sister and gather allies across the country before Edinburgh falls.

A royal plot, a family secret and a stolen body. As Scotland falls under petty in-fighting, Ropa's only inkling of hope lies in her grandmother's final secret: the first school of magic.

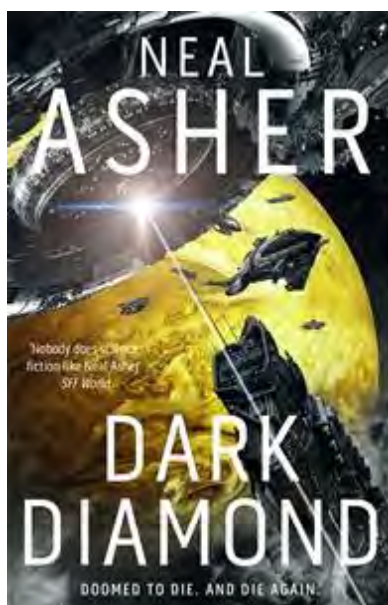
'Fast-moving and entertaining . . . Stupendously engaging'
– Ben Aaronovitch



T. L. Huchu is a writer whose short fiction has appeared in publications such as *Lightspeed*, *Interzone*, *Analog Science Fiction and Fact* 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 short-listed for the Caine Prize and the Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire.

Dark Diamond

Neal Asher



Pub Date: 10 April 2025

Editor: Michael Beale

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 688pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final material

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 . . .

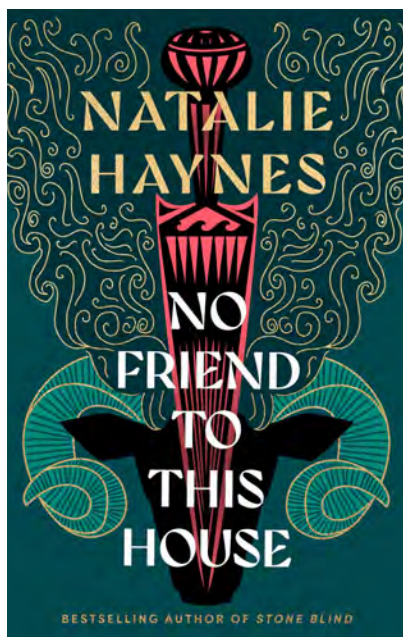
Book 1 in the Time's Shadow series

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

literary fiction

No Friend to this House

Natalie Haynes



Pub Date: 11 September 2025

Editor: Maria Rejt

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 368pp

Rights: Translation

Material Available: Edited manuscript

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

Rights Sold:

Brazilian: Pensamento

Dutch: Meulenhoff Boekerij

French: Michel Lafon

Italian: Sonzogno Editore

Portuguese: PRH Portugal

Turkish: Ithaki

The story of Medea, but not as you think you know her, from 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 falls in love with a man on a quest, who has already abandoned one (pregnant) wife before he arrives on Colchis.

This novel will reveal the many faces of a woman whose name is synonymous with villainy, the 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?

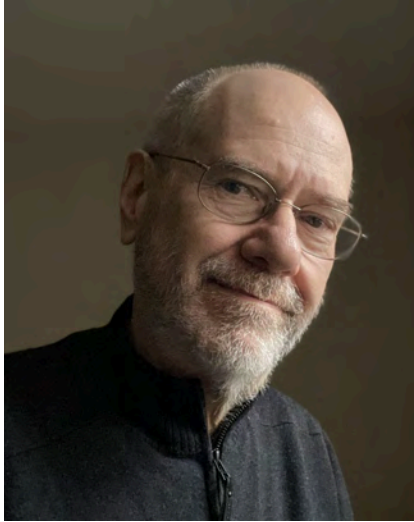
So who is she, this woman who can commit the ultimate act of anti-motherhood and somehow, impossibly, stay sane?

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*. In 2015 she was awarded the Classical Association Prize for her work in bringing Classics to a wider audience. *No Friend to This House* is her fifth novel.

Fiction

Peacock

James Hynes

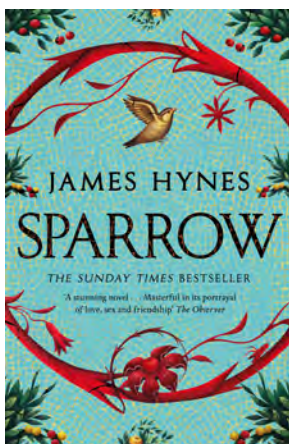


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Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

Rights Sold:

US: The Overlook Press
Canada: Harper Collins
German: DTV
French: Fayard
Danish: Gutkind
Finnish: Sitruuna
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 . . .

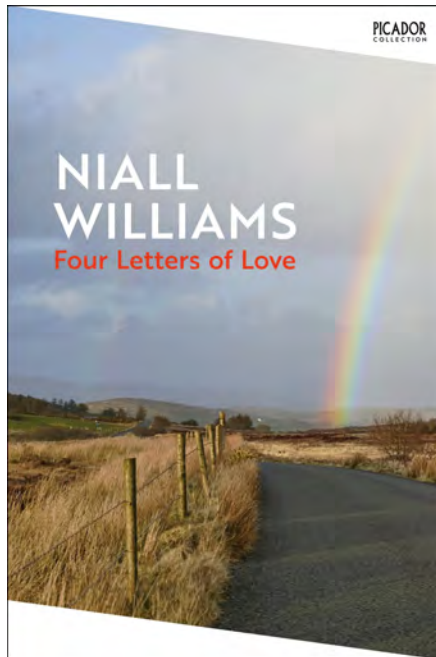
‘Utterly engrossing, vivid, and honest, this coming of age story reaches across millennia to grab us by the throat’
Emma Donoghue, author of *Room*

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: 6 February 2025

Editor: Anne Meadows

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final

Rights Sold:

US: Bloomsbury

Bulgarian: Labyrinth

Estonian: Hea Lugu

French: Editions Heloise
d'Ormesson

Greek: Doma Books

Hebrew: Penn Publishing

Hungarian: Open Book Invest

Italian: Neri Pozza

***Four Letters of Love* is being adapted into a film featuring Pierce Brosnan and Helena Bonham Carter. The Irish romance will be directed by acclaimed filmmaker Polly Steele. The novel was first published in 1997 and became a global bestseller, translated into over 30 languages.**

In love everything changes, and continues changing all the time. There is no stillness, no stopped clock of the heart in which the moment of happiness holds forever, but only the constant whirring forward motion of desire and need . . .

Nicholas Coughlan and Isabel Gore are meant for each other – they just don't know it yet. Though each has found both heartache and joy in the wild Irish landscape, their paths are yet to cross. But as God, ghosts, fate and the sheer power of true love pull Nicholas and Isabel together, so too does life threaten to tear them apart . . .

Magical, lyrical and deeply romantic, Niall Williams' *Four Letters of Love* moved readers the world over and became an international bestseller. It is a life-affirming paean to human folly, to fate and to the miracle of love.

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 an international bestseller.

non-fiction

A Sound So Very Loud

The Inside Story of Every Oasis Song Ever Recorded

Ted Kessler and Hamish MacBain



Pub Date: 3 July 2025

Editor: Ingrid Connell

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:

US: Pegasus Books

An engrossing and authoritative look at the music of Oasis.

This is the first and definitive book about the music of Oasis, written by two insiders and published in time for the reunion tour. *A Sound So Very Loud* is not only a deeply researched tribute to the creative talent and star power of the Gallagher brothers, it is also crammed with unknown detail and the kind of anarchic anecdotes that only Oasis could generate.

Music journalists Ted Kessler and Hamish MacBain first met Liam and Noel in 1994 and have since interviewed them dozens of times, tracking the astonishing success of Oasis as they became one of the biggest bands in the world. In this comprehensive telling of the Oasis story through their spectacular back catalogue, Kessler and MacBain focus on the enduring power of the music, exploring the tales behind the lyrics and revealing the background to the writing, recording and impact of all the songs, from megahits like 'Wonderwall' and 'Don't Look Back in Anger' to the fan-favourite B-sides and deep cuts such as 'Acquiesce' and 'Half the World Away'. With their unique perspective on all things Oasis and their numerous encounters with the band over the years, they bring this story to life in glorious colour.

A Sound So Very Loud is a book every Oasis fan needs, destined to be as timeless as the music itself.

Ted Kessler has worked at both *NME* and *Q* magazine. He first interviewed Oasis in 1994; his final interview with the band was on the road in Amsterdam in 2009, just before the split. He has written five Liam Gallagher cover interviews.

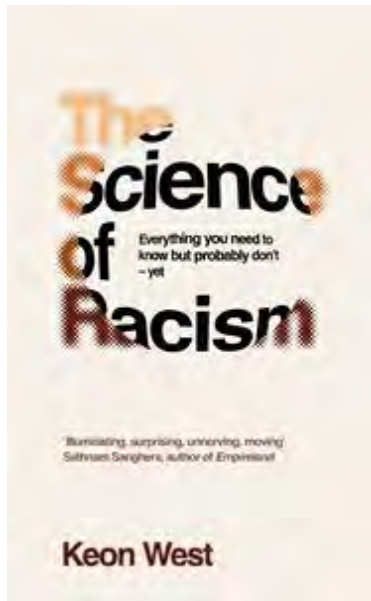
Hamish MacBain worked at *NME* from 2004 to 2010 and wrote the words in the band's last ever official tour programme. With Noel, he co-authored the 2018 book *Any Road Will Get Us There (If We Don't Know Where We're Going)*. His sleevenotes for the reissue of *Be Here Now* were blown up to 8x8-inch size to form part of the *Chasing the Sun: 1993–1997* Oasis exhibition.

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

Rights: World

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US: Abrams

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 groundbreaking *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.

'Illuminating, surprising, unnerving, moving . . . and, sadly, utterly necessary for this time in history'

Sathnam Sanghera, author of *Empireland*

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.

Non-fiction

Animate

How Animals Shape the Human Mind

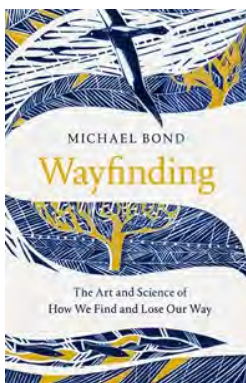
Michael Bond



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Rights: World

Material Available: Unedited manuscript

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Chinese (complex): Rye Field
Italian: Corbaccio
Japanese: Hakuyosha
Korean: Across Publishing Group
Russian: Azbooka-Atticus
US: Harvard University Press



A thrillingly 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 on the subject.

In *Animate*, 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 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.

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



Statecraft

The New Rules of Power in a Divided World

Jack Watling



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Editor: Mike Harpley

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 352pp

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Material Available: Summer 2025

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Dutch: Hollands Diep

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

Statecraft is a practical guide for how states can implement strategy, proactively shaping conditions in pursuit of their goals. From telecommunications and technology to financial markets and geopolitical chokepoints, journalist and policy adviser Dr Jack Watling explains the new rules and challenges that countries face. Informed by on-the-ground experience from the front line of recent conflicts and Jack's work with a range of governments, this is an unprecedented insight into the geopolitical dilemmas that will determine the great power struggles of tomorrow.

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

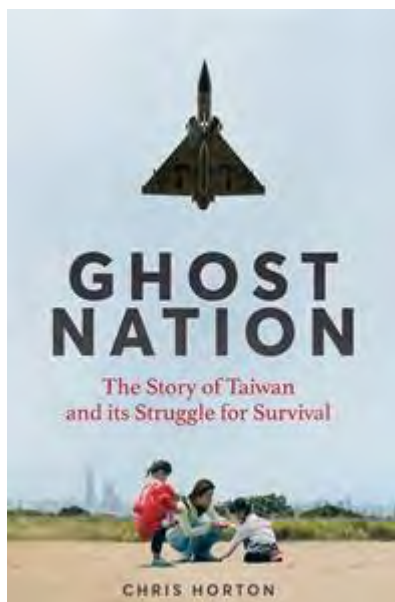
Dr Jack Watling is senior research fellow for land warfare at the Royal United Services Institute and a global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC. Jack works closely with the British and American military on the development of concepts of operation and assessments of the future operating environment and conducts 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.

Ghost Nation

The Story of Taiwan and Its Struggle for Survival

Chris Horton



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Editor: Ríbh Brownlee

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Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

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Polish: Marginesy

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, despite it lying at the epicentre of the tense relationship between China and the USA, 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 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 history 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.

Chris Horton is a reporter who has covered cross-strait politics, domestic politics, the economy, culture and breaking news in Taiwan for *The New York Times*, Bloomberg News, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, *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 under-appreciated post-war Asian leaders. He is fluent in Mandarin.

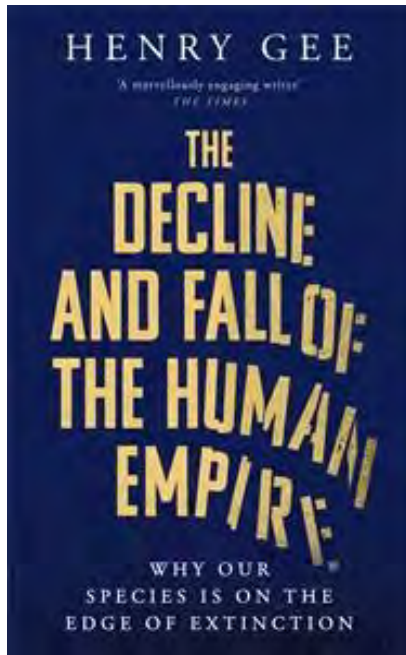
Non-fiction



The Decline and Fall of the Human Empire

Why Our Species is on the Edge of Extinction

Henry Gee



Pub Date: 13 March 2025

Editor: Lewis Russell

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 288pp

Rights: Translation

Material Available: Final

Rights Sold:

Complex Chinese: Azoth Books

French: JC Lattes

German: Rowohlt

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Japanese: Diamond

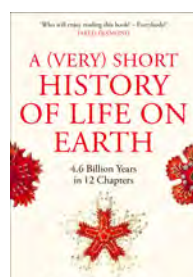
Korean: Kachi

Romanian: Humanitas

Spanish: Urano

Turkish: Yeditepe Basim Dagitim

A (Very) Short History of Life on Earth has been translated into **27 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 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*. *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.

To the Vaste Horizon

Friends and Lovers in Time of War

Anna Thomasson



Pub Date: 2 April 2026

Editor: Georgina Morley

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 324pp

Rights: World

Material Available: April 2025



The riveting new book from Anna Thomasson.

The South of France in the summer of 1937, six friends picnic in a sun-dappled glade. A blanket laid out on the grass, a low table set for lunch and ranged around it the friends sprawl languorously in the heat of the day. The women have peeled down their dresses to their waists to reveal their breasts. They could be dryads or figures plucked from a Gauguin. Shoes are cast aside. A couple kiss playfully while the others look on, laughing . . .

To the Vaste Horizon is the story of Lee Miller's famous photograph, of its subjects, Nusch and Paul Éluard, Roland Penrose, Man Ray and Ady Fidelin, and of that Mediterranean summer and the war that followed, throwing their lives into turmoil. It is the story of very different people set on very different courses, brought together by an elaborate web of romantic and artistic connections and captured in photographs taken that summer that would link them for ever.

Anna Thomasson studied for an MPhil in Biography at the University of Buckingham and her thesis was shortlisted for the Daily Mail Biographers' Club Prize. She is the author of the highly acclaimed *A Curious Friendship* (Macmillan, 2015) and lives in London.

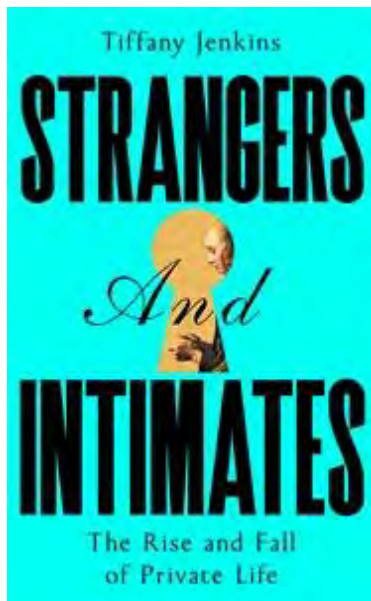
Non-fiction



Strangers and Intimates

The Rise and Fall of Private Life

Tiffany Jenkins



Pub Date: 15 May 2025

Editor: Andrea Henry

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 464pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final material

A brilliantly readable history of privacy which argues that a private life is a precious resource that must be defended.

From ancient times to our digital present, *Strangers and Intimates* traces the dramatic emergence of private life, uncovering how it became a protected domain, cherished as a space for intimacy, self-discovery and freedom. In this sweeping history, Tiffany Jenkins takes readers on an epic journey, from the strict separations of public and private in ancient Athens to the moral rigidity of the Victorian home, and from the feminists of the 1970s who declared that ‘the personal is political’ to the boundary-blurring demands of our digital age.

Strangers and Intimates is both a celebration of the private realm and a warning: as social media, surveillance and the expectations of constant openness reshape our lives, are we in danger of losing a part of ourselves? Jenkins reveals how privacy shaped the modern world and why it remains crucial for our personal and collective freedom – and why this freedom is now in mortal danger.

Today, as we share more than ever before and digital surveillance watches our every move, Jenkins asks a timely question: can private life survive the demands of the twenty-first century?

‘A brilliantly original line of investigation, taking the reader on an epic journey through the ages . . . endlessly fascinating and full of surprises’ **Alice Loxton**

Dr Tiffany Jenkins is a writer, cultural historian and broadcaster. She is the author of the acclaimed *Keeping Their Marbles: How Treasures of the Past Ended Up in Museums and Why They Should Stay There*. She’s a former honorary fellow in the History of Art at the University of Edinburgh and a former visiting fellow in the Department of Law at the London School of Economics.

Non-fiction

The August Coup

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

Robert Service



Pub Date: 18 June 2026

Editor: Georgina Morley

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 432pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

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 Gorbachev'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.

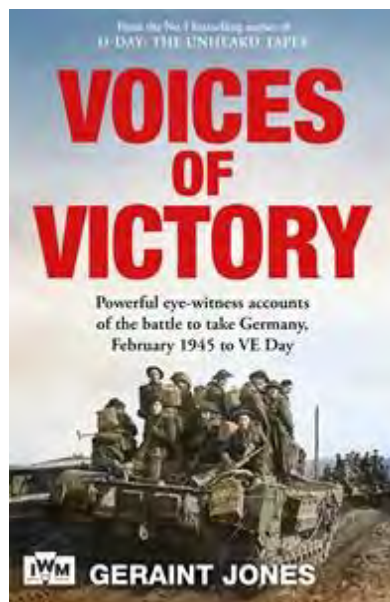
Robert Service is a Fellow of the British Academy and of St Antony's College, Oxford. He has written several books, including the highly acclaimed *Lenin: A Biography*, *Russia: Experiment with a People*, *Stalin: A Biography* and *Comrades: A History of World Communism*, as well as many other books 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

Voices of Victory

Powerful eye-witness accounts of the battle to take Germany, February 1945 to VE Day

Geraint Jones



Pub Date: 24 April 2025

Editor: Ingrid Connell

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Published for the eightieth anniversary of VE Day, this is a gripping new oral history of the bloody battle to take Germany in 1945, by the *Sunday Times* number one bestselling author of *D-Day: The Unheard Tapes*.

February 1945. Eight months have passed since the D-Day landings, when the Allies gained their critical foothold in north-west Europe. Since then, the British Army has fought near-continuously against the desperate German military. Now they stand ready for their greatest and final test: the battle for the German homeland.

Drawing on the remarkable sound archive of the Imperial War Museums, this often-overlooked period of the war is brought vividly to life through the voices of British soldiers who were there, from war-weary men who have survived many months of combat to new recruits facing Hitler's fanatic Panzer divisions for the first time. In their words, we will experience as they fight fiercely in the forests of the Reichswald and through the streets of the industrial Ruhr Valley. As they launch an amphibious crossing of the Rhine – the most successful Allied airborne operation of the war and the largest single air drop in history. As they liberate prisoners from the hell of the concentration camps. And then, at last, as they witness the surrender of Nazi Germany, whose war cost half a million British lives.

This is a fresh take on a crucial campaign, weaving together veterans' testimony to create a powerful, moving and immersive description of war, as experienced by the men on the ground.

Geraint Jones is an author and military historian who served as an infantry soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan. His first book on the Second World War, *D-Day: The Unheard Tapes*, was a *Sunday Times* number one bestseller and accompanied an acclaimed BBC Two series of the same name.

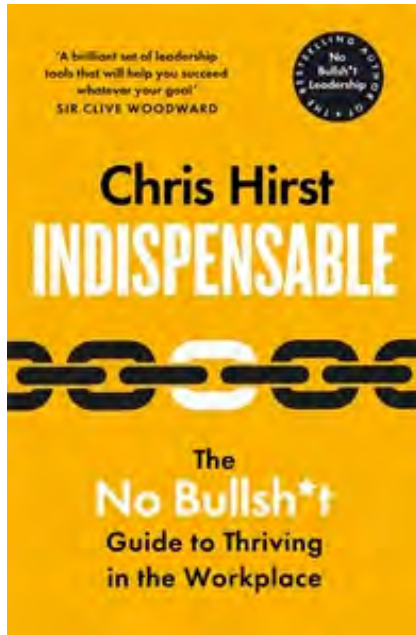
Non-fiction



Indispensable

The No Bullsh*t Guide to Thriving in the Workplace

Chris Hirst



Pub Date: 26 June 2025

Editor: Ause Abdelhaq

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 272pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

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

The working world has changed. In an era where the cost of living is rising and competition is increasing, it's no longer good enough to have a university degree, a cushy corporate job and a strong work ethic. Once-guaranteed routes to success are leaving employees poorer and undervalued and, more and more, people are finding that they have to stand out to survive.

With an increasingly educated and experienced population to contend with, knowing how to become indispensable is more important than ever – whether that's as a junior employee just starting out, a mid-level manager looking to take the next step, or a senior leader who needs to keep their skills sharp and their mind fresh.

Not every indispensable employee is the same – you might be a smart innovator, or a reliable worker bee, or something else entirely – but the principles that underline indispensability are consistent. From perfecting your attitude and applying your aptitude perfectly, to improving your negotiation skills and learning how to network like a champion, *Indispensable* is the guide to workplace excellence that you didn't know you needed.

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 the press, including BBC News, *The Politics Show*, *Evening Standard*, CNBC, *Financial Times* and Sky News.

Non-fiction



Truck It!

Adventures in Driving from Wigan to Oz

Bobby Bolton



Pub Date: 24 July 2025

Editor: Lydia Ramah

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Spring 2025

Join Bobby and his dog, Red, as they truck to the other side of the world, adventuring through continents and finding love along the way.

When Bobby's eleven-year relationship broke down, he hit rock bottom. Verging on bankruptcy, he lost his purpose in life and struggled with his mental health. Drowning his sorrows at a pub one day, Bobby boldly declared that he would turn his life around by driving from his hometown, near Manchester, all the way to Australia. The next day, Bobby sold up his construction business and spent the money revamping a truck that he would drive and live in with his dog, Red. A couple of weeks into his adventure, Bobby met a gorgeous French woman in the Alps and fell in love. After just two dates, she joined him in his truck to see what might happen next. And this was only the start of the adventure . . .

Paying Russian policemen bribes; snapping the chassis of the truck in his second week; getting punched at the Kazakhstan border; lighting a fire under the fuel tank to defrost the diesel at -15 degrees celsius in Montenegro; enduring a track collapse in Italy that left one wheel dangling over the edge of a precipice; sliding down a snow-covered mountain, ice axe in hand, to rescue his new partner as she fell 200 metres. That's one way to fall in love with life again!

Action-packed, down-to-earth and with a real emotional core, Bobby Bolton's *Truck It!* is an epic, escapist adventure with heart. *Eat, Pray, Truck?*

Heartbroken, homeless and nearly bankrupt, Bobby Bolton decided to turn his life around by setting out on a crazy adventure: selling all his possessions to buy a truck and drive from his hometown of Wigan all the way to Australia.

Wilderness Mum

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

Kate Barron



Pub Date: 19 February 2026

Editor: Lydia Ramah

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

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 before forging a promising teaching career. But beneath her conventional exterior 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: she crossed paths with fellow adventurer Chris Lewis. This chance meeting led to a love story of epic proportions as they went on to walk the UK's entire coastline together for an armed forces charity.

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

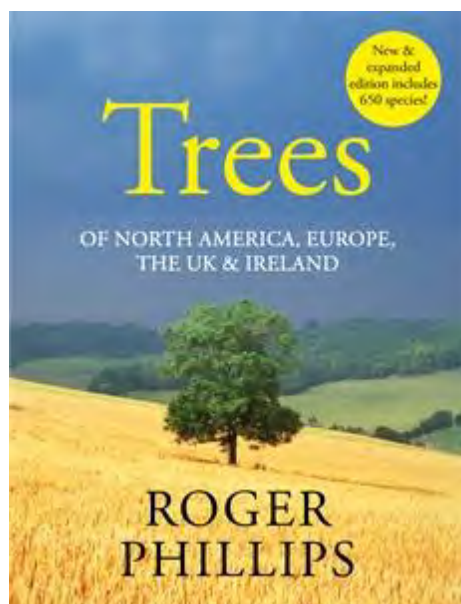
In *Wilderness Mum*, Kate blends her expertise in early years education with her experience of raising a child surrounded by nature. Her story is a testament to living fearlessly, fostering curiosity and embracing life's uncertainties.

Kate Barron is a mother and adventurer. Along with *Sunday Times* bestselling author Christian Lewis and their 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 Magnus while exploring remote Scottish Islands. In spring 2024, this adventuring family ('The Wilderness Family' on Facebook, 150k followers) set off on their next adventure, hiking and cycling the Atlantic coastline all the way from Portugal to Norway.

Trees

Of North America, Europe, the UK & Ireland

Roger Phillips



Pub Date: 29 May 2025

Editor: Ause Abdelhaq

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 304pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final

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

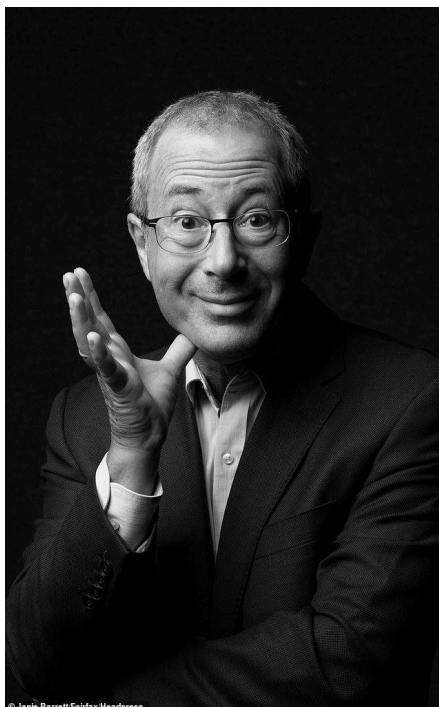
This book enables you to identify all of the trees found in North America, Europe, the UK and Ireland – from the familiar to the exotic – and contains more than 1,000 full-colour photographs. Each tree is illustrated in full detail – by leaf, flower, fruit, bark and mature tree shape – and is fully described 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 trees across the world.

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.

Who Do I Think I Am?

Ben Elton



Pub Date: 9 October 2025

Editor: Sara Cywinski

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Spring 2025

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

For the first – and only – time, in his one-of-a-kind autobiography, Ben tackles this question head-on, in the frank, forthright and hilarious manner we've become accustomed to in his work. He meanders and marches on through his long and varied career, from drunken nights at the Fringe with Rik Mayall to record-breaking marathon runs at the Hammersmith Odeon; he delves into his archives to reveal the true stories behind smash hits *The Young Ones*, *Blackadder* and *We Will Rock You*; and he reflects on his pioneering routines from his days hosting *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, including Emma Thompson, French and Saunders, Fry and Laurie, Rowan Atkinson, Ade Edmondson, David Mitchell, Queen, The Beatles, Brian May, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Neil Kinnock.

And that's not even the half of it. After forty-five years in the public eye and sixty-five years alive, Ben has a lot of stories to tell and a very clear idea of who Ben Elton really is . . .

Born in south-east London in 1959, Ben studied drama at Manchester University, where he now holds an honorary doctorate. He began his professional career in 1981. He lives in Australia and has a home in the UK.

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How to Take Drugs

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

Dr Nick Barber



Pub Date: 14 May 2026

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 336pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Proposal and sample chapters

Rights Sold:

Czech: Under offer

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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; and most crucially how to advocate for yourself when being prescribed. It also offers a groundbreaking new strategy for starting, taking and stopping medicines, one that will result in fewer side effects and better results.

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

Dr Nick Barber is Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy at UCL 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 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: 304pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:

Chinese (complex): Apocalypse

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 their lives. 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 cycles with greater ease and control and to deepen our understanding of how our bodies work. It also positions periods as the fifth vital sign, a way to understand the health of the rest of our bodies.

Not only is this book an essential guide to better understanding of women's health, it is also a call to arms to remove the ancient and absurd stigma around periods that stops women asking for help when they need it.

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 author of the bestselling books *The Food Medic* (2017), *The Food Medic For Life* (2018) and *The Female Factor* (2022).

Non-fiction

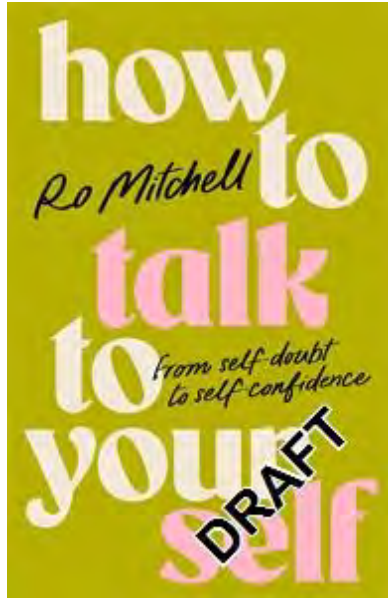




How to Talk to Yourself

From Self-Doubt to Self-Confidence

Ro Mitchell



Pub Date: 19 June 2025

Editor: Cara Waudby-Tolley

Binding: Trade Paperback

Extent: 256pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Edited manuscript

An empathetic, accessible guide to reconfiguring your internal dialogue, and learning to be kind to yourself.

'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 for exploring how to find self-acceptance, be kinder to 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 huge 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 Ro needed but never had. But now, you do.

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. She is a genuine force for good, and her influence is growing on a daily basis.

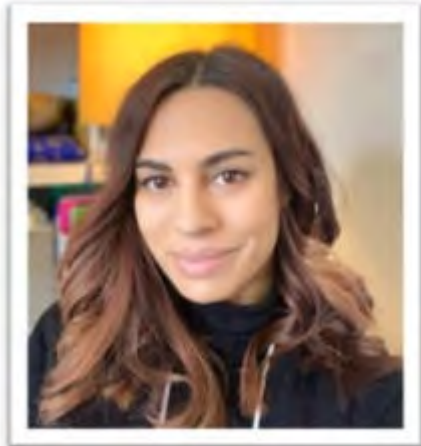
Non-fiction





It's All In Your Body

Dr Sula Windgassen



Pub Date: 8 January 2026

Editor: Lizzy Gray

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 272pp

Rights: World

Material Available:

Unedited manuscript

In her debut book, 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, psychoneuroimmunology 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.

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 the *Evening Standard* and she has appeared on podcasts and delivered presentations in multiple international conferences. Through her Instagram platform @the_health_psychologist_ (45,000+ followers) she has built a strong community of people actively engaged with her philosophy of Health Psychology.

Non-fiction

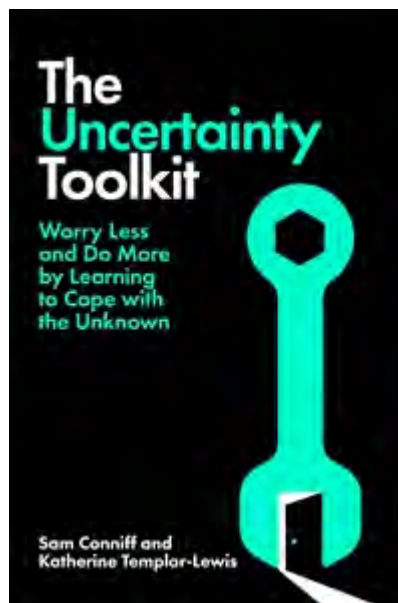




The Uncertainty Toolkit

Worry Less and Do More by Learning to Cope with the Unknown

Sam Conniff and Katherine Templar-Lewis



Pub Date: 12 June 2025

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 352pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Page proofs

Rights Sold:

Italian: Giunti

By fundamentally changing how you deal with uncertainty 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, and it's about time you learnt how to embrace that, you need *The Uncertainty Toolkit*.

This groundbreaking book shows not only how to cope with uncertainty, but how to harness its power and transform it 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 journalist, it unveils a roadmap for better mental health and a measurably increased tolerance for the unknown. The authors have led the world's most extensive study – also a Netflix-backed online course-cum-documentary – into how to increase Uncertainty Tolerance, and this book includes tests to measure your own, and track its improvement as you read.

Sam Conniff is an 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 Are You?

10 Psychotherapy Tools Everyone Should Know

Dr Kirren Schnack



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

Life can be stressful, it can be overwhelming and in the modern world it is easy to feel a little lost. Find your way back to the life you truly want with *How Are You?*, Dr Kirren's toolbox of ten essential therapeutic tools that everyone should know, inspired by her experience with more than two decades working and practising as a registered clinical psychologist.

Dr Kirren's concise but powerful tools reveal how to ditch harmful behavioural and thought patterns and find the courage to live authentically. Find out how to pursue your goals in alignment with your values and break free from old patterns, set healthy boundaries and become an assertive advocate for yourself.

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Editor: Hockley Raven Sloane
Binding: Hardback
Extent: 288pp
Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

Rights Sold for *Ten Times*

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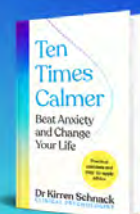
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Dr Kirren Schnack is a Clinical Psychologist. She holds a Practitioner Doctorate (PsychD) in Clinical Psychology from the University of Oxford. Her work in mental health services over the last nineteen years has been with children and adults, including inpatient and outpatient NHS departments, and in the Law Courts with offenders. She posts accessible, quick daily advice and information about mental health and her practice to her 600k+ followers on TikTok.

The essential handbook
to take you from
anxious to calm



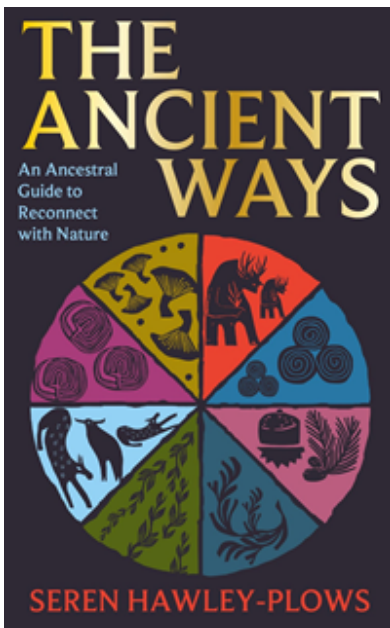
Non-fiction





The Ancient Ways

Seren Hawley-Plows



Pub Date: 19 March 2026

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 272pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

Reconnect with nature, ancient traditions and yourself in this spellbinding book from hedgewitch Seren Hawley-Plows.

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 centered 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 their history 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.

Seren Hawley-Plows is a second-generation new-age traveller who was raised as a hedgewitch, with a deep connection and love for the natural world. She was taught herbalism and ancient practices from an early age, 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. She is now on a mission to reconnect people with the natural world, by demonstrating how using ancient practices and discovering forgotten knowledge can be beneficial on a journey to re-establishing our relationship to the land.

Non-fiction



One Thing That Scares You

How Feeling Your Fears Can Make You Stronger

Victoria Pendleton



Pub Date: 22 April 2026

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 288pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Autumn 2025

A transformative self-help book from an Olympic gold medallist Victoria Pendleton, about how intentionally going beyond your comfort zone can reduce stress and anxiety, build self-confidence 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 *One Thing That Scares You* Victoria Pendleton explores the extensive benefits of feeling the fear and doing it anyway. And she should know. Since retiring from competitive cycling, she's taken on huge challenges – from retraining as a jump jockey to attempting to climb Everest and walking a high wire. But Victoria – and the neuroscientists, researchers and psychologists she interviews - are clear that the lessons she has learned from her extreme experiences can be easily applied to our everyday ones.

This is a book about how, no matter how scary, we should embrace everything life has to offer, because none of us know how short it might be.

Victoria Pendleton is one of Britain's most successful Olympians and a nine-time world champion. After she retired from cycling she became a jockey, set out to climb Everest and traversed a high-wire over the London Olympic Stadium with a heart-rate below 60 beats per minute.

Non-fiction





Colouring Book - Title TBC

Anna-Laura Sullivan



A collection of subtle or overlooked miracles that perfume our daily lives from the artist behind @annalaura_art, with 45 pages for you to colour. Motes of dust in a light beam, lovely encounters with strangers, generous sunsets and everything in between. By acknowledging and celebrating these moments of honest joy, we welcome more of their kind.

Pub Date: 4 December 2025

Editor: Cara Waudby-Tolley

Binding: Trade Paperback

Extent: 96pp

Rights: Wold

Anna-Laura Sullivan is originally from Nebraska, USA, now living in bustling Brooklyn. She is a graphic novelist who works with pencils and paint. Her work recognises the magic in the mundane, offers reminders of cosmic nostalgia, and celebrates presence. She has gathered an audience of over a million sweethearts on social media through pint-sized parables. In her latest watercolour comics project, she intentionally decided on a children's book aesthetic to create a sense of relearning and gentle understanding. She has been recognized by the Museum for the United Nations's Cultural Impact of 2024 and was profiled in *New York* magazine's [Vulture](#) in 2023. You can see her artwork at [@annalaura_art](#).

Material Available: Spring 2025



falling asleep to rain



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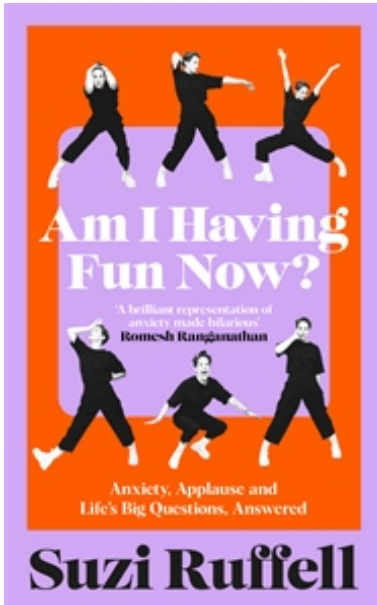
Non-fiction



Am I Having Fun Now?

Anxiety, Applause and Life's Big Questions, Answered

Suzi Ruffell



Pub Date: 5 June 2025

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant, Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 256pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Page proofs

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 and *How to Fail* by Elizabeth Day.

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, Laura Bates, Owen O'Kane, Dr Kirren Schnack 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.

'Funny, compassionate and true. Ruffell's wit and kindness on the page soothes the soul and makes you feel less alone.' – Elizabeth Day

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.

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: 272pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Final files

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 A GIRL WANTS is for any woman who grew up in the late 90s, 2000s and early 2010s, anyone who's ever been catcalled at, 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.

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.

Non-fiction





Do Ask, Do Tell

Queer Life, Love and Culture Laid Bare

Lotte Jeffs and Stu Oakley



Pub Date: 29 May 2025

Editor: Jodie Lancet-Grant

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 272pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Page proofs

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. Don't you?

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 freelance journalist, having written for *The Guardian*, *ELLE* and *Attitude* and the author of *This Love* and children's book *My Magic Family*. Stu Oakley is a leading film and TV publicist, having worked on major franchises including *Star Wars*, *Barbie* and *Paddington*.

Non-fiction



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No-Nonsense Nutrition

Dominique Ludwig



Pub Date: 5 March 2026

Editor: Lizzy Gray

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 288pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Summer 2025

Much anticipated practical nutrition bible and cookbook from leading clinical nutritionist and practitioner, and fast-growing social star.

In No-Nonsense Nutrition Dominique Ludwig offers a comprehensive and science-based approach to transforming your health and your relationship with food, combining learnings from 30 years of practice with accessible, delicious cooking. She promises 'food freedom', where your body is reset to crave whole foods and balanced meals, so that you can stop the endless internal chatter of what you should or shouldn't be eating and instead spend your time enjoying life.

This book makes the case that changing our diet is the most powerful health tool that each of us possesses. 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 a 'Triple 30 method' – 30g of protein, 30g of fibre, and 30 unique plants – making life-long healthy eating easy to understand and follow.

No Nonsense Nutrition offers 100 innovative and simple recipes for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and treats which will keep you feeling full and energized, stopping you snacking and providing the 'gaps' or windows in our eating our bodies need. It also provides weekly plans and shopping lists to take the guesswork out of meal planning, and uses evidence-based information to dispel nutrition myths..

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 620,000 followers on Instagram (@dominiqueludwig_nutrition). She also heads the nutrition department of Meyer Clinic in Chichester, and is a nutritionist to Oscar-winning stars.

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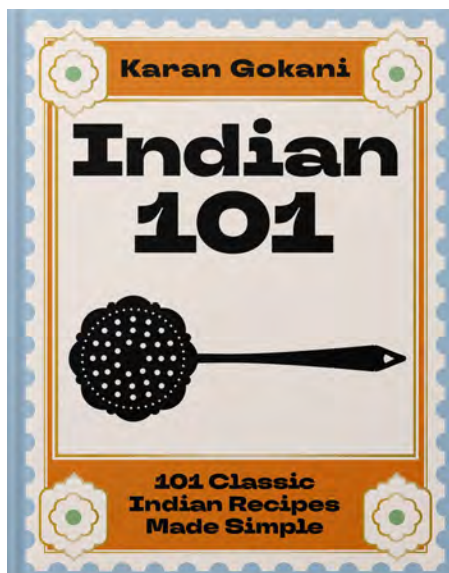




Indian 101

101 recipes to get everyone cooking Indian food

Karan Gokani



Pub Date: 11 September 2025

Editor: Lizzy Gray

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 288pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Page proofs

Bestselling food writer Karan Gokani breaks down the secret to simple, authentic Indian cooking at home with 101 delicious, vibrant and diverse recipes.

Indian 101 introduces beginners and seasoned home cooks to authentic Indian recipes, in a simple contemporary and intuitive way – going beyond the stereotypes of Indian food and making authentic Indian home cooking easy for everyone.

Indian-born recipe writer and chef-patron Karan Gokani wants to showcase the depth and breadth of Indian cooking, giving readers a flavour of all that the country's cuisine has to offer.

Karan gives tips and hacks to make the trickier methods quicker and easier to follow at home without compromising on authenticity or taste. 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.

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.

Cookery





Cooking With Vegetables

Jesse Jenkins (Another Day In Paradise)



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Rights: World

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French: Under offer

The stunning debut cookbook from London–LA chef and pro skater, Jesse Jenkins. This distinctive, original work redefines modern vegetable cooking.

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.

Cooking With Vegetables is a standout debut cookbook showing you how to elevate the humble vegetable by applying cooking methods usually reserved for meat or fish. Jesse cooks everything – from 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 flavours sing. He introduces dairy, meat and fish, but the starting point is always the vegetable. Inspired by his work as a chef in LA kitchens, Jesse's love of fresh, fast and laidback food ensures there's always a comforting, satisfying edge to his cooking.

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

Jesse Jenkins, aka Another Day in Paradise (@adip_food), is a new star on the London food scene, with cinematic cooking videos racking up millions of views. 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.

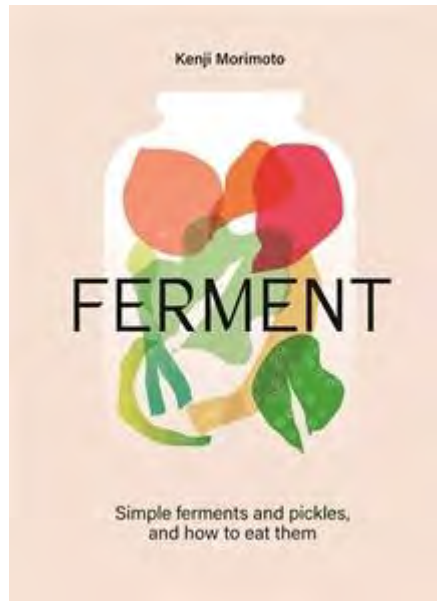
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FERMENT

A Cookbook. Simple ferments and pickles, and how to eat them

Kenji Morimoto



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

"Kenji is a fermenting guru and this book is a masterclass in fermentation." Tim Spector

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.

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Editor: Lizzy Gray

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Extent: 272pp

Rights: World

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.

Material Available: Final

Rights Sold:

US: The Experiment

Ferment includes everything you need to get started on the adventure of preserving food. Part one introduces the various ferments and pickles in turn, giving you all the trouble-shooting advice and simple guidance necessary. Part two introduces more than seventy innovative recipes to make with them, although store bought varieties can easily be substituted for all the recipes.

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.



Family

Modern Cooking for Healthy Eating

Claudine Boulstridge



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Editor: Lizzy Gray

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Extent: 288pp

Rights: World

Material Available: Sample spreads

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.

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 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.

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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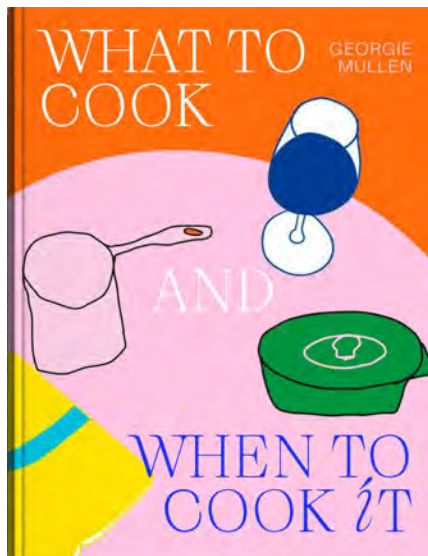




What to Cook and When to Cook It

A seasonal veg cookbook

Georgie Mullen



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Editor: Lizzy Gray

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 288pp

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120 incredibly simple and delicious plant-focused meals that make the most of the season from food writer Georgie Mullen (@georgieeats)

We know that eating with the seasons is delicious, affordable and sustainable: better for us and for the planet. However, it can feel like a challenge – especially when ingredients are available all year round.

With *What to Cook and When to Cook It*, food writer Georgie Mullen makes it easy to return to cooking seasonally. She shows how to bring out the best flavour in your humble fruit and veg, sharing 120 incredibly simple, versatile and delicious vegetarian 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 modern, plant-forward food allows easily sourced, simple produce to shine.

Georgie Mullen has garnered a huge and loyal online following thanks to her beautiful, vibrant seasonal cooking. *What to Cook and When to Cook It* brings together incredible light bites, mains, sweet treats and cocktails divided by season and focussed on hero fruit and veg. Georgie's meals are comforting, satisfying and always highly cookable.

Food writer and cook Georgie Mullen worked in kitchens before starting her blog and instagram *Georgie Eats* in 2018 to share her simple, seasonal and sustainable recipes. Since then, she has run plant-based cookery classes and supper clubs, and has garnered a huge following of more than 355,000 fans.

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Nancy's Green and Easy Kitchen

Nancy Birtwhistle



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Nancy's must-have, no-frills recipes and advice to keep you and your loved ones well fed without wasting time, money or ingredients.

Nancy Birtwhistle is loved for her no-nonsense guidance and down-to-earth approach on all things eco-friendly. She encourages every one of us to make small, practical changes that work for us and help the planet.

Nancy's flexible recipes enable you to use what you have to hand and make the most of seasonal ingredients while learning how to cook in a more sustainable, efficient way. Batch-cooking the basics makes it easy to avoid ultra-processed foods and you'll soon find that with all Nancy's wisdom your home menu will be both delicious and nutritious.

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

Nancy Birtwhistle is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author, lifelong gardener and baker who won the fifth series of *The Great British Bake Off*. 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.

Sizzle & Drizzle

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



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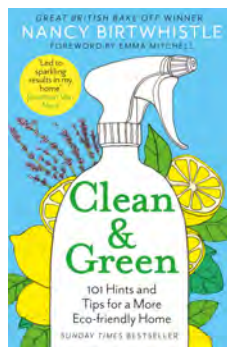
Over 100 indispensable recipes from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Nancy Birtwhistle, all with practical tips and down-to-earth instructions that anyone can easily follow, including essential advice on allergy substitutions and cost-cutting ideas.

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.

Material Available: Final

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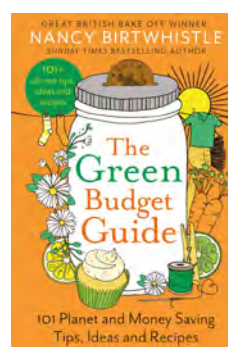
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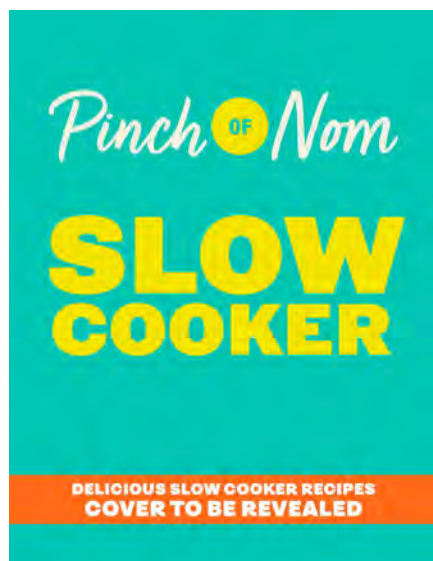
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Pinch of Nom: Slow Cooker

Kate and Kay Allinson



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Material Available: Spring 2025

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Dutch: Scriptum

French: Hachette Pratique

German: ZS Verlag

Greek: Fantastikos Kosmos

Hungarian: Gabo Publishers

Korean: BookRecipe

Lithuanian: Alma Littera

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Romanian: Grup Media Littera

Russian: Azbooka-Atticus

Slovak: Ikar a.s.

Slovene: Aktivni Mediji d.o.o.

US: St Martin's Press

The much-anticipated first slow cooker cookbook from cookery cookbook brand Pinch of Nom – who have sold over 5 million copies in the UK.

Nothing beats the convenience of a slow cooker recipe. Being able to throw all your ingredients into the pot and set them to simmer while you go about your day is a total game changer. By the time you get home, you know there'll be a delicious, piping hot meal that's ready to dish up.

We believe in making your slow cooker work as hard as possible (so you don't have to!). Slow cooker recipes can be more versatile than you might think, so there's no reason not to stick a few of them into your meal plan each week.

100 delicious and satisfying recipes from Pinch of Nom – all cooked in your slow cooker

Kate and Kay Allinson owned a restaurant together on the Wirral, where Kate was head chef. Together they created the Pinch of Nom blog with the aim of teaching people how to cook. They began sharing healthy, slimming-friendly recipes and today Pinch of Nom is the UK's most visited food blog with an active and engaged online community of over 4 million followers. They are the authors of Pinch of Nom, Pinch of Nom: Quick and Easy, Pinch of Nom: Comfort Food, Pinch of Nom: Enjoy, Pinch of Nom: Budget and more.

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