



Welcome to the latest Canelo & Hera catalogue, which features many of our highlights for the remaining months of 2024.

Each of these books speaks, in its own unique way, to our publishing ethos: a commitment to great storytelling, to entertainment and quality, to offering value and satisfaction in return for the precious time readers invest.

Collectively, they also speak to the taste, passions and skill of a team that strives to make our books the very best they can be, to champion, promote and support our wonderful stable of writers at every opportunity. They deserve every credit.

In these pages you will find the bestsellers, genre leaders and cult classics of the future, and works that are destined to be adapted for stage and screen. For right at the heart of the arts is – and always will be – the book: a technology, an experience, a tool like no other.

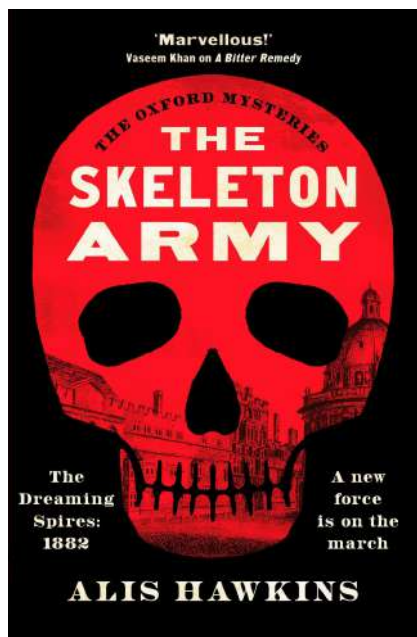
It is a genuine privilege to represent this programme, but the greatest pleasure is in meeting fellow travellers in and around the book trade, and see them share our enthusiasm, first as readers, then as conduits to the wider reading world. Every book sold, downloaded or borrowed is, to us, something of a miracle, and there are literally tens of thousands of people who make that magic happen. We offer them our profound gratitude.

In that spirit, we'd love to hear from you, to learn more and to expand our profile and our reach. Whatever piques your interest, it also piqued ours, and that connection means everything.

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## The Skeleton Army

Alis Hawkins

### Why should the devil have all the best tunes?

An utterly compelling historical mystery, and a fascinating portrait of Victorian Oxford, perfect for fans of Andrew Taylor, C. J. Sansom and Antonia Hodgson.

The Salvation Army has come prancing and singing from the slums of London to the poorest quarters of Oxford, but along with its red hot gospel preaching and music hall songs it brings a prohibition message that sparks immediate opposition and violence.

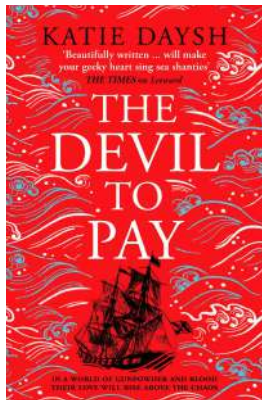
An Army soldier – an ex-drunk – is brutally killed and a note suggests that the Salvation Army's shadowy enemy, the Skeleton Army, is responsible.

With the police unwilling to come between the two forces, Non Vaughan, aspiring journalist and great hope of the Oxford women's college movement, and Basil Rice, Jesus College fellow and union-sanctioned guardian of the dead man's family, are compelled to investigate.

But as the threats from both sides escalate, resulting in a second death, Non and Basil realise that they must stop the fighting before it results in an outright war. For with the University's annual commemoration week fast approaching, the entire city could be engulfed in fire and blood...

**Alis Hawkins** writes Victorian crime fiction – but not that kind. It's set in west Wales and Oxford rather than London. There are no serial killers because Alis is keen on representing some kind of real life and most murders are committed by ordinary people. And policemen are mostly nowhere to be seen: if they are in evidence, they're usually getting in the way.

A former speech and language therapist and current freelance writer and editor, Alis is a founder member of Welsh crime writers' collective, Crime Cymru, chair of Wales's only crime fiction festival, Gŵyl CRIME CYMRU Festival, and a member of the Society of Authors and the Crime Writers' Association. She lives on the Welsh/English border in the Forest of Dean with her partner, and makes regular forays to Wales and Oxford.



## The Devil to Pay

Katie Daysh

'Beautifully written ... will make your geeky heart sing sea shanties' *The Times on Leeward*

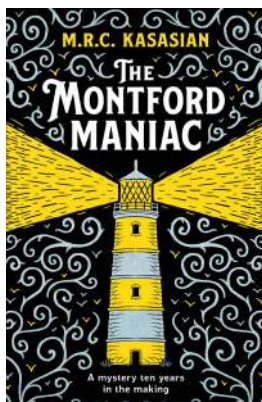
1802. The French Revolutionary Wars are at an end. Lieutenant Arthur Courtney returns home to England where he expects to languish on half-pay. But within weeks, HMS *Loyal* goes missing en route to Malta. Its disappearance during this tentative ceasefire may be enough to reignite war between France and Britain.

Both Courtney and Hiram Nightingale receive a position on HMS *Lysander*, but tensions crackle almost immediately. Courtney works tirelessly to prevent a full scale revolt, but when danger threatens closer to home, he must act to protect the ones he loves.

This is a powerful tale of tall ships, political conniving and love that conquers even the most difficult of battles.

Katie Daysh works in retail but her passions are writing fiction and history, in which she has an Open University degree. She lives on the Isle of Wight.

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## The Montford Maniac

M.R.C. Kasasian

A crazed killer. A town in terror. A mystery ten years in the making...

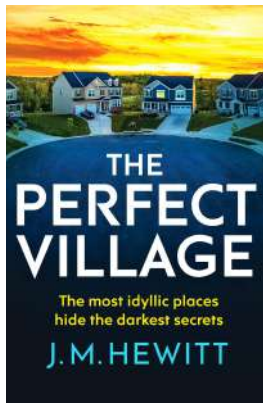
A rollicking, unputdownable Victorian mystery ideal for fans of Janice Hallett and Anthony Horowitz.

Lady Violet Thorn's awful Aunt Igitha arrives uninvited to stay, wreaking havoc. When Violet plucks up the courage to ask her to leave, Igitha's chilling threats are soon realised with deadly effect.

In a devastating series of events, a woman is impaled, another is hanged outside Violet's window and a wild beast is delivered to her house. Violet is soon struck by the similarities between these events, and the unsolved murders committed ten years earlier by the sadistic serial killer known as the Montford Maniac. Could he have returned? Or is Igitha behind the crimes?

M.R.C. Kasasian is the author of two previous historical mystery series, including the bestselling Gower Street Detective series.

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## The Perfect Village

J.M. Hewitt

**It's the perfect place to conceal the truth**

Vivacia Williams is strong, independent and lives in a beautiful community. She's trying to make the best of a bad situation after her husband walked out on her. Then she finds two lost children. They have no home, no parents, and suddenly Vivacia has the one thing she's been missing.

Vivacia will go to any length to keep the children but there are no secrets in the gated community of Wolf's Pit. When a body is found, all residents are under scrutiny. With everyone pointing fingers, can Vivacia keep her secrets and realise her dream?

A tense and gripping psychological thriller, this will delight fans of Catherine Cooper and Caroline Mitchell.

J.M. Hewitt is a crime and psychological thriller author. Her writing combines the dark complexity of human behaviour with enchanting settings. She lives in a Suffolk seaside town with her dog, Marley.



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## Dark Road Home

Sheila Bugler

**In a small town, it's impossible to hide...**

Two decades after she left Ireland, Leah Ryan is back. She knows she won't get a welcome reception in her hometown of Dungarry, but she's finally ready to face up to the events that forced her to leave as a teenager.

As she arrives home, another tragedy is waiting for Leah – her first love, Eamon Longeran, has been found murdered. At first, Eamon's murder appears unrelated to Leah's past. But in a small town like Dungarry everything is connected and everyone has secrets. Sometimes there's only one way to ensure the truth stays buried.

A tense and emotional thriller set in Ireland, this is ideal for fans of Claire McGowan and Patricia Gibney.

Sheila Bugler grew up in a small town in the west of Ireland, but now lives in Eastbourne, on the East Sussex coast. She reviews crime fiction for crimesquad.com and is a regular guest on BBC Radio Sussex. She is married with two children.



## The Sweetheart Killer

NJ Mackay

Loving him might be the last thing they do...

Stevie Gordon is lonely, filling her time by stalking her ex-boyfriend, James Cowley. He might be married, but neither his wife nor his girlfriend knows as much about him as Stevie does.

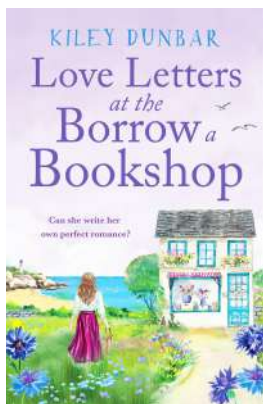
But when James's latest mistress is killed, her body carefully posed amongst the bluebells, Stevie is as shocked as anyone. But with her troubled childhood taking a toll, and her heavy drinking leading to frequent blackouts, can Stevie really know she is innocent?

DI Sebastian Locke is drawn into the case, but as he delves deeper, links are found to a previous victim, all the clues pointing back to James. As another innocent is targeted, Stevie becomes increasingly terrified that her mind is betraying her. But is she capable of murder? And if not, who else lies in the shadows?

A twisty, unputdownable detective novel for fans of Cara Hunter.

NJ Mackay is also the author of two standalone psychological thrillers, *Found Her* and *The Girls Inside*.

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## Love Letters at the Borrow a Bookshop

Kiley Dunbar

Can she write her perfect love story?

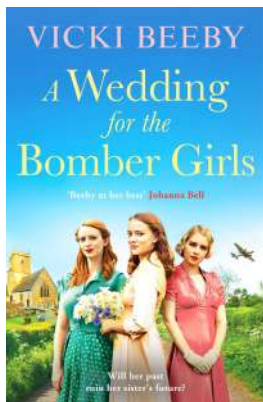
Austen Archer is on her dream solo bookselling holiday, the new 'borrower' at the Borrow-A-Bookshop in Devon's Clove Lore. While she has always loved poetry, her words have dried up since being fired by her last boss, bestselling author Callista Flyte, a year before.

Austen distracts herself with the Borrow-A-Bookshop, as well as her flirty online exchanges with a Parisian bookseller. Hiding from the world, Austen doesn't notice that wedding planner, Patti, is falling for her – and is too afraid to admit that she feels the chemistry, too.

But as Patti and Austen grow closer, culminating in a magical day at the wildflower meadow, can Clove Lore work its customary magic and bring the two together? And will Austen find the confidence to risk her heart and write again?

Kiley Dunbar is a Scot living in Northern England. She thinks making imaginary people find happiness and fall hopelessly in love has to be the best job in the world.

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## A Wedding for the Bomber Girls

Vicki Beeby

Can joy be found amidst the tensions of war?

At RAF Fenthorpe, instrument repairer Thea is helping her sister, Pearl, plan her wedding alongside maid of honour Jenny. A misfit amongst the women on the base, though, Thea is struggling to get others onboard.

When Flight Sergeant Fitz makes a point of befriending and standing by her, sparks fly between the two. And when Fitz's crew member, Jack, faces being stripped of his rank due to cowardice, Thea throws herself into seeking justice and support for him.

Just as she begins to be accepted by her fellow WAAFs, a shadowy figure from her past has returned and is determined to ruin not just Thea, but also Pearl's wedding. Will Thea's reputation be marred once more? And will she face this struggle alone...?

A page-turning and feel-good Second World War saga, for fans of Johanna Bell, Daisy Styles and Kate Thompson.

Vicki Beeby writes about the friendships of service women brought together by the Second World War. She lives in Shropshire.

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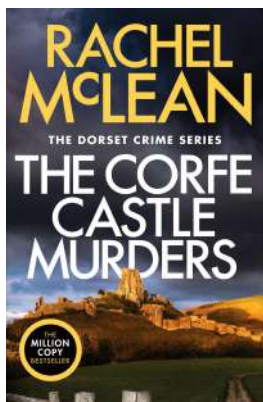
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## The Corfe Castle Murders

Rachel McLean

An unputdownable, character-driven mystery, perfect for fans of Elly Griffiths and Ann Cleeves

When a body is found at the castle ruins, can DCI Lesley Clarke uncover the killer?

After being injured in a bomb attack in Birmingham, DCI Lesley Clarke relocates to the peace of rural Dorset. But things don't stay calm for long. Before she's even started her new job, Lesley has to hit the ground running as she's dragged into investigating a murder at one of England's most iconic landmarks, the imposing Corfe Castle.

Can she navigate the politics of a smaller force and work with her new partner DS Dennis Frampton, who doesn't value her? And, most importantly, can she solve the murder before the killer strikes again?

Rachel McLean was originally a self-publishing sensation, who has sold millions of copies digitally. Her last five books have all hit #1 in the Bookstat ebook chart on launch.

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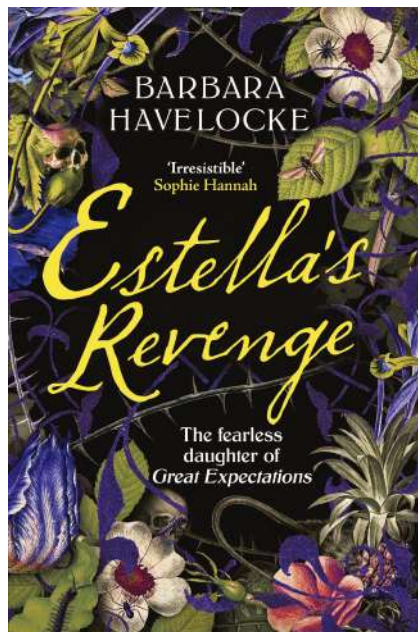
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## Estella's Revenge

Barbara Havelocke

'Loved it from the very first page – Estella is a superbly well-drawn character and absolutely unforgettable' Frances Quinn

You know Miss Havisham.  
The world's most famous jilted bride.  
This is her daughter's story.

Raised in the darkness of Satis House where the clocks never tick, the beautiful Estella is bred to hate men and to keep her heart cold as the grave. She knows she doesn't feel things quite like other people do but is this just the result of her strange upbringing?

As she watches the brutal treatment of women around her, hatred hardens into a core of vengeance. When she finds herself married to the abusive Drummle, she is forced to make a deadly choice: should she embrace the darkness within her and exact her revenge?

A stunningly original, gripping Gothic read, perfect for fans of Stacey Halls, Madeline Miller and Jessie Burton.

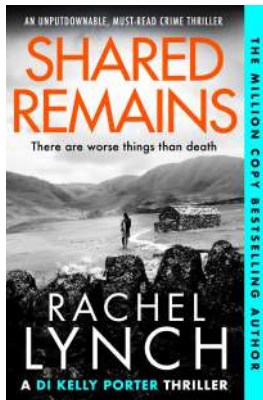
'The genius concept behind this book is so irresistible, it makes the novel feel like magic... Charles Dickens's spirit would be definitely securing his copy now!' Sophie Hannah

'Masterfully constructed, complex, immersive and delivered through Havelocke's beautiful prose. Both heartbreaking and uplifting, this is an absolute must-read' Rebecca Netley

'I truly cannot rave about this book enough! ... *Estella's Revenge* is a dark, cunning story full of twists and turns and with plenty of heart' Victoria Hawthorne

'A darkly ingenious take on a classic character, Estella's story had me gripped. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough' Susi Holliday

Barbara Havelocke is an international bestselling author whose psychological thrillers have topped Amazon and Kobo charts. Her writing career started in journalism, interviewing the real victims of crime – and the perpetrators. The realistic, complex characters who populate her fiction reflect this deep understanding.



## Shared Remains

Rachel Lynch

### DI Kelly Porter knows his death was no accident

The body of a man is found at the bottom of a quarry. His appearance, and physical evidence, rule out the chance he travelled there unaided: he was put there.

DI Kelly Porter is tasked to investigate and soon digs up a bitter history between the two brothers who own the Cumbrian farmland that the quarry sits on. Arthur and Samuel inherited half each and have been locked in a feud that's dragged on for decades.

Kelly has other concerns about the family. Her elderly friend recently moved to a care home on the old farm that is managed by Arthur's inscrutable wife. Kelly senses there is more than meets the eye, but will searching for the truth put others at risk?

A must-read from million-copy bestseller Rachel Lynch, this will appeal to fans of Patricia Gibney, Angela Marsons and J.R. Ellis.

Rachel Lynch is an author of crime fiction whose books have sold more than one million copies. She grew up in Cumbria, and the lakes and fells are never far away from her.

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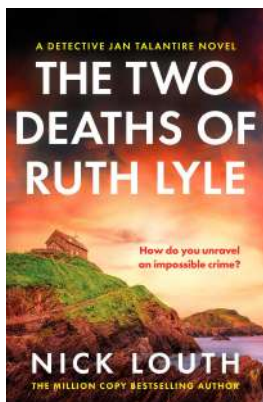
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## The Two Deaths of Ruth Lyle

Nick Louth

### She must solve the ultimate riddle...

DI Jan Talantire is called to a cottage in Ilfracombe, where the female occupant is found dead, impaled with a crucifix. The woman, who had been renting the house for a few months, is well known locally. Documents found at her house indicate her name is Ruth Lyle. The name means nothing to the young PC who found her, but DI Talantire knows that this cannot be true.

Fifty years earlier, sixteen-year-old Ruth Lyle was murdered – stabbed by a crucifix, in exactly the same location. It is impossible for this to be the same woman, and yet all the records are a match. With a brutal killer at large, DI Talantire must work to solve the most complicated case of her career: how can a woman die twice?

A twisty and unputdownable crime thriller for readers of Kate Ellis.

Nick Louth is a bestselling thriller writer, award-winning financial journalist and an investment commentator. He has been a regular contributor to the *Financial Times*, *Investors Chronicle* and *Money Observer*. He is married and lives in Lincolnshire.

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## Love Game

Emma Rae

Can a player on the court be a keeper at home?

Elle's love language is food. But finding the right kind of work in her industry is difficult. After multiple stints of temporary work, she lands her dream role: personal chef to tennis star, Nicky Salco. It's just a bonus that he's handsome and athletic... but totally off limits.

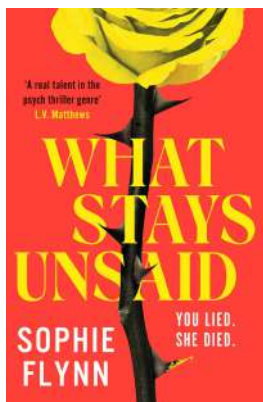
The pressure is on, and not just in the kitchen. As Nicky trains for Wimbledon, Elle treads carefully around his judgemental fiancée, while also trying to ignore her own boyfriend's cheating habits.

But the temperature rises when Nicky's training leads him to get hungry late at night and Elle is the one tasked with keeping his belly full. Despite being worlds apart, one late night rendezvous seems to lead to more than they intended. Should they risk the lives they have already built, for the lives they truly want?

A sizzling, forced-proximity sporting romance that fans of Hannah Grace will fall head over heels for.

Emma Rae is a graduate of the Faber Academy and Curtis Brown Creative. She lives in Guildford with her husband and two children.

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## What Stays Unsaid

Sophie Flynn

'Sophie Flynn just gets better and better' Sarah Lawton

As friends gather for a hen weekend, they are all smiles, but cannot hide the tension that bubbles beneath the surface. The group was forever broken by the loss of their childhood friend, Becca.

Now, decades later, someone wants to expose the truth about what happened, and will stop at nothing to reveal the secrets long since buried. Can they all survive the fall-out?

Praise for Sophie Flynn:

'A pacy yet heartbreaking thriller ... a fabulous read' L.V. Matthews

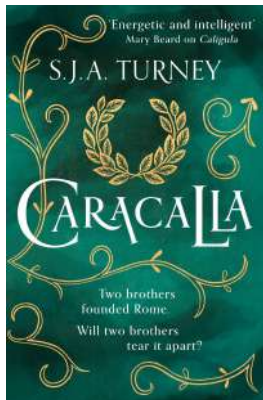
'Beautifully written ... I loved it' Louise Jensen

'A splendidly twisty psychological mystery' *Daily Mail*

'Expertly paced and totally compelling' Anna Bailey

Sophie Flynn is a Cotswolds-based psychological thriller author. Sophie is the Managing Director at Jericho Writers.

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## Caracalla

S.J.A. Turney

Two brothers founded Rome. Will two brothers tear it apart?

AD 193. After a year of civil war, Rome is settled under Septimius Severus and his aspirations for a new dynasty of emperors. Severus's sons, Marcus Aurelius Antoninus – better known as Caracalla – and his brother, Geta, promise a clear line of succession to steer Rome into the future. A promise that may be hard to deliver upon.

With two brothers, there are two possible heirs, and seeds of resentment and bitterness are soon sown. Will the brothers be able to set their differences aside, or will Rome see the blood of a fratricide?

The masterful final novel in the Damned Emperors series, perfect for fans of Harry Sidebottom and Conn Iggulden.

S.J.A. Turney is an author of Roman and medieval historical fiction, and gritty historical fantasy. He lives with his family and extended menagerie of pets in rural North Yorkshire.

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## Hazzard's Convoy

Jonathan Spencer

'Better than Sharpe' Ben Kane on *Napoleon's Run*

Late 1799. Napoleon Bonaparte seizes power in a coup in Paris as an Ottoman army of 80,000 descends upon Egypt. Abandoned in the desert, French general Kléber wants to get his soldiers home, their only hope a rescue fleet led by the mighty 74-gun *Généreux*.

For William John Hazzard and the marines of 9 Company, the order is clear: find her and sink her. Beset by spies from Constantinople to Sicily, Hazzard races after the *Généreux* and the desperate French convoy with De la Vega and the Volpone – and breaks the heart of Lady Hamilton, as he brings Nelson out to give battle once again.

From brutal combat at sea to the streets of Palermo and the flaming ruins of Heliopolis, this will appeal to readers of Julian Stockwin, Bernard Cornwell and C. S. Forester.

Jonathan Spencer is from southeast London. He served in the Canadian army, studied ancient and modern history, and has lectured on Napoleonic Egypt. He lives in South Africa.

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## Kathy's Courage

Carol MacLean

**Can she hide the secret that could ruin her reputation?**

After becoming pregnant out of wedlock, Kathy feared for her future – until her mother agreed to raise the baby as her own.

While Kathy causes consternation for her family, everything changes after she meets handsome RAF pilot, Alisdair. They grow close, but when their relationship is threatened, Kathy runs away from heartbreak by joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Kathy's new life in Yorkshire is a world away from the Glasgow tenement she grew up in, but she finds friendship with women who know nothing of her past, and spends her evenings at dances with charming soldiers. But despite being surrounded by new faces, Kathy can't get Alisdair, nor her secret child, out of her mind...

Carol MacLean lives in the Glasgow area. She began by writing pocket novels, having eighteen published before deciding to write historical saga. When she's not writing, Carol can be found visiting museums or walking around the city looking for traces of old Glasgow to inspire her next novel.

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## Far from Home

T.A. Williams

**The secrets of the past will unlock her future...**

Working in the fast-paced environment of Canary Wharf, Amy never expected her job to drive her to collapse. Needing to take time off work, when she receives a letter informing her of a surprise inheritance in Italy, the timing couldn't be more perfect. But who on earth has left her a house in the sleepy Tuscan hills?

As she gets to know the town, Amy discovers more about the mysterious man who named her in his will. Shocking family secrets come to light, leaving Amy questioning the life she knew. Then, Amy meets Adam, a renowned TV journalist. But as their attraction grows, so do Amy's worries...

An emotional, heartwarming love story full of family drama and quirky locals, perfect for fans of Rosanna Ley and Lucinda Riley.

T.A. Williams lives in Devon with his Italian wife. His hobby is long-distance cycling, but his passion is writing.

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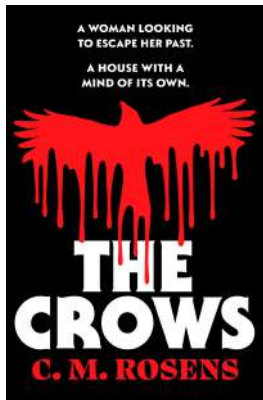
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## The Crows

C. M. Rosens

A chilling gothic horror novel of haunted houses, eldritch monsters and things that go bump in the night.

Carrie Rickard, leaving an abusive relationship back in London, tries to escape her past by throwing herself into her restoration project: Fairwood House, known to locals of Pagham-on-Sea as The Crows.

Unable to resist as the house whispers to her, Carrie's obsession only grows when she discovers it was the site of a gruesome unsolved murder. As she digs deeper into the mystery, she awakens dark and dangerous forces.

Cue an introduction to her foul-mouthed neighbour, Ricky Porter, who is as obsessed with The Crows as Carrie is, and who has several secrets of his own. Not least of which are what's really under his hood, and what he's got in the cellar...

C. M. Rosens is an author of dark, genre-bending speculative fiction, particularly Gothic horror with tentacles and eldritch family drama. She has a PhD in a niche area of Medieval British Studies. Her work is heavily influenced by the histories, mythologies and folklore of places she grew up in and lived as an adult.



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## The Missing

Sarah Langan

'Reminiscent of early Stephen King, this is not for the squeamish.' *The Times*

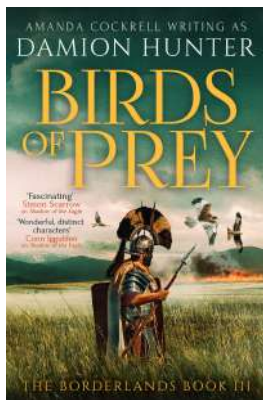
There are some nightmares from which we do not wake...

The affluent community in Corpus Christi is unaffected by the bizarre environmental disaster that completely destroyed Bedford, a neighbouring town, only a few miles away.

However, when third-grade schoolteacher Lois Larkin takes the children on a field trip to the site of the disaster, everything changes. There, in the abandoned woods, a small boy unearths a horror unlike any other.

The long, dark night is just beginning. A malevolent contagion starts to spread, and will not rest until it has devoured every living soul in Corpus Christi... and beyond.

Sarah Langan grew up on Long Island, in a town called Garden City. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughters.



## Birds of Prey

Damion Hunter

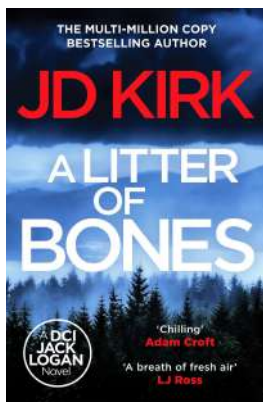
An Ancient Roman epic of ruthless battles and fierce love, perfect for fans of Manda Scott and Bernard Cornwell.

In West Britain, the Silure tribe plot rebellion against the diminished strength of their Roman occupiers. Half-British centurion Faustus Valerianus finds himself trapped between loyalty to the army and to his mother's people.

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Amanda Cockrell, writing as Damion Hunter, grew up in Ojai, California, and developed a fascination with the Romans when a college friend gave her Rosemary Sutcliffe's books to read. She taught literature and creative writing for many years at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, where she now lives.

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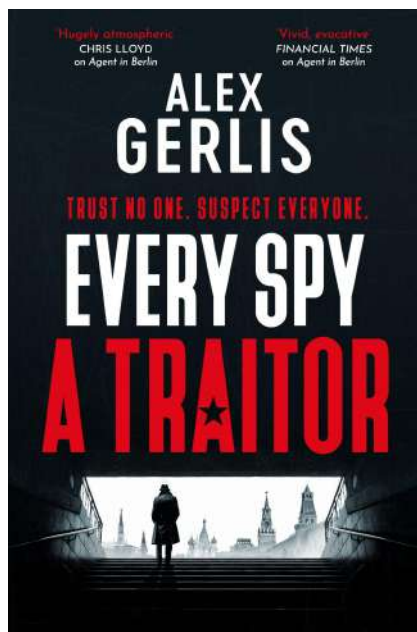
Ten years ago, DCI Jack Logan stopped the serial child-killer dubbed 'Mister Whisper,' earning himself a commendation, a drinking problem, and a broken marriage in the process. Now, he spends his days working in Glasgow's Major Investigations Team, and his nights reliving the horrors of what he saw. And what he did.

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Perfect for fans of LJ Ross, Chris Brookmyre, and Stuart MacBride.

JD Kirk lives in the north of Scotland with his wife, two children, and a number of sturdy umbrellas. He loves the Highlands, crime thrillers and cats.

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It's 1937. Fear and suspicion stalk the Continent. A million have died in Stalin's Great Purge and the Nazi terror grips Germany. But British intelligence is still trying to work out who the enemy is.

As Europe heads towards war, treason is in the air. British spymasters know there is one Soviet agent in their ranks, codenamed Agent 'Archie', and there's a frantic search to find them. What they don't know is that he is not the only traitor.

The life of Charles Cooper, a young British writer travelling Europe to research his novel, is about to change forever...

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Alex Gerlis was a BBC journalist for nearly thirty years and is the author of nine Second World war espionage thrillers, all published by Canelo. His first four novels are in the acclaimed Spy Masters series, including the best-selling *The Best of Our Spies* which is currently being developed as a television series.

Alex was born in Lincolnshire and now lives in west London with his wife and two black cats, a breed which makes cameo appearances in all his books. Alex supports Grimsby Town, which he believes helps him cope with the highs and especially the lows of writing a novel. He's frequently asked if he's ever worked for an intelligence agency but always declines to answer the question in the hope that someone may believe he actually has.



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A heartbreaking and twisty will-they-won't-they-should-they novel, perfect for fans of Colleen Hoover

When Will wakes up after a car accident, he's lost three years of memory. All he wants is his girlfriend and childhood sweetheart, Gem, beside him. Instead, nothing is as he remembers.

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As Will recovers, he is determined to prove to Gem that he is the man he once was. But by unlocking the secrets of his past, will he be able to piece together what caused him to change so dramatically? And, faced with the choice, will Gem continue with the safe new life she has built for herself, or will she go back to the man she used to love?

Eve Ainsworth is a public speaker, creative workshop coordinator and award-winning author. Eve is also a champion for working class voices, has set up the Working Class Writers Network and is an experienced and passionate mentor.

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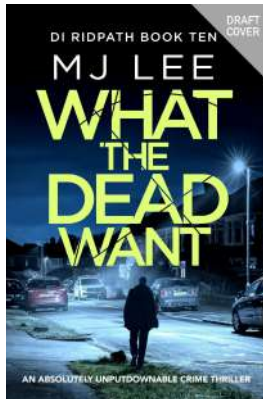
After Pearl's home is destroyed in the Exeter Blitz, so too are her dreams of performing onstage. Finding work as a bus conductress instead, a chance encounter revives her hopes once more, and soon she is singing for the troops alongside new friend Ivy.

When agent Gordon Gold approaches them, Ivy jumps to sign with him and sets off for the bright lights of London. But Pearl is wary of the charming man and decides to stay, watching her friend go with a heavy heart.

A year later, while Pearl is struck mute, Ivy returns – and is quick to seize the chance to fill Pearl's place, singing with the band. Once more, Pearl's dreams are threatened. Will she ever become a star?

Rosie Meddon lives with her husband in Devon – the setting for her Woodicombe House sagas – where she enjoys the area's natural history, dramatic scenery, and keeping busy on her allotment.

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The latest tense and gripping DI Ridpath thriller set in Manchester. Perfect for fans of Mark Billingham and Damien Boyd.

M J Lee has worked as a university researcher in history, a social worker with Vietnamese refugees, and as the creative director of an advertising agency. He has spent 25 years of his life working outside the north of England, in London, Hong Kong, Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok and Shanghai.

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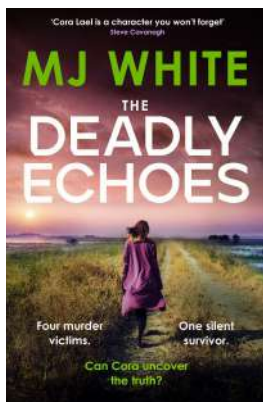
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Four murder victims. One silent survivor. Can Cora hear the secrets he's hiding?

When a terrified, bloodied man staggers into the small Suffolk village of Evernam in broad daylight, the police are called. They find four bodies, their throats savagely cut, arranged in a bizarre formation. The survivor insists that the deaths are his fault and is arrested for murder. But police specialist Dr Cora Lael – a woman with the ability to sense emotional echoes from objects – hears a different story...

Praise for the Cora Lael Mysteries series:

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'An unusual premise and an engaging cast of characters. What more could you want? I flew through it' Mari Hannah

'One of the most striking crime novels of the year' *Daily Mail*

MJ White is the pseudonym of Miranda Dickinson, author of twelve books, including six *Sunday Times* bestsellers. She has been translated into ten languages, and sold over a million copies.

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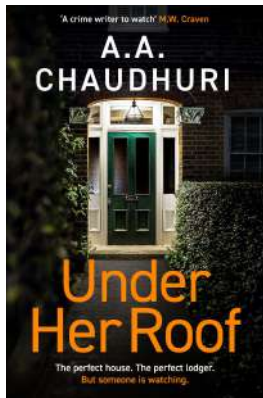
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## Under Her Roof

A.A. Chaudhuri

'The brilliant A.A. Chaudhuri with another thrilling read. This one is her best yet ... You know something is going to get you. You just don't know what' Imran Mahmood

When struggling writer Sebastian finds a room to let in a palatial Hampstead residence he cannot believe his luck. The rent is ridiculously cheap and he immediately feels a connection with his beautiful widowed landlady, Adriana.

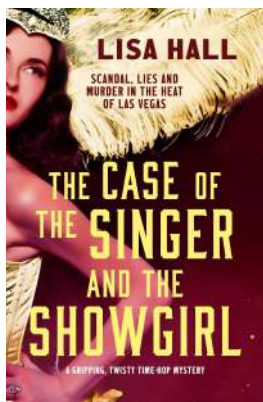
It seems too good to be true. It is.

Things take a dark turn when he finds out what happened to the last lodger. Could this be why the house is a fortress of security, and why Adriana seems so fragile? Someone is watching their every move and there is nowhere to hide. What does the watcher want? And how far will they go to get it?

A gripping, twisty thriller perfect for fans of Lucy Foley. If you were hooked by Netflix series *You* or *The Watcher* then you will love this.

A.A. Chaudhuri is a former City lawyer. She lives in Surrey.

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Murder and scandal in the heat of 1950s Las Vegas

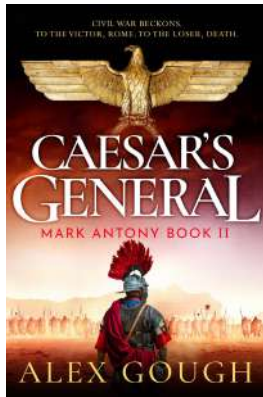
Lily Jones can't forget her incredible time-slip adventure to the Golden Age of Hollywood and the friends she made there – especially a handsome barman by the name of Louis. In 2020, life isn't going so well, and Lily is idly googling when she is horrified to discover that Evelyn, Louis' ex-girlfriend, was brutally killed in 1953.

She is compelled to go back to the 1950s and try to save Evelyn's life, but this time it isn't just the stars of Tinseltown she will have to contend with but The Mob, as she finds herself in the seedy glamour of Vegas and learns that Evelyn's future depends upon her first solving the murder of a Vegas showgirl. Thankfully she has Louis to help her, but her own life is in danger as she tries to find the killer and change Evelyn's fate. What will she risk to save a life?

'It's amazing! Packed with Golden Age movie glamour and smart time-slip thriller twists. I loved it!' Steph Broadribb

Lisa Hall is the #1 bestselling author of six psychological thrillers. She lives in Kent, surrounded by a towering TBR pile.

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The empire is at a crisis point. Caesar, Rome's greatest general and conqueror of Gaul, now faces being stripped of his command and dragged back to Italy for prosecution by his enemies.

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Caesar does the unthinkable. He crosses the Rubicon and marches his army into Italy to invade Rome, with Mark Antony at his side. The empire is thrown into civil war. Antony will either rise to the heights of power, or be executed as a traitor. The die has been cast.

This is the greatest story of Roman history retold from Mark Antony's perspective by a rising star of the genre. It will delight fans of Conn Iggulden and Ben Kane.

Alex Gough is an author of Roman historical adventures, and has a decades-long interest in Ancient Roman history.

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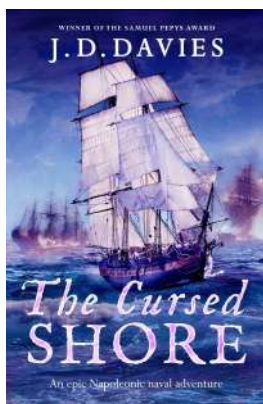
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Philippe Kermorvant, unfairly dismissed from the French Revolutionary Navy, accepts command of a privateer from its enigmatic owner. Having ignored his early misgivings, the mission quickly takes a dark turn, endangering the lives of all on board.

Meanwhile, the British prepare for an assault on the French mainland. As the revolutionary forces savagely clash with the combined strength of the British naval power and the French royalist rebels still harkening for the return of the monarchy, defeat for either side will prove utterly devastating.

Philippe, stuck far away from the action, will have to contend not just with the impending destruction of his own future, but the risk of losing everyone he holds dear.

J. D. Davies is an author of historical naval adventures and one of the foremost authorities on the seventeenth-century navy. He won the Samuel Pepys Award with *Pepys's Navy: Ships, Men and Warfare, 1649-1689*.

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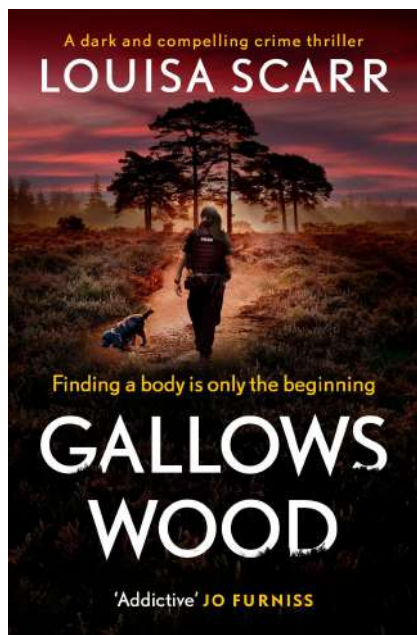
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The signs are unmistakable. The dog halts, his nose up – nostrils quivering. Every inch of him is poised. Moss has a scent...

When a hand is found in Gallows Wood, PC Lucy Halliday and her specialist search dog Moss must find the rest of the body. What they uncover is a killer's dumping ground. Like every case since her husband's mysterious disappearance, Lucy wonders if this one will bring her closer to the truth. Nico was a journalist with a reputation for getting buried in his work; Lucy is certain that this time he delved too deep.

With new DI Jack Ellis calling the shots, Lucy struggles to keep her professionalism intact. She can't stay away from these murders – and a killer who may hold the answers she desperately wants. But with those at the very heart of the investigation withholding secrets of their own, can more brutal deaths be prevented?

The first book in the gripping new police procedural series featuring dog handler PC Lucy Halliday. Perfect for fans of Lynda La Plante and Val McDermid.

'Dark, funny and addictive, this new crime series is a joy' Jo Furniss, author of *The Last to Know*

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Louisa Scarr studied Psychology at the University of Southampton and has lived in and around the city ever since. She is also the author of the Butler & West series.



## The Vanishing Act

Sarah Ward

Everyone in the family had a secret. Which one has proved deadly?

When Mallory Dawson gets a call from a former colleague, Elsa, describing a strange scene, she initially thinks nothing of it. The teenage cleaner had gone in to clean a holiday cottage in the forest to find a kettle boiling on the Aga, sandwiches half made and the family who were renting it gone.

DI Harri Evans, however, has a story about the place from the time he was in uniform. He was called out to a girl with scratches down her face claiming someone unseen had attacked her.

When the father of the missing family is found dead in their hire car there is an urgent hunt for the rest of the family. But their identities are false and there's no hint of their history. How are the past and present connected?

A tense Welsh crime thriller, perfect for fans of Clare Mackintosh.

Sarah Ward is a critically acclaimed crime and gothic thriller writer, who also serves on the Board of the Crime Writers' Association.

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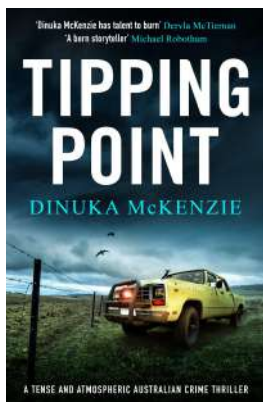
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Dinuka McKenzie

A suicide. A shooting. And a reckoning, decades in the making.

Weeks from Christmas in the sweltering heat of summer, Detective Kate Miles' estranged brother, Luke Grayling, returns home for the funeral of a childhood friend – Ant Reed, dead by suicide. Days later, Marcus Rowntree is found dead in the back paddock of his property.

Almost twenty years ago, Luke, Ant and Marcus were best mates in high school. Now, two of them are dead. A tragic coincidence? Or is there something more sinister connecting the three men?

As press attention deepens, and uncomfortable truths about Luke's personal life come to light, Kate is forced to contend between loyalty to the police force, and the bonds of friendship and blood.

Dinuka McKenzie is an award-winning Australian writer. Before writing full time, Dinuka worked in the environmental sector. She lives in Southern Sydney on Dharawal country with her husband, two kids and their pet chicken.

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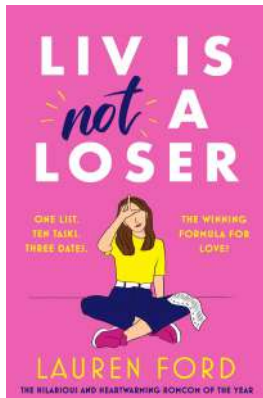
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Should Liv take herself out of the friend zone, or are they better off there?

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With the help of Joe and Henry, her oldest friend, Liv comes up with the Loser List: ten tasks to change her life. The most challenging – three dates with the same person. After each increasingly disastrous date, Henry always comes to the rescue. Has what she's been looking for been right in front of her the whole time?

A laugh-out-loud romantic comedy for fans of Sophia Money-Coutts, Sarah Hogle and Sally Thorne.

Lauren Ford lives in Australia with her husband, two children and one overly excitable Sheepadoodle. She has a background in film distribution, acquisitions and script development.

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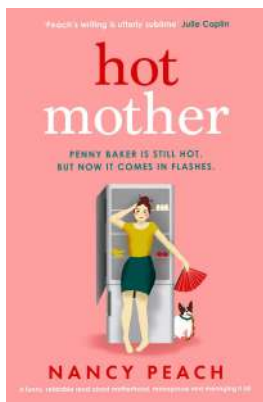
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Nancy Peach is a writer of women's fiction, a mother of three and an owner of various ridiculous-looking pets. She is also a practicing doctor working for the NHS and a national cancer charity.

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Amy True

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For Beck, Ivy Falls means trauma and loss. He knows his sudden departure hurt Torran badly but there are things she doesn't know. He never intended to return to Ivy Falls so why is he there, bidding on his childhood home? His feelings for Torran are as strong as ever. Can he find a way to heal his past and find his future?

Amy True grew up in Southern California only ten minutes from Disneyland, which sparked an early interest in storytelling. Fuelled by iced tea and a Spotify playlist, you can often find Amy settled in a quiet corner at her local coffee shop plotting her next book.

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Joanna Dodd

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They were the cool girls. Two years older, oozing glamour. She could prove herself worthy of their friendship. She could do the dare.

Twenty-five years later, Lucy has a perfect life. She is still friends with the cool girls. All except one. Maddie. The one they never saw again after the dare. They don't talk about her. They don't think about her. It is as though she never existed, until...

Lucy gets a text from an unknown number. *Why didn't you tell them where I was?* The past hurtles into the present and secrets push their way to the surface. Who is the message from? Is Maddie back? Or is someone else set on exposing the truth, and revenge?

'A sinister story of friendship and power' Lauren North.

Joanna Dodd is fascinated by toxic friendship and family groups, the long shadows cast by old secrets. She lives in London and enjoys time with her (lovely and not at all toxic) family and friends.

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Gathering allies and bannermen to his cause, and building a strategy that will hopefully ensure victory, Alfred sets out to undermine the strength of the complacent invaders.

As the battle lines are drawn, the destiny of Wessex, and every Anglo-Saxon in Britain, rests firmly on Alfred's shoulders.

Covering the fascinating middle years of Alfred the Great's reign, this is a ferocious and gripping adventure.

Steven A. McKay was born in Scotland. He is the author of two previous series of historical fiction. He is the co-host of historical adventure podcast *Rock, Paper, Swords!*, with author Matthew Harffy, and lives just outside Glasgow with his wife and children.

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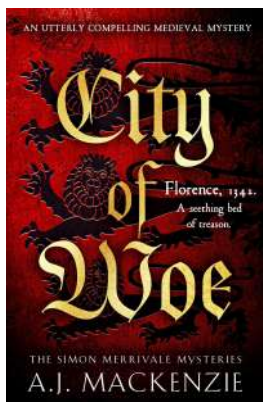
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There is still a chance that some of the original plan can survive. But to achieve his goal, he must plunge back into the seething torrent of Florentine and international rivalries, and dangers greater than any he has ever faced before.

A.J. Mackenzie is the pseudonym of the late Marilyn Livingstone, and Morgen Witzel, an Anglo-Canadian husband-and-wife team of writers and historians.

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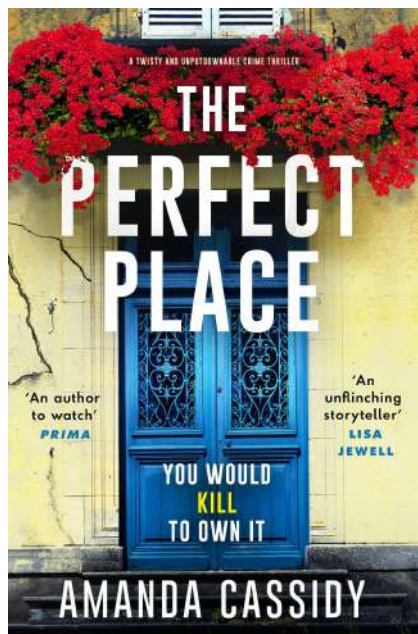
But it's a different story in the skies. Dramatic dogfights and daring deeds dazzle the soldiers watching from the ground, as British and German pilots scrap for control of the air.

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Amanda Cassidy

What you see isn't always what you get.

Elle Littlewood can barely believe her luck when her producer tells her about the chance to get her hands on a dilapidated chateau in Aix-En-Provence, France for a rock bottom price. It seems too good to be true, but as a home interiors influencer, she knows this would make incredible content.

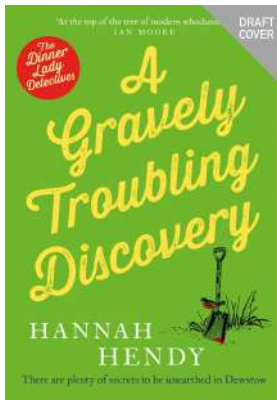
Lately, Elle has noticed the cracks start to show. Her life is the envy of thousands, and her social media posts show a beautiful, accomplished woman. Yet this wasn't always the case. If they knew the truth about her past, they would never look at Elle the same way again.

Elle needs this house. She doesn't care that it comes with huge strings attached. And when people get in her way, there's nothing Elle won't do to protect her brand. After all, she's survived by doing things that people could never imagine – and knows she would do them again.

A dark, voyeuristic and utterly captivating crime thriller that fans of *People Like Her* and *Sun Damage* will love.

*'The Returned* is a dark, haunting tale with an emotional gut punch that stays with you long after the final page. Amanda Cassidy is an unflinching storyteller'  
Lisa Jewell

Amanda Cassidy is a freelance journalist, former Sky News reporter, commissioning editor, and author. She has been shortlisted for the Irish Journalist of the Year Awards, the Headline Media writing awards and more recently has been shortlisted for the CWA John Creasey New Blood Dagger for her debut novel, *Breaking*. She's a frequent contributor to national radio, print and television and holds a BA in French and Italian from Trinity College Dublin. When she's not on a plane, you'll find her in her cottage in Dublin where she lives with her husband and three young children.



## A Gravely Troubling Discovery

Hannah Hendy

A charming and quintessentially British series, featuring a lesbian couple who work as dinner ladies at their local school, which has now sold over 250,000 copies

‘One of the very best cosy writers we have’ Jonathan Whitelaw

Margery and Clementine have been warned off interfering in investigations following recent changes within Dewstow’s local police force. They’re trying to keep their heads down but are in need of money to pay for their new website, so begrudgingly agree to help Mrs Redburn who suspects her husband of having an affair.

When a body is found under the school playground during building renovations, they have absolutely no intention of getting involved. But when their investigation into Mr Redburn leads them to the middle of the case, it's impossible for the pair to stay away. Can they get to the bottom of whose body is under the playground and find Mr Redburn, or will they end up digging their own graves?

Hannah Hendy lives in a small town in South Wales with her long-suffering wife and two spoilt cats. A professional chef by trade, she started writing to fill the time between shifts. She is the author of The Dinner Lady Detectives series.

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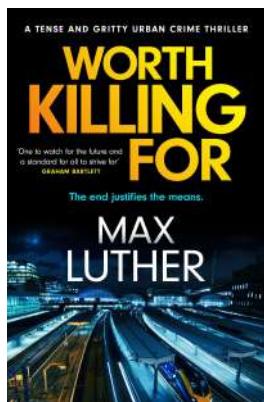
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## Worth Killing For

Max Luther

A blistering, hundred-mile-an-hour urban crime thriller

Private bodyguard Alex Drayce meets with the SIO in charge of his wife Lily’s reopened murder investigation. With forensic evidence linking her death to the killer of another serving police officer, it should be an open-and-shut case.

When the DNA record comes up blank, Drayce goes on the hunt across the city, a one-man army with no rules. He speaks to witnesses in a manner the police can’t, unearthing clues that lead him to a conspiracy between an international organised crime group and the Metropolitan Police.

Risking everything to discover the truth, Drayce refuses to rest until those responsible are punished, fulfilling a promise he made to his wife many years ago.

Max Luther grew up reading Roald Dahl and the Biggles books, before discovering crime fiction and thrillers. A lover of fast-paced stories, whether on the screen or the page, he decided to try his hand at writing one of his own. This is his third Alex Drayce novel.

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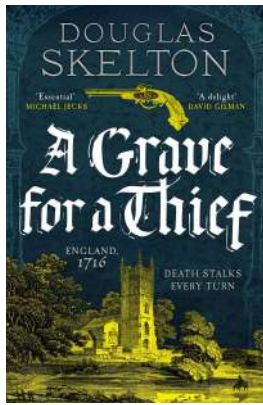
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## A Grave for a Thief

Douglas Skelton

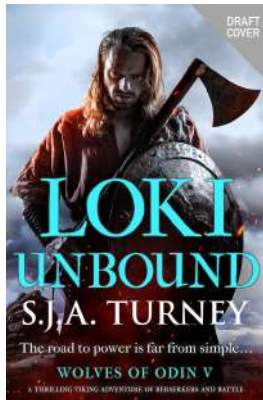
A gripping historical mystery from the author of *An Honourable Thief*, longlisted for the McIlvanney Prize 2023. Perfect for fans of Abir Mukherjee and S.G. MacLean

Christopher Templeton is a lawyer whose conscience troubles him. He knows many of the secrets of The Fellowship, the shadowy group profiting from national civil unrest, and has intimated to the Company of Rogues that he is willing to share them.

The problem is, he has vanished. Jonas Flynt – thief, gambler, killer – still recovering from a duel with death upon the frozen Thames, is tasked with finding him. The trail takes him from the dark slums of London to a quiet village in the north of England, where all is not as it seems. But while he hunts for the missing man, someone else may be stalking him... someone with murder in their heart.

Douglas Skelton has published twelve non fiction books and seventeen crime thrillers. He has been a bank clerk, shelf stacker, meat porter, taxi driver (for two days), wine waiter (for two hours), reporter, investigator, TV contributor and local newspaper editor.

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## Loki Unbound

S.J.A. Turney

The Wolves of Odin must bring a rogue Viking chief to heel, in the rolling Yorkshire Dales...

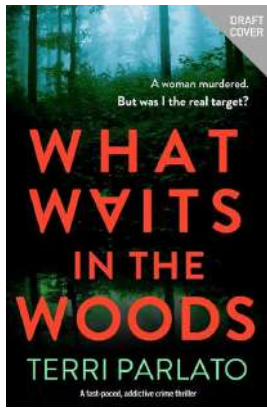
AD 1044. Fleeing the machinations of William the Conqueror in France, the Wolves of Odin set sail for Britain. They make for the north of the country, heading to Jorvik – Viking York. Its earl, Sigurd, doesn't believe they have arrived with peaceable intentions. To prove their good faith, he challenges them to fix a problem for him...

North of Jorvik, in the Dales, a rogue Viking warlord, Arkil, resists Sigurd's rule with a small army. Sigurd's forces are spread too thin to deal with him directly, and so it falls to the Wolves...

The pulse-pounding fifth installment in the Wolves of Odin series, for fans of Angus Donald and Matthew Harffy.

S.J.A. Turney is an author of Roman and medieval historical fiction, and gritty historical fantasy. He lives with his family and extended menagerie of pets in rural North Yorkshire.

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## What Waits in The Woods

Terri Parlato

**A woman murdered. But was she the real target?**

Eleven years after Esmé Foster left her Boston suburb to become a professional ballerina, she returns. Her arrival is soured when a friend is found dead in the woods behind Esme's family home.

Esmé is shocked, but haunted by memories of the man at the car accident that killed her mother – and told Esmé she was next. Friends insisted the man was in Esmé's imagination ... but she and Kara looked alike. Could the murder be a case of mistaken identity?

Detective Rita Myers is familiar with closeknit communities, with their whispers and secrets – even within the once-close circle of friends that included Kara and Esmé. Esmé discovers more about the place she left behind – and the friends and family she thought she knew. Learning what really happened the night Kara died might just bring the nightmare to an end.

A dark, twisty thriller for fans of Claire Douglas and Shari Lapena.

Terri Parlato was born and raised in upstate New York. She now lives in a Georgia town with her husband and their dog, Lucy. She spends her time writing, reading, and visiting craft breweries.

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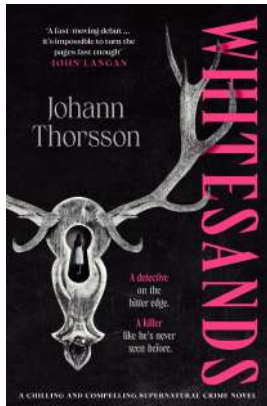
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## Whitesands

Johann Thorsson

***True Detective* meets *The Silence of the Lambs*, in this thrilling and terrifying supernatural crime novel**

Detective John Dark's daughter, Emily, has been missing for two years. In his frantic and unfruitful search for her he overreached his position, and was reprimanded and subsequently demoted.

Now mysteriously reinstated to the homicide department, Dark is put on a chilling case – a man who killed his wife in their locked house and then dressed the body up to resemble a deer. A few days later an impossibly similar case crops up connecting the suspects to a thirty year old missing persons' case.

As Dark is finally making headway, a new lead in his daughter's disappearance pops up and threatens to derail his career again. Time is running out and Dark needs to solve the case before more people are killed, and while there is still hope to find Emily.

Johann Thorsson is a writer of dark fiction. A native of cold, dark Iceland, he lives in Reykjavik with his wife and two children.

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## The House of Hope

Joanne Clague

Winter 1885. A young woman is found on the doorstep of the House of Help for Friendless Girls. Who is she?

The matron of the House, Hetty Barlow, suspects she's lying when she claims to be suffering from amnesia. The girl is taken in, but it isn't long before her pregnancy is discovered. Hetty is terrified she'll put the future of the House – which is an experiment in a new way of dealing with destitute women – in jeopardy. Hetty's future hinges on the House and her position within it.

They named her Hope, but Emma Hyde knows she can't keep up her deception forever. She's hundreds of miles away from home but her well-to-do parents will be searching for her.

The matron's sister Amelia Barlow is sick of living in the House of Help, and wants to break free of the overbearing sister. She meets a man who offers escape to a new life, but she'll have to pay her way...

Joanne Clague was born in Sheffield, but now lives in the coastal village of Laxey in the Isle of Man. She is a full-time writer of historical fiction set in nineteenth-century Sheffield.

Canelo Saga

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## One Hundred Moments of Us

Jon Rance

They say life is made up of moments. So is a marriage.

From the moment he sets eyes on Bex in sixth form on the cusp of the new millennium, Charlie falls in love. It isn't all sunshine and roses, though, and it takes several years and more than one chance meeting before they begin their relationship. Will their love survive everything the world has to throw at them?

Told through moments big and small, trivial and significant, this is the moving and uplifting story of a marriage – the ups, the downs and everything in between.

Fans of Sophie Cousens, Jill Mansell and David Nicholls will love this.

Jon Rance writes novels about love, family, relationships and all the messy bits in between. His first book *This Thirtysomething Life* was a self-published Amazon top-ten bestseller subsequently published by Hodder & Stoughton. Jon grew up in England, but now lives in California.

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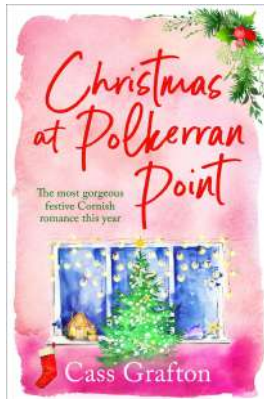
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## Christmas at Polkerran Point

Cass Grafton

A cosy and perfectly festive Cornish romance, which will delight fans of Phillippa Ashley and Cressida McLaughlin

Losing her passport and avoiding a persistent ex, Gemma's six-month sabbatical to go travelling is not off to a strong start. She heads to Polkerran Point to stay at her aunt's while her new passport is processed and to find temporary work in the meantime.

Enter musician Matt. Newly moved into a secluded, renovated mill – complete with a recording studio – Matt is preparing for his band's big reunion tour. Focused on writing new music for the album, he needs a live-in housekeeper.

Even as sparks fly, Gemma can sense Matt's keeping secrets. And with her passport due to arrive at any point, can anything happen between them?

Cass Grafton has called three countries home, as well as six different English counties. She writes feel-good contemporary romances set in Cornwall and, in doing so, manages to live there vicariously through her characters and settings.

Canelo Romance

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## A Wartime Christmas in the Dales

Betty Firth

Can the festive cheer warm Bobby Bancroft's heart again?

October 1941. Despite the hardships of life during wartime, Bobby Bancroft has never been happier. Engaged to her airman sweetheart Charlie, living in the beautiful village of Silverdale and gainfully employed at *The Tyke* magazine, life seems pretty perfect.

As the festive season approaches, Bobby is recruited to help produce a pantomime for the evacuee children in the village. The project introduces her to some new friends, including a handsome Canadian, Flying Officer Ernie King. Troubles arise when Charlie learns his RAF training is to be cut short and he must join the fight imminently. What's more, his leave has been cancelled, resigning him to a lonely Christmas in his barracks. Can a miracle bring Charlie and Bobby together for Christmas?

A captivating saga ideal for fans of *All Creatures Great and Small*, Gervase Phinn and Maggie Mason.

Betty Firth grew up in rural West Yorkshire, right in the middle of glorious Brontë country... and she's still there.

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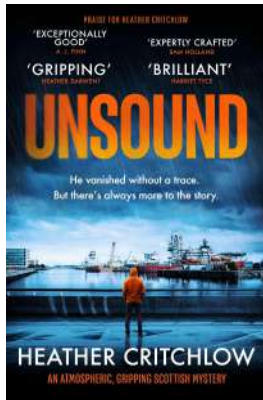
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## Unsound

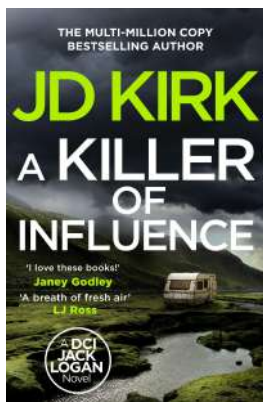
Heather Critchlow

An unputdownable crime thriller perfect for fans of Jane Casey and Neil Lancaster

Young student Arran went missing in Edinburgh twenty years ago. The last time his parents saw him he was different – withdrawn and on edge where he'd once been happy and carefree. Still searching for their son, they turn to their last hope, true crime podcaster Cal Lovett.

But Cal is distracted. His sister's murderer is on trial and he's so close to finally getting the justice Margot deserves. He struggles to focus on the present, especially as there's no sign of Arran and every lead brings up more questions than answers. His sister's case takes an unexpected turn and Arran's only gets more complicated. Can he ever uncover the truth?

Heather Critchlow grew up in rural Aberdeenshire and trained as a business journalist after studying history and social science at the University of Cambridge. Her short stories have appeared in crime fiction anthologies *Afraid of the Light*, *Afraid of the Christmas Lights* and *Afraid of the Shadows*. She lives in St Albans.



## A Killer of Influence

JD Kirk

'A breath of fresh air' L.J. Ross

While on solo trips to the Scottish Highlands, five social media influencers vanish without a trace, leaving their followers – and families – in a state of shock, and the police clueless as to their whereabouts. And then, the livestreams begin.

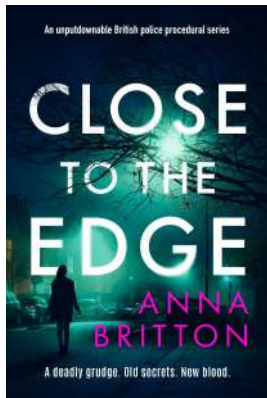
Broadcast live from their squalid underground cells, the young influencers are forced into a sadistic battle for survival. With each livestream, their captor pits them against each other in a twisted competition for likes. The influencer with the fewest positive reactions faces a gruesome end – live on camera.

As the likes increase and the death toll rises, DCI Jack Logan and his team must traverse both the Scottish wilderness and the darkest corners of the internet to try and save the remaining captives. But how do you catch a killer who is always one click ahead?

JD Kirk lives in the north of Scotland with his wife, two children and a number of sturdy umbrellas. He has sold over 3 million copies of the DCI Logan series in ebook and had 7 ebook #1 bestsellers. He loves the Highlands, crime thrillers, and cats.

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## Close to the Edge

Anna Britton

Two detectives under fire. One missing person. No answers.

DS Gabe Martin is leaving the courthouse following a trial when chaos breaks out. Seconds later, both she and DI Juliet Stern are on the ground, shot. The culprit has disappeared without a trace. Despite her injuries, Gabe is determined to work. When a local art student, Henry Garside, is reported missing she has the perfect distraction.

As she delves into Henry's disappearance, it becomes clear nothing about the investigation is as it seems. Gabe must consider whether Henry's case is an isolated incident – and whether her shooting was a simple act of retribution – or if there is something far more sinister at play...

'I absolutely loved this banger of a police procedural – clever, fresh, with great characters and a killer ending... I can't wait for book two.' Jo Callaghan on *Shot in the Dark*

Anna lives on the Isle of Wight with her husband and their chronically clumsy Labrador. An avid reader, she began writing around ten years ago and hasn't stopped since. Anna works as a freelance editor and loves helping out other authors.

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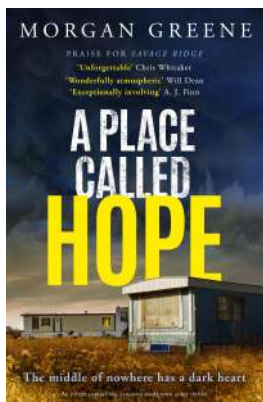
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## A Place Called Hope

Morgan Greene

A gut-wrenching crime thriller, laying bare the corrosive nature of greed and the trials faced on the fringes of society

In the small American town of Hope, teenager Lucas Caldwell dreams of escaping his life. His mother, Liss, is struggling with addiction, and his sickly little brother, Reuben, would never survive her without him. His grandfather, Lucky, is dying in a care facility, his mind fading. In a final moment of clarity, he lets slip to Lucas that he is in possession of a painting worth millions, stolen from a transport convoy in a daring heist five decades ago. As the disbelief fades, a thin hope begins to grow.

But secrets as big as this rarely stay hidden for long, and as the corruption of money spreads, so does the threat of violence and bloodshed. And with hungry wolves circling, the fallout could tear the town, and Lucas's family, apart. Lucas would do anything to protect the people he loves. But at what cost?

Morgan Greene is the pen name of British author Daniel Morgan. He is also the author of the bestselling Detective Jamie Johansson series. He lives in South Wales with his partner and their Collie.

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## A Christmas in Prague

Helga Jensen

What if a last wish could mean a new love?

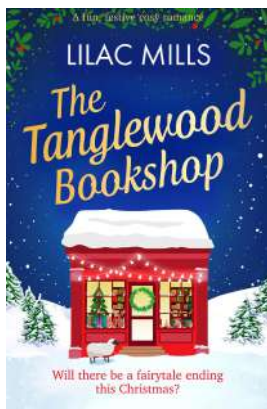
When Olivia's beloved Aunt Grace passes, she leaves everything to her niece, with one condition: travel to Prague and deliver a message to Grace's long-lost true love, Marek. The trouble is, Olivia's world is getting smaller. Since her husband left her one heartbreaking Christmas Eve, she has found even getting into town a challenge, let alone travelling by herself to a different country.

But this is one adventure she has to take, if she is to honour Grace. The snowy, magical city of Prague slowly starts to awaken her festive spirit, and as Marek's nephew, Tomas, shows her around the Christmas markets, Olivia begins to feel she can truly live again.

Grace never had her chance at love, but might Olivia's Christmas wish come true and grant her a second chance at romance?

Helga Jensen is an award-winning British/Danish best selling author and journalist. Helga holds a BA Hons in English Literature and Creative Writing, along with a Creative Writing MA from Bath Spa University. She is currently working on a PhD.

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## The Tanglewood Bookshop

Lilac Mills

A rural book shop. A chance to start over. But can she make her dream a reality?

Karen used to love the excitement of her London life, but lately her passion for expensive city living has begun to wane. So when she's given the opportunity to open a bookshop in picturesque Tanglewood, she jumps at the chance.

But village life is quieter than she anticipated – is she actually suited to rural living? Resigned to a boring and uneventful Christmas, when she meets gorgeous Saul she is more than ready to have some fun. If only Saul didn't have a reputation for being a player... Will Karen become the heroine in her own Christmas romance, or will he love her and leave her under the mistletoe?

This gorgeous festive romance is perfect for fans of Kiley Dunbar, Rachel Lucas and Sue Moorcroft.

Lilac Mills lives on a Welsh mountain with her patient husband and incredibly sweet dog. She's usually writing or thinking about writing, with romance and happy-ever-afters always on her mind.

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## The Knight's Redemption

Ethan Bale

'A brutal, brilliant tale, told with verve and pace. Hawker is a terrific creation.' Bernard Cornwell

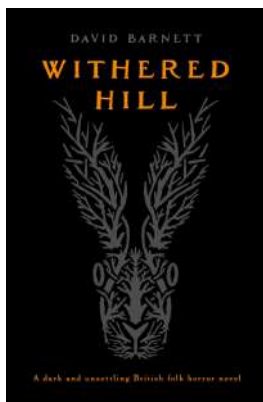
Europe, Spring 1486. Facing a grisly death if captured alive, veteran mercenary and Plantagenet henchman Sir John Hawker and his unlikely band of misfits return to Venice to attempt to free the woman he left behind there months before.

But his conscience already carries a heavy burden: the weight of a lifetime of dubious deeds, bad decisions, dead friends and lost loves. If he survives the coming days, can he make amends and start a new life? Or will his unwavering loyalty to the Plantagenets lead him into jeopardy?

Praise for the series:

'Great storytelling.' David Gilman, author of the Master of War series

Ethan Bale was a defence journalist in both Washington and London before writing historical novels. He lives near Hastings.



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## Withered Hill

David Barnett

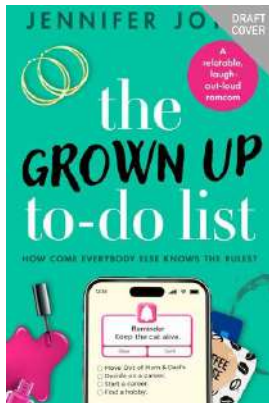
An utterly bewitching British folk horror novel, with a devastating twist you have to read to believe.

A year ago Sophie Wickham stumbled into the isolated village of Withered Hill, naked, alone and with no memory of who she is. Surrounded by a thick ring of woodland, its inhabitants seem to be of another world, drenched in pagan, folklorish traditions.

As Sophie struggles to regain the memories of her life from before, she quickly realises she is a prisoner after multiple failed escape attempts. But is it the locals who keep her trapped, with smiles on their faces, or something *else*, lurking in the woods?

In London, Sophie leads a chaotic life with too many drunken nights and inappropriate men. But things take a turn as she receives strange messages warning her that someone is coming for her. With no idea who to trust, they become more intimidating, urging Sophie to make her way to a place called Withered Hill...

David Barnett is an author, journalist and comic book writer based in West Yorkshire.



## The Grown Up To-Do List

Jennifer Joyce

Her friends are bossing life – is she in danger of being left behind?

27-year-old Cleo is happy enough. She likes her job in the chippy in the small town where she grew up. But her world has become very small – all her friends couldn't wait to leave their seaside town and are off, apparently crushing life. They have shiny careers and creative side-hustles, while she is still living with her mum and dad.

But when she learns that her childhood boyfriend is coming back to town for a party in three months, she decides she needs to start adulting.

But what does being a grown-up really mean? And can she become one in three months?

A funny, life-affirming romcom perfect for fans of Emily Henry, Beth O'Leary and Mhairi McFarlane.

Jennifer Joyce lives in Manchester with her daughters. She's been scribbling down stories for as long as she can remember.

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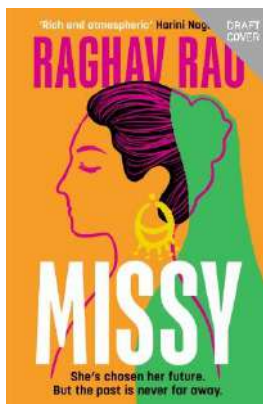
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## Missy

Raghav Rao

She's chosen her own future. But she can't hide from her past.

Madras, India: seventeen-year-old orphan, Savi, becomes a governess for the wealthy Nandiya family. It's her chance to escape the destiny of her lowly existence.

Until a horrific event forces Savi to flee the grand estate, and her homeland. Along with her love, Ananda, Savi embarks on a journey to America, where they start a hard life as illegal immigrants.

Forty years later, Savi, now known as Missy, is living the American dream in Chicago – running a successful business and raising her adult daughters. Never being able to return to India is the price to pay to keep her secrets. Until a young man named Varun enters their lives, setting off a chain of events that puts Missy's carefully constructed life in peril...

Raghav Rao was born in Mumbai. He graduated from the University of Chicago and teaches at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and National Louis University.

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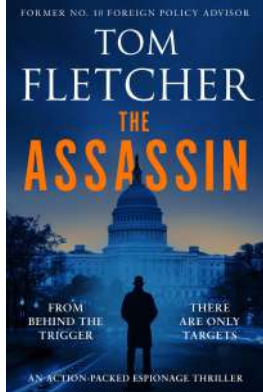
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## The Assassin

Tom Fletcher

From behind the trigger, there are only targets

Having gone rogue, Ambassador Ed Barnes has abandoned his post representing the UK in Geneva, and is serving time in Nairobi. When his judgement leads to a hostage crisis, his daughter Sophie is captured, and he sets out to find her.

Meanwhile, a series of assassinations is causing terror among the establishment. A Chinese diplomat is murdered, resulting in an escalation of tension between China and the US. Both accuse the other of being behind the killings and an increasingly erratic President Hoon threatens a nuclear strike.

The search for Sophie takes Barnes to Jordan, Geneva and Washington. Can he, with the help of some old friends, find both Sophie and a diplomatic solution before it is too late?

An unputdownable thriller, *The Assassin* is perfect for fans of Robert Peston and Frank Gardner.

Tom Fletcher CMG is the Principal of Hertford College, Oxford. He is a diplomat, writer and campaigner. He was an advisor in No.10 Downing Street to Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Cameron.

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## Blood Roses

Douglas Jackson

'The natural heir to Bernie Gunther' Andrew Taylor, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Ashes of London*

As the Nazis roll into Warsaw, a serial killer is unleashed...

September 1939. A city ruled by fear. A population hit by restrictions and reprisals. Amid the devastation, another hunter begins to prowl.

Former chief investigator Jan Kalisz lives a dangerous double life, forced to work with the occupiers as he gathers information for the Polish resistance. Even his family cannot be told his true allegiance. When the niece of a Wehrmacht general is found terribly mutilated, Jan links the murder to other killings. Soon he is on the trail of a psychopathic killer known as The Artist. But, shunned as a Nazi collaborator, can he solve the case before another girl is taken?

'One of the UK's finest crime writers' Ben Kane, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Napoleon's Spy*

Douglas Jackson is the author of seventeen historical novels and mystery thrillers. He lives in Stirling.

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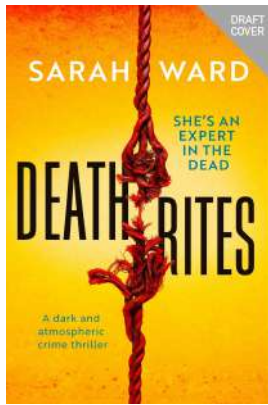
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## Death Rites

Sarah Ward

Can an expert on death catch a killer?

Professor Carla James is an archaeologist with an interest in more than just bones and stones. She wants to understand the emotions behind the sites she investigates – burial rites, the complexities of mass graves, child sacrifices made to gods. Death is not just an academic interest though – Carla, in her thirties, is a recent widow.

Desperate for a change following the death of her husband, she takes a job at an elite New England college, where she is given the office of her predecessor, who died in an apparent suicide. Then, on her first day, she's asked to attend a murder site consulting with the police, identifying patterns and meanings they may have missed.

Initially, it looks like there's nothing interesting about the debris that surrounds the body but Carla slowly realises that there is more to the items placed around the body than meets the eye. The murder victim is just the latest in a series of unsolved deaths that are linked. The pattern is not yet finished...

Sarah Ward is a critically acclaimed crime and gothic thriller writer, who also serves on the Board of the Crime Writers Association.

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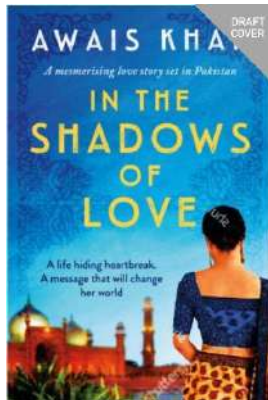
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## In the Shadows of Love

Awais Khan

Will the secrets of Mona's past threaten her future, her marriage and even her life?

To strangers that pass her on the streets of Lahore, Mona Ahmed lives a life to be envied. Married to wealthy businessman Bilal, living in a vast home with staff to attend to her every desire, she seems to want for nothing. But behind the gilded exterior lies heartbreak. While they may have weathered the storm of Mona's infidelity, with Bilal embracing the child born of that secret love affair, their marriage remains shaky.

While Mona's heart is broken by memories of her lost soulmate, she hides her pain in becoming the perfect wife, hosting glamorous gatherings for Lahore's high society, keeping up appearances for fear of inviting gossip. Each day has the same slow, regular rhythm. Until the first message arrives, and everything in Mona's life changes in an instant.

Awais Khan was born in Lahore, Pakistan. He is a graduate of The University of Western Ontario and Durham University and studied Creative Writing at Faber Academy.

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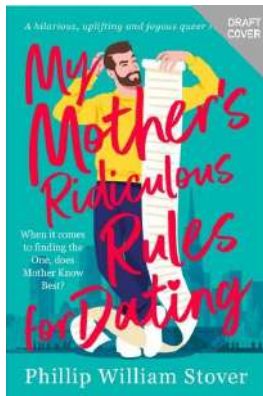
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## My Mother's Ridiculous Rules for Dating

Philip William Stover

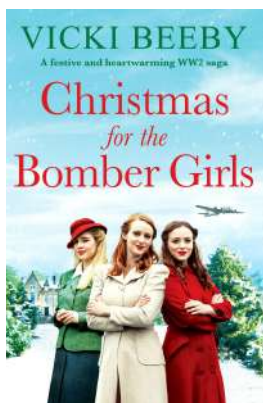
When it comes to finding love, will Sam discover that Mother Knows Best?

Years ago, Sam Goldstein promised his overbearing mother that if he wasn't married by thirty-five, she could control his dating life. Now, he's turning thirty-five, heartbroken after a break-up and realising that his life in New York City is going nowhere... and worse, that his mother is going to hold him to that promise.

Sam decides to follow his mother's plan – with one condition. She has a year to find him a partner or stay out of Sam's romantic life forever. But as she sets Sam up on dates with men that range from the sublime to the ridiculous, can his mother keep her agreement to stay out of Sam's dating life?

Philip William Stover lives on the Upper East Side in New York City. He grew up tearing the covers off the romance novels he devoured so he wouldn't get teased. Now he enjoys traveling the world with his husband and would never deface any of the books he loves.

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## Christmas for the Bomber Girls

Vicki Beeby

With the men missing in action, can the Bomber Girls find a way to bring them home?

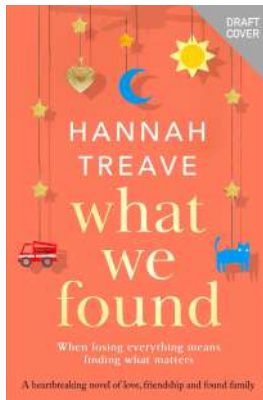
Pearl, Thea and Jenny are making Fenthorpe as festive as possible, hoping to celebrate the end of C-Charlie's tour. Disaster strikes when the squadron is forced to land behind enemy lines and are reported MIA.

Pearl and Thea's grandmother, Edith, travels to Lincoln to support her granddaughters. But Edith has history at Fenthorpe – can the girls uncover her secrets to help their grandmother find new romance? And can C-Charlie evade capture in enemy-occupied Holland to make it home for Christmas?

It's never too late to fall in love in this heartwarming Second World War saga, perfect for fans of Soraya Lane and Lizzie Page.

Winner of the 2023 RNA Saga Award, Vicki Beeby writes about the service women brought together by the Second World War. She was a civil engineer before becoming a maths teacher. She lives in Shropshire.

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## What We Found (provisional title)

Hannah Treave

If you could find one missing thing, what would it be?

As a firefighter, Ava sees the devastation caused when homes are ruined. If she uncovers precious possessions that escaped a blaze unscathed, she returns them to their owner. When Cassie and her son lose everything in a fire, they have nothing and nowhere to go. On impulse, Ava offers them refuge by staying with her.

After three rounds of IVF, Ava and her husband are divided on how to start their own family. Needing to find answers about her own adoption and birth family, Ava embarks on a journey to Ireland with Cassie by her side for support. But not every reunion is a happy one, and the best intentions can have the most heart-wrenching results. Can Ava get back what was lost? Or will she learn that sometimes the thing you need most is what you have already found?

An emotional and powerful tale of friendship and family, a great read for fans of Dani Atkins, Jojo Moyes and Cecelia Ahern.

Hannah Treave is the pseudonym for Fiona Ford, an experienced freelance journalist and prolific novelist. She is the author of six novels – two under the pen name Fiona Harrison.

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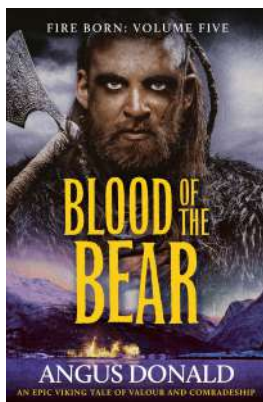
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## Blood of the Bear

Angus Donald

Battle calls the berserker one last time...

AD 781. Pagan Saxony groans under the Christian yoke. The invincible armies of Karolus, King of the Franks, occupy all this freedom-loving land and every Saxon must submit to baptism and pay tithes to the Church, or face death by beheading.

Duke Widukind, leader of the Saxon rebels, is sheltering in the North, beyond Karolus's reach. He hopes to persuade Bjarki Bloodhand – once a famous berserker, but now a father and family man – and his fierce sister the shield-maiden Tor, to join his revolt against tyranny.

But Bjarki has eloped with Widukind's sister Edith, who was betrothed to Abbio the Crow. In revenge, Abbio uses seithr to strike at Bjarki – a powerful spell to drive him insane. Can Bjarki resist the long slide into madness? And will he finally liberate Saxony from the Franks?

Angus Donald is the author of the bestselling Outlaw Chronicles. He now writes full time from a medieval farmhouse in Kent.

Canelo Adventure

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## Thirteenth

C. M. Rosens

Lovecraft meets kitchen sink drama in this darkly funny tale of toxic families, eldritch body horror and female rage

Katy Porter is the thirteenth child of a thirteenth child in a family of monsters, and her own eventual metamorphosis will change her into a creature that hungers for her family's flesh. All she wants to do is finish college, but as her changes creep ever closer and her protector is horribly murdered, that's not looking too likely.

Katy needs allies, but she's stuck with her oldest brother, a drug-addled playboy, and her eyeball-eating cousin, whose idea of protecting her involves dark rituals and abduction.

If anyone is going to survive Katy's transformation, scores need to be settled and fears need to be faced – and Katy is not the only one who needs to face them.

C. M. Rosens is an author of dark, genre-bending speculative fiction, particularly gothic horror with tentacles and eldritch family drama, with body horror as a recurring theme. Her work is heavily influenced by the histories, mythologies and folklore of places she grew up in and lived as an adult.

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## The Last Ride

Nick Louth

What happened to the missing victim?

On a midsummer's night, a stolen Mercedes car packed with teenagers crashes at high speed on the southern edge of Bodmin Moor in Cornwall. DI Jan Talantire, the overnight duty detective inspector, arrives at the scene to find the victims of the crash.

It appears to be a tragic accident until a worried mother turns up at the scene. Her daughter, Rhiannon, a friend of the joyriders, hasn't been seen since the previous night. The account dovetails with the statement of the householder who claimed to see a girl running near the crashed vehicle the moment he emerged. Was Rhiannon in the car with her friends when it crashed, and if she was, why did she flee? And where is she now?

Nick Louth is a best-selling thriller writer, award-winning financial journalist and an investment commentator. He has been a regular contributor to the *Financial Times*, *Investors Chronicle* and *Money Observer*. He is married and lives in Lincolnshire.

Canelo Crime

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## The Arrangement

J.M. Hewitt

A good deed can be deadly...

Hannah Baker's actions undeniably saved the life of nine-year-old Liv Arpels. Liv's mother, Alina, has everything she could ever dream of and declares herself forever in Hannah's debt. Anything that Hannah wants, is hers.

Alina has the wealth, power and status to grant any wish. There are many things that Hannah desires. Edging closer to a role in the Saatchi gallery is one of them, a goal she's been pursuing for a while now, without success. But Hannah has another problem that's even more pressing than her own career ambitions: a woman who recently entered Hannah's life, purporting to be her sister. What will Hannah ask for? And will Alina be able to give it to her? And what lengths will Hannah go to if she can't?

J.M. Hewitt is a crime and psychological thriller author. Her writing combines the dark complexity of human behaviour with often enchanting settings. She lives in a Suffolk seaside town with her dog, Marley.

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## A Mother's Revenge

Alex Kane

A mother will stop at nothing to protect her family

Janey Hallahan is not your average fifty-something. Mother to twins Sinead and Orla, grandmother to Molly-Rose and wife to Ciaran, her loyalty for her family is as fierce. But the other side of her life is a world away from her family duties.

Because Janey is the head of Glasgow's most notorious gangland empire, overseeing an army of men working in the darkest corners of society. They're not afraid to use violence to get what they want, but Janey's unbreakable rule is that the innocent never get hurt.

But when Molly-Rose's safety is threatened by a rival firm, the conflict becomes personal. Faced with an organisation that will target the vulnerable to get more money, Janey will stop at nothing to get revenge. Because when it comes to family, nothing is more powerful than a mother's love.

Alex Kane is a writer from Glasgow, specialising in gangland crime and psychological thrillers. When not writing, Alex can be found relaxing at home reading, or drinking tea and/or gin.

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## The Unspoken Truth

MJ White

She won her freedom. Now someone wants her silenced

After twelve years serving a sentence for manslaughter, Shona Pickton returns to her home town of Felixstowe, exonerated after an appeal quashed her conviction. She has always protested her innocence – despite being tried and convicted by the media before her arrest. Shona insists that one man can corroborate her story – her alibi on the night in question.

Karl Cuskie is a well-known police informer who knows too much, but Shona knows that he is the only man who can clear her name. But her alibi falls apart when Karl Cuskie is found dead.

As the case deepens, police specialist Dr Cora Lael, along with DS Rob Minshull and the South Suffolk CID, uncovers deep-seated corruption within her own squad and worse, that one of her own senior officers might have killed in order to keep a deadly secret...

MJ White is the pseudonym of Miranda Dickinson, author of twelve books, including six *Sunday Times* bestsellers. She has been translated into ten languages, and sold over a million copies.

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## Second Chances at Samphire Bay

Sasha Morgan

Will a new start heal her broken heart?

Jasmine Boyd, a young widow, moves from her narrowboat in Manchester to Samphire Bay, a picturesque coastal village in the North, in order to leave behind the memories of the hit-and-run which killed her husband.

Little does she know, new neighbour Robin isn't too pleased by her presence – he desperately wanted to buy the cottage himself, but he hasn't given up hope yet, befriending Jasmine with an agenda to get her to sell. As Jasmine renovates the cottage, she and Robin grow closer, until Robin finds his motives confused – is he really convincing her to sell up, or are his feelings becoming real?

Through it all, Jasmine must push through her grief. Something she is succeeding with, until a shock revelation hints that the mystery behind her husband's death has followed her to Samphire Bay...

Sasha Morgan lives in a village by the coast in Lancashire with her husband and has one grown up son. Sasha loves drinking wine, country walks and curling up with a good book.

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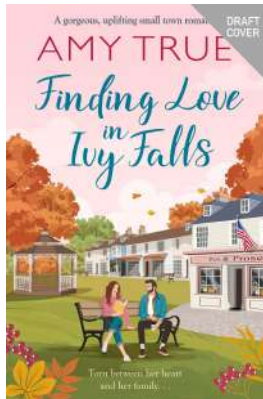
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## Finding Love in Ivy Falls

Amy True

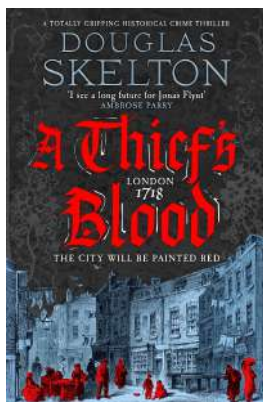
What if choosing love means breaking a family?

Tessa is struggling to run her mother's beloved bookshop and the business is failing. At least she has her dear friend Manny to support her. As single parents, they understand each other and the friendship is too important for Tessa to give in to the chemistry between them. But when Tessa's ex-husband comes back on the scene, she must make a decision: should she follow her heart, or does she owe it to her girls to fix their family?

After appearing on TV with his business partner, Torran, Manny is appalled to find himself a sudden heart throb. His own heart belongs to Tessa and he helps her to refurbish the bookshop. But what can he do when he sees her being drawn in again by her ex?

Amy True grew up in Southern California only ten minutes from Disneyland which sparked an early interest in storytelling. Fuelled by iced tea and a Spotify playlist, you can often find Amy settled in a quiet corner at her local coffee shop plotting her next book.

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## A Thief's Blood

Douglas Skelton

London, 1718. The city will bathe in blood

A family is found slaughtered in a dismal room in the Rookery, the city's poorest district. The authorities pay it scant attention, but Thiefmaster General Jonathan Wild does, and Colonel Charters wants to know why. Who else would he send but Jonas Flynt?

When another family is murdered, Flynt discovers that there is a war going on between rival gangs and Wild seems to be desperately trying to keep a lid on the bloodshed.

The question for Flynt is how deep is his new friend The Admiral, a gang leader, in this war, and is he capable of killing innocents?

Or is there someone else in London, someone even more dangerous, pulling the strings...

Douglas Skelton is an acclaimed author of crime thrillers. He has recently received rave reviews from major authors of crime fiction, including Ian Rankin, Ambrose Parry, Laura Shepherd-Robinson and James Oswald.

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## Blood Sacrifice

Douglas Jackson

As hunger grips the Warsaw ghetto, is a cannibal loose on the streets?

January 1943. Warsaw. City of the dead. In the ghetto, the last fifty thousand Jews await their fate, but, unlike those who preceded them, these Jews are prepared to fight. Jan Kalisz, Kripo investigator and Resistance double-agent, has promised to supply them with weapons. But how will he fulfil his vow?

The murder of a German officer appears to provide an opportunity. For the victim is a man with multiple identities and one of those is a wealthy ghetto Jew. The hunt for the murderer draws Kalisz into the chaos of the ghetto, only to find a new, perilous mission awaiting him. SS death squads are not the only enemy the Jews fear. Can Kalisz catch the killer known as The Cannibal before he strikes again? With time running out, it becomes a question of survival amid the blazing ghetto ruins as the Nazis make their final attack.

Douglas Jackson is the author of seventeen historical novels and mystery thrillers, including the critically acclaimed nine-book Hero of Rome series. He was born in Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders and now lives in Stirling.

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## Heartache and Hope at The Beach Hotel

Francesca Capaldi

Can true love win the day?

Hetty Affleck is working as a maid at the prestigious Beach Hotel in Littlehampton. Her beau, Lorcan, is away at war and has recently stopped replying to her letters but she is determined to keep her spirits up. When she meets wealthy shipowner Victor Perryman, they pass the time of day but she can't allow herself to think anything more of it – not only does she have Lorcan to think of, but she and Victor are divided by wealth and class.

When Lorcan comes back on leave, Hetty is forced to face her true feelings. Who does she really love, and can that love conquer everything in its path?

This is an uplifting, emotional First World War saga, perfect for fans of Ginny Bell and Jean Fullerton.

Francesca Capaldi has enjoyed writing since she was a child, largely influenced by a Welsh mother who was good at improvised storytelling. She is a member of the RNA. She lives in Kent with her family and a cat called Lando Calrissian.

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## I Knew You Were Trouble

Emma Rae

He's the world's most famous frontman. She couldn't care less

Lexi is already an Oscar-winning documentary director at just thirty years old. But when she is asked to ditch her current project to film Rebel Heart – a reunited boy band – she is disappointed to say the least. She didn't work this hard to follow a boy group on tour and document their every manufactured move for teenage fans.

But after meeting Aidan, the unofficial 'head' of the band, something new stirs inside her. She thinks he's egotistical, entitled and impulsive. Equally, Aidan thinks Lexi is high-strung, secretive and emotionally devoid. Tensions rise, and as Lexi blends work and pleasure, she can't let go of her difficult past with the father that abandoned her. She doesn't expect people to stay in her life for long. Especially the frontman of a boy band. But is this project about to prove all of her expectations wrong...?

A classic enemies-to-lovers story, for fans of Ali Hazelwood.

Emma Rae is a graduate of the Faber Academy and Curtis Brown Creative. She lives in Guildford with her husband and two children.

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## 2025 Highlights: A Sneak Preview

With every year our list gets stronger, and 2025 will continue that trend. Notable new books, from authors we are thrilled to welcome, include (titles tbc):

*The Serpent in the Garden* by Howard Linskey

William Shakespeare turns detective in the start to a gripping new historical mystery series

*Anything For You* by Sophie McKenzie

A thrilling and timely psychological suspense novel from a million-copy bestselling author

*The Tomorrow Project* by H Critchlow

A spellbinding futuristic tale of humanity, hope and the lengths we will go to for love

*Wolf Scourge* by Michael Arnold

A major addition to our historical fiction list, set during the Roman invasion of Britain

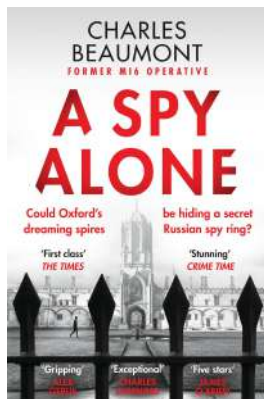
*The Lowbridge Loch Cookery School* by Amelia Berry

A gorgeous rags-to-riches romance series set in a stunning Scottish location

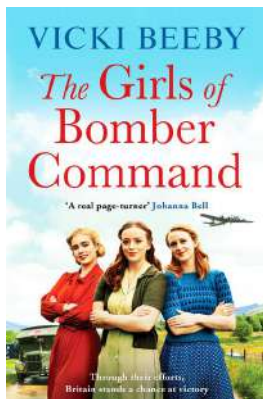
*The Case of the Mad Doctor* by P.D. Lennon

The first investigation of Isaiah Ollenu and Ashby: the case of Jamaica's first serial killer

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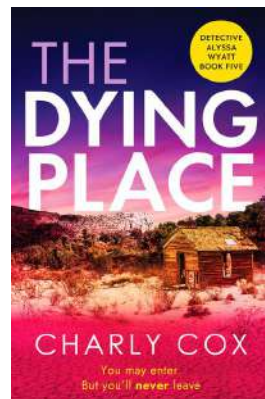
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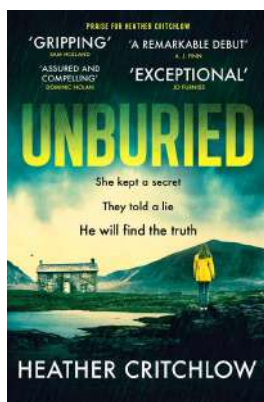
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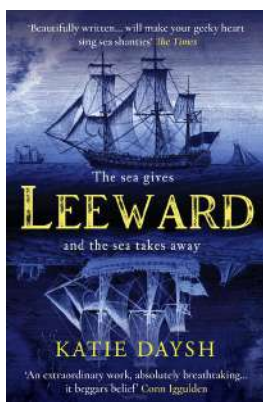
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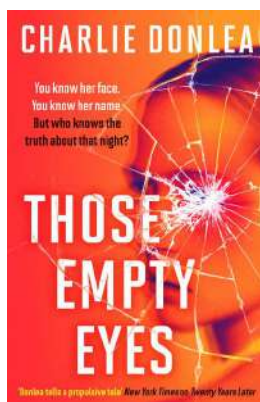
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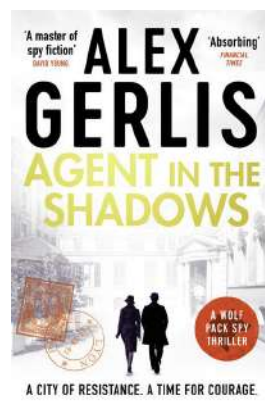
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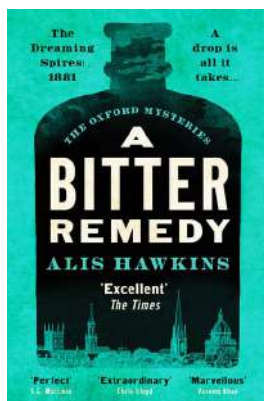
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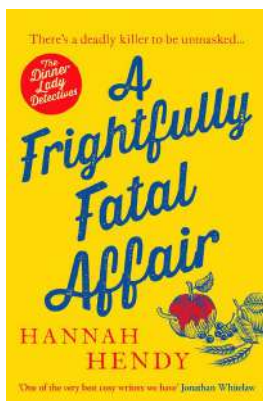
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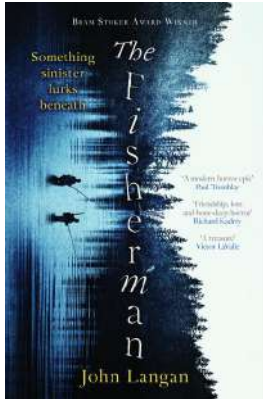


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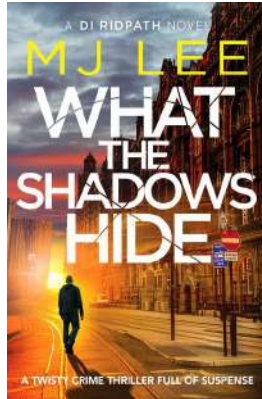


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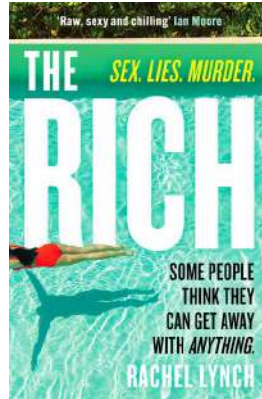
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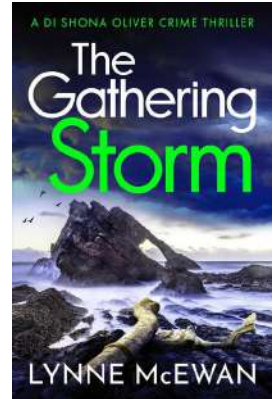
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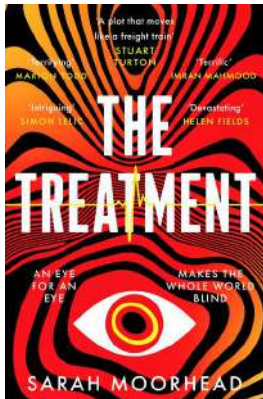
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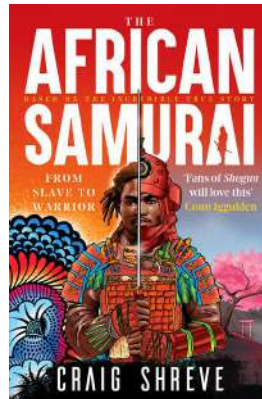
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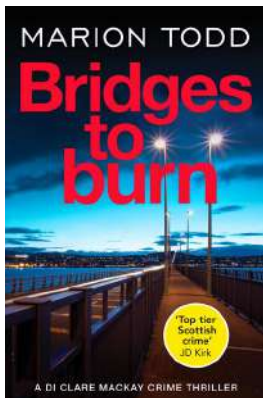
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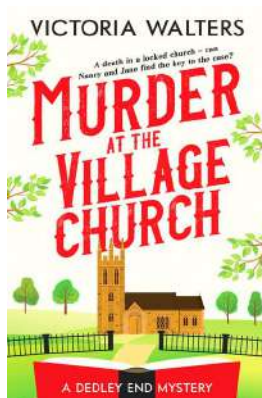
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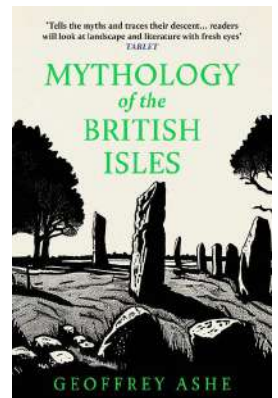
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