Community
Salad Recipes from Arthur Street Kitchen
Hetty McKinnon

Summary
A collection of 60 of the most interesting, delicious salad recipes you’ll find, from an absolutely charming one-woman show . . . the Arthur Street Kitchen. *Community* moves salads firmly to the center of the plate, injecting color, life, and flair into everyday vegetables, and showing you how to achieve exciting flavors and hearty main meals with simple, nourishing ingredients. In this revised edition, Hetty shares 20 new recipes and some of those readers' stories—with accompanying interviews and beautiful imagery—to give the book back to the fans who made it such a phenomenon. New recipes include: Roasted sweet potato with lime cashew cream and roasted curry cashews; Butternut pumpkin with lemon tahini and miso granola; Whole roasted cauliflower with toasted farro and romesco sauce; Roasted cabbage with lentils and pumpkin seed brown butter; Pasta alla norma salad; Charred cos lettuce with lemony mushrooms, chickpeas and marinated feta. This is simple but generous food that you will want to make every night of the week, for those you love. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Hetty McKinnon is a cook and food writer with a passion for vegetables. In 2011, she established Arthur Street Kitchen, a salad-delivery business in Sydney. In 2015, Hetty and her family relocated to Brooklyn, New York, where she is editor and publisher of multicultural food journal *Peddler* and hosts the magazine's podcast, "The House Specials." Hetty is the author of *Neighbourhood* and the award-winning *Family*. She writes the column "The Community Kitchen" for *Guardian*.

The Little Library Year
Recipes and Reading to Suit Each Season
Kate Young

Summary
*The Little Library Year* takes you through a full twelve months in award-winning food writer Kate Young’s kitchen. Here are frugal January meals enjoyed alone with a classic comfort read, as well as summer feasts to be eaten outdoors with the perfect beach read to hand. Beautifully photographed throughout, *The Little Library Year* is full of delicious seasonal recipes, menus, and reading recommendations. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Kate Young is an award-winning food writer and cook. As a dedicated bookworm, Kate's reading inspires her in the kitchen. After mastering the treacle tart from Harry Potter, Kate started blogging about her creations and was named Blogger of the Year in 2017 by the Guild of Food Writers. Her first book, *The Little Library Cookbook*, was shortlisted for Fortnum & Mason's debut food book award and won a World Gourmand food writing award. Kate has written for the *Guardian*, *Sainsbury’s Magazine* and *The Pool*. 
**Cook House**
Anna Hedworth

A cookery and lifestyle book from the owner of Cook House.

**Summary**
Have you ever dreamed of quitting your job and starting a business of your own, cooking delicious food to make people smile? Anna Hedworth did. She opened Cook House: an award-winning restaurant housed in two shipping containers. Self-taught chef and proprietor Anna tells the story of how she plucked up the courage to realize her dream—from designing a restaurant, to menu planning, growing her own produce, foraging locally, and cooking every day. *Cook House* is a book filled with more than 100 delicious recipes as well as a story to inspire the millions of others who dream of jumping ship. Includes metric measures.

**Contributor Bio**
**Anna Hedworth** is a food writer and the chef proprietor of Cook House. She also runs supper clubs, markets, and food-based events. She has worked in many unusual dining locations, including with The National Trust in Northumberland, putting together dinners that showcase the amazing produce of the region and some of their beautiful locations. *The Grazer*, her recipe blog, has been shortlisted for various awards and Cook House, her restaurant, has won accolades from *The Good Food Guide*, the *Observer Food Monthly Awards*, the *Times*, *Guardian* and many more.

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**Ainsley’s Mediterranean Cookbook**
Ainsley Harriott

Delicious, easy recipes celebrating the best of the Mediterranean

**Summary**
Journeying through Spain, Sardinia, Morocco, Corsica, Cyprus and Jordan, Ainsley shows how easy and enjoyable it can be to make fresh, healthy, delicious meals. From simple salads and dips to everyday favorites like pasta and risottos, satisfying meats, flavorsome vegetarian mains and light fish dishes, Ainsley’s recipes are perfect for a relaxed gathering of family and friends or hassle-free midweek meal. Recipes include: Griddled chicken, peach and mint salad with feta; Butternut squash and sweet potato tagine; Pasta shells with Italian sausage and tomato; Sumac lamb cutlets; Tabbouleh; Lamb steaks with balsamic and honey glaze; Lemon and pistachio couscous; Quick flatbreads with roasted tomato salsa; Chocolate and spiced coffee mousse; and Orange and cinnamon hot chocolate.

**Contributor Bio**
**Ainsley Harriott** is a pioneer in quick and easy home cooking who has hosted some of the UK’s most popular culinary series. Ainsley is best known for his BBC cooking shows *Can’t Cook, Won’t Cook* and *Ready Steady Cook*. 
**Street Food Scotland**
A Journey of Stories and Recipes to Inspire
Ailidh Forlan

A no-nonsense reviewer shares her adventures in Scotland's street food scene

**Summary**
Ailidh Forlan is on a mission to discover the very best street food Scotland has to offer. On a culinary journey that spans every corner of the country, she's encountered incredible food and the captivating stories of the people who make it happen. Now, in *Street Food Scotland*, Ailidh shares her favorites, from market stalls to vintage vans, from converted ambulances to tucked-away roadside huts. With mouth-watering food from all over the globe right here on our doorstep as well as recipes to try at home welcome to Scotland's street food revolution. Includes metric measures.

**Contributor Bio**
Ailidh Forlan has a passion for all things food and drink! Based in Edinburgh, Ailidh was a judge for the 2019 Scottish Street Food Awards and the Scottish Thistle Awards Best Eating Experience in 2018 and 2019. She is the discerning foodie behind Plate Expectations, an Instagram page of unbiased, no-nonsense reviews. As a member of the List's Eating & Drinking Guide review team, Ailidh has critiqued hundreds of Edinburgh's restaurants and bars.

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**More**
More Recipes with More Veg for More Joy
Matt Preston

**Summary**
Maybe you want to eat more vegetables, or less meat, or try cooking some tasty vegan meals to broaden your repertoire and still put a broad smile on the faces of those you are feeding? Maybe you want to save money or the environment by eating more plant-based meals, or maybe you just want to keep the vegan or vegetarian in the family happy at dinnertime without having to cook two meals? Maybe you just want to enjoy a meat-free Monday every so often and don't want to feel like you're missing out? Here are over 100 recipes full of vibrant colors and flavors that celebrate the pure, unadulterated pleasure that food can give you. All the recipes are vegetarian or vegan, but if you decide you'd like to add a little bacon or a slab of fish, we've included a separate cooking guide for your meaty add-ons. Gone are the grey-meat-and-potatoes menus of the past. Each of these recipes capture the happiness that good food can bring. *More* combines Matt's passion for simple, hearty recipes with his love of the humble veggie to bring the whole family to the table for a delicious meal. Includes dual ...

**Contributor Bio**
Matt Preston is known for his regular columns in *Stellar* magazine, *delicious.* magazine and *Taste* magazine, and 11 years as co-host and judge on MasterChef Australia.
**Eat More Vegan!**

Luke Hines

**Summary**

In *Eat More Vegan*, Luke shares 100 plant-based recipes that are packed with flavor, full of vibrant color and bursting with nutrition. Try his zingy breakfasts, such as sweet potato rostis with Indian avo smash, cauliflower and "chorizo" scramble with spicy green sauce, or peanut butter and pumpkin spice pancakes. Salads, soups and sáutés for any time of the day include an amazing avocado salad with macadamia pesto, charred broccolini with chilli and lemon, and spicy peanut stew. There are more substantial roasts, bakes and barbecued dishes, such as hasselback sweet potatoes, sensational jackfruit souvlaki, tempura tacos, and hemp and beetroot burgers. And finish off with blueberry bounty bars or spiced roasted pineapple with macadamia crunch. This is real food—it's completely gluten and grain free and there's not a packet ingredient in sight! So whether you are vegan, vegetarian or an omnivore simply looking to eat more plants, get ready to tuck into the crispiest, crunchiest and freshest vegan food you'll find. Includes dual measures.

**Contributor Bio**

Luke Hines has appeared on Australian television shows *My Kitchen Rules* and *The House of Wellness*.

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**Vegan (ish)**

100 Simple Budget Recipes that Don't Cost the Earth

Jack Monroe

A gorgeous vegan cookbook for every budget from an award winning cookbook writer and anti-poverty campaigner

**Summary**

Delicious and creative vegan recipes from writer and award-winning campaigner Jack Monroe. This full-color collection of one hundred simple, affordable recipes is perfect for committed vegans or anyone who wants to give vegan cooking a try. Packed with inventive, easy and 100% vegan dishes, this gorgeous book is sure to appeal—whether you are looking to take the leap, want to be a little kinder to the planet, need ideas to cook for a vegan friend, or simply want to put some more plant power in your everyday cooking. From Breakfast Muckmuffins to Beet Wellington, and Kinda-Carbonara to Bakewell Tart, Jack's easy, vibrant home cooking is tasty, tempting, and surprisingly uncomplicated. Includes metric measures.

**Contributor Bio**

Jack Monroe is a campaigner against hunger and poverty in the UK and an award-winning cookery writer. She is author of the cookbooks *Tin Can Cook*, *Cooking on a Bootstrap*, *A Girl Called Jack*, and *A Year in 120 Recipes*. Jack was awarded the Fortnum and Mason Judges' Choice Award in 2013 and the OFM Best Food Personality Readers' Award in 2018.
**Being Vegan**

*Join the Vegan Revolution*

Alice Barnes-Brown, Amy Wheller, Beate Sonerud, Jo...

**Summary**

There are many reasons why people decide to go vegan. We typically associate this lifestyle with the issue of animal welfare, or the pursuit of a healthier diet. More recently, however, veganism has gained huge popularity among those with environmental concerns, too. *Being Vegan* is the ultimate guide for anyone who is embracing this way of life, whether you are a newbie or a veteran vegan, or perhaps just a curious flexitarian. It's packed with over 50 delicious recipes for every occasion, including a show-stopping dinner party menu sure to impress even the staunchest non-vegans. You'll also find a selection of features covering health, beauty, fashion, lifestyle, sustainability and more. Includes triple measures.

**Contributor Bio**

vThis book has been put together with an extraordinary collection of experts on both the philosophy of veganism and also the food, the recipes and the lifestyle.

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**The Garden of Vegan**

*How Plants Can Save the Animals, the Planet and Our Health*

Cleve West

A guide to the science behind veganism, the effects of animal agriculture, and how we can save the planet

**Summary**

There was a time when garden designer Cleve West thought making a garden was a frivolous pursuit for the privileged. Two things changed his mind: designing a garden for a hospital and adopting a vegan lifestyle. Cleve’s transition to veganism was a profound and varied learning experience. He learned more about nutrition than when he studied it as part of a sports science degree. He learned a great deal about propaganda in the food industry and how, contrary to what he’d been led to believe, the cows and chickens in the dairy industry are far from "happy." He learned that animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change and a whole range of environmental catastrophes. He found that many illnesses have their origins in the consumption of animal products. He learned that a plant-based diet can alleviate some of these illnesses and sometimes even reverse them. He learned that a drive towards a plant-based diet could offset many of the environmental aspects of animal agriculture and make a positive transition to a more sustainable future. Everything started falling into place. It w...

**Contributor Bio**

Cleve West is one of Britain’s top garden designers. No less than nine of the gardens he has designed for the RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court flower shows have won Gold Medals and two years running his gardens were awarded Chelsea Best in Show. He is also a passionate vegan and animal rights activist. He is the author of *Our Plot*.
Australia's Creative Native Cuisine
Luisa Adam, Andrew Fielke

A collection of more than 150 flavorful, healthy, and sustainable recipes made with all-natural Australian ingredients

Summary
Australia's Creative Native Cuisine is the ultimate resource for home cooks looking to use lots of Australian native ingredients in their food preparation, but also includes everyday alternative ingredients for those occasions when the native ingredients are not in season or not readily available. It includes more than 150 original recipes incorporating Australian native foods; an Australian plant food glossary that includes descriptions, illustrations, nutritional aspects, forms (dried, fresh, frozen), availability, seasonality, and uses; expanded descriptions of certain key ingredients; chef's tips and cooking notes; and substitute ingredients where needed. Many of the foods and several of the simple methods such as cooking in paperbark are based on traditional Indigenous foods and techniques, which inherently respect and protect the natural environment while providing a food source. The long-term aim is that this book might contribute to the development of a sustainable and economically viable Australian industry that, most importantly, respects and includes Indigenous knowledge and ...

Contributor Bio
Luisa Adam is a writer of general non-fiction and children's books. Andrew Fielke is a foremost authority and pioneer of innovative Australian native cuisine in the modern era. He is also a talented, award-winning chef with decades of international experience, including in Switzerland, Austria, and London's Savoy Hotel.

The Women's Suffrage Cookery Book
Aubrey Dowson, Polly Russell

Enjoy hearty wholesome meals courtesy of the foot soldiers of the Women's Suffrage movement

Summary
The recipes in this book cover every meal of the day, as well as sections on vegetarian dishes, beverages and preserves. Choose between a Curry contributed by Mrs. Julian Osler from Edgbaston, Cauliflower Soufflé sent in by Miss Mildred Martineau of Esher, Eggs à la Suisse contributed by Mrs. Gerard Dowson of Radcliffe-on-Trent, and Madeira Marmalade supplied by Miss Ethel Jacobs of Hull. There is also a section of miscellaneous hints and tips that cover all manner of things from recipes to making furniture polish or a tincture for soothing burns, to getting rid of moths in carpets or an infestation of ants. The book ends with a section on "Menus for Meals for Suffrage Workers" with a selection of dishes that "must be simple and such as can be eaten quickly, and also . . . which will keep hot without spoiling and can be eaten with impunity at any hour." As a snapshot of history and a very useful resource for simple homemade meals, this book is a rare treat.

Contributor Bio
Mrs. Aubrey Dowson was a member of the Birmingham branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS). Polly Russell is Lead Curator for Contemporary Politics and Public Life at the British Library. She is also a food historian and co-presenter of the BBC's Back in Time for... series.
Baking Sourdough
Kevan Roberts

This journey through the world of sourdough helps readers produce the perfect loaf

Summary
Baking is a truly multi-sensory experience; baking with sourdough takes this experience to the next level. Celebrated for its health benefits, superior texture, and unique flavor, sourdough goes back to the roots of traditional bread making and gives you the freedom to craft your own dietary staple to your own specifications. Artisan baker Kevan Roberts takes readers on a sensory journey through the formation of sourdough from natural yeast to the craft of producing your own perfect loaf, before extending this knowledge to make croissants, pancakes, pizza, and more. Step-by-step photographs, detailed guides and original recipes provide a thorough and inspiring understanding of the sourdough process. It includes the history and development of sourdough; how to build and maintain a healthy sourdough starter; essential equipment, methods, and preferments; techniques in kneading, shaping, scoring, and baking; converting commercial yeasted products to sourdough; gluten-free sourdough; and finally, a comprehensive troubleshooting guide. Thirty detailed recipes are given from a basic starte...

Contributor Bio
Kevan Roberts has a wealth of baking knowledge spanning three decades. He has worked throughout the baking industry, from commercial bakeries to new product development, before establishing his own artisan bakery in the UK. He teaches at world-renowned baking school, Bread Ahead, in the heart of Borough Market, London, has worked as a technical advisor on The Apprentice TV program, and featured on BBC World Service radio.

The Insta-Food Diet
How Social Media has Shaped the Way We Eat
Pixie Turner

This book will guide you through the various ways social media has affected our food choices, our restaurants, and our food policy. By the end, you'll be able to take back control and make social media work in a healthier way for you.

Summary
Social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram haven't been around for long, but are already having far-reaching impacts on our health and wellbeing. We are only just starting to appreciate the influence these platforms have over our decisions around food and health, with many of these processes are happening without us even being fully aware of them. Well, maybe we should be aware. This book will guide you through the various ways social media has affected our food choices, our restaurants, and our food policy. By the end, you'll be armed with the knowledge and tactics to take back control and make social media work in a healthier way for you.

Contributor Bio
Pixie Turner (Plantbased Pixie) is a food blogger, biochemist (BSc), nutritionist (MSc) (AfN), writer, and speaker. She has also been featured at many events, in various publications and on BBC World News and Channel 5 as a nutritional expert.
How to Drink Gin
Sue Telford

A gorgeous guide to gin, perfect for those who don't yet know much about this increasingly popular spirit

Summary
For those who love gin but don’t know much about it . . . yet! Juniper juice, Mother’s Ruin, heavenly spirit. Whatever you call it, gin is fast becoming the UK’s favorite tipple, and once again Britain is in the middle of a gin craze. But how many people really know their juniper berries when it comes to gin? How to Drink Gin is a practical, cookery-style book about gin that demystifies this most exciting and versatile of spirits. Fully illustrated with beautiful photographs and line drawings, this book makes gin culture and cocktails accessible and fun. Discover how gin is made, read up on key botanicals, learn how to properly taste gin, "build" your own go-to gin cabinet, create simple but effective garnishes, and master a few classic gin cocktails on the way.

Contributor Bio
Sue Telford is a writer and gin blogger with a passion for craft gin and home distilling. In 2017, inspired by the gin revolution, she bought a tiny 4L air still which she modified to enable her to distill to within a tenth of a degree and gained her rectifiers and compounders licenses. As a keen cook, she loved experimenting with flavors in the kitchen and it, therefore, seemed natural to turn her 9ft by 9ft kitchen into a part-time gin distillery where you can find her most weekends, foraging, macerating, steeping, distilling, and tasting.

The Philosophy of Gin
Jane Peyton

An exploration of the history and lasting influence of gin

Summary
Few, if any, alcoholic drinks have the dramatic and multi-faceted history of gin. In this fascinating new installment of the British Library’s pocket philosophies, gin is explored through its origins in Holland, where it was popularized by William of Orange; its roots in medicine; its capacity to provide an albeit destructive escapism during the Gin Craze; its influence on language—responsible for the coining of “dutch courage;” and its current status as a popular social beverage and a pastime for those keen to experiment with flavoring their own gins. The Philosophy of Gin covers the historic transformation of the beverage, ideal flavor pairings for the gin connoisseur, and how a spirit once given a wide berth by the middle and upper classes now attracts such a large proportion of the public to choose gin as their tipple of choice.

Contributor Bio
Jane Peyton is an award-winning writer and alcoholic drinks expert, as well as Britain’s First Accredited Pommelier (Cider Sommelier) and Principal of the School of Booze. She is the author of Beer O’Clock.
Spirited
How to Create Easy, Fun Drinks at Home
Signe Johansen

A fresh and inclusive perspective on the world of drinks, including more than 50 cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks

Summary
A flavor-focused drinks recipe book with a feminist slant, Spirited opens up the "boys' club" world of serious cocktails and features drinks both alcoholic and booze-free. Spirited brings together 50 well-crafted cocktail recipes, all fueled by a cook's palate and a love of creative ingredients. Signe Johansen's recipes play with a wide range of flavors such as fresh, floral, herbal, and spicy notes and encourage you to think like a cook, not a bartender. With chapters on drambling (the joy of winter walks and whisky), creative and delicious drinks to serve at gatherings, warming nightcaps, and non-alcoholic "soothies" to calm an ailing spirit, there is a tipple here for every occasion. There is also a collection of recipes called Cupboard Cocktails—made from staple ingredients you may already have in your kitchen—and more ambitious weekend projects for gifts or special occasions. Spirited is a refreshing departure from earnest mixologists writing about the "art of the cocktail"—books often written by men, for men. Instead, Signe opens the field for everyone and celebrates the convi...
The Heritage Herbal
Herbs & Flowers to Heal, Nourish & Style
Sonya Patel Ellis

A contemporary guide to 35 popular heritage herbs and flowers, inspired by the original herbals in the British Library's collection

Summary
From country garden staples to re-emerging historical favorites, *The Heritage Herbal* uses ancient herbal wisdom to show how herbs and plants can benefit your daily lifestyle. What are the easiest and most beneficial ways to incorporate herbs and edible flowers into your life? Which herbs grow well in small spaces or make aromatic table decorations? What are the best herbs and plants for hanging and drying? Each entry includes recipes to heal, nourish and style, including teas, wines, jams, bath oils, soups, lollipops, smoothies—and a love potion! From pot to plate, *The Heritage Herbal* explains all you need to know about cultivating, cooking and crafting with herbs and edible flowers. Illustrated with plates from Elizabeth Blackwell's *A Curious Herbal* (1737–1739).

Contributor Bio
Sonya Patel Ellis is a writer, editor and artist primarily working with pressed botanicals. She founded her website, The Herbarium Project, in 2013, and is the author of *The Botanical Bible*.

The Little Book of Planting Trees
Max Adams

The which, where, how, why and inestimable joys of growing trees by the bestselling author of *The Wisdom of Trees*.

Summary
From the author of *The Wisdom of Trees*, an informative and practical guide to tree planting: including guidance on which trees to plant and where; how to plant, propagate and care for your trees; advice on the suitability and virtues of particular native trees (from oak to alder and from beech to blackthorn); amplified by details of how trees grow in nature and the stories of some famous tree planters. A glossary of websites, nurseries, conservation, and other organizations completes the volume.

Contributor Bio
Max Adams is a critically acclaimed biographer and archaeologist and the author of *The Wisdom of Trees* and *The King in the North*. A teacher of woodland and tree histories, he manages an area of woodland in County Durham.
People of the Flower Market
A Year at New Covent Garden Flower Market
Michelle Garrett, Simon Lycett

A photographic journey of a year in a much-loved flower market

Summary
This wonderful photographic record of the last year at the site of the New Covent Garden Flower Market, occupied since the 1960s before it moved to its new, more modern premises, captures the essence and heart of what makes a market: its amazing product—the exuberant blooms and foliage—along with the characters that bring it life as they work there or visit it, as sellers, buyers, and porters meet, trade, hustle, bustle, and share a joke. Simon Lycett bought flowers for his floristry business from this Market for more than 30 years, and it is an essential, and much loved, part of his daily life. The market traders have become like family. Each day there, throughout the year, is different, as the ever-changing seasonal flowers and foliage of spring, summer, then Fall, and finally Christmas arrive in the Market hall.

Contributor Bio
Simon Lycett has been a florist for over three decades, during which time he has created floral displays for every imaginable occasion, including several royal weddings and many A-list celebrity birthdays. Simon will be hosting a new 8-part floristry competition series, Full Bloom, for TV channel HBO Max, to be broadcast in Fall 2020. The series will feature ten of America’s budding florists vying to be crowned America’s best. Michelle Garrett is an award-winning photographer who specialises in gardens, plants, food and travel. She has photographed the gardens of Villandry and Heligan. Her work has been included in many prestigious books and magazines.

The Pottery Gardener (2nd Edition)
Flowers and Hens at the Emma Bridgewater Factory
Arthur Parkinson

A stunning gardening book full of inspiration, tips and advice

Summary
The Emma Bridgewater factory in Stoke-on-Trent is a mecca for lovers of its iconic pottery, known for its designs featuring florals and farmyard animals. Today, it is a thriving visitor attraction; but tucked within is a walled garden bursting with nectar-rich, jazzy-toned flowers and hen houses of rare-breed chickens. In this beautiful book, the site’s gardener, florist and poultry keeper Arthur Parkinson descriptively and visually shares his work. Inspired by his friend and idol, gardener and florist Sarah Raven, and childhood hen-keeping pen pal the late Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, Parkinson’s creation is one of resplendent flowers, platoon feather-legged hens, handwritten blackboards, flower arranging and wasteland foliage foraging carried out in one of the most unlikely places a garden could happen to exist: a working pottery. With seasonal tips on container planting in your own garden, plant profiles and helpful guides to keeping fowl and arranging home-grown flowers, The Pottery Gardener is sure to delight gardeners, hen fanciers and Bridgewater fans alike.

Contributor Bio
Arthur Parkinson trained at the Royal Botanical Gardens of Kew, and is now head gardener at the Emma Bridgewater Factory garden. Emma Bridgewater founded her ceramics company in 1985 when she realized there was a gap in the market for beautiful, practical pottery.
The Coorie Home
Beautiful Scottish Living
Ciara Menzies, Beth Pearson

Move over, hygge, and step aside, lagom: Coorie is the next level in cozy, welcoming homes

Summary
The Coorie Home explores the Scottish art of creating a home that's stylish and comfortable, an irresistibly cozy sanctuary from the outside world. From urban tenements to remote self-build ecovillages, from landscapes reflected in bold interiors to the textile pioneers keeping traditional skills alive . . . Here is a fresh take on all that home means. Whether you live in a castle, a croft, or anywhere in between, The Coorie Home brings a uniquely Scottish sense of joy into the spaces in which we live. coorie home / kuːri h m / > [noun]
1. The place where one lives in contentment and conviviality; most especially a pleasant haven from the wild Scottish elements. 2. "There is nowhere else you would rather be."

Contributor Bio
Ciara Menzies is a photographer and visual storyteller whose keenness to discover new perspectives has led her around the world. Beth Pearson is an award-winning graduate of the Glasgow School of Art. She has worked in contexts such as pre-production of the drama series Outlander and at the Scottish Gallery, the oldest art gallery in Scotland.

Pockets of Pretty
An Instagrammer's Edinburgh
Shawna Law

A love letter in word and image to one of the world’s most exquisite capital cities

Summary
Pockets of pretty: those small areas of the cityscape which one finds lovely to behold. To visit, to live, or to dream of from afar . . . Edinburgh is a city to fall in love with. Full of little adventures waiting to be enjoyed, of hidden gems and quirky, tucked away surprises. From meandering river walks to cobbled mews lanes and mysterious medieval closes, Pockets of Pretty shares those gorgeous moments of Edinburgh magic. With a local's eye, Shawna Law takes you on a delightful stroll beyond the bustling landmarks. Here you can pop into cute cafés for tea and cake, treat yourself to a beautiful book or one-of-a-kind bouquet, then escape for a moment to a tranquil park or secret garden. A love letter in word and image, come and discover Edinburgh's prettiest pockets as photographer, explorer, and admirer.

Contributor Bio
Shawna Law is an Edinburgh-based content creator, originally from Malaysia. She is the creator of the Instagram account Exploring Edinburgh.
Mrs Dalloway
A-level set text student edition
Virginia Woolf, Iain Bailey

Exam board: Edexcel, OCR, Cambridge Assessment International Education
Level & Subject: AS and A Level English Literature
First teaching: September 2015
First examination: June 2017, 2020

Summary
This edition of Mrs Dalloway provides depth and context for high school and college students, with the complete novel in an easy to read format, and a detailed introduction and bespoke glossary written by an experienced teacher with academic expertise in the area. Explore the contemporary context, Virginia Woolf’s writing, the novel’s critical reception, and subsequent interpretations for a deeper reading of the text. Expand your further reading with a list of key articles and critical and theoretical texts. Improve your understanding of the novel with unfamiliar concepts and culturally-specific terms defined in the glossary.

Contributor Bio
Virginia Woolf was an English novelist, essayist, short story writer, publisher, critic, and member of the Bloomsbury group, as well as being regarded as both a hugely significant modernist and feminist figure. Her most famous works include Mrs Dalloway, To the Lighthouse, and A Room of One’s Own.

Heart of Darkness
Joseph Conrad

Regarded as one of greatest English novels of the twentieth century, Heart of Darkness tracks the aftermath of a disturbing voyage up the Congo River.

Summary
No, it is impossible; it is impossible to convey the life-sensation of any given epoch of one’s existence—that which makes its truth, its meaning—its subtle and penetrating essence. It is impossible. We live, as we dream—alone. Regarded as one of greatest English novels of the twentieth century, Heart of Darkness tracks the aftermath of a disturbing voyage up the Congo River. This provocative novel, inspired by Joseph Conrad’s own experiences, touches on economic, social and political exploitation. Almost 100 years after publication, this timeless classic provided the inspiration for Francis Ford Coppola’s 1979 film Apocalypse Now.

Contributor Bio
Joseph Conrad is one of the greatest and most influential novelists to write in the English language. His stories, often with a nautical setting, explore ambiguity, courage, and the trials of the human condition.
Oliver Twist
Charles Dickens

The impact of this classic, essential contribution to Victorian literature is still being felt today.

Summary
It is because I think so much of warm and sensitive hearts, that I would spare them from being wounded. The impact of this classic, essential contribution to Victorian literature is still being felt today. With iconic characters like the Artful Dodger, and the titular orphan's famous request for "more," Oliver Twist is the definition of a classic, and shows Dickens at his best: writing about poverty and giving a spotlight to the working class.

Contributor Bio
Charles Dickens is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian Era. Perhaps the most famous author of serialized narratives, Dickens popularized cliffhanger endings; one such cliffhanger, from The Old Curiosity Shop, even led to riots on the docks of New York—so desperate were the public awaiting the fate of their favorite character. He was so influential, the term Dickensian is now used to describe poor social conditions or cartoonishly repulsive characters.

This Side of Paradise
F. Scott Fitzgerald

From one of the finest American writers of the twentieth century, This Side of Paradise was rumoured to have helped F. Scott Fitzgerald gain Zelda's hand in marriage.

Summary
I'm not sentimental—I'm as romantic as you are. The idea, you know, is that the sentimental person thinks things will last—the romantic person has a desperate confidence that they won't. From one of the finest American writers of the 20th century, This Side of Paradise was rumored to have helped F. Scott Fitzgerald gain Zelda's hand in marriage. Amory Blaine is an ambitious, aspiring young writer, haunted by intellectual curiosity, doomed relationships, adolescence, and the danger of seeking status in the early-20th century. This is vintage Fitzgerald, a perfect example of his ability to capture a particular period of American history. With this modern edition, you can dive into the back catalog of a writer synonymous with both the flamboyant Jazz Age and the lost generation of 1920s America.

Contributor Bio
Considered a key member of America's Lost Generation (along with Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Jean Rhys and Sylvia Beach), F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote four novels in his lifetime: This Side of Paradise, The Beautiful and Damned, The Great Gatsby, and Tender Is the Night. His work encapsulated the flamboyance and excess of the Roaring Twenties.
The Scarlet Letter
Nathaniel Hawthorne

A testament to the novels staying power, it is revered and referenced across the artistic spectrum; from film, literature, and television to music, opera, and the theatre; from D. H. Lawrence and Henry James to Childish Gambino and Taylor Swift.

Summary
The Scarlet Letter is a literary landmark, chronicling Hester Prynne's affair and the punishment she receives from the Puritan Colony in which she resides. One of the first mass-produced books in America, Nathaniel Hawthorne's masterpiece is a chilling exploration of shame, social stigma, and society's unquenchable thirst for revenge. This cautionary tale, drenched in symbolism and psychological complexity, forces the reader to consider if guilt, sin, and evil are inherent in all of us. A testament to the novel's staying power, it is referenced across the artistic spectrum; from D. H. Lawrence and Henry James to Childish Gambino and Taylor Swift.

Contributor Bio
Nathaniel Hawthorne was an American novelist and short story writer.

Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Robert Louis Stevenson

Summary
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is a novella written by Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson and published in 1886. London lawyer John Gabriel Utterson decides to investigate the appearance of the brutish and evil Edward Hyde, which leads him back to his old friend, Dr Henry Jekyll. A narrative about the complexities of science and the duplicity of human nature.

Contributor Bio
Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish novelist best known for Treasure Island, Kidnapped, and Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.
**Treasure Island**  
Robert Louis Stevenson

Sit back, relax, and enjoy this classic, beloved adventure.

**Summary**
*Fifteen men on the Dead Man’s Chest Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum! Drink and the devil had done for the rest Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!* Sit back, relax, and enjoy this classic, beloved adventure. *Treasure Island* has proved unimaginably influential on our collective culture, defining our perception of pirates—adorned with parrots on their shoulder and treasure maps in their hand. As you follow the lives of Billy Bones, Jim Hawkins, and Long John Silver, you will soon understand why Robert Louis Stevenson is a storyteller that has endured throughout time, and why this story in particular is one of the most frequently referenced and dramatized novels of all time.

**Contributor Bio**
Despite being plagued with illness for much of his life, Robert Louis Stevenson traversed the planet and became a prolific travel writer. His most enduring legacy, however, is as the novelist to *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped*, *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, and *A Child's Garden of Verses*. He is the 26th most translated author in the world.

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**The Picture of Dorian Gray**  
Oscar Wilde

Initially met with controversy and censorship, the only novel by the incomparable Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, is bursting with his trademark wit, his love of art, and his embrace of life and all it has to offer.

**Summary**
*The Picture of Dorian Gray* is the only novel by the incomparable Oscar Wilde. It is bursting with his trademark wit, his love of art, and his embrace of life and all it has to offer. Dorian, fearful of age and the subsequent fading of his beauty, expresses a wish: that a glorious oil portrait of him suffers the burden of age, and not him. He would sell his soul for it. Unfortunately for him, the wish is granted. Told in an exquisite blend of the Gothic and the philosophical, this fable about our obsession with the aesthetic unravels a horrifying truth: it is not if, but when and where our sins will manifest.

**Contributor Bio**
Oscar Wilde is the author of *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
Byron: Selected Poems
George Gordon Byron

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to Lord Byron’s poetry. Printed in a high quality hardback edition, this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron, known simply as Lord Byron, was an English poet, peer, and politician who became a revolutionary in the Greek War of Independence, and is considered one of the leading figures of the Romantic movement. He is regarded as one of the greatest English poets and remains widely read and influential.

John Donne: Selected Poems
John Donne

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to John Donne’s poetry. Printed in a high quality, cloth edition this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
John Donne was an English scholar, poet, soldier and secretary born into a Catholic family, a remnant of the Catholic Revival, who reluctantly became a cleric in the Church of England. He is considered the pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets.
George Herbert: Selected Poems
George Herbert

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to George Herbert's poetry. Printed in a high quality cloth edition this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
George Herbert was a Welsh-born poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. His poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognized as one of the foremost British devotional lyricists. He was born into an artistic and wealthy family and largely raised in England.

Keats: Selected Poems
John Keats

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to John Keat's poetry. Printed in a high quality hardback edition, this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
John Keats was an English Romantic poet. He was one of the main figures of the second generation of Romantic poets, along with Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley, despite his works having been in publication for only four years before his death from tuberculosis at the age of 25.
Andrew Marvell: Selected Sonnets
Andrew Marvell

Summary
One of a set of eight volumes of poetry designed to provide accessible introductions to classic works. Marvell's poetry includes passionate, erotic, comic, courtly, and seductive work.

Contributor Bio
Andrew Marvell was an English metaphysical poet, satirist and politician who sat in the House of Commons at various times between 1659 and 1678.

Shakespeare: Selected Sonnets
William Shakespeare

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to Shakespeare's poetry. Printed in a high quality cloth edition, this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon."
Shelley: Selected Poems
Percy Shelley

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to Shelley's poetry. Printed in a high quality cloth edition, this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
Percy Shelley was one of the major English Romantic poets, who is regarded by some as among the finest lyric and philosophical poets in the English language, and one of the most influential.

Wordsworth: Selected Poems
William Wordsworth

Summary
A collection of classic poems that provides an accessible introduction to William Wordsworth's poetry. Printed in a high quality, cloth edition this volume in the Crane Classics makes an attractive gift.

Contributor Bio
William Wordsworth was an English Romantic poet who, with Samuel Taylor Coleridge, helped to launch the Romantic Age in English literature with their joint publication Lyrical Ballads.
**The M Pages**

Colette Bryce

**Summary**

The reader might be justified in thinking that the M in the title of Colette Bryce's new poetry collection could stand for Mortality, Mother, Mourning, or the spontaneous and cathartic practice of the writer's "morning pages"—until they reach the book’s arresting central sequence. Addressed to "M," a sibling who has suddenly died, this three-part poem depicts the experience of unexpected bereavement, and the altering effect such events have on the living. Bryce harnesses her characteristic insight, forensic eye, and deeply-woven music to deeply moving ends. As the book unfolds, it becomes clear that her other subjects (of family, travel, history and ageing) all orbit the gravitational center of *The M Pages*. This is a book about what—for reasons of propriety, self-censorship, fear, and the limits of our knowledge—we can and cannot say about one of the most profound events we can face.

**Contributor Bio**

Colette Bryce is the author of several poetry collections, most recently *The Whole & Rain-domed Universe*, recipient of a Christopher Ewart-Biggs Award in memory of Seamus Heaney. She was selected as one of Val McDermid's 10 most exciting LGBTQI+ writers in the UK in association with the British Council in 2019.

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**How The Hell Are You?**

Glyn Maxwell

**Summary**

A new collection from one of the great poetic stylists of the era is always a cause for celebration. Here, there are squibs and satires, lyrics and songs, poems written to family members and in memory of loved ones, a series of poems written by an artificial intelligence that will thrill and disturb in equal measure, and a chance for the blank page to finally speak for itself. But this is, in its way, also a quietly political book: Maxwell regards poetry as truth-telling, and these poems, in their intimate, unsparing accounts and clear-eyed reckonings, recoil from the lies and fake news of the age to actually "tell it like it is." Showing a remarkable imagination and mind working at fill tilt, this collection is the most powerful expression of Maxwell’s talent to date.

**Contributor Bio**

Glyn Maxwell has won several awards for his poetry, including the Somerset Maugham Prize, the E. M. Forster Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize. His work has been shortlisted for the Whitbread, Forward and T. S. Eliot Prizes. He recently published *On Poetry*, a general reader’s guide to the craft.
**It Says Here**
Sean O’Brien

**Summary**
Sean O’Brien’s follow-up to his celebrated collection *Europa* has a vision as rich and wide-ranging as its predecessor. Set against shorter, ruthlessly focused pieces—vicious and scabrous political sketches and satires charting the growth of extremism and the disintegration of democracy—are meditations on the imaginative life, dream and remembrance, time and recurrence. There are eulogies for friends and fellow poets; paranoiac, brooding pastorals; other poems lay bare the maddening trials of a historically literate mind as it attempts to navigate a world gone post-content, post-intellectual, and at times post-memory. At the center of the book is the long poem *Hammersmith*, a shadowy, cinematic dream-vision of England during and since World War II. Here, O’Brien charts a psychogeographic journey through the English countryside and the haunted precincts of London, mapping a labyrinth of love, madness and lost history. The result is a stirring, illuminating document of a time of immense societal flux and upheaval by one of our finest poets and most insightful cultural commentators.

**Contributor Bio**
Sean O’Brien’s poetry has received numerous awards, including the T.S. Eliot Prize, the Forward Prize (three times), the E.M Forster Award and the Roehampton Poetry Prize.

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**Sherlock’s Sisters**
Stories from the Golden Age of the Female Detective
Nick Rennison

Nick Rennison has uncovered yet more classic detective stories from the golden era of crime writing, this time, either written by women or featuring female detectives.

**Summary**
Sherlock Holmes was the most famous detective to stride through the pages of late Victorian and Edwardian fiction, but he was not the only one. He had plenty of rivals. Some of the most memorable of these were women: they were “Sherlock’s Sisters.” This exciting, unusual anthology gathers together 15 stories written by women or featuring female detectives. They include Dorcas Dene, Lady Molly of Scotland Yard, Hagar the Gypsy, Judith Lee and Madelyn Mack. Editor Nick Rennison has already compiled several highly entertaining collections of stories from what he considers a golden age of crime fiction, including *The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes, More Rivals of Sherlock Holmes* and *Supernatural Sherlocks*. His latest anthology turns the spotlight on the women detectives who could more than match their male counterparts.

**Contributor Bio**
Nick Rennison is a writer, editor and bookseller with a particular interest in the Victorian era and in crime fiction. He is the editor of *The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes* and *The Rivals of Dracula*, both collections of short stories. He is also the author of *The Bloomsbury Good Reading Guide to Crime Fiction, 100 Must-Read Crime Novels* and *Sherlock Holmes: An Unauthorised Biography*. He is a regular reviewer for both *The Sunday Times* and *BBC History Magazine.*
Southern Cross Crime
The Pocket Essential Guide to the Crime Fiction, Film & TV of Australia and New Zealand
Craig Sisterson, Michael Robotham

From the Ngaio Marsh Awards founder, a guide to take fans beyond Top of the Lake and Jane Harper

Summary
Australian and New Zealand crime and thriller writing is booming globally, with antipodean authors regularly featuring on awards and bestseller lists across Europe and North America, and readers and publishers looking more and more to tales from lands Down Under. Hailing from two sparsely populated nations on the far edge of the former Empire—neighbors that are siblings in spirit, vastly different in landscape—Australian and New Zealand crime writers offer readers a blend of exotic and familiar, seasoned by distinctive senses of place, outlook, and humor, and roots that trace to the earliest days of our genre. This is the first comprehensive guide to modern Australian and New Zealand crime writing. From coastal cities to the Outback, leading critic Craig Sisterson showcases key titles from more than 200 storytellers, plus screen dramas ranging from Mystery Road to Top of the Lake. Fascinating insights are added through in-depth interviews with some of the prime suspects who paved the way or instigated the global boom, including Jane Harper, Michael Robotham, Paul Cleave, Emma Viskic,…

Contributor Bio
Craig Sisterson is a features writer and crime fiction expert from New Zealand who writes for newspapers and magazines in several countries. In recent years he’s interviewed hundreds of crime writers and talked about the genre on national radio, top podcasts, and onstage at festivals on three continents. He’s been a judge of the McIlvanney Prize and Ned Kelly Awards, and is founder of the Ngaio Marsh Awards and co-founder of Rotorua Noir.

Into the Darkening Fog
Eerie Tales of the London Weird
Elizabeth Dearnley

An anthology uncovering the weird and unsettling stories of London, rooted in the city’s very geography

Summary
As the fog thickens and the smoky dark sweeps across the capital, strange stories emerge from all over the city. A jilted lover returns as a demon to fulfill his revenge in Kensington, and a seance becomes a life and death struggle off Regents Canal. In the borough of Lambeth, stay clear of the Old House in Vauxhall Walk and be careful up in Temple—there’s something not right about the doleful, droning hum of the telegram wires overhead . . . Join Elizabeth Dearnley on this atmospheric tour through the Big Smoke, a city which has long fueled the imagination of writers of the weird and supernormal. Waiting in the shadowy streets are tales from writers such as Charlotte Riddell, Lettie Galbraith, and Violet Hunt, who delight in twisting the urban myths and folk stories of the city into pieces of masterful suspense and intrigue. This collection will feature a map motif and notes before each story, giving readers the real-world context for these hauntings and encounters, and allowing the modern reader to seek out the sites themselves—should they dare.

Contributor Bio
Elizabeth Dearnley teaches the history of fairy tales at University College London and has curated several projects exploring how folk stories interact with the modern world. She is the co-creator of The Secret Diary of Bloomsbury, which collects submissions from visitors and residents of Bloomsbury to tell a collective story of life in the area.
Queens of the Abyss
Lost Stories from the Women of the Weird
Mike Ashley

A dark anthology of stories by the forgotten women writers who helped pioneer the "weird tale" genre

Summary
It is too often accepted that during the 19th and early 20th centuries it was the male writers who developed and pushed the boundaries of the weird tale, with women writers following in their wake—but this is far from the truth. This new anthology follows the instrumental contributions made by women writers to the weird tale, and revives the lost authors of the early pulp magazines along with the often overlooked work of more familiar authors. See the darker side of The Secret Garden author Frances Hodgson Burnett and the sensitively-drawn nightmares of Marie Corelli and Violet Quirk. Hear the captivating voices of Weird Tales magazine contributors Sophie Wenzel Ellis, Greye La Spina, and Margaret St Clair, and bow down to the sensational, surreal, and challenging writers who broke down the barriers of the day. Featuring material never before republished, from the abyssal depths of the British Library vaults.

Contributor Bio
Mike Ashley is an expert on popular fiction of the 19th and 20th centuries who has published more than 100 books on the subject. His Tales of the Weird anthologies include Glimpses of the Unknown: Lost Ghost Stories and From the Depths and Other Strange Tales of the Sea.

The Outcast
And Other Dark Tales by E F Benson
Mike Ashley, Edward Frederic Benson

Classic and rare tales from a beloved, yet less well-known, ghost story writer

Summary
The terrifying presence of a restless spirit on the top deck of a London bus; a possession at the bridge table on a cruise up the Nile; a nightmare encounter with druidic sacrifice in the innocuous setting of a terraced back garden . . . E F Benson’s "spook stories" pushed the boundaries of the ghost story tradition by exploring new, previously "out of bounds" settings—such as public transport and even hauntings by daylight—to frighten his readers from the 1890s to the 1930s. Benson delighted in twisting every idea and image and experimenting with the unexpected; this new collection of short stories from across his long career in writing draws together the most innovative, satisfyingly dark, and still resonant tales to thrill anew. This edition also features a detailed introduction containing the fascinating story of Benson’s life, and the never before-republished story "Billy Comes Through."

Contributor Bio
Mike Ashley is an expert on popular fiction of the 19th and 20th centuries.
A Phantom Lover
And Other Dark Tales by Vernon Lee
Mike Ashley, Vernon Lee

A long overdue resurrection of an author of inimitable and unique dark tales

Summary
During her lifetime, Violet Paget, who wrote as Vernon Lee, was referred to as "the greatest of modern exponents of the supernatural in fiction," and yet today she remains on the periphery of the genre. This collection of her uniquely weird short stories and dark fantasies proves why she was once considered among the best of the genre, and why she deserves to return to those ranks today. From modernized folk tales such as "Marsyas in Flanders" and "The Legend of Madame Krasinska" to ingenious psychological hauntings such as the titular "A Phantom Lover" and "A Wicked Voice," Lee's own voice is just as distinctive and captivating—her weird imaginings just as freshly unsettling—as in her fin d'esiècle heyday.

Contributor Bio
Mike Ashley is an expert on popular fiction of the 19th and 20th centuries who has published more than 100 books on the subject.

The Children of D'Hara
Terry Goodkind

In this first collected volumes of the series (1-5), Terry Goodkind returns to his epic New York Times bestselling SWORD OF TRUTH saga.

Summary
In 1994 Wizard's First Rule introduced Richard Cypher, a young woodsman seeking answers and vengeance in the aftermath of his father's murder, and Kahlan Amnell, a mysterious young woman pursued by a bloodthirsty tyrant's assassins. The Sword of Truth is one of the most ambitious fantasy series ever written. It was a decades-long masterwork that has been translated into 20 languages and sold 26 million copies. After 16 volumes and one novella, it concluded in 2016 with Warheart. The Children of D'Hara picks up immediately after the conclusion of the Sword of Truth series. This is the first collected volume of the series, featuring episodes 1-5: The Scribbly Man, Hateful Things, Wasteland, Witch's Oath, and Into Darkness.

Contributor Bio
Terry Goodkind is a #1 New York Times-bestselling author. His Sword of Truth series has sold over 20 million copies, and was adapted into the television show Legend of the Seeker. He writes thrillers as well as epic fantasy and lives in Henderson, Nevada.
**South**

Frank Owen

A stunning high-concept post-apocalyptic debut novel in the vein of Stephen King's The Stand and Wool by Hugh Howey

**Summary**

South takes place in a USA ravaged by Civil War. It's been 30 years since the first wind-borne viruses ended the war between North and South—and still they keep coming. Every wind brings a new and terrifying way to die. The few survivors live in constant fear, hiding from the wind—and from each other. In this harsh Southern expanse, brothers Garrett and Dyce Jackson are on the run from brutal law-enforcers. They meet Vida, a lone traveler on a secret quest. Together, they will journey into the dark heart of a country riven by warfare and disease. This is the story of Dyce and Vida. This is the story of end-time. This is the story of The Cure and how it came too late. This is the story of South.

**Contributor Bio**

Frank Owen is the pseudonym for two authors—Diane Awerbuck and Alex Latimer. Diane Awerbuck's debut novel, Gardening at Night, won the 2004 Commonwealth Writers Prize, and Diane was shortlisted for the Caine Prize in 2014. She has long been regarded as one of South Africa's most talented writers. Alex Latimer is an award-winning writer and illustrator whose books have been translated into several languages.

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**North**

Frank Owen

The second of a high-concept post-apocalyptic duology that mixes strands of The Sisters Brothers and The Road

**Summary**

The USA has been ravaged by Civil War. It's been 30 years since the first wind-borne viruses ended the war between North and South. While the South has been devastated by disease—the North has emerged victorious, but terrified of reprisals. Both territories remain at the mercy of the vicious Northern dictator, Renard. Two survivors, Dyce and Vida, journeyed deep into the Southern terrains in search of a cure for Renard's chemical warfare. Now they find themselves scouring the Northern territories on a new and far deadlier pursuit; to eliminate Renard himself. Could Dyce and Vida unite a fractured America—and at what cost? This is the story of Dyce and Vida. This is the story of the Resistance and its last, desperate, stand. This is the story of North.

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The Stitcher and the Mute
D.K. Fields

The second novel in the fantasy crime trilogy from two rising stars in the genre.

Summary
Detective Cora Gorderheim has found the man who strangled the Wayward storyteller, but he was just a small part of a much bigger tale. Someone powerful ordered a murder on Cora’s patch. That someone still lurks in the shadows. But as she continues her investigations, Cora is warned not to pry into the great and the good of Fenest. Too stubborn to know better, Cora keeps digging and begins to piece together a conspiracy that reaches from the gutter dwellers of the Union of Realms right to the top: the Chambers. As the Audience hear the Torn and Perlish tales, Cora realises she must return to her own story, to its very beginning, if she’s going to have any say in its end.

Contributor Bio
D.K. Fields is the pseudonym for the writing partnership of novelists David Towsey and Katherine Stansfield. The couple are originally from the south west of England, and now live in Cardiff. Widow’s Welcome, the first book in the Tales of Fenest trilogy, is also published by Head of Zeus.

The House of a Hundred Whispers
Graham Masterton

A Tudor mansion on the edge of Dartmoor guards its secrets... The new standalone horror novel from Graham Masterton.

Summary
Dartmoor, with its mists, bleak winter weather and overwhelming sense of isolation, is the perfect place to build a prison. It’s not a place many would choose to live—yet the Governor of Dartmoor Prison did just that. When Herbert Russell retired, he bought All Hallow’s Hall—a rambling Tudor mansion on the edge of the moor, and lived there all his life. Now he's dead, and his estranged family are set to inherit his estate. But when the dead man’s family come to stay, the atmosphere of the moors seems to drift into every room. Floorboards creak, secret passageways echo, and wind whistles in the house’s famous priest hole. And then, on the morning the family decide to leave All Hallow’s Hall once and for all, their young son Timmy goes missing.

Contributor Bio
Graham Masterton trained as a newspaper reporter before beginning his career as an author. Graham’s credits as a writer include the bestselling horror novel The Manitou, which was adapted into a film starring Tony Curtis. He is also the author of the Katie Maguire crime series.
**Wolf Country**

Tünde Farrand

A worryingly prescient dystopia in which citizens are rewarded for consumption—but what happens when they can no longer spend?

**Summary**

London, 2050. The socio-economic crisis of recent decades is over and consumerism is thriving. Ownership of land outside the city is the preserve of a tiny elite, and the rest of the population must spend to earn a Right to Reside. Ageing has been abolished thanks to a radical new approach, replacing retirement with blissful euthanasia at a Dignitorium. When architect Philip goes missing, his wife Alice risks losing her home and her status, and begins to question the society in which she was raised. Her search for him uncovers some horrifying truths about the fate of her own family and the reality behind the new social order. *Wolf Country* is a powerful dystopian vision in the spirit of *Black Mirror* and *Never Let Me Go*.

**Contributor Bio**

*Tünde Farrand* grew up in Debrecen, a city in Hungary buzzing with culture, and an important hub of Hungarian literature. She lived, studied and worked in several countries before settling in the UK in 2005, where she has continued to work as a language specialist and modern languages teacher.

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**Isaac Newton's 21st Century Entanglement**

Noel Hodson

A playful time-traveling comedy—and the most enjoyable intro to quantum physics ever written

**Summary**

While quietly studying prisms and light on his family’s Lincolnshire farm in the plague year of 1666, Isaac Newton suddenly finds himself transported to 2020. There he meets young Archie, who assumes that this curious character on a country riverbank is a random weirdo with a few marbles missing. It turns out that Newton is quantumly entangled, the victim of an experiment with physical laws way beyond even his own revolutionary insight. He’s not the only one caught in this plight: Archie becomes entangled with Isaac, unwittingly riding the timelines too. The pair end up on the run in two different ages, pursued by panicky scientists and agents of the law in the 21st century, and facing potentially lethal accusations of sorcery in the 17th. Can the combined talents of Newton and his modern colleagues untangle the mess? The science is sound(ish) and the story is a delight. Noel Hodson’s playful novel is the easiest, most enjoyable introduction to quantum physics ever written.

**Contributor Bio**

*Noel Hodson* has been fascinated by science, particularly physics, all his life. He has published both academic books and fiction and writes a blog, which now includes his own Theory of Everything and Gravity.
Please Do Not Ask for Mercy as a Refusal Often Offends
Paul Bassett Davies

A darkly comic dystopian crime novel that manages to be funny and frightening in equal measure

Summary
Detective Kilroy is assigned to investigate a horrible murder. He’s a fine cop, from the brim of his hat to the soles of his brogues, but his inquiries, far from solving the mystery, lead him into a deeper one—and to Cynthia, an enigmatic woman with a secret that could overturn Kilroy’s entire world. But where is this world? It seems both familiar and uncanny, with electric cars, but no digital devices, and the audience for a public execution arriving by tram. Meanwhile, the seas are retreating, and the Church exerts an iron grip on society—and history. Power belongs to those who control the narrative. Kilroy is forced to take sides between the Kafkaesque state that pays his wages, and the truth-seekers striving to destroy it, all the while becoming besotted with a woman who may only love him for his mind—in an alarmingly literal way.

Contributor Bio
Paul Bassett Davies contributed to the TV show Spitting Image, wrote the screenplay for the 2005 feature animation film The Magic Roundabout and has written and produced music videos with Kate Bush and Ken Russell. He is a former creative director of the London Comedy Writers Festival. He is the author of Dead Writers in Rehab.

Death Deserved
Thomas Enger, Jorn Lier Horst, Anne Bruce

A police officer and a celebrity blogger join forces to track down a serial killer with a thirst for attention, in the first entry in gripping Nordic Noir series Alex Blix

Summary
Police officer Alexander Blix and celebrity blogger Emma Ramm join forces to track down a serial killer with a thirst for attention and high-profile murders, in the first episode of a gripping new Nordic Noir series...

‘Grim, gory and filled with plenty of dark twists ... There’s definitely a Scandinavian chill in the air with this fascinating read that loses none of its terror and fun in translation’ Scottish Sun

‘A clever, gripping crime novel with personality, flair, and heart’ Crime by the Book

‘An exercise in literary tag-teaming from two of Norway’s biggest crime writers with a bold new take on the serial-killer-as-twisted-artist ... the start of a series with potential’ Sunday Times

Oslo, 2018. Former long-distance runner Sonja Nordstrom never shows at the launch of her controversial autobiography, Always Number One. When celebrity blogger Emma Ramm visits Nordstrom’s home later that day, she finds the door unlocked and signs of a struggle inside. A bib with the number ‘one’ has been pinned to the TV.

Police officer Alexander Blix is appointed to head up the missing-per...
Deep Dark Night
Steph Broadribb

Single-mother bounty hunter Lori Anderson returns in a fourth nail-biting, high-voltage read. She's as tough as they come, but when her family is threatened, she takes on a job that could change everything.

Summary
Fearless Florida bounty-hunter Lori Anderson travels to Chicago to trap the head of a notorious crime family, in a high-stakes, nail-biting mission that sees her trapped in one of the city’s tallest buildings during a blackout...

‘A real cracker’ Mark Billingham

‘My kind of book’ Lee Child

‘Like Midnight Run, but much darker ... really, really good’ Ian Rankin

A city in darkness. A building in lockdown. A score that can only be settled in blood...

Working off the books for FBI Special Agent Alex Monroe, Florida bounty-hunter Lori Anderson and her partner, JT, head to Chicago. Their mission: to entrap the head of the Cabressa crime family. The bait: a priceless chess set that Cabressa is determined to add to his collection.

An exclusive high-stakes poker game is arranged in the penthouse suite of one of the city’s tallest buildings, with Lori holding the cards in an agreed arrangement to hand over the pieces. But, as night falls and the game plays out, stakes rise and tempers flare.

When a power failure plunges the city into darkness, the building goes into lockdown. But this isn’t…

I Am Dust
Louise Beech

When iconic musical Dust is revived 20 years after the leading actress was murdered in her dressing room, a series of eerie events haunts the new cast, in a bewitching, beguiling and terrifyingly dark psychological thriller

Summary
When iconic musical Dust is revived twenty years after the leading actress was murdered in her dressing room, a series of eerie events haunts the new cast, in a bewitching, beguiling, moving and terrifyingly dark psychological thriller...

‘A delicate supernatural thriller of love, loss, murder and the dangers that come with getting what you wish for. Quite lovely in a dark, dark way’ Sarah Pinborough

‘Dark and haunting ... further cements Louise Beech as one of the most original and exciting authors of the moment’ Claire Allan

‘Haunting, provocative, and true to Beech’s style: packed with pain and heart’ Jack Jordan

A haunted theatre
A murdered actress
Three cursed teenagers
A secret that devastates them all...

The Dean Wilson Theatre is believed to be haunted by a long-dead actress, singing her last song, waiting for her final cue, looking for her killer...

Now Dust, the iconic musical, is returning after twenty years. But who will be brave enough to take on the
Sister
Kjell Ola Dahl, Don Bartlett

The Oslo Detectives are back in another slice of gripping, dark Nordic Noir, and their new colleague has more at stake than she’s prepared to reveal.

Summary
The Oslo Detectives are back in another chilling slice of Nordic Noir … Frølich searches for the mysterious sister of a young female asylum seeker, but when people start to die, everything points to an old case and a series of events that someone will do anything to hide…

‘Impossible to put down’ Guardian
‘Absorbing, heart-rending and perfectly plotted’ Denzil Meyrick
‘A masterclass in plotting, atmosphere and character that finely balances shocking twists with the coppers’ complicated personal lives’ Sunday Times

Contributor Bio

One of the fathers of the Nordic Noir genre, Kjell Ola Dahl made his debut in 1993, and has since published

Blood Red City
Rod Reynolds

A nerve-shattering and brutally realistic thriller, bursting with energy and grit from the opening page

Summary
Video footage of an apparent murder on a London train thrusts crusading journalist Lydia into a terrifying web of money, politics and power, in sophisticated, shockingly believable contemporary thriller

A witness but no victim. A crime but no crime scene...

‘Brutal, brilliant and razor sharp. Blood Red City is pure adrenaline rush from the first page to the last’ Chris Whitaker
‘A searing, white-hot journey through the dark underbelly of modern London. Bristling with tension, danger and seamed with the constant threat of violence … Blood Red City confirms Rod Reynolds status as one of the greatest crime talents of his generation’ Tim Baker

When crusading journalist Lydia Wright is sent a video of an apparent murder on a London train, she thinks she’s found the story to revive her career. But she can’t find a victim, much less the killers, and the only witness has disappeared. Wary she’s fallen for fake news, she begins to doubt her instincts – until a sinister call suggests that she’s not the only one interested in the crime.

Michael Stringer deals in information – and doesn…

Contributor Bio

Rod Reynolds is the author of four novels, including the Charlie Yates series. His 2015 debut, The Dark
Nothing Important Happened Today
Will Carver

Nine suicides, one cult, no leader. A shocking, original and pitch-black thriller.

Summary
When strangers take part in a series of group suicides, everything suggests that a cult is to blame. How do you stop a cult when nobody knows they are a member?

***Telegraph Book of the Year***
***Longlisted for Goldsboro Books Glass Bell Award***
***Longlisted for Theakston’s Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award 2020***

‘Heavy gusts of bedsit nihilism usher in this strange mystery ... weirdly page-turning’ Sunday Times

‘Laying bare our 21st-century weaknesses and dilemmas, Carver has created a highly original state-of-the-nation novel’ Literary Review

‘Arguably the most original crime novel published this year’ Independent

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Nine suicides
One Cult
No leader

Nine people arrive one night on Chelsea Bridge. They’ve never met. But at the same time, they run, and leap to their deaths. Each of them received a letter in the post that morning, a pre-written suicide note, and a page containing only four words: Nothing important happened today.

Fallen Angels
Gunnar Staalesen

A chance meeting with an old classmate takes Varg Veum back in time

Summary
Ever-dogged Bergen PI Varg Veum has to dig deep into his own past as he investigates the murder of a former classmate. Vintage, classic Nordic Noir from international bestselling author Gunnar Staalesen.

When Bergen PI Varg Veum finds himself at the funeral of a former classmate on a sleet-grey December afternoon, he’s unexpectedly reunited with his old friend Jakob – the once-famous lead singer of 1960s rock band The Harpers – and his estranged wife, Rebecca, Veum’s first love.

Their rekindled friendship come to an abrupt end with a horrific murder, and Veum is forced to dig deep into his own adolescence and his darkest memories, to find a motive ... and a killer.

Tense, vivid and deeply unsettling, Fallen Angels is the spellbinding, award-winning thriller that secured Gunnar Staalesen’s reputation as one of the world’s foremost crime writers.

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Praise for Gunnar

‘Gunnar Staalesen is one of my very favourite Scandinavian authors. Operating out of Bergen in Norway, his private eye, Varg Veum, is a complex but engaging anti-hero. Varg means “wolf ” in Norway...

Contributor Bio
Mexico Street
Simone Buchholz, Rachel Ward

Hamburg state prosecutor Chastity Riley investigates a series of arson attacks on cars across the city, which leads her to a startling and life-threatening discovery involving criminal gangs and a very illicit love story.

Summary

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‘Another brilliant adventure in the company of Chastity Riley, the coolest character in crime fiction. Darkly funny and written with a huge heart’ Doug Johnstone

‘Reading Buchholz is like walking on firecrackers … a truly unique voice in crime fiction’ Graeme Macrae Burnet

‘Caustic, incisive prose. A street-smart, gutsy heroine. A timely and staggeringly stylish thriller’ Will Carver

Night after night, cars are set alight across the German city of Hamburg, with no obvious pattern, no explanation and no suspect.

Until, one night, on Mexico Street, a ghetto of high-rise blocks in the north of the city, a Fiat is torched. Only this car isn’t empty. The body of Nouri Saroukhan – prodigal son of the Bremen clan – is soon discovered, and the case becomes a homicide.

Public prosecutor Chastity Riley is handed the investigation, which takes her deep into a crim...

Containment
Vanda Symon

Dunedin’s favourite young police officer Sam Shephard is drawn into a perplexing investigation when a series of shipping containers wash up on a sleepy New Zealand beach, and a spate of unexplained deaths ensues.

Summary

Dunedin’s favourite young police officer Sam Shephard is drawn into a perplexing investigation when a series of shipping containers wash up on a sleepy New Zealand beach, and a spate of unexplained deaths ensues...

‘Fast-moving New Zealand procedural ... the Edinburgh of the south has never been more deadly’ Ian Rankin

‘If you like taut, pacy thrillers with a wonderful sense of place, this is the book for you’ Liam McIlvanney

‘A sassy heroine, fabulous sense of place, and rip-roaring stories with a twist. Perfect curl-up-on-the-sofa reading’ Kate Mosse

Chaos reigns in the sleepy village of Aramoana on the New Zealand coast, when a series of shipping containers wash up on the beach and looting begins.

Detective Constable Sam Shephard experiences the desperation of the scavengers first-hand, and ends up in an ambulance, nursing her wounds and puzzling over an assault that left her assailant for dead.

What appears to be a clear-cut case of a cargo ship running aground soon takes a more sinister turn when a skull is found in the sand, and the body of a diver is pulled from the sea...
The Creak on the Stairs
Eva Björg Ægisdóttir

An exquisitely written, claustrophobic and chillingly atmospheric police procedural from a debut Icelandic author

Summary
When a woman's body is discovered at a lighthouse in the Icelandic town of Akranes, investigators discover shocking secrets in her past. First in the disturbing, chillingly atmospheric, addictive new Forbidden Iceland series.

'Fans of Nordic Noir will love this moving debut from Icelander Eva Bjork Aegisdottir. It's subtle, nuanced, with a sympathetic central character and the possibilities of great stories to come' Ann Cleeves

'An exciting and harrowing tale from one of Iceland’s rising stars' Ragnar Jonasson

When a body of a woman is discovered at a lighthouse in the Icelandic town of Akranes, it soon becomes clear that she’s no stranger to the area.

Chief Investigating Officer Elma, who has returned to Akranes following a failed relationship, and her colleagues Sævar and Hörður, commence an uneasy investigation, which uncovers a shocking secret in the dead woman’s past that continues to reverberate in the present day …

But as Elma and her team make a series of discoveries, they bring to light a host of long-hidden crimes that shake the entire community. Sifting through…

Contributor Bio
Eva Björg Ægisdóttir has wanted to write books since she was 15 years old, having won a short story contest in Iceland.

No Fixed Line
Dana Stabenow

The 22nd entry in New York Times-bestselling author Dana Stabenow's atmospheric Alaskan crime series, now in paperback

Summary
The next instalment in Dana Stabenow's award-winning Alaskan crime series. New Year's Eve, in the middle of a blizzard that has cut Alaska off from the outside world, and there are reports of a plane down in the Quilak mountains.

Contributor Bio
Dana Stabenow, born in Alaska and raised on a 75-foot fish tender, is the author of the award-winning, bestselling Kate Shugak series. The first book in the series, A Cold Day for Murder, received an Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America. stabenow.com
**Fire and Ice**  
Dana Stabenow

**Summary**  
Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell, demoted and reassigned to the remote Bush town of Newenham, literally steps off the plane into a murder scene. Dealing with death is never simple, but when the woman leaning over the body proves to be Liam’s old flame, it’s evident that his new job is about to become much more complicated. From Newenham’s cast of eccentric—and sometimes hair-trigger—residents, to the intricate ballet of fishing boats rushing against time to net their limit, Stabenow captures the contagious spirit of melancholy madness that pervades America’s last frontier.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Dana Stabenow** is the author of the award-winning, bestselling Kate Shugak series.

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**So Sure of Death**  
Dana Stabenow

**Summary**  
Liam Campbell has lost more than most men lose in a lifetime: his wife and young son are dead and his career is in a deep freeze since five people died on his watch. Demoted from sergeant to trooper, exiled to Newenham, he lives on a leaky gillnetter moored in Bristol Bay, brooding on how to rekindle his relationship with bush pilot Wyanet Chouinard, who broke his heart long ago. Then word arrives that a fishing boat is adrift, victim of a fire. Flying out with Trooper Diana Prince, his new assistant and pilot, Liam arrives to find the horribly burned bodies of a family of local fishers and their crew. A terrible accident, or a cover-up of something worse?

**Contributor Bio**  
**Dana Stabenow** is the author of the award-winning, bestselling Kate Shugak series.
Nothing Gold Can Stay
Dana Stabenow

Summary
Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell, newly promoted to corporal, is slowly making a home for himself in the remote town of Newenham. Between DUIs and domestic disputes, life is relatively tranquil, until Campbell’s girlfriend, Bush pilot Wyanet Chouinard, delivers a shipment of mail to a remote post office, where she finds the postmistress murdered. The hunt is on for a killer who seems to have vanished into the Bush... until another victim is found.

Contributor Bio
Dana Stabenow is the author of the award-winning, bestselling Kate Shugak series.

Better to Rest
Dana Stabenow

Summary
A party of hunters stumbles upon a desiccated human hand, a feisty grandmother meets an untimely death in her own kitchen, and the broken remains of a World War II-era transport plane emerge from the face of a calving glacier. It's all in a day's work for Sergeant Liam Campbell of the Alaska State Troopers.

Contributor Bio
Dana Stabenow is the author of the award-winning, bestselling Kate Shugak series.
# The Package

**Sebastian Fitzek**

You live in a quiet neighbourhood. You know that he will never find you here. All you've done is taken in a parcel for a neighbour. You have no idea what you've let into your home.

## Summary

Emma's the one that got away. The only survivor of a killer known in the tabloids as "the barber"—because of the trophies he takes from his victims. Or she thinks she was. The police aren't convinced. Nor is her husband. She never even saw her tormentor properly, but now she recognizes him in every man. Questioning her sanity, she gives up her job as a doctor in the local hospital and retreats from the world. It is better to stay at home. Quiet. Anonymous. Safe. He won't find her here. And all she did was take a parcel for a neighbor. She has no idea what she's let into her home.

## Contributor Bio

**Sebastian Fitzek** is Germany's most successful author of psychological thrillers. His books have been sold 11 million copies, been translated into more than 24 languages, and are a the basis for international cinema adaptations and theater adaptations. He was the first German author to be awarded the European Prize for Criminal Literature.

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# The Room of the Dead

**M.R.C. Kasasian**

As war rages in London, Inspector Betty Church finds herself on the trail of a cold-blooded killer in the sleepy Suffolk town of Sackwater.

## Summary

December, 1939: With Britain at war, Inspector Betty Church hunts a dangerous enemy. Sackwater Police Station feels a million miles from the war effort. Elderly Mr Orchard keeps wandering off in his pyjamas, little Sylvia Satin is having a birthday party, and a bookmark has been reported stolen. Inspector Betty Church—one of the few female officers on the force—is longing for something to get her teeth into. When a bomb is dropped on Sackwater, it seems the war has finally reached them. But Betty can't stop Adolf, however hard she tries. So when a dead man is found on the beach, she concentrates on hunting an enemy much closer to home.

## Contributor Bio

**M.R.C. Kasasian** has had careers as varied as a factory hand, wine waiter, veterinary assistant, fairground worker, and dentist. He is the author of the Gower Street Detective series, which includes *The Mangle Street Murders* and *The Curse of the House of Foskett*. 
**Betty Church and the Suffolk Vampire**  
M.R.C. Kasasian

New 1940s crime series, featuring Inspector Betty Church – one of the UK’s first female police officers. Pitch-perfect historical crime.

**Summary**

September, 1939: As Britain readies for war, one woman must battle a ruthless killer. Inspector Betty Church—one of the few female officers on the force—has arrived from London to fill a vacancy at Sackwater police station. But Betty isn’t new here. This is the place she grew up. The place she thought she’d left for good. After a slow start, Betty’s called to the train station to investigate a stolen bench. But though there’s no bench, there is a body. A smartly dressed man, murdered in broad daylight, with two distinctive puncture wounds in his throat. While the locals gossip about the Suffolk Vampire, Betty Church steels herself to hunt a dangerous killer.

**Contributor Bio**

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**Under the Ice**  
Rachael Blok

A girl’s body is found in the local lake at Christmas, turning neighbour against neighbour in a close-knit community. A tense, emotionally charged thriller from a brilliant new voice.

**Summary**

It is the week before Christmas and the cathedral city of St Albans is blanketed by snow. But beneath the festive lights, darkness is stirring. The frozen body of a young girl is discovered by the ice-covered lake. The police scramble for clues. A local woman, Jenny, has had visions of what happened the night of the murder. But Jenny is an exhausted new mother, whose midnight wanderings pull her ever closer to the lake. Can Jenny be trusted? What does she really know? Then another girl goes missing, and the community unravels. Neighbor turns against neighbor, and Jenny has no idea who to believe. As Christmas Eve approaches, Jenny discovers a secret about her past—and why she could be key to everything.

**Contributor Bio**

Rachael Blok studied Literature at Warwick University. She taught English at a London Comprehensive and is now a full-time writer.
**The Scorched Earth**
Rachael Blok

Set in a small English village near St Albans at the height of the 2018 heatwave. Ana must prove her boyfriend's innocence in the wake of his brother's murder.

**Summary**
Two years ago, Ben Fenton went camping for the night with his brother Leo. When Ben woke up, he was covered in blood, and his brother had gone. Days later, Ben was facing a charge of murder. Ben's girlfriend, Ana Seabrook, has always sworn he was innocent. And now, on the hottest day of a sweltering heat wave, a body has been unearthed in Ana's village. A body that might be connected to what really happened between Ben and Leo that fateful night. DCI Jansen, of St. Albans police, is sure that Ana has something to hide. But until the police track down the identity of the body, he can't work out how everything's connected. Will Ana's secrets stay buried forever? Or can Jansen bring them to light?

**Contributor Bio**
Rachael Blok taught English at a London Comprehensive and is now a full-time writer.

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**Fate**
Zhou Haohui

Based on China's most famous online crime serial, a killer crowd-sources his victims, playing a deadly but ingenious game of cat-and-mouse with the police.

**Summary**
The follow-up to *Death Notice*, the international crime-writing phenomenon, is a high-octane, high-concept cat-and-mouse thriller that adds an exhilarating new gear to the police procedural.

**Contributor Bio**
Zhou Haohui was born in 1977 and lives in Yangzhou City, Jiangsu Province. His *Death Notice* trilogy is China's bestselling crime series. An online TV drama based on the novels has received more than 2.4 billion views, making it one of China's most popular online shows ever.
**The Last Drop of Blood**

Graham Masterton

The final book in the Katie Maguire series. A judge's body is found on an isolated road. Four gang members have been shot. Three civilians have been blown up. To Katie's horror, Cork is becoming a gang battleground like Dublin.

**Summary**

In the driver's seat of a Jaguar, on a country road, a good man burns. Justice Garrett Quinn should have been at a sentencing. He was one of the good ones, fighting for order in a lawless world. In a burned-out car, on the outskirts of Cork, DS Katie Maguire finds what's left of him. But this is only the beginning. The judge's death sparks a gang war fought with bullets and bombs, and civilians are caught in the crossfire. As the city spirals deeper into violence, Ireland's most fearless detective must find the courage to fight for her hometown one last time. Katie Maguire is no stranger to sacrifice—but she has lost so much already. Facing new horrors each day, Katie must decide: can she do her duty when she has nothing left to give?

**Contributor Bio**

Graham Masterton trained as a newspaper reporter before beginning a career as an author. After 25 years writing horror and thrillers, Graham turned his talent to crimewriting. The Katie Maguire series was inspired by Graham's five-year stay in County Cork.

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**Night Flight to Paris**

David Gilman

An SOE agent is sent into Nazi-occupied France to track down and extract a missing radio operator.

**Summary**

It is 1943 and for agents of the Special Operations Executive, a mission to Nazi-occupied Paris is a death sentence. So why has unlikely spy Harry Mitchell volunteered to return to the city he fled two years ago? The French capital is at war with itself. Informers, gangsters, collaborators and Resistance factions are as ready to slit each other's throats as they are the Germans'. The occupiers are no better: the Gestapo and Abwehr—military intelligence—are locked in their own lethal battle for dominance. Mitchell knows the risks but he has a reason to put his life on the line: his family are still in Paris and have fallen into the hands of the Gestapo. With disaster afflicting his mission from the outset, it will take all his ingenuity to even get into the capital . . . unaware that every step he takes is a step closer to a trap well set and baited.

**Contributor Bio**

David Gilman enjoyed many careers, including firefighter, paratrooper and photographer, before turning to writing full time. He is an award-winning author and screenwriter and was shortlisted for the Wilbur Smith Writing Prize.
**Last Flight to Stalingrad**

Graham Hurley

Berlin, 1942. Propaganda journalist Werner Nehmann begins his terrifying descent into the hell of the Stalingrad cauldron.

**Summary**

Berlin, 1942: for four years, the men in field grey have helped themselves to country after country across Western Europe. For Werner Nehmann, a journalist at the Promi—the Ministry of Propaganda—this dizzying series of victories has felt like a party without end. But now the Reich's attention has turned towards the East, and as winter sets in, the mood is turning. Werner's boss, Joseph Goebbels, can sense it. A small man with a powerful voice and coal-black eyes, Goebbels has a deep understanding the dark arts of manipulation. His words, his newsreels, have shaken Germany awake, propelling it towards its greater destiny and he won't let—he can't let—morale falter now. But the Minister of Propaganda is uneasy and in his discomfort has pulled Werner into his close confidence. And here, amid the power struggle between the Nazi Chieftains, Werner will make his mistake and begin his descent into the hell of Stalingrad.

**Contributor Bio**

Graham Hurley is the author of the acclaimed Faraday and Winter crime novels.

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**Wolf of Wessex**

Matthew Harffy

AD 838. Deep in the forests of Wessex, Dunston's solitary existence is shattered when he stumbles on a mutilated corpse.

**Summary**

AD 838. Deep in the forests of Wessex, Dunston's solitary existence is shattered when he stumbles on a mutilated corpse. Accused of the murder, Dunston must clear his name and keep the dead man's daughter alive in the face of savage pursuers desperate to prevent a terrible secret from being revealed. Rushing headlong through Wessex, Dunston will need to use all the skills of survival garnered from a lifetime in the wilderness. And if he has any hope of victory against the implacable enemies on their trail, he must confront his long-buried past—becoming the man he once was and embracing traits he had promised he would never return to. The Wolf of Wessex must hunt again; honor and duty demand it.

**Contributor Bio**

Matthew Harffy is the author The Bernicia Chronicles.
To the Strongest
Robert Fabbri

The first book in a huge, bloody and brutal new series from Robert Fabbri, set after the death of Alexander the Great

Summary
Babylon, 323 BC: Alexander the Great is dead, leaving behind him the largest, and most fearsome, empire the world has ever seen. As his final breaths fade in a room of seven bodyguards, Alexander refuses to name a successor. But without a natural heir, who will take the reins? As the news of the king's sudden and unexpected death ripples across the land, leaving all in disbelief, the ruthless battle for the throne begins. What follows is a devious, tangled web of scheming and plotting, with alliances quickly made and easily broken, each rival with their own agenda. But who will emerge victorious: the half-chosen; the one-eyed; the wildcat; the general; the bastard; the regent? In the end, only one man, or indeed woman, will be left standing.

Contributor Bio
Robert Fabbri has worked in film and TV for 25 years as an assistant director, on productions such as Hornblower, Hellraiser, Patriot Games and Billy Elliot.

The Rhino Conspiracy
Peter Hain

An epic tale of corruption, collusion, and courage, centered around rhino poaching

Summary
A leading politician and anti-apartheid campaigner turns the spotlight to Rhino conservation in this riveting and timely thriller. In the last decade more than 6,000 rhinos have been killed in South Africa. Relentless poaching for their horns has led to a catastrophic fall in black rhino numbers. Meanwhile, a corrupt South African government turns a blind eye to the international trade in rhino horn. This is the background to Peter Hain's brilliantly pacey and timely thriller. Battling to defend the dwindling rhino population, a veteran freedom fighter is forced to break his lifetime loyalty to the ANC as he confronts corruption at the very highest level. Hell-bent on catching the poachers and exposing their trade, the veteran and his young "born free" colleague hatch a plan to install a GPS tracking device inside a replica horn in an attempt to locate its destination. The stakes are high. Can the country's ancient rhino herd be saved from extinction by state-sponsored poaching? Has Mandela's "rainbow nation" been irretrievably betrayed by political corruption and cronyism?

Contributor Bio
Peter Hain (the Lord Hain) was born in South Africa. His and parents were forced into exile in 1966. He led the Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Anti-Nazi League during the 1970s and 1980s. Hain was a senior minister for 12 years in Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's governments. He chaired the UN Security Council, and negotiated international Treaties curbing nuclear proliferation and banning the trade in blood diamonds. Hain has written or edited 21 books, including Mandela, Outside In, and Mandela: His Essential Life.
Kill [redacted]
Anthony Good

Is murder ever morally right? And is a murderer necessarily bad? These two questions waltz through the maddening mind of Michael, the brilliant, terrifying, fiendishly smart creation at the center of this winking dark gem of a literary thriller.

Summary
Michael lost his wife in a terrorist attack on a London train. Since then, he has been seeing a therapist to help him come to terms with his grief—and his anger. He can't get over the fact that the man he holds responsible has seemingly got away scot-free. He doesn't blame the bombers, who he considers only as the logical conclusion to a long chain of events. No, to Michael's mind, the ultimate cause is the politician whose cynical policies have had such deadly impact abroad. His therapist suggests that he write his feelings down to help him forgive and move on, but as a retired headteacher, Michael believes that for every crime there should be a fitting punishment—and so in the pages of his diary he begins to set out the case for, and set about committing, murder. Waltzing through the darkling journal of a brilliant mind put to serious misuse, Kill [redacted] is a powerful and provocative exploration of the contours of grief and the limits of moral justice, and a blazing condemnation of all those who hold, and abuse, power.

Contributor Bio
Anthony Good studied at Oxford and the University of East Anglia. He is the recipient of a Man Booker scholarship. Kill [redacted] is his first novel.

The Righteous Spy
Merle Nygate

A twisting international spy novel that portrays a clandestine world in which moral transgressions serve higher causes

Summary
Eli Amiran is Mossad’s star spy runner and the man responsible for bringing unparalleled intelligence to the Israeli agency. Now, he’s leading an audacious operation in the UK that feeds his ambition but threatens his conscience. The British and the Americans have intel Mossad desperately need. To force MI6 and the CIA into sharing their priceless information, Eli and his maverick colleague Rafi undertake a risky mission to trick their allies: faking a terrorist plot on British soil. But in the world of espionage, the game is treacherous, opaque, and deadly . . . A twisting international spy novel, The Righteous Spy is an intriguing page turner that portrays a clandestine world in which moral transgressions serve higher causes. A must-read for fans of Homeland, Fauda, and The Americans, it will also appeal to readers of Charles Cumming and John le Carré.

Contributor Bio
Merle Nygate is a screenwriter, script editor, screenwriting lecturer, and novelist.
**Dead Flowers**
Nicola Monaghan

An engaging, multi-layered crime novel told in dual narratives and filled with secrets and lies

**Summary**
She doesn’t trust the police. She used to be one of them. Hardened by 10 years on the murder squad, DNA analyst Doctor Sian Love has seen it all. So when she finds human remains in the basement of her new home, she knows the drill. Except this time it’s different. This time, it’s personal . . . A page-turning cold case investigation, Dead Flowers is an intriguing, multi-layered story perfect for fans of Kate Atkinson’s Case Histories and British crime dramas like Line of Duty and Unforgotten.

**Contributor Bio**
Nicola Monaghan graduated from Nottingham Trent University with an MA in Creative Writing. She is the author of The Killing Jar.

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**Reap the Whirlwind**
And Other Stories
Mark Timlin

A recently discovered, long-lost novel and short stories from the 90s featuring private eye Nick Sharman

**Summary**
Follow Sharman as he patrols his seedily glamorous South London beat, with its cast of villains, eccentrics, misfits and losers. A magnet for trouble, even when he is on holiday in the country, he has a habit of inadvertently ending up on the wrong side of the law and at the wrong end of a shotgun. In this high-risk world, people are seldom what they seem and nothing can be taken for granted.

**Contributor Bio**
Mark Timlin has written over 30 novels under a number of different names. He is best known for his Nick Sharman novels and the 1995 TV spin-off series starring Clive Owen.
Trust Me, I'm Dead
Sherryl Clark

A gritty crime thriller that explores the sacrifices people will make for their families

Summary
She hasn’t seen her brother in years. Now, he’s dead. When Judi Westerholme finds out her estranged brother has been murdered, she assumes it’s connected to his long term drug addiction. Returning home, she is shocked to discover he had been clean for years, had a wife—now missing—and a child, and led a respectable life. But if he had turned his life around, why was he killed in a drug deal shooting? And where is his wife? Desperate to know what really happened, Judi sets out to uncover the truth, even though it means confronting her own traumatic past. But she’s not the only one looking for answers. With a gutsy, unapologetic protagonist, Trust Me, I'm Dead is a gritty and bold crime thriller that explores the sacrifices people will make for their families.

Contributor Bio
Sherryl Clark is the author of 40 children's and YA books, and writes online for publications such as Medium. She has an MFA from Hamline University, Minnesota, and is now studying for a PhD in creative writing.

The Slaughter Man
Cassandra Parkin

A fascinatingly disturbing tale about loss, the many facets of grief, and facing ones inner demons

Summary
When her identical twin Laurel dies, 17-year-old Willow’s life falls apart. With her parents’ marriage faltering, she finds escape at her uncle Joe’s cottage. But even as they begin to know each other, Willow is plagued with memories of her sister. Then, Lucas arrives in her life—troubled, angry, and with a dangerous past. Joe’s cottage is idyllic, but the forest is filled with secrets. What is Joe hiding from her? What events have brought Lucas to her door? And who is the Slaughter Man who steals through Willow’s sleep? As the lines between dreams and reality become blurred, Willow’s torment deepens. It seems as if her only escape lies with the Slaughter Man.

Contributor Bio
Cassandra Parkin is the author of The Winter’s Child, The Summer We All Ran Away, and Underwater Breathing. The Slaughter Man is her sixth novel.
Sea of Bones
Deborah O'Donoghue

An atmospheric and compellingly chilling psychological thriller

Summary
Juliet is used to wielding power and influence in her line of work, but when her beloved niece dies, she finds herself powerless in the face of her grief and has doubts over the coroner's report of suicide. She travels back to her family's remote coastal home where Beth was found. As Juliet delves deeper into the investigation, her personal and professional lives collide and she unwittingly finds herself pitted against dangerous opposition who seem intent on silencing her. In order to expose the truth behind her niece's death, Juliet must face the fact that nobody in her life is who she previously thought them to be—including herself.

Contributor Bio
Deborah O'Donoghue studied English and French at the University of Sussex, and Performing Arts at the Sorbonne, before teaching for 10 years.

Stasi Winter
David Young

A gripping, intelligent thriller set in East Germany, during the worst winter in 100 years

Summary
In 1978 East Germany, nothing is as it seems. The state's power is absolute, history is re-written, and the "truth" is whatever the Stasi say it is. So when the murder of a woman is officially labeled an "accidental death," Major Karin Müller of the People's Police is faced with a dilemma. To solve the crime, she must defy the official version of events. But defying the Stasi means putting her own life—and the lives of her young family—in danger. As the worst winter in history holds Germany in its freeze, Müller must untangle a web of state secrets and make a choice: between the truth and a lie, justice and injustice, and, ultimately, life and death.

Contributor Bio
David Young was a news producer and editor for more than 25 years with BBC. His first book in the Karin Müller series, Stasi Child, was a Times Crime Book of the Month, a Daily Telegraph pick of the week, WHSmith Fiction Book of the Month, and won the 2016 CWA Endeavour Historical Dagger for the best historical crime novel of the year. The series has been sold in 11 territories around the world and optioned for TV by Euston Films.
**Driftnet**
Lin Anderson

The first thrilling crime novel in a series featuring forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod

**Summary**
Summoned in the early hours of the morning to a Glasgow flat, forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod is confronted by a horrific crime scene. A teenage boy has been found mutilated and strangled to death by a vicious killer. But her grim task of scanning for evidence is made even more unsettling than normal by the boy’s remarkable resemblance to her—and by the fact that she gave up a baby boy for adoption 17 years ago . . . Overcome by guilt, Rhona sets out to find the boy’s killer and establish whether the young victim is her long-lost son. In doing so, she finds herself immersed in an investigation that seeks to expose a dark underworld that preys on the young and vulnerable. As the case builds it soon becomes clear that some very powerful men have a lot to lose if she succeeds, and everything to gain if she dies.

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

**Find Them Dead**
Peter James

Roy Grace unearths a powerful criminal network in his 16th crime thriller

**Summary**
A Brighton gangster is on trial for conspiracy to murder, following the death of a rival crime family boss. As the jury file into Lewes Crown Court, 12 anonymous people selected randomly from 50, there is one person sitting in the public gallery observing them with keen interest, and secretly filming them. Later, a group of the accused’s henchmen sit around a table with the full personal details of each of the 12 jurors in front of them. They need to influence two of them—a jury can convict if directed on a 10-2 majority verdict but no less. But which two? When Roy Grace is called in to investigate a murder that has links to the accused and the trial, and the suspicion that an attempt has been made to intimidate jurors, he finds the reach and power of the accused’s tentacles go higher than he had ever imagined.

**Contributor Bio**
Peter James is the bestselling author of the crime fiction series about DSI Roy Grace. His books have been translated into 37 languages with worldwide sales of over 19 million copies.
I Thought I Knew You

Penny Hancock

Who do you know better? Your oldest friend, or your child? And who should you believe when one accuses the other of an abhorrent crime?

Summary

Jules and Holly have been best friends since university. They tell each other everything, trading revelations and confessions, and sharing both the big moments and the small details of their lives: Holly is the only person who knows about Jules’s affair; Jules was there for Holly when her husband died. And their two children—just four years apart—have grown up together. So when Jules’s daughter Saffie makes a rape allegation against Holly’s son Saul, neither woman is prepared for the devastating impact this will have on their friendship or their families. Especially as Holly, in spite of her principles, refuses to believe her son is guilty.

Contributor Bio

Penny Hancock is the author of Tideline, The Darkening Hour, and A Trick of the Mind. She works at Anglia Ruskin University, supporting students with their writing.

Your Truth or Mine?

Trisha Sakhlecha

An incredible debut about the unraveling of a marriage and the dark secrets couples keep from one another

Summary

Your Truth or Mine? is a gripping psychological suspense title by Trisha Sakhlecha about the breakdown of a marriage, perfect for fans of Erin Kelly’s He Said/She Said and Lisa Jewell’s Then She Was Gone. At their wedding Mia and Roy Kapoor promised to love and cherish each other. While not perfect, their marriage is sacred and their commitment absolute. But a knock at the door changes everything when Roy is questioned over the disappearance of a young woman. As Roy and Mia’s life unravels, they must question everything they know about each other if their marriage is to survive. But what if the real truth is not what they, or you, think?

Contributor Bio

Trisha Sakhlecha works in fashion and is a graduate of the acclaimed Faber Academy writing course. In the past, Trisha has worked as a designer, trend forecaster, and lecturer. Your Truth or Mine? is her first novel.
**Bye Bye Baby**

*Fiona McIntosh*

First in the DCI Jack Hawkesworth series

**Summary**

A spate of seemingly unconnected murders in southern England prompt a high-profile taskforce to be formed and led by DCI Jack Hawksworth, one of the Force's new rising stars who combines modern methods with old-school instincts. The victims appear as disparate as their style of death; the only link that Hawk and his team can pull together is that the murdered are all men of an identical age. The taskforce has nothing but cold cases of decades past to comb through in the hope that they might find a clue to who is behind the savagery. A heart-stopping tale of brutal revenge with a chilling twist by a powerhouse Australian author.

**Contributor Bio**

*Fiona McIntosh* is an author of novels for adults and children. Her books include *Myrren's Gift, Blood and Memory*, and *Bridge of Souls* in the Quickening series.

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**Beautiful Death**

*Fiona McIntosh*

Second in the DCI Jack Hawkesworth series

**Summary**

DCI Jack Hawksworth is back, working on a high-profile case breaking in London. A calculating serial killer is on the loose, committing the most gruesome of murders as he "trophies" the faces of his victims. With each new atrocity, the public and police force are getting more desperate for results. Hawk pulls together a strong and experienced taskforce, who soon find themselves caught up in a murky world of illegal immigrants and human organ trading. As he struggles to find any sort of link between the victims, Jack identifies something unique about the most recent corpse, and things suddenly get very personal. From the seedy underbelly of London's back streets and New Scotland Yard to the dangerous frontiers of modern medicine, this is a gripping crime thriller from a powerhouse Australian author.

**Contributor Bio**

*Fiona McIntosh* is an author of novels for adults and children. Her books include *Myrren's Gift, Blood and Memory*, and *Bridge of Souls* in the Quickening series.
The Anchoress of Chesterfield
A John the Carpenter Mystery
Chris Nickson

Fourth title in the gripping medieval mystery series set in Chesterfield

Summary
John the Carpenter has been happy to leave the investigation of death behind. For six years now he’s been content to work with wood. His life looks prosperous, but times are growing desperate. Then the coroner summons him to look at the mysterious death of an anchoress, a religious woman who lived in confined solitude. She’s been murdered. Her father is an important local landowner, a man of influence with the crown. He’s distraught, and the money he offers John to find the killer can solve his problems and leave his family comfortable for life. But the path to the truth leads John to the heart of the rich, and back into history, to places where he’s not welcome and in danger for his own life. Can he find the killer? And what will happen if he doesn’t?

Contributor Bio
Chris Nickson has been a freelance writer for 25 years, both as a music journalist and a historical crime novelist. He has had 26 works of fiction published, including the first three books in the John the Carpenter series.

Cast the First Stone
C.B. Hanley

A gripping murder mystery set in a time of violent civil war and featuring commoner-turned-earl’s man, Edwin Weaver

Summary
November, 1217: Edwin Weaver is back in his home village of Conisbrough. But if he thinks life is going to be peaceful, he’s wrong: the new bailiff is unpopular and cruel, and soon his murdered corpse is discovered. Everything points to the culprit being a foreigner, and the villagers are happy to have an outsider take the blame; Edwin isn’t so sure and is determined to investigate. However, his former friends, all with something to hide, are increasingly hostile to him and resent his interference. The more he discovers, the more he is convinced that the stranger is innocent, but this comes with dangers of its own. With the sheriff due to arrive any day expecting to supervise a swift execution, Edwin and his wife Alys must join forces to solve the mystery before it is too late.

Contributor Bio
C.B. Hanley holds a PhD in Medieval Studies specializing in warfare in the 12th and 13th centuries. She has published an academic book and a number of scholarly articles on the period, and continues to write nonfiction history for academic and general audiences. She has spent sometimes working as an historical interpreter, and is also a freelance copy editor and proofreader.
### The Angel's Mark

S. W. Perry

A fantastic, high class debut murder mystery set in Elizabethan London

**Summary**

London, 1590: Queen Elizabeth I's control over her kingdom is wavering. Amidst a tumultuous backdrop of Spanish plotters, Catholic heretics and foreign wars threatening the country's fragile stability, the body of a small boy is found in the City of London, with strange marks that no one can explain. When idealistic physician Nicholas Shelby finds another body displaying the same marks only days later, he becomes convinced that a killer is at work, preying on the weak and destitute of London. Determined to find out who is behind these terrible murders, Nicholas is joined in his investigations by Bianca, a mysterious tavern keeper. As more bodies are discovered, the pair find themselves caught in the middle of a sinister plot. With the killer still at large, and Bianca in terrible danger, Nicholas's choice seems impossible—to save Bianca, or save himself.

### Contributor Bio

**S. W. Perry** was a journalist and broadcaster before retraining as an airline pilot.

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### The Serpent's Mark

S. W. Perry

The second in a historical mystery series, perfect for fans of C. J. Sansom, Rory Clements, and S. G. MacLean

**Summary**

London, 1591: Nicholas Shelby, physician and reluctant spy, returns to his old haunts on London's lawless Bankside. But, when spymaster Robert Cecil asks him to investigate the dubious practices of a mysterious doctor from Switzerland, Nicholas is soon embroiled in a conspiracy that threatens not just the life of an innocent young patient, but the overthrow of Queen Elizabeth herself. With fellow healer and mistress of the Jackdaw tavern, Bianca Merton, again at his side, Nicholas is drawn into a sinister world of zealots, charlatans, and dangerous fanatics.

### Contributor Bio

**S. W. Perry** was a journalist and broadcaster before retraining as an airline pilot.
The Saracen's Mark
S. W. Perry


Summary
1593: five years on from the Armada and England is taking its first faltering steps towards a future as a global power. On an undercover mission to find out the fate of one of the queen's informers, physician and reluctant spy, Nicholas Shelby, travels from the dark alleys of London to the dazzling Moor city of Marrakech. Meanwhile in London, Shelby's companion, Bianca Merton, must fight against the ravaging plague that is stalking the city. Can their budding relationship weather the threats of pestilence and conspiracy? And will Nicholas survive his mission and the unpredictability of Marrakesh to return home? A brilliantly realized, utterly compelling historical mystery that will take you to far-flung destinations and into the very heart of a deadly conspiracy.

Contributor Bio
S. W. Perry was a journalist and broadcaster before retraining as an airline pilot.

The Easter Sepulchre
Mel Starr

Summary
"Sir Hugh is in top form tracking down the wily killer of local clerics while eating his way through a feast of mediaeval dishes. A delightful mystery with an authentic historical touch." Fiona Veitch Smith, author and scriptwriter

Keeping watch over the Easter Sepulchre, where the Host and crucifix are stored between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, is considered a privilege. So, it is shocking when it is discovered that Odo, the priest's clerk, has abandoned his post. But as the hours pass and Odo is not found, Hugh de Singleton is called upon.

It is Hugh that finds the dried blood before the altar, and fear grows for the missing man... Will Hugh be called upon to investigate another murder, or will the man be found hale and hearty? But if so, where has the blood come from?

Contributor Bio
Mel Starr was born and grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After graduating with a MA in history from Western Michigan University in 1970, he taught history in Michigan public schools for thirty-nine years. Since retiring, he has focused on his highly successful novels. Mel and his wife, Susan, have two daughters and eight grandchildren.
**Blood Brothers**  
Les Cowan

**Summary**
"Cowan spins an engrossing, suspenseful yarn in which spiritual themes are noticeably more prominent than in a regular thriller." *The Herald*

Newly married, David Hidalgo is reconnecting with his friends and congregation but something’s wrong. The sons of downstairs neighbours Ali and Ayesha are missing, and it looks as though they’re planning a terror act in Spain. To make matters worse, their daughter, Samira, has a Christian boyfriend and now wants to convert.

Once again, David Hidalgo finds himself in the middle of an unexpected crisis. Can he help a confused girl, unsure of her identity? Can he find the boys and prevent a tragedy?

**Contributor Bio**
Les Cowan has lived in Madrid, Edinburgh and Galicia, all of which are locations brought to life in his writing. He studied English Language and Literature and has worked in the criminal justice system.

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**The Art Fiasco**  
Fiona Veitch Smith

**Summary**
It’s 1924 and Poppy Denby is heading up to Northumberland to celebrate her father’s sixtieth birthday. She stops off in Newcastle en route to visit her Aunt Dot, who has temporarily relocated from London to renovate a house she’s inherited.

One of Aunt Dot’s guests is the world renowned artist, Agnes Robson, who is staging an exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery. Reluctantly, Poppy is roped in to help when the artist’s press liaison man falls ill.

She soon discovers that the local press have dug up some dirt on Agnes relating to the tragic death of a young art teacher in Ashington Colliery, twenty-seven years earlier. As she tries to suppress the story, Poppy begins to suspect that the teacher might have been murdered and that the killer may still be on the loose...

**Contributor Bio**
Formerly a professional journalist, Fiona Veitch Smith is now an author of books for adults and children. She has also written theatre plays and screenplays. Her adult mystery series, Poppy Denby Investigates, set in the 1920s, is published by Lion Fiction. The first book in the series, *The Jazz Files*, was shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association (CWA) Endeavour Historical Dagger award, 2016. Other titles in the series include: *The Kill Fee, The Death Beat*, and now *The Cairo Brief*. For more on the Poppy Denby Investigates series including background material on the 1920s, film reels, period fashion and fabulous jazz recordings check out the Poppy Denby website: [http://www.poppydenby.com/](http://www.poppydenby.com/). Interested in learning more about Fiona, take a look at her website: [http://fiona.veitchsmith.com/](http://fiona.veitchsmith.com/).
Murder, Forgotten
How Can You Find the Truth When Your Reality is Fading?
Deb Richardson-Moore

Summary
Julianna Burke, bestselling mystery novelist, has a secret that those closest to her are hiding from the world. Julianna is losing her memory, and with it her powerful gift for storytelling that propelled her to fame.

A further devastating blow comes when Connor, Julianna’s beloved husband, is murdered. Even this is not something Julianna’s mind can hold on to, and every day her assistant has to break the heart-wrenching news all over again.

Julianna is desperate to know what happened to her husband. As she battles her failing mind to investigate, a detail of the murder surfaces that makes Julianna question everything she’s ever known. Somehow she must fight to find the truth, even though her grip on reality is fading...

Contributor Bio
Deb Richardson-Moore is the author of four (4) fiction titles and a memoir, The Weight of Mercy, about her early years as a pastor at the Triune Mercy Center in Greenville, S.C. A former reporter for The Greenville News, Deb is a popular speaker at book clubs, universities and colleges. She has won numerous awards for her philanthropy and community involvement, including the 2014 Women Making History Award from the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center and the 2016 Public & Community Service Award from the Atlantic Institute. A graduate of Wake Forest University, Deb and her husband live in South Carolina. http://debrichardsonmoore.com

Exquisite Cadavers
Meena Kandasamy

Karim and Maya: [x] share a home [x] worry about money [x] binge-watch films [x] argue all the time, in an inventive, modernist short that’s framed with fragments and peppers with footnotes

Summary
Karim, a young film-maker, carries with him the starry-eyed dreams of the Arab Revolution. Maya carries her own pressing concerns: an errant father, an unstable job, a chain-smoking habit, a sudden pregnancy. When Karim’s brother disappears in Tunis, and Karim wants to go after him, Maya must choose between her partner and her home city, her future and her history. In a conversation between forms, fictions and truths, Exquisite Cadavers is a novel about a young couple navigating love in London, and a literary hall of mirrors about an author navigating the inspirations behind her work.

Contributor Bio
Meena Kandasamy is a poet, fiction writer, translator and activist who was born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. She has published two collections of poetry, Touch and Ms. Militancy, and the critically acclaimed novel, Gypsy Goddess. Her second novel, When I Hit You, was shortlisted for the Women’s Prize for fiction 2018.
The Cat and The City
Nick Bradley

A stray cat dances through Tokyo, connecting a group of apparent strangers, in this inventive literary debut

Summary
In Tokyo—one of the world's largest megacities—a stray cat is wending her way through the back alleys. And, with each detour, she brushes up against the seemingly disparate lives of the city-dwellers, connecting them in unexpected ways. But the city is changing. As it does, it pushes her to the margins where she chances upon a series of apparent strangers—from a homeless man squatting in an abandoned hotel, to a shut-in hermit afraid to leave his house, to a convenience store worker searching for love. The cat orbits Tokyo's denizens, drawing them ever closer. In a series of spellbinding, interlocking narratives—with styles ranging from manga to footnotes—Nick Bradley has hewn a novel of interplay and estrangement; of survival and self-destruction; of the desire to belong and the need to escape. Formally inventive and slyly political, The Cat and The City is a lithe thrill-ride through the less-glimpsed streets of Tokyo.

Contributor Bio
Nick Bradley is a graduate of the UEA Creative Writing MA who is currently completing a PhD in Creative & Critical Writing, focusing on the figure of the cat in Japanese literature.

The Narrow Land
Christine Dwyer Hickey

Summary
1950: late summer season on Cape Cod. Michael, a 10-year-old boy, is spending the summer with Richie and his glamorous but troubled mother. Left to their own devices, the boys meet a couple living nearby—the artists Jo and Edward Hopper—and an unlikely friendship is forged. She, volatile, passionate and often irrational, suffers bouts of obsessive sexual jealousy. He, withdrawn and unwell, depressed by his inability to work, becomes besotted by Richie's frail and beautiful Aunt Katherine who has not long to live—an infatuation he shares with young Michael. A novel of loneliness and regret, the legacy of World War II and the ever-changing concept of the American Dream.

Contributor Bio
Christine Dwyer Hickey is an award-winning novelist and short story writer. Her novel The Cold Eye of Heaven won the Irish Novel of the Year of the Year 2012, was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards 2011 and nominated for the IMPAC 2013 award. Last Train from Liguria was shortlisted for the Prix L’Européen de Littérature.
Lost Property
Laura Beatty

Summary
In the middle of her life, a writer finds herself in a dark wood, despairing at how modern Britain has become a place of such greed and indifference. In an attempt to understand her country and her species, she and her lover rent a busted-out van and journey through France and down to the Mediterranean, across Italy and the Balkans, finishing in Greece and its islands. Along the way, they drive through the Norman Conquest, the Hundred Years War, the Italian Renaissance, the 1990s and on to the current refugee crisis, encountering the shades of history, sometimes figuratively and sometimes—such as Joan of Arc, sitting pertly in the back of the van—quite literally. As she roadtrips through 10,000 years of civilization, watching humanity repeat itself with wars over borderlines and exceed itself with the creation of timeless art, the writer begins to reckon with the very worst and the very best in our collective natures—and it is in seeing the beauty beside the ugliness, the light among the trees, that she begins to see, finally, a way for her to go home.

Contributor Bio
Laura Beatty is the author of Pollard, a novel that won the Authors' Club First Novel Award and was shortlisted for the Ondaatje Prize. She has also written two biographies, the first about Lillie Langtry and the second about Anne Boleyn.

The Girl from the Hermitage
Molly Gartland

Summary
It is December 1941, and eight-year-old Galina and her friend Katya are caught in the siege of Leningrad, eating soup made of wallpaper, with the occasional luxury of a dead rat. Galina’s artist father Mikhail has been kept away from the front to help save the treasures of the Hermitage. Its cellars could now provide a safe haven, provided Mikhail can navigate the perils of a portrait commission from one of Stalin’s colonels. Nearly 40 years later, Galina herself is a teacher at the Leningrad Art Institute. What ought to be a celebratory weekend at her forest dacha turns sour when she makes an unwelcome discovery. The painting she embarks upon that day will hold a grim significance for the rest of her life, as the old Soviet Union makes way for the new Russia and Galina’s familiar world changes out of all recognition. Warm, wise and utterly enthralling, Molly Gartland’s debut novel guides us from the old communist world, with its obvious terrors and its more surprising comforts, into the glitz and bling of 21st-century St. Petersburg. Galina’s story is at once a compelling page-turner...

Contributor Bio
Originally from Michigan, Molly Gartland worked in Moscow from 1994 to 2000 and has been fascinated by Russian culture ever since. The manuscript for her debut novel The Girl from the Hermitage was shortlisted for the Impress Prize and longlisted for the Mslexia Novel Competition, the Bath Novel Award and Grindstone Novel Award.
The Imaginary Lives of James Poneke
Tina Makereti

A young Maori boy is exhibited as part of a human zoo by day and explores London by night in this fascinating historical novel.

Summary
James Poneke is a young Maori orphan, raised by missionaries, with a burning desire to travel and explore the world. When an English artist on a tour of New Zealand invites James to return home with him, the boy eagerly accepts and agrees to become a living exhibit at the artist's London show. By day, James dresses in full tribal outfit, being stared at, prodded and examined by paying visitors. By night, he is free to explore the city, but anything can happen to a young New Zealander on the savage streets of Victorian London and James is unprepared for the wonders, dangers and unearthed secrets that await. The Imaginary Lives of James Poneke is an unforgettable work of historical fiction in the spirit of Sarah Waters and Sarah Perry.

Contributor Bio
Tina Makereti's first collection of stories, Once Upon a Time in Aotearoa, won the inaugural Fiction Award at Nga Kupu Ora, the Maori Book Awards, in 2011. Her debut novel, Where the Rekohu Bone Sings, won the same award in 2014, and was longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award. In 2016 she won the Commonwealth Short Story Prize (Pacific Region) for her story "Black Milk." Her second novel, The Imaginary Lives of James Poneke, was first published in New Zealand in 2018 and was longlisted for the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards. She has a PhD in creative writing and teaches at Massey University in New Zealand.

Skin
E.M. Reapy

Self-loathing and ill-at-ease with herself and her place in the world, through her encounters and experiences overseas Natalie metamorphoses into a more confident, assured individual.

Summary
This pertinent, timely, intelligent, and incredibly compelling exploration of the relationship we have with our own bodies opens in Bali. Natalie, its protagonist, is uncomfortable in her own skin. Her most recent relationship is long since over and she's become disillusioned with her career as a teacher—adopting a tried-and-tested attempt at self-discovery, she packs her bags to go traveling. Natalie travels to Bali, New Zealand, Australia, Dublin, rural Ireland, and the Netherlands to try and find her place, but her isolation abroad only heightens her sense of unease. Her journey is psychological as well as physical—she is obsessed with her shape, believing herself to be awkward and over-large, recoiling from relationships with men and eating compulsively as a self-destructive reaction to her issues with her weight. As the narrative unfolds, we gradually become aware of a crucial development in Natalie beginning to take place. This novel engages powerfully with issues that are important to women, and also to people in general, via an incredibly beguiling protagonist—she is intellig...
The Jewel  
Neil Hegarty  
An artist who has become an art thief, an obsessive curator and a specialist in major art thefts... Their stories intersect with the fate of a legendary work by a tragic Victorian woman artist.

Summary  
A surprising and ambitious work of fiction centered on the art world, featuring an artist who has become an art thief, an obsessive curator, and a specialist in major art thefts. Their stories intersect with the fate of a legendary work by a tragic Victorian woman artist who painted the picture as a kind of funeral dress, using the notoriously fragile distemper technique. At the heart of this moving and unusual novel is a strange painting by a woman who committed suicide rather than live with neglect and pain. Her final glowing work was painted with a technique more usual for posters and banners, and not designed to last. She intended it as her shroud. It hangs in a Dublin gallery, and it is desired by a collector who is willing to pay to have it stolen. The thief is a disillusioned, corrupted London artist coping with tragic loss. The curator of the painting is a lonely gallerist whose life centers on her work. And the man charged with recovering the stolen painting is a gay man trapped in an abusive relationship. The lives of these three damaged people, each evoked with...

Contributor Bio  
Neil Hegarty  
studied English at Trinity College Dublin. He is the author of the official biography of David Frost and of the acclaimed novel Inch Levels.

Overdrawn  
A Guardian Book of the Month  
NJ Crosskey  
A dark look at the future of the healthcare system, in a highly topical novel inspired by the rise of racism and nationalism

Summary  
Henry Morris is watching his wife slip away from him. In an ageist society, where euthanasia is encouraged as a patriotic act, dementia is no longer tolerated. Kaitlyn, a young waitress, is desperate for the funds to keep her brother’s life support machine switched on. When a chance encounter brings the two together, they embark on an unconventional business arrangement that will force them to confront their prejudices, as well as their deepest, darkest secrets.

Contributor Bio  
N. J. Crosskey  
worked in the care sector for almost 20 years and is now a full-time author.
A Match Made In Heaven
British Muslim Women Write About Love and Desire
Claire Chambers, Nafhesa Ali, Richard Phillips

An anthology of stories presenting non-stereotypical looks at the intimate lives of Muslim women

Summary
Star-studded and beautifully written, this collection offers diverse stories about love and desire by South Asian-heritage British Muslim women authors, including Ayisha Malik (Sofia Khan Is Not Obliged) and Shelina Janmohamed (Love in a Headscarf). Although outsiders often expect Muslim women to be timid, conservative, or submissive, the reality is different. While some of these authors express a quiet piety and explore poignant situations, others use black humor and biting satire, or play with possibilities. Still others shade into the territory of a Muslim Fifty Shades of Grey, creating grey areas where the mainstream media sees only black and white. If grooming-gang scandals grab headlines, characters are more scandalized by suitors’ sloppy personal grooming. Finding the right crimson lipstick for a date or the perfect power outfit for meeting a cheating ex-husband are commoner preoccupations than the news. Stylish but far from shallow, the stories also reflect on migration, racism, arranged marriage, gender differences, lesbian desire, bearding, and many other subjects.

Contributor Bio
Claire Chambers teaches postcolonial literature the University of York. Nafhesa Ali is a sociologist who researches gender, age, the life course, and methods. Richard Phillips is a geographer whose research interests include contemporary multiculturalism and the world after Empire.

The Strange Adventures of H
the enchanting rags-to-riches story set during the Great Plague of London
Sarah Burton

Orphaned young, H is sent to live with her doting, wealthy aunt in London. H’s life is a happy one until her lecherous cousin robs her of her innocence, and the plague takes away the city and the people she loves. H is cast out—friendless, pregnant and destitute—into the rapidly emptying streets of London under quarantine. When the plague finally lifts, and without a home or family to return to, H falls into the care and employment of Mother Cresswell, an infamous Clerkenwell bawd. It is under her watch that H endeavors to make a new kind of life for herself, and to use all the tools at her disposal to ensure that she never falls into poverty again. H will face a villain out for revenge, find love in the most unexpected places, and overcome a betrayal that she never could have foreseen. Weathering it all, she will charm or scheme her way to the life of freedom and autonomy that she longs for.

Summary
Orphaned young, H is sent to live with her wealthy and doting aunt in London. London is good to her, and H’s life is a happy one until her lecherous cousin Roger robs her of her innocence, and the plague arrives to take from her the city and the people she loves. H is cast out, friendless, pregnant and destitute into the rapidly emptying streets of London under quarantine. When the plague finally lifts, and without a home or family to return to, H falls into the care and employment of Mother Cresswell, an infamous Clerkenwell bawd. It is under her watch that H endeavors to make a new kind of life for herself, and to use all the tools at her disposal to ensure that she never falls into poverty again. H will face a villain out for revenge, find love in the most unexpected places, and overcome a betrayal that she never could have foreseen. Weathering it all, she will charm or scheme her way to the life of freedom and autonomy that she longs for.

Contributor Bio
Sarah Burton was the course director of Cambridge University’s MSt in Creative Writing. She has written for BBC History Magazine and done reviews for the Times, Spectator, Guardian and Independent.
On Wilder Seas

The Woman on the Golden Hind
Nikki Marmery

Inspired by a true story, this is the tale of one woman’s uncharted voyage to freedom.

Summary
April 1579: When two ships meet off the Pacific coast of New Spain, an enslaved woman seizes the chance to escape. But Maria has unwittingly joined Francis Drake’s circumnavigation voyage as he sets sail on a secret detour into the far north. Sailing into the unknown on the Golden Hind, a lone woman among 80 men, Maria will be tested to the very limits of her endurance. It will take all her wits to survive—and courage to cut the ties that bind her to Drake to pursue her own journey. How far will Maria go to be truly free? Inspired by a true story, this is the tale of one woman’s uncharted voyage to freedom.

Contributor Bio
Nikki Marmery has been shortlisted for the Myriad Editions First Draft Competition and the Historical Novel Society’s New Novel Award.

Mum & Dad

Joanna Trollope

Their parents made a choice years ago. Now they’re counting on the children to step in. After so much time, can old wounds heal? Mum & Dad by bestselling author Joanna Trollope is a wise, brilliantly drawn examination of a modern family dilemma.

Summary
“What a mess, she thought now . . . what a bloody, unholy mess the whole family has got itself into.” It’s been 25 years since Gus and Monica left England to start a new life in Spain, building a vineyard and wine business from the ground up. However, when Gus suffers a stroke and their idyllic Mediterranean life is thrown into upheaval, it’s left to their three grown-up children in London to step in . . . Sebastian is busy running his company with his wife, Anna, who’s never quite seen eye-to-eye with her mother-in-law. Katie, a successful solicitor in the city, is distracted by the problems with her long-term partner, Nic, and the secretive lives of their three daughters. And Jake, ever the easy-going optimist, is determined to convince his new wife, Bella, that moving to Spain with their 18-month-old would be a good idea. As the children descend on the vineyard, it becomes clear that each has their own idea of how best to handle their mum and dad, as well as the family business. But as long-simmering resentments rise to the surface and tensions reach breaking point, can the family...

Contributor Bio
Joanna Trollope is the author of more than 20 previous highly acclaimed and bestselling novels, including City of Friends, An Unsuitable Match, Girl from the South, Marrying the Mistress, and The Other Family. She has chaired the Whitbread and Orange Awards.
Daisy

J P Henderson


Summary

In my opinion, the world can be divided into two types of people: one happy to talk about themselves, and the other not. I belong to the latter category.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Herod S Pinkney and I’m in love with a girl called Daisy Lamprich. I think that’s enough to be going on with.

Written in his own words, and guided by a man who collects glasses in a local pub, this is the story of Herod “Rod” Pinkney’s search for Daisy Lamprich, a young woman he first sees on a decade-old episode of the Judge Judy Show, and who he now intends to marry. When Daisy is located in the coastal city of Huntington Beach, California, he travels there with his good friend and next-door neighbor, Donald, a man who once fought in the tunnels of Cu Chi during the Vietnam War and who now spends most of his time in Herod’s basement.

Herod is confident that the outcome will be favorable, but there’s a problem. Will the course of true love ever run smoothly for this unlikely hero? A funny and touching story of an improbable and heart-warming quest to find true love, Daisy is perfect for fans of...

Contributor Bio

J. P. Henderson grew up in West Yorkshire, gained a Master’s degree in American Studies and traveled to Afghanistan. He worked in a foundry, as a bus conductor, trained as an accountant and then, when the opportunity to return to academia arose, left for Mississippi, returning four years later with a doctorate in 20thC US History and more knowledge of Darlington Hoopes than was arguably necessary. (Hoopes was a Pennsylvanian socialist and the last presidential candidate of the American Socialist Party). American History departments were either closing or contracting, so he opted for a career in publishing, most of which was spent selling textbooks, in one position or other, for John Wiley & Sons.

Mountain Road, Late at Night

Alan Rossi

A gripping debut novel about what we do when everything goes wrong

Summary

Nicholas and his wife April live in a remote cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains with their four-year-old son, Jack. They keep their families at a distance, rejecting what their loved ones think of as "normal." In the early hours of a Wednesday morning, they are driving home from a party when their car crashes on a deserted road and they are killed. As the couple’s grieving relatives descend on the family home, they are forced to decide who will care for the child Nicholas and April left behind. Nicholas's brother, Nathaniel, and his wife Stephanie feel entirely unready to be parents, but his mother and father have issues of their own. And April’s mother, Tammy, is driving across the country to claim her grandson. Experiencing a few traumatic days in the minds of each family member, Alan Rossi’s Mountain Road, Late at Night is a taut, nuanced, and breathtaking look at what we do when everything goes wrong, and the frightening fact that life carries on, regardless. It is a gripping, affecting, and extremely accomplished debut.

Contributor Bio

Alan Rossi is a writer whose work has appeared in Granta, the Atlantic, Missouri Review, Conjunctions, Agni, and Ninth Letter. His novella Did You Really Just Say That To Me? was awarded the third annual New England Review Award for Emerging Writers, and he was the New England Review/Bread Loaf Scholar for 2017. He is also the recipient of a Pushcart Prize for his story "Unmoving Like a Mighty River Stilled," and an O. Henry Prize for "The Buddhist." He lives in South Carolina.
From the Wreck
Jane Rawson

A novel of strange and wonderful imagination, imbued with beauty and feeling, existential loneliness, and a deep awareness of the interdependence of all life

Summary
When George Hills was pulled from the wreck of the steamship Admella, he carried with him memories of a disaster that claimed the lives of almost every other soul on board. Almost every other soul. Because as he clung onto the wreck, George wasn’t alone: someone else—or something else—kept George warm and bound him to life. Why didn’t he die, as so many others did, half-submerged in the freezing Southern Ocean? And what happened to his fellow survivor, the woman who seemed to vanish into thin air? George will live out the rest of his life obsessed with finding the answers to these questions. He will marry, father children, but never quite let go of the feeling that something else came out of the ocean that day, something that has been watching him ever since. The question of what this creature might want from him—his life? His first-born? To simply return home?—will pursue him, and call him back to the ocean again. Blending genres, perspectives, and worlds, Jane Rawson’s From the Wreck is a chilling and tender story about how fiercely we cling to life, and how no one can survive on t...

Contributor Bio
Jane Rawson is the author of A Wrong Turn at the Office of Unmade Lists; a novella, Formaldehyde; and a non-fiction book, The Handbook: Surviving and Living with Climate Change. From the Wreck was the first novel to be nominated for both Australia’s Miles Franklin Literary Award and the Aurealis Award for Best Science Fiction Novel, which it won.

In the Absence of Men
Philippe Besson

The first novel by the bestselling author of Lie With Me, in an elegant, pocket-sized edition

Summary
It is the summer of 1916 and, with German Zeppelins on the skyline, the men of Paris are off at war. For Vincent, the 16-year-old son of a prestigious family, the tranquility of the city sits at odds with the salons and soirées he attends. But, after an electrifying encounter with the enigmatic writer, Marcel P, draws Vincent’s desires out into the light, his ever-riskier liaisons with a young soldier begin to shape Vincent’s future.

Contributor Bio
Philippe Besson is the author of Lie With Me, which was the Advocate’s Best Gay Novel of 2019, a New York Times Book Review Editor’s Choice, and one of O, the Oprah Magazine’s “Best LGBTQ Books That’ll Change the Literary Landscape in 2019.” Frank Wynne won the International Dublin Literary Award jointly with Michel Houellebecq for Atomised. His translation of Frédéric Beigbeder’s Windows on the World won the 2005 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, and he is a two-time winner of both the Scott Moncrieff Translation Prize for translation from the French and the Premio Valle Inclán for Spanish Translation.
The Forest of Wool and Steel
Winner of the Japan Booksellers’ Award
Natsu Miyashita, Philip Gabriel

Now translated into English, a Japanese bestseller and basis for a film with music composed by Studio Ghibli, perfect for fans of The Alchemist

Summary
Tomura is startled by the hypnotic sound of a piano being tuned in his school. It seeps into his soul and transports him to the forests, dark and gleaming, that surround his beloved mountain village. From that moment, he is determined to discover more. Under the tutelage of three master piano-tuners—one humble, one jovial, one ill-tempered—Tomura embarks on his training, never straying too far from a single, unfathomable question: do I have what it takes? Set in small-town Japan, this warm and mystical story is for the lucky few who have found their calling—and for the rest of us who are still searching. It shows that the road to finding one’s purpose is a winding path, often filled with treacherous doubts and, for those who persevere, astonishing moments of revelation. Contains 5 exquisite hand-drawn illustrations.

Contributor Bio
Natsu Miyashita was born in Fukui Prefecture on Honshu island, Japan, in 1967. The Forest of Wool and Steel won the influential Japan Booksellers’ Award, in which booksellers vote for the title they most enjoy hand-selling. In 2018 it was turned into a popular Japanese film by the same name, directed by Kojiro Hashimoto and starring Kento Yamazaki.

Bestiary
Selected Stories
Julio Cortazar, Kevin Barry

A collection of masterful short stories in Julio Cortazar’s sophisticated, powerful and gripping style, with a new introduction by the author of Night Boat to Tangier

Summary
A grieving family home becomes the site of a terrifying invasion. A frustrated love triangle, brought together by a plundered Aztec idol, spills over into brutality. A lodger’s inability to stop vomiting bunny rabbits inspires a personal confession. As dream melds into reality, and reality melts into nightmare, one constant remains throughout these thirty-five stories: the singular brilliance of Julio Cortázar’s imagination.

Contributor Bio
Julio Cortazar lived in Buenos Aires for the first 30 years of his life, and after that in Paris. His stories, written under the dual influence of the English masters of the uncanny and of French surrealism, are extraordinary inventions, just this side of nightmare. In later life Cortazar became a passionate advocate for human rights and a persistent critic of the military dictatorships in Latin America. He died in 1984. Kevin Barry is the author of Night Boat to Tangier.
**Figures in a Landscape**
Barry England

An all-guns-blazing action thriller—tense, pacy and irresistibly page-turning, shortlisted for the first ever Booker Prize in 1969

**Summary**
In an unnamed country, through a hostile landscape, two men are mercilessly hunted. Pursued ruthlessly by men on the ground and a helicopter circling above, life is reduced to a second-by-second fight for survival. Every muscle movement, every drop of sweat, every second counts. Yet under intense pressure an unbreakable bond and a gentleness between two men is forged.

**Contributor Bio**
Barry England worked as an actor before starting a successful career as a stage and television playwright. His best-known play, *Conduct Unbecoming*, was a huge success in New York. His first novel, *Figures in a Landscape* (1968), was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and made into a film by Joseph Losey.

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**The Scoop**
Cat Walker

A tale of journeys both geographical and emotional that will keep readers entertained at every turn

**Summary**
Casey Jones is unfulfilled. Her charity job depresses her, her relationship with her adoptive and religious parents confuses her, and she has repeated nightmares about her ex, She Who Must Not Be Named. In a moment of sudden clarity she chucks in her job, contacts her old friend, Danny, and they plan a pilgrimage of sorts to find some real meaning in their lives. What she didn’t plan for, however, was an extra passenger in the shape of Danny’s 12-year-old son, Ari. Sullen and resentful about his mother’s battle with breast cancer, and his recently re-acquainted father, Ari doesn’t make the best traveling companion for child-cautious Casey. The three of them are thrown together, alongside bags of oranges and sacks of potatoes, for an intense rollercoaster ride through Europe and Asia’s most beautiful and dangerous places, in an ice cream van called Alice, allowing the history and culture they encounter to change the way they see the world, and each other.

**Contributor Bio**
Cat Walker has a PhD in economic psychology and is as the Director of her own research consultancy which works exclusively with voluntary and community organizations. She is the author of two textbooks, numerous research reports, and hundreds of articles and blogs. In her spare time she writes fiction and poetry and once co-wrote and directed a successful amateur musical ("Honeybees: The Musical"—the world’s first lesbian field hockey musical).
**All the Words Unspoken**
Serena Kaur

A fresh, new voice from a debut British-Asian author

**Summary**
Things are not going well for Maansi Cavale, until a chance meeting at an Indian wedding party changes everything and to her own surprise she agrees to an arranged marriage. As they settle into married life Aryan remains a mystery to Maansi: some days warm and loving, others cold and distant, and when she secures a job at a local publishing house she is relieved to leave the tension of home behind her. At work she befriends Logan, a warm-hearted man who she can't help but compare to Aryan and his cool contempt for her. When Aryan meets Logan, his reaction is out of all proportion and Maansi starts to realize that the man she has married is even further from what he seems. Can she salvage their marriage or must she set him free? *All the Words Unspoken* is a love story that challenges our preconceptions of relationships and shows us that the choices we make have implications and ramifications far beyond the horizon we can see.

**Contributor Bio**
Serena Kaur teaches English as a second language.

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**An Act of Defiance**
Irene Sabatini

How can you imagine the future when your story traps you in the past? A highly anticipated third novel by the 2010 Orange Award for New Writers winner.

**Summary**
Harare, 2000: Gabrielle is a newly-qualified lawyer fighting for justice for a young girl. Ben is an urbane and charismatic junior diplomat attached to Harare with the American embassy. With high-level pressure on Gabrielle to drop the case, and the president’s youth wing terrorizing his political opponents as he tightens his grip on power, they begin a tentative love affair. But when they fall victim to a shocking attack, their lives splinter across continents and their stories diverge, forcing Gabrielle on a painful journey towards self-realization. Irene Sabatini, winner of the 2010 Orange Award for New Writers, navigates Zimbabwe’s unfolding political crises, showing how the dehumanizing effects of state-sponsored violence can shape and remake a life. *An Act of Defiance* is a sweeping political drama about a young woman’s fight for love and agency in turbulent times.

**Contributor Bio**
Irene Sabatini spent her childhood in Bulawayo in Zimbabwe. After attending the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, she moved to Colombia, where she worked as a teacher. She has a masters degree in child development from the Institute of Education at University College London. Irene is the author of two previous novels; her debut novel, *The Boy Next Door*, won the 2010 Orange Award for New Writers. She divides her time between New York, Geneva, and Bulawayo.
Life Before
Carmel Reilly

Suspense and family secrets surround a pair of estranged siblings in a compelling debut thriller

Summary
Lori Spyker is taking her kids to school one unremarkable day when a policeman delivers the news that her brother, Scott Green, has been injured and hospitalized following a hit and run. Lori hasn't seen Scott in decades. She appears to be his only contact. Should she take responsibility for him? Can she? And, if she does, how will she tell her own family about her hidden history, kept secret for so long? Twenty years before, when she and Scott were teenagers, their lives and futures, and those of their family, had been torn to shreds. Now, as Lori tries to piece together her brother’s present, she is forced to confront their shared past-and the terrible and devastating truth buried there that had driven them so far apart. Compassionate, wise, and shocking, Life Before tells the gripping story of an ordinary family caught in a terrible situation. What if the worst thing you can imagine isn't the worst thing to happen? How do you go on? And what steps will you take to protect yourself from further pain?

Contributor Bio
Carmel Reilly is one of Australia’s busiest educational writers, with more than 300 titles to her name. She won the 2013 Partners in Crime Short Story Award for her entry Another Life. In 2016 she was awarded a Varuna Residential Fellowship, and was shortlisted for a 2018 Varuna Publisher Introduction Program Fellowship.

Losing the Plot
Elizabeth Coleman

Funny, charming, and captivating, with a plot within a plot, and a girl who is looking for love in all the wrong places

Summary
Vanessa Rooney is a 30-something dental hygienist who finds herself a single parent with a hole in her heart where her husband had been. Somehow she finds the courage to fulfill her childhood dream of writing a romance novel but soon discovers that her novel has been plagiarized by her idol, celebrity author Charlotte Lancaster. Vanessa reluctantly sues Charlotte with the help of suburban solicitor Dave Randall, who's nursing some unfulfilled dreams of his own. When Marcus Stafford agrees to join their legal team, Vanessa feels like her perfect man has stepped right out of the pages of her book and into her life. As all hell breaks loose publicly and privately, Vanessa confronts a painful past and realizes what Dave already knew—that she’s an intelligent, funny, amazing woman and Marcus Stafford is, well, a tosspot. Vanessa finally understands that what she wanted wasn't what she needed, but has this realization come too late?

Contributor Bio
Elizabeth Coleman is the author of four published plays and has written for many of Australia's most popular dramas, including Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries and Bed of Roses, which she co-created with Jutta Goetze. Losing the Plot is her first novel.
Wildflower Ridge
Maya Linnell

Four sisters, one farm and a second chance at following your heart

Summary
Penny McIntyre loves her life as an ambitious city professional, with a marketing team at her fingertips and a promotion just within reach. So when she's floored by a mystery illness, and ordered back to the family farm for three months' rest and recuperation, she is horrified to find her perfect life imploding. Within days, Penny has to leave her much-loved job, her live-in boyfriend, and her beloved city apartment, to return to the small country town in which she grew up. Back to her dad and three sisters, one of whom has never forgiven her for abandoning her family. And to her ex-boyfriend, Tim Patterson, who was the biggest reason she ran away in the first place. When Penny’s father is injured in a farming accident and Tim campaigns to buy the property, she must choose between the city life she loves and the farming dream she buried long ago.

Contributor Bio
Maya Linnell worked at a rural newspaper before segueing into public relations and now fiction writing and blogging for Romance Writers Australia. Wildflower Ridge is her debut novel.

The Gift of Cockleberry Bay
Nicola May

The third Cockleberry novel concludes the series in typically heartwarming and hilarious style

Summary
All our favorite characters from Cockleberry Bay are back in this final heartwarming story in the series—including Hot, Rosa Smith’s adorable daschund and his newborn puppies. Now successfully running the Cockleberry Café and wishing to start a family herself, Rosa feels the time is right to let her inherited corner shop go. However, her benefactor left her one important legal proviso: that the shop cannot be sold, only passed on to someone who really deserves it. Rosa is torn. How can she make such a huge decision? And will it be the right one? Once the news gets out, untrustworthy newcomers appear in the Bay, their motives uncertain. With the revelation of more secrets from Rosa’s family heritage, a new journey of unpredictable and life-changing events begins to unfold.

Contributor Bio
Sixty Summers
Amanda Hampson

Three old friends set off on a journey through Europe retracing the steps of a backpacking trip forty years earlier. What could possibly go wrong?

Summary
When Maggie, Fran and Rose met in their youth, they had dreams and ambitions. Forty years later, the three friends are turning 60, each of them restless and disenchanted with their lives. Fran works in a second-hand bookshop. Her lover, one of a long line of disappointing men, is drifting away and her future is uncertain. Maggie married into a volatile family. Her beautiful, indulged twin daughters are causing havoc and her elderly mother-in-law has moved in and is taking charge. Rose has been an off-sider for her hopelessly vague but academically brilliant husband and their two sons. Time is running out to find and fulfill her own ambitions. In an attempt to recapture the sense of freedom and purpose they once possessed, they decide to retrace the steps of their 1978 backpacking trip through Europe, an odyssey that will test their friendships and redefine the third age of their lives.

Contributor Bio
Amanda Hampson is the author of The Olive Sisters and The Yellow Villa.

The Christmas Party
Karen Swan

An elegant country house party, shocking secrets, and unexpected romances

Summary
When Declan Lorne, the last remaining knight in Ireland, dies suddenly, an ancient title passes with him. But his estate on Ireland’s rugged south-west coast is left to his three daughters. The two eldest, Ottie and Pip, inherit in line with expectations, but to everyone’s surprise—and dismay—it is the errant baby of the family, Willow, who gets the castle. Why her? Something unknown—something terrible—made her turn her back on her family three years earlier, escaping to Dublin and vowing never to return. So when Willow quickly announces she is selling up, her revenge seems sweet and the once-close sisters are pushed to breaking point: in desperation, Pip risks everything to secure her own future, and Ottie makes a decision that will ruin lives. It’s each woman for herself. Before moving in, Connor Shaye, the prospective new owner, negotiates throwing a lavish party at the castle just days before Christmas—his hello, their goodbye. But as their secrets begin to catch up with them, Ottie, Willow, and Pip are forced to let go of the past.

Contributor Bio
Karen Swan is the author of The Paris Secret and The Rome Affair.
The Spanish Promise
Karen Swan

A gripping, sizzling page turner of a novel set in the vibrant streets of Madrid and sun-soaked Andalucia

Summary
One of Spain’s richest men is dying. But as he prepares his estate, his family is shocked to discover he is making plans to give away his wealth to a young woman they have never even heard of. Who is she, and what hold does she have over him? Charlotte Fairfax is asked to travel to the troubled family’s home in Spain to get to the bottom of the mysterious bequest. It’s the week before her wedding but she is confident she has time—there’s only one reason an older man leaves his money to a beautiful woman, isn’t there? But in Madrid, things don’t go to plan when the woman denies knowing anything about the gift. Is she lying? Looking for clues, Charlotte digs into the prominent family’s history and unearths a dark and shocking past in which two people were torn apart by conflict. But now, their long-buried secrets are starting to reach into the present and Charlotte starts to wonder whether love does not need to forgive or forget in order to endure—but just needs two hearts to keep beating.

Contributor Bio
Karen Swan is the author of The Paris Secret and The Rome Affair.

The Hidden Beach
Karen Swan

An addictive story of heartbreak, loyalty and hope, set in the historic city of Stockholm and along the beautiful archipelagos of the Swedish coast

Summary
In the oldest part of Stockholm, Bell Everhurst is working as a nanny for an affluent family. Hanna and Max Von Greyerz are parents to seven year-old Linus and five-year old twins Ellinor and Tilde, and Bell has been with the family for more than two years. One early Spring morning, as she’s rushing out to take the children to school, she answers the phone—and everything changes. A woman from a clinic she’s never heard of asks her to pass on the message that Hanna’s husband is awake. Bell is confused. She clearly just saw Max walking out of the house a few minutes earlier, but the woman mentioned Hanna by name . . . When she gets hold of her employer, the truth is revealed: Hanna’s first husband fell into a coma seven years earlier, following an accident. But now he’s awake. And life is going to change for them all.

Contributor Bio
Karen Swan began her career in fashion journalism. Her novels include the summer romances The Paris Secret and The Rome Affair.
The Valerons - Honor Bound
Terrell L. Bowers

Summary
Some things grab a man's attention . . . like being shot at! Jared Valeron learns that an unknown gunman has tarnished the Valeron reputation by killing a man while impersonating Cousin Wyatt Valeron. In trying to track down the culprit, Jared is drawn into an odd mystery at a gold-mining town. Solving the riddle of the killer's target requires discovering a motive for the murder. When his investigative efforts propel him deep into a hole, only his cousins can help dig him out. Before the folly ends, guns will be drawn and bullets will fly. Family honor sometime comes at a high price.

Contributor Bio
Terrell Bowers is the author of more than 40 books, including Death Comes Riding, High Gun at Surlock, and the Valerons series. He lives in Taylorsville, UT.

One Grave too Many
Matt Cole

Summary
Ross Chisenhall lies defenseless and defeated as four riders viciously kill his only son. In time he recuperates from near-mortal wounds, but he is left not only with a scar on his face, but a darkness inside that cannot be quenched until his child's death is avenged. Under an assumed name he escapes to the town of Mesilla, where he soon discovers that he can be as cruel and brutal as the most savage gunman—and finally gets his chance to show that those four men dug one grave too many.

Contributor Bio
Matt Cole grew up in Central Florida. He is the author of more than 20 books. He currently teaches English at several higher education institutes and universities. He lives in Plant City, FL.
**Drifter's Revenge**

Steve Hayes

**Summary**

No matter where he went, Drifter always came back to Santa Rosa, New Mexico—the nearest thing he had to a home. When trouble brewed outside town, though, Drifter wanted no part of it, but fate had other ideas. Against his better judgment he signed on to help a sodbusterr named Albright, and when the time came, he took Albright's side against Stillman, the cattle baron determined to claim Albright's land. Drifter should have saddled up and made dust, but that wasn't his way. Besides . . . there was Albright's wife, Hannah, and her daughter to think about. And though he tried to resist his feelings, they still stole his heart. So he loaded his guns and stepped out to challenge Stillman's rawhiders.

**Contributor Bio**

**Ivan Hayes** first arrived in Hollywood in 1949. An actor for 10 years, he worked in movies at several major studios before selling his first screenplay. Steve has written hundreds of hours of TV, and more than 40 novels in all genres. He lives in Grand Rapids, MI.

**Kee-To, Iron Hand**

Art Isberg

**Summary**

Kee-To, Iron Hand is the one Sioux leader white soldiers have never been able to corner or capture. His daring raids and uncanny ability to avoid being behind bars have made him a priority for the cavalry officers to find and jail. But Kee-To has the blood of fighting ancestors and their mystical whispers to him to keep him free. He would rather die than let the horse soldiers pen up his people behind fences under guard. That climactic battle finally came in the Sioux's mass exodus to reach Canada and safety. Can he prevail one last time?

**Contributor Bio**

**Art Isberg** is an avid outdoorsman and has been a freelance writer for four decades. More than 300 of his short stories have featured in west coast newspapers, state historical societies, and widely circulated in the outdoor press. His latest BHWs include Blood Red Star; Showdown in Badlands; Will Keen, Indian Scout; and The Legend of Link Bonner. He lives in Redding, California.
Escape from the Casa Grande
P.J. Gallagher

Summary
Josh Martin has headed West seeking adventure. He finds it—and also finds a life and death situation, becoming marooned in a lonely desolate valley with no hope of remaining alive unless he can employ the few skills that he possesses. To add to his problems, he also has to care for Ellie, a girl who is the sole survivor of an Apache raid.

Contributor Bio
P.J. Gallagher served in the British Army. He has written and had published close to 20 articles for The Journal of the Royal Artillery, competed for the past 20 years in Cowboy Action Shooting, and is a collector of antique firearms. He lives in Ontario, Canada.

Castaways Adrift & Abandoned
Graham Faiella

True-life stories of seafarers facing danger and death in the 19th and early 20th centuries

Summary
Following on from Cannibals and Carnage and Misery, Mutiny and Menace, the third of Graham Faiella’s thrilling collections of tales gathers stories of castaways. Terrible tales of being adrift on the ocean, clinging to life on coral reefs or fighting for survival on a range of inhospitable and desolate islands, these are stories of hardship and suffering and survival against the odds.

Contributor Bio
Graham Faiella has a deep and abiding interest in the lives of seafarers and ships, particularly of the deep-sea sailing ship era. He is the author of Cannibals and Carnage and Misery, Mutiny and Menace.
# Mysteries & Sea Monsters
**Thrilling Tales of the Sea (vol.4)**
Graham Faiella

True-life stories of seafarers facing danger and death in the 19th and early 20th centuries

**Summary**
The fourth of Graham Faiella’s thrilling collections of tales gathers stories of mysteries and sea monsters. These chilling tales feature reported mysterious ghost ships, sea serpents, and terrible kraken, amongst other things, guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat.

**Contributor Bio**
**Graham Faiella** has a deep and abiding interest in the lives of seafarers and ships, particularly of the deep-sea sailing ship era. He is the author of *Cannibals and Carnage; Misery, Mutiny and Menace; and Castaways*.

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# Finn & the Fianna
**Daniel Allison**

The first book in over a century to present the stories of the Fianna as a complete and continuous cycle

**Summary**
The stories of Finn MacCoul and his warriors were once told at every fireside in Scotland and Ireland. After centuries in obscurity, this collection brings the tales roaring to life again. Here you will find Diarmuid, whom no woman can help but fall in love with, and Ossian, a warrior-poet raised in the woods by a wild deer. There is Grainne, ancient ancestor of Iseult and Guinevere; and Finn himself, whose name was once a byword for wisdom, generosity, and beauty. Enter a world of feasting and fighting, battles and poetry, riddles and omens; join Finn and the Fianna in their never-ending quest to drink deeper and deeper of the cup of life.

**Contributor Bio**
**Daniel Allison** is a Scottish storyteller, writer, and musician. He has been telling stories professionally for a decade. He has performed across the UK and in the US, Europe, and Asia, weaving stories of magic, adventure, darkness and beauty together with virtuoso didgeridoo playing. He has an MA in Creative Writing.
Telling the Bees and Other Customs
The Folklore of Rural Crafts
Mark Norman

The hidden history and superstitions behind the crafts which are seeing a 21st-century resurgence

Summary
The skills of weaving, spinning and knitting were vital to clothe and keep warm members of every class, race, religion or social group from the poorest to the richest. And so, we find wool, yarn and thread and the working of those materials rooted very deeply in the folklore of countries around the globe. This book discusses the folklore associated with wool, thread, spinning and associated crafts, through folk and fairy tales, customs and more. Did Eve really spin in the Garden of Eden? What does Mother Goose have to do with crafting? And who really knitted the first telephone box cozy?

Contributor Bio
Mark Norman is a folklore author and researcher. He is a council member of The Folklore Society and has been on the judging panel for their Katharine Briggs book awards for the last 3 years. He is also the creator and host of The Folklore Podcast.

The Anthology of Irish Folk Tales
History Press UK

The best tales from around the country, chosen from our popular series of Folk Tales

Summary
Carefully selected stories from the celebrated Folk Tales series have been gathered here for this special volume. Herein lies a treasure trove of tales from a wealth of talented storytellers performing in the country today. From banshees, pookas and changelings to rainbows, fairies and leprechauns, this book celebrates the distinct character of Ireland's different customs, beliefs and dialects, and is a treat for all who enjoy a well-told story.

Contributor Bio
History Press is the leading contemporary resource for Irish folk tales.
Jewish Folk Tales in Britain and Ireland
Liz Berg

Folk tales from the Jewish community of Britain

Summary
The Jews have long lived in Britain. They arrived with William the Conqueror and were accountants to his son, William Rufus. Here are tales from the time of Joseph of Arimathea arriving in Cornwall through to the present-day tales being told in communities across the country, all incorporating the wit and magic of a rich and varied culture successfully integrated into Britain.

Contributor Bio
Liz Berg is a professional storyteller whose repertoire mainly consists of Jewish stories from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardi traditions. She also tells British folk tales and around the world. She lived in Israel for five years teaching English in state schools and further education, studied Judaism and Jewish/Christian Relations at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham under Rabbi Dr Norman Solomon, and taught Judaism at Birmingham University’s Continuing Studies for a couple of years.

Woodland Folk Tales of Britain and Ireland
Lisa Schneidau

A collection of traditional folk tales, including history, folklore and nature observations about the woodlands and forests of Britain and Ireland.

Summary
Once upon a time, most of Britain and Ireland was covered in woodland. Many of the trees have been cleared, but connection with the wildwood remains. It is a place of danger, adventure and transformation, where anything could happen. Here is a collection of traditional folk tales of oak, ash and thorn, hunting forests and rebellion, timber and triumph in battle, wild ghosts and woodwoses. Lisa Schneidau retells some of the old stories and relates them to the trees and forests in the landscape of our islands today. These stories are essential reading for all those who feel a pull towards the wild in the landscape, and at the edge of our lives.

Contributor Bio
Lisa Schneidau has an MSc in Ecology and has worked for the last 20 years for Wildlife Trusts across the UK, in roles including farm advisor, botanical surveyor, political lobbyist and spokesperson, and conservation director. She also been storytelling professionally for about 12 years.
J.R.R. Tolkien (2nd Edition)
Robert S. Blackham

The complete guide to the inspiration that is J.R.R. Tolkien

Summary
This first entry of a series covers the fascinating and enigmatic world of J.R.R. Tolkien, examining his place in literary history, his books and his iconic characters. The reader can explore facts and trivia from Tolkien's life and works, including his early life in southern Africa and Birmingham, Tolkien on the silver screen, his role in the two world wars and his friendship with C.S. Lewis, as well as the places that inspired his fictional world of Middle-earth. Both light-hearted and highly informative, this book offers an insight for new and old Tolkien fans into one of the great writers of the 20th century.

Contributor Bio
Robert S. Blackham gives talks and lectures about Tolkien in and around Birmingham and Oxford, and is the author of The Roots of Tolkien's Middle-Earth and Tolkien and the Peril of War.

Agatha Christie (2nd Edition)
Inspiring Lives
Cathy Cook

The complete guide to the inspiration that is Agatha Christie

Summary
No one has had the same impact on the literary world as Agatha Christie: she is the world’s bestselling fiction author, her books have been translated over 7,000 times, and her play The Mousetrap is the world’s longest-running production. Agatha Christie: Inspiring Lives explores her place in literary history, her books, and her iconic characters—including Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple—alongside facts, trivia, and quotes that feature in both Christie’s legendary stories and their various adaptations. Cathy Cook delves into the secrets, mysteries, and tricks that made Christie the most sensational and successful mystery writer of her time, and asks the question—how is it that she managed to keep us guessing until the very end?

Contributor Bio
Cathy Cook runs the website www.christiemystery.co.uk.
Jane Austen  (2nd Edition)
Lauren Nixon

This accessible book reveals the hidden Jane Austen - bitchy, gossipy, badly behaved at times - as well as showing the side we all love: the writer, sister, true romantic.

Summary
Jane Austen is the world’s bestselling novelist. Two hundred years after her death we seem to have a never-ending appetite for the swooning of Sense and Sensibility and the smoldering passion of Pride and Prejudice, resulting in a near constant supply of film adaptations and spin-off books. The fan market for Austen—the Austenites—is huge and international. This book, previously published as The Jane Austen Miscellany and republished in an attractive new gift edition, reveals the real Jane: bitchy, gossipy and badly behaved at times, as well as showing the side we all love: the writer, sister and true romantic.

Contributor Bio
Lauren Nixon is a PhD researcher on gothic literature. She previously worked as a guide at the Jane Austen Centre in Bath and speaks regularly at the city’s Jane Austen Festival.

Tolkien
Raymond Edwards

The first biography to deal fully with Tolkien's posthumously published material

Summary
When The Lord of the Rings was published, Tolkien was in his early 60s; beneath the outwardly unremarkable life of an Oxford don, his imaginative life was richly nourished by his professional interests. Now in paperback, this is the first biography to deal fully with the wealth of Tolkien's posthumously published material. It sets his writing firmly in the context of his academic life, shows the great personal and professional difficulties he overcame to complete The Lord of the Rings, and charts his ultimately unsuccessful efforts to complete the great cycle of legends that appeared, after his death, as The Silmarillion. Despite the precipitous decline of Tolkien’s academic discipline, philology, his imaginative achievement may claim to vindicate his academic career.

Contributor Bio
Raymond Edwards worked for some years for the Oxford English Dictionary while completing doctoral research into medieval manuscripts. Before this he followed the Oxford undergraduate course originally devised by Tolkien. He has written for the Tablet and the Times Literary Supplement.
Dorothy L Sayers: A Biography
Death, Dante and Lord Peter Wimsey
Colin Duriez

From detectives to Dante - the life of the creator of Lord Peter Wimsey

Summary
Dorothy L Sayers was a woman of contrasts. A strong Christian, she had a baby by a man she did not love - out of wedlock. Possessing a fierce intellect, she translated Dante - and also created one of the most popular fictional detectives ever, in Lord Peter Wimsey. With no new biographies on Sayers having been published for some time, Colin Duriez reassesses her, her life, her writings, her studies and her faith. Drawing on previously unpublished material, particularly her collected letters, he brings to life a fascinating woman.

Contributor Bio
Colin Duriez is an expert on C.S. Lewis, his writings and also his wider circle. He is also the author of the popular biography C.S. Lewis: A biography of friendship and J.R.R. Tolkien: The Making of a Legend (both published by Lion Hudson). He has also written widely on other aspects of Lewis, Tolkien and the other members of the Inklings, and has contributed to conferences, lectures, DVDs and documentaries on these subjects.

The Secret Life of Books
Why They Mean More Than Words
Tom Mole

A fascinating look at books as physical objects and how we interact with them

Summary
We love books. We take them to bed with us. They weigh down our suitcases when we go on vacation. We display them on our bookshelves or store them in our attics. We give them as gifts. We write our names in them. We take them for granted. And all the time, our books are leading a double life. The Secret Life of Books is about everything that isn’t just the words. It’s about how books transform us as individuals. It’s about how books—and readers—have evolved over time. And it’s about why, even with the arrival of other media, books still have the power to change our lives. In this illuminating account, Tom Mole looks at everything from binding innovations to binding errors, to books defaced by lovers, to those imprisoning professors in their offices, to books in art, to burned books, to the books that create nations, to those we’ll leave behind. It will change how you think about books.

Contributor Bio
Tom Mole is Professor of English Literature and Book History at the University of Edinburgh, where he runs the Centre for the History of the Book. His book What the Victorians Made of Romanticism won the 2018 Saltire Prize for Research Book of the Year.
500 Beautiful Words You Should Know
Caroline Taggart

Discover the joy of the English language with 500 unusual, interesting and ‘perfect’ words that will extend your vocabulary and your appreciation of our mother tongue.

Summary
CRESTFALLEN at CHICANERY and CIRCUMLOCUTION? Have no TRUCK with TOMFOOLERY and TRUMPERY? Or OMNISCIENT about OBLOQUIES and OPSIMATHS? Whether you’ve answered yes, no or "sorry, I didn’t catch that," this book is for you. It offers words that flow EXQUISITELY off the tongue; words that are just perfect for their meaning, like the lazy-sounding SLOTH and the heavy-footed GALUMPH; words that will make you sound clever, like DEUTERAGONIST and LETHOLOGICA; and words that are just fun to say, like LIQUEFACTION and LUXURIATE. It'll tell you where they come from, how to use them and whether you're likely to BAMBOOZE anyone who’s listening to you. With occasional special features on great words for colors, words from the Classics and words that make you laugh, this is a book to delight BIBLIOPHILES and BLATHERSKITES alike.

Contributor Bio
Caroline Taggart is the author of I Used to Know That, My Grammar and I (Or Should That Be 'Me'?), and a number of other books about words and English usage.

Improve Your Word Power
Test and Build Your Vocabulary
Caroline Taggart

Test Your Word Power is a brilliant collection of 50 multiple-choice quizzes in which the reader is asked to decide which definition of a given word is correct.

Summary
Put your vocabulary skills to the test with this witty and engaging book. Improve Your Word Power is primarily a collection of multiple-choice challenges in which the reader is asked to decide which definition of a given word is correct. But it's actually so much more than that. Each topic is themed—from words borrowed from French to words about colors; words from Shakespeare to words that sound alike—and the answers are wonderfully informative and accessible, each giving readers the chance to say "Gosh! I didn't know that!" even with quite familiar words. Interspersed throughout are boxes that feature odd definitions, confusable words and fun facts that make the language come to life. This is a book that is aimed at readers who want to improve their vocabulary for the sheer enjoyment of it.

Contributor Bio
Caroline Taggart is the author of I Used to Know That, The Classics: All You Need to Know, and An Apple a Day.
The Glossy Years
Magazines, Museums and Selective Memoirs
Nicholas Coleridge

Summary
Diana touched your elbow, your arm, covered your hand with hers. It was alluring. And she was disarmingly confiding. "Can I ask you something? Nicholas, please be frank . . ." Over his 30-year career at Condé Nast, Nicholas Coleridge has witnessed it all. From the anxieties of the Princess of Wales to the blazing fury of Mohamed Al-Fayed, his story is also the story of the people who populate the glamorous world of glossy magazines. With relish and astonishing candor, he offers the inside scoop on Tina Brown and Anna Wintour, David Bowie and Philip Green, Kate Moss and Beyoncé; on Margaret Thatcher's clothes legacy, and a surreal weekend away with Bob Geldof and William Hague. Cara Delevingne, media tycoons, Prime Ministers, Princes, Mayors and Maharajas all cross his path. His career in magazines straddles the glossies throughout their glorious zenith—from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s to the digital iterations of the 21st century. Having cut his teeth on Tatler, and as Editor-in-Chief of Harpers & Queen, he became the Mr Big of glossy publishing for three decades. Packed with surpris...
### Metal & Hardcore

**Antologia Grafica**

Cristian Campos

**Summary**

A must for every heavy metal and hardcore fan: this illustrated book shows numerous designs of CDs, labels, booklets and posters from the heavy metal and hardcore scene.

**Contributor Bio**

*Cristian Campos* is an editor and journalist who specializes in design, comics, illustration, and music.

### Greatest Albums to Own on Vinyl Ever 1950 - 2020

**The must have albums for your collection**

Rebecca Greig

**Summary**

*Greatest Albums To Own On Vinyl Ever* collates the greatest records to have ever been pressed and sold on vinyl since the 1950s. From the bands and solo artists that made the music, to the sleeve art and limited edition extras of the record itself, we will take you on the ultimate journey of musical discovery.

**Contributor Bio**

*Rebecca Greig* is the author of *The Greatest 100 Albums to Own on Vinyl*. This is her more extensive follow up.
**Template Mixing and Mastering**  
The Ultimate Guide to Achieving a Professional Sound  
Billy Decker, Simon Taylor, Rodney Atkins

**Summary**

The transformation from analogue to digital dominance has brought many advances in sound quality and new techniques, but producing digital music with only a standard computer and DAW can be problematic and time-consuming without the right approach and skills. Here, renowned mix engineer Billy Decker tackles the challenges of in-the-box production through his innovative template approach. He shares an introduction to templates, a step-by-step guide to their set-up and a discussion of drum replacement technology. Channel and setting information for each of the drum, instrument, and vocal sections of his template is discussed along with the master channel and his methodology of mixing and mastering. Finally, he gives professional advice and best practice.

**Contributor Bio**

**Billy Decker** has been a leading mix engineer in Nashville, TN for more than 20 years. He has mixed multiple Billboard No. 1 singles and accredited sales of albums containing his mixes total over 25 million copies.

**Simon Taylor** is a British music creator and educator.

**Rodney Atkins** is a country music singer and songwriter.

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**Royal Albert Hall**  
A Celebration in 150 Unforgettable Moments

**Summary**

The most iconic concert hall in the world celebrates 150 years with a stunning review of history’s finest performances and performers. This beautiful book celebrates 150 moments that have shaped The Royal Albert Hall. From The Beatles to the Suffragettes, Albert Einstein to Winston Churchill, Muhammad Ali to B.B. King, few other buildings have housed such a stunning variety of era-defining people and events. This guide offers insights into the building’s iconic architecture, as well as its lesser-known quirks such as the reinforced toilets designed for Sumo wrestlers. It also features events ranging from the world’s first sci-fi convention in 1891 to the annual Cirque du Soleil. Autographs and candid comments from performers who have appeared on its stage give an insider’s perspective on a beloved British institution.

**Contributor Bio**

**Royal Albert Hall** is one of the most iconic concert venues in the world. **Eric Clapton** is a rock and blues musician and singer.
**Joni Mitchell**  
**Lady of the Canyon**  
Michael A. O'Neill

A celebration of the influential Canadian singer-songwriter

**Summary**  
This is the story of one of the most important female recording artist of the last 50 years. Joni Mitchell began singing in small nightclubs in her hometown of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan before busking in the streets and nightclubs of Toronto, Ontario. In 1965, she moved to the U.S. and began touring. Settling in Southern California, Mitchell, with popular songs like "Big Yellow Taxi" and "Woodstock," helped define an era and a generation. Mitchell's fifth album, *For the Roses*, was released in 1972. She then switched labels and began exploring more jazz-influenced melodic ideas, by way of lush pop textures, on 1974's *Court and Spark*, which featured the radio hits "Help Me" and "Free Man in Paris" and became her best-selling album. With roots in visual art, Mitchell has designed most of her own album covers. She describes herself as a "painter derailed by circumstance."

**Contributor Bio**  
Michael O'Neill has written many rock music books including biographies of Queen, The Rolling Stones, David Bowie and The Beatles.

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**Biographic Prince**  
**Great Lives in Graphic Form**  
Liz Flavell

A fascinating insight into the life and works of the beloved musician, told in an infographics style

**Summary**  
Most people know that Prince (1958—2016) was an iconic singer-songwriter whose creative brilliance transformed music for more than four decades. What, perhaps, they don’t know is that his real name actually was Prince; that he once simultaneously held the number one spots in the US for film, single, and album; that he has a back catalogue of more than 600 songs, many of which he wrote for other people, including Madonna and Alicia Keys; and that he performed at the wedding of Star Wars director George Lucas. *Biographic Prince* presents an instant impression of his life, work and legacy, with an array of irresistible facts and figures converted into infographics to reveal the musician behind the music.

**Contributor Bio**  
Liz Flavell is a former music journalist who writes and edits reference books, with a focus on history and biography.
**Biographic ABBA**

Great Lives in Graphic Form  
Viv Coot

Delve into the creation, meteoric rise, and far-reaching effects of the band

**Summary**

Most people know that ABBA (1972–1982) were a Swedish band who became one of the world’s most successful pop groups after winning the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with their song "Waterloo." What, perhaps, they don’t know is that they have sold more than 380 million albums and singles; that their name was chosen through a newspaper competition, where alternatives included Alibaba, FABB, and Baba; that their royalties from the Soviet Union were so big they had to be paid in oil rights; and that 3.5 million people applied for tickets to see ABBA at London’s Royal Albert Hall in 1977. *Biographic ABBA* presents an instant impression of their life, work, and legacy, with an array of irresistible facts and figures converted into infographics to reveal the musicians behind the music.

**Contributor Bio**

Viv Croot is a writer and editor specializing in adult non-fiction and popular culture.

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**Biographic Beethoven**

Marcus Weeks

Publishing to celebrate his 250th birthday

**Summary**

Most people know that Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827) was a German composer, a musical prodigy whose Symphony No. 5 is recognizable the world over from its opening four notes. What, perhaps, they don’t know is that he was almost completely deaf for nearly half his life; that his father would often lie about when Beethoven was born to make his talents seem even more astonishing; that he wrote a sonata to be played with building implements and called it the "Hammer-Klavier Sonata"; and that he dedicated works to Napoleon and a dead poodle. *Biographic Beethoven* presents an instant impression of his life, work, and legacy, with an array of irresistible facts and figures converted into infographics to reveal the composer behind the compositions.

**Contributor Bio**

Marcus Weeks has written extensively on music, philosophy, and psychology.
Pet Shop Boys versus America

Chris Heath

Out of print for over a decade, two official books on the Pet Shop Boys are now reissued with new material.

Summary

No other pop group in recent history has faced fame with such intelligence, humor and shrewdness as the Pet Shop Boys. In 1991, the band toured North America for the first time shadowed by journalist Chris Heath and legendary rock photographer Pennie Smith. They visited 14 cities in one month, confronting the American music industry and colliding with the likes of Liza Minnelli, Steven Spielberg and Axl Rose. This is more than a documentary of a tour; it is an unusually intimate portrait of two maverick British musicians always reluctant to compromise.

Contributor Bio

Chris Heath has written for Rolling Stone, Details, and Sunday Times. He is the author of Reveal: Robbie Williams.

Pet Shop Boys, Literally

Chris Heath

Out of print for over a decade, two official books on the Pet Shop Boys are now reissued with new material.

Summary

The Pet Shop Boys are one of the most successful and unusual bands of the last five decades. They are the pop duo that proves pop music can be modern, ecstatic and playful as well as serious and intelligent, winning them legions of devoted fans throughout the world. In 1989, Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe invited journalist Chris Heath and photographer Lawrence Watson to shadow them around Hong Kong, Japan and the UK as they embarked on their first-ever tour. This book is the result: an immersive portrait giving access into the duo’s inner sanctum, showing them in brilliantly observed detail as they work, relax, gossip, argue and occasionally try to make sense of what they do.

Contributor Bio

Chris Heath has written for Rolling Stone, Details, and Sunday Times. He is the author of Reveal: Robbie Williams.
I Wanna Be Yours

John Cooper Clarke

Summary
Poet Laureate of Punk, rock star, fashion icon, TV and radio presenter, social and cultural commentator. At 5' 11" (116lb, 32in chest, 27in waist), in trademark suit jacket, skin-tight drainpipes and dark glasses, with jet-black back-combed hair and mouth full of gold teeth, John Cooper Clarke is instantly recognizable. As a writer his voice is equally unmistakable. This memoir covers an extraordinary life, filled with remarkable personalities: from Nico to Chuck Berry, from all the great punks to Bernard Manning, and on to more recent fans and collaborators Alex Turner and Plan B. John also reveals his boggling encyclopaedic knowledge of 20th-century popular culture, from Baudelaire to Coronation Street. Inimitable and iconic, his book will be a joy for lifelong fans and for a whole new generation.

Contributor Bio
John Cooper Clarke shot to prominence in the 1970s as the original "people's poet." Since then his career has spanned cultures, audiences, art forms and continents. Today, JCC is as relevant and vibrant as ever, and his influence just as visible on today's pop culture.

Raising an Eyebrow

My Life with Sir Roger Moore

Gareth Owen

Summary
Having taken on the role of Roger Moore's executive assistant in 2002, Gareth Owen became the right-hand man to an icon, as well as his co-author, onstage co-star and confidant. Gareth was faithfully at Roger's side until his passing in 2017. In this affectionate and amusing book, the author gives a unique and rare insight into life with one of the world's most beloved actors. Roger always said, "Gareth knows me better than I know myself." For all his celebrity, Roger Moore was quite reserved. In interviews he rarely spoke about himself, much preferring to tell fun tales about others. But there were genuinely hilarious, heartfelt, and extraordinary moments to be captured and Gareth Owen was there to share them all.

Contributor Bio
Gareth Owen has been a film producer (having made a film with Edgar Wright), a development executive, a journalist and an author. He has co-written numerous books, including four with Sir Roger Moore, with whom he started working with in 2002 as his executive assistant—a role he performed through to Sir Roger's passing in 2017.
Quantum of Silliness
The Peculiar World of Bond, James Bond
Robbie Sims

To coincide with the release of No Time to Die in April 2020, this humour book looks back at the franchise’s quirks and lovingly pokes absurdist fun

Summary
Who gives the hammiest performance in a Bond film? What is the series’ most cringeworthy moment? Which Bond performed the least convincing love scene? What quips would Sir Roger Moore come out with if he starred in Skyfall; and what would the plot of Octopussy look like if expressed purely through the medium of emoji? These are the sort of questions you never knew you needed answering . . . until now. So pour yourself a vodka martini (dry), climb into a sleek 70s submersible Lotus (wet) and take an absurdist deep dive into the greatest movie franchise of them all. The weird and wonderful world of 007 is about to get a whole lot weirder in this shocking, positively shocking humor book.

Contributor Bio
Robbie Sims is currently a continuity writer/announcer on a history channel telling viewers what sort of shows they can expect to see coming up (it’s almost always either Nazis or trains). He’s been a Bond fan since his first viewing of Live and Let Die at the age of five, and channesl his geekery into the Bond-themed comedy Twitter account @TheTchaikovsky.

The Art of Screen Adaptation
Top Writers Reveal Their Craft
Alistair Owen

Featuring interviews with high profile film and television writers

Summary
Producers and audiences are hungrier than ever for stories, and a lot of those stories begin life as a book—but how exactly do you transfer a story from the page to the screen? Do adaptations use the same creative gears as original screenplays? Does a true story give a project more weight than a fictional one? Is it helpful to have the original author’s input on the script? And how much pressure is the screenwriter under, knowing they won’t be able to please everyone with the finished product? Alistair Owen puts all these questions and many more to some of the top names in screenwriting, including Hossein Amini (Drive), Jeremy Brock (The Last King of Scotland), Moira Buffini (Jane Eyre), Lucinda Coxon (The Danish Girl), Andrew Davies (War & Peace), Christopher Hampton (Atonement), David Hare (The Hours), Olivia Hetreed (Girl with a Pearl Earring), Nick Hornby (An Education), Deborah Moggach (Pride & Prejudice), David Nicholls (Patrick Melrose) and Sarah Phelps (And Then There Were None). Exploring fiction and nonfiction projects, contemporary and classic books, films and TV series, t...

Contributor Bio
Alistair Owen is the author of Smoking in Bed: Conversations with Bruce Robinson (one of David Hare’s Books of the Year in the Guardian) and Story and Character: Interviews with British Screenwriters. He has chaired events at the Hay Festival, Edinburgh International Book Festival and London Screenwriters’ Festival. Alistair has written original and adapted screenplays, on spec and to commission; and contributed film reviews to Time Out and film book reviews to the Independent on Sunday;
Storytelling for Directors

From Script to Screen

Bren Simson

A guide for enabling aspiring directors and filmmakers to tell the most visually compelling stories

Summary

*Storytelling for Directors* will develop the communicative power of your storytelling, whether for the big or small screen, in long or short form. Without being prescriptive, the chapters explore the creative potential in every aspect of the filmmaking process, giving directors the skills to put their ideas into practice. Coverage includes analyzing the script to find the character action; building the story world; deciding each element within the frame; shaping the actors' performances; telling the story with the camera; casting; working the schedule, budget and rehearsals; and shaping the film in the edit.

Contributor Bio

Bren Simson has been a filmmaker and a TV drama director for more than 25 years. From being one of the first directors on Brookside (C4), she went on to a career in television series including *The Bill, Making Out,* and *Medics.* She was Head of Directing at the MetFilm School, Ealing Studios, and more recently, Senior Lecturer (Directing) at Bournemouth Film School Arts University.

Untitled Memoir

BBC Books

Summary

Description to come.

Contributor Bio

Biography to come
The Super Book of Super Heroes
Jon Stroud

Summary
Superheroes —fictional characters fighting evil with superhuman powers, gadgets and way-out weapons—have fascinated us ever since Superman first donned his cape and tights back in 1938. This fantastic large format paperback charts the growth of the genre, profiling the most notable superheroes and giving us insight into their creation. It's topped off by quotes—every superhero had a catchphrase—trivia and a guide to collectibles, from Marvel Comics to Corgi Batmobiles that fetch the highest prices on the collector's market.

Contributor Bio
Jon Stroud is a prolific non-fiction author on topics such as automobiles, motorbikes and football.

Be More Keanu
James King

How to #BeMoreKeanu—and why

Summary
The last few years have marked a "Keanaisance." Keanu has inspired countless memes from as far back as 2010 when the internet shed a tear about "Sad Keanu" sitting alone on a park bench eating a sandwich, and pronounced June 15th official "Cheer Up Keanu" day. 2019 brought even more joy with a video of Keanu with puppies alongside other uplifting sightings. This black and white illustrated gift book shows us what makes Keanu so special. Alongside quotes, jokes and illustrations, each chapter looks at different iterations of Keanu, for example, The Friend, The Pioneer, The Rockstar and The Guru. We get inside Keanu’s questing spirit: what friendship means in Bill and Ted; communing with nature in Point Break; and, in The Matrix, tearing through dimensionality itself. And IRL Keanu’s a free spirit too. He travels without minders, he’s always doing rando acts of kindness, he takes pay cuts to support his crew, and he actually respects women in Hollywood. Plus he’s never happier than when riding his motorbike through the desert thinking deep thoughts. We would all do well to #BeMoreKea...

Contributor Bio
James King is a writer, broadcaster and film critic. He is the author of Fast Times & Excellent Adventures: The Surprising History of the ’80s Teen Movie and the resident movie reviewer on BBC Radio 2, having spent many years in the same position at Radio 1 (where he made documentaries on, among other things, The Matrix). He has met and interviewed Keanu Reeves on several occasions: twice in London, once in Berlin and once at the Cannes Film Festival.
The Art of Whale Being
Let the Calm Whales Guide You on a Journey to Well-Being
Katherine Quinn

Summary
Dive into a world of calm amongst the whales in this beautiful book, designed to improve your well-being. Includes calming illustrations of whales and other marine life, alongside simple inspirational quotes and affirmations.

Contributor Bio
Katherine Quinn is a talented illustrator whose work has graced galleries in her home country, New Zealand. Her illustrations have a signature style and always offer a fresh take on their subject matter.

Gin Buddy
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Celebrate your love of gin with this gorgeous book packed with mouth-watering cocktail recipes, fabulous facts, and quotes.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
Whisky Made Me Do It
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Celebrate your love of whisky with this gorgeous book packed with mouth-watering cocktail recipes, fabulous facts, and quotes.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

Time Flies When You're Having Rum
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Celebrate your love of rum with this gorgeous book packed with mouth-watering cocktail recipes, fabulous facts, and quotes.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
Tiny Book of Gin
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Celebrate your love of gin with this gorgeous tiny book packed with cocktail recipes, quotes, and fun facts.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

Tiny Book of Whisky
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Celebrate your love of whisky with this gorgeous tiny book packed with cocktail recipes, quotes, and fun facts.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
**Tiny Book of Rum**

**Rebecca du Pontet**

**Summary**
Celebrate your love of rum with this gorgeous tiny book packed with cocktail recipes, quotes, and fun facts.

**Contributor Bio**
**Rebecca du Pontet** is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

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**Tiny Book of Vegan Cookies**

19 Plant-Based Recipes

**Rebecca du Pontet**

**Summary**
Enjoy plant-based cookie recipes, baking jokes, and quotes in this tiny book of vegan cookies.

**Contributor Bio**
**Rebecca du Pontet** is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
Tiny Book of Vegan Dips
39 Plant-Based Recipes
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Enjoy plant-based dip recipes and inspirational quotes in this tiny book of vegan dips.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

Vegan Cookies
42 Plant-Based Recipes
Zulekha Afzal

Summary
Ease your conscience and tuck into this yummy book packed with plant-based cookie recipes, from classic vegan chocolate chip to colorful confetti! Plus, there are foodie jokes and quotes to keep you amused between all the baking.

Contributor Bio
Zulekha Afzal is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
**Vegan Dips**

**46 Plant-Based Recipes**

Zulekha Afzal

**Summary**

Spruce up your snack time! Tuck in to this delicious book full of plant-based dip recipes, from beetroot hummus to cashew mayonnaise. Plus, it includes foodie quotes to keep you amused as you flick between recipes. Dips are a good mood food.

**Contributor Bio**

**Zulekha Afzal** is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

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**Love in a Mug**

**27 Super-Quick Mug Recipes for the Hangry One You Love**

Smart Design Studio

**Summary**

A collection of super-quick, love-filled recipes to make in a mug that will appease even the hangriest partner. Perfect for special moments and sweet treats, with minimal ingredients and under five minutes’ cooking time—a must-have for food lovers.

**Contributor Bio**

**Smart Design Studio** is a brand licensing agency.
**Tiny Book of Tea**  
Rebecca du Pontet

**Summary**  
Who knew tea had superpowers? Discover the health benefits of your favorite herbal teas, then follow the recipes, and relax with a delicious brew.

**Contributor Bio**  
Rebecca de Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

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**How Tea Can Save Your Life**  
Zulekha Afzal

**Summary**  
Who knew tea had superpowers? Discover the health benefits of your favorite herbal teas, then follow the recipes inside and relax with a delicious brew. Includes tea-inspired bakes for a touch of adventurous baking, and quotes about your favorite beverage.

**Contributor Bio**  
Zulekha Afzal is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
Drunken Dining
26 Late-Night Recipes for the Intoxicated Foodie
Smart Design Studio

Summary
Are you overcome with an insatiable desire to eat something incredible (or incredibly strange) when you get home after a few beverages? Well, never be without ideas again thanks to these delicious Drunken Dining recipes. Just try not to burn the house down!

Contributor Bio
Smart Design Studio is a brand licensing agency.

Sushi Comic Book
Step-by-Step Recipes
Amy Crabtree

Summary
Learn how to become a real sushi pro with this fantastic comic-style cookbook. The step-by-step recipes will have you rolling awesome futomaki, temaki, and more in no time!

Contributor Bio
Amy Crabtree is a designer and illustrator who owns the brand "Cakes With Faces."
Cupcake Comic Book
Step-by-Step Recipes
Amy Crabtree

Summary
Discover uniquely delicious cupcakes with this fantastic comic-style cookbook. The step-by-step recipes will have you creating awe-inspiring cupcake designs in no time!

Contributor Bio
Amy Crabtree is a designer and illustrator who owns the brand "Cakes With Faces."

Make It Yourself
21 Gifts for Broke Gift-Givers
Smart Design Studio

Summary
Payday is still a lifetime away, but you’ve just remembered it’s your best friend’s birthday tomorrow. Want to make an effort without breaking the bank? These gifts are your life-saver—handmade, personalised and suitable for any occasion.

Contributor Bio
Smart Design Studio is a brand licensing agency.
Dad Jokes
For Fathers Who Think They’re Hilarious
Kayleigh Hudson

Summary
It’s a fact that dads are the funniest people on the planet . . . right? Here’s a collection of all the finest father funnies—for dads who want to extend their repertoire and keep the kids cringing.

Contributor Bio
Kayleigh Hudson is a designer and illustrator at Ice House Books.

Away in a Manger
Hang Me on Your Christmas Tree!
Janet Samuel

Summary
This mini book features beautifully illustrated words from a beloved Christmas carol. Use the gold ribbon loop to hang the book on your Christmas tree, then take it down and read the lyrical story with your little ones—or enjoy a festive singalong with friends! The cover features gold foil stars that will glisten on your tree.

Contributor Bio
Janet Samuel has illustrated books for Macmillan, Usbourne, Little Tiger Press, Scholastic and more.
**We Three Kings**  
*Hang Me on Your Tree!*

Janet Samuel

**Summary**
This collection mini book features beautifully illustrated words from a beloved Christmas carol. Use the gold ribbon loop to hang the book on your Christmas tree, then take it down and read the lyrical story with your little ones—or enjoy a festive singalong with friends! The cover features gold foil stars that will glisten on your tree.

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**While Shepherds Watched**  
*Hang Me on Your Tree!*

Janet Samuel

**Summary**
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**Contributor Bio**
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**The Night Before Christmas**  
*Hang Me on Your Tree!*  
Janet Samuel

**Summary**  
This mini book features beautifully illustrated words from a well-loved Christmas poem. Use the gold ribbon loop to hang the book on your Christmas tree, then take it down and read the lyrical story with your little ones—or enjoy a festive singalong with friends! The cover features gold foil stars that will glisten on your tree.

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**Homeworking: The Ultimate Guide**  
Chris McGuire, Spencer Wilson

**Summary**  
Unmissable reading for any aspiring homeworker, this is the ultimate guide to the realities of working from home. Are homeworkers really on a permanent holiday? Does "working from home" actually mean that you're always at work? Find the answers to these questions and more as we examine the joys and downfalls of bumping your career into the back bedroom.

**Contributor Bio**  
Chris McGuire writes for several high-profile publications. Spencer Wilson is a talented illustrator whose work has graced advertising billboards, been seen in print and been animated for television.
How to Look at Art

Spencer Wilson

Summary
Whether it’s with love, under duress, in puzzlement or for reassurance, there’s no wrong way to look at art. Let the thoughts in this book guide you, then find your own way.

Contributor Bio
Spencer Wilson is a talented illustrator whose work has graced advertising billboards, been seen in print and been animated for television.

Cocktail Chemistry

Mix, Create and Experiment with These Scientific Concoctions
IFLScience

Summary
It’s chemistry, baby! And it’s time to get into your element with these incredible cocktail concoctions. Look inside and start mixing, experimenting, and creating incredible drinks—brought to you by science.

Contributor Bio
IFLScience is a leading science site, with a community of millions, seeking to explore and understand the universe around them. Their Facebook page, I F*cking Love Science, has over 24.5 million followers.
Mini Guide to the Universe
20 Unbelievable True Facts
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
Learn amazing facts about our incredible universe in this engaging and fun mini book. A perfect gift for science fans, or for anyone interested in learning more about the universe.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

The Truth About Sex
IFLScience

Summary
We all think about it. We all do it, or wish we were doing it. HERE ARE THE SCIENTIFIC INS AND OUTS OF SEX! Does a man’s shoe size really matter? What’s the chemistry behind attraction? Science has an answer for EVERYTHING, and this includes the truth about sex.

Contributor Bio
IFLScience is a leading science site, with a community of millions, seeking to explore and understand the universe around them. Their Facebook page, I F*cking Love Science, has over 24.5 million followers.
Precious Planet
The Science of Saving the Earth
IFLScience

Summary
From rising seas to islands of plastic, our Earth is changing. IT’S TIME WE CHANGED WITH IT! Radical recycling schemes, social media challenges and waging war on plastic—this book is bursting with inspiring ideas and initiatives. Find out what YOU can do to really make a difference.

Contributor Bio
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The Earth Is Flat & Other Stories
Conspiracy Theories Floored by Science
Smart Design Studio

Summary
Did you know that some people still think the Earth is flat? SCIENCE CAN PROVE IT’S NOT! Put on your tin foil hat, set sail for the edge of the world, and prepare to have your mind blown as we debunk age-old conspiracy theories once and for all.

Contributor Bio
Smart Design Studio is a brand licensing agency specializing in creative and editorial for character licensed products, publishing, and style guides.
Position of the Week

52 Positions for a Year of Pleasure
Lovehoney

Summary
Ready to reinvigorate your sex life? We’ve collected 52 of Lovehoney’s most exciting Positions of the Week to bring you this handy guide. Each position is illustrated to help you, and we’ve included some notes on the benefits of each one. Start your year of sexual happiness right now!

Contributor Bio

Lovehoney, also known as "the sexual happiness people," is an erotic gift business that is proud to make a fun and fulfilling sex life available to everyone.

52 Things I Want You to Do to Me

Lovehoney

Summary
Keep your sex life sexy with this book of fun activities for the bedroom (and beyond). There are 52 ideas to keep the spice alive, ranging from fun and flirty to downright dirty. Flip to a new page each week to discover a whole year of new ways to play together.

Contributor Bio

Lovehoney, also known as "the sexual happiness people," is an erotic gift business that is proud to make a fun and fulfilling sex life available to everyone.
### Bondage for Beginners

**52 Ways to Get Started**  
Lovehoney

**Summary**  
Bamboozled by bondage? Spooked by spanking? Nervous about knots? Bedroom bondage can seem daunting if you haven’t indulged before, but it doesn’t need to be! This simple guide contains 52 tie-and-tease ideas along with instructions to get you started on your erotic adventure.

**Contributor Bio**  
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### A Guide to Talking Dirty

Lovehoney

**Summary**  
Ever wanted to try a little dirty talk with your partner, but not sure how to get started? Worry no more! This handy guide gives you 52 phrases to try out, and some advice on how to put your words into action.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Lovehoney**, also known as "the sexual happiness people," is an erotic gift business that is proud to make a fun and fulfilling sex life available to everyone.
Do You Come Here Often?
52 Role Play Scenarios
Lovehoney

Summary
Like the idea of sexy role play, but not sure where to begin? This book is packed with 52 role play possibilities to help you live out your freakiest fantasies. Work your way through each scenario to discover new ways to play together.

Contributor Bio
Lovehoney, also known as "the sexual happiness people," is an erotic gift business that is proud to make a fun and fulfilling sex life available to everyone.

Play With Me
An Activity Book for Adults
Lovehoney

Summary
Complete the safe-word crossword, decode the dirty talk, G-spot the difference and lots more in this activity book, strictly for adults! What better way to celebrate the fun of sex than with some raunchy puzzles and sexy coloring? Play with your partner and let your sexual happiness shine!

Contributor Bio
Lovehoney, also known as "the sexual happiness people," is an erotic gift business that is proud to make a fun and fulfilling sex life available to everyone.
The Modern MAMIL: Little Book of Looking Pro
Spencer Wilson

Summary
Let this mini MAMIL guide help you to look like a cycling PRO. From technique to etiquette, learn how to take your cycling and pro look to the next level. Allez!

Contributor Bio
Spencer Wilson is a talented illustrator whose work has graced advertising billboards, been seen in print and animated for television.

Jog On!
Inspiration for Women Who Run
Spencer Wilson

Summary
Get inspired to Jog On, with this run-derful little book of running wisdom. Let the little book inspire you to get moving—maybe slowly and sweatily, but doing it!

Contributor Bio
Spencer Wilson is a talented illustrator whose work has graced advertising billboards, been seen in print and animated for television.
Be Human Kind
Unity in Diversity
Zulekha Afzal

Summary
This little book is packed with inspiring quotes and sayings about spreading kindness and uniting with the people and world around you.

Contributor Bio
Zulekha Afzal is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

You Do You
Be Yourself
Zulekha Afzal

Summary
This little book is packed with inspiring quotes and sayings that will leave you feeling brighter about staying true to yourself.

Contributor Bio
Zulekha Afzal is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
All The Reasons I Love You
Pabuku The Quirky Paperie

Summary
Share the love with this vibrant and colorful book, beautifully illustrated with vintage-inspired designs to tell your special human all the reasons you love them. Meaningful quotes accompany an individual illustration on each spread.

Contributor Bio
Founded in 2015 by graphic designer Ulla Klopf and artist Ute Baurecker, Pabuku The Quirky Paperie is a greeting card label with the passionate mission to create art in a colorful, diverse context.

New Year, Same You
Geoff Tibballs

If the words 'mindfulness' and 'wellness' set your teeth on edge, this laugh out loud book is for you. After all, why change when you’re perfect just as you are?

Summary
What is it about the term "wellness" that sets your teeth on edge? Do you really need someone to come in and help you declutter? Can you truly practice mindful meditation on the train to work every morning? If the answer to all these questions is a resounding "no," then take heart, you’re not alone. What is life without struggle? Everyone knows it’s impossible to float through life on a fluffy pillow of happiness; it just isn’t like that. As Alan Coren once said, "To have a grievance is to have a purpose in life." Hear, hear! This book is for those who look at life from a different angle, not wearing rose-tinted glasses with their glass half full, but for life’s realists: the folk who believe one should never go to bed angry . . . much better to stay awake and plot your revenge. In New Year, Same You you’ll find lots of laugh-out-loud humor to brighten your day (or not). Filled with words from the wise, this is the perfect book for grumps everywhere—after all, why make one person unhappy when, with a little more thought and effort, you could spread misery to the entire family?

Contributor Bio
Geoff Tibballs is the author of Senior Jokes (The Ones You Can Remember), Seriously Senior Moments (Or, Have You Bought This Book Before?), and The Grumpy Old Git’s Guide to Life.
How to Be Fine About Turning 40
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
This little book is packed with reassuring quotes and quality tips on being totally fine about turning 40. You can do it.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

How to Be Fine About Living with Your Parents
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
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Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.
How to Be Fine About Planning a Wedding
Rebecca du Pontet

Summary
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Contributor Bio
Rebecca du Pontet is an editor and writer at Ice House Books.

How to Be Fine About Turning 30
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Contributor Bio
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Pocket Book of Hope
For When Life Gets a Little Tough
Trigger Publishing

A beautifully designed series of small gift books filled with inspirational quotes from well known public figures to lift the spirit in challenging times.

Summary
When life seems a little bleak, turn to this collection of inspirational quotes to establish some hope in your life. Filled with wisdom from some of the world’s most well-known minds, the Pocket Book of Hope offers thoughts and advice to restore, reset, and revive your day-to-day life.

‘...don’t ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.’ - Michelle Obama, Keynote Address at Young African Women Leaders Forum

‘But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.’ - Martin Luther King, I’ve Been to the Mountaintop, delivered 3 April 1968, Mason Temple

Contributor Bio
Trigger Publishing is an independent publishing house specializing in books that aim to open the conversation around mental health and to promote well-being.

Pocket Book of Love
For When Love Gets a Little Tough
Trigger Publishing

A beautifully designed series of small gift books filled with inspirational quotes from well known public figures to lift the spirit in challenging times.

Summary
When your love life seems a little difficult, turn to this collection of inspirational quotes to rekindle the love in your life. Filled with wisdom from some of the world’s most well-known minds, the Pocket Book of Love offers thoughts and advice to restore, reset, and revive your day-to-day life.

Contributor Bio
Trigger Publishing is an independent publishing house specializing in books that aim to open the conversation around mental health and to promote well-being.
Pocket Book of Friendship
For When Life Gets a Little Tough
Trigger Publishing

A beautifully designed series of small gift books filled with inspirational quotes from well known public figures to lift the spirit in challenging times.

Summary
When life seems a little lonely, turn to this collection of inspirational quotes to establish stronger friendships in your life. Filled with wisdom from some of the world's most well-known minds, the Pocket Book of Friendship offers thoughts and advice to restore, reset, and revive your day-to-day life.

'The best part about having true friends is that you can go months without seeing them and they'll still be there for you and act as if you'd never left!' - Ariana Grande

'I don't feel very much like Pooh today,' said Pooh. 'There there,' said Piglet. 'I'll bring you tea and honey until you do.' - Piglet (A.A. Milne)

Contributor Bio
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Pocket Book of Happiness
For When Life Gets a Little Tough
Trigger Publishing

A beautifully designed series of small gift books filled with inspirational quotes from well known public figures to lift the spirit in challenging times.

Summary
When life seems a little joyless, turn to this collection of inspirational quotes to establish some happiness in your life. Filled with wisdom from some of the world's most well-known minds, the Pocket Book of Happiness offers thoughts and advice to restore, reset, and revive your day-to-day life.

'I think happiness is overrated. Satisfied, at peace—those would be more realistic goals.' – Brad Pitt

'Happiness is to continue to desire what one possesses.' - St. Augustine of Hippo

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The Little Book of Motivation
Seren James

The Little Book of Motivation is full of practical tips that are easy to implement, as well as words of advice and inspiration to motivate you on whatever task you are doing and need to complete.

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Contributor Bio
Seren James is an entrepreneur and business mentor, she has trained and mentored numerous clients in the practice of start-ups, cyber and technology.

The Little Book of Leadership
Seren James

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More Than Conquerors (New Edition)
A Call to Radical Discipleship
Simon Guillebaud

Summary
A highly challenging call to respond with our whole hearts to Christ.

To follow our Saviour is not about being nice. It's about taking risks. Simon writes: 'There's a battle going on for our hearts. What I watch, what I listen to, what I spend my time and money on - all these erode my true sense of identity and worth as a child of God. Where is the vigilance, the discernment, the scrutiny? Our hearts are far too precious to treat with such lax indifference ... I want to play my part in turning the world upside down; I want to be fearless, bold, uncompromising and passionate in reaching out to the lost on behalf of the King of Kings; I never want to get over the grace of God.'

Contributor Bio
Simon Guillebaud is a missionary who has spent many years in Burundi. He is much in demand as a speaker when in the UK. He is also author of More than Conquerors. He, Liz and their family are now based in South Carolina.

God's Story
The Bible Explained
Matt Searles

Summary
As well as serving as an introduction to the Bible for new Christians, or those unfamiliar with the Christian faith, this book will deepen the faith of more mature Christians by helping them see connections between the different parts of the Bible, and thus its message and overall coherence.

This book won't simply answer the question what? By linking all the parts to the whole, it will also answer the question so what? In this way it will seek to meet a great need: not simply educating people in the contents of the Bible, but equally importantly in its relevance.

Contributor Bio
Matt Searles studied philosophy and French literature at Oxford University, before moving to teach French in London at King's College School. He is currently Director of Training for the South Central Gospel Partnership, primarily overseeing and teaching courses in Bible knowledge and handling, which draw people from over thirty churches each week. His passion is to communicate the deep truths of the faith in a clear and accessible way to normal Christians of all backgrounds.
### Reflect with Sheridan

**Sheridan Voysey**

**Summary**
This beautifully designed gift book is based on radio broadcasts by Sheridan Voysey, well-known writer, broadcaster and speaker on faith and spirituality.

The book invites you to pause and reflect upon contemporary themes through a Christian world-view. It includes seventy-two reflections around a variety of themes with photographs.

Several new contributions have also been added to the collection.

**Contributor Bio**
Sheridan Voysey is a well-known writer, speaker and broadcaster on faith and spirituality. He has written several books, and is a broadcaster including presenting on Pause for Thought, and appearances on BBC Breakfast, Radio 4 and 5 Live, Channel 5, ABC and Moody Radio. He speaks at events and conferences, and publishes podcast and a blog. He lives in Oxford, UK.

### Daughters of Eve

**Martyn Whittock, Esther Whittock**

**Summary**
Women play an immensely important role in the Bible: from Eve to the Virgin Mary, Sarah to Mary Magdalene, Naomi to the anonymous woman suffering severe menstrual bleeding who was healed by Jesus. They are a sisterhood of faith. As such, they challenge many of our assumptions about the role of women in the development of the biblical story; about the impact of faith on lives lived in the 'heat and dust' of the real world. Here we will meet the prostitute who ended up in the genealogy of Jesus, a national resistance fighter, a determined victim of male sexual behaviour who challenged patriarchal power, a far from meek and mild mother of Jesus, a woman whose life has been so misrepresented that she is now the subject of the most bizarre conspiracy theories, and more. Renowned historians and Biblical scholars, Martyn and Esther Whittock, take the reader on a fascinating journey, one unafraid to ask difficult questions, such as, 'Was Eve set up to fall?'

**Contributor Bio**
Martyn Whittock graduated in Politics from Bristol University in 1980. He taught history for thirty-five years and latterly was curriculum leader for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education at a Wiltshire secondary school. He is a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England. He has acted as an historical consultant to the National Trust and English Heritage. He retired from teaching in July 2016 to devote more time to writing. He is the author or co-author of forty-seven books, including school history textbooks and adult history books. The latter include: A Brief History Of Life in the Middle Ages (2009), A Brief History of the Third Reich (2011), A Brief Guide To Celtic Myths and Legends (2013), The Viking Blitzkrieg AD789-1098 (2013), The Anglo-Saxon Avon Valley Frontier (2014), 1016 and 1066: Why The Vikings Caused The Norman Conquest (2016), Norse Myths and Legends (2017), When God Was King (2018), The Vikings: from Odin to Christ (2018). The last two published by Lion Hudson. Also co-written with his daughter, Esther, is Christ: The First Two Thousand Years (2016). T...
Telling Bible Stories
Tales to Tell Aloud
Bob Hartman

Summary
Bob Hartman's bumper collection of Bible stories is drawn from both the Old and New Testaments. There are stories for individual and group performances, stories for the major Christian festivals, stories for a variety of age groups. Each story is followed by discussion questions to encourage the audience to delve deeper into each tale.

Incorporating Bob's three books - Telling the Bible, Telling the Gospel and Anyone Can Tell a Bible Story - this extensive resource includes extensive notes on story-telling, essential for any performer. Discover why Bob is in such demand in this entertaining and insightful collection.

Contributor Bio
Bob Hartman is a performance storyteller par excellence. He has been entertaining audiences on both sides of the Atlantic for over 25 years with his books and performances, which bring together retellings of Bible stories and traditional tales from around the world with his own imaginative stories.

His books are full of humour and insight, whilst his storytelling sessions are exciting, engaging, dynamic – and above all, interactive!

He is well known for his hugely popular The Lion Storyteller books, the Telling the Bible series, and the highly acclaimed picture books: The Wolf Who Cried Boy, Dinner in the Lions' Den and The Three Billy Goats' Stuff.

What Good is God?
Crises, faith and resilience
Roger Abbott, Robert White FRS

Summary
In a world where natural disasters are on the rise, Professor Robert White and Reverend Doctor Roger Abbott bring together a variety of voices to explore how we respond, from both a practical and faith-lead viewpoint, to such tragedy.

Including the stories of the survivors themselves and those who work with them, this is essential reading for those looking to understand how we can deal with the fallout of seemingly chaotic cataclysms. The mixture of voices from responders and academics adds further depth to a difficult and oft-unexplored subject.

Contributor Bio
Roger Abbott is Senior Research Associate in 'Natural' Disasters for The Faraday Institute, Cambridge. Following many years in pastoral work, where his first introductions to responding to disasters were learned, he went on to gain his Ph.D. in a practical theology of major incident response in the U.K., before expanding his research experience more globally with The Faraday Institute. His publications include Sit on Our Hands, or Stand on Our Feet? (2013), Hello? Is Anyone There? and Narratives of Faith from the Haiti Earthquake (2019). He has published in journals such as Religions and Practical Theology. He has also been a volunteer chaplain responder to major disasters in the U.K. and abroad.

Professor Robert (Bob) White is Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Earth Sciences at Cambridge and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1994. He is Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.
Buddhism
Origins, Traditions and Contemporary Life
Jana Igunma, San San May

A gorgeously illustrated look at the history, philosophy, geographical spread, and practices of Buddhism, and its relevance in the modern world

Summary
Today, Buddhism is one of the major world religions, with approximately 500 million followers worldwide and nearly 200,000 in the UK. Beginning with Buddha’s Enlightenment in north India in the 5th century, Buddhism was adopted across Asia through the three large schools of Mahayana, Theravada, and Vajrayana. Buddhism is well known and widely practiced in the West today, and many people embrace a Buddhist lifestyle or certain practices, such as meditation. Accompanying the largest ever display of the British Library’s Buddhist treasures, Buddhism follows the key concepts of the exhibition in four main chapters: the life of the historical Buddha, Buddhist philosophy, the spread of Buddhism, and Buddhist practice. These chapters are interspersed with short entries explaining the significance of specific items. Astonishing color and beauty emanate from the scrolls, manuscripts, and printed books that are reproduced throughout, while the idea of the “Middle Path”—promoting mindfulness, compassion, tolerance, and non-violence—is presented with a renewed relevance for a 21st-century audience...

Contributor Bio
Jana Igunma is Ginsburg Curator for Thai, Lao and Cambodian at the British Library, London, UK. San San May is the Curator for Burmese at the British Library.

Miss God
Claus Mikosch

A young girl meets an old woman who calls herself "Miss God" in this story about life and wisdom

Summary
When 11-year-old Olivia meets an old woman walking on the beach who claims to be God, her first doubts arise simply because she has always been told that God is a man. But when "Miss God" asks for her help in writing Ten Commandments to give them meaning in the modern world, she starts to think in different ways. What should she put in her list? What would you put in yours? And if the old woman isn’t God, why does her hot chocolate taste so divine? Miss God is a book that makes you question your own beliefs, while at the same time inviting you to believe in something. It is a book about two people, young and unimaginably old, spending an afternoon talking about life, looking out to sea, and finding new ways to interpret old wisdoms.

Contributor Bio
Claus Mikosch is a writer and documentary film-maker. He writes the blog Reflections on Changing Times, and his films include Anicca—Embracing Change. He is the author of The Little Buddha: Finding Happiness and The Little Buddha: Looking for Love.
The Right-Brain Workout
Russel Howcroft

A guide to unlocking the creativity hidden deep within all of us

Summary
Somewhere between Jupiter and Saturn is an undiscovered planet that is inhabited solely by children. What is it called? How is it different to planet Earth? How is it similar? In The Right-Brain Workout, you’ll find 70 questions posed by some of Australia’s most creative people from the worlds of comedy, art, advertising, music, literature, and photography. Questions that will probe, cajole, and challenge you to be more creative, every day. You’ll rediscover the creativity that we all have inside of us when we were kids. Or you’ll enhance your already creative mind. Plus, you’ll uncover weekly Right-Brain Tips: simple things that you can do to stimulate your brain. Create an advertisement to encourage people to apply for the position of you, or, write your surname as a heavy metal logo. It’s the fun and energizing exercise regime for your brain that you didn’t know you were looking for. And it just might help unlock the creative genius inside of you.

Contributor Bio
Russel Howcroft is the public face of brand marketing and advertising in Australia thanks to his appearances on The Gruen Transfer and Recipe To Riches. He fell in love with advertising and spent 24 years in the industry before joining Network Ten in 2013 as Executive General Manager.

The Key to the Tarot
The Official Companion to the World Famous Original Rider Waite Tarot Deck
A.E. Waite

The companion to the Original Rider Waite Tarot, the most popular deck in the world

Summary
First published in 1910, The Key to the Tarot is the essential guide to unlocking the secrets of tarot from the legendary creator of the Rider Waite Tarot Deck and renowned scholar of occultism, A. E. Waite. This practical book explains the history and symbolism of the tarot deck as well as providing a step-by-step guide to using the cards for divination practices. From mapping out your next career move to discovering your true passion in life, this is your key to harnessing the power of the tarot.

Contributor Bio
A. E. Waite was the designer and co-creator of the now famous Rider Waite Tarot deck. An American-born British poet and scholarly mystic, his strong interest in all esoteric matters—divination, magic, Kabbalism, alchemy and Freemasonry—led to him penning a number of books. These include The Key to the Tarot, The Book of Ceremonial Magic and A New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.
Happy Inside
How to Harness the Power of Home for Health and Happiness
Michelle Ogundehin

A practical guide to harnessing the power of home for your best self

Summary
Be happier, healthier and more empowered with Michelle Ogundehin’s nine-step practical guide to creating a space in which to feel truly at home. Whether your home is owned or rented, small or large, and regardless of how much money you have, Michelle shows you how to harness its potential in pursuit of becoming your best self. Because, if you want to feel calm, content, soothed or energized, you must begin with what surrounds you. Happy Inside covers everything from how to create more light and space to how to get a good night’s sleep; the path to a perfect sofa and why a dining table is your most vital piece of furniture. Plus, how to decorate to promote joy; the importance of play (and circular side tables) and why a tidy home isn’t necessarily a happy one. The healthy home revolution starts here!

Contributor Bio
Michelle Ogundehin is a trained architect, former Editor-in-Chief of ELLE Decoration UK, and a contributor to publications including The Financial Times and Dezeen. She is also the lead judge on the BBC Two/Netflix landmark series Interior Design Masters.

Taking the Plunge
The Healing Power of Wild Swimming for Mind, Body & Soul
Anna Deacon, Vicky Allan

A look at the healing one can experience when swimming in nature

Summary
The thrill of plunging—or dipping a toe—into open water brings joy, confidence, adventure, and friendship. It can wash away stress and sadness, pain and grief. Here water is a great healer, a place to feel gloriously, elementally alive and in touch with yourself, with others, and with nature. Full of life-affirming personal stories and breath-taking images of scenery and swimmers, this book celebrates the remarkable wild swimming community. With practical advice on how wild swimming works and how to get started—from what you’ll need (a swimsuit and a smile!) to where best to go (rivers, oceans, lochs, lakes . . .)—there’s never been a better time to take the plunge.

Contributor Bio
Vicky Allan is a staff writer for the Herald on Sunday. Her work has also appeared in the Times, Daily Express, Vogue, GQ, the Guardian, and Scotland on Sunday. She has won awards for her travel writing, features writing and for her articles campaigning against violence against women. Her novel Stray is currently being adapted as a feature film. Anna Deacon’s photographic work has been published in the Times, Scotsman, Herald, Hood, Big Issue, Refinery 29, Sunday Post, and Outdoor Swimmer, and many others. Anna has organized community swims, beach cleans, and fundraising for mental health charities within the swimming community.
**Everyday Calming Rituals**

*Simple Daily Practices to Reduce Stress*

Tania Ahsan

Rituals help us connect to ourselves and the world around us: they improve our wellbeing and our sense of belonging. In this practical guide, Tania Ahsan focuses on rituals we can all use that are rooted in our five main senses: by performing these daily, we can relieve stress and live a calmer, more...

**Summary**

‘A warm, knowledgeable guide that will calm even the most frazzled soul.’ - Poorna Bell, author, *In Search of Silence.*

Actively working with rituals and your senses to create daily practices that you can draw on to relieve stress is an easy, everyday way to work with your body. This book will enable you to create simple rituals that will allow you to work with your five main senses to ensure you have a first aid kit of emotional associations that will calm you down when you are beset with a racing mind, insomnia or general worry.

Rituals featured include: Vision boards, mindful listening, smudging, self-massage and tea ceremonies. The book also includes daily, weekly and monthly rituals which you can easily integrate into your life.

**Contributor Bio**

Tania Ahsan is the author of *The Brilliant Book of Calm* and *Declutter Your Life: From Chaos to Calm.* She practises daily rituals, mindfulness and meditation in order to increase her own sense of calm. Tania is a regular contributor to Kindred Spirit magazine amongst others.

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**How to Feel Good in Difficult Times**

*Simple Strategies to Help You Survive and Thrive*

Gael Lindenfield

**Summary**

There is no doubt that we are all living in difficult times. With uncertainty around politics, the economy, our environment and now public health, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless.

In this practical book from renowned psychotherapist Gael Lindenfield, readers will learn to work through these feelings, reclaim their sense of self-worth and bounce back feeling stronger, positive and more confident than before. Set out in practical chapters, the book allows readers to identify the root cause of their feelings of self-doubt and offers pragmatic, easily implementable solutions.

Throughout the book Gael explores our knee-jerk response to punish and retreat into ourselves in times of great stress, whether that manifests itself through dietary choices, insomnia and sleep-related issues or more problematic self-destructive behaviour, and equips readers with key tools allowing them to step back and take stock of these behaviours before they embed themselves.

Whatever the cause of your unhappiness and self-doubt, whether it be personal, work-related, environmental or a combination of...

**Contributor Bio**

Gael Lindenfield is a psychotherapist and a leading voice in confidence and self-help. She is the author of 21 personal development books, which have been translated into 33 languages.
Weathering the Storm
How to Build Confidence and Self Esteem in the Face of Adversity
Gael Lindenfield

Self-doubt and feelings of failure can affect us all at any time. This book is full of practical advice, exercises, tips, and tools to help boost self-confidence and self-worth. Perfect for anyone that might be feeling at a low ebb.

Summary
Whether dealing with feelings of failure, imposter syndrome, an onslaught of criticism at home or work, or even suffering through grief, there are times in everyone’s life when they are racked with self-doubt. This book is a toolkit for working through and learning from those feelings, equipping you with the practical know-how to pick yourself up and regain a sense of confidence and self-worth. In every life when the clouds start to gather and the deluge begins, it can feel impossible to hold your head high and be resilient. Building a strong foundation of self-worth is essential to avoid spiraling into despair. This book gives readers the tools they need to weather the storm, bounce back and let the sunshine in. Through easily implementable advice and practical exercises, it shows readers how to switch their focus from the negative to the positive, tackle problems head on and regain their sense of self-worth and confidence in the process.

Contributor Bio
Gael Lindenfield is a psychotherapist and a leading voice in confidence and self-help. She is the author of 21 personal development books, which have been translated into 33 languages.

Psychedelic Apes
From Parallel Universes to Atomic Dinosaurs – the Weirdest Theories of Science and History
Alex Boese

A collection of the wackiest theories from science and history

Summary
What if we’re living inside a black hole? What if we’ve already found extraterrestrial life? What if the dinosaurs died in a nuclear war? What if Jesus Christ was actually a mushroom? Psychedelic Apes delves into the curious scientific subculture of weird theories. Thoroughly bizarre and contrary to the established norm, these ideas are often vehemently rejected by the intellectual community. From the creation of the universe to the evolution of humans, the birth of civilization right through to our more recent past, Psychedelic Apes explores some of the craziest ideas from science and history and shows that, sometimes, even the weirdest theories may be proved true.

Contributor Bio
Alex Boese holds a master’s degree in the history of science from the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of Elephants on Acid, Electrified Sheep and Hippo Eats Dwarf as well as being the creator and curator of the online Museum of Hoaxes. He is also a daily contributor to the WeirdUniverse website. He lives near San Diego.
**Breakfast with the Centenarians**

**The Science of Ageing Well**
Daniela Mari

Learn the art of growing old from the supercentenarians living life to the fullest

**Summary**
Learn the art of growing old from the supercentenarians living life to the fullest. It's said that life begins at 40—but that number is constantly revised upwards as we live longer and longer. With the number of centenarians having quadrupled in the last 30 years, more of us can now hope to reach the 100-year mark than ever before. But how can we navigate this journey with grace, dignity and style? In this charming and informative book, Daniela Mari, an Italian doctor caring for some of the oldest people on the planet, draws on her experiences as a renowned gerontologist to reveal the science behind a healthy, happy old age. It turns out that the world’s centenarians can teach us a thing or two about ageing well. And the secrets are not always what you’d think. Informed by the latest medical studies and incredible stories of individual longevity, Mari shows how our lifestyles can far surpass the influence of our genetics and why a daily glass of liquor isn’t the end of the world. From our sleeping habits and diet to the crucial importance of our passions and interests, this is the es...

**Contributor Bio**

Daniela Mari is professor of Geriatrics at the University of Milan and director of the Geriatric Unit, IRCCS Ca’ Granda Maggiore Hospital Foundation. She was until recently the doctor for Emma Morano, the world’s oldest living woman at 117 until she passed away in April 2017.

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**Am I Dreaming?**

**The Science of Altered States, from Psychedelics to Virtual Reality, and Beyond**
James Kingsland

A scientific travel guide to altered states of consciousness - and what we can learn from them

**Summary**
When a computer goes wrong, we are told to turn it off and on again. In *Am I Dreaming?*, science journalist James Kingsland reveals how the human brain is remarkably similar. By rebooting our hard-wired patterns of thinking—through so-called "altered states of consciousness"—we can gain new perspectives into ourselves and the world around us. From shamans in Peru to tech workers in Silicon Valley, Kingsland provides a fascinating tour through lucid dreams, mindfulness, hypnotic trances, virtual reality and drug-induced hallucinations. An eye-opening insight into perception and consciousness, this is also a provocative argument for how altered states can significantly boost our mental health.

**Contributor Bio**

James Kingsland is a science journalist with more than 25 years’ experience working for publications including *New Scientist* and *Nature*. Most recently he was a commissioning editor and Science Production Editor for the *Guardian*. He is the author of *Siddhartha's Brain: Unlocking the Ancient Science of Enlightenment*. 
The Shape of Things to Come
Future Lives, Future Bodies
Druin Burch

A vision of what the future holds for our bodies and the medicine used to treat them.

Summary
In this humane and important exploration of modern medicine, Druin Burch examines the future of medicine, our changing physicalities and the implications of longer life. From birth to death and through the exploration of topics such as disease, sex, mind, eating and drinking, Burch tracks the future of medicine by looking at what is already possible today. Weaving in insights from literature, art and history, The Shape of Things to Come considers the cultural complexity surrounding medicine as well as its impact on the humanities. As a specialist in geriatric medicine Burch writes with a keen understanding of the medical profession. He outlines the areas of medicine which have seen the greatest improvements and optimistically offers insight into further advancements.

Contributor Bio
Druin Burch specializes in geriatric medicine and practices at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. He is the author of Digging Up the Dead and Taking the Medicine.

Psykhe
The Mental Health Crisis and How We Got Here
R.D.C. Crabtree

One of the leading figures in the UK mental health care system looks at the history of one of the most important problems facing us today, and how this has defined contemporary attitudes on mental health. This is an important and powerful new perspective that will start conversations and change mind...

Summary
Mental health has become the health issue that dominates debate above all others, but it remains poorly understood. One in four people will suffer a mental health issue in the course of each year, and most of them will not seek help because of the stigma that still attaches to mental ill health. Suicide rates are growing year on year. But why? Are we in the grip of a modern epidemic? And if so, how did we get here? Psykhe throws new light on the history of mental health, offering a compelling description and analysis of how events from Classical times to the Capitalist Age have by turn shaped, reshaped, advanced, stultified and advanced again the course of human progress in this most difficult of medical disciplines. This is a gripping narrative that discusses not only how these events have defined today's attitudes towards mental ill health, and the modern day services with which we seek to treat it, but also ultimately offers a fresh perspective on one of life's most fundamental questions—just what does it mean to live well as a human in the 21st century?

Contributor Bio
R. D. C. Crabtree has worked at the forefront of the Department of Health's flagship "Improving Access to Psychological Therapies" program for more than 10 years, having led the expansion of IAPT into 36 regions around the UK. He has written about mental health and psychological therapies for the Independent newspaper, and contributed to national forums shaping mental health policy in the UK.
Dementia Essentials
How to Guide a Loved One Through Alzheimer's or Dementia and Provide the Best Care
Jan Hall

A practical guide to caring for someone with Dementia or Alzheimer’s, now fully revised and updated

Summary
When a loved one has been diagnosed with dementia, family members and friends might step into the new role of carers, helping their relative to remain safe, happy and as independent as possible. Dementia Essentials offers a realistic and reassuring guide to help you and the person affected navigate the complexities of dementia and Alzheimer’s, and face anything that these conditions might place your way. Written by real carers with first-hand experience, this book is written using the latest research coupled with essential advice, personal insights and helpful strategies, including thorough explanation of dementia and Alzheimer’s; advice on medication and getting support from local health professionals; and ideas for encouraging independence, confidence and activity while reducing anxiety, aggression and confusion. It also offers strategies for coping as a carer, helping you understand your emotions and feel more empowered, and guidance on how to prepare for the future, including revised legal and financial advice and tips on choosing a care home. Positive and practical, Dementia Ess...

Contributor Bio
Jan Hall is the Founding Partner of No 4, a leadership advisory business working with CEOs and Chairmen. Prior to this, she spent 22 years as one of the UK’s top headhunters working on CEO and Chairman appointments for major FTSE companies. She has inspired and contributed to government working groups and corporate initiatives on tackling dementia and was closely involved in caring for her mother.

I'll Be Right Back
Parenting with Mental Illness
Tova Feinman

Her own childhood trauma convinced Tova that she’d never be a good mother. But overwhelming love for her daughter inspired her to face fears she’d hidden from for too long ...

Summary
After a whirlwind romance and marriage, Tova found herself pregnant. She was determined to be a wonderful mother, but when she discovered uncomfortable secrets about her new husband, Tova was thrown out, and left to look after their daughter, Katie, on her own. Wracked with memories of her own unhappy childhood, and suffering from postnatal depression, Tova struggled to be the mother she’d always wanted to be. And then Katie lost her eyesight. Tova took on the medical establishment and her own inner demons to try and secure a promising future for Katie. But with her mental health deteriorating, could Tova’s immense love for her daughter win out over seemingly insurmountable odds?

Contributor Bio
Tova Feinman studied chemistry as an undergrad, as well as biochemistry and toxicology in graduate school. Her published and soon-to-be published essays include: "Mania: The Hate, The 55lb Rabbit, and Dr. Rosen", "Manic at Sixteen", and "A Psychotic Depression Meets Academia". Here, Tova writes of navigating life while experiencing mental illness. She lives in Boston.
How Can I Help?
8 Ways You Can Support Someone You Care About with Anxiety or Obsessional Problems
Lauren Callaghan

In this accessible, down-to-earth guide, clinical psychologist Lauren Callaghan provides advice, tools and strategies on how to support someone you care about with an anxiety problem.

Summary
Do you have a loved one who’s suffering from anxiety? Do they need your help but you’re not quite sure what to do? Are you wondering how you can best support them? At some point in our lives, many of us will witness someone we’re close to experiencing anxiety, stress or anxiety-based depression. There are ways that you can help. This accessible, no-nonsense guide provides tools, tips and strategies that you can use to help the person you love along the path to recovery. Whether your loved one has already been diagnosed, or if you think they might be suffering but have not yet been diagnosed, there is something in here for you.

Contributor Bio
Lauren Callaghan is an innovative, industry leading psychologist based in Australia. She is renowned as an expert in the field of mental health, recognized for diagnosing and successfully treating OCD and anxiety related illnesses in particular.

Liar Liar
Breaking the Silence on Sexual Assault
Laurie Katz

_Liar Liar_ tells the powerful story of perseverance and strength throughout one woman’s fight for justice after an horrific campus assault.

Summary
Like any student about to start university, Laurie Katz was excited to see what the year would bring. Little did she know that just three weeks into her first term, her life would come crashing down around her. What had started as a fun night out with friends ended with Laurie, alone with a terrible secret: she had been raped. Traumatized and confused, she set out to get justice against her attacker. But when the authorities at her university dismissed her case, and warned her that she could be expelled, she was left unsure where to turn. It seemed as though things couldn't get worse, then her attacker filed his own case. Laurie's story is a brave and honest reminder of the injustice still felt in society around sexual abuse. Laurie offers readers her advice, and provides them with the hope that they too can overcome a similar trauma.

Contributor Bio
Laurie Katz is an elementary teacher from Boston who has completed a Master's in Education.
The First Breath
A Memoir of Motherhood and Medicine
Olivia Gordon

A powerful medical memoir about the extraordinary fetal and neonatal medicine bringing a new generation of babies into the world

Summary
This is a story about the cutting-edge medicine that has saved a generation of babies. It's about the love and fear a parent feels for a child they haven’t yet met. It's about doctors, mothers, fathers, and babies as together they fight for the first breath. The First Breath is the first popular science book about the pioneering fetal and neonatal medicine bringing a new generation into the world—a generation of babies without precedent, who would not have lived if they had been born only a few decades ago. Olivia Gordon explores the female experience of medicine through her own personal story and sensitive, intimate case histories of other mothers’ high-risk births. She details the relationship mothers develop with doctors who hold not only life and death in their hands, but also the very possibility of birth. From the dawn of fetal medicine to neonatal surgery and the exploding field of perinatal genetics, The First Breath tells of fear, bravery, and love. Olivia Gordon takes the reader behind the closed doors of the fetal and neonatal intensive care units, resuscitation rooms, and...

Contributor Bio
Olivia Gordon is a freelance journalist who writes on motherhood, medicine, and disability. Educated at Cambridge University, she has written for publications including the Observer, Times, Telegraph, Red, and Broadly.

After the First Six Weeks
Midwife Cath

The essential guide to caring for your baby in the first 12 months, from routines to major milestones and everything in between

Summary
Midwife Cath has delivered more than 10,000 babies over the last 40 years, but her care of mothers and babies doesn't end when they leave the hospital. She strongly believes that all families need ongoing support, particularly in their first crucial year of parenting. After the First Six Weeks is a follow-up to Midwife Cath's book The First Six Weeks. Week six is a major milestone for both babies and parents, and this comprehensive guidebook will provide a roadmap to “what's next”—starting at six weeks and taking you through to the end of the first 12 months. Midwife Cath covers all the joys and challenges of your child’s first year at home, focusing on such issues as breast and bottle feeding; the introduction of solids; sleep; growth and development; the importance of play; safety; and her Bath Bottle Bed (BBB) routine, and how it evolves over these 12 months. Midwife Cath’s invaluable experience and wisdom will help you establish routines that will ensure a healthier, happier baby and better-rested, more confident parents.

Contributor Bio
Midwife Cath, Cathryn Curtin, has delivered more than 10,000 babies throughout her 40 year career. Cath was instrumental in the 1980’s in setting up Birth Centres within Melbourne in order to promote active hospital birth within a home like environment, as an alternative to traditional hospital labor wards. She now presents a series of talks all around Australia helping parents solve their parenting issues.
High Adventure

The Adventure Doesn't End When You Become a Dad

Mike Allsop

What happens when an accomplished adventurer becomes a father?

Summary

Mike Allsop has found a way of incorporating his adventures into family life by taking each of his three children on major one-on-one expeditions. This has led to some incredible challenges. He's trekked over 100 km in the Himalaya with each child at the age of seven, most recently Dylan. Twelve-year-old Maya attempted the world's highest stand-up paddle board on a freezing lake at 5,300 meters. Ethan, at 15 years old, struggled through altitude sickness to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro and set his own world record. The family also fundraised to buy a new house for a Sherpa widow after the devastating earthquake of 2015. The challenges and excitement continue, with the family continually dreaming up new adventures.

Contributor Bio

Mike Allsop is an airline pilot and mountaineer who ran seven peaks in seven days on seven continents. He's also a motivational speaker, the author of High Altitude, a husband and the father of three children. He's found a way of incorporating his adventures into family life by taking each of his three children on major one-on-one expeditions.

Wean in 15

Weaning Advice and 100 Quick Recipes

Joe Wicks

An experienced parent and cookbook author offers his advice along with expert help on every stage of weaning

Summary

Wean your baby with help from record-breaking cookbook author and proud dad Joe Wicks, aka the Body Coach. Wean in 15 includes everything you need to take your baby from breastfeeding, through first foods, to enjoying family mealtimes. Joe draws from his experience of weaning his daughter Indie, working with a leading registered nutritionist to create the most comprehensive baby bible for modern parents. Weaning can be a daunting prospect, but Joe cuts through all of the confusing information and shares the simple trustworthy knowledge that he’s found so helpful. Whether you’re a first-time parent or not, this book guides you towards getting the best for your little one, from figuring out when to start weaning and how much food your child needs, to adapting your own meals into purées and finger foods. Joe knows how difficult it can be to manage your time, so he also shows you how to prep like a boss with shopping lists and freezable items. With 100 tasty recipes split into age stages, expert help with nutrients, allergies, supplements and fussy eaters, as well as knowing how to under...

Contributor Bio

Mrs Groff’s Mischievous Book of Motherhood Management
Maggie Groff

You can fool all of the children some of the time, and some of the children all of the time, but with practice you can fool all of the children all of the time. And their fathers.

Summary
Warm, funny and wise, Mrs. Groff’s Mischievous Book of Motherhood Management offers an irresistible voice for our time. Packed with a treasure trove of fascinating new information about the female parent commonly known as “mother”—and a multitude of hints, facts, cheats, ideas and curiosities—it champions common sense and skewers nonsense at every turn. Includes 20 great gifts for a new mother (a voucher for a hair appointment plus babysitter, a children’s birthday cake cookbook), tips for the first week back at work (take a large box of tissues—you will be weepy, but it will pass), home safety tips (run cold water through the tap after running a bath to cool the hot faucet), how to track Santa (NORAD! North American Aerospace Defense Command), and such Christmas tips as how to overcome the current orgy of greed and materialism (inform children that they will definitely receive something they want for Christmas, but will receive fewer presents this year because your family will be donating to an organization that takes care of people or animals).

Contributor Bio
Maggie Groff is the author of Mothers Behaving Badly and two crime novels featuring investigative reporter Scout Davis: Mad Men, Bad Girls and Good News, Bad News.

How to Give Your Child a Lifelong Love of Reading
Alex Johnson

An examination of the importance of instilling a love of books and reading in children

Summary
How do you create an active reader? Why is reading good for creativity and vital for teaching the next generation resilience and positive mental health? In the digital age of never-ending screen time, you could argue that the power of books has diminished. But while screens have changed the act of reading, Alex Johnson believes reading is even more important, and that people value books more than ever. This is visible in the sales of printed special editions, the revival in reading aloud, the increased interest in poetry anthologies, and the rescuing of “lost words” from obscurity. But with so many competing distractions, which are the best books for children to read and how can we access them? How do we get children to start reading? How can we encourage them to be curious and maintain their interest? In this book of practical advice, Alex Johnson brings his tremendous enthusiasm and informed passion to answer these questions.

Contributor Bio
Alex Johnson is a professional blogger and journalist, part of the Independent’s online team. He is the author of Bookshelf, Book Towns, and Improbable Libraries.
Love Letters
Intimate Correspondence Between Famous Lovers
Andrea Clarke

Charles Dickens to Catherine Hogarth, Charlotte Brontë to Professor Constantin Héger, Oscar Wilde to Lord Alfred Douglas and Ted Hughes reflecting on his early courtship with Sylvia Plath

Summary
In an age of emails, tweets and emojis, this beautiful selection of original love letters invites us into a privileged realm and reminds us why the written word is so expressive and revealing. The 30 handwritten notes included in this book span centuries, cultures and continents. They contain expressions of every shade of love, from the joy of falling in love to the pain of unrequited passion. They include amorous declarations, pain and grief, the final separation of loved ones and philosophical reflections on the end of a love affair. The reproduction of the letters on the page adds another dimension to our appreciation of the lovers’ relationships. Together they remind us that there is simply nothing quite like receiving a personal handwritten note from the one you love. This new edition contains additional letters between George Eliot and Herbert Spencer, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Jane Morris, Dora Carrington and Lyton Strachey, and Joan Littlewood and Gerry Raffies.

Contributor Bio
Andrea Clarke is Lead Curator of Medieval and Early Modern Manuscripts at the British Library. She is author of Tudor Monarchs: Lives in Letters.

Diary of a Lone Twin
A Memoir
David Loftus

A poignant and powerful memoir of one man's life after the death of his identical twin

Summary
A heart-rending memoir of love, loss, and the unique relationship twins share. More than 30 years ago, David Loftus’s cherished identical twin, John, passed away. Ever since, a day hasn’t passed without David feeling the loss. In 1987, after recovering from a brain tumor, John contracted meningitis and found himself back in hospital for treatment. David, as always, was by his side. They were opening their 24th birthday presents when a fatally miscalculated routine injection forced John into a coma. He died within two weeks. Over the past year, David has spent an hour every day remembering John and recording his story by hand. Diary of a Lone Twin is the product of that daily ritual—a powerful and deeply personal account that covers everything from enchanting and charmingly evoked childhood vignettes to the acute loneliness and raw pain that followed John’s death. In sharing this beautifully written diary, award-winning, and internationally acclaimed photographer David Loftus provides a rare insight for anyone who wishes to understand the bond between identical twins, and the unique b...

Contributor Bio
David Loftus is an award-winning and internationally acclaimed photographer. His food photography for the likes of Jamie Oliver, Prue Leith, and Rachel Khoo have brought recipes to life for millions of people. In 2012, David published Around the World in 80 Dishes.
**The Book of Bitch**

Ailie Banks

An unapologetic, illustrated A to Z guide for those reclaiming and celebrating their inner bitch

**Summary**

Writer and artist Ailie Banks is a self-proclaimed bitch. The word has been thrown at her, and the women around her, Ailie's entire life. A bitch is stereotypically thought to be unkind, uncaring, and ultimately untrustworthy. But in Ailie's eyes, a bitch is someone who stands firm and speaks their mind in the face of sexist rhetoric. They don't filter themselves for the comfort of others and they don't give a single damn about meeting societal expectations. From Ambitious Bitch to Zealous Bitch, *The Book of Bitch* is an alphabetical tribute to the word sneered through clenched teeth at those who refuse to shrink in the face of oppression. This book shows once and for all that every bitch is multifaceted, every bitch is human, and every bitch deserves to be celebrated.

**Contributor Bio**

Ailie Banks is an illustrator. She is passionate about using her art to challenge social norms and create meaningful dialogue around living with mental illness and the realities of womanhood.

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**Warriors and Witches and Damn Rebel Bitches**

Scottish Women To Live Your Life By

Mairi Kidd

A fiercely exhilarating, superbly illustrated look at strong Scottish women throughout history

**Summary**

Throughout history, Scottish women have broken the rules with attitude. Williamina Fleming reached for the stars and took Harvard by storm. Mary Somerville challenged prejudice to claim the title "scientist" for women. Effie Gray knew the power of language to name and shame bullies and belittlers. Agnes Randolph stood up to a siege and owned every minute of it like a boss. Inspirational and fierce in every sense, these sisters will fire you up to face your own modern-day dilemmas with serious style.

**Contributor Bio**

Mairi Kidd is Head of Literature, Languages and Publishing at Creative Scotland. She was formerly Managing Director of Barrington Stoke, a prize-winning publisher. A fluent Gaelic speaker, she has an MA in Celtic Studies from Edinburgh University. As CEO of Stòrlann, the National Gaelic Education Resource Agency, she worked with Scottish Government, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and local authorities. Mairi is a contributor to BBC Radio nan Gàidheal’s books coverage and writes for broadcast, including Gaelic comedy series FUNC.
Break-up Boss
Zoe Foster-Blake, Mari Andrew

Break-ups suck—but you don't have to suck at break-ups

Summary
Break-ups are awful, and they’re very real, but that doesn’t mean they get to take over your whole life for a year. YOU can take charge. YOU can be the boss of your break-up. YOU can choose to see it as a gift. And you dang well should! Life is too short not to learn and grow from our romantic upheavals, then move the hell forward! Break-up Boss gives you all the tools and techniques (and lots of lectures—cute!) to deal with all of the stages of your break-up, and just as you need it: in your pocket, as you’re about to call your ex/have another shot of tequila. This is a Real Life, no-nonsense picture of a break-up, and an enthusiastic, empowered, and positive view of how to deal with it. Think of it as a teeny-weeny pocket coach! Always on your side, and with a singular goal: to get you through this break-up in a positive, healthy fashion, and over onto the sunny unicorn-saturated hill of self-confidence and happiness. Or at the very least, to not text your ex just cos it’s Sunday and you’re sad and hungover and fancy some hanky panky.

Contributor Bio
Zoë Foster Blake has written for Cosmopolitan, Harper’s BAZAAR, and Sunday Style, and is the founder of all-natural Australian skin care line, Go-To. Zoë has written four novels, Air Kisses, Playing the Field, The Younger Man, and The Wrong Girl; a dating and relationship book, Textbook Romance, written in conjunction with Hamish Blake; and Amazinger Face, a collection of her best beauty tips and tricks.

Great Sexpectations
Change Your Perspective and Have the Sex You Really Want
Gemma Cribb, James Findlay

We live in a sexually permissive culture, the rise of porn, hook ups, sex problems and sexless marriages are on the increase. This book will help you explore your 'sexpectations' and guide you through simple exercises to help you discover your authentic sexual self.

Summary
We live in a hyper sexualized society; porn, hook ups and dates are easily accessible for anyone with an internet connection. Just like fast food, sex has become picture-perfect and freely available but devoid of real connection. Recent surveys in the UK report that approximately one in three women deem themselves less interested in sex than they should be and one in four men believe they don't last long enough in bed. In a nutshell, our sexpectations (beliefs that we hold consciously or unconsciously about sex, passed down through our upbringing, peer group and personal sexual history) are making us more insecure, causing our mental health, self-esteem and relationships to suffer. This revolutionary book will guide you through simple exercises to help you discover your authentic sexual self and rectify unhelpful beliefs and behaviors so you can enjoy truly fulfilling relationships and sexual experiences. Great Sexpectations is one of the most extensive sexual guides out there. It is written by heterosexual sex therapist and clinical psychologist Gemma Cribbs and award-winning gay se...

Contributor Bio
Gemma Cribb is a clinical psychologist, sex therapist and sex educator. She helps to repair the negative effects of our modern sexual culture and encourages people to find and embrace their own authentic sexual expression. She is the author of Doing Single Well. James Findlay is a writer, broadcaster, producer, and journalist. He has hosted sex and sexuality shows including The Naughty Rude Show and co-hosting Hide and Seek.
Vagina
A Re-Education
Lynn Enright

Summary
From earliest childhood, girls are misled about their bodies, encouraged to describe their genitalia with cute and silly names rather than anatomically correct terms. In our schools and in our culture, we are coy about women while putting straight men's sexuality front and center. Girls grow up feeling ashamed about their periods, about the appearance of their vulvas, about their own desires. They grow up without a full and honest sex education, and this lack of knowledge has serious consequences. Vagina provides girls and women with information they need about their own bodies—about the vagina, the hymen, the clitoris, the orgasm; about conditions like endometriosis and vulvodynia. It confronts taboos, such as abortion, miscarriage, infertility and masturbation. It tackles vital social issues like period poverty, female genital mutilation and the rights of transgender women. It is honest and moving as Lynn Enright shares her personal stories but this is about more than one woman—this is a book that will provoke thousands of conversations. We urgently need to talk about women's sexual...

Contributor Bio
Lynn Enright has written for Vogue, the Irish Times, the Guardian, BuzzFeed, Grazia and Stylist. She was a founding member of The Pool.

More Orgasms Please
Why Female Pleasure Matters
The Hotbed Collective

Summary
An orgasm will help you sleep and keep you looking younger, it doesn’t cost money and isn’t a scarce resource. So why is it that, like the pay gap, there is an "orgasm gap" between women and men? The Hotbed Collective began life as a podcast with a mission "to make life better one orgasm at a time." Their debut book, More Orgasms Please is an open, honest and at moments hilarious dive into all aspects of sex for women. It covers feminist porn, body image, menopause and much more. Like the podcast that inspired it, More Orgasms Please is like the best sort of chat between friends: punchy and playful, normalizing and educating. It is an eye-opening read that puts women’s bodies and our right to pleasure firmly on the map. Think of it as "Couch to 5k" . . . for orgasms.

Contributor Bio
The Hotbed Collective is a collection of women—with writers Lisa Williams and Anniki Sommerville at the forefront—whose mission statement is to make life better, one orgasm at a time. We believe that sex, relationships and body confidence are feminist issues which shouldn’t be ignored. Our podcast The Hotbed has given a platform to doctors, therapists, bloggers, politicians and celebrities to talk honestly about female pleasure in all its forms, and guests have included Buck Angel, Rose McGowan, and Megan Jayne Crabb.
**Queer Intentions**
A (Personal) Journey Through LGBTQ + Culture
Amelia Abraham

This immersive, accessible and thought-provoking book takes the reader on a journey—from Los Angeles to Istanbul, via London, Stockholm and Belgrade—to explore the pros and cons, the myths and realities of life for LGBTQ+ people today.

**Summary**
Today, the options and freedoms on offer to LGBTQ+ people living in the West are greater than ever before. But is same-sex marriage, improved media visibility and corporate endorsement all it’s cracked up to be? At what cost does this acceptance come? And who is getting left behind, particularly in parts of the world where LGBTQ+ rights aren’t so advanced? Combining intrepid journalism with her own personal experience, in *Queer Intentions*, Amelia Abraham searches for the answers to these urgent challenges, as well as the broader question of what it means to be queer right now. Join her as she cries at the first same-sex marriage in Britain, loses herself in the world’s biggest drag convention in L.A., marches at Pride parades across Europe, visits both a transgender model agency and the Anti-Violence Project in New York to understand the extremes of trans life today, parties in the clubs of Turkey’s underground LGBTQ+ scene, and meets a genderless family in progressive Stockholm.

**Contributor Bio**
Amelia Abraham has worked as an editor at Vice, Refinery29 and Dazed. Her main interest is LGBTQ+ identity politics, and she has written on this topic for the Guardian, the Observer, the Independent, the Sunday Times, the New Statesman, ES Magazine, i-D and Vogue.

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**It's Not About the Burqa**
Muslim Women on Faith, Feminism, Sexuality and Race
Mariam Khan

Muslim women on faith, feminism, sexuality, and race

**Summary**
In 2016, Mariam Khan read that David Cameron had linked the radicalization of Muslim men to the "traditional submissiveness" of Muslim women. Mariam felt pretty sure she didn’t know a single Muslim woman who would describe herself that way. Why was she hearing about Muslim women from people who were neither Muslim, nor female? Years later the state of the discourse has deteriorated even further, and Muslim women's voices are still pushed to the fringes—the figures leading the discussion are white and male. Taking one of the most politicized and misused words associated with Muslim women and Islamophobia, *It's Not About the Burqa* is poised to change all that. Here are voices you won’t see represented in the news headlines: 17 Muslim women speaking frankly about the hijab and wavering faith, about love and divorce, about feminism, queer identity, sex, and the twin threats of a disapproving community and a racist country. With a mix of British and international women writers, from activist Mona Eltahawy's definition of a revolution to journalist and broadcaster Saima Mir telling the sto...

**Contributor Bio**
Mariam Khan is a British writer and activist.
Diary of an Apprentice Astronaut
Samantha Cristoforetti

An enthralling memoir from the inspiring astronaut who spent six months in space

Summary
Six years ago, Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti spent 200 days orbiting around Earth on the International Space Station. In this fascinating memoir, she tells the story of her extraordinary journey: from grueling years of training to daily life in space, from great events to small discoveries, from old rituals to jokes about the meaning of life. Writing with warmth and authenticity, Cristoforetti chronicles her journey to becoming an astronaut—the many years spent traveling around the world, from Star City to Houston, always between languages and cultures, technology and nature. Honest and inspiring, Diary of an Apprentice Astronaut is a riveting story about what it takes to pursue your dreams.

Contributor Bio
Samantha Cristoforetti is an Italian European Space Agency astronaut, Air Force pilot and engineer. She holds the record for the longest uninterrupted spaceflight of a European astronaut (199 days and 16 hours).

2021 Guide to the Night Sky
A Month-by-Month Guide to Exploring the Skies Above North America
Storm Dunlop, Wil Tirion, Royal Observatory Greenwich

Summary
This is the ideal resource for beginners and experienced stargazers in the U.S. and Canada, and has been updated to include new and practical information covering events occurring in North America's night sky throughout 2021. This practical guide is both an easy introduction to astronomy and a useful reference for seasoned stargazers. Now includes a section on comets and a map of the moon. Written and illustrated by astronomical experts, Storm Dunlop and Wil Tirion, and approved by the astronomers of the Royal Observatory Greenwich. Content includes advice on where to start looking; easy-to-use star maps for each month with descriptions of what to see; positions of the moon and visible planets.; and details of objects and events in 2021.

Contributor Bio
Storm Dunlop is an experienced astronomy and meteorology author and translator whose books include Gem Weather, Meteorology Manual, and Practical Astronomy. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Meteorological Society and a member of the International Astronomical Union.
Night Sky Almanac
A Stargazer's Guide to 2021
Royal Observatory Greenwich, Storm Dunlop, Wil Tir...

A yearly guide to stargazing, appropriate for enthusiasts and newcomers alike

**Summary**
Connect with the universe that surrounds us with this stylish companion to the night sky. All events are clearly presented month-by-month with easy-to-understand explanations and charts, including stars, planets, meteors, comets, eclipses and constellations. The fullest guide to stargazing is the perfect gift for amateur and seasoned astronomers. Designed for use anywhere in the world. Coverage includes details of major astronomical objects and events in 2021; phase of moon diagrams; major planetary conjunctions; meteor showers; eclipse details and diagrams; dates of main lunar phases, and elongations of Mercury and Venus.

**Contributor Bio**
Storm Dunlop is an experienced Astronomy and meteorology author and translator. Books include Gem Weather, Meteorology Manual, Practical Astronomy and is the lead author for the bestselling annual Guide to the Night Sky. Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Meteorological Society and a member of the International Astronomical Union.

Nature's Explorers
Adventurers Who Recorded the Wonders of the Natural World
Andrea Hart

Celebrating the individuals who made great personal endeavors to document the natural world

**Summary**
This sumptuous volume reveals the lives of some of history's greatest explorers of the natural world, using the specimens they collected, the letters they wrote and the art they created to record their discoveries. Superb artworks and photographs spanning three centuries have been specially chosen to illustrate each essay and many are published here for the first time. From ground-breaking theorists such as Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace to evocative artists like Ferdinand Bauer and John James Audubon, these explorers shared an ambition to illuminate new worlds and each embodied the spirit of the Enlightenment and the Scientific Revolution.

**Contributor Bio**
Andrea Hart is Library Special Collections Manager at the Natural History Museum, London.
The Light in the Dark
A Winter Journal
Horatio Clare

Raise a torch against the darkness of the winter months with this inspiring look at the natural world.

Summary
As November stubs out the glow of autumn and the days tighten into shorter hours, winter’s occupation begins. Preparing for winter has its own rhythms, as old as our exchanges with the land. Of all the seasons, it draws us together. But winter can be tough. It is a time of introspection, of looking inwards. Seasonal sadness; winter blues; depression—such feelings are widespread in the darker months. But by looking outwards, by being in and observing nature, we can appreciate its rhythms. Mountains make sense in any weather. The voices of a wood always speak consolation. A brush of frost; subtle colors; days as bright as a magpie’s cackle. We can learn to see and celebrate winter in all its shadows and lights. In this moving and lyrical evocation of a British winter and the feelings it inspires, Horatio Clare raises a torch against the darkness, illuminating the blackest corners of the season, and delving into memory and myth to explore the powerful hold that winter has on us. By learning to see, we can find the magic, the light that burns bright at the heart of winter: spring will co...

Contributor Bio
Horatio Clare is a critically acclaimed author and journalist. He is the author of Running for the Hills, which won the Somerset Maugham Award; Truant; A Single Swallow, which was shortlisted for the Dolman Travel Book of the Year; and Down to the Sea in Ships, which won the Stanford-Dolman Travel Book of the Year. Horatio’s first book for children, Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot, won the Branford Boase Award 2016 for best debut children’s book.

Numb and Number
How to Avoid Being Mystified by the Mathematics of Modern Life
William Hartston

Summary
Like it or not, our lives are dominated by mathematics. Our daily diet of news regales us with statistical forecasts, opinion polls, risk assessments, inflation figures, weather and climate predictions and all sorts of political decisions and advice backed up by supposedly accurate numbers. Most of us do not even pause and question such figures even to ask what they really mean and whether they raise more questions than they answer. We let the figures wash over us with no more than a glance. In this simple guide for anyone numbed by numbers, William Hartston explains with clarity and humor how to steer a safe path through the minefield of mathematics that surrounds us.

Contributor Bio
William Hartston is a Cambridge-educated mathematician and industrial psychologist. Between 1962 and 1987 he played chess competitively, becoming an international master and winning the British chess championship in 1973 and 1975. He is the author of several books on chess, numbers, humor and trivia, including The Encyclopedia of Useless Information.
The Science of Being Human
Why We Behave, Think and Feel the Way We Do
Marty Jopson

Offering a unique insight into human behaviour, this fascinating book explains why we behave the way we do, what happens when humans interact with the world and each other and how science, maths, psychology and other disciplines play their part.

Summary
Offering a unique insight into human behavior, this book explains why we behave the way we do and what happens when humans interact with the world and each other. Starting with evolutionary biology and what it physically means to be a human being, this book moves on to include a wide range of topics such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and how we are evolving as we interact with new technology. There will be sections on how we perceive the world, such as why our brains—rather than our senses—can tell us about the world around us; crowd behavior; and more everyday things we can relate to, such as why your queue is mathematically proven to always be slower. The Science of Being Human explains all these human phenomena and how science, math, psychology, and other disciplines play their part.

Contributor Bio
Marty Jopson studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge University before going on to achieve a PhD in Cell Biology. He is the resident science reporter on BBC One’s The One Show. Marty has been working in television for 20 years. He is a prop builder and has been performing stage science around the UK for many years. His previous books include The Science of Everyday Life and The Science of Food.

An Artificial Revolution
On Power, Politics and AI
Ivana Bartoletti

An essential primer to understand the intersection of technology and geopolitical forces

Summary
Privacy consultant and AI expert Ivana Bartoletti explores the urgent existential threat that artificial intelligence poses to international social justice When most people think about AI, they think about the future—from driverless cars and smart cities to HAL 9000 and the Terminator—and are unaware that AI is already creating a dystopian present. The third book in the Mood Indigo series argues that the rapid growth of the AI industry is threatening to undo decades of progress in human rights and global equality. AI has unparalleled transformative potential to reshape society, our economies and our working lives, but without legal scrutiny, international oversight and public debate, we are sleepwalking into a future written by algorithms which encode racist, sexist and classist biases into our daily lives. This book exposes the reality of the AI revolution, from the low-paid workers who toil to train algorithms to recognize cancerous polyps, to the rise of techno-racism and techno-chauvinism and the symbiotic relationship between AI and right wing populism.

Contributor Bio
Ivana Bartoletti is Head of Privacy and Data Ethics at London-based consultancy Gemserv, and supports businesses in their privacy by designing programs, especially in relation to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and blockchain technology. Ivana was awarded Woman of the Year (2019) in the Cyber Security Awards in recognition of her growing reputation as an advocate of equality, privacy and ethics at the heart of tech and AI. She is a sought after commentator for the BBC, Sky and other major broadcasters and news outlets.
**Licence to Be Bad**

How Economics Corrupted Us
Jonathan Aldred

A scathing examination of how, by making market efficiency our moral standard, we've come to believe that bad is good

**Summary**

Over the past 50 years, the way we value what is "good" and "right" has changed dramatically. Behavior that to our grandparents' generation might have seemed stupid, harmful or simply wicked now seems rational, natural, woven into the very logic of things. And, asserts Jonathan Aldred in this revelatory new book, it's economics that's to blame. *Licence to Be Bad* tells the story of how a group of economics theorists changed our world, and how a handful of key ideas, from free-riding to Nudge, seeped into our decision-making and, indeed, almost all aspects of our lives. Aldred reveals the extraordinary hold of economics on our morals and values. Economics has corrupted us. But if this hidden transformation is so recent, it can be reversed. *Licence to be Bad* shows us where to begin.

**Contributor Bio**

Jonathan Aldred is a Fellow and Director of Studies at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the author of *The Skeptical Economist*.

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**Be Cyber Secure**

Tales, Tools and Threats
Jonathan Reuvid, John Lyons

**Summary**

This important edition focuses on the human factor in training, cautionary tales of breaches that occurred through human error, while also identifying storytelling as an effective tool in cyber education. Topics include addressing management issues, approaches to cyber defense, innovative tools for threat response, recruiting management, and GDPR.

**Contributor Bio**

Jonathan Reuvid has originated and edited a series of similar practical investment guides to the UK, to a number of developing countries all the Central and Eastern European countries that became EU members in May 2004, to Morocco and, since 1994, an acclaimed series of guides to doing business with China. An Oxford MA, he was formerly an economist with the French national oil company, CFP, and later Director of European Operations for a US Fortune 500 manufacturing multinational before embarking on a second career on publishing. He has more than 35 published titles to his name. John Lyons is Founder & Chairman of the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance and Chief Executive Officer, Cyber Essentials Direct.

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Global Innovation
Developing Your Business for a Global Market
Jonathan Reuvid

An essential guide for businesses to expand their goods, services, processes and intellectual properties into the global market

Summary
Globalization is a process of interaction and integration among the people, companies, and governments of different nations, a process driven by international trade and investment and aided by information technology. This title is an essential guide for business to expand their goods, services, process and IP’s into the global market.

Global Innovation offers encouragement to innovators, advice on essential preparation for exporters and export strategy including a five-point approach to identifying priority markets. The book is split into three parts:

Part One: ENCOURAGING INNOVATORS
Part Two: PREPARING TO EXPORT
Part Three: ADDRESSING TARGET MARKETS

The book also includes details of priority markets for export such as United States, France, Japan, Germany, China and more. With a Foreword by Chris Southworth, Secretary General, ICC United Kingdom and contribution from key industry experts this is an indispensable guide for business to expand their goods, services, process and IP’s into the global market.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Reuvid graduated in PPE at Oxford University, worked as an economist for the French national oil company, Total, and then in investment banking before taking up senior line and staff positions in industry including general management of a Fortune 500 multinational covering most Western European countries. Subsequently, Jonathan Reuvid engaged in joint venture development in China and a parallel career in business book publishing.

The Hidden Half
The Unseen Forces that Influence Everything
Michael Blastland

A groundbreaking and ingenious perspective on the barriers to human understanding

Summary
Why does one smoker die of lung cancer but another live to 100? The answer is “The Hidden Half”—those random, unknowable variables that mess up our attempts to comprehend the world. We humans are very clever creatures—but we're idiots about how clever we really are. This entertaining and ingenious book reveals how in our quest to make the world more understandable, we lose sight of how unexplainable it often is. The result—from GDP figures to medicine—is that experts know a lot less than they think. Filled with compelling stories from economics, genetics, business, and science, The Hidden Half is a warning that an explanation which works in one arena may not work in another. Entertaining and provocative, it will change how you view the world.

Contributor Bio
Michael Blastland is a writer and broadcaster. He is the author of The Numbers Game: The Commonsense Guide to Understanding Numbers in the News, in Politics, and in Life, and the coauthor of The Norm Chronicles.
The Myths We Live By
A Contrarian's Guide to Democracy, Free Speech and Other Liberal Fictions
Peter Cave

Discover how philosophy can shine a light on the world's most divisive issues

Summary
In this witty and mischievous book, philosopher Peter Cave dissects the most controversial disputes today and uses philosophical argument to reveal that many issues are less straightforward than we'd like to believe. Leaving no sacred cow standing, Cave uses ingenious stories and examples to challenge our most strongly held assumptions. Is democracy inherently a good thing? What is the basis of so-called human rights? Is discrimination always bad? Are we morally obliged to accept refugees? In an age of identity politics and so-called "fake news," this book is an essential resource for reinvigorating genuine public debate —and an entertaining challenge to accepted wisdom.

Contributor Bio
Peter Cave lectures in philosophy for New York University (London) and the Open University. He is the author of numerous articles and several philosophy books, including This Sentence Is False and The Big Think Book. He has scripted and presented philosophy programs for BBC Radio 4 and often appears in the media, taking part in public debates, providing some philosophical approaches often on matters of ethics, religion and politics.

52 Assignments: Travel Photography
Antony Zacharias

A week-by-week guide to composing and creating photographic travel images throughout the year

Summary
52 Assignments: Travel Photography is a mission brief, a portfolio of photographic workshops, a personalized journal, and an inspirational guide to putting the creativity back into your craft. Small enough to fit into your travel bag, it is filled with a year’s worth of weekly commissions and concepts for composing and creating eye-catching travel photography in all its forms. From planning a trip to creating a map portfolio; from capturing cultures to finding a fresh eye on festivals; from changing the angles on architecture to taking retro postcard shots, this is the quickest and most enjoyable way to shake off old habits and discover fresh approaches that will inspire a whole new series of creative adventures in your travel photography.

Contributor Bio
Antony Zacharias is an award-winning photographer who is particularly known for his vivid architectural images and his unique perspectives on cities ranging from New York to London. His work has been commissioned by Toyota US and Sky Atlantic, and published by the BBC, Guardian, Times, and Ecologist. His previous titles include Mastering Long Exposure.
Wildlife Photographer of the Year: Portfolio 30
Rosamund Kidman Cox

Summary
Each year the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition is seen by millions through a global tour and international media coverage. Portfolio 30 displays the full collection of 100 images awarded in the 2020 competition. Selected by an international jury for their artistic merit and originality from more than 40,000 entries, they represent the work of almost 100 nationalities. Displaying different styles, techniques, and ways of seeing, the collection is both a showcase for photographers who specialize in documenting the natural world and a celebration of nature.

Contributor Bio
Rosamund Kidman Cox was the editor of BBC Wildlife Magazine for 23 years. She is the coeditor for BBC Books of Frozen Planet, Life, and Planet Earth.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year: Highlights Volume 6
Rosamund Kidman Cox

Summary
The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is the most famous and prestigious event of its kind in the world, providing both an inspiring annual catalog of the wonders of nature and a thought provoking look at our complex relationship with the natural world. These are the unforgettable highlights from the latest Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, drawn from more than 45,000 entries nearly 100 countries. They include each of the category winners and incorporate all aspects of wildlife photography, from animal portraits to Earth’s environments. For each photograph there is a caption that reveals the memorable story behind the picture and, for some, members of the international jury share their insightful thoughts. Twenty-five striking photographs from the competition’s People’s Choice vote are also included.

Contributor Bio
Rosamund Kidman Cox was the editor of BBC Wildlife Magazine for 23 years. She is the coeditor for BBC Books of Frozen Planet, Life, and Planet Earth.
Photographing the Unseen World
Art and Techniques
Adrian Davies

Learn the techniques necessary for taking exciting images of the world as never seen before

Summary
For the first time of its invention, photography has been used to visualize events that are either too fast or too slow for the eye to perceive, or subjects that are outside the spectral range of the human eye. This book shows how you can photograph a range of subjects and see the world as never before. Written with clear and accessible text, it explores and suggests techniques that expose new images in new ways, and pushes the boundaries of the photographer's creative potential. Techniques include: ultraviolet (UV) and infrared (IR) photography; high speed and time-lapse photography; close-up, macro, and photography with the aid of a microscope; and photography using polarized light. Most of the techniques are accessible to all photographers using readily available equipment (UV and IR will require some specialist items), and have been relatively unexplored so give the adventurous photographer great potential to experiment and produce unique images.

Contributor Bio
Adrian Davies is a photographer, author, and lecturer, working mainly in the fields of wildlife, natural history, botanical, and scientific imaging. He is a passionate conservationist, and has traveled widely in search of images.

Drone Photography
Art and Techniques
Jake Sugden

A practical book for those interested in using drones for aerial photography

Summary
Drones offer the photographer new creative horizons, but how do you get started? This practical book shows you the way. The first section deals with drone flying, while the second guides you through the complexities of aerial photography. Together with practical insights, case studies and professional shots, it illustrates how to take stunning photos from incredible—and hitherto unreachable—angles and heights. Topics covered include getting airborne and how to choose a drone and fly it safely and legally; developing your skills to capture stunning aerial shots; and focusing on composition and lighting. A step-by-step case study of capturing the iconic Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth Harbour is featured.

Contributor Bio
Jake Sugden is a documentary and commercial photographer. His interest in drones was sparked in the early days of their development when he built several aircraft to give an edge to his photography practice. He now runs Aerial Video Guys, which provides photography and video services, and teaches combined aerial photography courses.
Making Soft Dolls
Simple Waldorf Designs to Sew and Love
Steffi Stern

An essential guide to the creation of simple soft cloth dolls

Summary
So why do Waldorf dolls have few facial features? What is it about dolls that captures the imagination of children and adults around the world? This book answers these questions and highlights the power of dolls used for therapeutic purposes, recognizing that soft dolls aren’t just for children. From the simplest rag doll to curly-haired characters, this book gives straightforward instructions, and a guide to buying your materials and upcycling materials you already own. A lovingly hand-made doll makes the perfect present, and these dolls are easy to make and will be much loved for generations.

Contributor Bio
Steffi Stern co-owns The Makerss, with her business partner Sophie Buckley, an online needle felting specialist shop. She is the author of Making Simple Needle Felted and Making Needle Felted Animals.

Freestyle Embroidery on Wool
How to Create Your Own Embroidered Wool Appliqué Designs
Karin Derland

Kickstart your creativity and become confident at making your own colorful and expressive designs using appliqué and embroidery on felted wool fabric

Summary
In Freestyle Embroidery on Wool you will learn how to kickstart your creativity and become confident at making your own colourful and expressive designs using appliqué and embroidery on felted wool fabric. Using her own detailed and imaginative embroidery as examples Karin Derland teaches you how to go about creating your own designs using appliqué and embroidery on wool felt. Karin shares plenty of instruction and helpful tips on making color choices, how to apply ribbons, mirrors and other accessories, making and using cardboard templates for appliqué shapes and how to combine different types of threads and stitches for best effect. Sketches, diagrams and detailed photographs of different types of embroidered pillows, cushions, cases and other items will give you a head start on creating and applying your own designs. The book also offers plenty of inspirational images through Karin’s colorful embroidery that draws on both the Swedish and Indian traditions. These can be used as an inspirational library of ideas when creating your own work. How simple or complex a piece becomes is u...

Contributor Bio
Karin Derland is a passionate embroiderer who has taken freestyle embroidery on wool to new heights. She is self-taught and has experimented and learned from her own experiences. Her studies at various art schools in drawing, painting, sculpture, and graphics, as well as her work with layouts and printing has trained her eye in color, form, and composition. She gains her inspiration both from Swedish and Indian traditions.
Machine Knitting
Designing with Colour
Alison Dupernex

Summary
Overflowing with color and stitch ideas, inspirational photos, and customizable patterns, this book will inject vitality into your knitting. Explore how colors can be juxtaposed for best effect or where Slip, Tuck, and Fair Isle stitches will add new textures and make intricate fabrics. Seventy-five knitting patterns offer enticing new project ideas as well as suggested variations and additions you can make to expand your design skills. Written for both experienced knitters and anyone using a knitting machine, this book is a catalyst for hand frame knitters to add stitch and color variety to their work.

Contributor Bio
Alison Dupernex supplies specialist luxury goods to galleries and shops. Her patterns have also been widely published by Vogue Knitting magazine. She is the author of Hand Knits for the Home and Garden.

Figure Work in Embroidery
Techniques and Projects
Angela Bishop

Summary
Figures can bring an embroidery to life, but they are tricky to do well. This book guides you through the materials, stitches, body parts, and clothes to give you the confidence and skills to embroider a figure and experiment, using your creative inspiration. With more than 400 color photographs, it gives key information for getting started, creating designs, and preparing embroideries; techniques for making three-dimensional forms using stitching and padding techniques; clear instruction for mastering stitches; and ideas for using them creatively. Specific advice is given for embroidering the face, hair, hands, and feet as well as ideas for using stitching embellishments, such as beads, sequins, buttons, ribbons, feathers, and jewelry charms. Step-by-step projects demonstrate a range of beautiful styles and techniques.

Contributor Bio
Angela Bishop completed her training at the Royal School of Needlework before setting up her own business, Eternal Embroidery.
Machine Embroidery
Techniques and Projects
Claire Fell

Summary
Embroidering with a sewing machine is exciting, immediate, and affordable; this practical book shows you how to do it. Packed with encouraging advice, it introduces the sewing machine before explaining how to design, plan, and make your own embroideries and turn them into finished items to treasure. Topics covered include: learning how to set up the machine and carry out basic cleaning and maintenance; discovering which thread types, fabrics, and mixed media elements are most suitable for machine embroideries; exploring how to use the pressure foot to turn functional utility stitches into exciting surface decoration; working freely with dropped feeder teeth and an embroidery foot and learning how to alter the tension to create different effects; and using soluble film to enhance your pictures, and stitch realistic thread paintings of landscape, animal, and bird embroideries.

Contributor Bio
Claire Fell is a successful textile artist. After a fine art training at Chichester, she worked as an ecclesiastical embroiderer. She is now an established and respected machine embroiderer.

Stone Setting
Scott McIntyre

Summary
This practical book explains the techniques of the master stone setter in an accessible and encouraging style. It explains the complex world of setting with step-by-step instructions, supported by informative illustrations and excellent examples of finished pieces. Topics covered include: setting techniques, from bezel, claw and flush, through to single row and multiple pave, then to skilled methods such as channel and microclaw. Advice is given on the options and attributes of each type of setting, as well as ideas for mixing styles and experimenting with setting methods. It is written informally throughout with an emphasis on patience and precision.

Contributor Bio
Scott McIntyre has been a designer goldsmith for more than 25 years.
**Fair Isle Knitting and Design**

*Nicki Merrall*

**Summary**

Traditional Fair Isle knitting and design skills were originally handed down from one Shetland generation to the next, with new generations experimenting, adapting, and extending the patterns to develop the Fair Isle knitting we see today. The distinctive combination of colors and patterns, ranging from the simple to the highly intricate, continues to inspire knitters worldwide. Five original designs, with further ideas for modification and development, are included, as well as guidance on adapting and designing Fair Isle projects of your own.

**Contributor Bio**

*Nicki Merrall* is a knitwear designer and tutor. She has designed for *Knit Now*, *The Knitter*, and other publications, as well as producing her own range of knitting and crochet patterns and kits.

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**Porcelain and Bone China**

*Sasha Wardell*

**Summary**

Porcelain and bone china have fascinated patrons, collectors, and makers for centuries. This practical book looks at their composition, making methods, and decorative techniques, as well as glazes and firing processes. It examines their different characteristics and explains how designers have worked with these clays within the ceramic industry. This new edition includes a chapter introducing emerging technologies and new materials. This beautiful book gives an authoritative account of these enduring materials, which ceramicists enjoy so passionately.

**Contributor Bio**

*Sasha Wardell* is internationally recognized for her work and pioneering approach in moving forward the traditional process of bone china production.
Scandinavian Knitwear
Colour, Texture and Techniques
Rita Taylor

Summary
This guide encourages the knitter to take inspiration from the brightly colored and textured designs of the traditional knits and the invigorating landscape of the Nordic region to design your own "Scandi knits" and create unique designs using traditional techniques. It takes you through the process of formulating ideas, learning about color, absorbing the local history, and finally creating a piece of knitting that has all the flavors of this fascinating region. With 19 original patterns for garments, accessories, and homeware.

Contributor Bio
Rita Taylor became interested in traditional knits while living in Scotland.

Painting and Reinterpreting the Masters
Sara Lee Roberts

Summary
Learn how to create meaningful and imaginative responses to the works of the masters. There are step-by step-examples to illustrate how to get started and how to use thumbnail pencil sketches. Advice is given on making larger and slower drawings, and then oil-sketch copies of the masters' work. The author studies the composition, rhythms, and colors of the masters and uses their work as a source to practice and understand paintings, and as a springboard for your own discovery and invention.

Contributor Bio
Sara Lee Roberts teaches at the Royal Drawing School in London.
### The Essential Guide to Contemporary Dance Techniques

**Melanie Clarke**

**Summary**
Explore the multifaceted learning processes and underlying principles behind the technical skills and abilities of a contemporary dancer. The depth and complexity of this challenging sensorial, intellectual, reflective, and creative process is presented with clarity, to support every training dancer in achieving the most from their learning experiences. With contributions from teachers at top dance institutions, this guide offers a unique insight into the expectations and processes of professional training classes.

**Contributor Bio**
**Melanie Clarke** has taught contemporary dance technique for more than 20 years.

### The Costume Maker's Companion

**Diane Favell**

**Summary**
Authentic historical costume is essential for any performance, to instantly communicate a period, a social standing, an occupation, or an identity. The responsibility of this representation lies with the costume maker’s knowledge of the design and accuracy of construction. *The Costume Maker's Companion* serves as a guide to novice and experienced makers alike, covering the common garments of the Medieval, Tudor, Jacobean, Restoration, Regency, and Victorian eras of British history. Logically divided by historical period and supported by more than 400 photographs, sketches, and diagrams, this book will develop the confidence of any costume maker to take on new projects and expand their knowledge.

**Contributor Bio**
**Diane Favell** has worked at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art for nearly 25 years.
Urban Sketching
An Artist’s Guide
Isabel Carmona Andreu

Summary
Urban sketching centers on observing and drawing the environment around you and sharing your drawings with like-minded groups in person and through social media. This book encourages you to pick up a pen and a sketchbook and try a range of techniques. It gives advice on composition and developing a personal style along with quick exercise ideas in line drawing and demonstrations in color and paint. Packed with illustrations, this is an inspirational handbook that will equip you with the tools and ideas you’ll need to embark and thrive on your own unique urban sketching journey.

Contributor Bio
Isabel Carmona Andreu is an artist and urban sketcher. She has taught urban sketching workshops at various international locations and co-founded a number of drawing groups.

Lost But Found
Peter Sharp

A heartwarming collection of before- and after-adoption photos of shelter dogs

Summary
Sydney Dogs & Cats Home is unique in its ability and commitment to find that 'one in a million' owner for animals in their care, as well as that "one in a million" pet for people looking to adopt. In Lost but Found, you will meet 40 special dogs who have spent time at the Home. Their stories reveal how the dogs came to be lost, how and why they were in the shelter, and the love and care they received while there and in their new forever homes. Fully illustrated and with both before- and after-adoption photography from an award-winning pet photographer, this touching collection of precious pups will warm the hearts of animal lovers near and far.

Contributor Bio
Sydney Dogs and Cats Home is Sydney's only charity pound and community facility. They open their doors to 3000 pets each year and have been taking care of Sydney’s lost, abandoned and neglected pets since 1946. Peter Sharp does all the photography for the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, while also running his business Tame & Wild Studio.
How to Walk a Dog
Mike White, Sharon Murdoch

The highs and lows, joy and heartache of owning a dog are told in this beautifully written story of life in and around a dog park

Summary
Mike White began walking his SPCA-rescue huntaway, Cooper, at Wellington’s dog parks ten years ago, and since then has become part of a remarkable community of people and their pets. Written with wit, wisdom, and heartbreaking poignancy, How to Walk a Dog is a story anyone who has ever owned or loved a dog will relate to. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will learn some of the secrets of living with a dog. Illustrated with drawings from acclaimed cartoonist Sharon Murdoch.

Contributor Bio
Mike White is one of New Zealand’s best-known journalists and a senior writer at North & South magazine, where he has won more than 20 national media awards, including the Wolfson Fellowship to Cambridge University. In 2013 he wrote the best-selling true crime book Who Killed Scott Guy? Sharon Murdoch is an award-winning cartoonist, and the first woman to regularly produce political cartoons for New Zealand mainstream media. She also draws the cartoon cat Munro, who accompanies the daily crossword in Fairfax newspapers, and has produced a book of cartoons about him called Munro: a cat, a mouse, a crossword clue.

Dachshunds
The Long and the Short of Them
Caroline Donald

An upbeat miscellany focused on that long-bodied, short-legged furry friend, the dachshund

Summary
The dachshund: bold, curious, and compact – a dog-and-a-half full of character - Dachshunds are everywhere. Walk down any fashionable street today and you will be tripping over the little sausages. The 12th most popular dog breed in the US, they are the dog du jour: compact enough for city living, yet feisty enough for a long country walk; cute but clever and independent, and with universal appeal, they are the stars of the sidewalk and the screen - Django the Gent from New York and Princess Lilo from California have 170,000 instagram followers between them. Caroline Donald shares her experience of life with a dachshund: what to look for and what to avoid, how to train and how to look after them. Also included are reports from dachsy homes: from Crusoe, the 11 year-old celebrity dachshund from Ottawa (801K followers on Instagram), River the Mini Dachshund on the Gold Coast in Australia, to the Great Dixter Dachshunds; Greta the puppy belonging to actor Dominic West and his family; and Willow, the elegant long-haired English cream belonging to Claire Waight Keller, artistic director of...
The Cocker Spaniel
Care and Training for Home and Sport
Janet Menzies

Summary
Drawing on more than a quarter of a century’s experience with cockers, Janet Menzies takes you on a wonderful journey from the moment your puppy arrives home, to the day you start enjoying sports and activities together. Many cocker owners want to work their dog as a gundog in country sports, including field trials and working tests. With this book, the transition from family dog at home to elite performance dog in the field is seamless and easy to achieve. There is plenty of technical instruction on how to work your cocker in the field, as the author has done, successfully, with five Field Trial Champions to her name. There is also plenty of information on contacting the wider cocker community and joining groups and clubs.

Contributor Bio
Janet Menzies is a gundog and shooting correspondent for The Field magazine. Her previous books include From Puppy to Perfect and Training the Working Spaniel.

Advanced Retriever Training
Laura Hill

Summary
Whether your aim is to reach competition level or simply to troubleshoot your training practices, this book is the ideal follow-on to the basic commands and handling skills already established. Insightful and in-depth coverage includes reanalyzing the basic pillars of breeding, feeding, and training; examining your own behavior and the effect it has on your dog; and identifying your dog’s psychological needs and tailoring your training accordingly. Positive, reward-based methods are covered along with training planning and management. An advanced approach to training essentials, including heelwork, marking, blind retrieves, and navigating barriers are discussed as well as establishing and maintaining an enjoyable partnership with your dog.

Contributor Bio
Laura Hill is founder and owner of Stauntonvale gundogs. She has been a regular member of the England Gundog team, competing in retriever field trials and working tests. She is a field trial panel judge and has judged and trained in the UK and Europe.
**Action Figures**

*From Action Man to Zelda*

Arthur Ward

**Summary**

*Collecting Action Figures* presents an alphabetical survey of each of the major toy manufacturers and the whole array of action figures they produced. Covering everything from old-school GI Joe and Action Man figures right through to the game-changing Star Wars 3-inch action figures of the 1970s and 1980s, this is the must-have reference guide for enthusiasts and beginners alike. It details the history of action figures arising from the launch of fashion dolls in the 1950s; it describes the industry and consumer reactions to the first action figures; it reviews the many different incarnations that came to market; and provides an essential guide to where to find gems, what to pay, and how to look after them.

**Contributor Bio**

Arthur Ward worked in design and marketing. He secured a Guinness World Record for the Spitfix! model-making marathon. He has appeared on *Collector’s Lot* and *James May’s Toy Stories*.

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**Matchbox Toys**

Nick Jones

Made to fit in a child’s hand, Matchbox cars – and other vehicles – dominated the shelves of toyshops for thirty years. Here is the ideal reminder of these iconic toys.

**Summary**

Lesney Products was formed in 1947 to make zinc castings, mainly for the building industry; toys were a sideline when business happened to be slow. To cash in on the 1953 Coronation of Princess Elizabeth, they modeled a miniature of the Coronation Coach. When this sold a million pieces it spurred on and financed a new venture that would become a household name: Matchbox Miniatures. In 1954 came the #5 London Bus and the #7 Horse Drawn Milk Float and the range took off, with road vehicles of all sorts, all modeled at a size that would fit in a child’s hand. Then in 1969 came great change. Mattel had released their range called Hot Wheels, with high-speed wheels and axles, and in order to compete Matchbox retooled everything to have their own Superfast wheels and axles, along with brighter or newer color schemes. Beloved of two generations of children, and now highly collectable, the Matchbox 1-75 range is a British institution that has now found its perfect introduction in this book.

**Contributor Bio**

Nick Jones has been collecting Matchbox toys since 1980. In 1996 he built and compiled his first website ‘Vintage Matchbox toys’ which evolved into the ‘Vintage British Diecasts’ website, which now has over 5 million returning visitors. It features a lively toy forum populated by collectors and friends from all over the globe.
Histories of the Unexpected: The Vikings
Sam Willis, James Daybell

Summary
The Histories of the Unexpected series not only presents a new way of thinking about the past, but also reveals the world around us as never before. Traditionally, the Vikings have been understood in a straightforward way—but the period really comes alive if you take an unexpected approach to its history. Yes, ships, raiding and trade have a fascinating history, but so too do hair, break-ins, toys, teeth, mischief, luck and silk! Each of these subjects is equally fascinating in its own right, and each sheds new light on the traditional subjects and themes that we think we know so well.

Contributor Bio
Sam Willis is a historian who has made 12 TV series for the BBC and National Geographic, including The Silk Road, and has written 14 books, including The Struggle for Sea Power and In the House of Victory. James Daybell is a historian who has written eight books and appeared in a number of historical BBC TV documentaries.

Histories of the Unexpected: The Romans
Sam Willis, James Daybell

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Histories of the Unexpected: World War II
James Daybell, Sam Willis

Summary
The Histories of the Unexpected series not only presents a new way of thinking about the past, but also reveals the world around us as never before. Traditionally, World War II has been understood in a straightforward way but the period really comes alive if you take an unexpected approach to its history. Yes, battles, bombs and bravery all have a fascinating history . . . but so too do handkerchiefs, furniture, Mozart, insects, blood, mothers, suicide, darkness, cancer and puppets! Each of these subjects is equally fascinating in its own right, and each sheds new light on the traditional subjects and themes that we think we know so well.

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Histories of the Unexpected: The Tudors
James Daybell, Sam Willis

Summary
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Vox Populi
Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Classical World but Were Afraid to Ask
Peter Jones

Summary
In this compelling tour of the classical world, Peter Jones reveals how it is the power, scope and fascination of their ideas that makes the Ancient Greeks and Romans so important and influential today. For over 2,000 years these ideas have gripped Western imagination and been instrumental in the way we think about the world. Covering everything from philosophy, history and architecture to language and grammar, Jones uncovers their astonishing intellectual, political and literary achievements. First published 20 years ago, this fully updated and revised edition is a must-read for anyone who wishes to know more about the classics—and where they came from.

Contributor Bio
Peter Jones taught Classics at Cambridge and at Newcastle University, before retiring in 1997. He has written a regular column, “Ancient & Modern,” in the Spectator for many years and is the author of various books on the Classics, including Learn Latin and Learn Ancient Greek, as well as Veni, Vidi, Vici, Eureka! and Quid Pro Quo.

24 Hours in Ancient China
A Day in the Life of the People Who Lived There
Yijie Zhuang

Summary
Travel back to AD 17, during the fourth year of the reign of Wang Mang of the Han dynasty, a vibrant and innovative era full of conflicts and contradictions. But as different as the Han culture might have been to other great ancient civilizations, the inhabitants of ancient China faced the same problems as people have for time immemorial: earning enough money, coping with workplace dramas and keeping your home in order... although the equivalent in this era was more about bribing inspectors, avoiding bullying from abusive watchmen and trying to keep your house from being looted by Huns. In each chapter we meet one of 24 citizens of this ancient culture, from the midwife to the soldier, the priest to the performer and the blacksmith to the tomb looter, and see what an average day in ancient China really was like.

Contributor Bio
Yijie Zhuang obtained his PhD from the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge. He is now a senior lecturer in Chinese archaeology at the UCL Institute of Archaeology. He edited 30 Second Ancient China.
Dogs in Medieval Manuscripts
Kathleen Walker-Meikle

A fascinating insight into medieval life, now in a gift book format

Summary
Throughout the Middle Ages, medieval manuscripts often featured dogs, from beautiful and loving depictions of man’s best friend, to bloodthirsty illustrations of savage beasts, to more whimsical and humorous interpretations. Featuring stunning illustrations from the British Library’s rich medieval collection, Dogs in Medieval Manuscripts provides—through discussion of dogs both real and imaginary—an astonishing picture of the relationship of dogs to humans in the medieval world. Now in a gift book format.

Contributor Bio
Kathleen Walker-Meikle completed her PhD at University College, London on late-medieval pet keeping. She is currently a research fellow at King’s College, London and writes on medieval and early modern animals and medicine.

Mosaics in Roman Britain
Anthony Beeson

A lavishly illustrated look at the history of Roman mosaics in Britain, from a renowned expert in the field.

Summary
This book covers the development of mosaics in Britain from the invasion to the end of Roman Britain. The technical side of the art form is covered as well as prefabrication. It covers mosaics in towns and rural locations. Many of the mosaics have been lost but are recorded in colored engravings. Included is a pictorial glossary of the mythological creatures found on mosaics and sections relating the myths that are depicted on them. Reconstructions by the author of some sections of figured mosaics based on examples found elsewhere in the empire are included. The author's recent work on the newly discovered Boxford mosaic, the most important mosaic found in Britain for over 50 years, is explored here for the first time.

Contributor Bio
Anthony Beeson is the Hon Archivist of the Association for Roman Archaeology and a member of the Association for the Study and Preservation of Roman Mosaics and has appeared on the television program Time Team.
**Agricola**

**Architect of Roman Britain**

Simon Turney

The only biography of the most famous Roman general since 98AD, exploring his role in the Romanisation of Britain.

**Summary**

Gnaeus Julius Agricola was a man fated for conquest and tied to the island of Britannia. He cut his teeth on military command during the revolt of Boudicca, later commanded a legion against the warlike Brigantes and was finally given the governorship of the province and was able to lead the armies north, incorporating into the empire the wild northern lands that had remained unclaimed for three decades. He broke the back of the Scottish tribes at Mons Graupius and achieved what no other Roman ever managed. Agricola had a settled Britannia in his hands, only to be removed and see it evaporate without him. His biography was written by his nephew Tacitus, Agricola’s life has otherwise never been examined in detail. Here, using the archaeological record and contemporary accounts to compare with Tacitus, we work to uncover the truth about the man who made Roman Britain. Was Tacitus an unreliable narrator?

**Contributor Bio**

Simon Turney is the author of *Caligula* and *Commodus*.

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**Mercia**

**The Rise and Fall of a Kingdom**

Annie Whitehead

New B-format paperback - The extraordinary history of Mercia and its rulers from the seventh century to 1066. Once the supreme Anglo-Saxon kingdom, it was pivotal in the story of England.

**Summary**

Many people know about Wessex, the "Last Kingdom" of the Anglo-Saxons to fall to the Northmen, but another kingdom, Mercia, once enjoyed supremacy over all of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Those interested in the period will surely have heard of Penda, Offa, and Æthelflæd, Lady of the Mercians, but remarkably there is no single book that tells their story in its entirety. Historically, the records are in two halves, pre- and post-Viking, in the way they have been preserved. Pre-Viking, virtually all the source material was written by the victims of Mercian aggression and expansion. Post-Viking, the surviving documents tend to hail from places which were not sacked or burned by the Northmen. The inclusion of those records here allows for the exploration of Mercia post-924. Examining the roles of the great ealdormen in the anti-monastic reaction of the 10th century, through the treachery of Eadric Streona in the 11th, and the last, brave young earls who made a stand against William the Conqueror, this book shows the important role the Mercians played in the forging of the English nation.

**Contributor Bio**

Annie Whitehead’s *To Be A Queen* was Editor’s Choice & Long-listed for Historical Novel Society Indie book of the Year 2016.
Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine

**Founding an Empire**
Matthew Lewis

The powerful medieval couple who formed an empire beyond England, and whose children included Richard the Lionheart and King John.

**Summary**

Henry II was the first Plantagenet king, the founder of England’s most successful and longest ruling dynasty. But Henry did not come to the throne alone. He had married Eleanor of Aquitaine, a formidable and powerful woman 10 years his elder. Eleanor had spent 15 years married to Louis VII of France before he divorced her, only to be angered when she married his young rival. Together, they were a medieval power couple who soon added the ultimate rank of King and Queen Consort to their list of titles. Over the decades, a wedge was driven between the king and Eleanor. Henry imprisoned his wife, fought his elder sons and pinned his hopes on his youngest, whose betrayal was the last straw. This book will chart the early lives of Henry and Eleanor before they became a European power couple, examine the impact of their union on contemporaries and European politics before exploring the birth of the Angevin Empire and the causes of the disintegration of that vast territory.

**Contributor Bio**

**Matthew Lewis** is the author of *Richard, Duke of York* and *The Survival of the Princes in the Tower*.

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The A-Z of the Knights Templar (2nd Edition)

**A Guide to Their History and Legacy**
Gordon Napier

The best single-source reference work on the Templars

**Summary**

The Knights Templar were among the most famous of Christian military orders. Created after the First Crusade of 1096 and endorsed by the Catholic Church in 1129, the Order grew rapidly in membership and power. Templar knights were some of the best equipped, trained, and disciplined fighting units of the Crusades. But when the Holy Land was lost and the Templars suffered crushing defeats, support for the Order faded and rumors about their secret initiation ceremony created mistrust. When the Order suddenly disappeared, disbanded by the Pope, it gave rise to speculation and legends that have kept the name "Templar" alive. From Abbasids to Zion, *The A–Z of the Knights Templar* is an invaluable reference of the places, people, and themes of the Crusades, the Knights Templar, and their legacy.

**Contributor Bio**

**Gordon Napier** graduated with a BA (Honours) in History and Art from University College, Worcester, and has an MA in Crusader Studies from Royal Holloway College, University of London. He is the author of *The Rise and Fall of the Knights Templar*. He has also published articles in *Templar History Magazine*, Canada.
The Book of Merlin
Magic, Legend and History
John Matthews

Merlin remains the most famous and familiar image of the magician we possess. In this new book, Arthurian expert John Matthews examines the many guises of Merlin.

Summary
Merlin remains the most famous and familiar image of the magician we possess. Best known as the advisor of the young King Arthur, he was also a famous seer, whose books of prophecies have been reprinted countless times since the middle ages and are still revived today. He has reappeared in numerous guises in modern times, in film, TV, and fiction, as well as being often studied as an exponent of shamanism, seership and ancient wisdom. This new book traces the historical origin of Merlin as a Celtic King, the later literary forms of his growing legend in the myths of Arthur, and his more recent manifestations in visionary works, film, TV and fantasy writing. Also explored is the important connection between Merlin and the Druids. Spanning the ages and delving into some of the most colorful corners of human history, it presents a new look at an age-old, perennial character.

Contributor Bio
John Matthews has produced over 100 books on myth, faery, the Arthurian Legends and Graal Studies, short stories, poetry and children's books. He has devoted much of the past 40 years to the study of Arthurian Traditions and myth in general. In 2003 he was the historical advisor to the Jerry Bruckheimer movie King Arthur.

The Fens
Discovering England's Ancient Depths
Francis Pryor

A personal, historical journey across one of the most mysterious regions of England, exploring its archaeology, history and landscapes.

Summary
Inland from the Wash, on England’s eastern cost, crisscrossed by substantial rivers and punctuated by soaring church spires, are the low-lying, marshy, and mysterious Fens. Formed by marine and freshwater flooding, and historically wealthy owing to the fertility of their soils, the Fens of Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire are one of the most distinctive, neglected, and extraordinary regions of England. Francis Pryor has the most intimate of connections with this landscape. For some 40 years he has dug its soils as a working archaeologist — making ground-breaking discoveries about the nature of prehistoric settlement in the area — and raising sheep in the flower-growing country between Spalding and Wisbech. In The Fens, he counterpoints the history of the Fenland landscape and its transformation—from Bronze age field systems to Iron Age hillforts; from the rise of prosperous towns such as King’s Lynn, Ely, and Cambridge to the ambitious drainage projects that created the Old and New Bedford Rivers—with the story of his own discovery of it as an archaeologist. Affectionate, richly informati...

Contributor Bio
Francis Pryor is one of Britain's most distinguished living archaeologists, and the excavator of Flag Fen. He is the author of Home, Britain BC, Britain AD, Seahenge, The Making of the British Landscape, and Stonehenge.
The Fall of Christendom
The Road to Acre 1291
W. B. Bartlett

The dramatic Muslim victory over the Crusaders that finally ended the Christian dream of ruling the Middle East.

Summary
In the early middle ages the Christian presence in the Middle East took a series of blows from often superior Muslim forces, only for a fresh wave of Crusaders to regain territory. But the Fall of Acre in 1291 was the dramatic event that finally brought dreams of a Christian Holy Land crashing down. The city was captured by Crusaders 1189-1191. The aftermath was a horrific massacre of 3,000 Muslim prisoners. Three quarters of a century later the Mamluk sultan, Baibars, conquered Crusader. After his death, European visitors assaulted Muslim traders and the sultanate in Cairo reacted with force. Templars and Hospitallers fought alongside secular knights. But Muslim forces killed or enslaved thousands in reprisal for the historic massacres. The Crusaders' campaign to unite Christendom around Jerusalem would never recover.

Contributor Bio

King and Outlaw (2nd Edition)
The Real Robert the Bruce
Chris Brown

Discover the real personality behind the multi-million-dollar Netflix blockbuster Outlaw King

Summary
The iconic figure of Robert the Bruce has gone down through the centuries as one of the most remarkable leaders of all time. With equal parts tenacity and ruthlessness, he had himself crowned King of Scotland after murdering one of his most powerful rivals, and so began the rule of an indomitable military genius unafraid of breaking convention, and more than a few English heads. Indeed, it was under the leadership of King Robert that the Battle of Bannockburn took place—a famous victory snatched by a tiny Scots force against a larger, supposedly more sophisticated English foe. King and Outlaw explores the life of Robert the Bruce, whose history has merged with legend, and reveals the true story of the outlaw king.

Contributor Bio
Chris Brown teaches medieval history for St Andrews and Edinburgh universities, has appeared as consultant on numerous documentaries, and conducts heritage tours at the battlefield sites. He is the author of The Scottish Wars of Independence, Robert the Bruce: A Life Chronicled, and Bannockburn 1314: The Battle 700 Years On.
Henry III (2nd Edition)
The Great King England Never Knew It Had
Darren Baker

Henry III was a determined and dynamic ruler with vision, not the weak and inept king of conventional portrayal.

Summary
Henry III (1207–72) was the longest-serving monarch of England until the modern era. His reign began with a minority in perpetual crisis and ended after the constitutional issues of the day had been settled on the battlefield. Nevertheless, most of his 56 years on the throne were peaceful and prosperous, and saw extraordinary achievements, from the rise of the parliamentary state to the great cathedrals of the land—including Henry’s own enduring contribution, Westminster Abbey. Here, historian Darren Baker presents a detailed account of this fascinating and much maligned monarch who was able to survive at a time when others didn’t. This edition has been updated with appendices.

Contributor Bio
Darren Baker is a translator and historian who earned his degree at the University of Connecticut. He is the author of With All For All: The Life of Simon de Montfort.

The Battle of Verneuil 1424 (2nd Edition)
A Second Agincourt
Richard Wadge

Remarkably, the first book about this decisive battle in the Hundred Years War

Summary
In August, 1424, the armies of England, Scotland, and France met in the open fields outside the walls of Verneuil in a battle that would decide the future of the English conquests in France. The hero king, Henry V, had been dead for two years, and the French felt that this was their chance to avenge their startling defeat at Agincourt, and recover the lands that Henry had won for England. Despite its importance, the battle is largely overlooked in accounts of the Hundred Years War. The Battle of Verneuil 1424 is the first proper account of the battle, and is also one of the first books to outline the important part the Scots played in the wars in France in the years between the two great battles of Agincourt and Verneuil.

Contributor Bio
Richard Wadge has an MA in Medieval Studies from Leeds University and is the author of Arrowstorm: The World of the Archer in the Hundred Years War and Archery in Medieval England: Who Were the Bowmen of Crecy?
Dracula's Wars (2nd Edition)

Vlad the Impaler and his Rivals
James Waterson

First history of the real battles of Vlad the Impaler, detailing bloodthirsty tactics and campaigns

Summary
In a world ruled by petty tyrants and constantly at war, the young Dracula—better known as Vlad the Impaler—was held hostage by the Turks while his father was assassinated and his brother was buried alive. Finally released, Dracula conducted an almighty purge, surrounding his palace with noblemen impaled on stakes. Then he turned his attention to military campaigns against the Turks and Bulgars to consolidate his power. Yet to Romanians and the Pope he was a hero and liberator, fighting to protect his kingdom and countrymen from invasion in a complex and treacherous time. And, as an initiate in the Order of the Dragon, Dracula also played a vital (if not entirely noble) part in the fight against the Ottoman war machine. This book details the good and the bad of this warlord prince, offering a fascinating insight into the violent end of the Middle Ages.

Contributor Bio
James Waterson is the author of Defending Heaven, as well as a trilogy of works on the Middle East: The Ismaili Assassins, The Knights of Islam, and Sacred Swords.

Long Live the King (2nd Edition)

The Mysterious Fate of Edward II
Kathryn Warner

The first book to explore the contentious death and burial of Edward II

Summary
Edward II’s death at Berkeley Castle in 1327, murdered by having a red-hot poker inserted inside him, is one of the most famous and lurid tales in all of English history. But is it true? With the discovery in a Montpellier archive of a remarkable document, an alternative narrative has presented itself: that Edward escaped from Berkeley Castle and made his way to Ireland, to the pope in Avignon and through Brabant, Cologne and Milan to an Italian hermitage. Was Edward in fact alive years after his supposed death? Many of his contemporaries certainly believed that he was, and acted upon that belief. Kathryn Warner explores in detail Edward’s downfall and forced abdication in 1326/27, the role played in it by his wife Isabella of France, the wide variation in chronicule accounts of his murder at Berkeley Castle, and the fascinating possibility that Edward lived on in Italy for many years after his official funeral was held in Gloucester in December 1327.

Contributor Bio
Kathryn Warner is a recognized expert on the reign of Edward II (1307-27).
The Little Book of the Tudors (2nd Edition)
Annie Bullen

This 'Little Book' gives you all the low-down on the daily life of the ordinary people as well as vivid descriptions of the luxury in royal palaces.

Summary
The five Tudor monarchs—Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I—were some of the most influential rulers in British history. This volume explores all aspects of life in the Tudor age, from life at court (and at the grand country estates where Queen Elizabeth paused during her famous "progresses") to the day-to-day activities at the teeming taverns and plague-ridden cities of the Tudor kingdom. With chapters on the people, palaces and pastimes of the age, some amusing secrets of the Tudor medicine cabinet and closet, and stories from some of the most fabulous, eccentric, and opulent entertainments of the age, it will delight anyone with an interest in Tudor history.

Contributor Bio
Annie Bullen is an expert in Royal history. Her previous books include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and William & Catherine: A Royal Wedding Souvenir.

Anna, Duchess of Cleves
The King's 'Beloved Sister'
Heather R. Darsie

New B-format paperback - A fresh look at Anne of Cleves' life as a German noblewoman, and the Continental politics that affected her marriage. Did the doomed union really cause the fall and execution of Thomas Cromwell?

Summary
Anna was the "last woman standing" of Henry VIII's wives—and the only one buried in Westminster Abbey. How did she manage it? Starting with what Anna's life as a child and young woman was like, this book describes the climate of the Cleves court, and the achievements of Anna's siblings. It looks at the political issues on the Continent that transformed Anna's native land of Cleves—notably the court of Anna's brother-in-law, and its influence on Lutheranism—and Anna's blighted marriage. Finally, it explores ways in which Anna influenced her step-daughters Elizabeth and Mary, and the evidence of their good relationships with her. Was the Duchess Anna in fact a political refugee, supported by Henry VIII? Was she a role model for Elizabeth I? Why was the marriage doomed from the outset? By returning to the primary sources and visiting archives and museums all over Europe, a very different figure emerges to the "Flanders Mare."

Contributor Bio
Heather Darsie works as an attorney, runs the website MaidensAndManuscripts.com, and contributes to QueenAnneBoleyn.com and TudorsDynasty.com. She is studying for her Master's in Early Modern History through Northern Illinois University.
The King's Chamberlain
William Sandys of Vyne, Chamberlain to Henry VIII
John Jenkins

The first full biography of a trusted friend of Henry VIII. William Sandys was an important figure in the Tudor court, and this book is an important contribution to the history of the time. It looks at his contributions to county and court life, as well as military affairs.

Summary
This book tells the story of a Hampshire man who, during the reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII, achieved prominence from a relatively modest but well connected background. He was close to centers of power throughout his life and was inevitably involved in the political and religious issues of the time. From the time he fought in the battle of Stoke in 1487, where he was knighted by Henry VII, to his death, he was regarded an outstanding soldier and was feared and respected by his French opponents. Sandys rose from Treasurer of War in the 1512 Spanish campaign and Treasurer of Calais between 1517 and 1526 to become, for the last 14 years of his life, the King's Chamberlain to Henry VIII. In the 1520s he built himself the Vyne mansion, which has been described as a palace and was visited by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I on multiple occasions. He also extended the Holy Ghost Chapel in Basingstoke and converted Mottisfont priory to another mansion.

Contributor Bio
John Jenkins was lead author of a book on the painted glass of Lord Sandys in the Vyne and the Basingstoke Holy Ghost Chapels.

La Reine Blanche
Mary Tudor, A Life in Letters
Sarah Bryson

New B-format paperback - The life of the beautiful Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII, through her own words and letters and the correspondence of those who knew her.

Summary
Mary Tudor’s childhood was overshadowed by the men in her life: her father, Henry VII, and her brothers Arthur, heir to the Tudor throne, and Henry VIII. These men and the beliefs held about women at the time helped to shape Mary’s life. She was trained to be a dutiful wife and at the age of 18 married the French king, Louis XII, 34 years her senior. When her husband died three months after the marriage, Mary took charge of her life and shaped her own destiny. As a young widow, had the opportunity to show the world the strong, self-willed, determined woman she always had been. She remarried for love and at great personal risk to herself. She loved and respected Katherine of Aragon and despised Anne Boleyn—a dangerous position to take. Sarah Bryson has returned to primary sources, state papers and letters, to unearth the truth about Mary Tudor, whose story is told through her own words for the first time.

Contributor Bio
Sarah Bryson has run a website dedicated to Tudor history for many years and is the author of Mary Boleyn: In a Nutshell and Charles Brandon: The King's Man.
Tudor King in All but Name (2nd Edition)
The Life of Edward Seymour
Margaret Scard

The first full biography of Edward Seymour, kinsman of Tudor royalty, from Lord Protector of England to the block.

Summary
In January 1547 Henry VIII lay dying. All England waited to see who would hold the reins of power until nine-year-old Edward VI came of age. Within days, the privy council overturned the terms of his will and Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset was named Lord Protector. For nearly three years, Somerset was the most powerful man in England. But though he was a skilled soldier and leader on the battlefield, Somerset's political skills were not so well-honed. His single-mindedness and his overbearing attitude towards the privy Councillors alienated the very men whose support he most needed. His religious reform was his greatest success and the establishment of the Book of Common Prayer, which laid the foundation of the Anglican Church, his most enduring achievement. However, his efforts to lessen the authoritarian rule imposed by Henry VIII and to improve the well-being of the common folk led to widespread rebellion, and as his attempt to subdue the Scots failed, England faced war with France. To the people Edward Seymour was the 'Good Duke'. To his fellow Councillors he was a traitor.

Contributor Bio
Margaret Scard is the author of Tudor Survivor: The Life and Times of William Paulet.

1520: The Field of the Cloth of Gold
Amy Licence

The five hundredth anniversary of a momentous and spectacular meeting between two rival Renaissance monarchs; a failed bid for peace in Europe.

Summary
1520 explores the characters of two larger-than-life kings, whose rivalry and love-hate relations added a feisty edge to European relations in the early 16th century. What propelled them to meet, and how did each vie to outdo the other in feats of strength and yards of gold cloth? Everyone who was anyone in 1520 was there. But why were the flower of England's nobility transported across the Channel, and how were they catered for? What did this temporary, fairy-tale village erected in a French field look like, feel like and smell like? This book explores not only the political dimension of their meeting, and the difficult triangle they established with Emperor Charles V, but also the material culture behind the scenes. While the courtiers attended masques, dances, feasts and jousts, an army of servants toiled in the temporary village created specially for that summer. Who were the men and women behind the scenes? And what was the long-term result of the meeting, of that sea of golden tents and fountains spouting wine?

Contributor Bio
Amy Licence is the author of In Bed With the Tudors, Anne Boleyn, and Living In Squares, Loving In Triangles: The Lives and Loves of Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Group.
Shakespeare and the Making of America
Kevin J. Hayes

Utilising new and original research, Kevin J. Hayes looks at the role and influence of Shakespeare in eighteenth century America. Hayes, winner of the 2018 George Washington Book Prize, offers an exciting new perspective on the history of both Shakespeare scholarship and the United States.

Summary
This book traces the history of reading Shakespeare in British North America during the 18th century, a story that goes from Drury Lane Theatre in London to the backwoods of South Carolina to the back alleys of Boston to Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Hayes looks at how the Founding Fathers read, understood, and applied the words of Shakespeare to suit a new nation. Shakespeare's plays were not just read for entertainment; they were also appreciated for their insights into the human condition. American writers quoted Shakespeare to justify their actions during the French and Indian War, the Stamp Act crisis, and the Revolutionary War. Echoes of Shakespeare can be heard in some of the most fundamental documents in American history: the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Contributor Bio
Kevin J. Hayes, Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Central Oklahoma, now lives and writes in Toledo, Ohio. He is the author of George Washington: A Life in Books, which has won the 2018 George Washington Book Prize; The Mind of a Patriot: Patrick Henry and the World of Ideas; and The Road to Monticello: Thomas Jefferson and the Life of the Mind.

The Mayflower in Britain
How an Icon Was Made in London
Graham Taylor

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Mayflower, Graham Taylor focuses on the ship's place in British history and its fascinating history tied to the city of London.

Summary
This book looks at the story of the Mayflower from the British point of view, and from the viewpoint of British democracy. The tale usually told is of a romantic departure from Plymouth, Devon, and a romantic arrival in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In fact, the voyage arose out of grim negotiations in London. It was financed and organized by investors in the City of London and its religious element was supplied by an underground church in Southwark, London. It sailed to America probably from Blackwall, in what is now London, and the ship's crew lived in Rotherhithe—also now London. The ship did not intend to go to Plymouth, Devon, but was forced to call in there for repairs. In America they did not know where to land. Yet the Pilgrims took on board a precious cargo—a democratic spirit from London mellowed by a tolerance learned in Holland. This spirit did not just inspire American democracy but acted as a shining example to those in Britain they left behind. The same communities in London that planned the voyage of the Mayflower generated the English Civil War.

Contributor Bio
Graham Taylor lectured in History at West London College.
Mayflower (2nd Edition)
The Voyage that Changed the World
Christopher Hilton

The complete story of the Pilgrims, whose vibrant self-determination inspired generations of migrants the world over.

Summary
The little band of Puritan emigres that left Southampton in 1620 to found a godly colony in Virginia (as the eastern seaboard of the North American continent was known then) carried with them the ideological seed-corn of a new nation. They were leaving England so that they could worship God in the way their conscience told them was right but in fact they were the forerunners of the greatest feat of nation-building in the early modern world. The vibrant self-determination of these protestant exiles would play an important part in precipitating the imperial conflict with Britain after 1763 and would later stand at the core of the American ideal during the centuries after Independence, providing a powerful pull factor for aspirant migrants the world over. Mayflower is the story of their voyage, their settlement in New England, and the influence they had on the forging of a nation.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Hilton was a writer and journalist. Among his published works were The Wall: The People’s Story and The Women’s War: Voices from September 11.

Forbidden Wife
The Life and Trials of Lady Augusta Murray
Julia Abel Smith

The first and definitive tale of the tumultuous and tragic life of Lady Augusta Murray, the forbidden wife of a royal prince in Georgian England.

Summary
On the night of April 4, 1793, two lovers were preparing to compel a cleric to perform a secret ceremony. The wedding of the sixth son of King George III to the daughter of the Earl of Dunmore would not only be concealed—it would also be illegal. Lady Augusta Murray had known Prince Augustus Frederick for only three months, but they had fallen deeply in love and were desperate to be married. However, the Royal Marriages Act forbade such a union without the King’s permission, and going ahead with the ceremony would change Augusta’s life forever. From a beautiful socialite she became a social pariah; her children were declared illegitimate and her family was scorned. Forbidden Wife uses material from the Royal Archives and the Dunmore family papers to create a dramatic biography set in the reigns of Kings George III and IV against the background of the American and French Revolutions.

Contributor Bio
Julia Abel Smith has a degree in History of Art, which she has used in a long career with The Landmark Trust and more recently with Art UK. She has written for Country Life and House & Garden magazines, and is the author of Augusta's entry in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.
The World of Isaac Newton
Toni Mount

Isaac Newton and the England he knew: the people, places and events that shaped history’s greatest scientist.

Summary
For nine decades, Isaac Newton bestrode the world of science, becoming a colossus of experimentation, discovery and philosophy. How did a 17th-century Lincolnshire farm-boy become one of the most influential scientists of all time, his work still relevant to us today and for our future? This fascinating new biography explores not only Newton’s world and his times but the earlier ideas that were the foundation for his breakthroughs in science and those people around him who influenced his work. His later career at the Royal Mint and his heretical views on religion are considered as extensions of his philosophical thoughts. From school mathematics to space exploration, from laser surgical techniques to artificial intelligence, Newton is here in our everyday lives: the man who changed the world.

Contributor Bio
Toni Mount is the author of The Medieval Housewife, Medieval Medicine, and Everyday Life in Medieval London.

The French Revolution
David Andress

A short and controversial new interpretation of arguably the most important revolution of all time: the event that made the rights of man and the demand for liberty, equality and fraternity central to modern politics.

Summary
In this miraculously compressed, incisive book, David Andress argues that it was the peasantry of France who made and defended the Revolution of 1789. That the peasant revolution benefited far more people, in more far reaching ways, than the revolution of lawyerly elites and urban radicals that has dominated our view of the revolutionary period. History has paid more attention to Robespierre, Danton, and Bonaparte than it has to the millions of French peasants who were the first to rise up in 1789, and the most ardent in defending changes in land ownership and political rights. "Those furthest from the centre rarely get their fair share of the light," Andress writes, and the peasants were patronized, reviled, and often persecuted by urban elites for not following their lead. Andress's book reveals a rural world of conscious, hard-working people and their struggles to defend their ways of life and improve the lives of their children and communities.

Contributor Bio
David Andress is one of Britain's finest interpreters of the 18th and 19th centuries. His books include The French Revolution and the People, The Terror, 1789, and Cultural Dementia: How the West Has Lost Its History and Risks Losing Everything Else.
Living Dangerously
The Hazardous World of the Victorians
Ian Gregory

Mishaps and misadventures reported over the whole of the 19th century present a remarkable new social history of the period.

Summary
This collection of mishaps and tragedies can teach us a lot about how the people of the 19th century traveled, worked, worshipped, played, loved, lived and sometimes died. “21 October 1810: On Thursday night as two young women were ascending a coal pit, at Auchenlarie, a few miles from Glasgow, in which they were employed, the catch of the bucket, when near the mouth of the pit, unfortunately lost its hold, when they were precipitated to the bottom, a distance of thirty fathoms. One of them was killed on the spot and the other only survived a few hours.” 2 October 1899: “Mr. Pilcher, a clever young inventor had given several years to the study of flying machines, and had from personal acquaintance with Mr. Hiram Maxim so realized the difficulties to be overcome that he manufactured a machine on the lines of that designed by Herr Lilienthal as being, in his opinion, the nearest to perfection ... a sharp gust of wind came and the tail of the apparatus snapped.” Pilcher died two days later.

Contributor Bio
Ian Gregory spent several years investigating the extraordinary stories provided here.

The True Face of Jack the Ripper
Melvin Harris

Summary
Jack the Ripper was the name given to an unidentified serial killer who murdered five women in and around the Whitechapel district of London in 1888. Attacks ascribed to the Ripper typically involved female prostitutes who worked in the slums of London and whose throats were cut prior to abdominal mutilations. The removal of internal organs from at least three of the victims led to the suspicion that their killer possessed surgical knowledge. Author Melvin Harris spent years of research examining and discarding many fake documents and falsified testimonies in his quest for the true Ripper. He had to unravel the many dubious theories which have led to wrong identifications including unfounded speculation that a member of the Royal family could have been the Ripper. He believed that the evidence, meticulously documented in this book, leads to one man who was interviewed by the police at the time of the murders and had inside information on all of them. Using FBI techniques for identifying serial killers, he built a totally convincing case against the suspect and presented a mass of unp...

Contributor Bio
Melvin Harris worked in the film and theater industry. He was interested in solving mysteries and worked for the 15-minute slot on BBC Radio 4 called "Strange to Relate."
The Baltic Story
A Thousand-Year History of Its Lands, Sea and Peoples
Caroline Boggis-Rolfe

New B-format paperback - The Baltic Story recounts the shared history of the countries around the Baltic, from the events of a thousand years ago to the present day.

Summary
Focusing on key events and episodes, this book shows the ties of blood and commerce that have bound the different lands that lie today in Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Western Russia, Belarus, and Eastern Germany. This story encompasses the foundation, rise and fall of some of Europe's greatest dynasties and cities, including St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Warsaw and Berlin. From the growth of monarchical power and the rise of autocracy, it then looks at the period of the Enlightenment, in particular at the achievements of Frederick II of Prussia and Catherine II. It considers the problems facing Poland's last king and the events that ended with the country's collapse. And it shows how new Enlightenment thinking influenced Denmark and Sweden, and rocked the monarchies. It shows the threat of Napoleon's France to the Baltic and the impact of both World War I and the Russian Revolution, which led to the re-shaping and establishing of states.

Contributor Bio
Caroline Boggis-Rolfe regularly visits the Baltic as a guest lecturer.

The Great War
The Western Front 1914 - 1918
Mike Lepine

Summary
This beautifully illustrated book provides a detailed explanation of why war broke out and how technology and tactics developed throughout the conflict that determined which battles were won and lost and how these were crucial to the eventual outcome. With more than 120 hundred images, together with battle maps, this is a detailed history of the story of the Western Front.

Contributor Bio
Mike Lepine is the author of more than 35 books and has been published throughout the world.
SOE Heroines
The Special Operations Executive's French Section and Free French Women Agents
Bernard O'Connor

New B-format paperback - The amazing stories of 38 female spies who operated in occupied France and Vichy France, many told for the very first time.

Summary
Nearly 40 female agents were sent out by the French section of Britain’s Special Operations Executive (SOE) during World War II. The youngest was 19 and the oldest 53. Most were trained in paramilitary warfare, fieldcraft, the use of weapons and explosives, sabotage, silent killing, parachuting, codes and cyphers, wireless transmission and receiving, and general spycraft. These women—as well as others from clandestine Allied organizations—were flown out and parachuted or landed into France on vital and highly dangerous missions: their task, to work with resistance movements both before and after D-Day. Bernard O’Connor uses recently declassified government documents, personnel files, mission reports and memoirs to assess the successes and failures of the 38 women including Odette Sansom, Denise Colin, and Cécile Pichard. Of the 12 who were captured, only two survived; the others were executed, some after being tortured by the sadistic officers of the Gestapo. This is their story.

Contributor Bio
Bernard O’Connor is the author of Churchill’s Angels and Churchill’s School for Saboteurs.

'Buster' Crabb (3rd Edition)
Ian Fleming’s Favourite Spy, The Inspiration for James Bond
Don Hale

The true story behind the mysterious death of 'Buster' Crabb, an inspiration for James Bond, and subject of one of the most compelling mysteries of the Cold War

Summary
This book reveals details on Crabb’s life and death, and has been revised and updated with additional information, and exclusive drawings and photographs from the late Noel Ashford, who trained with Crabb. Commander Lionel "Buster" Crabb was the inspiration for James Bond. Fleming's favorite real-life spy, Crabb was a drinker and a gambler, who loved women, fast cars, and gadgets. A British naval frogman and bomb disposal expert, he worked under Fleming during World War II at Naval Intelligence and went on to conduct covert operations for SIS and M15. Elements from Crabb's dangerous missions and eccentric lifestyle were incorporated into Fleming's novels. His inventions also sparked the role of Q; Miss Moneypenny was based on Crabb's aunt; and his underwater battle became a crucial scene in Thunderball. Crabb disappeared in 1957 following a secret dive beneath a Russian warship. One year later, a decapitated and handless body was found, sparking a major row between the government, the secret services, and the Admiralty that still smoulders today.

Contributor Bio
Don Hale is a writer, journalist, editor, and investigative journalist.
The Solitary Spy (2nd Edition)
A Political Prisoner in Cold War Berlin
Douglas Boyd

A unique account of the terrifying experience of incarceration and interrogation in an East German political prison, from which Boyd eventually escaped one step ahead of the KGB.

Summary
Of the 2.3 million National Servicemen conscripted during the Cold War, 5,000 attended the secret Joint Services School for Linguists, tasked with supplying much-needed Russian speakers to the services. After training, they were sent to the front lines in Germany and elsewhere to snoop on Russian aircraft. Posted to RAF Gatow in Berlin, Douglas Boyd came to know Hitler’s devastated former capital, divided as it was into Soviet, French, US and British sectors. He describes the SIGINT work, his subsequent arrest by armed Stasi soldiers one night on the border, and how he became one of the most important political prisoners in Cold War Berlin.

Contributor Bio
Back in civilian life, Douglas Boyd spent several years at the height of the Cold War dealing with Soviet bloc film and TV officials, some of whom were undercover intelligence officers.

Poland Alone (3rd Edition)
Britain, SOE and the Collapse of the Polish Resistance, 1944
Jonathan Walker

A gripping account of Polish resistance during the Second World War

Summary
Poland was the "tripwire" that brought Britain into the World War II but neither Britain, nor Poland’s older ally, France, had the material means to prevent Poland being overrun. Poland Alone focuses on the climactic year of 1944 when the Polish resistance attempted to gain control of Warsaw from the Germans. A bloody uprising ensued, but little help was received from the Allies. After the Warsaw Poles were massacred, the Red Army finally moved into the city and then occupied the whole country. This book examines whether Britain could have done more to save the Polish people and the Holocaust victims. While Allied political and military leaders clashed over the level of support for the Poles, SOE, RAF and Intelligence personnel fought a bitter covert war to help the Polish resistance fighters. The war ended with over 5 million Poles dead. Had Britain betrayed her ally?

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Walker is a member of the British Commission for Military History and an Honorary Research Associate at the University of Birmingham. Poland Alone has been translated into Polish to great acclaim.
The Spy Runner
Ronnie Reed and Agent Zigzag, Operation Mincemeat and the Cambridge Spies
Nicholas Reed

The life of Major Ronnie Reed, legendary MI5 officer from 1942 to 1976, is revealed in his only interview, recorded by his son.

Summary
Major Ronnie Reed was case officer for the infamous Agent Zigzag and the face behind Operation Mincemeat. But how did this young BBC radio operator, with no money and qualifications to speak of, reach such an important position in his twenties? Why did Agent Zigzag (Eddie Chapman) give Ronnie his Iron Cross, awarded to Zigzag by Hitler himself? And how, within 10 years following World War II, did Ronnie find himself heading the anti-Russian department of MI5, dealing with notorious spies such as Philby, Burgess and Maclean? In an interview filmed in 1994, shortly before Ronnie's death, he revealed his remarkable story to his son, Nicholas. Here, Nicolas Reed reproduces that interview and fills in the background.

Contributor Bio
Nicholas Reed is the author of five books on French Impressionists in England. He is the son of legendary MI5 officer Ronnie Reed.

Letters from the Blitz
Telling America the Truth about the British Experience of War
Richard MacAlpine

When Britain stood alone in the early years of the Second World War, a British woman began a letter-writing campaign to prove her nation remained strong in the face of adversity.

Summary
When Britain stood alone against the might of Nazi Germany in the early years of World War II, Winifred Graville of Sheffield, a gardener, writer, and speaker well known in her local area, wrote a series of letters to her American cousin in Penn Yan, New York. At a time when American public opinion was strictly isolationist, Winifred's cousin convinced the editor to publish excerpts from 150 letters hoping to influence public opinion in a small way. Miss Graville's letters vividly described the hardships and typical daily struggles her city experienced during the Blitz. At times poignant, often humorous, and always beautifully written and full of detail, they clearly illustrate the "Keep Calm and Carry On" attitude of the British people during that difficult time.

Contributor Bio
Richard MacAlpine spent his career as a teacher of American and World History, including Advanced Placement, for 33 years in Oneida High School in Oneida, New York 1968-2001. In retirement, he moved to Penn Yan, New York and became active in the Yates County History Center. Since 2008, he has been the editor and chief writer for Yates Past, the history center’s bimonthly publication. He has published five books.
**Slaughter on the Eastern Front (2nd Edition)**

**Hitler and Stalin’s War 1941-1945**

Anthony Tucker-Jones

In his major reassessment of the war on the Eastern Front, Anthony Tucker-Jones casts new light on the brutal fighting on the Eastern Front, in such astounding German defeats as at Stalingrad and Kursk.

**Summary**

In the summer of 1941, Adolf Hitler and his senior generals convinced themselves that they could take on and defeat the Soviet Union. Foolishly, they thought in a swift campaign they could smash the Red Army and force Stalin to sue for peace, despite dire warnings that Stalin was amassing a reserve army of more than 1 million men on the Volga. The end result would tear the German forces apart. This major reassessment casts new light on the brutal fighting, including such astounding German defeats as at Stalingrad, Kursk, Minsk and, finally, Berlin. Step by step, it describes how the German war machine fought against a relentless enemy, fully aware that defeat was inevitable.

**Contributor Bio**

**Anthony Tucker-Jones** spent nearly 20 years in the British Intelligence Community before establishing himself as a defense writer and military historian.

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**One of the Few (3rd Edition)**

**A Story of Personal Challenge through the Battle of Britain and Beyond**

Johnny Kent, Alexandra Kent

The gripping autobiography of a man whose air force career firmly proved him to be 'One of the Few'

**Summary**

Group Captain Johnny Kent was the leader of one of the most successful fighter squadrons of World War II. His leadership helped the 303 Polish Squadron play a decisive role in the Battle of Britain, and earned him the highest Polish military award, the Virtuti Militari as well as the affectionate nickname "Kentowski." Kent's 1971 memoirs tell the story of his life in the RAF. This new edition includes an introductory chapter and epilogue by his daughter that places his story into the broader context of his life as a son, husband, and father. The book now raises poignant questions about what it meant to earn the distinction of being "One of the Few."

**Contributor Bio**

**Johnny Kent** grew up in Winnipeg and became the youngest licensed pilot in Canada at 17. He was constantly on the lookout for a career in flying, and his chance came when he was offered an RAF commission in the 1930s. He published his memoirs in 1971 and died in 1985. **Alexandra Kent** is his daughter.
Attlee and Churchill
Allies in War, Adversaries in Peace
Leo McKinstry

Summary
Throughout history there has never been a connection like that between Clement Attlee and Winston Churchill, leaders of their respective parties for a total of 35 years. Brought together in the epoch-making circumstances of World War II, they forged a partnership that transcended party lines, before going on to face each other in two of Britain's most important and influential general elections. Based on extensive research and archival material, this book provides a host of new insights. From the bizarre coincidence that they shared a governess, to their explosive wartime clashes over domestic policy and reconstruction; and from Britain's post-war nuclear weapons program, which Attlee kept hidden from Churchill and his own Labor Party, to the private correspondence between the two men in later life, which demonstrates their friendliness despite all the political antagonism, Leo McKinstry tells the intertwined story of these two political titans. This gripping narrative provides a fresh perspective on two of the most compelling leaders of the mid-20th century while also bringing to li...

Contributor Bio
Leo McKinstry is a World War II historian and author of Operation Sea Lion. She writes regularly for the Daily Mail, Sunday Telegraph and Spectator.

The Battle of Britain: 80th Anniversary 1940 - 2020
80th Anniversary 1940 - 2020
Mike Lepine

Summary
This highly illustrated book is packed with great stories of aerial combat and being shot down; of the classic fighters that they flew and fought in and against; of making and losing friends and colleagues; of a strained social life in the midst of battle; and, most of all, of standing steadfast in the face of overwhelming odds. Of those pilots who courageously flew their Spitfires and Hurricanes against the Luftwaffe barely a handful remain. The authors have interviewed no less than 18 survivors and it is their memories and anecdotes that make this book unique.

Contributor Bio
Mike Lepine is the author of more than 35 books and has been published throughout the world.
The Indian Contingent
The Forgotten Muslim Soldiers of Dunkirk
Ghee Bowman

The definitive, engaging and previously little-known account of the 615 Indian men who were at the Dunkirk evacuation

Summary
May 28, 1940: Major Akbar Khan of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps marches at the head of 299 soldiers along the beach at Dunkirk—the only Indians in the BEF in France and the only ones at Dunkirk. These men of the Indian Army, carrying their disabled imam, find their way to the East Mole and embark for England in the dead of night. On reaching Dover, they borrowed brass trays and started playing Punjabi folk music, upon which even "many British spectators joined in the dance." Where had they come from and why were they in France? And what happened to them after that? Ghee Bowman reveals in full, for the first time, the story of these soldiers, from their arrival in France on December 26, 1939 to their return at war’s end to an India on the verge of partition. It is one of the war’s hidden stories that casts fresh light on Britain and its empire.

Contributor Bio
Ghee Bowman is a seasoned public speaker and has spoken on Force K6 of the British Indian Army numerous times over the past few years.

The Battles for Kokoda Plateau
Three Weeks of Hell Defending the Gateway to the Owen Stanleys
David W. Cameron

Summary
On July 21, 1942, a large Japanese reconnaissance mission landed along the north-eastern coastline of Papua, soon turning into an all-out attempt to capture Port Morseby. This is the powerful story of the three weeks of battle by a small Australian militia force to keep the Japanese at bay. Outnumbered by at least three to one, they fought to hold the Kokoda Plateau—the gateway to the Owen Stanleys. Desperately short of ammunition and food and stranded in the fetid swamps and lowland jungles, they did everything they could to keep the Kokoda airstrip out of Japanese hands. Not far away, desperately trying to reach the Australians, were two groups of Anglican missionaries trapped behind enemy lines. With each passing day the parties grew, joined by lost Australian soldiers and downed U.S. airmen. Using letters, diaries, and other first-hand accounts, David W. Cameron has for the first time written a detailed, compelling account of what occurred at the northern foot of the Owen Stanleys in late July and early August 1942.

Contributor Bio
David W. Cameron is the author of Gallipoli: the Final Battles and Evacuation of the ANZAC.
**The Buried Spitfires of Burma**

**A 'Fake' History**

Andy Brockman, Tracy Spaight

An enthralling historical detective story of a dream becoming an obsession, in a post-truth world of 'alternative facts' and 'fake news'

**Summary**

This is the story of Lincolnshire farmer David Cundall’s quixotic quest to unearth dozens of Spitfire fighters he believes were buried at the end of WWII. Armed with a high-tech survey showing mysterious shapes under the sunbaked surface of Yangon Airport, David’s expedition is equipped with state of the art JCB excavators, supported by a crack team of archaeologists, and bankrolled by Wargaming.net. This real-life treasure hunt, an enthralling mix of Indiana Jones and Sherlock Holmes, took a team of researchers deep into Myanmar on a quest to find legendary Spitfires. But instead, the team unearths a tale of fake history highlighting the conflict between those who believe and those who demand evidence.

**Contributor Bio**

**Andy Brockman** specializes in the archaeology of modern conflict, and directed excavations on the Burma spitfires, Home Guard training school, and anti-aircraft gun sites in London. A historical advisor for Channel 5, Channel 4, the BBC, and Time Team, he owns heritage current affairs website thePipeLine, and writes for Britain at War. **Tracy Spaight** is Director of Special Projects at Wargaming.net.

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**The Merlin**

**The Engine That Won the Second World War**

Gordon A. A. Wilson, Steve Hinton

New B-format paperback - First ever narrative history of the famous aero engine that powered the Spitfire, Hurricane, Lancaster, Mosquito and Mustang, the aircraft that made the difference between victory and defeat at critical moments in the Second World War - the Battle of Britain and the allied a...

**Summary**

The Rolls-Royce Merlin powered the Battle of Britain aircraft, the Spitfire and Hurricane, as they defended the shores of Britain against the Luftwaffe in summer 1940. It also powered the Lancasters and Halifaxes of Bomber Command as they went on their missions of destruction to the German heartland. For Americans, the Merlin was the power plant of the Mustang escort fighter that protected the US Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress and B-29 Super Fortress bombers on their daylight raids to the enemy. This book tells the human story of the development of the engine and its operational use during the war, featuring the voices of air crew who relied on this technological tour de force.

**Contributor Bio**

**Gordon A. A. Wilson** flew with the Canadian air forces 414 Electronic Warfare Squadron, and subsequently flew for 30 years for a major airline. Since retiring has worked as an instructor for Air Canada and as an aviation consultant writing manuals. His other books include NORAD and the Soviet Nuclear Threat. He lives in British Columbia.
Radio Girl
The Story of the Extraordinary Mrs Mac, Pioneering Engineer and Wartime Legend
David Dufty

Summary
As you climbed the rickety stairs of an old woolshed at Sydney harbor in 1944, you could hear rows of men and women in uniforms and headsets tapping away vigorously at small machines, under the careful watch of their young female trainers. Presiding over the cacophony was a tiny woman, known to everyone as "Mrs Mac," one of Australia's wartime legends. A smart girl from a poor mining town, Violet McKenzie became an electrical engineer, a pioneer of radio, and a businesswoman. As the clouds of war gathered in the 1930s, she trained young women in Morse code, foreseeing that their services would soon be needed. She was instrumental in getting Australian women into the armed forces. Mrs Mac was adored by the thousands of young women and men she trained, and she came to be respected by the defense forces and the public too for her vision and contribution to the war effort. David Dufty brings her story to life in this heartwarming and captivating biography.

Contributor Bio

D-Day Through German Eyes
How the Wehrmacht Lost France
Jonathan Trigg

Summary
Berlin knew the D-Day invasion was coming, so how did the Germans view the impending invasion and campaign? Previous histories have focused on the "clash of the generals" but this battle would be fought by divisional and regimental commanders: the "German D-Day colonels" upon whom the real business of trying to defeat the invasion fell—it was they and their men who somehow held Normandy for 10 whole weeks. Their men included Waffen-SS stormtroopers through to bewildered teenagers, old men, "recycled" invalids, and even anti-communist Eastern legions. Told through the words of the veterans.

Contributor Bio
Before Wallis (2nd Edition)
Edward VIII’s Other Women
Rachel Trethewey

First history to explore the women Edward VIII loved before Wallis Simpson dominated his life

Summary
Wallis Simpson is known as the woman who stole the king’s heart and rocked the monarchy—but she was not Edward VIII’s first or only love. This book is about the women he adored before Wallis dominated his life. There was Rosemary Leveson-Gower, the girl he wanted to marry and who would have been the perfect match for a future king; and the Prince’s long-term mistress, Freda Dudley Ward, who exerted a pull almost equal to Wallis over her lover, but abided by the rules of the game and never expected to marry him. Then there was Thelma Furness, his twice-married American lover, who enjoyed a domestic life with him, but realized it could not last forever and demanded nothing more than to be his mistress—and fatefuly introduced him to Wallis. Each of the three women in this book could have changed the course of history. By examining their lives and impact on the heir to the throne, we question whether Edward ever really wanted to be king.

Contributor Bio
Rachel Trethewey regularly reviews historical books and biographies for The Independent. She is the author of Pearls Before Poppies.

Adventuress
The Life and Loves of Lucy, Lady Houston
Teresa Crompton

Lucy, Lady Houston’s extraordinary life is revealed here in full for the first time

Summary
In the 1930s, Lady Lucy Houston was one of the richest women in England and was a household name, notorious for her virulent criticisms of the government. As young Fanny Radmall, she had set out to conquer the world armed with only looks and self-confidence. She exploited the wealth and status of successive lovers to push her way into high society. She achieved public recognition as an ardent suffragette, war worker, and philanthropist. Having won control of her third husband’s vast fortune, she enjoyed wealth, but she wanted more. Lady Houston financed the first flight over Mount Everest, backed secret military research, and facilitated the development of the Spitfire aircraft. Engaging with famous contemporaries such as Winston Churchill and Oswald Mosley, Lucy sought her own public voice and so purchased a newspaper. Seeking to expose the Prime Minister as a Soviet agent and promote Edward VIII as England’s dictator, Lucy was loved as a patriot but loathed as a troublemaker. Adventuress draws upon hitherto unpublished archival material to reveal how Lucy Houston achieved her fame...

Contributor Bio
Teresa Crompton is a historian and the author of several books.
**The Grit in the Pearl (2nd Edition)**

**The Scandalous Life of Margaret, Duchess of Argyll**

Lyndsy Spence

An updated paperback edition of Lyndsy Spence’s bestselling biography of a socialite whose scandalous divorce shocked the country

**Summary**

Now updated from the hardcover edition, this meticulously researched and powerful biography acts as a potent lens on fame, privacy, the media, sex, power, and relationships between classes. Margaret, Duchess of Argyll (1912-1993) was an international celebrity in her youth, adored by millions. But in 1963, the year of the Profumo Affair, the 11th Duke of Argyll shocked the country when he alleged that his adulterous wife had slept with more than 80 men behind his back. He produced a set of sexually explicit Polaroids and explosive love letters. The duke won a divorce, but this had a dramatic effect on Margaret's life. On the verge of financial destitution, she was abandoned by most of her friends prior to her death in a nursing home in 1993. Lyndsy Spence tells a tragic story of the life of this fascinatingly complex woman, and shows how she fell victim to a cruel husband, harsh social mores, and an unforgiving class.

**Contributor Bio**

**Lyndsy Spence** is a book reviewer for The Lady and the founder of The Mitford Society. Her previous books include *The Mistress of Mayfair: Men, Money and the Marriage of Doris Delevingne* and *Mrs Guinness: The Rise and Fall of Diana Mitford, the Thirties Socialite*.

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**I Spy**

**My Life in MI5**

Tom Marcus

The explosive book from an ex-MI5 surveillance officer takes the reader on a non-stop, adrenaline-fueled ride

**Summary**

Tom spent years working covertly to stop those who want to do us harm. In his memoir *Soldier Spy*, he told how he was recruited and described some of his top-secret operations. In *I Spy*, he takes us deeper undercover as he puts his life on the line once more. *I Spy* plunges the reader straight into the action as Tom and his team race to prevent terrorists from causing carnage on our streets and outsmart Russian agents, blocking a daring plot that threatens the security of the UK. Relying on their quick wits, training, and courage, the extraordinary men and women of MI5 are under intense pressure every day. Not everyone is suited for the work, and Tom shows how the incredibly tough challenges he faced growing up gave him the mental strength and skills to survive in a dangerous world. Gritty and eye-opening, this is a unique insight into a hidden war and the sacrifices made by those who fight it. You will never take your safety for granted again.

**Contributor Bio**

**Tom Marcus**, former MI5, joined the Army at 16 and went on to became the youngest member of the Armed Forces to pass the 6-month selection process for Special Operations in Northern Ireland. He was hand picked from the Army into MI5 as a Surveillance Officer. He left the Security Service after a decade on the frontline. He is the author of *Soldier Spy*, which has been vetted and cleared for publication by MI5.
The War that Never Ended
A Short History of the Korean War
Gordon Kerr

Summary
The Korean War of 1950-1953 ended in a frustrating stalemate, the echoes of which reverberate to this day. It was the only conflict of the Cold War in which forces of major nations of the two opposing systems—capitalism and communism—confronted each other on the battlefield. And yet, in the decades since it was fought it has been strangely neglected, perhaps because no one was able to claim the victor's spoils. This book details the origins, battles, politics and personalities of the Korean War, a war for which no peace treaty was ever signed.

Contributor Bio
Gordon Kerr worked in bookselling and publishing before becoming a full-time writer. He is the author of several titles including A Short History of Europe, A Short History of Africa, A Short History of China, A Short History of Brazil, A Short History of the First World War, A Short History of the Vietnam War, A Short History of the Middle East and A Short History of Religion.

Trinity
The Treachery and Pursuit of the Most Dangerous Spy in History
Frank Close

Summary
"Trinity" was the codename for the test explosion of the atomic bomb in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. This exceptional book tells the story of the bomb's metaphorical father, Rudolf Peierls; his intellectual son, the atomic spy, Klaus Fuchs, and the ghosts of the security services in Britain, the USA and USSR. Against the background of pre-war Nazi Germany, World War II and the following Cold War, the book traces how Peierls brought Fuchs into his family and his laboratory, how Fuchs became a spy, his motivations and the information he passed to his Soviet contacts, including after he went with Peierls to join the Manhattan Project 1944. Frank Close is himself a distinguished nuclear physicist: uniquely, the book explains the science as well as the spying. In 1951, the US Congressional Committee on Atomic Espionage concluded, "Fuchs alone has influenced the safety of more people and accomplished greater damage than any other spy not only in the history of the United States, but in the history of nations." This book is the most comprehensive account yet published of these events, and o...

Contributor Bio
Frank Close is Professor Emeritus of Theoretical Physics at Oxford University and Fellow Emeritus in Physics at Exeter College, Oxford. He was formerly Head of the Theoretical Physics Division at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell, vice president of the British Association for Advancement of Science and Head of Communications and Public Education at CERN. He was awarded the Kelvin Medal of the Institute of Physics in 1996, an OBE for "services to research and the public understanding of science" in 2000, and the Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize for communicating science in 2013. As a young man he worked with Rudolf Peierls, in circumstances he describes in this book.
**USAFE in the 1980s**
Adrian Symonds

The lavishly illustrated story of the United States Air Forces in Europe in the 1980s. Take a step inside the day-to-day operations.

**Summary**
On the frontline of the Cold War, during a decade that saw East-West tensions—and budgets—rise considerably, the United States Air Forces in Europe reached the peak of their power during the 1980s. Not only did USAFE expand, but it introduced a generation of advanced new types, developed to counter perceived Soviet advances and often in light of America's still recent, and often bitter, experiences in Vietnam. Eagles, Fighting Falcons, and Warthogs joined the ranks in increasing numbers, supplementing still considerable numbers of older stalwarts like the mighty F-111 interdictors and iconic Phantom, which lingered on in specialized reconnaissance and defense suppression roles. But it wasn't all fast jets; Ground Launched Cruise Missiles were introduced plus a range of support types including tankers, transports and spy planes deployed from the Stateside Commands to support USAFE. Take a step inside the day-to-day operations of the USAFE in the 1980s.

**Contributor Bio**
Adrian Symonds has been fascinated by military history, especially military aviation, since childhood. He has extensively studied the histories of the world's air forces.

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**Republic of Shame**
How Ireland Punished ‘Fallen Women’ and Their Children
Caelainn Hogan

This work of narrative nonfiction exposes the workings and consequences of a bizarre culture of control that survived in Ireland until very recently.

**Summary**
Until alarmingly recently, the Catholic Church, acting with the Irish state, operated a network of institutions for the concealment, punishment and exploitation of “fallen women.” In the Magdalene laundries, girls and women were incarcerated and condemned to servitude. In the mother-and-baby homes, women who had become pregnant out of wedlock were hidden, and in most cases their babies were adopted—sometimes illegally. Mortality rates in these institutions were shockingly high, and the discovery of a mass infant grave at a mother-and-baby home in Tuam made international news. The Irish state has commissioned investigations. Caelainn Hogan—a brilliant young journalist, born in an Ireland that was only just starting to free itself from the worst excesses of Catholic morality—has been talking to the survivors of the institutions, members of the religious orders that ran them, and priests and bishops. She has visited the institutions, and studied Church and state documents that reveal about how they operated. She has produced a startling account of how an entire society colluded in this ...

**Contributor Bio**
Fifty Years On
The Troubles and the Struggle for Change in Northern Ireland
Malachi O'Doherty

An evocative memoir that explores the Troubles in Northern Ireland and their legacy, published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the start of the armed violence that marked the beginning of this period.

Summary
Fifty years ago, an eruption of armed violence traumatized Northern Ireland and transformed a period of street protest over civil rights into decades of paramilitary warfare by republicans and loyalists. In this evocative memoir, Malachi O'Doherty not only recounts his experiences of living through the Troubles, but also recalls a revolution in his lifetime. However, it wasn't the bloody revolution that was shown on TV but rather the slow reshaping of the culture of Northern Ireland—a real revolution that was entirely overshadowed by the conflict. Incorporating interviews with political, professional and paramilitary figures, O'Doherty draws a profile of an era that produced real social change, comparing and contrasting it with today, and asks how frail is the current peace as Brexit approaches, protest is back on the streets and violence is simmering in both republican and loyalist camps.

Contributor Bio
Malachi O'Doherty is a writer and broadcaster based in Belfast. He is a regular contributor to the Belfast Telegraph and to several BBC radio programs. He covered the Troubles and the peace process as a journalist and has written for several Irish and British newspapers and magazines, including the Irish Times, the New Statesman, the Scotsman and the Guardian.

The Convict Valley
The Bloody Struggle on Australia's Early Frontier
Mark Dunn

Summary
In 1790, five convicts escaped Sydney by boat and were swept ashore near present day Newcastle. They were taken into the local Aboriginal clan, marrying and starting families. Thus began a long and often dramatic series of encounters between Aboriginals and convicts in the Hunter Valley, the second European settlement after Sydney. This book tells the story of the Hunter’s first 50 years—a rich account of relations between the convicts, land owners (many former convicts), and Aboriginal clans. Not a simple recounting of frontier conflict, it also shows how some Aboriginal families found ways to survive the loss of their land by subtle forms of resistance, or by working for the European settlers. Based on meticulous and extensive primary research which has uncovered many new stories, The Convict Valley is a new Australian history classic.

Contributor Bio
Mark Dunn is a consultant historian and Chair of the Professional Historians Association of NSW and ACT. He has convict ancestors who settled in the Hunter, and has spent 20 years investigating the history, heritage, and archaeology of the region.
Truganini
Journey Through the Apocalypse
Cassandra Pybus

The haunting story of the extraordinary Aboriginal woman behind the myth of 'the last Tasmanian Aborigine'

Summary
Cassandra Pybus's ancestors told a story of an old Aboriginal woman who would wander across their farm on Bruny Island, in south-east Tasmania, in the 1850s and 1860s. As a child, Cassandra didn't know this woman was Truganini, and that Truganini was walking over the country of her clan, the Nuenonne. For nearly seven decades, Truganini lived through a psychological and cultural shift more extreme than we can imagine. But her life was much more than a regrettable tragedy. Now Cassandra has examined the original eyewitness accounts to write Truganini's extraordinary story in full. Hardly more than a child, Truganini managed to survive the devastation of the 1820s, when the clans of south-eastern Tasmania were all but extinguished. She spent five years on a journey around Tasmania, across rugged highlands and through barely penetrable forests, with George Augustus Robinson, the self-styled missionary who was collecting the survivors to send them into exile on Flinders Island. She has become an international icon for a monumental tragedy—the so-called extinction of the original people o...

Contributor Bio
Cassandra Pybus is an award-winning author and a distinguished historian. She is author of 12 books and has held research professorships at the University of Sydney, Georgetown University in Washington DC, the University of Texas and King's College London. She is descended from the colonist who received the largest free land grant on Truganini’s traditional country of Bruny Island.

Afropean
Notes from Black Europe
Johny Pitts

Exploring peripheral lives and liminal landscapes in Europe's cities, this book offers a new way to think about being black in Europe today

Summary
Afropean is an on-the-ground documentary of areas where Europeans of African descent are juggling their multiple allegiances and forging new identities. Here is an alternative map of the continent, taking the reader to places like Cova Da Moura, the Cape Verdean shantytown on the outskirts of Lisbon with its own underground economy, and Rinkeby, the area of Stockholm that is 80 per cent Muslim. Johny Pitts visits the former Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow, where West African students are still making the most of Cold War ties with the USSR, and Clichy Sous Bois in Paris, which gave birth to the 2005 riots, all the while presenting Afropeans as lead actors in their own story.

Contributor Bio
Johny Pitts is a writer, photographer and broadcast journalist. He has received various awards for his work exploring African-European identity, including a Decibel Penguin Prize and an ENAR (European Network Against Racism) award. He is the curator of the online journal Afropean.com, part of the Guardian's Africa Network.
99%
Mass Impoverishment and How We Can End It
Mark E. Thomas

An analysis of the inescapable fact that Generation Y (and subsequent generations) will be poorer than their parents, and how we should pursue other economic paths.

Summary
A clear, readable analysis of the inescapable fact that Generation Y (and subsequent generations) will be poorer than their parents, and how we should pursue other economic paths. If you are part of the 99%—and there is a 99% chance that you are—then you are one of the first generation in living memory who can expect to be poorer than your parents, even as the economy continues to grow. And you could be quite a lot poorer. If we continue as we are going, the civilization we enjoy today will not last until 2050. Buying their own house is a distant dream for most young people; their wages are failing to keep pace with inflation; and more and more people are having to rely on food banks. Our age is one of chronic anxiety. If the economy is doing so well, how can most people not be doing well? If the pie is growing, why aren't we all getting bigger slices? This book shows what we, the 99%, can do to end mass impoverishment and build a society worth living in: an age of abundance, in which everyone benefits.

Contributor Bio
Mark Thomas studied math at Cambridge University and headed the strategy practice at PA Consulting Group.

Lawless
A Lawyer’s Unrelenting Fight for Justice in a War Zone
Kimberley Motley

Inspiring and fascinating in equal measure, Lawless tells the story of a remarkable woman operating in one of the most dangerous countries in the world.

Summary
In the summer of 2008 Kimberley Motley quit her job as a public defender in Milwaukee to join a program that helped train lawyers in war-torn Afghanistan. She was 32 at the time, a mother of three who had never traveled outside the U.S. What she brought to Afghanistan was a toughness and resilience which came from growing up in one of the most dangerous cities in the country, a fundamental belief in everyone's right to justice and an unconventional legal mind that has made her a legend in an archaic, misogynistic and deeply conservative environment. Through sheer force of personality, ingenuity and perseverance, Kimberley became the first foreign lawyer to practice in Afghanistan and her work swiftly morphed into a mission—to bring "justness" to the defenseless and voiceless. She has established herself as an expert on its fledgling criminal justice system, able to pivot between the country's complex legislation and its religious laws in defense of her clients. Her radical approach has seen her successfully represent both Afghans and Westerners, overturning sentences for people who've...

Contributor Bio
Kimberley Motley is an international human rights attorney and former Miss Wisconsin who has made headlines around the world with her ground-breaking legal work. As the first foreign lawyer to practice in Afghanistan, her high-profile cases have included her work in returning three British children taken illegally to the country by their father. In 2015 she was the subject of the documentary film Motley's Law, which won the Grand Jury Prize Award at DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival.
**Shark Arm**

**A Shark, a Tattooed Arm, and Two Unsolved Murders**

Phillip Roope, Kevin Meagher

An extraordinary tale of high-class smuggling around Sydney Harbour and police collusion that has eluded many investigations into this famous cold case.

**Summary**

It all started with a ruthless murder. An ex-boxer and petty police informer was efficiently disposed of, sending a ghastly warning to others. That would have been the end of it, had not a shark, in a million-to-one chance, vomited up the victim’s arm in an aquarium and shone an unwelcome light into some very dark places. With so much at stake, the guilty closed ranks and gradually, with intimidation, money, and the murder of a mate who they feared would betray them, they re-imposed their control and the light was turned off again. The memory of those events, and the terrible fear they inspired, kept those who knew the truth silent unto the grave. Others have written about the Shark Arm murder, and it has even been the topic of an episode of *My Favorite Murder*. Now the authors, having digested the entire cold-case police file, reveal an extraordinary tale of high-class smuggling, a frantic cover-up and the truth behind one of the most infamous cases in Australia.

**Contributor Bio**

**Phillip Roope** and **Kevin Meagher** are former high school English and History teachers. After Phillip left teaching, he worked as location manager on feature films and television series ranging from *Blue Murder* for TV to Baz Lurmann's *The Great Gatsby*. Kevin completed his career in public education securing corporate and philanthropic support for visual and performing arts programs.

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**Poisoned at the Priory**

Antony M. Brown

A look at the true crime cold case of Charles Bravo, including the four main theories for how he may have been murdered.

**Summary**

London, 1876: When newlywed barrister Charles Bravo ingests a rare poison, the evidence suggests suicide. But in one of the most infamous inquests of all time, a coroner finds it to be an unlawful murder. So what really happened that day? The fourth book in Antony M. Brown’s popular Cold Case Jury series picks apart the notorious case that gripped Victorian Britain—and continues to spark debate to this day. Why did Bravo refuse any help, even when going through excruciating pain? Was his wife, with her scandalous past, to blame? Perhaps it was her ex-lover, jealous of her newfound happiness—or another sinister, unseen hand? In *Poisoned at the Priory*, Brown compiles the evidence and creates dramatic reconstructions of four main theories on how Charles Bravo may have died. What will your verdict be?

**Contributor Bio**

**Antony M. Brown** is an award-winning essayist, former magazine editor-in-chief, and member of the Crime Writers’ Association. He is the author of the Cold Case Jury series.
The Hats that Made Britain
A History of the Nation Through Its Headwear
David Long, Julian Fellowes

The first book to tell the history of Britain through its headwear

Summary
The world’s most famous hats have their origins in Britain. In fact, many of them were designed by James Lock & Co, the world’s oldest hatters, whose history can be traced back to 1676. Their shop at 6 St. James’s Street, London, their headquarters since 1765, has played host to an extraordinary clientele over the years, including Lord Nelson, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks Junior, Jackie Onassis, and, more recently, Jackie Chan and David Beckham. Iconic hats such as the bowler, Nelson’s bicorn, Oscar Wilde’s fedora, Queen Elizabeth’s coronation crown, and Winston Churchill’s homburg were created here, and British Tommies in World War I were even fitted for their Mark 1 tin helmets at Lock & Co before traveling to the Western Front. This book celebrates these as well as hats that have graced the screen, such as Oddjob’s steel-rimmed Sandringham in Goldfinger (designed at Lock & Co) and, more recently, the flat cap worn by the infamous Shelby clan in Peaky Blinders. This is the first book to tell the history of Britain through its headwear.

Contributor Bio
David Long’s work has appeared in the Sunday Times and London’s Evening Standard. Julian Fellowes is the creator of Downton Abbey.
**The Secret Life of Tartan**

**How a Cloth Shaped a Nation**

Vixy Rae

The bright and fascinating history behind the Scottish cloth

**Summary**

Tartan is so much more than just a cloth. From its clan origins in the Scottish Highlands to the catwalks of Milan, London, and New York, from its regimental history to its anti-establishment status, tartan has not only shaped a nation but has become an international style icon. *The Secret Life of Tartan* is as colorful and interwoven as the threads of the fabric itself. From troops in Black Watch tartan controlling Highland rebels to the Balmoral tartan exclusively worn by royalty, from the first tartan on the moon to the pattern of choice for punk and high fashion alike, tartan truly has a remarkable universal status. Today, tartan evokes history, kinship, tradition, romance, irreverence, fashion, and style. *The Secret Life of Tartan* unravels the truths and the myths of the cloth that shaped a nation to reveal how it has captured hearts around the world.

**Contributor Bio**

Vixy Rae took over Stewart Christie & Co, after the Edinburgh institution was run by four generations of men named Duncan Lowe. Stewart Christie prides itself on garments of such quality and appeal that they last for decades. Vixy is the first female member of The Incorporation of Edinburgh Tailors, a trade body which dates back more than six centuries.

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**Edinburgh's Literary Heritage and How It Changed the World**

Jan Henderson

The fascinating history of Edinburgh’s astonishing literary legacy. Covering authors, books, journals, ideas, festivals, attractions and landmarks.

**Summary**

Edinburgh has a literary tradition like no other. In 2004, the capital became the first ever UNESCO City of Literature and its book festival is the largest public celebration of the written word on the planet. But that is merely scratching the surface. For centuries, work written, set and published in the city, or directly influenced by Edinburgh, has changed the face of the world. *A Treatise of Human Nature* by David Hume, *The Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith, *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Peter Pan*, *Sherlock Homes* and *Harry Potter* are just a few of the many books and stories that owe their inspiration to Edinburgh or were created in the city and to these could be added the city’s influential literary journals or the other incredible achievements of its authors. Walter Scott, for instance, found the lost Scottish Crown Jewels, invented the historical romance, helped create tartan and turned the highlands into a tourist destination. He is also credited with uniting the highlands and lowlands and kick-starting the American Civil War. This book seeks to redress t...

**Contributor Bio**

Jan-Andrew Henderson lives in Scotland and runs "City of the Dead" ghost tours, which requires him to look moody and wear black a lot. After living in the U.S. for several years, he returned to Scotland and began writing non-fiction books, children’s novels and young adult thrillers, three of which were recently shortlisted for 13 literary awards, and he is the winner of The Royal Mail Award and the Doncaster Book Prize.
**Fictional London (2nd Edition)**
*A Guide to the Capital’s Literary Landmarks*
Stephen Halliday

The only guide to London's literary landmarks is updated for this new edition

**Summary**
London is unrivaled as a source of inspiration for writers from Geoffrey Chaucer to J.K. Rowling. *Fictional London* will explore the capital both from the viewpoint of the many writers who have used it as a stage for their plots and their characters; and of the readers whose imagination is fired by the knowledge that they are standing outside the home of David Copperfield on the Strand or Count Dracula’s residence in Piccadilly. All of London’s clubs, pubs, restaurants, houses, and streets that have been made famous in the works of the likes of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Ian Fleming, Charles Dickens, and Evelyn Waugh are featured in this exhaustively researched volume. Listed geographically, each entry provides a description of the location, its place in literature, and its inspiration. From Fleming’s legendary Blades Club in *Mayfair*, that made appearances in both *Moonraker* and *Goldfinger*, to Waugh’s bohemian Shepheard’s Hotel from *Vile Bodies*, that was based on the celebrated Cavendish Hotel, to the haunts of Sherlock Holmes and Bertie Wooster, *Fictional London* will appeal to all lovers...

** Contributor Bio**
*Stephen Halliday* is a lecturer, broadcaster, and writer of many books and articles with a particular interest in the history of London from Roman times to the present day. He is the author of *London’s Markets*, *Underground to Everywhere*, and *The Great Stink of London*.

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**The Second Age of Rail (2nd Edition)**
*A History of High-Speed Trains*
Murray Hughes

The complete story of the world’s high-speed railways, from Japan’s bullet trains to HS2 via France, Germany and China

**Summary**
Speed on steel wheels has fascinated engineers for nearly two centuries, and a string of stunning records in the last 25 years has pushed railway engineering towards new frontiers. Japan—pioneer of high-speed train technology—set the precedent with its legendary bullet trains in 1964; since then a dozen countries have joined the high-speed revolution. Today, China is setting the pace as it crafts a nationwide network of super-railways, and Morocco and Saudi Arabia are on the cusp of launching trains that travel at 300km/h. The USA lags far behind, outpaced by Asia and Western Europe, where Eurostar links London to the international high-speed network—although a new-generation railway to northern England is still missing. Here is the full story of high-speed trains, retold in a journey across countries and continents.

**Contributor Bio**
*Murray Hughes* is editor of *Railway Gazette International*. Previously he was Foreign/News Editor for *Modern Railways*, and spent time working with Swiss Railways.
The Subterranean Railway
How the London Underground Was Built and How It Changed the City Forever
Christian Wolmar

Summary
Since the Victorian era, London's Underground has played a vital role in the daily life of generations of Londoners. In The Subterranean Railway, Christian Wolmar celebrates the vision and determination of the 19th-century pioneers who made the world's first, and still the largest, underground passenger railway: one of the most impressive engineering achievements in history. From the early days of steam to electrification, via the Underground's contribution to 20th-century industrial design and its role during two world wars, the story comes right up to the present with its sleek, driverless trains and the wrangles over the future of the system. The Subterranean Railway reveals London's hidden wonder in all its glory and shows how the railway beneath the streets helped create the city we know today. This new edition has been updated with a chapter on Crossrail.

Contributor Bio
Christian Wolmar is a writer and broadcaster, principally on transport matters. His previous books include Fire and Steam, Blood, Iron and Gold, and Engines of War.

Cathedrals of Steam
How London's Great Stations Were Built – And How They Transformed the City
Christian Wolmar

Summary
London hosts a dozen major railway stations, more than any comparable city. King's Cross, St Pancras, Euston, Marylebone, Paddington, Victoria, Charing Cross, Cannon Street, Waterloo, London Bridge, Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street—these great termini are the hub of London's transport system and their complex history, of growth, decline and epic renewal has determined much of the city's character today. Christian Wolmar tells the dramatic and compelling story of how these great cathedrals of steam were built by competing private railway companies between 1836 and 1900, reveals their immediate impact on the capital and explores the evolution of the stations and the city up to the present day.

Contributor Bio
Christian Wolmar writes regularly for a wide variety of publications, including the Independent, Evening Standard, and Rail magazine, and appears frequently on TV and radio as a commentator on transport issues. His previous books include Fire and Steam; Blood, Iron and Gold; Engines of War; The Great Railway Revolution; and To the Edge of the World.
**Autopia**

The Future of Cars
Jon Bentley

An entertaining guide to the history and future of cars

**Summary**

Cars are one of the most significant human creations. They changed our cities. They changed our lives. They changed everything. But in the next years, this technology will itself change enormously. If Google get their way, are we all going to be ferried around in tiny electric bubble-cars? Or will we watch robots race a bionic Lewis Hamilton? And what about the future of classic cars? *Autopia* celebrates motoring’s rich heritage and meets the engineers (and coders) who are transforming cars forever. From mobile hotel rooms to electric battery technology; from hydrogen-powered cars to jetpacks, *Autopia* is the essential guide to the future of our greatest invention. Fully designed with illustrations and photographs, this will be the perfect gift for car and technology enthusiasts everywhere.

**Contributor Bio**

Jon Bentley is a host on *The Gadget Show*. He was the producer and executive producer of *Top Gear* for many years and has a bend named after him on the program’s test track.

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**VW Beetle**

The Golden Years 1949-1968
Richard Copping

Accompanied by colour illustrations, this is the inside story of the legendary people’s car - VW Beetle.

**Summary**

In this highly readable and informative book, VW expert Richard Copping tells the inside story of one of the world’s most popular cars. Drawing on his unique experience as an author of many VW books, the author reveals the secrets of the VW Beetle’s success. Not only was the concept of a cheap but reliable mass produced car a sound one, but the fact that the car was subjected to continuous improvement rather than radical change meant that the Beetle soon became an icon. Richard Copping also analyses the successful marketing techniques that spread Beetle manufacture and popularity around the world, including countries as far afield as Brazil, South Africa and Australia. Under the leadership of the ingenious Heinz Nordhoff, Volkswagen also ensured that manufacture of the Beetle was fast, efficient and profitable. Particularly in the United States the Beetle was the beneficiary of highly successful advertising campaigns that sealed its reputation as a must have cult icon, alongside the popular VW Transporter. Accompanied by colour illustrations, this book is a fascinating journey through th...

**Contributor Bio**

Richard Copping is the author of *Volkswagen Bus*, *VW Camper and Microbus*, and *Volkswagen Beetle*. Well known as a Concours judge, he attends a good number of shows on the VW circuit and is a regular contributor to one of the top magazines devoted to the VW Camper and its commercial brethren.
The Delorean
Chris Parnham, Matthew Clark

Senior members of the Delorean Owners Club compile a fond tribute to an iconic marque. Included in this book are recollections from some of the hardworking and dedicated people who engineered and built the car.

Summary
This book offers a concise account of the creation of the DeLorean sports car, and a brief history on how, despite its short life, the car has come to be regarded as one of the most iconic vehicles of all time. Following its vaunted creation, dramatic ending, and starring role in the blockbuster Back to the Future trilogy, the car broke into the wider public consciousness. This book explains how its entrepreneurial creator, John Zachary DeLorean, was able to guide this almost impossible project to come to fruition, while at the same time being the cause of its almost inevitable failure. Included are recollections from some of the people who engineered and built the car, and rare images taken during the design and building of the car.

Contributor Bio
Chris Parnham is the historian and former secretary of the DeLorean Owners Club; a prolific owner having dug out and restored several of the rare European prototype cars; and coauthor of DeLorean: Celebrating The Impossible. Matthew Clark is a designer for film and television who imported his own restoration project car from the U.S. in 2018.

Scooters: A 100-Year History
Stephen Lanham

Summary
This book traces the origins of the scooter from the 19th Century when vehicle invention and experimentation was still in its infancy though it was not until the late 1950s that the scooter, as we know it today, became an established mode of transport. With its popularity growing as an affordable form of transport among the youths of the "modern community" or "Mods," scootering became fashionable in 1960s Britain. This book charts the development of this often disparaged slice of motoring history and celebrates the many machines that helped form an iconic era in British popular culture.

Contributor Bio
Stephen Lanham is a prolific non-fiction author with a sting of titles covering transportation topics such as veteran card, traction engines and trucks.
**Mini Cooper: 1961-2000**  
Peter Barker

A history of the original Mini Cooper in the words of its designers, developers, professional drivers and owners.

**Summary**

From its launch on September 20, 1961 the Mini Cooper caused a sensation. The diminutive Cooper combined the glamour and racing heritage of 1959 and 1960 Formula 1 champions the Cooper Car Company with the outstanding handling and downright practicability of the Austin Mini Seven and Morris Mini Minor. The Mini Cooper not only ruled the racetracks and rally stages of the early and mid-1960s but proved to be a practical and fun sporting family saloon car. With over 100,000 examples sold between 1961 and 1971 the Mini Cooper is still a practical sporting saloon in the guise of the BMW owned MINI Cooper 60 years after the introduction of the original model. Based upon over 50 face to face interviews, this book quotes the Mini Cooper’s designers, developers, and professional race and rally drivers plus a host of contemporary owners.

**Contributor Bio**

Peter Barker is a journalist with 40 years of experience of owning, driving, rallying and writing about Mini Coopers. He was an editorial contributor to *MiniWorld* magazine for 15 years, is an original member of the Mini Cooper Register and has been a contributor to the MCR club magazine since 1990.

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**The Auto Biography of the Camper Van**

Charlotte Morgan

**Summary**

*The Auto Biography of the Camper Van* looks back at the development of one of the most quirky and unique vehicles to have been manufactured. Anyone who has ever driven a Volkswagen Camper will appreciate the appeal of this unique vehicle with its styling and versatility. It has given birth to a raft of products and apparel over the last few years including posters, mugs, money boxes and much more.

**Contributor Bio**

Charlotte Morgan is a prolific non-fiction who has written on a variety of subjects such as cars and caravans.
The Auto Biography of Caravans
Charlotte Morgan

Summary
The Auto Biography of Caravans traces the technological and cultural development of caravans in the decades before and after World War II and includes history of pioneering tours across Europe, Scandinavia and even as far as the Soviet Union.

Contributor Bio
Charlotte Morgan is a prolific non-fiction who has written on a variety of subjects such as cars and caravans.

The Auto Biography of the Citroën 2CV
Ellie Charleston

Summary
The Auto Biography of the Citroën looks at the history of this unusual vehicle from its pre-war conception through to the last car to roll off the production line in 1990. It explains how the 2CV was intended to be a lightweight cheap car for farmers and the common person and how the designers developed this umbrella on wheels. It also takes a nostalgic look at its many derivatives, including a four wheel drive version and kit cars built on the 2CV chassis. Though the car is often the butt of jokes and given derogatory names such as "dustbin on wheels"—it was manufactured for over 40 years and nearly 4 million were produced. To top everything it beat flashier cars such as Aston Martin and Lotus Esprit to come top of a poll in James Bond car chases. Not bad for a modest little car! The 2CV has become something of a cult car with its unique and quirky design and The Auto Biography of the 2CV provides a brief but fascinating look at this enduring motoring icon.

Contributor Bio
Ellie Charleston is a prolific non-fiction author who has written on a variety of subjects such as the Citroen 2CV, tractors and diggers.
The Auto Biography of the Land Rover
Jon Stroud

Summary
World War II proved, among other things, the value of a basic 4-wheeled drive vehicle of rugged construction. The success of the American Jeep inspired the Wilkes’ brothers, Maurice & Spencer, who ran the Rover car company, and who expected a British version to be well received. Launched in 1948, customers were never in short supply for their creation, the Land Rover, although there were some unexpected owners for such a sparse and utilitarian car including King George VI and Winston Churchill. Once the British army embraced it as their vehicle of choice, the Land Rover’s place in motoring’s hall of fame was secured. Since those days, the company has gone on to invent the concept of the luxury 4 x 4 with the launch of the Range Rover in 1970 and has added further to the distinguished stable with the Discovery, Freelander and more recently, the Evoque and the new Defender 90 & 110.

Contributor Bio
Jon Stroud is a prolific non-fiction author on transportation topics.

The Auto Biography of the Mini
Jon Stroud

Summary
Whether it’s about the classic, original Mini or the new generation Mini from BMW, this is the story of an extraordinary motoring icon. A car that was conceived as the answer to a crisis but which became one of the best known, best loved and biggest selling small cars in motoring history. The Auto Biography of the Mini tells the story of a car that was designed for the masses but became a must-have fashion statement for the rich and famous. It is the story of a small car that was designed a giant killer in world motor sport, in both racing and rallying. This is an inspirational story of a car that has been re-invented for a new millennium and for such a small car it is one of the greatest motoring stories of them all.

Contributor Bio
Jon Stroud is a prolific non-fiction author on topics such as automobiles. motorbikes and football.
The Auto Biography of the Beetle
Jon Stroud

Summary
*The Auto Biography of the Beetle* charts the history of this motoring icon starting with its introduction in 1938 and including all the later models with updated body profiles and engines.

Contributor Bio
**Jon Stroud** is a prolific non-fiction author on topics such as automobiles, motorbikes and football.

Southern California Railways
Richard Billingsley

Richard Billingsley takes a photographic look at some of the spectacular railways across the Golden State.

Summary
*Southern California Railways* looks at the operations of some of the many railroads that serve the southern half of the Golden State. Including the passenger operations of Amtrak, Metrolink, and San Diego Coaster and the freight operations of the Union Pacific and BNSF Railway as well as some short line operators. The book shows some of the huge variety of trains and locomotives that ply their trade in the area. The book focuses on the area south of San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield, including Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as the Mojave Desert and Salton Sea and includes 180 stunning images documenting the railway scene.

Contributor Bio
**Richard Billingsley** has created an extensive record of the modern history of the line across the North Wales coast.
Railroads of Wyoming
Mike Danneman

A new stunning collection of photographs documenting the railways of the picturesque state of Wyoming.

Summary
Long before Wyoming was officially part of the union, the Wyoming Territory played a crucial role in westward expansion as the first transcontinental railroad was built into the area by Union Pacific in 1862, bound for a meeting with Central Pacific in Utah in 1869. Modernized, this "Overland Route" today bustles with traffic, as trains thunder across the state on main lines destined for California and Pacific Northwest. More recently, Wyoming's expansive Powder River Basin has provided gargantuan amounts of coal tonnage for both UP/Chicago & North Western and Burlington Northern/BNSF. Even though it appears that this prodigious coal traffic has peaked, there is still plenty of trains to be seen moving out of the basin. Additionally, BNSF has a secondary main line that traverses through some extraordinary scenery as it heads north and west toward connections in Montana. All in all, railroads crossing the wonderful Rocky Mountains and High Plains of the Cowboy State are certainly a beholder's delight.

Contributor Bio
Mike Danneman was art director for Trains Magazine from 1990 to 1995, and is the author of Painting Backdrops for Your Model Railroad and Locomotives of Western Canada. He lives in Colorado.

180 Years of Cunard (2nd Edition)
Chris Frame, Rachelle Cross

Celebrating 180 years of the iconic Cunard Line, the world’s most famous shipping company

Summary
This new paperback edition is updated with events over the last 5 years since the 175th anniversary hardback was produced, and includes many colorful new photos. On July 4, 2020, the Cunard Line turned 180. It is without question the most famous transatlantic shipping company and much beloved on both sides of the Atlantic. Throughout its history Cunard has been instrumental in creating the American dream, transporting millions of immigrants to the new world. During both world wars, the Cunard ships answered the call of duty and transported thousands of troops to fight on the sides of the allies. After the Great Depression, Cunard merged with the famous White Star Line to form Cunard-White Star, and the enduring history of this great shipping line has carried on into the 21st century, with the three current Queens celebrating Cunard’s heritage.

Contributor Bio
Chris Frame and Rachelle Cross are coauthors of A Photographic History of P&O Cruises, A Photographic History of the Orient Line, and The Evolution of The Transatlantic Liner.
The Unseen Britannic (2nd Edition)
The Ship in Rare Illustrations
Simon Mills

New and updated edition of the successful Unseen Britannic

Summary
As the third and largest sister of the Olympic-class trio, Britannic is often unjustly overlooked in comparison to Olympic and Titanic. Launched on the eve of war in February 1914, Britannic would never serve on the North Atlantic mail run for which she was built. After being requisitioned in November 1915 His Majesty’s Hospital Ship Britannic instead became indispensable to the thousands of injured and sick troops needing transporting back to Britain. Her life was cut tragically short when she was wracked by a mysterious explosion on November 21, 1916 and sank in less than an hour—three times faster than Titanic, yet thanks to the improvements in safety heralded by that tragedy, 1,032 of 1,062 on board survived. This updated edition includes previously unseen material.

Contributor Bio
Simon Mills is a camera technician who has researched numerous documentaries on historical and maritime subjects, and he is the author of Exploring the Britannic. His company has the UK legal title to the wreck of HMHS Britannic.

Queen Elizabeth
A Photographic Journey
Chris Frame, Rachelle Cross

A full-colour photographic journey around the newest of the Cunard queens

Summary
Queen Elizabeth: A Photographic Journey allows the reader to travel aboard Cunard’s newest ship, the second largest ship to carry the Cunard colors. The ultimate in luxury cruising awaits aboard Queen Elizabeth. From the three-story Royal Court Theater, complete with box seating, to the opulence of the Queens Room, the authors have captured the interior elegance of the ship. Explore the areas not so easy to see with a tour of the engine room, stores, and the bridge before returning to the passenger areas to explore bars, lounges, restaurants, and cabins. This is a revised edition with updated imagery to reflect the recent refit. With an afterword by Captain Wells and memories from Commodore Rynd this is the perfect Queen Elizabeth souvenir.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Frame and Rachelle Cross coauthored The QE2 Story and QM2: A Photographic Journey. They have a website relating to QE2, QM2, QV, and historic liners at www.chriscunard.com. Captain Chris Wells was appointed Queen Elizabeth’s first master in 2010.
The SS Terra Nova (1884-1943)
Whaler, Sealer and Polar Exploration Ship
Michael C. Tarver

The life story of the ship that carried Scott to the Antarctic

Summary
This newly designed and updated edition presents the definitive illustrated account of one of the classic polar exploration ships of the "heroic age." Put together from accounts recorded by the men who sailed in her, it tells the 60-year history of a ship built by a famous Scottish shipbuilding yard, in the 19th-century days of whaling and sealing before coal gas and electricity replaced animal oils. SS Terra Nova was most famous for being the vessel to carry the ill-fated 1910 polar expedition crew led by Robert Falcon Scott, but the story of this memorable ship, built in wood to enable flexibility in the ice, continued until 1943, when she sank off Greenland.

Contributor Bio
Michael Tarver spent his career compiling and supervising files of evidence in police work and criminal records. In retirement, he has followed his lifelong passion for polar exploration, visiting the Antarctic twice and writing articles and books on the subject.

No Earthly Pole
The Search for the Truth about the Franklin Expedition 1845
Ernest C. Coleman

The recent discovery and filming of Franklin's HMS 'Terror' has brought the tragic story of the expedition into the international spotlight. The only man who knows the true narrative is Ernest Coleman.

Summary
Ernest Coleman has led or participated in four expeditions to find out the fate of the Franklin expedition. 129 men were lost from the two ships the Erebus and the Terror, looking for the North West Passage. Many theories have been put forward—and many of them, in the author's opinion, have been shaped by political bias. In this work, he is determined to set the record straight: "I have provided answers to all their machinations—including the 'lead poisoning' tripe, and the 'cannibalism' nonsense, cracked the code in the writings of Petty Officer Peglar (bones found and wallet recovered), and given new answers to all the many smaller mysteries that continue to be reproduced by others. I have also revealed the site of Franklin's grave, the biggest mystery of all." Coleman's lifetime quest for the truth at the ends of the earth is an extraordinary story of determination in itself. The story of Franklin's expedition remains one of the greatest and most tragic events of the age of exploration.

Contributor Bio
E. C. Coleman served in the Royal Navy for 36 years, during which time he mounted four Arctic expeditions in search of evidence from the 1845 Sir John Franklin Expedition. He has written many books on naval, polar, medieval, and Victorian subjects and contributed the foreword to two volumes of Captain Scott's diaries.
**Titanic: A Journey Through Time**
Charles A. Haas, Jack P. Eaton

This superlative book is the result of many years of painstaking historical research and is an essential reference work for all those who have found the continuing saga of Titanic irresistible.

**Summary**
A unique chronology, Titanic: A Journey Through Time tells the captivating full story, moment by moment, from the birth of the key players to the latest expeditions, recovery and exhibition of artifacts. Herein is a feast of information and illustrations as well as the latest scientific information from the wreck site and a fascinating exploration of the effect this ill-fated vessel has had on popular culture and the media since its sinking. Fully updated with recent developments in Titanic's on-going story, this superlative book is the result of many years of painstaking historical research on three continents and is an essential reference work for all those who have found the continuing saga of Titanic irresistible.

**Contributor Bio**
Charles Haas and John P. Eaton are often acknowledged as the world’s foremost Titanic authorities, and are the only historians to have participated in three expeditions to the liner’s wreck site and made perilous 12,500ft dives to Titanic. They have written many bestselling books on the subject.

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**Of Penguins and Polar Bears**
A History of Cold Water Cruising
Christopher Wright

Essential reading for anyone planning a trip on a cruise ship into polar waters.

**Summary**
People have been cruising into polar waters since the late 19th century, yet this activity has not been documented, other than in a couple of academic texts. Of Penguins and Polar Bears draws on the experience and resources of experts in the field to describe where people went, the ships they cruised on, the places they visited and the itineraries they followed. Encompassing the Arctic Passages, the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Iceland, Svalbard, and the Antarctic regions, the book goes also reveals what the modern-day visitor to the polar regions can expect to experience, from the vessels to the wildlife and beyond.

**Contributor Bio**
Christopher Wright is the retired president of The Mariport Group Ltd. A marine specialist, he has been involved in Arctic Shipping studies since 1973, and led a number of teams to investigate Arctic shipping policy. He has worked with the Arctic Shipping Forum North America since its inception, spoken widely on Arctic matters and contributed to the Canadian Marine Advisory Council. He lives in Canada.
The Little Book of Big Explorations
Adventures into the Unknown That Changed Everything
Jheni Osman

A collection of 150 mini essays of trailblazing journeys into the unknown that have had a profound effect on our understanding of the world, transformed the way we live and inspired generations.

Summary
This is a book about expedition, adventure, our thirst for knowledge, and pushing the limits of human endurance. From the navigational instruments that have led us through unknown lands, to the advanced engineering that carried us into the depths of the ocean, to the rocket science that propelled us into space, science and adventure have always been inextricably linked. Both are at the heart of everything we now know about the complex universe we find ourselves in. From the groundbreaking sea voyage in 1735 that settled the debate raging between Descartes and Newton about the shape of the earth to the balloon ride that led to the discovery of cosmic rays, we have pushed the limits of what’s possible, both on our planet and beyond the clouds. The Little Book of Big Explorations is a collection of some of the most daring and eye-opening adventures in history that have changed the way we view the world, as well as a look at what’s still to be discovered. Our insatiable curiosity has driven our survival as a species and can be charted through the centuries by these incredible voyages of ...

Contributor Bio
Jheni Osman is a science presenter, journalist, and author. Her books include 100 Ideas That Changed the World and The World's Great Wonders. She writes for BBC Focus magazine, and presents for BBC Radio 4’s Costing the Earth and SciTech Voyager for TRT World. She is former Editor of BBC Focus magazine. Before that she played tennis professionally, representing Great Britain, playing at junior Wimbledon, and modelling for Nike.

My Four Seasons in France
A Year of the Good Life
Janine Marsh

Janine Marsh recounts tales from a year in the rural idyll of France, revealing how an expat from London adapts to the changing seasons of the French countryside, all while renovating a dilapidated barn and trying to fit in with the locals.

Summary
A little more than 10 years ago, Janine Marsh and her husband Mark gave up their city jobs in London to chase the good life in the countryside of northern France. Having overcome the obstacles of starting to renovate her dream home—an ancient, dilapidated barn—and fitting in with the peculiarities of her new neighbors, Janine is now the go-to expat in the area for those seeking to get to grips with a very different way of life. In the Seven Valleys, each season brings new challenges as well as new delights. Freezing weather in February threaten the lives of some of the four-legged locals; snow in March results in a broken arm, which in turn leads to an etiquette lesson at the local hospital; and a dramatic hailstorm in July destroys cars and houses, ultimately bringing the villagers closer together. With warmth and humor, Janine showcases a uniquely French outlook as two eternally ambitious expats drag a neglected farmhouse to life and stumble across the hidden gems of this very special part of the world.

Contributor Bio
Janine Marsh is a travel writer with a particular focus on France.
**Walks on the Wild Side**

Exploring an Unforgiving Land

John Pakenham

Are you ready to take a walk on the seriously wild side?

**Summary**

In the early 1980s, John Pakenham walked a total of 1,500 miles, with a series of companions from the local Turkana and Samburu tribes and their long-suffering donkeys, around a lake in the Great Rift Valley of northern Kenya. Repeatedly beset by extreme thirst and dehydration, bitterly cold torrential rains, poisonous spiders, vindictive mosquitoes and the ever-present threat of bandits, not to mention a fatal fight between two of his companions, he was lucky to live to tell his tale. Pakenham’s account provides a rare glimpse of a tough terrain and its even tougher inhabitants, where every day was a battle for survival. This is extreme travel that, four decades on, still packs a powerful punch.

**Contributor Bio**

**John Pakenham** worked in theater and then in the film industry as a special effects technician, including on *The Empire Strikes Back*. Fascinated by the journeys of past adventurers, he befriended the last of the old-school explorers, Wilfred Thesiger, who encouraged him, between movies, to travel without modern comforts, using only map and compass, donkeys and camels. That created the foundation for the treks described in *Walks on the Wild Side*.

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**Wild Atlantic Way**

Where to Eat and Stay

John McKenna, Sally McKenna

A guide to the best places to enjoy the local Irish cuisine and where to rest for the night along the famous Wild Atlantic Way. Elemental, enchanting and inspiring, the Wild Atlantic Way is Ireland’s first long distance touring route, stretching the length of the West Coast of the Emerald Isle.

**Summary**

A guide to the best places to enjoy the local Irish cuisine and where to rest for the night along the famous Wild Atlantic Way. Elemental, enchanting, and inspiring, the Wild Atlantic Way is Ireland’s first long distance touring route, stretching the length of the West Coast of the Emerald Isle. This unique guide makes sure that at every stage and stop of the way, you will find the most creative chefs, the best hotels, the coziest pubs, the best local foods, and the most acclaimed destinations. Researched and written by acclaimed food writers, John and Sally McKenna. Fully updated for 2020 and now includes guidelines to prices for meals and accommodation.

**Contributor Bio**

**John & Sally McKenna** have traveled throughout Ireland for more than 30 years, ever since they first set off, in a Renault 4 they bought for £100, to explore the country and its food culture. *The New York Times* has described the McKennas as “Ireland’s leading food writers.” In 2018 Sally and John were each awarded an Honorary Fellowship by GMIT Galway, in recognition of their work describing Ireland’s artisan food culture.
**Slow Road to San Francisco**

**Across the USA from Ocean to Ocean**

David Reynolds

An observation of the Americans living in small towns across the country

**Summary**

From Ocean City, Maryland to San Francisco, Reynolds traverses the US and observes—with remarkable honesty and insight, not to mention a humorous and sometimes skeptical eye—Trump's America, and the Americans' way of life. As he moseys from east to west, driving slowly, and stopping frequently, he meets a huge variety of Americans—white, black, Hispanic, Asian, native American; Christian, Muslim, atheist, Mormon, Mennonite; rich, middling, poor. They talk about everything from slavery, Indian reservations, fracking, and forest fires to baseball, beer, the blues, Butch Cassidy, and Marilyn Monroe. Everyone has something to say about Donald Trump, from those who "love him" to those who "hate him." Reynolds follows the direction of history, the direction taken by explorers and pioneer settlers. As he travels he conjures a vivid picture of the US then and now; its landscape and its people in all their diversity.

**Contributor Bio**

David Reynolds was one of the original founders of Bloomsbury Publishing where he was Deputy MD and Editorial Director. He is the author of *Swan River* (shortlisted for the Pen/Ackerley Prize for literary autobiography) and *Slow Road to Brownsville.*

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**Big Road Atlas Europe 2021** *(16th Edition)*

AA Publishing

**Summary**

Fully revised and updated for 2021, this specialist A3 road atlas includes information on road distances, car ferries, national parks, towns and other places of interest. There are overview maps to help plan your route with place names shown in local languages. Provides multi-scale mapping of 44 countries. Campsites shown on mapping. 10 page route planner mapping. Toll and Toll-free motorways shown. Mountain passes with caravan suitability. Scenic routes and national parks.

**Contributor Bio**

AA Publishing is the UK's largest travel publisher.
**Big Road Atlas France 2021 (20th Edition)**

**Summary**

Fully revised and updated for 2021, this specialist A3 road atlas includes 21 city/town plans. There is also a channel hopping guide including channel tunnel terminal plans and ferry information. Coverage includes road mapping for Corsica and a central city and regional plan of Paris, plus the atlas legend is in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Dutch. Provides clear scale mapping, at 4.5 miles to 1 inch. Paris map including the Pe `riphe` rique. Over 18,500 tourist sites shown on the mapping. French place names used to match local road signs.

**Contributor Bio**

**AA Publishing** is the UK's largest travel publisher.

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**Big Road Atlas Britain 2021 (30th Edition)**

**Summary**

Each page has been titled with its geographical location so you can turn to the page you need more easily. Wide minor roads (more than and less than 4m wide), National Trust, English and World Heritage sites, crematorium locations and other hard-to-find places are indicated on the mapping. There are 67 city, town and port plans including central London. Plus, scenic routes, tourist sites with satnav friendly post codes and caravan and camping sites symbolized on the maps. Top 300 AA-inspected caravan and camping sites. Over 240 service areas.

**Contributor Bio**

**AA Publishing** is the UK's largest travel publisher.
Road Atlas Ireland
AA Publishing

Summary
Includes AA approved camping sites, viewpoints, picnic sites, port plans and ferry routes. Toll motorways and motorway service areas are highlighted. Ten detailed city and town plans with street indexes of Belfast, Cork, Londonderry, Dublin, Galway, Killarney, Kilkenny, Limerick, Sligo and Waterford. An easy-to-read 3,500 place name index. Irish language areas shown on the main mapping with place names in English and Irish. District maps of Dublin and Belfast show the area in more detail. Fully updated in 3 miles to 1 inch format. Newly includes the Wild Atlantic Way route.

Contributor Bio
AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.

Road Atlas France 2021 (23rd Edition)
AA Publishing

Summary
Fully revised and updated for 2021, this specialist A4 road atlas includes 32 city center plans to help you find your way in and around busy centers. Road mapping for Corsica is included, plus 10 district maps including Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Lille, Toulouse and Bordeaux. The atlas legend is in English and French. Provides super-scale mapping, at 4 miles to 1 inch. 12-page route planner. 10 large scale city environs maps. Over 18,500 tourist sites shown on the mapping. French place names used to match local road signs.

Contributor Bio
AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.
Road Atlas Europe 2021 (21st Edition)

Summary

Fully revised and updated for 2021, this specialist A4 road atlas includes information on driving in Europe together with a distance chart. Car ferries, national parks, service stations and many other places of interest are shown. Provides multi-scale mapping of 42 countries. 13 page route planner mapping. Campsites. Toll and Toll-free motorways shown. Mountain passes with caravan suitability. Scenic routes and national parks.

Contributor Bio

AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.

Road Atlas Britain 2021

Summary

Each page has been titled with its geographical location. Wide and narrow minor roads, National Trust, English & World Heritage sites are shown. There are 112 city, town, port and airport plans, full color county, unitary and administrative area map and a 31,500 entry index with airports, top tourist sites and motorway services listed. Motorway maps, ferry planning information and 5 district maps provide the essential motoring content for traveling the country. Showcases clearest mapping at 3.2 miles to 1 inch. 112 city, town, port and airport plans.

Contributor Bio

AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.
**Big Easy Read Britain 2021 (16th Edition)**

AA Publishing

**Summary**

This A3 format atlas provides giant scale mapping (2.5 miles to 1 inch) and type. It is available in softback and spiral bound. Each page is titled with geographical location so you can turn to the page you need more easily. Wide minor roads, National Trust, English and World Heritage sites, crematorium locations and other hard-to-find places are indicated on the mapping. Includes 72 city, town and port plans; scenic routes and tourist sites with satnav friendly post codes; top 300 AA-inspected caravan and camping sites; over 240 service areas.

**Contributor Bio**

AA Publishing is the UK's largest travel publisher.

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**Easy Read France 2021 (16th Edition)**

AA Publishing

**Summary**

Fully revised and updated for 2021, this specialist, easy-to-read A4 road atlas includes 86 city center plans to help you find your way in and around busy centers. Road mapping for Corsica is included, and also a central Paris city plan and district maps of Paris, Lyon, Marseille and Lille. The atlas legend is in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Dutch. Provides super-scale mapping, at 2.8 miles to 1 inch. 12-page route planner. Over 18,500 tourist sites shown on the mapping. French place names used to match local road signs.

**Contributor Bio**

AA Publishing is the UK's largest travel publisher.
**Easy Read Britain 2021 (21st Edition)**

**Summary**
Provides giant scale mapping (2.3 miles to 1 inch) and type throughout. Each page has been titled with its geographical location. Wide minor roads, National Trust, English and World Heritage sites, crematorium and other hard-to-find places are shown. Includes a full-color admin map showing all the latest unitary authority areas, 6 page route-planning map, top 300 AA-inspected caravan and camping sites, over 240 service areas.

**Contributor Bio**
AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.

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**Big Easy Read France 2021 (14th Edition)**

**Summary**
This easy-to-read road atlas includes 44 city, town and port plans central, Paris city plan, and district maps of Paris and Lyon. Includes road mapping for Corsica and a channel hopping guide with channel tunnel terminal, port plans and ferry information. 12-page route planner. Over 18,500 tourist sites shown. French place names used to match local road signs

**Contributor Bio**
AA Publishing is the UK’s largest travel publisher.
Road Map Ireland

Summary
Folded, double-sided sheet map shows the detailed road network with toll motorways and dual carriageways identified. Includes motorway service areas, AA-inspected campsites, viewpoints and picnic sites. Gaeltacht regions are highlighted with place names in English and Irish. Includes 6 city plans of Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Derry Londonderry, Sligo and Waterford and 5 port plans. A separate map of Ireland features relief shading with key physical landmarks. City, town and port plans. Distance in miles and kilometers.

Contributor Bio
AA Publishing is the UK's largest travel publisher.

Glovebox Atlas Ireland

Summary
Fully updated mapping based on latest census data, this atlas includes AA-inspected camping sites, viewpoints and service areas. Toll motorways and dual carriageways are clearly shown as well as places of interest for tourists and locals. This handy A5-sized atlas at 4.7 mile to 1 inch scales makes referencing easy on the go and is the ideal companion for touring Ireland. Ireland’s clearest mapping, fully updated in a handy format to fit perfectly into any car’s glovebox. Vehicle and passenger ferry routes. Routeplanner map. New features on the mapping include the Wild Atlantic Way route.

Contributor Bio
AA Publishing is the UK's largest travel publisher.
London A-Z Street Atlas
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd

Navigate your way around London with this detailed and easy-to-use A-Z Street Atlas. First published in 1936, this iconic atlas is a trusted means of finding your way around the capital city.

Summary
First published in 1936, this iconic atlas is a trusted means of finding your way around the capital city. The main mapping extends beyond from Heathrow Airport to Chingford at a scale of 2.88 inches to 1 mile. The street map of Central London is at a scale of 5.75 inches to 1 mile. An index lists streets, selected flats, walkways, and places of interest, place, area, and junction names. Additional healthcare and transport connections are indexed. Includes an Overview map of the Congestion Charging Zone, West End Theatre map, London Connections rail services map, London Underground map.

Contributor Bio
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd is Britain’s leading street map publisher.

Scotland A-Z Road Atlas
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd

Navigate your way around Scotland with this detailed, full-colour and easy-to-use A-Z Road Atlas. From the border to the north coast, the mainland pages scale is 3.5 miles to 1 inch and the Western Isles, Shetland Islands and Orkney Islands scale is 4.5 miles to 1 inch.

Summary
From the border to the north coast, the mainland pages scale is 3.5 miles to 1 inch and the Western Isles, Shetland Islands, and Orkney Islands scale is 4.5 miles to 1 inch. Includes motorways with full junction detail, primary routes, and destinations, A & B roads, under construction and proposed roads, service areas, tolls, mileages, national, county, and unitary authority boundaries; Cairngorms and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park boundaries. Twenty city and town street maps are included as is a comprehensive index to cities, towns, villages, hamlets, and locations.

Contributor Bio
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd is Britain’s leading street map publisher.
2021 Great Britain & Northern Ireland A-Z Road Atlas
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd

This full colour, paperback bound road atlas at A3 size have been fully revised and updated for 2021. It contains 89 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 3.5 miles to 1 inch.

Summary
Fully revised and updated for 2021. It contains 89 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 3.5 miles to 1 inch. Includes 11 pages of main route mapping covering Greater London, Birmingham, and Manchester; route planning maps; mileage chart with average journey times; information on motorway junctions with limited interchanges; 70 city, and town center street plans; 16 port and airport plans; Channel Tunnel terminus maps; index to cities, towns, villages, hamlets, major destinations, and selected places of interest with postcodes for sat-nav use; and map reference information also in French and German.

Contributor Bio
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd is Britain’s leading street map publisher.

2021 Great Britain A-Z Handy Road Atlas
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd

This full colour, spiral bound road atlas at a smaller A5 size has been fully revised and updated for 2021. It contains 170 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 5 miles to 1 inch.

Summary
Fully revised and updated for 2021. Contains 170 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 5 miles to 1 inch. Road mapping has been specifically tailored for the smaller scale featuring: clear standard road classification; colors for easy identification; motorway junction symbols, under construction, and proposed roads; primary route destinations; service areas; national and county boundaries; and a wide range of tourist and ancillary information, including Blue Flag Beaches. Includes a mileage chart; Channel Tunnel terminus maps; index to cities, towns, villages, hamlets, and major destinations; and map reference information in French and German.

Contributor Bio
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd is Britain’s leading street map publisher.
**Big London A-Z Street Atlas**  
A–Z maps, A–Z Maps

Large scale A–Z street mapping of London. This A4 street atlas offers the perfect combination of coverage and clarity, the area covered ranges from Heathrow Airport all the way to Chingford at a scale of 4.25 inches to 1 mile, while a detailed map of Central London is at a larger scale of 8.5 inches...

**Summary**
The area covered ranges from Heathrow Airport all the way to Chingford at a scale of 4.25 inches to 1 mile. A detailed map of Central London is at a larger scale of 8.5 inches to 1 mile. The mapping features transport connections, places of interest, public buildings, postcode districts, one-way streets, Congestion, and Low Emission Zones. Includes an overview map of the Congestion Charging Zone; West End Theatre and Cinema maps; the London Rail and Tube Services Map; London Underground map; index of streets, selected flats, walkways, and places of interest; and place, area, and junction names. Additional healthcare and transport are indexed as well.

**Contributor Bio**
**Geographers' A-Z Map Co Ltd** is Britain’s leading street map publisher.

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**2021 Great Britain A-Z Road Atlas**  
Geographers’ A–Z Map Co Ltd

Full colour, spiral bound road atlas at A4 size has been fully revised and updated for 2021. It contains 170 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 3.5 miles to 1 inch.

**Summary**
Fully revised and updated for 2021. Contains 170 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 3.5 miles to 1 inch. Includes 11 pages of main route mapping covering Greater London, Birmingham, and Manchester; route planning maps; mileage chart with average journey times; information on motorway junctions with limited interchanges; 80 city and town center street plans; 16 port and airport plans; Channel Tunnel terminus maps; index to cities, towns, villages, hamlets, major destinations, and selected places of interest with postcodes for satnav use; map reference information in French and German.

**Contributor Bio**
**Geographers’ A–Z Map Co Ltd** is Britain’s leading street map publisher.
2021 Great Britain & Northern Ireland A-Z Super Scale Road Atlas
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd

Large scale, spiral bound road atlas at A3 size has been fully revised and updated for 2021. It contains 176 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 2.5 miles to 1 inch.

Summary
Fully revised and updated for 2021. Contains 176 pages of clear detailed road mapping at a mainland map scale of 2.5 miles to 1 inch. Includes 11 pages of main route mapping covering Greater London, Birmingham, and Manchester; route planning map; mileage chart with average journey times; information on motorway junctions with limited interchanges; 70 city and town center street plans; 16 port and airport plans; Channel Tunnel terminus maps; index to cities, towns, villages, hamlets, major destinations, and selected places of interest with postcodes for sat-nav use; map reference information also in French and German.

Contributor Bio
Geographers’ A-Z Map Co Ltd is Britain’s leading street map publisher.

2021 Collins Essential Road Atlas Europe
A4 Spiral
Collins Maps

Summary
Up-to-date spiral bound road atlas of Europe. Contains clear, large-scale, detailed road mapping, perfect for touring the Mediterranean, Iberian peninsula, Scandinavia and all European tourist destinations. Scale of main maps 1:1,000,000 (1 cm to 10 km / 1 inch to 16 miles). Euroroutes and motorways are easily distinguished. The maps also show international road classifications, road distances in kilometers and relief is shown by attractive layer tints. Guide to international road signs, route maps of 64 major cities, more detailed road maps extending from Amsterdam to Munich. Mapping extends from the North Cape (Norway) to Gibraltar and from Ireland to east of Moscow. Includes Iceland and Cyprus.

Contributor Bio
Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping with Collins Maps.
**2021 Collins Essential Road Atlas Britain and Northern Ireland**

**A4 Spiral**
Collins Maps

**Summary**
This atlas with popular lie-flat binding features clear, detailed road mapping, at a scale of 3.2 miles to 1 inch (1:200,000) for England, Wales and Southern Scotland and at 4.2 miles to 1 inch (1:266,000) in Northern Scotland, with land height shown by attractive layer coloring. Route planning section including maps at a scale of 22 miles to 1 inch. 26 urban area approach maps at a larger scale. 64 street maps focused on town centers. Over 30 categories of places of interest including castles, theme parks, sports venues, universities, mountain bike trails and surfing beaches. Top 1000 most visited places of interest are indexed.

**Contributor Bio**
Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping with Collins Maps.

**Collins Handy Road Atlas Europe (6th Edition)**

**A5 Spiral**
Collins Maps

Handy A5 format road atlas of Europe with lie-flat spiral binding. Ideal format for both drivers and those travelling by public transport. Scenic routes are plotted on the maps. Scale: 1:2,000,000

**Summary**
Handy road atlas of Europe with lie-flat spiral binding. Scenic routes are plotted on the maps. Scale: 34 miles to 1 inch. Euroroutes and motorways are easily distinguished. International road classifications, road distances and land height are shown by attractive layer tints. Features: Route planning maps at 1:6,340,000 with political coloring, country fact file, information on international road signs, main road maps at 1:2,174,000. Includes Ireland, France and Hungary motorways,

**Contributor Bio**
Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping with Collins Maps.
### Collins World Atlas: Complete Edition

Collins Maps

Highly detailed maps giving balanced worldwide coverage, beautifully illustrated thematic pages and thousands of facts and statistics, including world and continental ranking tables

**Summary**

This atlas of the world presents a complete view of the world, bringing it to life through innovative maps, stunning images and detailed content. It offers an exciting perspective on how the planet is made up, how it looks and how it works. This atlas takes you further than traditional world atlases, giving a more complete understanding of the world. It covers a wide range of topical issues including natural disasters, population, climate and the environment; offers key country statistics allow comparisons of their state of development and an understanding of today's world; and provides thousands of facts and statistics including world and continental ranking tables.

**Contributor Bio**

Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping.

### Collins Latin Essential Dictionary

Collins Dictionaries

A handy and affordable Latin to English and English to Latin dictionary for everyday use, including guidance on Latin grammar and insights into Roman culture. The clear layout allows for fast and easy access when you most need it. Ideal for use at home, in the office or in the classroom. More than 60...

**Summary**

A handy and affordable Latin to English and English to Latin dictionary for everyday use, including guidance on Latin grammar and insights into Roman culture. The clear layout allows for fast and easy access when you most need it. Ideal for use at home, in the office, or in the classroom. More than 60,000 words and phrases and 80,000 translations. Extensive coverage of Latin for school exams, general reference, and legal requirements. Contains a useful supplement of Latin verb conjugations, noun declensions, verbal nouns, and adjectives, and irregular verbs making this the ideal revision aid. There is helpful coverage of Latin numbers, dates, money, and measures and a list of key events in Roman history.

**Contributor Bio**

Collins Dictionaries have been pioneers in dictionary publishing since 1819.
**Atlas**

*A World of Maps from the British Library*

Tom Harper

Now in paperback, the definitive showcase of the British Library's map collection

**Summary**

From the publication in 1595 of the first "atlas" by the Flemish cartographer Gerhard Mercator, the term has become a universally adopted title for books containing accurate, uniform and evenly spread maps of all or some of the world. This is an atlas with a difference. Few of the maps in this book could reasonably be called "accurate" in the modern sense and could almost certainly not be used to plan a journey. Yet this atlas can help us to travel in a way that regular atlases do not, because by looking at old maps and getting to know their stories we can be transported back to the times in which they were made. The generous, full-color illustrations of each map in this large-format book range from the Klencke Atlas (1660) to Hokusai's map of China (1840–41), from a 1682 pirate map of Guatemala to 20th-century cartographic postcards featuring maps of Australia.

**Contributor Bio**

Tom Harper is Lead Curator of Antiquarian Maps at the British Library.

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**Collins COBUILD Idioms Dictionary**

Collins UK

This new edition of the Collins COBUILD Idioms Dictionary offers comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the most important English idioms from around the world.

**Summary**

*Collins COBUILD Idioms Dictionary* offers in-depth coverage of the most important idioms in English, and provides additional information about how common they are, in which contexts they should be used, what they mean and how to use them. This edition has been revised and updated to provide learners with detailed information on idioms in a language that is easy to understand. The two-color layout means that it is easier than ever for students to find the information they need. Many of the new idioms come from varieties of English spoken all over the world, from Britain to the U.S., from South Africa to Australia. The dictionary also includes helpful cross-references, making finding the idiom you need easy. There is also a self-study exercise section at the back of the book so that students can practice and consolidate what they have learned. The fully-revised thematic index provides learners with the most useful English idioms, organized according to theme, along with real corpus examples. As with all COBUILD products, the Collins Corpus provides thousands of examples. In addition, th...

**Contributor Bio**

Collins UK is a leading information-led publisher of illustrated and narrative nonfiction.
Collins COBUILD Phrasal Verbs Dictionary
Collins UK

This new edition of the Collins COBUILD Phrasal Verbs Dictionary offers comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the most important phrasal verbs in English.

Summary
Collins COBUILD Phrasal Verbs Dictionary gives learners of English detailed help with this often tricky area of the English language. Revised and updated to reflect changes in the English language, this new edition provides learners with detailed information on phrasal verbs in a language that is easy to understand. With new phrasal verbs and updated examples from the Collins Corpus, this edition is packed with information on how phrasal verbs work, what they mean, and how to use them. The two-color layout means that it is easier than ever for students to find the information they need. It also includes an index of 200 single-word verbs and their phrasal verb equivalents, plus information on when you should use a single-word verb (for example, in academic writing) and when a phrasal verb would be more appropriate (for example, during an informal conversation with a friend). There are also collocations boxes, which provide students with the language they need to build natural-sounding sentences in English. There is a self-study exercise section at the back of the book so that students...

Contributor Bio
Collins UK is a leading information-led publisher of illustrated and narrative nonfiction.

A Brief History of Puzzles
Baffling Brainteasers from the Sphinx to Sudoku
William Hartston

A mindbending history of the greatest puzzles of all time, by the author of The Encyclopedia of Useless Information

Summary
From ancient riddles to modern Sudoku, people have been fascinated by puzzles. Whether they are seen as a glorious waste of time, a harmless way to spend a train journey or a valuable way of exercising the mind, the lure of puzzles has been irresistible. By using over 100 examples of the most mindbending, the most challenging, the most satisfying, or simply the most humorous puzzles throughout the ages, William Hartston traces the development of brainteasers of all varieties and the increasing ingenuity of puzzle setters from ancient civilizations to modern puzzle crazes.

Contributor Bio
### Rewording the Brain

**How Cryptic Crosswords Can Improve Your Memory and Boost the Power and Agility of Your Brain**  
David Astle

Learn how cryptic crosswords can boost your brain power and improve your memory

**Summary**  
Recent ground-breaking and exciting studies have shown that cryptic crosswords are among the most effective ways to boost the power and agility of your brain. Why? The answer lies in the art of teasing out a clue, a discipline that calls for logic, interpretation, intuition, and deduction as well as the ability to filter nuance and connotation. All these challenges and more are found in the cryptic crossword. And all are invaluable in increasing your brainpower and improving your memory and cognitive capacity. In this entertaining and essential book, cryptic crossword guru David Astle explains how your brain responds to and benefits from attempting these crosswords. A growing body of research suggests cryptic crosswords are the ideal workout for your brain, and Astle shows how regular training of this kind can be fun as well as fundamental. If you've always been intimidated by cryptic crosswords, fear not! *Rewording the Brain* is an accessible guide to developing and sharpening your puzzle talents. Novices and expert solvers alike will gain plenty of cryptic insights. There has never ...

**Contributor Bio**  
**David Astle** is a crossword maker in the *Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, as well as Wordplay columnist with *Spectrum*. He's the author of *Wordburger*, *Riddledom*, *Cluetopia*, and a manual-cum-memoir, *Puzzled*. David has a regular column Wordwit in the Saturday *SMH*, *Age* and *Canberra Times* and has a weekly slot on Radio National's Sunday Extra with Jonathan Green. He is an ambassador for Dementia Australia.

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### Mindfulness Sudoku

**Everyday Puzzles to Unwind With**  
Gareth Moore

Lose yourself in a puzzle and make space for some me-time with these mindful Sudokus.

**Summary**  
Lose yourself in a puzzle and make space for some "me time" with these mindful Sudokus. Put your worries to one side and inhabit the moment, all while giving your brain a gentle workout.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Gareth Moore** is the author of a wide range of brain-training and puzzle books for both children and adults, including *Anti-stress Puzzles*, *Ultimate Dot to Dot*, *Brain Games for Clever Kids*, *Lateral Logic*, *Extreme Mazes*, and *The Ordinance Survey Puzzle Book*.
Mindfulness Crosswords
Everyday Puzzles for Wellbeing
Gareth Moore

Lose yourself in a puzzle and make space for some me-time with these mindful crosswords.

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Mindfulness Word Searches
Everyday Puzzles to Relax With
Gareth Moore

Lose yourself in a puzzle and make space for some me-time with these mindful wordsearches.

Summary
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Survive. Drive. Win.
The Inside Story of Brawn GP and Jenson Button's Incredible F1 Championship Win

Nick Fry, Bernie Ecclestone

The extraordinary inside story of Brawn GP's shock 2009 F1 championship win, by the former team CEO

Summary
In this gripping memoir, Nick Fry, the former CEO of Brawn GP, reveals how he found himself in the driving seat for one of the most incredible journeys in the history of motor sport. At the end of 2008, Nick, then head of Honda's F1 team, was told by his Japanese bosses that the motor company was pulling out of F1 in 30 days. This was a disaster for the team's 700 staff, for Ross Brawn, who Nick had recently recruited as chief engineer, and for the drivers, Jenson Button and Rubens Barrichello. But in a few short weeks, Nick and Ross would persuade Honda to sell them the company for £1 (plus all the liabilities). Just 13 weeks later, the Brawn GP team, led by Nick and Ross, would win the first Grand Prix of the 2009 season, and go on to win the Driver's and the Constructor's Championship, with a borrowed engine, a heavily adapted chassis, and, at least initially, no sponsors. Nick gives an up-close-and-personal account of how he and Ross turned disaster into championship glory and laid the foundations for what was to become the Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 team. Along the way he gives th...

Contributor Bio

Nick Fry was appointed the managing director of the BAR Formula One team in 2002, which became the Honda F1 Racing Team in 2006. When Honda pulled out of F1 in 2008, Fry led a management buy-out with Ross Brawn, becoming CEO of the Brawn GP team. After the sale of the team to Mercedes he became CEO of Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport before leaving in 2013. He is currently chairman of the professional e-sports team Fnatic.

Liverpool Scrapbook
A Backpass Through History

Michael A. O'Neill

Summary
Liverpool FC Scrapbook provides an insight into the unique journey of one the most famous football clubs in the world: Liverpool FC. Featuring a wide variety of superb photographs and rare memorabilia including rare match tickets, unique match programs, team sheets and much more. Follow the Liverpool story from the club's origins to the mighty team that has dominated English and European Football throughout the 1970's and 1980's and has now returned to greatness in the last two seasons.

Contributor Bio

Michael O'Neill is the author of the Backpass Through History series of books on Liverpool FC, Manchester City FC, Manchester United FC Chelsea FC and Arsenal FC.
Salah
King of Europe
Frank Worrall

Summary
This is the story of the new King of the Kop. When Mohamed Salah signed for Liverpool from Rome in 2017, his record fee was initially greeted with some skepticism. While he'd been singled out as a future star back in Egypt, and performed well at the Italian club, no one could have predicted the impact he was to have at Anfield. Scoring an unprecedented 32 goals in 36 games for the club, he became the sensation of the Premier League. Not only that, but he has also won over fans of all stripes with his humility and grace off the pitch, as well as his versatility and flair on it. Few players have inspired such fervent admiration so quickly, with chants of his name still reverberating around Anfield, and after just a short time, he has already become a Liverpool legend. In this insightful biography, bestselling sports writer Frank Worrall examines Salah's electrifying journey, from the highs and lows that brought him to Anfield to the Champions League glory that crowned the 2018/19 season.

Contributor Bio

Allez Allez Allez
The Inside Story of the Resurgence of Liverpool FC
Simon Hughes

Summary
Allez Allez Allez is the inside account of Liverpool FC’s 2018/19 season, a campaign which saw the club become Champions of Europe for the sixth time. Featuring access to management, players and staff, Allez Allez Allez explains how Liverpool have emerged from what Jürgen Klopp described as the “depression” of 2015 to achieve feats that have eluded an entire generation of supporters. Through original research and exclusive interviews, Simon Hughes takes readers into Melwood, the club’s training ground, and behind the dressing room door. He takes them to Chapel Street, where the club’s business is determined, and to America, where it is owned. He takes them into Anfield, where many of the most important moments are defined, and he takes them on to the pitches of the Premier League and the Champions League, culminating in victory in Madrid, as we revisit how one of Liverpool’s greatest seasons was written.

Contributor Bio
Tour de France Champions
An A-Z
Giles Belbin

The first book to reveal the stories of all the champions throughout the history of cycling’s most important race

Summary
The Tour de France has long been cycling’s most famous and important race; from Maurice Garin’s win in 1903 through to today’s British domination of the race, the roads and mountains of France have played host to an annual celebration of sporting endeavour. In this new book, cycling writer Giles Belbin has gathered together the gripping stories of the champions who triumphed and themselves became a part of the Tour’s rich history. Discover the rider who won the Tour despite finishing fifth, the national idol who was shot dead by his lover with the gun his wife had used to commit suicide, and the Italian winner who helped Jewish families by smuggling papers during war-time training rides.

Contributor Bio
Giles Belbin has contributed to many cycling publications including Cycling Weekly, Ride Cycling Review, Rouleur, Procycling and Cyclist. He is the author of Chasing the Rainbow: The Story of Road Cycling’s World Championships.

Jack Dempsey and the Roaring Twenties
The Life and Times of a Boxing Icon
Thomas Myler

Summary
The Roaring Twenties was an era of high living and extravagance, of hot jazz and new fashions, when America lived as if there were no tomorrow. It was a time when the heavyweight boxing champion of the world reigned supreme in sport and Jack Dempsey was the idol of the age. This definitive biography takes us through the thrilling career of the "Manassa Mauler." Dempsey's fights are part of boxing folklore: the massacre of giant Jess Willard, the first million-dollar gate against French hero Georges Carpentier, the sensational war with Luis Firpo, the bout with Tom Gibbons that bankrupted a town and the controversial "Battle of the Long Count" with Gene Tunney. Dempsey packed more drama into his career than almost any other boxer in history. A one-time hobo and saloon fighter, he came up the hard way and punched his way to fame and fortune. Tom Myler had the benefit of interviewing Dempsey in his retirement years, and he draws on their exchanges to give you the full inside story of Jack's life and times.

Contributor Bio
Thomas Myler's books include New York Fight Nights and Joe Louis: The Brown Bomber.
This Boxing Game
A Study in Beautiful Brutality
John Wight

Summary
What is it about boxing that charms and bewitches us? John Wight looks for the answer as he delves into the world of beautiful brutality. Showing that boxing is fundamentally tied to the human condition, he pulls back the curtains of his own masculinity to reveal the insecurities, life experiences and vulnerabilities that first drew him to the sport and have informed his engagement with it over a 20-year period. Whilst relating his experiences in boxing gyms on both sides of the Atlantic, Wight reflects on the sport’s origins, analyzing some of its most memorable moments and characters. Through Wight’s compelling memoirs we encounter some of modern boxing’s most fascinating figures, among them Freddie Roach, Manny Pacquiao, James Toney and Scotland’s IBF super-lightweight Josh Taylor. Straddling the line between nobility and barbarity, boxing operates on a different moral and spiritual plane than other sports. This Boxing Game explores why and how.

Contributor Bio
John Wight has written for the Guardian, the Independent, the Scottish Daily Record, the Huffington Post and RT among other publications. He spent five years in Hollywood working as a screenwriter.

Firsts, Lasts & Onlys: Tennis
A Truly Wonderful Collection of Tennis Trivia
Paul Donnelley

Summary
Firsts, Lasts & Onlys is a tennis fan’s delight, chock-full of astonishing events, time-honored anecdotes and extraordinary facts. The book takes a light-hearted but authoritative look at every major tennis tournament in the world, including the Wimbledon Championships. Discover how the first championships – held in 1877, the same year as the first cricket Test match – were almost an afterthought. Did you know that no women were allowed in the first tournament? Or that the All England Club was actually founded to promote croquet? The book is packed with fascinating trivia that will tantalize and enthral. When did strawberries and cream become a Wimbledon staple? Who was the first man to win all four major titles in the same year? Who is or was Roland Garros? Filled with bizarre curiosities from the sport’s past – from the heir to the throne whose death was caused by tennis, to the vicar who won Wimbledon, to the murderer who reached a final – this is a book every tennis fan should own.

Contributor Bio
Paul Donnelley has written nearly 30 books on a variety of subjects including football, cricket, golf, true crime, television, and cinema. He has written, at one time or other, for most Fleet Street newspapers. He is presently the head of production for one national paper and a columnist for another.
**Strength and Conditioning for Rowing**

Alex Wolf

**Summary**
This book purposefully begins by sharing professional insights from both the individuals S&C coaches work with—the event coaches—and those individuals S&C coaches work for—the athletes—to examine how collaboration towards agreed, shared, and understood performance goals works in practice. The latter chapters focus on applying S&C principles within rowing populations, which are easily transferred to any athlete. This includes: a "performance backwards" approach to planning; exploring an adaptation approach to programming; common injuries across rowing populations; exercise selection, including specific trunk training assessment and programming; transfer of training to rowing performance, and understanding the needs of Paralympic Rowers.

**Contributor Bio**

Alex Wolf spent 15 years working for the English Institute of Sport where he held the positions of Head of Strength and Conditioning and more recently Head of Learning. He spent five years working with the GB Rowing team in preparation for the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic games.

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**Masters Sculling**

**Technique and Training**

Nancy Churchill

**Summary**
Masters scullers range in age from Grade AA (21 in the US) or Grade A (27 in the UK) to Grade M (89 plus). This book partners with each individual athlete to achieve performance improvements based on their own aspirations, technical skill, and fitness level. The focus is on understanding and efficiency, both in the acquisition of skills and training. The dynamic technique offers a high-performance sculling approach, carefully tailored to support a Masters sculler's long-term career. Coverage includes individual assessment of an athlete's sculling skills, flexibility, and aerobic fitness; compilation and application of evidence-based data; formation of highly individual training programs; experiments for athletes to explore their connectedness, versatility, and speed; and race strategies and plans for competitive athletes. Based on the athlete's needs and aspirations, this book provides the knowledge and skills to build an individual training plan that minimizes injury risk, achieves continuous improvement, and fosters a lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

**Contributor Bio**

Nancy Churchill is a Rowing Australia Level 3 Performance Coach, as well as a USA Hockey Level 4 Performance Coach.
The Face Pressed Against a Window
The Bookseller Who Built Waterstones
Tim Waterstone

Summary
Tim Waterstone is one of Britain's most successful businessmen, having built the Waterstone's empire that started with one small bookshop in 1982. In this charming and evocative memoir, he recalls the childhood experiences that led him to become an entrepreneur and outlines the business philosophy that allowed Waterstone's to dominate the bookselling business throughout the country. Tim explores his formative years in a small town in rural England at the end of World War II, and the troubled relationship he had with his father, before moving on to the epiphany he had while studying at Cambridge, which set him on the road to Waterstone's and gave birth to the creative strategy that made him a high street name.

Contributor Bio
Tim Waterstone read English at Cambridge University before moving to Calcutta to work for a broking firm. On returning to England, he worked at WHSmith for eight years, and went on to establish the bookselling chain Waterstones in 1982. In 2018 he was knighted for services to bookselling and charity.

Spitfire
Jonathan Glancey

Summary
It is difficult to overestimate the excitement that accompanied the birth of the Spitfire. An aircraft imbued with balletic grace and extraordinary versatility, it was powered by a piston engine and a propeller, yet came tantalizingly close to breaking the sound barrier. First flown in 1936, the Spitfire soon came to symbolize Britain's defiance of Nazi Germany in the summer of 1940. This book is a celebration of a great British invention, of the men and women who flew it and supported its development, and of the industry that manufactured both the aircraft and the Rolls-Royce engines that powered it. It is also about a boy who wished he could have been a World War II fighter pilot and who was later able to fly the aircraft that took his father into combat.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Glancey is well known as the former architecture and design correspondent of the Guardian and Independent newspapers. He is also a steam locomotive enthusiast and pilot. His books include The Story of Architecture, Lost Buildings, and What's So Great About the Eiffel Tower?
Life In A Cold Climate: Nancy Mitford The Biography
Laura Thompson

Summary
A much-praised biography of the most brilliant of the Mitford sisters, who dazzled and scandalized interwar high society with their wit and sometimes controversial lifestyles. Nancy Mitford was, in the words of her sister Lady Diana Mosley, "very, very complex." Her biographies and novels, her journalism, and the vast body of letters to her family, friends such as Evelyn Waugh, and to the great love of her life, Gaston Palewski, all tell an intriguing story. Drawing from these, as well as conversations with Mitford's two surviving sisters and colleagues, prize-winning author Laura Thompson has fashioned a portrait of a contradictory and courageous woman. Thompson approaches her subject with wit, perspicacity, and affection, while eschewing clichés about the eccentricities of the Mitford clan. This book is full of the sound of Mitfordian laughter; but tells also the often paradoxical and complex story beneath the smiling and ever elegant façade.

Contributor Bio

The Prime Ministers
Reflections on Leadership from Wilson to May
Steve Richards

Summary
At a time of unprecedented political upheaval, this magisterial history explains who leads us and why. From Harold Wilson to Theresa May, it brilliantly brings to life all nine inhabitants of 10 Downing Street over the past 50 years, vividly outlining their successes and failures-and what made each of them special. Based on unprecedented access and in-depth interviews, and inspired by the author's BBC Radio 4 and television series, Steve Richards expertly examines the men and women who have defined the UK’s role in the modern world and sheds new light on the demands of the highest public office in the land.

Contributor Bio
Steve Richards is a political columnist, journalist, and presenter. He regularly presents The Week in Westminster on BBC Radio 4 and has presented BBC radio series on Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Theresa May. He also presented the BBC TV programs Leadership Reflections: The Modern Prime Ministers and Reflections: The Prime Ministers We Never Had. He has written for the Guardian, the Independent and the Financial Times.
**Inferno**

Ciaran Carson

**Summary**

Almost eight centuries after its first publication, Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* remains an icon of Italian literature and of the epic genre. In *Inferno*, the first volume, the poet Virgil leads Dante's hero through hell, showing him the inhabitants of each of its nine circles and examples of the divine justice meted out to them. In this beautifully produced Apollo Library edition, Ciaran Carson's translation suffuses the text with wit, anger and irreverent vigor, without diminishing the pathos of the original. This is a retelling of Dante's epic journey for the 21st-century reader.

**Contributor Bio**

Ciaran Carson was Professor of Poetry and Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queen's University Belfast. He published numerous collections of poetry that have been shortlisted for both the Irish Book Award for Literature and the Whitbread Poetry Award, and won the *Irish Times* Irish Literature Prize for Poetry. He is the author of *The Star Factory*, *Fishing for Amber*, and *Shamrock Tea*, which was long-listed for the Man Booker prize. Carson's new translation of Dante's *Inferno* was published to great acclaim.

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**World's War**

David Olusoga

**Summary**

In a sweeping narrative, David Olusoga describes how Europe's Great War became the World's War—a multi-racial, multi-national struggle, fought in Africa and Asia as well as in Europe, which pulled in men and resources from across the globe. Throughout, he exposes the complex, shocking paraphernalia of the era's racial obsessions, which dictated which men would serve, how they would serve, and to what degree they would suffer. As vivid and moving as it is revelatory and authoritative. *The World's War* explores the experiences and sacrifices of four million non-European, non-white people whose stories have remained too long in the shadows.

**Contributor Bio**

David Olusoga is a historian and a BBC producer, and an expert on the themes of colonialism, slavery and racism. He is the co-author of the much-praised *The Kaiser's Holocaust*. 
**We, Robots**

Simon ed.)

**Summary**

Simon Ings presents 100 of the best SF short stories on artificial intelligence from around the world. From 1837 through to present day, from Charles Dickens to Cory Doctorow, these stories demonstrate humanity's enduring fascination with artificial creation. Crafted in our image, androids mirror our greatest hopes and darkest fears: we want our children to do better and be better than us, but we also place ourselves in jeopardy by creating beings that may eventually outthink us. This compelling SF figure has persisted across decades and subgenres so the anthology is organised into six thematic sections: Making Robots, Dealing with Robots, Served by Robots, Changing Places with Robots, Being Robots and, finally, Supplanted by Robots. Featuring Ken Liu's "The Caretaker," where an elderly man's android careworker is much more than it first appears, while in Isaac Asimov's "Liar!," a telepathic robot is driven to madness. A man plans to kill a simulacrum of his wife, except his shrink is sleeping with her in Robert Bloch's "Comfort Me, My Robot." *We, Robots* collects the finest android s...

**Contributor Bio**

**Simon Ings** is the author of eight previous novels and two works of non-fiction, including the Baillie Gifford longlisted *Stalin And The Scientists*. His debut novel *Hot Head* was widely acclaimed. He is the arts editor of *New Scientist* magazine.

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**Children of D'Hara**

Terry Goodkind
The Stitcher and the Mute
D.K. Fields

Summary
Detective Cora Gorderheim has found the man who strangled the Wayward storyteller. But he was just a small part of a much bigger tale. Someone powerful ordered a murder on Cora’s patch. That someone still lurks in the shadows. But as she continues her investigations, Cora is warned not to pry into the great and the good of Fenest. Too stubborn to know better, Cora keeps digging and begins to piece together a conspiracy that reaches from the gutter dwellers of the Union of Realms right to the top: the Chambers. As the Audience hear the Torn and Perlish tales, Cora realizes she must return to her own story, to its very beginning, if she’s going to have any say in its end.

Contributor Bio
D.K. Fields is the pseudonym for the writing partnership of novelists David Towsey and Katherine Stansfield. Widow’s Welcome was the first book in the Tales of Fenest trilogy.

Fate
Zhou Haohui

Summary
The follow-up to Death Notice is a high-octane, high-concept cat-and-mouse thriller that adds an exhilarating new gear to the police procedural.

Contributor Bio
Zhou Haohui’s Death Notice trilogy is China's bestselling crime series. An online TV drama based on the novels has received more than 2.4 billion views, making it one of China's most popular online shows ever.
**Woman in the Wood**

M.K. Hill

**Summary**

Three years ago, Danny "Abs" Abbingdon was living the dream. Boyband good looks, a famous girlfriend, a happy-go-lucky personality and a starring role on the nation's favourite reality TV show, *Laid in Essex*. And then, on the night of the party, everything changed. It was supposed to be an intimate gathering. Just a few close friends in a remote cottage in Wales. But one thing led to another, the guest-list swelled, and the party spiraled out of control. A few days later, a local girl was reported missing, presumed dead. Abs and his friends had been the last to see her alive. Although no one was ever charged, the controversy was enough to destroy Abs' career. So now, three years later, the celebrity who once captured the hearts of millions is opening Southend's new branch of Poundland. But new evidence, discovered by DI Sasha Dawson and Essex police, is about to come to light. Evidence which might just clear Abs name—or might send him down for murder...

**Contributor Bio**

Mark Hill is a former journalist and award-winning music radio producer.

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**The House of a Hundred Whispers**

Graham Masterton

**Summary**

Dartmoor, with its mists, bleak winter weather and overwhelming sense of isolation, is the perfect place to build a prison. It's not a place many would choose to live—yet the Governor of Dartmoor Prison did just that. When Herbert Russell retired, he bought All Hallow's Hall—a rambling Tudor mansion on the edge of the moor, and lived there all his life. Now he's dead, and his estranged family are set to inherit his estate. But when the dead man's family come to stay, the atmosphere of the moors seems to drift into every room. Floorboards creak, secret passageways echo, and wind whistles in the house's famous priest hole. And then, on the morning the family decide to leave All Hallow's Hall once and for all, their young son Timmy goes missing.

**Contributor Bio**

Graham Masterton is the author of the Katie Maguire crime series.
Blood of the Wolf
Graham Hurley

Summary
Berlin, 1942. For four years, the men have taken country after country across Western Europe. For Werner Nehmann, Ministry of Propaganda journalist, this series of victories has felt dizzying. Werner's boss, Joseph Goebbels, can't let morale falter now. But the Minister of Propaganda is uneasy and has pulled Werner into his confidence. Amid the power struggle between the Nazi Chieftains, Werner will make his mistake...

Contributor Bio
Graham Hurley is the author of the acclaimed Faraday and Winter crime novels.

The Cat and The City
Nick Bradley

A stray cat dances through Tokyo, connecting a group of apparent strangers, in this inventive literary debut

Summary
In Tokyo—one of the world's largest megacities—a stray cat is wending her way through the back alleys. And, with each detour, she brushes up against the seemingly disparate lives of the city-dwellers, connecting them in unexpected ways. But the city is changing. As it does, it pushes her to the margins where she chances upon a series of apparent strangers—from a homeless man squatting in an abandoned hotel, to a shut-in hermit afraid to leave his house, to a convenience store worker searching for love. The cat orbits Tokyo's denizens, drawing them ever closer. In a series of spellbinding, interlocking narratives—with styles ranging from manga to footnotes—Nick Bradley has hewn a novel of interplay and estrangement; of survival and self-destruction; of the desire to belong and the need to escape. Formally inventive and slyly political, The Cat and The City is a lithe thrill-ride through the less-glimpsed streets of Tokyo.

Contributor Bio
Nick Bradley is a graduate of the UEA Creative Writing MA who is currently completing a PhD in Creative & Critical Writing, focusing on the figure of the cat in Japanese literature.