Lettering to the Max
Ivan Castro, Alex Trochut

Summary
Lettering, the drawing, designing, and illustration of words, has a personal uniqueness that is increasingly valued in today's digital society, whether personal or professional. This manual, by the internationally renowned Iván Castro, outlines the basic materials and skills to get you started. Typographical concepts and the principles of construction and composition are decoded. In addition, Ivan outlines several practical projects that allow the reader, not just to practice, but to develop their own ideas. In-depth but accessible, this book is the ideal beginner's guide and an excellent reference for the more well versed.

Contributor Bio
Ivan Castro is a graphic designer based in Barcelona, Spain, who specializes in calligraphy, lettering, and typography. His work involves everything from advertising to editorial, and from packaging to logo design and gig posters. Although Ivan claims to have no specific style, one could say that he has a strong respect for the history of popular culture. He has been working in the field for 20 years, and has been teaching calligraphy and lettering for 15 years in the main design schools in Barcelona. He travels frequently, holding workshops and giving lectures at design festivals and conferences. Alex Trochut was born in 1981 in Barcelona, Spain. After completing his studies at Elisava Escola Superior de Disseny, Alex established his own design studio in Barcelona before relocating to New York City. Through his design, illustration, and typographic practice, he has developed an intuitive way of working that has resulted in his expressive visual style.

The Art & History of Calligraphy
Patricia Lovett

Summary
Ranging from the Middle Ages, when beautiful calligraphy was a way of celebrating the divine, to the renaissance of the art form by William Morris, to the modern school of calligraphers following in the wake of master typographer Edward Johnston, Patricia Lovett charts the development of calligraphy through the history of European manuscripts. A renowned expert on the history of the form as well as a fine calligrapher herself, she writes—uniquely—from a practitioner's point of view. Large-scale full-color reproductions enable the reader to see the fine detail of each manuscript, and to understand more clearly than ever before the painstaking craft and great artistic skill that were necessary to create these strikingly beautiful pieces of writing.

Contributor Bio
Patricia Lovett is a professional calligrapher and illuminator and works from her studio at Kent. She has written a number of books on calligraphy and illumination, and teaches and lectures all over the world. She was awarded the MBE for services to heritage crafts and calligraphy, and is vice-chair of the Heritage Crafts Association, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and patron of the Lettering and Commemorative Arts Trust.
New Yorkers
Sally Davies

Insightful portraits and perceptive interviews combine to explore a vibrant city and its people behind closed doors

Summary
New Yorkers presents more than 70 intimate portraits of people in their apartments and studios—captured in unique style by renowned New York street photographer Sally Davies—along with their testimonies and tales, and their illuminating observations on what it means to be a New Yorker. Considering the origins and ambitions of its subjects, it captures an intoxicating glimpse of New York’s alternative scene before its actors are washed away on a wave of gentrification. A cast of drag artists, store owners, doctors, dog walkers, psychics, cab drivers, writers, artists, tattoo artists, gallery owners, photographers, film producers, designers, dancers, and musicians (including such legendary New Yorkers as Laurie Anderson, Danny Fields, and William Ivey Long) reveal the diversity, eccentricity, creativity, and humanity at the heart of this iconic city.

Contributor Bio
Sally Davies is a street photographer whose works are in the Museum of the City of New York and the NYC 9/11 Memorial Museum. She is the author of the acclaimed McDonalds Happy Meal project (1.5 million online hits) and her archive is part of the Downtown Collection of Fales Library at NYU. She took Alan Ginsberg's old apartment when she moved from Canada to New York in 1983, and she still lives in the East Village with her dog Bun.

prettycitydublin
Discovering Dublin's Beautiful Places
Siobhan Ferguson

A stunning photography, lifestyle and travel guide for Ireland's capital by acclaimed Irish Instagrammer Siobhan Ferguson

Summary
This beautiful collection of images will take you past Dublin's famous landmarks - the bridge, the Liffey, the pubs - and into the pretty hidden gems waiting around every corner. From secluded mews to artisan outlets, vintage markets and tree-lined streets, prettcitydublin champions the quiet, gentle moments that allow you to escape in a bustling capital city like Dublin. Curated by Siobhan Ferguson, founder and editor of Instagram's @theprettycities and the author of the acclaimed prettcitylondon, this stunning guide also includes tips on how to photograph and plan your own prettcitydublin experience, whether on foot or from afar.

Contributor Bio
Siobhan Ferguson is the curator and founder of the hugely popular Instagram accounts, @prettycitylondon, @theprettycities, and @siobhaise. A photographer and social media consultant, she is the author of prettcitylondon (2018) and prettcitynewyork (2019). A native Irishwoman, she currently lives in Chiswick.
Bird's Eye London

Paul Campbell

Summary
A showcase of stunning aerial photography by Paul Campbell, revealing new perspectives of London and its numerous famous landmarks. More than 150 single and double-page images of the city are published here for the first time, each revealing the full extent of the ever-changing capital and what it has to explore. A wonderful reference book for professionals and residents and a very memorable gift for visitors. Informatively captioned throughout, the magnificent range of historical figures, architects, and designers who have contributed to London’s landscape and had such influence on its culture are discussed alongside the spectacular images. Chapters cover each of the city’s iconic locations and attractions, from the luxurious green expanses of the Royal Parks to the towering new skyscrapers of Canary Wharf and from innovative rooftop spaces to the bridges which span the bustling River Thames, with Bird’s Eye London offering a rarely experienced insight into this global city.

Contributor Bio
Paul Campbell is a London-based photographer whose clients have included Land Rover, the Royal Air Force, Sainsbury’s and P&O Cruises. In turning to aerial photography and creating this Bird’s Eye London collection, Paul has approached the subjects with the eye of a designer, producing images that offer a spectacular perspective without losing the reality of the city.

52 Assignments: Nature Photography

Ben Hall, Ross Hoddinott

Summary
52 Assignments: Nature 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 rucksack, it is filled with a year’s worth of weekly commissions and concepts for composing and creating eye-catching nature photography in all its forms. Whether it’s building a blind, setting up a feeding station, shooting macro masterpieces, creating beautiful animal silhouettes, capturing birds in flight, or focusing on natural textures, all the assignments in this book have been written to inspire you to be more creative, explore the natural world around you, push your photography to its limits, and discover your wild side.

Contributor Bio
Ben Hall’s spectacular images have earned him numerous international awards including more than 20 prizes in the British Wildlife Photography Awards (including a double category win in 2009), Geographical Photographer of the Year, and a category win in Bird Photographer of the Year. Ben is a regular photographic and editorial contributor to photography and wildlife magazines around the world, and has appeared on TV and radio programs including BBC’s Walk on the Wild Side, The One Show, and Countryfile. Ben also runs regular wildlife photography workshops. Ross Hoddinott is an award-winning wildlife and landscape photographer, the author of several photography books, and a regular contributor to the photo press. Based in North Cornwall, England, Ross is best known for his beautiful macro and close-up images, and for evocative landscape photographs. He co-runs the photography workshop company Dawn2Dusk Photography and also provides bespoke 1-2-1 tuition. As well as judging major nature photography competitions, Ross has been a brand ambassador for leading photography equipment brands i...
Sci-Fi & Fantasy Oil Painting Masterclass
Layers, Blending & Glazing
Patrick J. Jones, Jeff Miracola

Summary
This detailed, user-friendly oil painting workbook is a companion to Patrick's *Sci-fi & Fantasy Oil Painting Techniques* and features previously unpublished artworks. Patrick leads us into his studio once again to explore further the art of layers, blending, and glazing with oil paints, while explaining step-by-step how these techniques can also be applied in digital art. With his ever-evolving use of technique, Patrick explores methods for painting various textures—from fabric and fur to gold and flesh—and demonstrates ways to work solvent-free. The sheer scale and breadth of Patrick’s experience, and the wealth of invaluable information he shares, means that no artist, art lover, or student should be without this volume on their bookshelves.

Contributor Bio

Patrick J. Jones is the author of the drawing book *The Anatomy of Style* and has recently released a collection of his work in hardback, *The Sci-fi & Fantasy Art of Patrick J. Jones*. He has worked for most major SF & Fantasy publishers and film companies worldwide and teaches a masterclass in figure drawing in his adopted homeland, Brisbane, Australia. Jeff Miracola is the Director of Fantasy Art Workshop, and has been a professional illustrator since 1993. He’s worked on brands such as Magic: the Gathering, World of Warcraft, Dungeons & Dragons, Star Wars, and Mars Attacks. He has won numerous awards and been Artist Guest of Honor at GenCon, the world’s largest gaming convention.

Sex and Horror: Volume Four
Korero Press

Summary
This is the fourth title in our Sex and Horror series, which celebrates the 1960s and 1970s publishing phenomenon called “fumetti sexy”: Italian adult comics with a unique take on such genres as horror, crime, fantasy, history, and fairy tales. The comics’ huge success was due in part to their uninhibited mix of twisted humor, gory violence, and up-front eroticism; however, what makes them so sought-after today is their technicolor cover illustrations, rendered by classically trained painters. The book promises another visual feast of outrageous pulp art.

Contributor Bio

Korero Press is a London-based art book publisher whose list mainly includes pop culture, street art, erotica, and horror titles.
Logomotive
Railroad Graphics and the American Dream
Ian Logan, Jonathan Glancey, Norman Foster

Here is a once-in-a-lifetime glimpse into the past majesty of the pioneering days of the American Railroads as told by the graphics of the industry.

Summary
Ian Logan fell in love with American railroads back in the 1950s. Inspired by the songs of folk and Motown, he set off to see the places, the trains, the locomotives, and the everyday life of the first machine-powered transportation system on the North American continent. A designer of fabrics, tin, and enamelware, Ian Logan was fascinated by the typography and graphics of the railroad companies. In the 1960s and 1970s he made scores of journeys recording the insignia, the logos, the slogans, and livery of railroad companies big and small, East and West coast and transcontinental. He even created designs for them. In Logomotive, Ian Logan’s photographs are assembled into chapters and picture essays recalling the great days of lines such as the Santa Fe, the Union Pacific, and the Kansas City Southern. One of his journeys is presented as a travelogue in which he meets the Fat Controller, gets to sound the horn, and wanders into freight yards to see the last generation of streamline locomotives rusting amid the weeds. Animal motifs, Native American allusions, advertising slogans, names...

Contributor Bio
Ian Logan is a designer of fabrics, tin, and enamelware. In the 1960s and 1970s he made scores of rail journeys, recording the insignia, the logos, the slogans, and livery of railroad companies big and small, East and West coast and transcontinental. He even created designs for them. Jonathan Glancey, FRIBA is an architectural critic and writer who was the architecture and design editor at The Guardian, a position he held from 1997 to February 2012. He previously held the same post at The Independent. He also has been involved with the architecture magazines Building Design, Architectural Review, The Architect, and Blueprint. He is an honorary fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, RIBA.

Arts & Crafts
From William Morris to Frank Lloyd Wright
Arnold Schwartzman

Following on from Art Deco, the second in Arnold Schwartzmann’s architecture trilogy

Summary
Following on from Art Deco, this is the second volume of Arnold Schwartzman’s trilogy on the architecture of the late 19th and early 20th Century, in which he focuses on a group of British craftsmen who decided to turn their backs on the mass production of the Industrial Revolution to form a "Round Table" in order to establish a means of returning to hand-crafted products. William Morris, Charles Rennie Mackintosh and in America, Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany and Greene and Greene were among these like-minded artisans who wished in essence to create a movement which embodied a vision and style that returned to the Golden Age of craftsmanship.

Contributor Bio
Arnold Schwartzman is an Oscar-winning filmmaker, a noted graphic designer, and the author of a score of books. He was the Director of Design for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, and for many years has designed many of the key graphic elements for the annual Academy Awards. In 2010, he created the two murals for the Grand Lobby of Cunard’s Queen Elizabeth.
Smoke and Mirrors
Cars, Photography and Dreams of the Open Road
Hoxton Mini Press, Adam Hay-Nicholls

Summary
Car photography often evokes the same recycled tropes. Predictably slick, hi-spec images on the front pages of glossy magazines, or huge blow-ups on giant billboards which have one designed aim: to sell a lifestyle. But our relationship with cars is so much more meaningful than these images might suggest. Like the camera, the car has changed the way we explore the world. With cars came road trips, and with road trips came some of the most important photographic documentaries of our time. A car is a vehicle not just for transport but for our hopes, desires and dreams. In Smoke and Mirrors, a selection of world-renowned and up-and-coming photographers come together to pay tribute to the car. From Nick Turpin’s images of ‘donut’ skid marks, Todd Hido’s painterly landscapes taken through wet windscreens and William Green’s shots of sleeping Tokyo taxi drivers, these photographs display cars at their most playful, introspective and meaningful, reminding us that there is more to them than just metal and machinery - for cars are emotionally intertwined with the lives we live.

Contributor Bio
Hoxton Mini Press is a publisher co-founded by Martin Usborne and Ann Waldvogel, dedicated to bringing smart photography and beautiful photobooks to a wider audience. Usborne has volunteered with British rescue charity All Dogs Matter as well as a number of charities around the world that help trafficked or otherwise at risk animals. In 2017 Hoxton Mini Press teamed up with Penguin Books to create a brand new series of books gathering the best photography around on certain photographic subjects, hoping to reach the widest audience with art that enriches the human experience. Really Good Dog Photography is the first title in the series.

Astronomy Photographer of the Year: Collection 9
Collins Astronomy, Royal Observatory, Greenwich

Summary
From the number one Astronomy publisher, a beautiful astrophotography book, showcasing the most spectacular space photography, taken from locations across the globe. Marvel at the wonders of the universe captured by the most talented astrophotographers. A perfect gift for all interested in exploring...

Contributor Bio
The Royal Observatory, Greenwich is the home of Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian of the World, making it the official starting point for each new day and year. It is also home to London’s only planetarium, the Harrison timekeepers and the UK’s largest refracting telescope. It runs the annual Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition.
**Fragile Planet**

The Impact of Climate Change
Collins Collins Books

This unique book provides a striking look at the dramatic changes that are happening to our planet. 230 dramatic images of sea level rising, glaciers melting, flooding and impacts from fires.

**Summary**

This unique book provides a striking look at the dramatic changes that are happening to our planet. 230 dramatic images of sea level rising, glaciers melting, flooding, and impacts from fires. Striking images of the following locations are included:

- American, European and Asian glaciers
- Australian bushfires
- Pacific Islands under threat
- Rivers drying out
- Cities flooding
- Alaskan coastline
- Advancing deserts
- Greenland’s shrinking ice

A unique record of the dramatic changes which are shaping our planet.

**Contributor Bio**

With a heritage stretching back over 200 years, HarperCollins is one of the world’s foremost book publishers, with a catalogue ranging from cutting-edge contemporary fiction to award-winning apps and everything in between.

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**The Book of the Earthworm**

Sally Coulthard

Sally Coulthard explores the miraculous world of the earthworm, the modest little creature without whom life as we know it would not be possible.

**Summary**

For Charles Darwin—who estimated every acre of land contained 53,000 earthworms—the humble earthworm was the most important creature on the planet. And yet, most people know almost nothing about these little engineers of the earth. We take them for granted but, without the earthworm, the world’s soil would be barren, and our gardens, fields, and farms wouldn’t be able to grow the food and support the animals we need to survive. Sally Coulthard provides a complete profile of the earthworm by answering 50 questions about these wiggling creatures, from "What happens if I chop a worm in half?” to "Would humans survive if worms went extinct?” Fascinating and beautifully illustrated, The Book of the Earthworm offers a feast of quirky facts and practical advice about the world’s most industrious—but least understood—invertebrate.

**Contributor Bio**

Sally Coulthard is an author of design and outdoor living books including The Bee Bible, The Hedgehog Handbook, The Little Book of Snow, How to Build a Shed, Shed Chic, Gardenalia, and The Little Book of Building Fires.
The Secret Lives of Animals
Greg McLeod

Did you know that an ostrich can run faster than a horse and roar like a lion? Or that a narwhal's tusk is in fact a large front tooth? With charming and humorous illustrations from BAFTA-award-winning artist Greg McLeod, The Little Book of Amazing Animal Facts is an essential compendium of mind-bl...

Summary
The natural world is full of awesome surprises, and the animal kingdom is no exception. As The Secret Lives of Animals reveals, it seems that the more we discover about the unusual species that populate our planet, the more we understand just how ingenious, resourceful, and downright creative they can be!

Did you know that red pandas are not only incredibly cute, but also master escape artists able to flee their enclosures in high security zoos all over the world with alarming frequency? Or that beautiful manta rays have not only been observed recognizing their own reflection in mirrors, but are also able to identify friendly divers and ask for their help when they're in a bit of a jam? Or that elephants, as well as having famously impressive memories, are also sophisticated communicators who send signals to each other using a wide range of body language? Or that parrots, as well as being amazing mimics, are able to learn dance moves? YouTube star Snowball, the dancing cockatoo, has a very entertaining 14-move repertoire.

With charming and humorous illustrations from BAFTA-award-winner...

Contributor Bio
Greg McLeod is an illustrator, animator, and director. He won an Association of Illustrators Gold Award for his work on BBC comedy animation Sticks. His last short film, Marfa, entirely drawn and animated by Greg, had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for a BAFTA Film Award for British Short Animation.

The Miraculous Life of Maggie the Wunderdog
Kasey Carlin

The incredible true story of a miracle dog

Summary
Maggie was shot 18 times and subjected to cruelty and torture before being rescued from Lebanon and brought to live in England by a determined and loving young woman called Kasey. As Maggie faced the worst, every day was a fight to rehabilitate her. The long surgeries, followed by weeks of recovery, gave Kasey hope that what she had found in this little dog was someone just as determined to live and love as she was. And finally Maggie began not only to show signs that was she going to live, but also to show Kasey just how enormous her zest for life really was. They would take long walks along the breezy Brighton seaside, and it wasn't long before Maggie’s joie de vivre started attracting attention from passers-by, other dog owners, and pretty much anyone who came into contact with her. It was then that Kasey saw how much love there was for Maggie, and she began to document her life and recovery online. Fast-forward to today: Maggie leads a healthy, wonderful life and enjoys being an Instagram star. With over 300k followers and counting, she is the most famous rescue dog online. This ...

Contributor Bio
Kasey Carlin lives in Sussex with her dogs Maggie, Mishka, and Millie.
The Wisdom of Old Dogs
Lessons in Life, Love and Friendship
Elli Radinger

Summary
A dog is for life, but an old dog’s wisdom is for ever. Full of practical advice, uplifting stories, and scientific expertise, this book reveals how dogs can be a constant source of wisdom, comfort, and love in their old age. The perfect Christmas present for anyone who treasures these wonderful animals.

Contributor Bio
Elli H. Radinger is an international author specializing in wolves and dogs. She has written numerous books about her wolf research in Yellowstone National Park, and gives frequent lectures and readings. She put her wolf research on hold in order to help her 13-year-old dog Shira through the final years of her life.

Night Fishing
Stingrays, Goya and the Singular Life
Vicki Hastrich

Summary
Vicki Hastrich takes the reader on a stunning voyage through her writer's life and across her chosen patch: the private byways of Brisbane Water, north of Sydney, where she has spent much of her life.

Hastrich fuses her intimate, loving knowledge of a tiny arena of Australia's natural world with the grand influence of ideas from throughout civilisation - from the baroque to the American Western, and artists as diverse as Zane Grey, Tiepolo and Goya - to create a truly original and deeply pleasurable collection.

Night Fishing unfolds as a series of expeditions or essays, undertaken in the spirit of the philosopher scientist. All the while, slowly, thoughtfully, Hastrich reveals the ordinary and remarkable detail of her life, from her childhood by the sea to her life as a camera operator for the ABC, as a historian and amateur marine biologist, and as a single woman exploring her small stretch of water.

The result is entirely new, entirely fresh and profoundly captivating. Night Fishing is a tonic for those of us who have forgotten how to slow down, how to look around, how to be part of o...

Contributor Bio
Vicki Hastrich is the Sydney-based writer of two acclaimed novels, Swimming with the Jellyfish and The Great Arch.
Swimming with Seals
Victoria Whitworth

A book about intense physical and personal experience, narrating how Victoria Whitworth began swimming in the cold waters of Orkney as a means of escaping a failing marriage.

Summary
Victoria Whitworth began swimming in the cold waters of Orkney as a means of temporary escape from a failing marriage, a stifling religious environment, and a series of health problems. Over four years, her encounters with the sea and all its weathers, the friendships she made, and the wild creatures she encountered, combined to transform her life. This book is a love letter, to the beach where she swims regularly and its microcosmic world, to the ever-changing cold waters where the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean meet, and to the seals, her constant companions.

Contributor Bio
Victoria Whitworth is a historian and the author of Daughter of the Wolf.

Queen of the Sky
Jackie Morris

Summary
The amazing story of a peregrine falcon rescued from the sea off the remote coast of west Wales. Jackie Morris tells the story of how her friend Ffion Rees nursed the Falcon back to life and back to the wild—it’s about the bond which grew between the two. The story is told by international author and illustrator Jackie Morris, who lives in this remote part of Pembrokeshire, in west Wales. Jackie describes the risks, triumphs, and above all the trust which developed between the pair and which formed the basis of the falcon’s path to back to health and back to the freedom of the wild. Beautifully illustrated throughout with photographs, drawings, sketches and magnificent paintings by Jackie. A must for birdwatchers, art lovers, and romantics alike.

Contributor Bio
Jackie Morris is an author, artist, and illustrator who has more than 30 years’ experience writing and illustrating books. East of the Sun has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal; Little Evie in the Wild Wood and Something About a Bear have been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal; and The Lost Words won the CILIP Greenaway Medal 2019. Other titles by Jackie Morris include Queen of the Sky, the Welsh-language edition of The Lost Words – Geiriau Diflanedig, Tell Me a Dragon, The Snow Leopard, and The Ice Bear.
The Quiet Music of Gently Falling Snow
Jackie Morris

Summary
A beautifully illustrated collection of interconnected folk tales by author Jackie Morris. These 12 stories are based around a series of musically-themed illustrations first created by Jackie for Help Musicians UK, a "catalyst for the imagination," as Jackie describes. Suitable for children and adults and set in a beautiful, magical world of music and majestic creatures, this is an enchanting combination of word and illustration. This new compact edition has a linen-textured hardback cover with a silver foil title and a printed paper dust jacket. A silver page marker ribbon and textured uncoated off-white paper, the same as the popular large format edition, completes this classic book format.

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Gardening Contemplations
Reflections on Sowing and Tending
Trigger Publishing

In our quest to find a place for quiet reflection, Gardening Contemplations is one of a series of simple but beautifully curated books on the wonders of the natural world. Providing a place for rest, contemplation and reflection, this book features a selection of quotes, extracts and poetry on the j...

Summary
'More than anything, I must have flowers always, always.' - Claude Monet

This beautifully packaged book offers the reader a rare opportunity to slow down and enjoy the natural restorative power of gardening through a selection of beautiful evocative quotes, poems and passages...immersing the reader in a space of contemplative reflection, inspired by the art of floriculture.

'To forget how to dig the earth and to tend to the soil is to forget ourselves.' - Mahatma Gandhi

Contributor Bio
Trigger Publishing is an altruistic mental health and well-being publisher, recognized within the industry and beyond for its innovative approach to publishing.
Countryside Contemplations
Reflections on Our Wild Wonders
Trigger Publishing

In our quest to find a place for quiet reflection, this simple but beautifully curated book on the wonders of the natural world provides a place for rest and contemplation. This book features a selection of quotes, extracts and poetry on the folklore, wisdom, and customs of the countryside.

Summary

’In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.’ - Margaret Atwood.

Through evocative passages and quotes inspired by the countryside, this stunningly packaged book offers a rare opportunity to slow down, step back and receive the natural restorative power of nature. The contemplative words will transport you to a space of quiet reflection as you simply sit... and be.

’Soon will the high Midsummer prompts come in

Soon will the musk carnations break and swell

Soon shall we have gold-dusted snapdragon

Sweet-William with his homely cottage-smell

And stocks in fragrant blow

Roses that down the alleys shine afar

And open, jasmine-muffled lattices’ ...

Mathew Arnold, Thyrisis: A Monody to Commemorate the Author's Friend, Arthur Hugh Clough

Contributor Bio

Trigger Publishing is an altruistic mental health and wellbeing publisher.

Walking Contemplations
Reflections on Rambling and Ambling
Trigger Publishing

In our quest to find a place for quiet reflection, this simple but beautifully curated book on the wonders of the natural world provides a place for rest, contemplation and reflection. This book features a selection of quotes, extracts and poetry on the folklore, wisdom and customs of walking.

Summary

’All paths lead nowhere, so it is important to choose a path that has heart.’ - Carlos Castaneda.

This beautifully packaged book offers the reader a rare opportunity to slow down and receive the natural restorative power of nature through a selection of beautiful, evocative quotes transporting the reader to a space of contemplative reflection inspired by the mindful art of walking.

’Once trodden by human feet, a natural path becomes a work of man, each traveller marking the way for the next, sometimes departing from the most direct or obvious route to avoid a muddy patch, or to keep out of sight of possible enemies. Feet follow footsteps and so a road is trodden in history.’ --The Oldest Road, An Exploration of the Ridgeway, JRL Anderson and Fay Godwin

Contributor Bio

Trigger Publishing is an altruistic mental health and wellbeing publisher.
**Wildlife Contemplations**

*Reflections on Our Living World*

Trigger Publishing

*Wildlife Contemplations* is part of a series of simple but beautifully curated books on the wonders of the natural world. Providing a place for rest, contemplation and reflection, this book features a selection of quotes, extracts and poetry on the flora and fauna found in the world around us.

**Summary**

*The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.* - Mahatma Gandhi

This beautifully packaged book offers a rare opportunity to slow down, step back and receive the natural restorative power of nature. Through its evocative passages and quotes inspired by the natural world, the contemplative words will transport you to a captivating realm full of flora and fauna that will fill you with wonder.

*The beginning of beginning rhythm*

*Is speech of the crowned crane.*

*The crowned crane says, 'I speak'.*

*The word is beauty.*

An African Bambara poem – *Praise for the Crane*

**Contributor Bio**

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**You Are Incredible Just As You Are**

*How to Embrace Your Perfectly Imperfect Self*

Emily Coxhead

The first beautifully designed self-esteem and confidence journal for women and girls by the creator and illustrator of *The Happy News*, Emily Coxhead.

**Summary**

*Find happiness by embracing your perfectly imperfect self.*

This inspiring journal is designed to help you find your way in a world where comparison and judgement can make it hard to stay true to yourself. Using a mixture of prompts, tick boxes and space to write down thoughts, as well as uplifting quotes and thought-provoking words, this beautifully designed book by the creator of *The Happy News* will help you feel more confident in yourself and less anxious about what other people think.

With advice on using social media in a positive way, embracing failure, celebrating your differences and finding people who make you feel happy, this book is designed to help you be kinder to yourself. Because when you embrace your insecurities, differences, and everything that makes you unique, you’ll realise that the only person you need to be is your strong, special, perfectly imperfect self.

**Contributor Bio**

*Emily Coxhead* is a designer, illustrator and creator of *The Happy News*, a newspaper celebrating only good news. She aims to add a little bit of sunshine to this funny old planet, making a few people smile along the way. You can find her on Instagram and Twitter @emilycoxhead or visit her website for more information on her books, newspaper and other projects www.emilycoxhead.com
The Happiness Journal
A Creative Journal to Bring Joy to Your Day
Carole Hénaff

A beautifully illustrated journal encouraging the reader to harness the power of happiness and bring more joy every single day.

Summary
Filled with empowering quotes and affirmations along with practical exercises and tips, this journal will encourage you to reflect upon the moments and experiences that bring you happiness and inspire you to harness your happiness in a meaningful way.

Cultivating healthy habits can help you to boost your individual wellbeing and mindful habits like focusing on a journal will encourage you to be present, turning your focus away from negative events.

Noting the things that make you happy and expressing gratitude for them has been proven in a study by Harvard Health to make you feel more “positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships.”

Filled with beautiful illustrations, filling in this journal is an opportunity for the reader to ignore the negativity in day-to-day life and focus on what brings them joy.

Contributor Bio
Carole Hénaff is a French illustrator living and working in Barcelona.

Happy Planning
Plan Your Way Through Anything, from Healthy Eating and Holidays to Weddings and Weekly Shops
Charlotte Plain

Transform your life with the ultimate practical can-do planning guide

Summary
Anything is possible with a plan.

Bring order amidst the chaos with this practical guide for those who like to prep (or maybe need a little more planning in their lives). Happy Planning will give you the tools you need to plan every aspect of your life, from the weekly shop, daily meal prep, and general budgeting, right through to big occasions like weddings, parties, and holidays. You’ll cut waste, save more, and live better—a little plan goes a long way!

Planning is about taking away last-minute panic pressure, gaining control, and helping you to be the best version of yourself. Charlotte’s everyday approach has been so successful that she launched a business off the back of it, and is now sharing all of her practical and positive know-how in this book. As well as her planning mantras and toolkit, each section of the book is dedicated to an area of life that benefits from planning and is packed with personal learning experiences, planning methods, tips and tricks, practical guidance, and interactive elements.

It’s simple, positive, and practical planning that will lead to a healthier h...

Contributor Bio
Charlotte Plain started Princess Planning from her bedroom in 2017 and has now grown it into a successful business gaining over a hundred thousand orders. Through her website she sells diaries, meal planners, and other stationery, which all aim to organize and inspire positivity. Many of her customers have come via her Instagram account (currently up to 166.5k followers), who have followed Charlotte through her weight loss journey and her launch into business. Her products have been so popular that she has had to close her site in the past, just to keep on top of demand.
A Pocket Coach: The Positivity Coach
Gill Thackray

A practical and engaging guide to positivity filled techniques and exercises to help the reader learn how to cultivate a more positive outlook and increase their resilience.

Summary
From friendships to self-confidence and from relationships to compassion, this engaging and insightful book proves that being positive is more than just having a happy outlook, it is a way of living your life that will allow you to flourish and engage with the world around you. Each chapter has practical exercises and further reading to enable the reader to fully integrate positive attitudes into their everyday life.

Contributor Bio
Gill Thackray is a business psychologist, coach, writer, mindfulness teacher, and regular conference speaker. Gill has successfully worked with hundreds of organizations to improve performance, innovation, and strategy over the last 20 years. Ranging from global organizations (United Nations, KPMG, Spotify, Deloitte); to non-profits (UK Sport, the V & A Museum, International Planned Parenting, Shelter, the National History Museum); universities (London School of Economics, British School of Osteopathy, Goldsmiths,) and Government Bodies (UK Central Government, Kenyan Ministry of Tourism, Nigerian Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Communications Pakistan). Gill has an MSc in Mindfulness Studies. She is a qualified mindfulness teacher, adhering to the UK Mindfulness Good Practice Guidelines and is a registered teacher on the UK Mindfulness Teachers List as well as being professionally accredited by the International Mindfulness Teachers Association.

A Pocket Coach: The Mindfulness Coach
Gill Thackray

A practical and engaging guide to mindfulness filled techniques and exercises to help the reader learn about what mindfulness is and how they can integrate it into their everyday life.

Summary
Gill Thackray teaches the reader the fundamentals of mindfulness and details the benefits of introducing it into your life. She also provides fascinating detail into what happens to your brain when you practice mindfulness and how to make room for it in a busy life. The book also busts myths about mindfulness and proves that there is no right or wrong way of practicing, it is simple about finding the way it works best for you. From the workplace to managing anxiety, this Pocket Coach book will teach you how to live a more mindful life. Each chapter has practical exercises so you can really engage with your practice as well as further reading so you can continue your mindfulness journey.

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The Energy Alignment Method
Let Go of the Past, Free Yourself From Sabotage and Attract the Life You Want
Yvette Taylor, Lisa Hammond

The Energy Alignment Method (EAM) is a unique and powerful self-help technique that anyone can use. EAM will help you to release resistance, raise your vibration and empower you to manifest your dreams.

Summary
Do you want to be happy, more in flow, and change your life?

The Energy Alignment Method – EAM®, is a transformational energy and self-help process. The technique brings together Chinese medicine, manifesting, law of attraction, elements of kinesiology, neuroscience research, NLP, positive psychology and eastern spiritual principles into one powerful self-help process.

EAM® enables you to release repetitive negative thoughts and feelings, painful memories, traumatic experiences and overwhelming emotions, so that you can be free from stress, anxiety and negative emotions. The technique involves 5 simple steps, and can be used all day every day. A key part of the practice is known as ‘the sway’, a muscle testing method taken from Applied Kinesiology. It provides realtime energetic feedback.

This book explains what EAM is and how it works, then shows readers how to use it themselves.

Contributor Bio
Yvette Taylor is the creator of EAM – The Energy Alignment Method — an internationally recognized complementary therapy. She has spent over 20 years using and teaching Eastern principles, spiritual practices and self-development in the UK and internationally. She was voted one of the Top 10 Holistic Therapists In The UK by Holistic Therapy Magazine and was Winner of the Janey Lee Grace Platinum Award among other accolades.

Love Yourself Sober
A Self Care Guide to Alcohol-Free Living for Busy Mothers
Kate Baily, Mandy Manners, Dawn Nickel (PhD)

Upbeat, honest and self-effacing, Love Yourself Sober explores how a problematic relationship with alcohol can easily develop, how to recognize it, and what to do about it.

Summary
'Upbeat, wise and empathetic...a best sober buddy in your pocket' - Clare Pooley, author of The Sober Diaries.

'An amazingly helpful, refreshing and positive book' - Lucy Rocca, Soberistas

'A guidebook to making the absolute best of one of life’s toughest transitions...I wish I’d read it ten years ago' - William Porter, author of Alcohol Explained

With questions around the "Mummy Wine O'clock" culture growing, Love Yourself Sober explores how a problematic relationship with alcohol can easily develop, particularly with time-poor mothers, how to recognise it, and what to do about it.

Kate and Mandy provide a supportive "sober curious" environment, encouraging active participation using positive psychology, coaching methods and workbook features to help women make changes for themselves.

Love Yourself Sober is an empowering book for women and mothers to put their own self-care at the centre of a healthy and positive life-change.

Contributor Bio
Kate Baily is a Professional Personal Performance Coach with the world’s leading coaching program ‘The Coaching Academy’. She specializes in wellness and sobriety and self-leadership. Kate was shortlisted for Best Newcomer category and a finalist in the Coaching for a Cause category at the Coaching academy International Awards 2019. She is also an official She Recovers® designated coach and holds certificates in counseling and positive psychology, and The Science of Happiness from EDX at Harvard and Berkley Universities. She coaches...
Discover Your Power Animal
Learn How to Work with Your Animal Guide
Naz Ahsun

Everyone has a power animal. Just like guardian angels, they help support, protect and take care of us so that we can live our most fulfilled life. This short introductory guide will help you find, tune into, connect and work with your power animal.

Summary
Have you ever felt a deep connection to an animal that goes beyond words?

If so, you may have been communicating with your power animal. A power animal is a teacher or messenger that comes in the form of an animal and has a personal relationship to an individual. They are there to provide “medicine” to the recipient by offering guidance, lessons, protection, power and wisdom. Shamans worldwide have relied on the guidance, wisdom, and symbolism of spirit animals since ancient times.

For thousands of years, a deep relationship has existed between humans and the animal kingdom. You can rekindle this valuable relationship with this easy-to-use book.

- Learn how to connect with your power animal.
- Discover how you can work with them — and your chakras — to enhance your wellbeing.
- Access the guidance of 21 power animals to support you in your day-to-day life.
- Utilize these tools to reawaken your natural heritage and inner-knowing.

Contributor Bio
Naz Ahsun is an author, podcaster and ex-radio presenter of the Outer Limits Radio show. After a magical encounter with a robin in 2012, Naz found new direction guided by her power animals, which led to a string of amazing synchronicities and new possibilities. These powerful allies continue to accompany and support her on the magical mystery tour called “Her Life.”

Be Wild, Be Free
Essential Spirit Animals and Guides
Catherine Björksten

A modern no-nonsense guide to spirit guides.

Summary
We all have spirit guides. Get to know yours.

Guardians and angels, goddesses, animals and totems and elemental spirits - discover who your guides are and how they can power you through every day life. Spot the signs to look for to know they are present and find out how to call on them.

Tune in to their wisdom and understand who you are so you can fulfil your goals - and true potential.

Contributor Bio
Catherine Björksten is a Soul Plan reader and Awakening Guide. She offers a practical approach to spirituality in daily life. Along with her private practice, she is a consultant at the College of Psychic Studies in London.
You Are Cosmic Code
Essential Numerology
Kaitlyn Kaerhart

Numerologist Kaitlyn Kaerhart introduces the power of numbers over our every day lives in this modern guide to the power of numerology

Summary
Your fate isn't written in the stars, it's in your cosmic code...

You know your astrological sign but do you know your numbers? Get to know the ancient art of numerology and the numbers that rule your life.

Numerologist Kaitlyn Kaerhart introduces the most important numbers for you and the simple method to discover them. Understand your life path number, personal year cycles, life expression numbers, Karmic lessons and balance numbers. They all have important roles, will help you understand who you are and how to live to your full potential.

Find out how numerology works with astrology and the tarot to achieve your goals and find clarity and purpose every day.

Contributor Bio
Kaitlyn Kaerhart is a New York-based numerologist and musician. She first studied numerology with an esteemed Indian mystic before spending the following years studying with shamans and healers to help her understand the full power of the numbers in our lives, including numerology's relationship with astrology, tarot and healing practices. She has also studied sound healing, reiki, crystals, meditation, breathwork and hypnotherapy. Her mission is to make numerology as accessible and as easy to understand as astrology. She has also collaborated with the esteemed tarot artist Serpentfire on the Celestial Bodies tarot deck. You can find her on Instagram @kaerhart.

You Are A Rainbow
Essential Auras (Now Age series)
Emma Lucy Knowles

Summary
Tune in to your aura and change your life.

Your aura is your colorful energy field and protection unique to you—it reflects how you are feeling, the experiences you have and help us understand who we are. It can be damaged but also healed and strengthened. All with simple everyday practices.

Discover your aura—how to see, feel, and know it—understand its powers and how to look after it so that it can help you reach your full potential.

Contributor Bio
Emma Lucy Knowles is an intuitive hands on healer, clairvoyant, and meditation teacher. She has worked with crystals and energy for over 15 years, helping people and souls from all over the world heal their pain, find joy, and achieve success. She’s also the go-to crystal expert for lifestyle magazines, and has been featured in Cosmopolitan, Grazia, Harpers Bazar, Women’s Health, and Elle.
Bloom & Thrive
Essential Healing Herbs and Flowers
Brigit Anna McNeill

A modern, expert introduction to the life-changing powers of healing herbs and flowers.

Summary
Worried about a big meeting? Can’t sleep? Low on energy?

Discover the powerful herbs and flowers that can help you to live your best life. Learn which herbs and flowers will aid calm, happiness, boost energy and how you can work simple natural remedies into your daily routine.

This is a down-to-earth, expert introduction to the life-changing powers of nature's potent remedies from forager, herbalist and wild plant medicine teacher Brigit Anna McNeill. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Brigit Anna McNeill is a foraging teacher, herbalist, ecotherapist and wild plant medicine expert. You can find her on Instagram @brigitannamcneill

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Balance Your Agni
Essential Ayurveda
Claire Paphitis

The no-nonsense, expert guide to the power of Ayurveda to transform everyday modern living with small and simple steps.

Summary
Fire up your everyday life with simple, powerful Ayurvedic thinking.

The ancient wellbeing philosophy of Ayurveda can seem complicated, but at its heart are three simple wisdoms that can bring life-changing results to how you think, feel and live: Agni, Ojas, and Doshas.

Discover the meaning of the three simple wisdoms and what they represent. Learn the quick daily eating and living practices that can reinvigorate your life by improving your gut health and sleep, de-stressing and energizing your body and mind.

Contributor Bio
Claire Paphitis is an Ayurveda coach. She studied at The Ayurveda Institute in London before opening her consultation practice in Surrey, UK. She also shares ayurvedic advice, recipes and remedies at theayurvediccoach.com.
**Find Your Flow**  
*Essential Chakras (Now Age series)*  
Sushma Sagar

A expert no-nonsense guide to chakras and energy healing from a London-based Reiki Master and Healer.

**Summary**  
*Let your energy flow.*

You are made of energy. Within your body are 7 important energy centres that look after and influence the health of your body and mind - the chakras.

With this short and simple expert guide, understand how the chakras can influence your everyday life.

Discover how to draw on your energy to invite the good vibes in and heal your energy field to empower yourself every day to achieve your goals.

**Contributor Bio**  
*Sushma* is the founder of The Calmery, a Harley Street energy healing clinic, in London. She is a certified Reiki Master and Shamanic Medicine Healer with over 15 years experience. She runs events and workshops in London. She has appeared in *Marie Claire*, *Women's Health*, *Elle*, *Daily Mail* and *Evening Standard*. You can find her @thecalmery.

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**What Are You Looking For?**  
J. Krishnamurti

**Summary**  
*A follow-up to What Are You Doing with Your Life? offers meditations, reflections and lessons on relationships from one of the 20th century's greatest spiritual thinkers*

"One of the greatest thinkers of the age" *The Dalai Lama*

*What is love?  
Who am I without my relationships?  
What is the relationship between myself and society?*

One of the world's greatest philosophical teachers, Krishnamurti, offers his inspiring wisdom on a core feature of life: our relationships. From parents to partners and colleagues to friends, Krishnamurti answers our deepest defining questions and reveals a path to truly loving yourself, others and the world around you.

Over 4 million copy of Krishnamurti's books have sold worldwide.

**Contributor Bio**  
*Krishnamurti* was born in 1895 in India. He is regarded globally as one of the greatest thinkers and religious teachers in recent times. He explained with great precision the subtle workings of the human mind, and pointed to the need for bringing to our daily life a deeply meditative and spiritual quality. He did not expound any philosophy or religion, but rather talked of the things that concern all of us in our everyday lives, of the problems of living in modern society. He died in 1986.
Small Guide, Big Journey
The Pocket Companion to a Conscious Life
Beata Bishop

A guide to life and its biggest ideas, from birth to death, Plato to Jung, told in an accessible style by esteemed psychotherapist Beata Bishop

Summary
All of us have different ways of living our lives, but within that huge, rich bundle of possibilities some basic themes will always be present. These themes – family, relationships, stages of life, death and survival – have concerned humankind since the beginning of time, yet today we still have to find individual answers to the profound questions they pose. The purpose of this small guide is to shed light on the many important aspects of our shared adventure and to present new viewpoints and possibilities – and perhaps solutions to persistent problems of daily living. Regard it as an invisible but enthusiastic travelling companion whose great gift is to teach us to live consciously.

Contributor Bio
Beata Bishop is a psychotherapist, writer and lecturer who scrutinizes the basic questions, problems and many glories of human existence in the spirit of Jungian and Transpersonal Psychology. She lives in London and has run workshops and seminars all over the UK as well as in Germany, Hungary, Slovenia and the USA. Her memoir of beating cancer, A Time to Heal, has been translated into ten languages.

Spiritual Currency
Life’s Capital
Karen Brooks

This is the book of Y.O.U. (Your Own Universe) which is designed to track and compound your life’s capital.

Summary
The reason for this book is to make you aware of your Spirituality and Consciousness. The analogy of currency to our basic life’s capital is a representation of the wealth of our spirit and the height of our consciousness. The book will take you on a journey to explore your belief systems regarding a variety of topics including Trust, Gratitude, Acknowledgment, Relationships, Sex, Energy, Presence... You will find exercises which may assist you in evaluating your personal development and increasing and maintaining your spiritual performance.

The exercises are short, thought provoking and easy to complete. Feel free to rewrite and edit these sessions as your self-awareness grows. Unlike other academic exercises, there are no grades or wrong answers; so be candid and enjoy the revelations or what we like to call, “ah haha” moments. These moments of clarity and discovery will happen more frequently as your Spiritual Currency grows and Your Own Universe reveals itself.

Contributor Bio
Karen Brooks founded Whitespace at the request of her successful client base from the London Leadership Centre. She is passionate about global consciousness and the neurosciences, which help explain the emotional and mental performances, required for the attainment of success and happiness. Karren brings that valuable experience to her advisory services for business executives, legacy families, and elite sports organizations and athletes. Karren also founded Innovators Highway which provides guidance, valuation, and fundraising for entrepreneurs and their Intellectual Property. Each of these offerings is notable for the remarkable breakthrough results achieved with her clients.
The Prophet
Kahlil Gibran

Summary
A 20th century classic, The Prophet is thought-provoking, comforting, and wise, and its simple truths remain compelling and rewarding to this day. Utterly unique and beloved around the world, The Prophet is a collection of 26 poetic essays by the Lebanese artist, philosopher, and writer Kahlil Gibran. Telling the story of the prophet Al-Mustafa and his conversations with various acquaintances as he returns home after a long absence, the book touches on subjects of universal concern, including love, friendship, passion, pain, religion, and freedom.

Contributor Bio
Kahlil Gibran was born into an impoverished Christian family in Bsharri, Lebanon in 1883. His masterpiece, The Prophet, was first published in 1923 and is among the most-read books of the last century, inspiring the lyric-writing of John Lennon, among others. But Gibran enjoyed only scant recognition in his own time—his health broken by chronic illness and self-neglect, he died in 1931 aged just 48, in his adopted home of New York. He is buried at Bsharri, where his tomb, now a museum, is visited by more than 50,000 pilgrims annually.

Confucius from the Heart
Yu Dan

Summary
Simply written, and with a view to taking the wisdom of Confucius out of the hands of the academics and the philosophers and making it accessible to the general reader, Confucius From the Heart gives us a contemporary Confucius, one who can teach us how to attain spiritual happiness, adjust our daily routines and find our place in modern life. Yu Dan argues that his sayings, or Analects - far from being merely interesting quotes from ancient lore, of little use in our hectic, stress-filled world. Instead, they are simple truths that can speak to each and every one of us and help us lead better, happier, calmer lives.

Contributor Bio
Yu Dan is a professor at China's Beijing Normal University, assistant to the Dean, Faculty of Arts & Media, and Head of the Department of Film & Television Media. She has a master's degree in ancient Chinese literature and a doctoral degree in film & TV studies. Following the extraordinary success of her lectures and subsequent book on Confucius, she gave another series of her lectures, this time on the philosopher Zhuangzi.
The Prophet
Kahlil Gibran

Summary
This is the story of the prophet Al-Mustafa and his conversations with various acquaintances, as he returns home after a long absence. Told in 26 prose poetry fables written in English, the book covers areas such as love, passion, pain, freedom, and friendship. The Prophet has been translated into more than 100 different languages, making it one of the most translated books in history.

Contributor Bio
Kahlil Gibran was a Lebanese-American writer, poet, and artist. He is best known as the author of The Prophet, which was first published in the United States in 1923 and has since become one of the best-selling books of all time, having been translated in more than 100 languages. Kahlil Gibran was the key figure in a Romantic movement that transformed Arabic literature in the first half of the 20th century.

Meditations
Marcus Aurelius

Summary
A collection of personal writings covering an array of topics. Marcus delves into spiritual reflections and exercises, which he developed as a leader, in his struggle to understand himself and make sense of the universe. The book covers such diverse topics as the question of virtue, human rationality, the nature of the gods, and Aurelius's own emotions such as doubt, despair, and exaltation.

Contributor Bio
Marcus Aurelius was Roman emperor from 161 to 180 and a Stoic philosopher. He was the last of the rulers known as the Five Good Emperors.
A Magical Year
Lift Your Spirit with 365 Poems and Reflections from Around the World
Susanna Bailey

Featuring 365 poems, thoughts and reflections by revered poets, sages and mystics, from the East and the West. This is a carefully curated collection of beautiful prose to promote deeper soul connection.

Summary
What better way to start or end the day than by immersing yourself in a poem, thought, or reflection from the Eastern and Western mystics and sages. Passages featured have been carefully selected to feed your soul, awaken your spirit, and tap into your innate wisdom using inspiration from across the ages, as relevant today as it was when it was first written. Broken into 8 sections, it takes you through the cycles of the year: Beginnings, Purification, Renewal, Fertility, Abundance, Balance, Gratitude, and Endings. Each section opens with creative prompts and questions that invite you to delve deeper into your own self-inquiry process. Choose a section that feels relevant, work through from 1-365, or just dip in whenever you want. This collection of inspirational insights will support you in building a daily spiritual practice to nourish and nurture your soul each and every day.

Contributor Bio
Susanna Bailey has contributed to journals, travel magazines, and tabloids, reviewing the Arts. She lectures on how history contextualizes the work of all creative minds throughout time. Her love of literature has informed her work as an artist. She studies the religions of the world and has a fascination with how topography and spiritualism affect a culture and an individual.

Blue Sky Mind
The Art of Meditation
Ian Gawler

Summary
Your mind has two aspects. Maybe you are only familiar with one—the active thinking mind with all its attendant emotions. Blue Sky Mind will introduce you to the other half—the still mind. While meditation does involve getting to know both aspects of your mind better, more particularly it provides a reliable way to become familiar with the still mind. This aspect of the mind is renowned for its innate inner peace and clarity, loving kindness and wisdom. Meditation introduces us to the still mind with direct certainty. It then helps us to function with confidence from its center wherein all the qualities we aspire to as good people are to be found. Blue Sky Mind is intended to be a highly accessible introductory book to meditation, something that everyone will find informative and useful for establishing and deepening their own meditation practice. Ian's first meditation book, Peace of Mind, was one of the first books on meditation published in Australia, and was followed by Meditation: Pure and Simple. Blue Sky Mind combines the best of Ian's first two books with fresh material, guid...

Contributor Bio
Ian Gawler is the founder of the Gawler Foundation, has appeared widely in the media, and is a sought-after presenter and speaker at conferences around the world. He has conducted workshops and retreats in his native Australia and internationally for more than 30 years. He is the author of You Can Conquer Cancer.
My Mind Won't Shut Up!
Meditation for People Who Don't Meditate
Linda Williamson, Marion Williamson

Summary
Warning... this book has not been written by a monk and you don't have to be interested in cleanliving, mantras or attaining oneness with the Universe to find it helpful.

This is a simple, easy to follow and sometimes funny non-confrontational book on how you can use meditation to help you be aware of the present moment. The more aware you become of your repetitive internal gibberish, the easier it will become to spot unhelpful thoughts, drop them, or replace them with kinder ones. This applies to anyone’s mind.

What this book is...
- Everything you need to know about meditation without being too po-faced.
- Squishes the popular myths and tells you like it is.
- Shows you how to manage your preposterously messy brain, making you feel a bit happier and more in control.
- Shows you how to tackle all your wiggly excuses.

What this book isn’t...
- A spiritual journey.
- It will not provide you with a complete guide on how to control your thoughts and feelings – having a chaotic mind is just an annoying part of being human.
- There’s nothing religious in it.
- It won’t make you better at Kung Fu.

Written by two stur...

Contributor Bio

Finding My Right Mind
One Woman’s Experiment to put Meditation to the Test
Vanessa Potter

The true story of an ordinary woman who went to extraordinary lengths to discover whether meditating could change her life. Insightful, funny and informative, Vanessa road-tests 10 techniques from mindfulness to psychedelics, and still manages to pick the kids up!

Summary
When Vanessa Potter woke up one day to find herself blind and paralyzed, she was stunned to discover that it was meditating, not drugs, that saved her mind. Convinced she had more to learn, she embarked on her own consciousness road-trip, exploring the major schools of meditation, along with hypnotherapy and psychedelics. In order to objectively record her journey, Cambridge neuroscientists measured her brain activity, with their observations and results featured within the book.

Offering a detailed snapshot of each practice, Vanessa provides an unusually voyeuristic glimpse into how powerful meditating can be. After 300 hours of sitting still, the scientists and Vanessa reveal whether meditation lived up to the hype and provided the key to contentment.

Funny and wry, this is a unique take on citizen science, delving beneath the surface of meditation to reveal the fascinating world of the mind and the possibilities within. Books on meditation normally teach us how to meditate — not about what happens when we try.

Contributor Bio

Before becoming a self-experimenting science communicator, Vanessa Potter spent 16 years as an award-winning broadcast producer working in the London ad industry. In October 2012 she was struck down by a severe illness called Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder. Following her recovery, she collaborated with neuroscientists at Cambridge University to design an interactive immersive exhibition, based on her therapeutic use of meditation, and gave a TEDx talk about her experiences.
Hope through Recovery
Your Guide to Moving Forward when in Recovery from an Eating Disorder
Hope Virgo, Chi-Chi Obuaya

The practical support guide for dealing with the inevitable fears around daily life when you are on the road to recovery from an eating disorder, by Hope Virgo, mental health campaigner and survivor. Psychiatrist Dr Chi-Chi Obuaya also provides valuable advice.

Summary
In this practical guide to life in recovery, mental health campaigner and survivor Hope Virgo offers practical and emotional support tools for anyone who has had an eating disorder, whatever the type. The book combines her personal experience with her work with parents, patients, educators, and health workers. Consultant Psychiatrist Dr Chi-Chi Obuaya lends his clinical experience and knowledge, giving additional guidance and advice throughout. Learn about Hope's story, the myths about eating disorders, and where you may be in your own recovery. Look at the building blocks for a successful recovery, and the situations you may encounter in daily life that will challenge your recovery. Hope unpicks how to cope and learn from these experiences. Finally, she looks at the possibility of relapse, and how to deal with this if it happens to you. Read from beginning to end or dip in and out when you need extra support and help. This is the book Hope wished she'd had when she was fresh out of hospital and entering back into the "real world."

Contributor Bio
Hope Virgo is an award-winning mental health campaigner and author. She suffered with anorexia for over four years, before being admitted to a mental health hospital in 2007. She lived in the hospital for a year, fighting one of the hardest battles of her life. Since being discharged, she has fought to stay well. Hope is now at the stage of ongoing recovery, and uses her experiences of mental health illness to champion the rights of others, inspire them to get well, and help break the stigma of mental illness. She is a media spokesperson, having appeared on platforms including Victoria Derbyshire, Good Morning Britain, Sky News, and BBC News. Dr Chi-Chi Obuaya is a Consultant Psychiatrist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders. He works across the NHS and runs a private practice in Harley Street.

Heal Your Relationship with Food
Effective Strategies to Help You Think Differently and Overcome Problems with Eating, Emotions and Body Image
Juliet Rosewall, Amy Chisholm, Maureen Moerbeck

You can change your relationship with food for the better. Clinical psychologists Juliet Rosewall and Amy Chisholm, and dietitian Maureen Moerbeck get to the heart of your issues with food and give you the tools you need to overcome them.

Summary
Many of us have an unhealthy relationship with food. Perhaps you've been trying to diet for years, or only feel in control if you're restricting your food intake or following strict diet rules. Perhaps you binge or comfort eat when you're feeling low. Your relationship with food feel far from healthy, but it's been like that for so long that you don't know how to change it. With clear steps, and practical advice, this book will help you sustain positive changes to overcome your issues around food, and repair unhealthy eating habits and mindsets. Whether it be strict dieting, out of control eating, a fixation with your body, or managing emotions with food, this book gives you the tools you need to heal your relationship with food. This book brings together the authors' expertise in evidence-based treatment, arming you with clinically proven strategies to address issues with food, eating, emotions, and your body.

Contributor Bio
Juliet Rosewall is a registered Clinical Psychologist currently working at an NHS Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service in London. She has extensive experience in assessing and treating eating disorders and has published in this area. She has worked in the field of mental health for the last 20 years. Amy Chisholm is a registered Clinical Psychologist who has worked for many years in specialist eating disorder clinics in the United Kingdom. She has worked as a Clinical Psychologist in adult mental health for over a decade, and in the field of eating disorders practice and research for nearly 20 years. She currently specializes in both eating disorders and trauma. Maureen Moerbeck is a registered Dietitian who has practiced as a Specialist Eating Disorders Dietitian for the NHS, as well as at her own private practice. Maureen firmly believes in improving people's relationships both with food and their body. She follows a "Non-Diet," and "Health At Every Size" (HAES) approach, and is trained in Mindful and Intuitive Eating practices.
Navigating Panic Attacks
How to Understand and Manage the Fear
Rita Santos

In this highly practical mental health handbook, Dr. Rita Santos will help you navigate the overwhelming feelings of anxiety surrounding panic attacks. She will suggest tools to help you better understand them, to help you develop more efficient strategies to manage your panic attacks or alleviate t...

Summary
One of the key symptoms of anxiety is panic attacks. However often you experience them, it is possible to take steps to change how you react to panic attacks. You can loosen their grip, potentially even stopping them altogether.

From understanding what they are and why they happen, to learning how to change how we react and talk about them, this book offers actionable strategies and step-by-step solutions to develop better ways of coping with panic attacks. It promotes understanding, self-awareness, and self-care. You will discover how to:

- Understand what panic attacks are and why they happen
- Identify your warning signs and personal triggers
- Open a dialogue with family and friends
- Recognize and manage your anxious anticipation surrounding panic attacks
- Practize tailored self-care with the aim of reducing the number of panic attacks you have

Contributor Bio
Rita Santos is a clinical psychologist who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy, anxiety, and anxiety disorders. She completed a PhD on cognitive aspects of anxiety and performance; her research underpinned a novel theory of anxiety. During her career she has developed a broad range of skills, including extensive academic experience and wide clinical expertise. She currently provides CBT training and supervision, and works as a cognitive behavioral psychotherapist.

Navigating Loneliness
How to Connect with Yourself and Others
Cheryl Rickman

In this highly practical mental health handbook, Cheryl Rickman will help you to navigate your way from loneliness to connection, appreciation and satisfaction — helping you to emerge on the other side equipped with ways to reconnect with other people and with yourself.

Summary
We are experiencing a loneliness epidemic, but we needn’t remain lonely. Through actionable strategies, you will discover how to support and maintain existing relationships, foster new connections and learn how to shift your perspective about community and belonging.

Throughout, you will find step by step solutions to help grow self-acceptance, self-belief and self-compassion. You will learn how to:

- Understand the difference between solitude and loneliness
- Appreciate alone time and celebrate solitude
- Cope with isolation
- Connect with others
- Connect with yourself

This book is a unique compass, guiding you gently through uncertain times.

Contributor Bio
Cheryl Rickman is a Sunday Times -bestselling author, ghostwriter of 19 self-help, well-being and business books and a qualified Positive Psychology Practitioner. She specializes in writing empowering, practical books to help people fret less and flourish more and is a Wellbeing Ambassador for the Network of Wellbeing. Her most recent books include: The Happiness Bible, The Little Book of Resilience, The Little Book of Serenity and Be More Wonder Woman. Having qualified with a Certificate in Applied Positive Psychology in 2016, Cheryl runs well-being retreats and delivers workshops on acceptance, balance and compassion.
Navigating Sleeplessness
How to Sleep Deeper and Better for Longer
Lindsay Browning

In this highly practical mental health handbook, Dr Lindsay Browning will help you to navigate your way back from sleeplessness to sleeping well, understanding your personal sleeping habits and helping you to emerge equipped with new habits to help you sleep better.

Summary
We are experiencing a sleeplessness epidemic, but we can all take steps to improve the quality of our sleep. We all sleep differently. The key to sleeping well is to develop good habits that work for you. In this book you will learn to understand your patterns and discover what works, so that you can build and maintain a healthy personal sleep plan.

This book offers actionable strategies and step-by-step solutions to develop better sleep, using self-care and self-compassion. You will discover how to:

- Understand the difference between 'good' and 'bad' sleep.
- Cope better with temporary sleeplessness.
- Begin to unlearn unhelpful sleeping habits.
- Challenge your misconceptions about how well, or badly, you sleep.
- Practice tailored self-care that’s likely to lead to improved sleep.

Contributor Bio
Dr Lindsay Browning is a chartered psychologist, neuroscientist and sleep expert. As well as being a mother of two, she has a Doctorate (DPhil) from the University of Oxford, where she investigated the relationship between worry and insomnia. She founded Trouble Sleeping, her specialist sleep clinic, in 2006.

How to Sleep
A Natural Method
Lucinda Ford

Summary
Introducing eight easy-to-use techniques for falling asleep, How to Sleep: A Natural Method is an indispensable companion for those who find it difficult to fall asleep and stay asleep. When sleeplessness becomes a regular occurrence, it can set up a vicious cycle of fatigue, anxiety, and sleepless nights. Finding ways to turn off the racing mind and negative thoughts or stress when going to sleep is an essential step, allowing you to break that vicious cycle and move towards a place of better well-being. The eight simple sleep techniques, along with their accompanying notes, are designed to calm the mind and allow sleep to come naturally. They are distilled from the best of thinking from the East and the West, including cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness and meditation, taking lessons from each of these methods on how best to quiet your mind and find a calm place from which to fall asleep.

Contributor Bio
Lucinda Ford is an author that specializes in health and wellbeing.
How to Mend a Broken Heart
Ziella Bryars

Summary
Based on a series of conversations between Ziella and her neurologist best-friend, Ziella outlines the physical impact a relationship break-up has on our bodies and how understanding this can help us heal.

Contributor Bio
Ziella Byars is a writer and producer based in London. She founded the annual theatre show Love Bites in 2008 as a way of producing and commissioning new writing and collaborating with other writers. The plays all share the uniting theme of love, leading Ziella to write about relationships. Her plays for Love Bites included ‘Never Kill a Boy on the First Date’, ‘The Pitch, A Little Bit of Magic’, ‘Blind Date’, ‘Good Clean Fun’, ‘The Wedding Date’, ‘Six Weeks and Counting’ and ‘Down In One’, the latter four having also appeared at Southwark Playhouse, The Courtyard Theatre and Waterloo East.

Time to Talk
How Men Think About Love, Belonging and Connection
Alex R Holmes

Summary
Why are suicide rates in men rising? What is it that stops men from seeking help, connecting and talking? Podcaster, mental health activist and journalist Alex Holmes explores these themes — encouraging men to open up about their vulnerability.

Contributor Bio
Alex Holmes is an award-winning podcaster and writer from London. He has been hosting and producing podcasts since 2016, including What Matters with Alex Reads, now named Time to Talk, and Mostly Lit, which was named by the Guardian and the BBC as one of the top podcasts of 2017 and won the Best British Podcast award at the 2018 British Book Awards. He now hosts the Time to Talk podcast, which focuses on mental health.
The Best Most Awful Job
Twenty Writers Talk Honestly About Motherhood
Katherine May

Summary

The Best, Most Awful Job brings together twenty bold and brilliant women to speak about motherhood in all its raw, heart-wrenching, gloriously impossible forms.

Overturning assumptions, breaking down myths and shattering stereotypes, these writers challenge our perceptions of what it means to be a mother - and ask you to listen.

Contributors include:

Michelle Adams (Between the Lies)
Javaria Akbar (Vice, Refinery29, Buzzfeed contributor)
Charlene Allcott (More than a Mum)
MiMi Aye (Mandalay: Recipes and Tales from a Burmesse Kitchen)
Jodi Bartle (The London Mother contributor)
Sharmila Chauhan (The Husbands)
Josie George (A Still Life: A Memoir)
Leah Hazard (The Father’s Home Birth Handbook)
Joanne Limburg (The Woman Who Thought Too Much)
Katherine May (Wintering)
Susana Moreira Marques (Now and at the Hour of our Death)
Dani McClain (We Live for the We, contributor to the Nation)
Hollie McNish (Nobody Told Me: Poetry and Parenthood)
Saima Mir (Guardian contributor, It’s Not about...)

Beyond the Bump
A Clinical Psychologist’s Guide to Navigating the Mental, Emotional and Physical Turmoil of Becoming a Mother
Sally Shepherd

The majority of baby books deal with the baby. Now it’s time to turn our attention to the moms.

Summary
Beyond the Bump is a thoughtful and practical guide that aims to help new mothers feel calm, confident, and equipped to face the physical, emotional, and mental hurdles they may encounter post birth.

Clinical psychologist Sally Shepherd understands that a healthy and happy parent is a baby’s most important asset. But the first year postpartum can be very challenging. Women must grapple with a whole new existence, and going from "me" to "we" can be terrifying for new mothers. Sally hadn’t expected to struggle during this time, so it came as a big surprise when she did. As they say, you don’t know what you don’t know, and it turns out Sally didn’t know much at all! She had more extensive training for her first job at KFC than she did for the "job" of being a mother!

Beyond the Bump is a book that focuses on mothers. Sally has combined her personal and professional experiences, along with clinical research, to create this much-needed resource. Covering rage, relationships, nutrition, identity, and returning to work, it is a kind, considered, and essential companion for any new mother.

Contributor Bio
Sally Shepherd is an experienced clinical psychologist with a passion for and expertise in helping new mothers adjust to parenthood and cope with the common challenges associated with the first year postpartum. She has done extensive research in the area, reviewed current scientific literature, interviewed dozens of mothers about their experiences. She is writing from her own experience as a Mum as well as a psychologist. She has previously written about adjustment to parenting for publications such as parent.co, motherly, and Her View From Home.
Mindful Pregnancy and Birth
30 Simple Ways to Connect with Your Baby and Your Body
Sian Warriner, Mark Pallis

A beautiful and informative gift for all expectant parents, this delightful pocket book is a gentle and simple toolkit to mindfulness practice for all parents-to-be.

Summary
"This is a delightful book, full of gentle wisdom." —Prof. Mark Williams, author, Mindfulness, Finding Peace in a Frantic World

"What a wonderfully straightforward and easily understandable introduction to mindfulness practice for parents-to-be." —Nancy Bardacke, Author, Mindful Birthing

Written with real mothers, real partners, and real life in mind, How to Have a Mindful Pregnancy and Birth will help you develop a set of simple yet hugely powerful skills that can transform your emotional experience and wellbeing during pregnancy and birth. The 30 exercises include: mindful breathing, visualizations, journaling prompts, sensory awareness practices, and lots of simple, easy-to-master tools to help you relax and connect with your baby while you are pregnant—and to help you prepare for the birth.

Contributor Bio
Sian Warriner is an associate of the Oxford Mindfulness Center, where she teaches Mindfulness Based Childbirth. She is also a consultant midwife at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where she leads the NHS MBCP antenatal education program and research. Mark Pallis began practicing mindfulness in 2015 and is author of a number of children’s books that focus on mindfulness.

OMG It's Twins!
Get Your Twins to Their First Birthday Without Losing Your Mind
Alison Perry

Summary
You’re having twins – don’t panic!

There’s little that will prepare you for the moment you hear the words: "You’re having twins!" You might feel shocked, delighted, scared, horrified, amused – or a mixture of all of the above. As a twin mother herself, award-winning parenting blogger and podcaster Alison Perry has first-hand experience with the emotional rollercoaster of having two babies at once.

This warm, reassuring book will guide you from the moment you find out, through the pregnancy, birth and beyond. Combining expert advice from midwives, psychotherapists, nutritionists, parenting experts and breastfeeding specialists and more with Alison’s own experiences, as well as relatable anecdotes from other twin mothers, it addresses topics including accepting your changing body, the logistics of feeding two babies, and wondering whether you will ever sleep again (answer: yes, you will!).

Filled with gorgeous illustrations and easy to digest chapters, this is the perfect gift for anyone who is expecting, or has just welcomed, two little bundles of joy.

Contributor Bio
Alison Perry is a journalist and mother of twins (and an older daughter who is 9). She is an award winning blogger with her site Not Another Mummy Blog (notanothermummyblog.com) and also hosts the Not Another Mummy Podcast where she has chatted to guests such as Philippa Perry and Emma Bunton. She lives in London and you can find her on Instagram @iamalisonperry
**Motherhood Your Way**
Hollie de Cruz

**Summary**
Learn to embrace your instincts and approach motherhood with confidence.

**Because there is no “right way”, only what’s right for you and your baby.**

Following on from the success of *Your Baby, Your Birth*, renowned birth coach Hollie de Cruz applies her much-loved approach to the first year of motherhood.

Her supportive and empowering book will guide you through the rollercoaster journey after birth, month by month, and will help you feel assured that you know your baby best.

Filled with her award-winning yesmum affirmations, inspiring accounts from parents and advice from a range of experts, *Motherhood Your Way* shows you how to:

- Avoid comparisons and feel confident in your mothering abilities
- Understand your baby and respond to their needs
- Encourage positive thoughts using mindfulness techniques
- Find time for self-care and create your ideal support network

However you choose to approach your baby’s first year, Hollie’s nurturing guide will help you make informed decisions calmly and confidently so you can enjoy the life-changing experience of motherhood.

**Contributor Bio**
Hollie de Cruz is a mother and social entrepreneur with over 68k followers on Instagram (@the yesmummum). She is a highly successful hypnobirthing coach and the creator of the award-winning yesmum positive affirmation cards (www.yesmumcards.com). Hollie has developed a style of teaching that engages and informs couples in a way that really makes a difference to the way they embark on the most exciting adventure of their lives. Her clients include Fearne Cotton, Izzy Judd and Giovanna and Tom Fletcher. She is the author of *Your Baby, Your Birth: Hypnobirthing Skills For Every Birth*.

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**How to Help Your Child With Worry and Anxiety**
Activities and Conversations for Parents to Help Their 4-11-Year-Old
Lauren Callaghan, Adam Shaw

A comprehensive book aimed at parents and caregivers to help them navigate parenting a child with anxiety, worry, OCD and panic attacks, providing practical guidance along with tips and tools

**Summary**
From the expert mind of psychologist Lauren Callaghan comes a manual written specifically for parents and carers of children and teenagers coping with anxiety, worry, OCD and panic attacks. This complete guide for your family provides a user-friendly blueprint for mental health support and recovery. Combining real-life experiences with Lauren’s wisdom, expertise and compassionate approach, this innovative self-help book can be used by parents and carers as they aim to support and guide loved ones to a place of recovery, and beyond. It is a complete manual with user-friendly advice, support and tips for mental health support, using relatable examples and accessible language throughout.

**Contributor Bio**
Lauren Callaghan (CPsychol, PDGipClinPsych, PgCert, MA (hons), LLB (hons), BA) is an industry-leading psychologist. She was a psychologist at the specialist national treatment centers for severe obsessional problems in the UK, and is an expert in diagnosing and successfully treating OCD and anxiety related illnesses. TV appearances include *Bedlam*, the BAFTA award winning documentary where she was the treating clinician. She is a guest lecturer and honorary researcher at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College, UCL. Adam Shaw is a worldwide mental health advocate, philanthropist, author, owner of Trigger, and co-founder of a successful global charity. Now in recovery from mental health issues himself, Adam is committed to helping others suffering from debilitating mental health issues through the charity he co-founded, Shaw Mind.
7 Steps to Get Your Child Reading
Practical Tips for Time-Poor Parents From an Australian Literacy Expert
Louise Park

Summary
Generation Alpha is the swiper, pincher, tapper cohort, the first to grow up with devices in their hands. They are breaking new ground as a result of technological advances, while you, their parents, are having to navigate these uncharted waters.

Literacy is the single most important thing we can teach kids. If they can read, all other learning will follow. Learn how to futureproof your child’s literacy in a rapidly changing world, and give them the best chance of success.

Louise Park has spent decades watching children working away at this reading thing. As a teacher, children’s author, and leading educational consultant, she knows better than anyone how the goalposts have shifted over time. The road to literacy has never been smooth, but now there is the added challenge of digital distractions. Louise will show you how to make the most of both digital and traditional forms of reading, as well as setting out commonsense plans for making a reader of your child.

Based on scientific research and presented in a friendly, accessible style for time-poor parents, the seven simple steps will l...

Contributor Bio
Louise Park is an acknowledged literacy expert and widely published author for children, and has been involved in education and publishing for more than 30 years. As an education consultant, she scopes, reviews, and assesses education content, and is also an active ambassador for Indigenous children, English as a second language students, and children at risk. She has written more than 250 books for children aged 2-12, and is regularly invited to speak at education conferences, reading symposiums, and literature festivals. She is in schools on a regular basis as an author and educator working with staff, parents and students. As one half of the Mac Park writing duo, Louise co-authored Allen & Unwin's successful D-Bot Squad series.

Stories to Light the Night
A Grief and Loss Collection for Children, Families and Communities
Susan Perrow

Summary
More than 90 healing stories for telling during difficult times, written and collated by acclaimed therapeutic storyteller Susan Perrow, including 30 contributions from different cultures and countries worldwide. The book covers issues of grief, bereavement, separation, and loss. Chapters include: Loss of a Loved One; Loss of Place; Loss of Family Connection; Loss of a Pet; Loss of Health and Well-being; Other Kinds of Loss; Environmental Grief and Loss; Cycles of Life and Change; plus Patterns and Templates for Extension Activities (provided for some of the stories).

Contributor Bio
Susan Perrow M.Ed is an Australian author who works with story medicine. She writes, collects and documents stories that offer a therapeutic journey for the reader. Susan has an extensive background in teaching, writing, and therapeutic storytelling. She travels nationally and internationally giving keynotes and running seminars for teachers, parents, and therapists.
Man Raises Boy
A Revolutionary Approach for Fathers Who Want to Raise Kind, Confident and Happy Sons
Rob Sturrock

Summary
Welcome to Rob Sturrock’s journey into parenting. Since the birth of his daughter, Rob has been passionate about being an active and present father, but this hasn’t always been straightforward. Struggling with stereotypes, judgements, identity, and isolation while on parental leave, Rob has tried to balance supporting his wife and young children with the societal expectation of being a breadwinner for his family.

With the arrival of his son, a new set of anxieties was born. In today’s climate, how do you raise a boy? The roar of the #MeToo movement has meant that men have had to learn to listen, and to confront their masculinity and what it means to be a man. Through extensive research and interviews with dads doing it differently—including Tony Sheldon, Adam Liaw, and Bernie Shakeshaft—Rob Sturrock explores a new era of fathering that balances strength and vulnerability, allowing men to voice their insecurities and uncertainties, and encouraging them to truly cherish their families.

Man Raises Boy is at once an insightful and necessary call to arms for all new fathers, a guiding hand i...

Contributor Bio
Rob Sturrock is an author and working father. He has written widely about his experiences of being a working dad and juggling the responsibilities of home and work. Rob has been published online in Women’s Agenda, Mamamia, and Circle In, as well as in the Sydney Morning Herald, Age, and the Huffington Post. Rob also appears on the ABC and Channel 9 to talk about his views on fatherhood and is considered a leading father’s voice in parenting debates.

Waldorf Games Handbook for the Early Years
Games to Play and Sing with Children Aged 3-7
Valerie Baadh Garrett, Kim John Payne, Cory Waletz...

Summary
This classic games book offers a standby resource for parents, teachers, forest school educators, and play leaders. The games are tried and tested. They draw on worldwide Steiner-Waldorf creative education, where a “child’s work is their play.” Child growth is explored and how this is helped by a rich treasury of action, finger, circle, clapping, beanbag, chasing, water, tumbling, story and singing games. There are both traditional favorites and also new games created to engage with digitally challenging behavior. Each game is clearly and simply described, with diagrams and drawings for how to play. The games’ weaving of rhythms, movement, songs, stories, and pictures invites children into worlds of vibrant wonder. These games help children feel at ease in their bodies, build relationships, and enjoy playing.

Contributor Bio
Valerie Baadh Garrett is a movement artist, educator, and therapist working with people of all ages. She worked in Waldorf Education, Spacial Dynamics, and Agile Aging, also teacher training in the USA and China. Kim John Payne M.Ed. is a leading Waldorf educator in the USA, UK, and Australia. Payne travels to speak to 10,000-20,000 parents and teachers a year in North America and worldwide. A former movement teacher, he was a school counselor and worked as a family counselor therapist. He researched a drug free approach to attention deficit disorder. His Social Inclusion Approach for breaking the patterns of bullying has been implemented in hundreds of schools. A father of two, he lives in Massachusetts with his wife Catherine. Cory Waletzko was a professional dancer, actor, and musician before becoming a movement and games educator at Upper Valley Waldorf School in Quechee, Vermont. As a Spacial Dynamics Institute graduate and adjunct faculty member at Antioch University, she has trained trainers in Movement Education and mentored games and movement educators. She works with social...
The Poetry Guide
A Handbook for Teachers & Librarians
Trevor Millum, Bernard Young

A 'How to' book to encourage children to encounter, enjoy and read poetry, whether by listening or reading.

Summary
A "How to" book to encourage children to encounter, enjoy and read poetry, whether by listening or reading. With practical suggestions on how to effectively and creatively teach poetry, this guide is written by two poets with years of experience working with young people: it's full of tried and tested ideas that are practical and fun. It's a cornucopia of advice on how to share, perform, publish, and—most importantly—enjoy poetry. There are lots of suggestions—what kind of poems to choose, who best to read or perform them, how to get started writing a poem, where you might find a poem you like and want to share. Full of enthusiasm and excitement, this is a book for anyone who wants to spread their wings and convey their enjoyment of the written word. If you have ever wondered how best to use poetry in your classroom or library, this is the book for you.

Contributor Bio
Trevor Millum is the author of many books, including A Stegosaurus is for Life and other Animal Poems, Exploding Heads, and Warning—Too much Schooling Can Damage your Health. Bernard Young has been writing poems and songs since his early teens. He has spent many enjoyable years as a librarian and began visiting schools and writing poetry for children during that period.

Stay Happy While You Study
Make the Most of Your Student Experience
Lauren Callaghan

Summary
Prioritizing your studies, social life and everything in between - all while looking after yourself - can sometimes mean your levels of happiness are overlooked. Written by Clinical Psychologist Lauren Callaghan, this guide will help you to stay happy and harness useful mood-boosting tools so that you can successfully navigate your way through the unique pressures and opportunities that student life brings.

Complemented by insights from real students, this book is easy-to-read, convenient to carry, and a valuable toolkit for sustained confidence and well-being.

Stay Happy While You Study is the ultimate companion for school-leavers planning ahead for university, as well as a handy addition for those who are already studying in higher and further education.

Contributor Bio
Lauren Callaghan (CPsychol, PGDipClinPsych, PgCert, MA (hons), LLB (hons), BA) is an innovative clinical psychologist who specializes in CBT and has over 15 years’ experience of working with adults and young people, including students.
Stay Organized While You Study
Make the Most of Your Student Experience
Lauren Callaghan

A handy, pocket-sized guide that every student needs! This bright and uplifting book offers advice, practical tips, and useful exercises to help you stay on top of things while navigating the unique pressures and opportunities that student life brings.

Summary
Prioritizing your studies, social life, and everything in between all while looking after yourself can be tricky!

Written by Clinical Psychiatrist Lauren Callaghan, this guide will help you to stay on top of things and harness useful organizational tools so you can successfully navigate your way through the unique pressures and opportunities that student life brings.

Complemented by insights from real students, the book is easy-to-read, convenient to carry, and a valuable toolkit for sustained confidence and structure in your studies.

Stay Organized While You Study is the ultimate companion for school-leavers planning ahead for university, as well as a handy addition for those already in higher and further education.

Contributor Bio
Lauren Callaghan (CPsychol, PGDipClinPsych, PgCert, MA (hons), LLB (hons), BA) is an innovative clinical psychologist who specializes in CBT and has over 15 years’ experience of working with adults and young people, including students.

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Stay Balanced While You Study
Make the Most of Your Student Experience
Dominique Thompson

A handy, pocket-sized guide that every student needs! This bright and uplifting book offers advice, practical tips, and useful exercises to safely navigate the unique pressures and opportunities that student life brings.

Summary
Want to make the most out of being a student?

Award-winning mental health specialist Dr Dominique Thompson explores issues around leaving home, exam stress, socializing, safety, sex, and drugs, to help you succeed and truly enjoy your time as a student.

Complemented by insights from real students, this useful guide provides credible advice, practical tips and exercises to help you safely navigate the unique pressures and opportunities that student life brings.

Easy-to-read, visually appealing and convenient to carry, it’s a non-judgemental toolkit for happiness and confidence.

Stay Balanced While You Study is the ultimate companion for school-leavers planning ahead for university, as well as a handy addition for those already in higher and further education.

Contributor Bio
Dr Dominique Thompson is a GP, young people’s mental health expert, TEDx speaker, author, and educator with over 20 years of clinical experience caring for students; most recently as Director of Students’ Health Service at the University of Bristol. It was for this work that she was named Bristol Healthcare Professional of the Year in 2017. Dominique is also a Clinical Adviser for the Royal College of GPs, and for Student Minds, the UK’s student mental health charity.
Get off Your Phone
A Digital Detox for Idle Hands
Ian Fitzgerald

Summary
Do you need something to do after a day looking at screens, but still find yourself scrolling through social media late into the night? Then it might be time for a digital detox. This fun, interactive activity book for grown-ups will help you switch off your screens and plug in your brain. With quizzes, puzzles, riddles, brain-boosting exercises, mindful moments, and even space for mindfulness, this book will calm you down, boost your brain, and give you a few new things to think about.

Contributor Bio
Ian Fitzgerald is a freelance editor and writer. He is the author of the Ultimate Football Heroes Quiz Book and has edited The Little Book of Self Care: Sleep and the brain-bending puzzle book Can You Solve My Problems? He is never more that three feet away from his mobile phone and is an obsessive checker of his monthly data allowance.

Better Late Than Never
Understand, Survive and Thrive — Midlife ADHD Diagnosis
Emma Mahony, Sari Solden

Summary
Everything – and nothing – changed once Emma Maloney was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 52. In Better Late Than Never she seeks to reduce the stigma around diagnosis as an adult, and provides support for anyone who finds themselves in the same situation or thinks they may suffer from ADHD.

Offering helpful advice alongside Emma’s experience, subjects covered include:

- Seeking diagnosis later in life
- Getting a diagnosis
- How ADHD can present and how it varies between men and women
- Medication and self-medication
- Getting help
- Heritability
- Thriving beyond diagnosis

So much can be done to help sufferers of ADHD. This book will help you to survive and to thrive.

Contributor Bio
Since her diagnosis, Emma Mahony has re-trained as a teacher. She also works as a freelance journalist. Emma is the author of two books published by HarperCollins – Double Trouble (Twins and How to Survive Them), and Stand and Deliver (And Other Brilliant Ways to Give Birth). Her passion is to share her experience and what she has learned to help the growing number of people diagnosed later in life, to understand this complex disorder. Psychotherapist Sari Solden, MS, is a pioneer in the field of counseling women and men.
Everything Is Going to Be K.O.
An Illustrated Memoir of Living With Specific Learning Difficulties
Kaiya Stone

An illustrated memoir of living with specific learning difficulties.

Summary
Kaiya Stone writes about her own experiences of living with specific learning difficulties: from struggling at school to being diagnosed with dyslexia and dyspraxia while at university, to performing her own one-woman stand up show inspired by her journey. Always funny and unfailingly honest, Kaiya outlines the frustrations of having SPLDS but also the ways in which they have fueled her creativity. She calls for neurodiversity to be celebrated and stresses that instead of questioning how we are "supposed" to think we should take pride in our cognitive differences. Everything Is Going to be K.O. is an uplifting book for anyone who has ever wondered what it is like to live with learning difficulties today.

Contributor Bio
Kaiya Stone is a writer, performer, and director who likes to tell stories any way she can. While at Oxford University she discovered that she had many undiagnosed learning difficulties. She turned this experience into a one-woman show which ran at Edinburgh Festival 2018. Everything Is Going to be K.O. is her first book.

Cancer and Pisces
One Man's Story of His Unique Survival of Cancer, Interwoven with the Joy and Succour of Fishing
Mick May

Summary
How might you respond to the news that you had a terminal disease? And to the realisation that, on average, fellow sufferers survived for less than twelve months?
These, and others, were the questions that faced Mick May, author of Cancer and Pisces, in the early summer of 2013. His response was instinctive; he went fishing. Sometimes alone but more usually with family or friends, he even invited members of his esteemed medical team. Most usually his expeditions took him to the trout streams of England, but he recounts falling in love with fishing whilst working in Texas, and his sixtieth birthday celebration that took him even further afield, literally to the ends of the earth, Ushuaia, Argentina.
Throughout it all he had fun. There are moments in the book when the gravity of his illness casts long shadows but these are put into context by the energy and joie de vivre with which he approaches medical matters, his working and domestic lives and, of course, angling.
The story is suffused with humour and elation as he enjoys all these extra and unexpected years that have been allotted to h...

Contributor Bio
On leaving the University of St Andrews, Mick May spent twenty years in finance where increasingly he saw himself (pretty accurately) as the worst banker in the City of London. His second career saw him set up and grow the social enterprise Blue Sky, once described by David Cameron (again pretty accurately) as “the only company in the country where you need a criminal record to work there”. Over the past decade and a half it has succeeded in employing almost 2,000 released prisoners. In 2016 his work with ex-offenders was recognised by the award of an OBE.
12WBT Low-carb Solution
Michelle Bridges

Summary
Michelle’s extraordinarily successful 12WBT program has helped hundreds of thousands of Australians lose almost 2 million kilos over 10 years. 12WBT Low-carb Solution advocates an easy low-carb approach to healthy eating—comprising moderate protein, small amounts of good fat, and SMART carbs (low carbs, not no carbs)—with a focus on natural, unprocessed foods. This book contains 120 simple low-carb recipes; dietitian-approved meal plans; easy-to-follow exercises; and general advice to help individuals reset their habits, lose weight, and foster long-term good health. Above all, it contains a solution. It’s perfect for those who are already familiar with 12WBT or for those who are interested in learning more about a program that has been tried, tested, and loved by thousands of everyday Australians.

Contributor Bio
Michelle Bridges has worked for nearly 30 years in the health and fitness industry, focusing on breaking down the barriers that block the path to a happier and healthier life. Her 12 Week Body Transformation is Australia’s most successful online weight-loss program, and has helped Australians lose almost 2 million kilos. Michelle was a trainer on The Biggest Loser and is the author of 16 books on nutrition and fitness, including Food for Life and Keeping it Off.

The Fast Low-Carb Kickstart Plan
Luke Hines

Summary
The Fast Low-Carb Kickstart Plan combines a delicious, low-carb eating plan with powerful intermittent fasting in a clear and punchy four-week kickstart program that will help you lose weight and keep it off. The four-week plan contains everything you’ll need to make fast, realistic, and lasting dietary changes that can be implemented for life. The book is perfect for those who want to understand how intermittent fasting works while following a low-carb or keto diet, and will arm you with the latest facts about how what we eat and when we eat can make a huge impact on overall health, along with tips, tricks, and more than 70 mouthwatering recipes to achieve weight loss in a healthy and sustained way. This book is perfect for those who want to lose weight and keep it off; count nutrients, not calories; reduce risks of chronic disease and inflammation; follow a meal plan featuring low-carb and keto recipes; achieve a fad-free approach to long-term health; tap into fat-burning potential; and implement a potent, flexible and user-friendly approach to health.

Contributor Bio
Luke Hines is all about helping people live their best lives, with a contagiously positive energy and a holistic approach that truly nourishes from the inside out. His down-to-earth persona and training in health and fitness, combined with his successful stint as a finalist on My Kitchen Rules, have established him as one of the most popular health and wellness personalities in Australia. His media profile continues to expand, this year sharing his breadth of knowledge even further as the health and wellness expert on Channel 7’s The House of Wellness.
Easy Keto Dinners
60+ Simple Keto Meals for Any Night of the Week
Pete Evans

Summary

*Easy Keto Dinners* makes it simple to follow a ketogenic diet, with 60+ quick and easy keto dinners for every night of the week. With an easy-to-understand explanation of how and why to go keto and more than 60 family-friendly recipes, it has never been easier to go keto. Whether you are just starting out on a ketogenic diet or looking to add more delicious keto dinners to your menu, you will love these super simple recipes that taste amazing and will help you reap the many benefits of ketosis. Recipes include:

* The ultimate keto bolognese
* Pork and bacon burger patties
* Meatzza (pizza with a meat base)
* Chicken kiev
* Lamb backstrap with gremolata
* Mexican chicken with roasted pumpkin and guac
* Wild salmon curry
* Southern fried chicken
* Pulled pork lettuce tacos
and many more.

Contributor Bio

**Pete Evans** has been the #1 selling Australian health and wholefood author for the past three years. He is an award-winning chef, restaurateur, author, television presenter, health coach, adventure seeker, and father. Pete is one of Australia’s leading authorities on healthy cooking and lifestyle and is dedicated to improving people’s lives through education about nutritional food and wellness. He is co-host of Channel 7’s hugely successful show *My Kitchen Rules*, host of his own series and online program *The Paleo Way*, and executive producer of documentaries *The Magic Pill* and *The Magic Plant*.

Raw & Free
Plant-based Living for Health & Happiness
Sophie Steevens

Summary

Sophie's hugely popular Instagram Raw and Free depicts her plant-based life with her gorgeous family of partner, professional surfer Ricardo Christie, and three young boys.

Her stunning cookbook is packed with over 100 delicious, vibrant plant-based, gluten-free and refined-sugar-free recipes that she has devised, and that the whole family enjoys eating.

There are easy, family-friendly wholefood recipes for all meals plus great information to help you get started, with material such as kitchen essentials, ingredient staples and lots of easy-to-follow tips for a wholesome, plant-based lifestyle.

Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio

**Sophie Steevens** reversed her autoimmune disease naturally though a plant-based diet, and she shares this story of recovery through her Instagram Raw and Free, along with wholesome recipes to inspire others. She is the mother of three young boys and the family happily lives a plant-based lifestyle. This is her first cookbook.
Vegan Living
How to Protect Animals, Save the Planet and Be Healthier and Happier than Ever Before
Ondine Sherman

An easy guide to a cruelty-free, vegan, plant-based life

Summary
Do you want to protect animals from cruelty? Do you want to stop climate change in its tracks? Do you want to be happier and healthier than ever before? *Vegan Living* shows you how. In this easy guide to a cruelty-free, plant-based life, vegan and long-time advocate Ondine Sherman—co-founder of animal protection organization Voiceless—shares her knowledge, lessons, tips and tricks. Whether you’re already partially vegan, a vegetarian, or someone looking to make positive lifestyle changes, *Vegan Living* offers effective tools so you can move forward in the healthiest way possible. It also features answers to a host of common questions about making the switch. This book will teach you how to live more kindly, offering inspiration and support as you progress. Learn how to tweak your lifestyle and achieve real-world impact. With your small step towards sustainability, you really can be a part of making the world a happier, healthier place.

Contributor Bio
Ondine Sherman is the co-founder and managing director of Voiceless, the animal protection institute. She is a life-long animal advocate, passionate about promoting respect and compassion for all creatures. She is an ambassador for Action for Dolphins and director of conservation NGO This is My Earth (TiME), and writes regularly about animal protection in the media.

The Contented Vegan
Recipes and Philosophy from a Family Kitchen
Peggy Brusseau

The vegan family recipe bible, with 200 recipes and 100 colour photographs.

Summary
The one-stop recipe bible for vegan family cooking.

Looking for delicious, tempting, tasty vegan food to please both you and your fussy family? Look no further. *The Contented Vegan* is your essential guide to everyday vegan cooking. With recipes for nutritious breakfasts and school break snacks, lazy weekend lunches and quick weekday suppers, dinner party favorites, and celebratory bakes, this book will provide you with all you need to feed your family.

Peggy Brusseau has been a vegan for over thirty years, raising her two sons on her recipes. In this book she shares her years of wisdom with you, as well as over 200 delicious recipes, helping you make the right choices for you and your family. Includes dual measurements.

Contributor Bio
Peggy Brusseau is a food writer, cook and committed vegan. She has written or co-written 24 books on cooking and nutrition. Originally from Minneapolis, she is now based in London.
Eat More Vegan
Luke Hines

Summary
Luke Hines is well known for his creative and healthy paleo takes on everyday favorites. This new book is filled with delicious recipes—all completely plant-based and gluten and grain free. Regardless of your food philosophy, we can all agree that we need to eat more plants and in Eat More Vegan Luke shares nutritious recipes that are packed with flavor and full of vibrant color. This book is a celebration of amazing, generous, and abundant vegan food—real food, there's not a packet ingredient in sight! There are flavorful and hearty breakfasts, such as banana and peanut butter breakfast cookies, sweet potato rostis with Indian aov smash and whole roasted hemp-crusted mushrooms. Salads, soups, and sautés for any time of the day, such as amazing avocado salad with macadamia pesto, pumpkin soup with macadamia cream and crispy pumpkin skin shards, and spicy peanut stew. More substantial roasts, bakes, and barbecues, such as herby hasselback sweet potatoes, parsnip spaghetti with sunflower bolognese, sensational jackfruit souvlaki, and a hemp and beetroot burger with the lot. And sweets ...

Contributor Bio
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Magnolia Kitchen Design
A Journey of Sweet Inspiration
Bernadette Gee

Summary
The Magnolia Kitchen fans have requested more amazing images of her stunning creations and more how-to instructions, and Bets has delivered.

It includes several cake design projects, each one being described in detail with a written brief from the customer, initial design sketches, mood board of design ideas, step-by-step work in progress as the cake is constructed, the final cake, and then the final cake in situ at the wedding, party or event.

There are also step-by-step guides for design techniques such as stenciling, lace work, using fresh florals, stacking a three-tier cake for travel, and hand painting.

With great new recipes for cakes, icings and fillings, this book is the complete package to inspire bakers at every level. It's another beautiful creation from Bets and will be loved by her fans, old and new. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Bets Gee is a highly successful baker and business owner. Her baking creations can be found on Instagram @magnoliakitchen.
The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook
Stories, Recipes and Secret Tips from Prize-Winning Show Cooks
Liz Harfull

Summary
Every year, hundreds of talented amateurs devote hours to preparing entries for cookery competitions run as part of 600 or so agricultural shows across Australia. In their quest for a precious blue ribbon, they use recipes based on generations of experience and strict judging codes that demand absolute perfection.

In this follow-up to her first award-winning book, The Blue Ribbon Cookbook, Liz Harfull brings together 70 tried and true recipes from some of the country’s most enthusiastic and talented show cooks. But more than that, in The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook Liz shares their heart-warming stories, and the wisdom, knowledge, and generosity of spirit that brings success, even for novices. Whether it’s a traditional Mixed Mustard Pickle or Madeira Cake, mouth-watering Sausage Rolls or Pumpkin Damper, Jenny’s Jam Drops or Cousin Barb’s Jelly Slice, there is something delicious for everyone to try.

The end results may even win you a blue ribbon!

Contributor Bio
Liz Harfull is passionate about telling the stories of regional Australia, its people, communities, history, and traditions. She is an award-winning rural journalist and communicator. In 2006 Liz walked away from corporate life, as a director of a leading national public relations agency, to write books. Her leap of faith was rewarded two years later with The Blue Ribbon Cookbook. Capturing the stories and traditions of South Australian country shows and show cooks, it even took her to Paris where it won a Gourmand World Cookbook Award. Since then she has written Women of the Land and The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook, and Almost an Island: the Story of Robe.

The Commonsense Cook
Colin Fassnidge

Summary
Colin Fassnidge knows good food. As a celebrated chef and popular television personality, he has built his reputation on delicious food and his distinctive no-nonsense advice for home cooks. When it comes to cooking at home, Colin believes it comes down to commonsense. Master the basics—a simple omelette, a failsafe pizza base, a green sauce that goes with everything, the perfect roast—and you have the foundations for countless meals. Embrace cheaper cuts of meat, minimize waste wherever possible, have a good stock of pantry staples and, whatever you do, don’t throw out those delicious parmesan rinds! Turn leftovers into things of beauty. Create a simple yet show-stopping whole roasted cauliflower and turn the leftovers into a miso-based soup. A beef cheek pie filling doubles as a delicious pasta sauce when tossed through orecchiette. Choose your own ice cream adventure with the perfect base for many flavors. This is real family food made easy. Recipes include: Simple Sweetcorn and Bacon Fritters; Greens and Ricotta Turnovers; Roast Potatoes with Rosemary Vinegar; Super-crispy Tempur...

Contributor Bio
Colin Fassnidge has been a fixture of Australia’s dining scene since he arrived in Sydney in 1999. As executive chef at Four in Hand, 4Fourteen, and Banksia, Colin has built a reputation for delicious and innovative nose-to-tail eating. His national profile has expanded over the years thanks to a regular column in Delicious Magazine and his popular role as a judge on ratings blockbuster My Kitchen Rules. His first cookbook, Four Kitchens, was published in 2014.
A Gay Guy’s Guide to Life Love Food
Outrageously Delicious Recipes (Plus Stories and Dating Advice) from a Food-Obsessed Gay Khanh Ong

Summary
Join current MasterChef favorite and resident gay guy Khanh Ong as he helps you rediscover how food can make you feel, how it brings friends and family together, and how it helps reconnect. Khanh shares his favorite family recipes, passed down through generations and giving an insight into his family history—Vietnamese classics such as prawn and pork spring rolls or tamarind crab. There are recipes to make for (and with!) your mates—lazy brunches, epic feasts, movie nights—as well as meals to help heal a broken heart, such as spaghetti for one and snickers tart. Khanh also includes the meals he loves to cook to impress a new date, from Vegemite dumplings and sriracha and coconut cauliflower to sticky date pudding. Or if you just feel like being basic and keeping things simple, there are post-gym eggs, 3pm protein balls, and the easiest fried chicken ever. With more than 70 recipes and charming anecdotes about life, love, family, and dating, A Gay Guy’s Guide is an explosion of fashion-led fun and influence, delicious food, and Khanh’s distinctive tongue-in-cheek humor. As Khanh says,...

Contributor Bio
Khanh Ong has a passion for Asian flavors, and with his infectious smile, cheeky sense of humor, and captivating story, he quickly became a MasterChef season 10 fan favorite. Khanh was born in an Indonesian refugee camp to Vietnamese parents and grew up in the suburbs of Melbourne, and family and heritage have always influenced the way he cooks. Khanh is an accomplished DJ and has studied fashion design and worked as a stylist. He is currently at the George on Collins in Melbourne, where he has revamped the menu and created a space where food is not just eaten, but experienced.

Fermented Foods
A Practical Guide
Caroline Gilmartin

Summary
The age-old practice of food fermentation is enjoying a well-earned renaissance. As knowledge around the importance of our gut microbiota has grown, so too has the evidence that fermented foods can help support a healthy gastrointestinal tract, boost the immune system, and even improve mood. This is due to both the probiotic microbes they contain, and the enhanced nutritional value of fermented foods themselves. In this comprehensive guide, fermentation specialist Caroline Gilmartin delves into the processes and mechanisms involved in both wild and cultured fermentation, examining the microbes involved, parameters for optimal fermentation and what happens if you alter them. Topics covered include the importance of the microbiota; gut health; milk and water kefir; yoghurt; kombucha; vegetable fermentations; appetizing recipes; suggested flavor combinations; and finally, safety measures and troubleshooting.

Contributor Bio
Dr Caroline Gilmartin is a fermentation specialist with a background in microbial genetics. Her Bristol-based company, Every Good Thing, makes kefir and kimchi for local shops, as well as running workshops that teach the basics of maintaining gut health and sustainable techniques for fermentation.
The Wine Explorer
A Guide to the Wines of the World and How to Enjoy Them
Graham Mitchell

A very personal account of the adventures that befall a wine merchant in pursuit of the finest wines and extraordinary stories from vineyards off the beaten track, this unique book is an intoxicating blend of humour, experience, anecdote and authority.

Summary
Do you want to know the difference between a Gamay and a Malbec, and what pairs best with a roast lamb or seafood pasta? Do you want to impress your friends with a little-known and affordable gem from the Mendoza region? Then this book, by an expert whose family has been in the wine trade since 1879, is for you. Graham Mitchell takes a look behind the label to uncork the mysteries of wine, taking the reader on a tour of vineyards from France, Argentina, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. On this journey of discovery, he explains the varieties and differences of the wines produced, examining the historical and geological factors, and introduces the people who run the vineyards—some of whom are larger-than-life characters. A very personal account of the adventures that befell a wine merchant in pursuit of the finest wines and extraordinary stories from vineyards off the beaten track, this unique book is an intoxicating blend of humor, experience, anecdote, and authority.

Contributor Bio
Graham Mitchell has been buying and selling wine for 20 years as a professional wine merchant. He travels the world searching for the best wines, those with attitude and soul. A Director of El Vino Company for six years, Graham subsequently set up his own wine business. His passion for wine and wit led to a wine slot on BBC radio for eight years and much lecturing and writing about wine in the press, as well as after-dinner speaking.

The Philosophy of Cheese
Patrick McGuigan

Summary
From the first cheese, dating to 5000 BC, food journalist Patrick McGuigan travels through Feta’s relation to ancient faiths, the influence of monks on Munster, the rise of Roquefort and the global trade of Gouda. Discover how the household staple of Cheddar stands as a symbol for industrialization, and what Rogue River Blue can tell us about the artisan cheese renaissance happening in the US today. If you’ve ever looked at a cheese rind and wondered "Can I eat this?," The Philosophy of Cheese will set you right. Alongside surprising and little-known stories of much-loved cheeses, this book will teach you how to effectively store your cheese, how to pair it with alcohol for an exquisite tasting and how to create the cheeseboard of your dreams.

Contributor Bio
Patrick McGuigan is a British food journalist and cheese writer, who contributes to The Telegraph, Delicious and The Financial Times, among many other titles. He has traveled the world, from the Swiss Alps to the hipster cheese bars of New York, to write about cheese makers, maturers and retailers. A senior judge at the World Cheese Awards, Patrick also teaches cheese courses at the School of Fine Food and is a co-founder of the British Cheese Weekender and London Cheese Project festivals. He is particularly partial to a slice of Kirkham's Lancashire. www.patrickmcguigan.com
The Philosophy of Beer
Jane Peyton

Summary
Have you ever wondered about the difference between a lager and an ale? Or marveled at how, with only four basic ingredients, there are around 150 different styles of beer? In *The Philosophy of Beer*, Jane Peyton, the UK’s first Beer Sommelier of the Year, distills practical advice from the incredible history of this beverage, spanning the earliest evidence of beer 13,000 years ago, its central role in monasteries and on naval ships, its significance in the discovery of cholera, and its enduring popularity today. This fascinating insight into beer’s rich history will teach you how to taste like a professional, how best to match beer with food, and even how to brew it yourself! Quench your thirst for knowledge with everything you need to know to be a mastermind of beer!

Contributor Bio
Jane Peyton is an award-winning writer and alcoholic drinks expert. She is the UK’s first accredited Pommelier (cider sommelier) and Principal of the School of Booze. Jane is also the author of a number of books including *The Philosophy of Gin*, published by the British Library.

The Philosophy of Tattoos
John Miller

Summary
Tattooing is an ancient practice with profound religious and cultural significance. While western tattooing centers on three main traditions – Polynesian, Japanese and Euro-American – it has been recorded more or less everywhere. Beginning with the birth of the tattoo, John Miller explores this unique expression of personal, cultural and national identity, the tension between tattoo’s status as a fashion item and its roots in subculture, and the relevance of magic – a crucial part of tattooing’s origins – in contemporary society. As the inherent shock factor of tattoos decreases, tattoos are becoming more extensive, public and challenging in response, prompting an upsurge in avant-garde tattoo projects and ‘extreme’ tattooing. *The Philosophy of Tattoos* investigates the innate human desire to mark the skin, and what tattooing might tell us about that obsessively asked question: what does it mean to be human?

Contributor Bio
John Miller is Senior Lecturer in Nineteenth-Century Literature at the University of Sheffield and editor of the classic fiction collection *Tales of the Tattooed*, published by the British Library.
How to Drink Tea
Stephen Wildish

A witty, illustrated infographic guide, covering how to make the perfect brew, tea etiquette and an essential dunking guide

Summary
Can’t we all just get oolong?

The UK is a nation of tea drinkers. 84% of Brits drink tea every day, and they get through 100 million cups daily. When a survey asked what the country’s national emblem should be, the most resounding answer, with 32 per cent of the vote, was a cup of tea.

And yet... most everyone is doing it wrong.

Enter tea-drinking expert and infusion connoisseur, Stephen Wildish. His complete guide to the fine art of tea includes: brewing guides for the proportionally challenged; simple to follow but desperately important rules (such as: the tea-bag and milk should never touch); cooling guides (charting the exact millisecond when the temperature of tea goes from hotter than the sun to stone cold); taxonomies of tea, and much more. It is the perfect gift for every tea lover.

Contributor Bio
Stephen Wildish is a graphic designer specializing in illustration and infographics. He is the author of How to Swear, How to Adult, and How to Vegan.

As Per My Previous Email ...
Decode Your Inbox, One Pass-Agg Message At A Time
Steve Burdett

Summary
Change your outlook. Win at work.

Boss every Pass-Agg office situation ever with this hilarious survival guide.

Spending most of our lives at work, it’s no wonder tensions run high. We’ve all been cc’d (code for ‘this isn’t my problem’), we’ve all received the ‘thanks in advance’ (code for ‘you don’t have a choice’) and we’ve all relished the moment when we can send the ‘As per my previous’ (code for ‘see the email I already sent, you moron’).

Includes:

Subject Field Stresses
The Passive-aggressive Art of Copying In
Culling of the Dear: Salutations!
‘Hope You’re Well…’: and other rage-inducing Opening Lines
Direct Mail: Getting to the Point
XXXX: Navigating Awkward Sign offs and Signatures
Double-O Nothing: Weird and Pointless Out Of Office

This laugh-out-loud book translates the most unbelievable Pass-Agg, rage-inducing things we say and do on office email, what they say about the sender, and offers ‘helpful’ power replies and new killer lines so you will always win at work.
**Why Steve Was Late**

101 Exceptional Excuses for Terrible Timekeeping

Henry Paker, Dave Skinner

**Summary**

Ever been late? Steve has. Lots. But he always has a good excuse. Here are 101 real corkers for you to enjoy, and maybe even borrow: Distracted by a surprisingly complicated Kinder toy. Overcome by the urge to alphabetize my pets. Forgot how trousers work. Became temporarily feral. Got stuck in a romantic montage. *Why Steve Was Late* is a book of hilarious (and even—occasionally—plausible!) reasons for tardiness, handily dreamed up and illustrated by someone else.

**Contributor Bio**

Henry Paker is a stand-up comedian and cartoonist whose illustrations have appeared in the *Spectator* and the *Observer* and Prospect. He has also written for *Mock The Week* and *8 Out of 10 Cats*. Dave Skinner is a comedy writer, actor and comedian who has worked with, among others, Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Armando Iannucci, Reeves & Mortimer and Johnny Vegas.

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**F*ck It!**

Unleash Your Inner Rage with this Sweartastic Fill-in Journal

Studio Press

**Summary**

A fill-in journal that encourages you to vent your feelings, jot down your anger, and scribble out your rage. Irreverent, hilarious, and more than a little bit sweary, this is the perfect place to let it all out. Make a paper voodoo doll, invent your own swear words, and scribble as hard as you possibly can. With plenty of space to have a good rant about those daily things that just really get on your nerves, this is the perfect book for anyone who loves a really good whine—just make sure it’s for your eyes only!

**Contributor Bio**

Studio Press was created in 2015 and is an imprint of Bonnier Books UK. Studio Press is the home of quirky, interactive books that aim to entertain and inspire readers. Here, contemporary illustrators and designers rub shoulders with bloggers, vloggers, tweeters, and gamers.
F*ck Yourself Fit
Get in Shape, Get Shagging
ShaggingWorld

The fun way to get from fat to fit

Summary
ShaggingWorld’s revolutionary approach to fitness enables you to get in shape without ever having to go hungry, or horny, again—the perfect relief for anyone following a strict diet plan. With 60 positions and instructional diagrams showing the number of calories burned, sins earned, and sex points gained, getting fit has never been more fun.

Contributor Bio
ShaggingWorld is the world’s most popular intercourse-based fitness program, helping thousands of people every week turn fat into fine through f*cking.

More Classic Art Memes
Art History Rewritten
Eleanor Ross

Summary
A hilarious book full of laugh-out-loud memes that will brighten up your day. From Renaissance classics to Romantic favorites, even more historical artworks are given a modern twist with the next book in this popular series of amusing meme books. What is really going on in these pictures? This compact gift book offers up a unique perspective on art history - one that is sure to make you laugh out loud as the old is juxtaposed with the very new.

Contributor Bio
Eleanor Ross is a comedian who writes for Radio 4.
**Life According to Guinea Pigs**  
Ellie Ross

**Summary**  
Mindfulness. Veganism. Dating. This hilarious collection of memes provides an insight into the thoughts, anxieties, and life goals of the humble guinea pig.

Join this herd of guineas as they take on the challenges of the modern world—and just like the rest of us, they don't always get it right.

These cute critters ponder topics such as healthy eating, mindfulness, gym routines, getting a good night's sleep, saying the right thing, and more.

**Contributor Bio**  
Ellie Ross is a comedian who writes for Radio 4.

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**Juche - How to Live Well the North Korean Way**  
Oliver Grant

If The Little Red Book met The Little Book of Hygge … this hilarious book brilliantly satirizes national lifestyle trends, taking the guiding principal of North Korean communism as its subject

**Summary**  
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_Imagine a world where men and women are treated as equals, where the elderly are respected not neglected, where children can realise their dreams. Imagine a society, a kind and fair one, where people are free from worry and woe. Imagine a life, harmonious and balanced, where people are united by their love for their leader. Imagine that leader, wise and mighty, so devoted to his people that he is prepared to keep watch on every single one of them._

Welcome to North Korea.

Juche is the guiding principle of North Korean communism: the art of self-sufficiency. How to Live Well the North Korean Way will explain how you can: solve the stresses of your commute (sleep in the office); lose weight fast (rationing and daily military parades); embrace mindfulness (through manual labor) and cure urban loneliness (three families living in one room).

‘Conceived for the people, by the people, Juche states that only through back-breaking work, soul-nourishing study and boundless courage can progress be achieved.’

**Contributor Bio**  
Oliver Grant was born in 1993. After graduating from The University of Bristol with a degree in English Literature and Drama, he got a job in publishing, which he is yet to be fired from. He hopes to be married with children one day.
Actually Funny Politically Correct Jokes
Marty Fields

Summary
Welcome to a heap of harmless laughs. But just because they’re clean, doesn’t mean they’re not funny. Comedian Marty Fields has scoured his collection for great inoffensive gags. He thinks these are rippers, and he should know, he’s been doing this comedy caper for more than 40 years. Jokes like to poke fun at people, things, situations, and places. But having fun at someone else’s expense can stop it being fun. So here’s a collection of over 1,000 gags that shouldn’t upset anybody. The comedy landscape has changed but with a little restructuring of gags, and deciding if an offensive joke is worth the grief, you can still survive in comedy. Marty has never seen the merit in shock humor, he’d rather be witty. With big laughs on every page, this is a joke book you can give as a gift without risk, and who knows, maybe it’s the first bridge back between the politically correct world and genuinely funny comedy.

Contributor Bio
Marty Fields is one of Australia’s most popular and versatile performers, a finely tuned and in-demand corporate comedian, Host/MC, actor, and musician. The son of Aussie icons Maurie Fields and Val Jellay, Marty was introduced to the entertainment industry at an early age. Originally an actor and musician, he graduated from the esteemed Melba Conservatorium then began his stand-up comedy career in 1983. He is the author of Short Jokes for Tall People and Funny is Still Funny.

Cats in Hats
Jo Clark

Filled with wonderfully quirky illustrations, this perfect gift for the cat-lover in your life shows that cats may have nine lives, but they like to dress to the nines, as well

Summary
Step inside the wonderful wardrobe of cats and get ready to see their transfurrmation. This gem of a book features an adorable array of cats donning hats for all occasions, from the beret to the fedora and the sombrero to the tiara. Featuring full-color illustrations from artist Jo Clark, alongside witty descriptions of cats from around the world, this is the purrfect book to inspire your kitty’s new closet.

Contributor Bio
Jo Clark graduated from the Cambridge School of Art in 2010 with an MA in Children’s Book Illustration. She has since launched a successful range of greeting cards, gift, homeware, and stationary with her much-loved illustration style. She has always loved animals and wants her work to promote kindness to all species, as well as make you giggle. As a vegan she is very careful about the products she produces, and she is always looking for new technologies to lessen their environmental impact.
Lyndsy Spence, Joseph Dumas

The first book to provide an answer to how the perennially popular Mitford girls would cope with modern life

Summary
The six Mitford girls were blessed with beauty, wit and talent, yet they led very distinct, cultural lives and not one sister, except for Diana and Unity, shared the same opinion or ideology. Nancy Mitford was the ultimate tease and her talent for mockery reformed the publishing industry in the 1930s and '40s. Indeed, the Mitford girls' popularity provoked Jessica to label it 'The Mitford Industry'. As individuals they exploited their attributes to the best of their abilities, and through difficult times they used laughter as their remedy. Their life experiences, although sometimes maddening, are a lesson to us all. How would the Mitford girls cope with the pressures and turmoil of modern life? Whether it is Pamela's guide to throwing a jubilee party, Nancy's guide to fashion or Diana's tips on how to stay young, this quirky and fact-filled book draws on rare and unpublished interviews and information to answer that question.

Contributor Bio
Lyndsy Spence is the author of The Mistress of Mayfair. She is the founder of The Mitford Society, a popular online community dedicated to the Mitford sisters. Joseph Dumas is a friend of Jessica Mitford’s whom she mentored in the earliest days of his freelance writing career.

No Modernism Without Lesbians
Diana Souhami

The story of how a singular group of women in a pivotal time and place – Paris, Between the Wars – fostered the birth of the Modernist movement.

Summary
This is the extraordinary story of how a singular group of women in a pivotal time and place – Paris, between the wars – fostered the birth of the Modernist movement.

Sylvia Beach, Bryher, Natalie Barney, and Gertrude Stein. A trailblazing publisher; a patron of artists; a society hostess; a groundbreaking writer.

They were all women who loved women. They rejected the patriarchy and made lives of their own – forming a community around them in Paris.

Each of these four central women interacted with a myriad of others, some of the most influential, most entertaining, most shocking and most brilliant figures of the age. Diana Souhami weaves together their stories to create a vivid moving tapestry of life among the Modernists in pre-war Paris.

Contributor Bio
Diana Souhami was brought up in London and studied philosophy at Hull University. She has published biographies of Gluck, Gertrude Stein, Alice Keppel, Radclyffe Hall, Romaine Brooks and Edith Cavell. Her biography of Alexander Selkirk, Selkirk’s Island, won the Whitbread Biography Award.
Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West

Love Letters

Vita Sackville-West, Virginia Woolf, Alison Bechde...

Summary

With an original introduction by Alison Bechdel, author of Fun Home and creator of the "Bechdel Test."

"I am reduced to a thing that wants Virginia. I composed a beautiful letter to you in the sleepless nightmare hours of the night, and it has all gone. I just miss you, in a quite simple desperate human way."

In 1922, the relatively unknown writer Virginia Woolf met the popular author, aristocrat—and notorious Sapphist—Vita Sackville-West. Virginia didn't think much of Vita’s conversation, but she did think very highly of her legs. In her diary she wrote: "But could I ever know her?" It was to be the start of nearly 20 years of correspondence, flirtation, literary inspiration, and deep friendship. Virginia would write her most playful novel, Orlando, for and about Vita, and their close bond would end only with Virginia's tragic death in 1941.

Here is the true love story of Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West, told through selected letters and diary entries, allowing us to hear these women’s complex and constantly changing feelings for each other in their own words. Passionate, witty,...

Contributor Bio

Vita Sackville-West was born in 1892 at Knole in Kent, the only child of aristocratic parents. In 1913 she married diplomat Harold Nicolson, with whom she had two sons and traveled extensively before settling at Kent’s Sissinghurst Castle in 1930, where she devoted much of her time to creating its now world-famous garden. Throughout her life Sackville-West had a number of other relationships with both men and women, and her unconventional marriage would later become the subject of a biography written by her son Nigel Nicolson. Though she produced a substantial body of work, amongst which are writings on travel and gardening, Sackville-West is best known for her novels The Edwardians (1930) and All Passion Spent (1931), and for the pastoral poem The Land (1926), which was awarded the prestigious Hawthornden Prize. Sackville-West died on June 2, 1962 at her Sissinghurst home, aged seventy.

Charlotte and Ellen

The Brontës' Best Friend

Nick Holland

The full tale of the touching relationship between Charlotte Brontë and Ellen Nussey - a fourth Brontë sister in all but blood

Summary

There are few people who don’t know the story of Jane Eyre or Wuthering Heights, but details of the girls' personal histories are obscured in the mists of time. It is thanks to one woman, Ellen Nussey, that we know what we do of the Brontës' personal lives. First a great friend of Charlotte, it wasn't long before she worked her way into the hearts of the shyer sisters, Emily and Anne. It was Ellen who was bridesmaid to Charlotte despite disapproving of the match, and she who picked up the pieces after Anne's untimely death. It was also Ellen who defied Charlotte's husband and kept the thousands of letters she received from his late wife. After the Brontës' deaths, Ellen became their champion, making sure they would never fade into obscurity. Here Nick Holland does the same for Ellen Nussey.

Contributor Bio

Nick Holland is the author of In Search of Anne Brontë and Emily Brontë: A Life in 20 Poems.
Yeats Now

Echoing into Life
Joseph M. Hassett

In this collection of 24 essays by historian Patrick Geoghegan, the history of one of Dublin’s longest-standing and finest debating societies is chronicled.

Summary

W. B. Yeats believed that a poet's life should be an experiment in living. His poems fashion into memorable words the sometimes puzzling emotions that hover over important life events. Yeats's remarkable work can clarify our own thinking about similar situations. Joseph M. Hassett's Yeats Now: Echoing into Life extracts and distills the rich harvest of Yeats's experiment. As Yeats's biographer Roy Foster comments, Yeats Now is 'a personal, quizzical, imaginative testament that ranges through Yeats's thought and writings, showcasing and discussing a series of ringing statements, suggestions and aphorisms that evolve into a kind of vade-mecum or guide to life. The subjects cover love, anger, friendship, politics, violence, and the competing claims of perfecting the life, or the work'. This book is a wonderful companion to the work of this significant poet. Hassett's writing provides an excellent frame of context through which to explore one of Ireland's greatest poets.

Contributor Bio

Joseph M. Hassett has written extensively on Yeats, Joyce, and other Irish writers. He holds a Ph.D. in Anglo-Irish Literature from University College Dublin and is a graduate of Harvard Law School. His books include W.B. Yeats and the Muses and The Ulysses Trials: Beauty and Truth Meet the Law.

Dante's Divine Comedy

A Journey Without End
Ian Thomson

A biography of the great epic poem.

Summary

Dante has no equal as he sings of other-worldly horror and celestial beatitude alike. Yet for all our distance from medieval theology, the Florentine poet's allegorical journey through hell, purgatory and paradise remains one of the essential works of world literature. At least 50 English language versions of the Inferno—the first part of Dante's poem—appeared in the 20th century alone. If Dante's Divine Comedy speaks to our present condition, it is because it tells the story of Everyman who sets out in search of salvation in this world. Dante composed his great poem in the spoken Italian of his time. He wrote about suffering bodies and human weakness, and about divine ecstasy, in words that have resonated with readers and writers for the 700 years. Ian Thomson's lively book is a wide-ranging exploration of a literary masterwork and its influence on writers, poets, artists and filmmakers up to our own time.

Contributor Bio

Ian Thomson is the author of an acclaimed biography of Primo Levi and of two prize-winning travel books, Bonjour Blanc: A Journey Through Haiti and The Dead Yard: Tales of Modern Jamaica.
Visions of the Vampire
Two Centuries of Blood-sucking Tales
Sorcha Ní Fhlainn, Xavier Aldana Reyes

Summary
The vampire is one of the great enemies of humanity, a nightmarish figure who feeds on the living in order to sustain themselves. Born from ancient folklore, writers in the 19th century gave form to the vampire as we know it today. Still haunting our subconscious in the 20th century, a new wave of writers continued to develop the imagery and traditions of the vampire—and the vampire continued to evolve. From John Polidori’s iconic short story "The Vampyre" and tales of parasitic female companions to experimental and freshly thrilling takes by Robert Bloch, Angela Carter, and Anne Rice, this new collection sets out to present the enrapturing range of the vampire story and our undying fascination with the monster at its heart.

Contributor Bio
Sorcha Ní Fhlainn is Senior Lecturer in Film Studies and American Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, whose latest book, Postmodern Vampires, was published by Palgrave in 2019. Xavier Aldana Reyes is Reader in English Literature and Film at Manchester Metropolitan University. He has edited Horror: A Literary History and various collections for British Library Publishing

Horror: A Literary History
Xavier Aldana Reyes

Summary
Horror is unlike any other literary genre. It seeks to provoke uniquely strong reactions, such as fear, shock, dread, or disgust, and yet remains very popular. Horror is most readily associated with the film industry, but horrific short stories and novels have been wildly loved by readers for well over two centuries. Despite its persistent popularity, until now there has been no up-to-date history of horror fiction for the general reader. This book offers a chronological overview of the genre in fiction and explores its development and mutations over the past 250 years. It also challenges the common misjudgement that horror fiction is necessarily frivolous or dispensable. Leading experts on Gothic and horror literature introduce readers to classics of the genre as well as exciting texts they may not have encountered before. The topics examined include: horror’s roots in the Gothic romance and antebellum American fiction; the penny dreadful and sensation novels of Victorian England; fin-de-siècle ghost stories; decadent fiction and the weird; the familial horrors of the Cold War era; ...

Contributor Bio
Xavier Aldana Reyes is Senior Lecturer in English Literature and Film at Manchester Metropolitan University. He is the author of Body Gothic and Horror Film and Affect, and co-editor of Digital Horror. Xavier is also the editor of UWP’s Horror Studies series, the first dedicated exclusively to the genre in all its manifestations.
**The Gothic Tales of Sheridan Le Fanu**
Joseph Thomas Sheridan Le Fanu, Xavier Aldana Reyes...

**Summary**
Sheridan Le Fanu was lauded by contemporaries such as M. R. James for his innovations in the ghost story and mystery genres, and his mastery of conjuring atmosphere and driving stories to thrilling narrative crescendos. And yet, aside from some regularly anthologized short stories and novellas, much of the writer’s fiction remains unknown despite its quality. Aiming to firmly position Sheridan Le Fanu alongside other canonical horror writers published by the British Library, this anthology focuses on some of his lesser-known stories, exploring eight thoroughly Gothic tales of murderous families, dark castles, and ghosts whose business with the living remains unfinished.

**Contributor Bio**

Joseph Thomas Sheridan Le Fanu (1814–1873) was a leading Victorian journalist, magazine editor and prolific mystery writer who penned more than 10 novels and published many more short stories in literary magazines. Today he is best known for his collection 1872 short story collection *In a Glass Darkly*, and for the influential vampire novella *Carmilla*. Xavier Aldana Reyes is Reader in English Literature and Film at Manchester Metropolitan University. He has edited *Horror: A Literary History* and various collections for British Library Publishing.

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**Chill Tidings**

*Dark Tales of the Christmas Season*

Tanya Kirk

**Summary**
The gifts are unwrapped, the feast has been consumed and the fire is well fed – but the ghosts are still hungry. Welcome to the second new collection of dark Christmas stories in the Tales of the Weird series, ushering in a fresh host of nightmarish phantoms and otherworldly intruders bent on joining or ruining the most wonderful time of the year. Featuring classic tales from Algernon Blackwood, Rosemary Timperley, Sheridan Le Fanu and Elinor Glyn alongside rare pieces from the sleeping periodicals and literary magazines of the Library collection, it’s time to open the door and let the real festivities begin.

**Contributor Bio**

Tanya Kirk is Lead Curator of Printed Heritage Collections 1601–1900 at the British Library, and was the co-curator of the major exhibition *Terror and Wonder: The Gothic Imagination* (2014–15). She edited *The Haunted Library: Classic Ghost Stories* which was published by the British Library.
**Dangerous Dimensions**

**Mind-Bending Tales of the Mathematical Weird**

Henry Bartholomew

**Summary**

Unlike the Gothic, which tends to fixate on the past, the haunted, and the ghostly, early weird fiction tends to probe, instead, the very boundaries of reality, exploring the laws and limits of time, space, and matter. This new collection assembles a range of tales from the late 19th and early 20th century that showcase weird fiction’s unique preoccupation with physics, mathematics, and mathematicians. From tales of the fifth dimension and higher space, to impossible mathematics and mirror worlds, these stories draw attention to one of the genre’s founding inspirations—the quest to explore what “reality” means, where its limits lie, and how we cope when we near the answers.

**Contributor Bio**

Henry Bartholomew is a PhD student researching the evolution and legacy of 18th to early 20th Century Gothic fiction at the University of Exeter. His research interests include Speculative Realism, Psychic Vampirism, and Dark Ecology.

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**Heavy Weather**

**Tempestuous Tales of Stranger Climes**

Kevan Manwaring

**Summary**

Since Odysseus’ curious crew first unleashed the bag of winds gifted him by Aeolus, the God of Winds, literature has been awash with tales of bad or strange weather. From the flood myths of Babylon, the Mahabharata and the Bible, to 20th century psychological storms, this foray into troubled waters, heat waves, severe winters, hurricanes, and hailstones, offers the perfect read on a rainy day—or night. Featuring a selection of some of the finest writers in the English language—Algernon Blackwood, Herman Melville, Robert Louis Stevenson, Edgar Allan Poe, and more—this collection of weird tales will delight and disturb.

**Contributor Bio**

Kevan Manwaring is Teaching Fellow in Creative Writing at the University of Leicester, and the author of The Windsmith Elegy fantasy series. He is also an active poet and poetry historian whose books include *The Bardic Handbook* and *Ballad Tales: An Anthology of British Ballads Retold.*
**Weird Woods**
*Tales from the Haunted Forests of Britain*
John Miller

**Summary**
Woods play an important and recurring role in horror, fantasy, the gothic, and the weird. They are places in which strange things happen, where you often can’t see where you are or what is around you. Supernatural creatures thrive in the thickets. Trees reach into underworlds of earth, myth, and magic. Forests are full of ghosts. In this new collection, immerse yourself in the whispering voices between the branches in Wistman’s Wood on Dartmoor, witness an inexplicable death in Yorkshire’s Strid Wood and prepare yourself for an encounter with malignant pagan powers in the dark of the New Forest. This edition also includes notes on the real locations and folklore which inspired these deliciously sinister stories.

**Contributor Bio**
*John Miller* is Senior Lecturer in Nineteenth-Century Literature at the University of Sheffield. His research ranges across multiple topics in late Victorian and Edwardian literature, including literary depictions of animals, exoticism, and tattoos, as explored in *Tales of the Tattooed*, published in this series.

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**Yesterday's Tomorrows**
*The Story of Science Fiction in 100 Books*
Mike Ashley

**Summary**
From the enrapturing tales of H. G. Wells to the punishing dystopian visions of 1984 and beyond, the evolution of science fiction from the 1890s to the 1960s is a fascinating journey to undertake. Setting out this span of years as what we can now recognize as the ‘classic’ period of the genre, Mike Ashley takes us on a tour of the stars, utopian and post-apocalyptic futures, worlds of AI run amok and techno-thriller masterpieces asking piercing questions of the present. This book does not claim to be definitive; what it does offer is an accessible view of the impressive spectrum of imaginative writing which the genre’s classic period has to offer. Towering science fiction greats such as Asimov and Aldiss run alongside the, perhaps unexpected, likes of C. S. Lewis and J. B. Priestley and celebrate a side of science fiction beyond the stereotypes of space opera and bug-eyed monsters; the side of science fiction which proves why it must continue to be written and read, so long as any of us remain in uncertain times.

**Contributor Bio**
*Mike Ashley* is the author and editor of more than 100 books, and is one of the foremost historians of popular fiction. He has edited numerous British Library Science Fiction Classics anthologies, and is the author of a multi-volume comprehensive history of the genre published by Liverpool University Press.
The Best of World SF
Lavie Tidhar

Editor Lavie Tidhar collects short stories by international science fiction and fantasy authors.

Summary

26 new short stories representing the state of the art in international science fiction, selected by Lavie Tidhar.

21 counties: France, China, Singapore, Botswana, Nigeria, India, Japan, Italy, Cuba, Brazil, Trinidad, Spain, Mexico, Finland, Israel, Iceland, Russia, Ghana, South Africa, Sweden and Malaysia.

14 women / 12 men.

Stories:

'Immersion' by Aliette de Bodard
'Debtless' by Chen Qiufan
'Fandom for Robots' by Vina Jie-Min Prasad
'Virtual Snapshots' by Tlotlo Tsamaase
'What The Dead Man Said' by Chinenye Onwualu
'Delhi' by Vandana Singh
'The Wheel of Samsara' by Han Song
'Xingzhou' by Yi-Sheng Ng
'Prayer' by Taiyo Fujii
'The Green Ship' by Francesco Verso
'Eyes of the Crocodile' by Malena Salazar Macia
'Bootsblack' by Tade Thompson
'The Emptiness in the Heart of all Things' by Fabio Fernandes
'The Sun From Both Sides' by R.S.A. Garcia
'Dump' by Cristina Jurado

Siddhartha (2nd Edition)
Hermann Hesse, Hilda Rosner, Pico Iyer

Hermann Hesse's classic novel in a new edition featuring a trompe l'œil die-cut dust jacket, over contemporary artworks

Summary

Dissatisfied with the traditional Vedic way of life, Siddhartha, the handsome son of a Brahmin, leaves his family and his friend, Govinda, in search of a higher state of being. Having experienced the myriad forms of existence, from the wealthy and luxurious, to the pleasures of sensual and paternal love, Siddhartha finally settles down beside a river where a humble ferryman teaches him his most valuable lesson yet. Hermann Hesse's short, elegant novel, echoing the life of the Buddha, has been cherished by readers for decades as an unforgettable spiritual primer. As part of the new editions of the Peter Owen Cased Classics series, this special hardback edition carries a dust jacket with false die-cutting of a lotus flower, while printed on the cover board is a striking work by British contemporary artist Andy Harper.

Contributor Bio

Hilda Rosner translated Hermann Hesse's classic work, Siddhartha. Hermann Hesse (1877-1963) is counted among the leading novelists and thinkers of the 20th century. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1946 for a body of literature renowned for its humanist, philosophical, and spiritual insight. His most famous works include Siddhartha (1922), Journey to the East (1932), Demian (1919), Steppenwolf (1927), and Narcissus and Goldmund (1930). Pico Iyer is a novelist and essayist. He has written on diverse subjects of culture and travel for Harpers, New York Review of Books, New York Times, and Financial Times.
**Ice (2nd Edition)**

Anna Kavan, Christopher Priest

Anna Kavan’s classic apocalyptic novel in a new edition which now features a trompe-l’œil die-cut dust jacket, over the work of British contemporary artist Naomi Frears

**Summary**

In a land devastated by war, a nameless narrator pursues an elusive white-haired woman in the clutches of a government official known only as "The Warden." Neither will give her up, but a freak ecological apocalypse is indifferent to their rival claims. As a terrifying wall of ice continues its incursion, freezing everything in its path, it seems that only the white-haired woman is truly resigned to the fate of the world. *Ice* is hailed as classic of science fiction and a definitive work of the slipstream genre. As part of the new and improved Cased Classics, this edition features a false die cutting of a triangle on the dust jacket, while printed on the cover board is the striking artwork of contemporary artist Naomi Frears.

**Contributor Bio**

**Anna Kavan** (1901-1968), born Helen Woods, was a British novelist who emerged from a Swiss asylum in 1938 with a pen-name adopted from one of her fictional characters. Now a cult figure, her writing has been compared to Kafka, Woolf, and Ballard. **Christopher Priest** is a novelist and science fiction writer whose works include *Inverted World* and *The Prestige*.

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**Confessions of a Mask (2nd Edition)**

Yukio Mishima, Meredith Weatherby

Yukio Mishima’s classic work, *Confessions of a Mask*, in a new edition featuring a trompe-l’œil die-cut dust jackets, over the work of British contemporary artist Fraser Taylor

**Summary**

*Confessions of a Mask* tells the story of a Japanese boy’s development towards a homosexual identity during and after the Second World War. In narrating his progress from an isolated childhood through adolescence to manhood, he exposes his inner life, full of repressed homosexual desires and preoccupations with sadomasochism and death. The enduring power of the novel is in part owing to its themes of fantasy, despair, and alienation, its eloquent voice, but also its autobiographical nature —the equally enduring fascination with the life and character of one of Japan’s most turbulent artists. As part of the new Peter Owen Cased Classics series, this special hardback edition carries an elegant dust jacket with a false die-cutting of a mask, while printed on the cover board is the work of British contemporary artist Fraser Taylor.

**Contributor Bio**

**Yukio Mishima** (1925-1970) was a significant cultural figure in postwar Japan. A prolific novelist, poet, and dramatist, his work helped establish Japanese literature in the West, particularly The Sea of Fertility tetralogy, and novels such as *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace*, *The Temple of the Golden Pavilion*, and *Confessions of a Mask*. During his lifetime, Mishima courted controversy for his political views. In 1970, following a failed coup d'état, Mishima publicly committed seppuku, ritual suicide by disembowelment. **Meredith Weatherby** (1915–1997) was an American publisher and translator. He spent a large part of his life in Japan and is known in particular for his English translations of the literary works by Yukio Mishima.
The Ice Palace (2nd Edition)
Tarjei Vesaas, Elizabeth Rokkan

Tarjei Vesaas's classic novel in a new edition which features a trompe-l'œil die-cut dust jacket, over the work of British contemporary artist Kaye Donachie

Summary
In rural Norway, one evening after school, 11-year-old Siss and Unn strike up a deep and unusual bond. When the next day Unn sets off into the wintry woods in search of a mysterious frozen waterfall, known locally as the "ice palace," and does not return, a devastated Siss takes it upon herself to find her missing friend. The Ice Palace is one of the most memorable achievements in modern literature thanks in large part to Vesaas's unique command of a sparse, figurative, and fragmentary style. As part of the new and improved Peter Owen Cased Classics series, this edition features a false die cutting in the shape of an ice shard on the dust jacket, while printed on the cover board is the work of acclaimed contemporary artist Kaye Donachie.

Contributor Bio
Tarjei Vesaas (1897–1970) was a Norwegian poet and novelist whose sparse, poetic, and figurative style won him international acclaim and three separate nominations for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Best known and best loved of his works are The Ice Palace, for which he won The Nordic Council's Literature Prize; The Birds; and The Bridges. Vesaas is an enduring literary figure in his native Norway where his home has become a site of pilgrimage. Elizabeth Rokkan was awarded the St. Olav Medal for her efforts to make Norwegian literature available to English speakers.

To the Slaughterhouse
Jean Giono, Norman Glass

Summary
Long regarded as one of France's finest writers of the twentieth century, Jean Giono is best known for his ecological bestseller The Man Who Planted Trees, but this neglected classic, published in 1931, is his masterpiece. Set during the First World War, conscription comes to a rural Provençal community, and its young men leave for the trenches on the Western Front. Based on his experiences at the battle of Verdun, at which he was one of only eleven survivors from his company, Giono produced one of the most powerful and affecting accounts of war ever written. This unflinchingly realistic yet at times intensely poetic novel grimly contrasts the destruction of men, land and animals at the front with the disintegration of daily life and accepted morality back home in a remote community with its own savagery, lusts and yearnings. Giono ends his masterwork with a message of hope, reflecting his faith in the ability of the earth to renew itself, which readers of The Man Who Planted Trees will find familiar.

Contributor Bio
Jean Giono (1895–1970) was born in the small Provençal town of Manosque. He fought in the First World War at the battle of Verdun, where he was one of only a handful of survivors from his company. His experiences made him a hardened pacifist, and, at the start of the Second World War, he was imprisoned for his pacifist views. He returned to Manosque where he lived with his family and continued to write until his death, producing more than thirty novels, many volumes of short stories, plays, poetry and essays. His bestselling parable The Man Who Planted Trees has achieved worldwide acclaim. Norman Glass was a translator from French to English of Jean Giono and Gérard de Nerval.
**The Pearl Bastard**  
Lillian Halegua

**Summary**
During a school holiday, 15-year-old Francie escapes from her stifling New York home to the seaside on Long Island. On the beach she is raped, leaving her pregnant and unable to return home. Even her adopted Jewish family at the coastal motel at which she has taken a summer job cannot assuage her unhappiness, and she becomes a victim of her age, her era and of society. In Halegula’s first-person narration there is real understanding of the difficulties of communication between adults and teenagers in the late 1950s. *The Pearl Bastard* is a sensitive, lyrical evocation of the world of adolescence that is as relevant now as it was on its first publication. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

**Contributor Bio**
Lillian Halegua (1927–2017) was an American novelist whose first published work, a short story, appeared in 1958 in the long-established literary journal *Prairie Schooner*. Her first novel, *The Pearl Bastard*, was published in 1959. Three acclaimed novels followed, but *The Pearl Bastard* proved her most successful book, being reprinted several times in the following decades and published in Spanish translation in the 1990s. Her other novels include *The Priest* and *The Hanging*. She died on Long Island, New York.

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**The Weary Generations**  
Abdullah Hussein

**Summary**
Published in 1963 ahead of Paul Scott’s *Raj Quartet* and long before *Midnight’s Children*, Abdullah Hussein’s ambitious saga of social struggle, *The Weary Generations*, was a bestseller in Urdu. Naim, son of a peasant, marries Azra, the daughter of a rich landowner. Fighting for the British during the First World War he loses an arm. Invalided home, he becomes angered at the subjugation of his countrymen under the Raj and aligns himself with the opposition. His ideals are swept away after Independence in 1947 when he realizes that, as Muslims, his family is no longer safe in their Indian home and that they must migrate to the newly created Pakistan.

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**Contributor Bio**
Abdullah Hussein (1931–2015) was born Mohammad Khan in rural Punjab, Pakistan. Hussein wrote under a borrowed nom-de-plume to avoid confusion with his namesake, the celebrated humorist Colonel Muhammad Khan. In 1964, and after five years of composition, during which time he worked at a chemical factory, Hussein shot to fame with the publication of *Udaas Naslain*, a rare Urdu masterpiece. The novel became a classic of Partition literature, and won the prestigious Adamjee Award in 1963 – then Pakistan’s highest literary award. He died in 2015.
The Cage
Ojars Kratins, Alberts Bels

Summary
The Cage is an extraordinary tale of mystery and suspense by one of Latvia's leading novelists. One day Edmunds Berz, a successful married architect, disappears without trace while driving home to Riga from his parents’ farm. No one knows whether he has eloped with an old flame, or fallen foul of Communist bureaucracy. Even his car has disappeared. Police investigations are initiated but soon reach an impasse with no evidence of his whereabouts, alive or dead, while the lead investigator finds himself exploring parallels between their lives, musing that their fates may be interchangeable. The narrative propels the reader to an eerie, claustrophobic, and uncertain climax—which readers have interpreted as an allegory of Soviet oppression. Part of the new-look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

Contributor Bio
Ojars Kratins is the translator of Alberts Bels classic work of soviet crime literature, The Cage. Alberts Bels was born in 1938 near Riga in Latvia. He studied for two years at a technical college then joined the Moscow Circus School. His time here was cut short by military service, and subsequently he worked as a draughtsman, sports instructor, and illustrator on archaeological digs. In the 1960s he worked as a professional mime artist. His first and second novels from 1967 and 1972 were very successful and have been translated into a number of languages. The Cage was his third to be translated into English.

The Journey to the East
Hilda Rosner, Hermann Hesse

Summary
The narrator of this allegorical tale travels through time and space in a search of ultimate truth. This pilgrimage to the "East" covers both real and imagined lands and takes place not only in our own time but also in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Again, fellow travelers are both real and fictitious—Plato, Pythagoras, Don Quixote, Tristram Shandy, and Baudelaire. Like Siddartha, Journey to the East is a timeless novel of broad appeal, particularly among younger readers, stemming from an affinity with the lasting effects of the author's own youthful rebellion against the strictures of a classical education and his pacifist instincts, combined with an easy lyricism and a well-composed symmetry of style. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

Contributor Bio
Hilda Rosner was the translator of a number of Hermann Hesse works, including Siddhartha and The Journey to the East. Hermann Hesse (1877-1963) is counted among the leading thinkers of the 20th century. Born in Germany and raised in a Black Forest town, he rebelled against a stern monastic education and worked as a locksmith and a bookseller before embarking on a 65-year writing career, publishing modern classics like Siddhartha, Steppenwolf, and The Glass Bead Game. Having traveled as far as India, he settled in Switzerland in 1911 in opposition to German militarism. Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1946, he died in 1963 aged 85.
The Moon and the Bonfire
Louise Sinclair, Cesare Pavese

Summary
After 20 years in America, a successful businessman returns to the rustic Piedmontese communities which were riven by fascism. Much has changed since the war, and still more would like to be forgotten and buried. Memories return to the narrator as he looks at the lives and sometimes violent fates of the villagers he has known since childhood, and rediscovers the poverty, ignorance, or indifference that binds them to the hills and valleys against the beauty of the landscape and the rhythm of the seasons. With simple poetic force, Pavese weaves separate strands of narrative together, bringing them to a stark and poignant climax. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

Contributor Bio
Louise Sinclair was the translator of Cesare Pavese’s *The Moon and the Bonfire*. **Cesare Pavese** (1908–1950) was born in the Italian region of Piedmont. Now considered one of Italy’s most distinctive writers, he was unable to publish his creative writing during the fascist era and instead channeled his energies into translating the work of some of the greatest English-language writers into Italian. He was imprisoned by the government in 1935—inspiring his novel *The Political Prisoner*—and lived with the partisans from 1943 to 1945. The bulk of his work—stories, poems, and novels—appeared between 1945 and his suicide in 1950.

Paris France
Gertrude Stein

Summary
Gertrude Stein lived in Paris from 1903 until her in 1946. She and her brother Leo were known as patrons of the arts, championing the works of Picasso, Cézanne and Matisse. After establishing an art collection that was destined to become internationally famous, she embarked on her writing career. Published on the day Paris fell to the Germans in 1940, *Paris France* blends Stein’s childhood memories of Paris with trenchant observations and anecdotes of all things French. It is a witty fricassée of food and fashion, pets and painters, musicians, friends, and artists, served up with a healthy garnish of Steinian humor and self-indulgence. For readers who have previously considered Gertrude Stein to be a difficult author, *Paris France* provides a delightful window on her personal and unique world. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

Contributor Bio
**Gertrude Stein** (1874–1946) was born in Pittsburgh of a prosperous German-Jewish family. She was educated in France and the USA, worked under the pioneering psychologist William James and later studied medicine. Growing bored, she moved to Paris from 1903 with her brother Leo, where she lived for 40 years. They became important patrons of the arts, acquiring pictures by Cézanne, Renoir, Gauguin, Manet, Toulouse-Lautrec, and contemporary artists such as Picasso and Braque. She also began to write: the novel *QED* was followed by books including *Three Lives* and *The Making of Americans*. Lisa Nesselsen is a Paris-based film critic for *Variety* and *France24*. A contributor to the BBC World Service and a former Radio France International anchor, her book-length translations from French to English include biographies of Simone de Beauvoir and Cinémathèque Française founder Henri Langlois.
Flight Without End
David Le Vay, Joseph Roth

**Summary**
In perhaps his most personal novel, Joseph Roth tells the story of Franz Tunda, an officer in the Austro-Hungarian army, who disappears in Siberia at the end of the First World War. After 10 years of fighting with the Bolsheviks, having affairs with beautiful communists, and eking out a living at the edge of the world, on his eventual return to his native Austria, Franz Tunda finds the old European order has vanished, and there is no place for him any more in the new culture that has taken its place. Everywhere he finds himself an outsider, consigned to a life of social and cultural isolation. Mirroring Roth’s own experience of exile, *Flight Without End* reflects the predicament of the disaffected intellectual who can find no role for himself in a changed world. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig.

**Contributor Bio**
David le Vay was a prolific translator from German and French, whose translations include works by Joseph Roth and Colette. Joseph Roth was born in Brody, Galicia—then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire now in Ukraine—in 1894. He is best known for the novels *The Radetzky March*, *Job*, and *The Legend of the Holy Drinker*. A brilliant and insightful journalist, as early as 1923 he warned against the threat of National Socialism. In 1933, with his warnings about Fascism unheeded, he left Germany in disgust and moved to Paris where depression and alcoholism overcame him, and he died in exile in 1939.

The Redemption of Elsdon Bird
Noel Virtue

**Summary**
Elsdon Bird is an affectionate and imaginative child raised in a family steeped in the religious intolerance of the Christian Bretheren sect. When Dad gets sacked from his city workplace for proselytising and trying to “save” his workmates, the Birds are forced to leave Wellington and their odd-ball neighbours with whom the lonely, marginalized boy had some affinity, and move to a small, remote town in the north. Here, life might have changed for the better, but instead the family begins to disintegrate and Elsdon’s parents descend further into a rigid looking-glass world of religious fundamentalism that uses Elsdon as a whipping boy for all its frustrations. Part of the new look Peter Owen Modern Classics range featuring a logo crafted by graphic design icon Alvin Lustig

**Contributor Bio**
Noel Virtue was born in Wellington, New Zealand, in 1947. The author of eight novels and an autobiography, he is established as one of New Zealand’s leading novelists of the 20th century.
A Study in Scarlet
Arthur Conan Doyle

‘Dr Watson, Mr Sherlock Holmes,’ said Stamford, introducing us.

Summary
When Dr. Watson meets Sherlock Holmes for the first time the “consulting detective” immediately demonstrates his inimitable powers of observation, deducing that the doctor has returned to convalesce from a wound received during military service in Afghanistan. The two young men agree to share lodgings at 221B Baker Street, and it is not long before Holmes’s powers are put to a more practical use; Inspector Gregson of Scotland Yard asks for help in solving what he describes as ‘a puzzler’. A man has been discovered dead, surrounded by clots and splashes of blood – but with no wounds upon him. Published in 1887, A Study in Scarlet marked the start of one of the most iconic fictional partnerships in literature.

The Baker Street Classics Sherlock Holmes collection is a retro-inspired full set of Arthur Conan Doyle’s wonderful tales of the inimitable “consulting detective” at work. Featuring original cover illustrations from editions of the 1920s, this collection will adorn any booklover’s shelf and transport the reader back in time to Holmes’s bustling Victorian London; the misty moors of...

Contributor Bio
Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.

The Sign of the Four
Arthur Conan Doyle

‘I abhor the dull routine of existence... That is why I have chosen my own particular profession... I am the only unofficial consulting detective’

Summary
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Contributor Bio
Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Arthur Conan Doyle

‘Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent’

Summary
Sherlock Holmes’s observation to Dr. Watson at the start of "A Case of Identity" is certainly borne out by the twelve short stories in this collection, characterized by the originality and inventiveness that has made Conan Doyle a household name. The familiar sanctuary of 221B Baker Street is regularly invaded by a procession of puzzled clients with bizarre problems to solve. Holmes’s cases include a young engineer who arrives with one of his thumbs cut off at the root; a governess who has been offered a tempting salary provided she dresses in the exact manner specified by her employers; and a visit from a frightened young woman whose sister has inexplicably died from fear and nervous shock. These and other seemingly intractable puzzles are solved by Sherlock Holmes's inimitable blend of intellectual analysis and inspired deduction. Like the faithful Watson, in these stories the reader can enjoy their position at the center of events, and admire the master of detection at work.

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Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
Arthur Conan Doyle

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Summary
Sherlock Holmes’s confrontation with Professor Moriarty sees a clash between the master of detection and the evil genius of crime – where a dramatic outcome is inevitable. However, not all the investigations undertaken by Holmes and his faithful companion Dr Watson have such deadly significance. The eleven cases recorded in this collection include the mysterious fate of a missing racehorse, where the owner’s condescending attitude to Holmes soon turns to admiration and surprise. International espionage also features – Holmes and Watson have to avert a diplomatic disaster when a secret Naval treaty is stolen – and some heart-rending personal tragedies are resolved with Holmes's customary analytical brilliance. The relationship between Holmes and Watson is normally characterized by the reserve typical of the late Victorian gentleman, but in this collection we also see a rare touch of emotion as the two friends prepare for the worst that can befall them. Fortunately for his many admirers, this is not the last we hear from the iconic investigator.

The Baker Street Classics Sherlock Holmes...

Contributor Bio
Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.
The Hound of the Baskervilles
Arthur Conan Doyle

‘Mr Holmes, they were the footprints of a gigantic hound!’

Summary
When the owner of Baskerville Hall is found lifeless, his face distorted with horror, it is the beginning of an unsettling adventure that takes Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson from the bright, gas lit thoroughfares of London into the dark remoteness of Victorian Dartmoor. Soon Holmes and Watson are faced with a macabre phenomenon – the eighteenth-century legend of a spectral hound, returning once more to terrorise the Baskerville family. They can do nothing for Sir Charles – but his heir, Sir Henry Baskerville, is now in England asking for their help. And in protecting him, Holmes and Watson must confront a more sinister threat than anything they have encountered before. The Hound of the Baskervilles is a powerful reminder of the continued influence of myths and superstitions which lay beneath the scientific rationalism of late Victorian England. Conan Doyle was fascinated by the paranormal, and in this gripping story he demonstrates the anxieties that can affect even the strongest minds when they encounter the unknown.

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Contributor Bio
Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.

The Return of Sherlock Holmes
Arthur Conan Doyle

The Baker Street Classics Sherlock Holmes collection is a retro-inspired full set of Conan Doyle’s wonderful tales of the inimitable “consulting detective” at work.

Summary
When Sir Eustace Brackenstall is found dead with horrible injuries, Scotland Yard are quick to ask for the assistance of Sherlock Holmes. Cases involving the upper echelons of Victorian Society are nothing new for Holmes and his colleague Dr Watson; the thirteen stories in this collection include the abduction of the son of the Duke of Holdernesse and the dilemma of an aristocratic debutante who wishes to retrieve a compromising letter before it reaches her noble fiancé. As usual, the surreal is never far from Holmes’s orbit, as in the bizarre case of the thief who steals plaster casts of the Emperor Napoleon – only to smash them to pieces. Whilst the official police have no option but to prosecute crime, Holmes and Watson are able to exercise discretion when they see fit. In this collection there are several examples of such compassion, where the two friends show the humanity and kindness which always underlie their investigations and which help endear them to the reader.

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Contributor Bio
Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.
The Valley of Fear
Arthur Conan Doyle

It is the Valley of Fear, the Valley of Death. The terror is in the hearts of the people from the dusk to the dawn.

Summary
When John Douglas of Birlstone Manor is discovered with his head blown almost to pieces by a shot gun blast, Inspector MacDonald finds out that Sherlock Holmes has already been warned about the impending tragedy by an informant close to the infamous Professor Moriarty. Using his trademark methodology of close observation and logical deduction, Holmes realises that the account of the dreadful events given by Douglas’s wife raises more questions than it answers. It soon transpires that the solution to the mystery lies far away in the American frontier of the 1860s, where the law is enforced by vigilante violence and powerful vendettas are pursued. Conan Doyle’s evocation of that time and place is skilfully intertwined with the events of the main story, set in the late 1880s, and there is a striking contrast between the harsh landscape and life of the American pioneers and the leafy – but no less deadly – surroundings of Sussex. Perhaps inevitably, Professor Moriarty has the last word.

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Arthur Conan Doyle (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish writer, responsible for creating the literary character Sherlock Holmes.

His Last Bow
Arthur Conan Doyle

The Baker Street Classics Sherlock Holmes collection is a retro-inspired full set of Conan Doyle’s wonderful tales of the inimitable “consulting detective” at work.

Summary
Thirteen years have passed since Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson encountered the ‘The Cornish Horror’ – referred to by Holmes as ‘the strangest case I have ever handled’. With such an introduction, it is no wonder that the story of the inexplicable death and madness of a woman and her two brothers is as bizarre as any of the great detective’s adventures. Holmes is always as ready to help the general public as he is the highest officials of state, and in the eight stories in this collection his clients include a reclusive elderly woman – who has received two severed human ears in the post – and the British Government, anxious to recover the missing plans for a new and deadly submarine. In the final story, set and published in 1917, Holmes and Watson find themselves involved in the struggle for the nation’s survival; this story was intended to boost morale during the First World War, with a fictional hero joining the ranks of those in real life.

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The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes
Arthur Conan Doyle

The Baker Street Classics Sherlock Holmes collection is a retro-inspired full set of Conan Doyle’s wonderful tales of the inimitable “consulting detective” at work.

Summary
After the wife of a rich American expatriate is found murdered all the evidence seems to point to the household’s attractive governess. When Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are contacted by the governess’s friend, it is the beginning of a typically complex and challenging investigation. Holmes and Watson are often involved in cases which involve the bizarre and the unexpected, and this collection of twelve stories is no exception: they include a rare tropical disease; an outbreak of suspected vampirism in rural Sussex; and the grotesque effects of an exotic medicine. Despite the often harrowing nature of their experiences Holmes and Watson always manage to retain their benevolent good humour. For example, when Holmes manages to dissuade an unhappy and repentant woman from suicide, we feel that this is an achievement that he values as much as any solution of a complex crime. However, the genuinely evil are ruthlessly pursued, and the readers of Watson’s narratives will enjoy as ever the thrill of the chase.

Contributor Bio
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The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Lesley Gray

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Summary
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• Fantastic value for Conan Doyle’s The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes book
• Easy to read font in an accessible format

Also available in Collins Classroom Classics The Sign of Four
• A new introduction provides context
• Bespoke glossary explains key terms

Contributor Bio
Lesley Gray holds a PhD in Comparative Literature. She has a particular interest in the long 19th century and the medical humanities. Lesley has many years of experience as an editor, writer and academic, working on educational books and scientific journals as well as her own fiction.
**Oliver Twist**

Charles Dickens, Lesley Gray

Exam board: AQA B, Cambridge Assessment International Education
Level & Subject: AS and A Level English Literature
First teaching: September 2015
First examination: June 2017, June 2021

**Summary**

This edition of Oliver Twist provides depth and context for A Level students, with the complete novel in an easy to read format, and a detailed introduction and bespoke glossary written by an experienced A Level teacher with academic expertise in the area.

- Affordable high quality complete text of Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*
- Perfectly pitched introductions provide the depth and demand required by AS and A Level English
- Explore the contemporary context, Charles Dickens' 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

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**Othello**

William Shakespeare, Gareth Calway, Peter Alexande...

Exam board: AQA & Edexcel (A Level) , WJEC & Eduqas (GCSE)
Level & Subject: A Level, GCSE 9-1 English Literature
First teaching: September 2015
First examination: June 2017

**Summary**

This edition of *Othello* is perfect for students, with the complete play in an accessible format, on-page notes, introduction setting the context, timeline, character and theme indexes. Demystify vocabulary with notes on the page and concise commentary. Set the scene with perfectly pitched introductions that introduce key contexts, concerns and stylistic features, and examine different performances and interpretations. Recall plot summaries at the beginning of each scene. Help with social, historical and literary context with the bespoke timeline of Shakespeare's life and times.

**Contributor Bio**

Gareth Calway is an educational author and a former Head of English and Drama who taught for 27 years in comprehensive schools during which time he was an English Literature examiner for A level examination boards in England and Wales. He has published nine books of poetry and the children's story Bound for Jamaica (Collins, 2011). Gareth is now a youth theatre director and writes and performs commissioned shows.
**King Lear**

William Shakespeare, Peter Alexander, Maria Cairne...

Exam board: AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas, Cambridge Assessment International Education
Level & Subject: AS and A level English Literature
First teaching: September 2015; September 2019
First examination: June 2017; June 2021/2/3

**Summary**

This edition of *King Lear* is perfect for students, with the complete play in an accessible format, on-page notes, introduction setting the context, timeline, character and theme indexes. Demystify vocabulary with notes on the page and concise commentary. Set the scene with perfectly pitched introductions that introduce key contexts, concerns and stylistic features, and examine different performances and interpretations. Recall plot summaries at the beginning of each scene. Help with social, historical and literary context with the bespoke timeline of Shakespeare's life and times.

**Contributor Bio**

**Maria Cairney** currently teaches in a sixth form college in Manchester. She is an experienced A Level English Literature and English Language teacher and examiner with a PhD in Victorian literature and a special interest in 19th century serialised fiction by writers such as Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle. Before becoming a teacher, Maria was also, for many years, a magazine journalist and editor.

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**Hamlet**

William Shakespeare, Peter Alexander, Lucy Toop

Exam board: AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas, WJEC
Level & Subject: A Level English Literature
First teaching: September 2015
First examination: June 2017

**Summary**

This edition of *Hamlet* is perfect for students, with the complete play in an accessible format, on-page notes, introduction setting the context, timeline, and character and theme indexes. Demystify vocabulary with notes on the page and concise commentary. Set the scene with perfectly pitched introductions that introduce key contexts, concerns, and stylistic features, and examine different performances and interpretations. Recall plot summaries at the beginning of each scene. Help with social, historical, and literary context with the bespoke timeline of Shakespeare's life and times.

**Contributor Bio**

**William Shakespeare** is widely regarded as the greatest playwright the world has seen. He produced an astonishing amount of work; 37 plays, 154 sonnets, and 5 poems. He died on 23rd April 1616, aged 52, and was buried in the Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.
A Midsummer Night's Dream
William Shakespeare, Peter Alexander, Mike Gould

This classic edition of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream is perfect for readers of all ages: it comes complete with the play, plus an introduction providing context, on page notes, timeline, and a character and theme index.

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Contributor Bio
Noel Cassidy has been teaching for over 30 years, with experience in the UK and New Zealand. He is currently in charge of A Level English at St Albans School. He has been assessing A Level English Literature for over 25 years, and has trained teachers across the world in teaching, learning and assessment.

The War of the Worlds
H.G. Wells, Maria Cairney

Exam board: OCR, Edgucas
Level & Subject: GCSE English Literature
First teaching: September 2015
First examination: June 2017

Summary
This edition of The War of the Worlds is perfect for students, with the complete novel, engaging introduction written by a teacher and a handy glossary at the back of the book. A new introduction provides context, while bespoke glossary explains key terms.

Contributor Bio
Maria Cairney currently teaches in a sixth form college in Manchester. She is an experienced A Level English Literature and English Language teacher and examiner with a PhD in Victorian literature and a special interest in 19th century serialised fiction by writers such as Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle. Before becoming a teacher, Maria was also, for many years, a magazine journalist and editor.
Emma

Jane Austen

Meet Emma Woodhouse: handsome, clever, and rich.

Summary

Meet Emma Woodhouse: handsome, clever, and rich. Our dear protagonist, a victim to the hubris of youth, takes delight from meddling in the romantic affairs of others, but soon these playful escapades unravel and ensnare her—until, inevitably, she is but a helpless player trapped in her own game.

Here, in her fourth novel, Jane Austen applies her caustic wit to ideas of decorum, marriage, gender, and social status.

Contributor Bio

Jane Austen is best known as the author of Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey, and Persuasion.

The Turn of the Screw

Henry James

Written with such exquisite ambiguity, this book will call into question everything you know - but, in The Turn of the Screw, not knowing the truth might be a blessing.

Summary

Soon to be adapted into the Netflix series The Haunting of Bly Manor
Recently adapted into the major motion picture The Turning starring Finn Wolfhard
Recently adapted into an opera in London's West End

No, no—there are depths, depths!
The more I go over it, the more I see in it, and the more I see in it, the more I fear.
I don't know what I don't see—what I don't fear!

In this classic gothic horror ghost story, we follow a young governess and her deep psychological anguish. It begins when she agrees to care for two orphans living in a remote estate, and her sudden conviction that the grounds are haunted.

Henry James used the horror genre to imbue the everyday with the uncanny and the unknown. A true measure of his success can be found in the debates still raging today: on topics of the characters' sanity, the concept of truth in fiction, and the extent to which James manipulates the reader.

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Contributor Bio

Henry James is best known for writing The Portrait of a Lady, The Ambassadors, and The Wings of the Dove. His later works were increasingly experimental, and were often described as literature's equivalent to an impressionist painting. His novella The Turn of the Screw is one of the most analyzed ghost stories in the English language. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1911, 1912, and 1916.
The Great Gatsby
F Scott Fitzgerald

Summary
Fitzgerald’s glittering Jazz Age masterpiece.

Jay Gatsby is a self-made man, famed for his decadent champagne-drenched parties. Despite being surrounded by Long Island's bright and beautiful, Gatsby longs only for Daisy Buchanan. In shimmering prose, Fitzgerald shows Gatsby pursue his dream to its tragic conclusion. The Great Gatsby is an elegiac and exquisite portrait of the American Dream.

Contributor Bio
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD (1896 - 1940) is widely considered the poet laureate of the Jazz Age. He wrote many short stories and four novels, This Side of Paradise, The Beautiful and the Damned, Tender is the Night and The Great Gatsby. An unfinished novel, The Last Tycoon, was published posthumously.

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Summary
WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY GEOFF DYER.
The world and his mistress are at Jay Gatsby’s party. But Gatsby stands apart from the crowd, isolated by a secret longing. In between sips of champagne his guests speculate about their mysterious host. Some say he’s a bootlegger. Others swear he was a German spy during the war. They lean in and whisper ‘he killed a man once’. Just where is Gatsby from and what is the obsession that drives him?

This edition of The Great Gatsby is the result of a unique collaboration between Tiffany & Co. and Vintage Classics. It is based on designs in the Tiffany &Co. archives from the twenties when F. Scott Fitzgerald’s talent, beauty and notorious lifestyle made him one of best known writers of the Jazz Age.

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The Nail House
Gregory Baines

Summary
‘Life is guerrilla war, a constant struggle. You have to know when to retreat and when to attack.’ Lindon, an Australian project manager with a failed marriage behind him, is lured to China with the promise of a lucrative salary. His task: to solve the problem of a "nail house," the home of a stubborn old man who refuses to relocate, even as the bulldozers move in and the skyscrapers grow around him. But as Lindon negotiates with the old man’s family, he finds sense where there is none, and love where there is war.

Contributor Bio
Gregory Baines lives just outside Canberra, Australia. He has an arts degree from Newcastle University. He lived in China for thirteen years, where he also met his wife. There he wrote his first novel and had short stories published in anthologies and online.

Inside the Bone Box
Anthony Ferner

Summary
A toxic marriage has consequences for everyone. Nicholas Anderton is a highly respected neurosurgeon at the top of his field. But behind the successful façade all is not well. Tormented by a toxic marriage and haunted by past mistakes, Anderton has been eating to forget. His wife, meanwhile, has turned to drink. There are sniggers behind closed doors—how can a surgeon be fat, they whisper; when mistakes are made and his old adversary Nash steps in to take advantage, Anderton knows that things are coming to a head.

Contributor Bio
Anthony Ferner is a former professor of international business and is published widely in nonfiction in his field. He has one other published novella, Winegarden.
The Therapist
Nial Giacomelli

Summary
'I am levitating above the curvature of the earth. Weightless, unencumbered. Flung like a comet out of the atmosphere to drift eternally along the firmament.' In this bittersweet and hauntingly surreal tale, a couple finds the distance between them mirrored in a strange epidemic sweeping the globe. Little by little, each victim becomes transparent, their heart beating behind a visible rib cage, an intricate network of nerves left hanging in mid-air. Finally, the victims disappear entirely, never to be seen again. 'I dreamt we were at sea,' she says.

Contributor Bio
Nial Giacomelli spent his childhood between England and the US. He attended the University of Portsmouth, studying Media, before becoming a software developer. The Therapist is his debut novella.

There are Things I Know
Karen B. Golightly

Summary
He never came home from the school trip . . . Eight-year-old Pepper sees the world a little differently from most people. One day, during a school field trip, Pepper is kidnapped by a stranger and driven to rural Arkansas. The man, who calls himself "Uncle Dan," claims that Pepper's mother has died and they are to live together from now on—but the boy isn't convinced. Pepper always found it hard to figure out when people are lying, but he's absolutely certain his mother is alive, and he's going to find her.

Contributor Bio
Karen B. Golightly is an associate professor of English and holds a PhD from Southern Illinois University. She is extensively published for short fiction and non-fiction, as well as for poetry and photography in many international literary arts journals. She lives in Memphis.
The Driveway Has Two Sides
Sara Marchant

Summary
Sometimes it takes a little searching to find "the one." On an East Coast island, full of tall pine moaning with sea gusts, Delilah moves into a cottage by the shore. The neighbors gossip as they watch her cleaning, black hair tied back in a white rubber band. They don’t like it when she plants a garden out front—orange-red Carpinus caroliniana and silvery-blue hosta. Very unusual, they whisper. Across the driveway lives a man who never goes out. Delilah knows he’s watching her too and she likes the look of him, but perhaps life is too complicated already.

Contributor Bio
Sara Marchant received her Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts from the University of California, Riverside/Palm Desert. Her work has been published by Full Grown People, Brilliant Flash Fiction, The Coachella Review, East Jasmine Review, ROAR, and Desert Magazine. Her essay, "Proof of Blood," was anthologized in All the Women in my Family Sing. Her novella, Let Me Go, was anthologized by Running Wild Press. Sara’s work has been performed in The New Short Fiction Series in Los Angeles, California. Her memoir, Proof of Blood, was published by Otis Books. She is a founding editor of the literary magazine Writers Resist. She lives in Southern California.

Atlantic Winds
William Prendiville

Summary
‘There was no proof, but there was small town certainty, which is stronger than proof.’ It’s 1970s Canada. The small island community of Bear Lake is awash with rumours of layoffs and wildcat strikes at the mill. But for young Tom, nothing is more important than hanging out with his best friend, Cormic, except perhaps catching a glimpse of Sasha Dovonovitch, the foreman’s daughter. When a tragic accident occurs at the mill, the whole community unites – but in a small town, pointed fingers and hushed gossip can only stir further trouble...

Contributor Bio
William Prendiville is a journalist with a background in copywriting. He was awarded the Lionel Shapiro Award for Creative Writing at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Born in Ireland, he now lives and works in Paris.
Minutes from the Miracle City
Omar Sabbagh

Summary
‘Even if there was now a Ministry for Happiness in Dubai, she was still unsure of her own.’ Farida, a Moroccan beautician hoping for a fresh start. Hakim, a Pakistani taxi driver whizzing through the streets. Patrick, a Ugandan security guard with aspirations of becoming a writer. Saeed, a respected Emirati journalist just back from London. Taking place across the last few days of Ramadan, ‘Minutes from the Miracle City’ is a unique retelling of the virtuoso project that is Dubai.

Contributor Bio
Omar Sabbagh is a widely published prose and poetry writer, academic, and Associate Professor of English at the American University in Dubai.

Travelling in the Dark
Emma Timpany

Summary
"I have travelled to a place that you cannot buy a ticket to; there is no train that goes there, no boat, no plane; there is no map that you can follow to find it; there is no road. It lies on the other side of that circle of light."

Sarah is traveling with her young son back to her home town in the south of New Zealand. But when debris from an earthquake closes the road before her, she is forced to extend her journey and divert through the places from her youth that she had hoped never to return to. As the memories of her childhood resurface, Sarah knows that for the sake of her son, she must face up to them now or be lost forever.

Contributor Bio
Emma Timpany receiving a BA degree in Anthropology from the University of Otago. Emma has already published two short story collections—Over the Dam and The Lost of Syros. She has also co-edited a short story collection, Cornish Short Stories: A Collection of Contemporary Cornish Writing. A winner of many short story competitions, Emma is a member of the Society of Authors, the New Zealand Society of Authors, and the Katherine Mansfield Society.
Milton in Purgatory
Edward Vass

Summary
'I've seen love and loss so many times. First cuts into the fresh flesh always scar the deepest.' Milton Pitt leads an uneventful life, with a dull job and a secret longing for adventure. One morning, after he is hit by a speeding car, he suffers an out-of-body experience and awakens back in his bedroom. Everything is just the same – that is, except for the bloody footprints leading to the chimney... Is this his chance to lead a better life? Was it just a dream? Or is he simply dead? In this richly inventive and humorous novella, Edward Vass brings the themes of Dante's *Divine Comedy* 700 years into the future.

Contributor Bio
**Edward Vass** works at the British Medical Association, with a degree in marketing and advertising from the University of Lincoln. During his time in South Korea as an English teacher, Edward started experimenting with writing and ideas for stories. *Milton in Purgatory* is his debut novella.

Ogadinma
Or, Everything Will Be All Right
Ukamaka Olisakwe

Summary
Ogadinma Or, Everything Will Be All Right is a tale of departure, loss and adaptation; of mothers whose experience at the hands of controlling men leave them with burdens they find too much to bear. After an unwanted pregnancy leaves her exiled from her family in Kano, thwarting her plans to go to university, seventeen-year-old Ogadinma is sent to her aunt's in Lagos. When a whirlwind romance with an older man descends into indignity, she is forced to channel her strength and resourcefulness to escape a fate that appears all but inevitable. A feminist classic in the making, Ukamaka Olisakwe's sophomore novel introduces a heroine for whom it is impossible not to root and announces the author as a gifted chronicler of the patriarchal experience.

Contributor Bio
**Ukamaka Olisakwe** is a Nigerian novelist, short story writer and screenwriter. In 2014 she was chosen as one of Sub-Saharan Africa’s most promising writers under the age of 40. She was born in Kano, Nigeria, and in 2016, was a resident at the University of Iowa's International Writing Program. Her writing has appeared in *Catapult*, the *New York Times* and *The Rumpus*. She wrote the screenplay for *The Calabash*, a Nigerian television series that premiered in 2015 on Africa Magic Showcase.
From Nowhere to Nowhere
Bekim Sejranovic, Will Firth

Summary
Bekim Sejranovic's From Nowhere to Nowhere is a subtle yet unforgettable meditation on the factors that shape identity. The novel's unnamed narrator, raised by his grandparents and scattered to the wind from his hometown of Brcko, Bosnia and Herzegovina, during the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s, travels to Croatia and Norway, trying to reclaim a sense of self he isn't sure he ever possessed in the first place. From his days playing soccer with friends on Unity Street outside his home to Muslim funerals, his job as an interpreter for Balkan refugees, and his fractious relationships with women, a nomadic aesthetic emerges brilliantly rendering what it means to live a life from which you have always been removed.

Contributor Bio
Will Firth was born in 1965 in Newcastle, Australia. He studied German and Slavic languages in Canberra, Zagreb, and Moscow. Since 1991 he has lived in Berlin, where he works as a translator of literature and the humanities—from Russian, Macedonian, and all variants of the “language with many names,” aka Serbo-Croatian. In 2005-07 he translated for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Firth is a member of professional associations in Germany (VdÜ) and Britain (Translators Association). His best-received translations of recent years have been Aleksandar Gatalica's The Bekim Sejranovic (1972–2020) was a member of the writers' associations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Norway. In 2009, he was awarded the Meša Selimovic Prize for the best new novel from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro for Nigdje, niotkuda. In 2011, he was screenplay writer for Japanese director Moku Teraoka's documentary From Tokyo to the Morava River - A Japanese Meets the Balkans. He lived in Ljubljana from 2011–14, and then lived and worked in Zagreb from 2015 until ...

The President Shop
Vesna Maric

Summary
The President, the founder of the Nation, is an old man now, but his young and unifying spirit stands steadfastly at the heart of The President Shop, Vesna Maric's debut novel. Images of and tributes to the President are found in all homes in the Nation, procured from stores like the one Ruben and Rosa run. The couple met as partisans, fighting to forge the Nation in the crucible of conflict. But even though their pride shines as brightly as the gilded bust of the President, the younger generation has questioned whether the Nation really has its citizens best interests in mind. Ruben’s brother is actively working to avoid mandatory military service as he pines away for another man, and Ruben and Rosa's daughter Rosa is too busy adjusting to womanhood to get caught up in state-mandated nostalgia. To further exacerbate the family tension, an elderly uncle claims to have invented a machine to see into the future, which he stores in the basement of the family's apartment building. But there is no telling what the future really holds in store as the beliefs of the past slowly start to cru...

Contributor Bio
Vesna Maric was born in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in 1976. She left Bosnia-Herzegovina at sixteen as part of a convoy of refugees. She went on to work for the BBC World Service and now writes Lonely Planet travel guides, translates literary fiction and non-fiction from Croatian into English, and writes a variety of journalism for publications including the Guardian. Vesna has collaborated with various artists, including Jane and Louise Wilson, and art projects at the Tate Modern and the London Southbank. Her memoir, Bluebird, was published by Granta in 2009, and was longlisted for The Orwell
In a Sentimental Mood
Ivana Bodrožić, Ellen Elias-Bursac Elias-Bursac, D...

Summary
Ivana Bodrožić's In a Sentimental Mood is emotional, but never woeful, deliberate, yet playful poetry capable of reaching both the highest and deepest registers of expression. From abstract jazz-inspired musings to bedroom intimacies, these poems converse with the idea that being alone is not the worst thing that can happen to a person. To lose your dignity and the dignity of your words—that is the worst thing.

Contributor Bio
Ivana Bodrožić lives in Zagreb, Croatia. In 2005, she published her first poetry collection, Prvi korak u tamu (The First Step Into Darkness) as part of the Goran Award for Young Poets. Her first novel Hotel Zagorje (Hotel Tito) was published in 2010 and went on to be a Croatian best-seller; the French edition won the prestigious Prix Ulysse for best debut novel. She has also published the poetry collection Prijelaz za divlje životinje (A Road for Wild Animals) and the short story collection 100% Pamuk (100% Cotton). Her novel The Pit was awarded the Balkan Noir Prize for best crime novel. Bodrožić's work has been translated into English, German, French, Czech, Danish, Slovenian, Hungarian, Spanish, Italian, and Macedonian. Ellen Elias-Bursac translates fiction and nonfiction from Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian, including Ivana Bodrožić's novel The Hotel Tito. Her translation of David Albahari's novel Götz and Meyer was given the 2006 ALTA National Translation Award. She is the president of the American Literary Translators Association. Damir Šodan is a Croatian poet, playwright, ed...

Oona
Alice Lyons

Oona, child of first-generation American migrants, lives in an affluent New Jersey suburb where conspicuous consumption and white privilege prevail. As her inner life goes into shutdown, Oona has her first encounters with sex, drugs and other adolescent rites of passage.

Summary
In Alice Lyons’ implosive first novel, Oona, child of first generation immigrants, lives in an affluent New Jersey suburb where conspicuous consumption and white privilege prevail. A silence surrounding death extends to the family home where Oona’s mother lies dying of cancer. As her inner life goes into shutdown, Oona has her first encounters with sex, drugs and other adolescent rites of passage. What does a voice alienated from itself sound like? How can the creative process be truthfully represented? In this remarkable debut, a female character’s fraught journey into adulthood is rendered in vivid color. Oona, the emergent artist, encounters the physical world and the materials of her craft, engaging with her losses through Ireland’s culture and landscape. As boom turns to bust, Oona’s story, articulated without the letter ‘o’, inhabits a world of fracture and false promise, conveyed by elision yet miraculously made whole and real in the telling.

Contributor Bio
Alice Lyons is a writer whose work embraces the visual arts. She is a recipient of the Patrick Kavanagh Award for Poetry (2002) and the inaugural Ireland Chair of Poetry Bursary awarded by Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill (2004). Her poetry film, The Polish Language, co-directed with Orla Mc Hardy, was nominated for an Irish Film and Television Award (IFTA, 2010). Originally from the USA, where she was Radcliffe Fellow in Poetry and New Media at Harvard University 2015/16, she has lived in the west of Ireland for over twenty years. She lectures in writing and literature at the Yeats Academy of Art, Design & Architecture, IT Sligo.
A Letter Marked Personal

J. P. Donleavy

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Contributor Bio

J.P. Donleavy (1926–2017) wrote more than 20 books after The Ginger Man, including The Beastly Beatitudes of Balthazar B, A Fairy Tale of New York, The Onion Eaters, and Schultz, along with several works of non-fiction such as The Unexpurgated Code: A Complete Manual of Survival and Manners.

A Sabbatical In Leipzig

Adrian Duncan

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Michael, a retired bridge engineer, has lived away from Ireland for most of his life and now resides alone in Bilbao after the death of his girlfriend, Catherine. Each day he listens to two versions of the same piece of music before walking the same route to visit Richard Serra’s enormous permanent installation, The Matter of Time, in the Guggenheim Museum. Over the course of an hour before he leaves his apartment, Michael reflects on past projects, the landscapes of his adolescence, and his relationship with Catherine, which acts as the marker by which he judges the passing of time. Over the course of the narrative, certain fascinations appear: electricity, porcelain, the bogland of his youth, a short story by Robert Walser, and a five-year period of prolonged mental agitation experienced while living with Catherine in Leipzig. This ‘sabbatical’, brought on by the suicide of a former colleague, splits his career as an engineer into two distinct parts. A Sabbatical in Leipzig is intensely realistic. With a clear voice and precise, structured thoughts, we move between memories of vast...

Contributor Bio

Adrian Duncan is a Berlin-based Irish visual artist who originally trained as a structural engineer. His short-form fiction has appeared in The Stinging Fly, gorse, The Moth, The Dublin Review and Meridian (US), among others. His debut novel, Love Notes from a German Building Site (2019), was published by The Lilliput Press (IRE) and Head of Zeus (GB).
The Two Lost Mountains
Matthew Reilly

The sixth electrifying thriller in the Jack West, Jr. series from New York Times-bestselling author Matthew Reilly

Summary
AN INCREDIBLE VICTORY BUT AT A TERRIBLE PRICE

Against all the odds, Jack West Jr. found the Three Secret Cities, but at a heartbreaking cost. His beloved daughter Lily, it appeared, was slaughtered by Sphinx in a cruel ancient ritual.

TO THE MOUNTAINS AND THE FALL!

With his rivals far ahead of him, Jack must now get to one of the five iron mountains—two of which have never been found—and perform a mysterious feat known only as 'The Fall'. Although what is this object on the moon that is connected to it?

A NEW PLAYER ARRIVES

Amid all this, Jack will discover that a new player has entered the race, a general so feared by the four legendary kingdoms they had him locked away in their deepest dungeon. Only now this general has escaped and he has a horrifying plan of his own.

Contributor Bio
Matthew Reilly is the internationally bestselling author of the Scarecrow novels: Ice Station, Area 7, Scarecrow, Scarecrow and the Army of Thieves and the novella Hell Island; the Jack West novels: Seven Ancient Wonders, The Six Sacred Stones, The Five Greatest Warriors, The Four Legendary Kingdoms and The Three Secret Cities; and the standalone novels Contest, Temple, Hover Car Racer, The Tournament, Troll Mountain, The Great Zoo of China and The Secret Runners of New York. His books are published in over 20 languages, with worldwide sales of over 7 million copies. He lives in Los Angeles.

Winterkill
Ragnar Jonasson, David Warriner

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The Coral Bride
Roxanne Bouchard, David Warriner

Summary
In this beautiful, lyrical sequel to the critically acclaimed We Were the Salt of the Sea, Detective Moralès finds that a seemingly straightforward search for a missing fisherwoman off Quebec’s Gaspé Peninsula is anything but …

‘Wonderfully atmospheric ... I genuinely couldn’t put this book down’ Gill Paul

‘You might want to grab this release if you’ve read everything by Louise Penny and need more Quebecois noir to feed your crime-loving tendencies’ Crime Fiction Lover

When an abandoned lobster trawler is found adrift off the coast of Quebec’s Gaspé Peninsula, DS Joaquin Moralès begins a straightforward search for the boat’s missing captain, Angel Roberts – a rare female in a male-dominated world. But Moralès finds himself blocked at every turn – by his police colleagues, by fisheries bureaucrats, and by his grown-up son, who has turned up at his door with a host of his own personal problems.

When Angel's body is finally discovered, it's clear something very sinister is afoot, and Moralès and son are pulled into murky, dangerous waters, where old resentments run deep.

Exqui...
The Big Chill
Doug Johnstone

Summary
Running private investigator and funeral home businesses means trouble is never far away, and the Skelf women take on their most perplexing, chilling cases yet in book two of the darkly funny, devastatingly tense and addictive new Skels series!

‘Compelling, compassionate ... just brilliant. This series gets better with every book. I cannot get enough of the Skels’ Mark Billingham

‘Confirms the Skelfs as a classic crime clan. I can’t wait for the next one’ Erin Kelly

‘I LOVE the Skelfs ... The only problem with The Big Chill is that you’ll devour it so fast you’ll feel as bereft as one of the Skelfs’ clients ... Doug Johnstone has murdered sleep’ Val McDermid

Haunted by their past, the Skelf women are hoping for a quieter life. But running both a funeral directors’ and a private investigation business means trouble is never far away, and when a car crashes into the open grave at a funeral that matriarch Dorothy is conducting, she can’t help looking into the dead driver’s shadowy life.

While Dorothy uncovers a dark truth at the heart of Edinburgh society, her daughter Jenny and granddaughter H...

Contributor Bio
Doug Johnstone is the author of 11 novels, most recently A Dark Matter, the first in the Skelfs series, which has just been optioned for TV. In 2019 his thriller Breakers was shortlisted for the McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Novel of the Year. Several of his books have been bestsellers and award winners, and his work has been praised by the likes of Val McDermid, Irvine Welsh, and Ian Rankin. He’s taught creative writing and been writer in residence at various institutions, and has been an arts journalist for 20 years. Doug is a songwriter and musician with five albums and three EPs released, and he plays drums for the Fun Lovin’

The Creak on the Stairs
Eva Björg A Egisdóttir

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 Jónasson

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 A Egisdóttir has wanted to write books since she was 15 years old, having won a short story...
**Betrayal**
Quentin Bates, Lilja Sigurdardottir

**Summary**
Burned out and traumatized by her horrifying experiences around the world, aid worker Úrsula has returned to Iceland. Unable to settle, she accepts a high-profile government role in which she hopes to make a difference again. But on her first day in the post, Úrsula promises to help a mother seeking justice for her daughter, who had been raped by a policeman, and life in high office soon becomes much more harrowing than Úrsula could ever have imagined. A homeless man is stalking her—but is he hounding her, or warning her of some danger? And why has the death of her father in police custody so many years earlier reared its head again? As Úrsula is drawn into dirty politics, facing increasingly deadly threats, the lives of her stalker, her bodyguard, and even a witch-like cleaning lady intertwine. Small betrayals become large ones, and the stakes are raised ever higher... Exploring the harsh worlds of politics, police corruption, and misogyny, *Betrayal* is a relevant, powerful, fast-paced thriller that feels just a little bit too real.

**Contributor Bio**
Quentin Bates
made his escape from suburbia at the end of the seventies as a gap year turned into a gap decade spent in the north of Iceland. He worked ashore and at sea before returning to England and, once finally ashore for good, drifted by accident into journalism. Finally the lure of fiction became too strong to resist. Sergeant Gunnhildur and the series of novels she features in have their origins in a deep affection for Iceland and its people, and an intimate knowledge of Icelandic society and its language, customs and quirks. Today he divides his time between the north of Iceland and the south of England, translating books from Icelandic in addition to working on his own fiction.

Lilja Sigurdardóttir
was born in the town of Akranes in 1972 and raised in Mexico, Sweden, Spain, and Iceland. An award-winning playwright, Lilja has written four crime novels, with *Snare*, the first in a new series and Lilja's English debut, shortlisting for the CWA International Dagger and hitting bestseller lists worldwide. *Trap* soon followed suit. The film rights have been b...

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**Hinton Hollow Death Trip**
Will Carver

Five days in the history of a small rural town, visited and infected by darkness, are recounted by Evil itself in this stunning high-concept thriller

**Summary**
‘Cements Carver as one of the most exciting authors in Britain. After this, he’ll have his own cult following’
Daily Express

It’s a small story. A small town with small lives that you would never have heard about if none of this had happened.


Little Henry Wallace was eight years old and one hundred miles from home before anyone talked to him. His mother placed him on a train with a label around his neck, asking for him to be kept safe for a week, kept away from Hinton Hollow.

Because something was coming.

Narrated by Evil itself, *Hinton Hollow Death Trip* recounts five days in the history of this small rural town, when darkness paid a visit and infected its residents. A visit that made them act in unnatural ways. Prodding at their insecurities. Nudging at their secrets and desires. Coaxing out the malevolence suppressed within them. Showing their true selves.

**Making them cheat.**
**Making them steal.**
The Seven Doors
Rosie Hedger, Agnes Ravatn

When the tenant of a house that university professor Nina owns with her doctor husband goes missing after an uncomfortable visit, Nina starts her own investigation . . . with deeply disturbing results

Summary
When the tenant of a house that university professor Nina owns with her doctor husband goes missing after an uncomfortable visit, Nina starts her own investigation . . . with deeply disturbing results. The long-awaited new thriller from the bestselling author of The Bird Tribunal

‘An unrelenting atmosphere of doom fails to prepare readers for the surprising resolution’ Publishers Weekly

‘Unfolds in an austere style that perfectly captures the bleakly beautiful landscape of Norway’s far north’ Irish Times

University professor Nina is at a turning point. Her work seems increasingly irrelevant, her doctor husband is never home, relations with her difficult daughter are strained, and their beautiful house is scheduled for demolition.

When her daughter decides to move into another house they own, things take a very dark turn. The young woman living there disappears, leaving her son behind, the day after Nina and her daughter pay her a visit.

With few clues, the police enquiry soon grinds to a halt, but Nina has an inexplicable sense of guilt. Unable to rest, she begins her own inv...

Contributor Bio
Rosie Hedger was born in Scotland and completed her MA (Hons) in Scandinavian Studies at the University...

A Song of Isolation
Michael J. Malone

Summary
In this breathtakingly brutal and intensely topical psychological thriller, a man is accused of child sexual abuse, and his life and that of his actress girlfriend are thrown into turmoil. Film star Amelie Hart is the darling of the silver screen, appearing on the front pages of every newspaper. But at the peak of her fame she throws it all away for a regular guy with an ordinary job. The gossip columns are aghast: what happened to the woman who turned heads wherever she went? Any hope the furor will die down are crushed when Amelie’s boyfriend Dave is arrested on charges of child sexual abuse. Dave strongly asserts his innocence, and when Amelie refuses to denounce him, the press witch hunt quickly turns into physical violence, and she has to flee the country. While Dave is locked up with the most depraved men in the country and Amelie is hiding on the continent, Damaris, the victim at the center of the story, is isolated—a child trying to make sense of an adult world. Breathtakingly brutal, dark, and immensely moving, A Song of Isolation looks beneath the magpie glimmer of celebrit...

Contributor Bio
Michael Malone is a prize-winning poet and author who was born and brought up in the heart of Burns’ country. He has published more than 200 poems in literary magazines throughout the UK, including New Writing Scotland, Poetry Scotland, and Markings. Blood Tears, his bestselling debut novel won the Pittlochry Prize from the Scottish Association of Writers. His psychological thriller, A Suitable Lie, was a number-one bestseller, and the critically acclaimed House of Spines, After He Died and In the Absence of Miracles soon followed suit. A former Regional Sales Manager (Faber & Faber) he has also worked as an IFA and a bookseller. Michael lives in Ayr.
Passenger 23
Sebastian Fitzek, Jamie Bulloch

On average, 23 people per year disappear without a trace from cruise ships. Five years ago it was your wife and child who vanished while at sea. Never before has anyone come back. Until now.

Summary
Five years ago Martin Schwarz, a police psychologist, lost his wife and son. They were holidaying on a cruise ship when they simply vanished. A lackluster investigation was unable to shed any light on what happened —murder-suicide being the coroner’s verdict. It is a verdict that has haunted Martin ever since, blighting his life. But then he is contacted by an elderly woman, a writer, who claims to have information regarding their fate and wants him to come on board The Sultan of the Seas immediately. She explains that his wife and son are not the only mother and child pair to have disappeared. Only a few months ago another mother and daughter also vanished. She believes there may be a serial killer on board. But when the missing daughter reappears—carrying the teddy bear of Martin’s missing son—it becomes apparent that the truth could be much, much worse...

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 the basis for international cinema adaptations and theater adaptations. He was the first German author to be awarded the European Prize for Criminal Literature.
**Seat 7A**
Sebastian Fitzek, Steve Anderson

**Summary**
It's irrational. You know that, you've checked the statistics. Flying is safer than driving — nineteen times safer. You also know that should something happen, seat 7A, according to the numbers, is the worst place to be sitting. But here you are, in seat 7A, buckled up for take off, unable to shake off the feeling of dread, the feeling that something is about to go very wrong. Irrational, perhaps. But you're not wrong.

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**Last Flight to Stalingrad**
Graham Hurley

**Summary**
A journalist at the Ministry of Propaganda falls foul of the Nazi elite and begins a terrifying descent into the hell of Stalingrad as the Russians encircle the city

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 decent into the hell of Stalingrad...

**Contributor Bio**
Graham Hurley is the author of the acclaimed Faraday and Winter crime novels and an award-winning TV documentary maker. Two of the critically lauded series have been shortlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Award for Best Crime Novel. The first Wars Within novel, Finisterre, was shortlisted for the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize.
The Woman in the Wood
M.K. Hill

A reality TV star becomes a suspect in an Essex murder case. The second thriller in the Sasha Dawson series.

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 favorite 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 was a journalist and an award-winning music radio producer before becoming a full time writer.

Curse the Day
Judith O'Reilly

An AI device witnesses the murder of its creator in this conspiracy thriller set in post-Brexit Britain.

Summary
Tobias Hawke was the tech genius boss of the British Institute for Deep Learning. Now his body has been found in his lab: he has been brutally murdered. Hawke was on the brink of an astonishing breakthrough in the field of Artificial Intelligence. His creation, "Syd," a machine-learning device that mimics human thought, promised to change the face of humanity forever. But, in the wake of her creator's murder, Syd has gone into emergency shutdown procedure. What secrets are her neural networks hiding? Michael North, ex-assassin and spy-for-hire, is the man to find out. But he can't work alone. Teenage hacker Fangfang, and Hawke's widow, a prize-winning ethicist, have their own reasons to solve the murder. But can they uncover the truth before it's too late?

Contributor Bio
Judith O'Reilly is the author of Killing State and Wife in the North. She is a former political producer with BBC 2's Newsnight and ITN's Channel 4 News, and, when she isn't writing novels, she writes for The Sunday Times, and has acted as a strategic communications adviser for both government and business.
**Blinded by the Lights**
Jakub Zulczyk

The bestselling crime thriller – now a major HBO series

**Summary**
Kuba is a cocaine dealer in the dark, electric streets of Warsaw, believing he is smart enough to stay in control, unlike the top lawyers, doctors, TV personalities who are his client base.

However, after calling in the debt of a failing nightclub owner, breaking his own rules on other people’s property, and being caught in the consequences of his clients’ actions, all control starts to slip from his grasp.

Now suffering under the glare of the spotlight and dragged into the dark underbelly of the drug world, Kuba must find a way through the middle of the whirlwind of violence and betrayal sweeping him away.

**Contributor Bio**
Jakub Zulczyk is a rising star of the Eastern European literature scene. His 2014 novel *Blinded by the Lights* was adapted into a TV series by HBO Europe and listed as one of the best TV shows made in Europe in 2018. He is a successful screenwriter as well as the author of the bestselling Polish novels *Do Me Some Harm*, *Radio Armageddon*, *Hound Hill*, and *Black Sun*.

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**City of Fallen Angels**
Paul Buchanan

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But the next day the same woman, Eve, turns up, unbidden, on his doorstep. Eve fears for her safety. She is being watched. Before Keegan knows it, someone has been killed with Keegan’s own gun, and he gets sucked into a world of suspicion and betrayal where he’s never quite sure where the truth lies. Before long he’s the prime suspect in a murder he didn’t commit, and all the evidence seems to point in his direction.

*It’s almost like someone planned it that way.*

**Contributor Bio**
Paul Buchanan earned a Master of Professional Writing degree from the University of Southern California and an MFA in fiction writing from Chapman University. He teaches and writes in the Los Angeles area.
Die For Me
Jesper Stein

Summary
Fear grips Copenhagen when multiple women fall victim to a depraved predator. DI Axel Steen will stop at nothing to hunt the man down. When a DNA sample links the attacks to an unsolved murder that tore his life apart four years ago, Steen's investigation threatens to send him veering off the rails once more. With his professional and personal life on the line, Steen embarks on a spiral of deadly near misses, heart-stopping breakthroughs, and a desperate bid for redemption.

Contributor Bio
Jesper Stein was born in Aarhus, Denmark. He began his writing career as a journalist and made his literary debut in 2012. He has received massive attention for his sharp eye for detail, rich, and innovative plotting and confident prose. Widely praised by critics and readers alike, Stein has positioned himself as one of the most talented authors of crime fiction in Scandinavia.

Awakening of Spies
Brian Landers

Summary
Thomas Dylan is an unlikely spy. Rejected by MI6 he joins the Ministry of Defence where his first mission is a total failure. Unexpectedly he is then sent to Rio de Janeiro to recover a submarine interrogator stolen from the US Navy. In Brazil he discovers that those supposedly on his side, MI6 and the CIA, have their own priorities and that his life is definitely not one of them. A murderous game which began with the death of a British spy in Argentina is being played out in a city of sun, sea and secret police. When Dylan comes face-to-face with the brutal realities of Brazil's military dictatorship he knows he has to trust somebody. But who? The only thing he knows for sure that the woman he wants to trust has been lying to him from the very beginning - should he take the risk? This is a fast-paced thriller in the vein of John le Carré and Eric Ambler.

Contributor Bio
Brian Landers started writing newspaper columns to help pay his university bar bills and since then has written articles for various journals, newspapers and websites. He was once interviewed for a job at the government spy agency GCHQ in Cheltenham but decided that traveling the world would be more exciting. His first full time role was helping a former Director General of Defense Intelligence and a motley collection of ex-spooks set up a political intelligence unit in the City of London. Out of this sprang the character of Thomas Dylan, a novice who over the years progresses through the labyrinthine world of British Intelligence. Later, as a director of Waterstone's and then of Penguin his love of writing was rekindled. His first book, Empires Apart was published in the UK, US and India and was largely written while commuting to work. He has an MBA from London Business School and in 2018 he was awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.
The Night Lawyer
Alex Churchill

Summary
Sophie Angel is the night lawyer. Once a week, she's the one who decides what the papers can and can't say. During the day, she's a barrister. She struggles for justice in a system that's close to collapse, where she confronts the most dangerous aspects of humanity. Her life changes when a wealthy Russian offers her the biggest case of her career, a rape trial with a seemingly innocent client. But is someone manipulating Sophie from the shadows? And is it someone from her childhood in Soviet Russia or is the danger much closer to home? With her marriage under strain and haunted by nightmares from the past, Sophie must find the answer to these questions before it's too late. This is a story about betrayal, trust, guilt and innocence, played out from the courtrooms of London to the darkest corners of Soviet-era Moscow.

Contributor Bio
Alex Churchill is the pseudonym for the writing partnership Alexandra Campbell and Sonja Churchill. Alexandra Campbell is a writer who has worked or written for many major newspapers and magazines, including the Times, The Daily Telegraph, Harpers & Queen and Good Housekeeping. Under the names Nina Bell and Alexandra Campbell, she has also had nine novels published by Penguin and Little Brown, as well as nine books on interiors published by Cico Books. She currently blogs and runs a YouTube channel, both called the Middlesized Garden. After graduating from the University of Cambridge, Sonja Churchill qualified as a barrister. She inherited her love for Russia and the Baltic States from her Russian mother. She is married with two grown up children and lives in London with her husband.

Verbal
Peter Murphy

Summary
A clever, accomplished Cambridge graduate with a good job and an attentive lover, Imogen Lester seems to have the world at her feet. But when her parents are murdered abroad while working for the Diplomatic Service, she is suddenly thrown headlong into a murky world of espionage and organized crime. When she is charged with drug trafficking, even Ben Schroeder’s skills may not be enough to save her, unless a shadowy figure from Ben’s past can survive long enough to unmask a web of graft and corruption.

Contributor Bio
Peter Murphy graduated from Cambridge University and spent a career in the law, as an advocate, teacher, and judge. He has worked both in England and the U.S., and served for several years as counsel at the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. He is the author of six historical/legal thrillers featuring Ben Schroeder, including A Matter for the Jury and And Is there Honey Still for Tea?
**Turncoat**  
Anthony J Quinn

**Summary**  
The sole survivor of a murderous ambush, a Belfast police detective is forced into a desperate search for a mysterious informer that takes him to a holy island on Lough Derg, a place shrouded in strange mists and hazy rain, where nothing is as it first appears to be.

A keeper of secrets and a purveyor of lies, the detective finds himself surrounded by enemies disguised as pilgrims, and is drawn deeper into the mysteries of the purgatorial island, where he is forced to confront a series of disturbing secrets and ghosts in his own life.

**Haunting and unsettling, Turncoat is a story of guilt, survival, and the terrible price of self-knowledge, told through the voice of a detective with a double life.**

Descending into paranoia and self-doubt, he uncovers a sinister panorama of cover-ups and conspiracies. The closer he edges to the truth, the deeper he is drawn into the currents of power, violence and guilt engulfing his country . . .

Praise for Anthony J. Quinn:

"This should make Quinn a star, for it is unquestionably one of the crime novels of the year." —Daily Mail

"Superbly original." —Sunda...

**Contributor Bio**  
Anthony J. Quinn is an Irish writer and journalist. His debut novel Disappeared was selected as a Times Book of the Year 2014 and led the Daily Mail to mark Quinn as a “star in the making.” His short stories have twice been shortlisted for a Hennessy/New Irish Writing award. Blind Arrows is the second in a series of three historical novels set in Ireland during WWI and the War of Independence. It follows The Blood-Dimmed Tide, a stunning piece of historical fiction with WB Yeats as its main protagonist. Quinn has been nominated for the Theakston Crime Novel of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the US Strand Literary Award. He lives in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

**Deadly Revenge**  
Leigh Russell

**Summary**  
The new novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series

"Brilliant and chilling, Leigh Russell delivers a cracker of a read!" —Martina Cole

When a hysterical mother reports her baby’s sudden disappearance, suspicion immediately falls on the absent husband. But Detective Geraldine Steel's gut instinct tells her this case is not as simple as her colleagues think . . .

Complications in the mother's life begin to surface, including her relationship with her controlling father, a controversial political figure. As the police investigate, their attempt to find the missing infant grows ever more urgent.

Steel is forced to suspect everyone associated with the family and when a body is discovered, matters take a deadly turn.

"Unmissable." —Lee Child

"Leigh Russell is a brilliant talent in the thriller field." —Jeffery Deaver

Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope, Rogue Killer and Deadly Affair plus the special Christmas short story, ...

**Contributor Bio**  
Leigh Russell is the author of the Geraldine Steel series, which has sold over a million copies worldwide. Cut Short was shortlisted for the Crime Writers Association (CWA) John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award, and Leigh has been longlisted for the CWA Dagger in the Library Award. Her books have been #1 on Amazon Kindle and iTunes. Leigh is chair of the CWA’s Debut Dagger Award judging panel and is a Royal Literary...
Dead and Gone
Sherryl Clark

Summary
There's nothing more dangerous than revenge.

Judi Westerholme has been through it. Brave and strong-willed, she's just about coping in her new role as foster parent to her orphaned niece, taking a job at the local pub to help make ends meet. Then the pub's landlord and Judi's friend, army veteran Pete "Macca" Maccasfield, is murdered, and her world is suddenly turned upside down.

Despite warnings from the city police to keep out of it, Judi can't help but get involved in the search for Macca's killer. But she soon becomes deeply entangled with some ruthlessly dangerous men. She must act fast and think smart to work out what they want—before anyone else gets hurt . . .

Long buried secrets resurface in Sherryl Clark's pacy crime novel that pushes Judi Westerholme to her limits to protect the people she loves most.

Contributor Bio
Sherryl Clark has had 40 children's and YA books published in Australia, and several in the US and UK, plus collections of poetry and four verse novels. She has taught writing at Holmesglen TAFE and Victoria University. She recently completed a Master of Fine Arts program at Hamline University, Minnesota, and is now studying for a PhD in creative writing. Trust Me I'm Dead, her debut adult crime novel, was shortlisted for the CWA Debut Dagger and the CWA John Creasey Dagger Award.

Conception
Özgür Uyanik

Summary
Enter Anonymous, an artist hungry for success. Rolling between minor shows in New York, London and Istanbul, his manager/mother and he decide upon his next work of art: an act of self-violation so outrageous, and so horrific, the art world will be forced to take notice. But will it be enough to raise him to the ranks of the elite? A black comedy, the journey of a sociopath, and a dark exploration of the commerciality of modern art; 'Conception' takes aim at the question of who and what determines the value of conceptual art.

Contributor Bio
Özgür Uyanik is a writer and filmmaker whose family emigrated from Turkey to the UK. After graduating from the University of Kent at Canterbury, where he studied Communications and Image Studies, Özgür started a career in the film industry working as a runner and making short films in London until his debut feature film premiered at the 17th Raindance Film Festival in 2009. He recently gained an MA in Creative Writing and English Literature from Cardiff Metropolitan University and is currently a PhD candidate in Creative Writing at Cardiff University.
**The Sheriff of Geneva**
Richard Williams

**Summary**
A cache of Venezuelan gold bullion is hijacked en route to safe-keeping in a bank vault deep in the Swiss countryside, the heist orchestrated by the elusive Mr Bonjour, an international man of mystery and villain. Through a series of events, the gold ends up not in Bonjour’s hands, but in the grease separator of the newly opened Gourmet Burger Factory restaurant in downtown Geneva. The staff, a motley crew of young strays and disparate characters have a choice—keep the bullion safe for Bonjour’s imminent arrival, or take the loot and run, knowing the elusive villain may already be amongst them. Richard Williams's second novel is a high-octane, high-stakes thriller steeped in intrigue with a journalistic eye for character detail and dialogue.

**Contributor Bio**
Richard Williams was raised on a farm in north Pembrokeshire and lived for a number of years in Sydney, Australia in his early twenties. Later, following a degree and masters degree in Development Studies from Exeter University and LSE respectively, Richard worked as a technical writer at the newly-created Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria, in Geneva, Switzerland. Richard is the author of *Mostyn Thomas and the Big Rave*.

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**Without a Doubt**
Fleur McDonald

**Summary**
"Nobody does rural fiction quite like Fleur McDonald." —*Weekly Times*

Detective Dave Burrows returns in the most compelling and exciting case of his early career.

In Barrabine, as Dave's workload skyrockets, Melinda, Dave's wife, is unhappy about being left alone so much to raise their 18-month-old daughter, Bec. It’s not how Dave wants it either, but complaints, leads, and crimes all have to be investigated—it's what he joined the force for.

Melinda's interfering father isn't helping. He's never thought that Dave was right for his daughter and he's not shy about telling Dave what he's doing wrong. When things come to a head at home, Dave's policing mate, Spencer, comes up with a plan.

In the most dangerous mission of his life, Dave knows what he's risking. If he's found out, he'll never see Melinda or Bec again. Of that he's sure.

**Contributor Bio**
Fleur McDonald has lived and worked on farms for much of her life. After growing up in the small town of Orroroo in South Australia, she became a jillaroo before spending twenty years farming 8000 acres, east of Esperance, WA. She is the author of *Red Dust, Blue Skies, Purple Roads, Silver Clouds and Crimson Dawn, Emerald Springs, Indigo Storm, Sapphire Falls, The Missing Pieces of Us, Suddenly One Summer, and Fool's Gold*.
To Dare
Jemma Wayne

Veronica and her wealthy husband George are unpacking boxes, hoping a fresh start in their newly refurbished Victorian terrace will help them heal from a recent trauma.

Summary
Veronica and her wealthy husband George are unpacking boxes, hoping a fresh start in their newly refurbished Victorian terrace will help them heal from a recent trauma. Next door, Simone returns to her neglected council flat. Miserable and trapped, she struggles to take care of her children under the watch of her controlling husband Terry. When childhood friend Sarah re-enters Veronica’s life, things are thrown even further off balance. As tensions in their own lives rise, the painful memory that binds them threatens to spill into their present. Three lives collide in this story of family, inequality, and revenge.

Contributor Bio
Jemma Wayne is the author of two previous novels: After Before and Chains of Sand. She has been longlisted for the Women’s Prize for Fiction, and shortlisted for both the Guardian’s Not the Booker Prize and the Waverton Good Read Award. Jemma’s journalism has appeared in the Spectator, National Geographic, Huffington Post, Evening Standard, Independent on Sunday, Red Magazine, Jewish Chronicle, and Jewish News, among others.

The Ghost Tree
A Betty Church Mystery
M.R.C. Kasasian

Summary
A long buried secret is unearthed in the woods in this pitch-perfect WW2 crime mystery. 1914: Sixteen-year-old Etterly, running from something, hides inside the trunk of a tree and disappears. The police search but find no trace. Her family and friends wrack their brains, but come up with nothing. And so slowly life returns to normal. The hole in the tree is boarded up and the village of Sackwater moves on. Only Etterly’s best friend, Betty, clings to hope, insisting she can hear her friend calling for help. 1940: A skeleton is discovered buried in the woods. Though most clues have long since decayed, it is wearing the necklace Etterly had on the day she went missing. Long haunted by her friend’s fate, Detective Betty Church is determined to solve the case once and for all.

Contributor Bio
M.R.C. Kasasian was raised in Lancashire. He has had careers as varied as a factory hand, wine waiter, veterinary assistant, fairground worker and dentist. He is the author of the much loved Gower Street Detective series, five books featuring personal detective Sidney Grice and his ward March Middleton, as well as two other Betty Church mysteries, Betty Church and the Suffolk Vampire and The Room of the Dead. He lives with his wife, in Suffolk in the summer and in Malta in the winter.
Date with Mystery
Julia Chapman

Date with Mystery is the third cozy crime novel in Julia Chapman's Dales Detective series.

Summary
The Dales Detective Agency's latest assignment appears to be an open and shut case. Hired by a local solicitor to find a death certificate for a young woman who died more than 20 years ago, Samson O'Brien is about to find out that things in Bruncliffe are rarely that straightforward. Particularly when the solicitor insists that Delilah Metcalfe, with her wealth of local knowledge, works alongside Samson on this sensitive investigation.

Delilah is eager to help. At the very least, the case will take her mind off the looming custody battle for her precious dog, Tolpuddle, and the threat of the bank foreclosing on her struggling Dales Dating Agency.

As Samson and Delilah begin their inquiries they soon become embroiled in a mystery that has lain at the heart of the town for decades. But in uncovering the truth have they exposed secrets that some would prefer remained buried?

Contributor Bio
Julia Chapman is the pseudonym of Julia Stagg, writer of the Fogas Chronicles set in the French Pyrenees.

Date with Poison
Julia Chapman

Summary
Date with Poison is the brilliant fourth novel in Julia Chapman's Dales Detective Agency series, and is perfect for fans of M C Beaton's Agatha Raisin series and Gervase Phinn.

Spring is in the air in Bruncliffe but not everyone is filled with the joys of the season. Samson O'Brien of the Dales Detective Agency is being questioned by the police about a murder, with the truth about his policing past about to be brutally exposed. And with Bruncliffe turning on Samson, his business partner Delilah Metcalfe finds herself in the impossible position of defending him to her friends and family.

Then Delilah’s nephew, accused of being under Samson’s influence, runs away from home and a frantic search begins. And with attention turning to Nathan, only a local vet is paying attention to a worrying spate of canine poisonings happening throughout the village.

Bruncliffe is turning toxic and with suspicion raining down on him, Samson knows he has to ask Delilah for help. Can she forgive his transgressions and help him so that they can find Nathan and the poisoner, or has the poison already spread too ...

Contributor Bio
Julia Chapman is the pseudonym of Julia Stagg, writer of the Fogas Chronicles set in the French Pyrenees.

Date with Poison is the fourth novel in the Dales Detective series, following on from Date with Mystery.
Date with Danger
Julia Chapman

Summary
Julia Chapman’s fifth Dales Detectives Agency novel, Date With Danger, sees our intrepid leads Samson and Delilah on the trail of a sheep rustler turned killer. Perfect for fans of M.C. Beaton and Gervase Phinn.

In the heart of Yorkshire, the Dales Detective Agency is about to face its biggest challenge.

A fatal accident at Bruncliffe’s livestock auction mart leads auctioneer Harry Furness to call in detective duo Samson O’Brien and Delilah Metcalfe, but what starts as a simple health-and-safety investigation soon takes a sinister turn when they discover evidence that suggests murder.

With their enquiries ongoing, Clive Knowles approaches them for help – his sheep are being threatened by the gang of rustlers that is plaguing the Dales. Meanwhile, Poacher Pete Ferris has also decided to play his hand, setting in motion a blackmail plot which will ensure Samson is pulled back into trouble with his nemesis Rick Procter.

With all three cases converging, Samson and Delilah will find that their latest investigation is fraught with danger; a danger that will leave them fighting for their lives.

Contributor Bio
Julia Chapman is the pseudonym of Julia Stagg, who has had five novels, the Fogas Chronicles set in the French Pyrenees, published by Hodder. Date with Danger is the fifth novel in the Dales Detective series, following on from Date with Poison.

Date with Deceit
Julia Chapman

Summary
Julia Chapman’s sixth Dales Detectives Agency novel, Date with Deceit, sees Delilah going undercover at a shoot involving dangerous criminals and where a man is shot. Perfect for fans of M.C. Beaton and Gervase Phinn.

A woman in tears in the Dales Detective Agency is never the best way to start the week. But when that woman is the wife of Bernard Taylor, town mayor and eminent businessman, there is even more cause for alarm. So when she asks the detectives to discover whether her husband is having an affair, Samson O’Brien and Delilah Metcalfe know they will have to tread carefully as they proceed to take on the case.

The case however, proves to be more complex than even they had imagined. While Delilah is undercover at the local shoot to better keep tracks on the errant husband, she unwittingly becomes a witness when a man is shot. When Samson to help the police with their investigations, it’s not long before the Dales Detective Agency is embroiled in far more than simply keeping tabs on the town’s mayor. The detective duo will soon discover that deceit is rife in Bruncliffe. And it m...

Contributor Bio
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### The Heretic's Mark
S. W. Perry

**Summary**
The Elizabethan world is in flux. Radical new ideas are challenging the old. But the quest for knowledge can lead down dangerous paths. London, 1594. The Queen's physician has been executed for treason, and conspiracy theories flood the streets. When Nicholas Shelby, unorthodox physician and unwilling associate of spymaster Robert Cecil, is accused of being part of the plot, he and his new wife Bianca must flee for their lives. With agents of the Crown on their tail, they make for Padua, following the ancient pilgrimage route, the Via Francigena. But the pursuing English aren't the only threat Nicholas and Bianca face. Hella, a strange and fervently religious young woman, has joined them on their journey. When the trio finally reach relative safety, they become embroiled in a radical and dangerous scheme to shatter the old world's limits of knowledge. But Hella's dire predictions of an impending apocalypse, and the brutal murder of a friend of Bianca's forces them to wonder: who is this troublingly pious woman? And what does she want?

**Contributor Bio**
S. W. Perry was a journalist and broadcaster before retraining as an airline pilot. He lives in Worcestershire with his wife.

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### The Saracen's Mark
S. W. Perry

**Summary**
Betrayal has many guises . . .

London, 1593: Five years on from the Armada and England is taking its first faltering steps towards a future as a global power. Nicholas Shelby—reluctant spy and maverick physician—and his companion Bianca Merton are settling into a life on Bankside. But in London there is always a plot afoot . . . Robert Cecil, the Queen's spymaster, once again recruits Nicholas to embark on a dangerous undercover mission that will take him to the back alleys of Marrakech in search of a missing informer. However, while Nicholas hunts for the truth across the seas, plague returns once more to London—ravaging the streets and threatening those dearest to him. Can Bianca and Nicholas' budding relationship weather the threats of pestilence and conspiracy? And will Nicholas survive the dangers of his mission in a hostile city to return safely home?

**Contributor Bio**
S. W. Perry was a journalist and broadcaster before retraining as an airline pilot.
Shadow of the Hawk
David Gilman

Summary
The seventh installment of David Gilman's gripping chronicle of the Hundred Years' War, following Thomas Blacstone, Edward III's Master of War.

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.

Cross of Fire
David Gilman

The Hundred Years War still rages on and the French army thirsts for Thomas Blackstone's blood. The sixth instalment in the epic Master of War series.

Summary
Winter, 1362. After years of successful campaigning in France, Thomas Blackstone, a common archer knighted at Crécy, has risen to become Edward III's Master of War. But the title is as much a curse as a blessing. Success has brought few rewards: his family—bar his son Henry—are dead, slaughtered; his enemies only multiply. Death, in so many guises, beckons. As he battles to enforce his King's claim to France's lands, Blackstone will assault an impregnable fortress, he'll become embroiled in a feud between French aristocrats, he'll be forced into pitched battle in the dead of winter... and he'll be asked to pay an impossible price to protect something much more precious to the King than mere land. All the while, a group of trained killers, burning with vengeance, draw ever-closer.

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.
A Time for Swords
Matthew Harffy

Lindisfarne, AD793. The life of a novice monk will be changed forever when the Vikings attack...

Summary
There had been portents—famine, whirlwinds, lightning from clear skies, serpents seen flying through the air. But when the raiders came, no one was prepared.

They came from the North, their dragon-prowed longships gliding out of the dawn mist as they descended on the kingdom's most sacred site.

It is 8th June AD793, and with the pillage of the monastery on Lindisfarne, the Viking Age has begun.

While his fellow monks flee before the Norse onslaught, one young novice stands his ground. He has been taught to turn the other cheek, but faced with the slaughter of his brothers and the pagan desecration of his church, forgiveness is impossible.

Hunlaf soon learns that there is a time for faith and prayer . . . and there is a time for swords.

Contributor Bio
Matthew Harffy grew up in Northumberland where the rugged terrain, ruined castles and rocky coastline had a huge impact on him. He now lives in Wiltshire, England, with his wife and their two daughters.

Fortress of Fury
Matthew Harffy

AD 647. Anglo-Saxon Britain. War hangs heavy in the hot summer air as Penda of Mercia and his allies march into the north. Caught unawares, the Bernician forces are besieged within the great fortress of Bebbanburg.

Summary
AD 647. Anglo-Saxon Britain. War hangs heavy in the hot summer air as Penda of Mercia and his allies march into the north. Caught unawares, the Bernician forces are besieged within the great fortress of Bebbanburg. It falls to Beobrand to mount the defence of the stronghold, but even while the battle rages, old and powerful enemies have mobilized against him, seeking vengeance for past events. As the Mercian forces tighten their grip and unknown killers close in, Beobrand finds himself in a struggle with conflicting oaths and the dreadful pull of a forbidden love that threatens to destroy everything he holds dear. With the future of Northumbria in jeopardy, will Beobrand be able to withstand the powers that beset him and find a path to victory against all the odds?

Contributor Bio
Matthew Harffy is the author of the Bernicia Chronicles.
**Sons of Rome**  
Simon Turney, Gordon Doherty

Four Emperors. Two Friends. One Destiny.  
As twilight descends on the 3rd century AD, the Roman Empire is but a shadow of its former self. Into this chaos Emperor Diocletian steps, reforming the succession to allow for not one emperor to rule the world, but four.

**Summary**  
Four Emperors. Two Friends. One Destiny.  
As twilight descends on the 3rd century AD, the Roman Empire is but a shadow of its former self. Decades of usurping emperors, splinter kingdoms, and savage wars have left the people beleaguered, the armies weary and the future uncertain. And into this chaos Emperor Diocletian steps, reforming the succession to allow for not one emperor to rule the world, but four.

Meanwhile, two boys share a chance meeting in the great city of Treverorum as Diocletian's dream is announced to the imperial court. Throughout the years that follow, they share heartbreak and glory as that dream sours and the empire endures an era of tyranny and dread. Their lives are inextricably linked, their destinies ever-converging as they rise through Rome's savage stations, to the zenith of empire. For Constantine and Maxentius, the purple robes beckon.

**Contributor Bio**  
Simon Turney is the author of the Marius' Mules and Praetorian series, as well as The Damned Emperor series for Orion and Tales of the Empire series for Canelo. He is based in Yorkshire. Gordon Doherty is the author of the Legionary and Strategos series, and wrote the Assassin's Creed tie-in novel Odyssey. He is based in Scotland.

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**The Three Paradises**  
Robert Fabbri

**Summary**  
Alexander the Great's sudden and unexpected death has left the largest, most formidable empire the world has ever seen leaderless. As the fight to take control descends into ruthless scheming and bloody battles, no one—man, woman, or child—is safe. As wars on land and sea are lost and won, and promises are made only to be broken, long-buried secrets come to light in the quest for the true circumstances surrounding Alexander's death. Was he murdered, and if so, by whom? Could he have been sowing the seeds of discord deliberately, through his refusal to name an heir? And who will eventually ascend to power at the helm of the empire—if it manages to survive that long? Can one champion vanquish all...

**Contributor Bio**  
Robert Fabbri has worked in film and TV for 25 years as an assistant director, including on productions such as Hornblower, Hellraiser, Patriot Games, and Billy Elliot. He is the author of the Vespasian series.
A Burning Sea
Theodore Brun

Summary
Erlan Aurvandil has turned his back on the past and his native Northern lands, taking a perilous journey to the greatest city in the world, Constantinople. But as his voyage ends, Erlan is brutally betrayed, captured and enslaved by a powerful Byzantine general. Meanwhile, Lilla Sviggarsdottir, Queen of Svealand, has lost her husband and with him, her father’s kingdom. Her life in danger, Lilla escapes to find Erlan, the one man who can save her, following his trail to the very gates of Constantinople. But corruption infests the city, and a dark tide is rising against the Emperor from within his own court. As the shadows darken and whispers of war begin to strenghten, Erlan’s fate becomes intertwined with that of the city. Are they both doomed to fall, or can freedom be won in the blood of battle?

Contributor Bio
Theodore Brun studied Dark Age archaeology at Cambridge. In 2010, he quit his job as an arbitration lawyer in Hong Kong and cycled 10,000 miles across Asia and Europe. A Burning Sea is his third novel.

The Sword Falls
A.J. Smith

An epic feat of world-building, A Sword Falls is the second volume in a new trilogy from one of British fantasy's most innovative voices.

Summary
A man of the Dawn Claw will be the Always King. It will ever be so. They will always lead. Prince Oliver Dawn Claw, heir to the Kingdom of the Four Claws, is thrust into a world he doesn’t understand as he waits for his father to die. Away from home, with few allies, and too many enemies, he faces a new and otherworldly threat to the Eastron from across the sea. Alliances break and masks fall, as the Dark Brethren reveal their true master. Meanwhile, Adeline Brand, called the Alpha Wolf, refuses to wait, and becomes the edge of the sword that swings back at the Dreaming God. Assembling allies and crushing resistance, she enters a fight she doesn’t know if she can win, as the sea begins to rise.

Contributor Bio
Empire in Black and Gold
Adrian Tchaikovsky

Summary
*Empire in Black and Gold* is the first instalment in the critically-acclaimed fantasy series Shadows of the Apt. It’s brought to you by Adrian Tchaikovsky, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award.

The days of peace are over . . .

The city states of the Lowlands have lived in peace and prosperity for decades, hailed as bastions of civilization and sophistication. That peace is about to end.

Far from the Lowlands, an ancient empire has been conquering city after city with its highly trained armies and sophisticated combat techniques. Now it’s set its sights on a new prize.

Only the ageing Stenwold Maker – spymaster, artificer and statesman – can see the threat. So it falls upon his shoulders to open the eyes of his people. For war will sweep across their lands, burning away everything in its path. Yet first, he must stop himself from becoming the empire’s latest victim.

*Empire in Black and Gold* is followed by the second book in the Shadows of the Apt series, *Dragonfly Falling.*

Contributor Bio
Adrian Tchaikovsky was born in Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, and headed off to university in Reading to study psychology and zoology. For reasons unclear even to himself, he subsequently ended up in law. Adrian has since worked as a legal executive in both Reading and Leeds and now writes full time. He also lives in Leeds, with his wife and son. Adrian is a keen live role-player and occasional amateur actor. He has also trained in stage-fighting and keeps no exotic or dangerous pets of any kind – possibly excepting his son.

Adrian is the author of the critically acclaimed Shadows of the Apt series, the Echoes of the Fall series and other novels, novellas and short stories. *The Tiger and the Wolf* won the British Fantasy Award for Best Fantasy Novel – and *Children of Time* won the Arthur C. Clarke Award for Best Science Fiction Novel. This was in the award’s thirtieth anniversary year.

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Dragonfly Falling
Adrian Tchaikovsky

Summary
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Every hero must be tested . . .

The Wasp Empire’s armies are on the move. The city of Tark will be first to feel their might, now preparing for siege. And within its walls, Salma and Totho will take a stand alongside their Ant-kind brethren. But they’ll face weaponry and numbers such as the Lowlands have never seen.

Meanwhile, the Empire’s secret service has deemed Stenwold Maker too dangerous to live. So Major Thalric is dispatched to eliminate Stenwold and destroy his beloved city of Collegium. For if this centre of learning is lost, it will crush all hope of intelligent resistance.

As the Empire’s troops continue their relentless advance, their young Emperor pursues another, even darker goal. His success would trigger a reign of blood lasting a thousand years.

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Blood of the Mantis
Adrian Tchaikovsky

Summary
*Blood of the Mantis* is the third novel in Adrian Tchaikovsky’s richly imagined Shadows of the Apt series, following *Dragonfly Falling*. Stenwold must rally his allies for battle against the Empire, even as it seeks a dangerous artifact of enormous power.

A dread ritual casts a deadly shadow . . .

Achaeos the seer has tracked the stolen Shadow Box to the marsh-town of Jerez, driven by the ghosts of the legendary Darakyon. But he has only days before this magical artifact will be lost to him forever . . .

Meanwhile, the Empire’s dread forces are mustering for their next great offensive. Stenwold and followers have only a short time to gather allies, before the enemy’s soldiers march again—conquering everything in their path. If Stenwold cannot hold them back, the hated black and gold flag will fly over every city in the Lowlands before the year’s end.

And should the Shadow Box fall into the hands of the power-mad Emperor, nothing will save the world from his relentless ambition.

*Blood of the Mantis* is followed by *Salute the Dark*, the fourth book in the Shadows of the Apt series.

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Salute the Dark
Adrian Tchaikovsky

Summary
*Salute the Dark* is the fourth book in the critically acclaimed epic fantasy series Shadows of the Apt. It’s brought to you by author Adrian Tchaikovsky, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award. As spymaster Stenwold makes a stand in his home city, others must choose where their loyalties lie.

All must face the end of days . . .

Uctebri’s long search for the Shadow Box is finally over. Now the vampiric sorcerer can begin his dark ritual. The Wasp-kindem’s Emperor believes this will grant him immortality, but Uctebri has his own plans— for the Emperor and the Empire.

The mighty Wasp armies are on the march. And now war is imminent, spymaster Stenwold can finally separate allies from false friends. For the Empire won’t stop until a black and gold flag hangs over Collegium, Stenwold’s home city.

Tisamon the Weaponsmaster could choose to face the Wasp Emperor himself with a blade in his hand. But he’d need to abandon friends and family, embracing degradation and loss. Yet is he driven by Mantis-kindem honour, or being manipulated by something far more sinister?

*Salute the Dark* is followed by the ...
**Two Tribes**
Chris Beckett

**Summary**
Mary Roberts, a historian in the 23rd century, recreates the life of her distant ancestor Harry Roberts in 2016, based on the extensive diaries he kept at the time. Harry is an architect, born to a professional middle-class family. All his friends are staunch remainders, up in arms about the outcome of the recent referendum. When his car breaks down outside a small town in Norfolk, he meets Michelle. Michelle is a hairdresser, a woman who could not be more different to him, both in terms of lifestyle and background. Like most people she knows, she voted leave. Drawn to each other both in spite of and because of their differences, the two begin a relationship which will change the course of their lives irrevocably. Writing in a bleaker future, from which the political arguments of the twenty-first century seem very remote, Harry’s descendant Mary turns this personal story into a reflection on class, and the way that different groups of human beings construct and adapt stories to help them feel at home in the world.

**Contributor Bio**

Chris Beckett is a former university lecturer and social worker. He is the winner of the Edge Hill Short Fiction Award, 2009, for *The Turing Test*, the prestigious Arthur C. Clarke Award, 2013, for *Dark Eden* and was shortlisted for the British Science Fiction Association Novel of the Year Award for *Mother of Eden* in 2015 and for *Daughter of Eden* in 2016.

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**Beyond Kidding**
Lynda Clark

**Summary**
When Robert (or Kidder, as his best friend calls him) decides to impress at a job interview by making up a son, he discovers that maintaining the lie is far harder than he thought—so he invents a story that ‘Brodie’ has been kidnapped. After all, it’s not like they’re going to find the fake boy. But a few weeks later, Kidder receives a call to collect his non-existent son from the police station—a boy who looks exactly like the picture he photoshopped. . . A darkly humorous, genre-bending work of literary sci-fi. Lynda Clark is a new talent to discover for lovers of Kurt Vonnegut and Douglas Coupland.

**Contributor Bio**

Lynda Clark graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a BA in English Literature and an MA in Creative Writing. She has completed a PhD in Creative and Critical Writing. In 2015 she won the BBC Award at the WriterSlam, and the Canada and Europe region Commonwealth Short Story Prize in 2017. Lynda previously worked as a writer and producer for a video game company where she created in-game dialogue and marketing copy. She was also a bookseller at Waterstones Nottingham and will shortly be joining the University of Dundee as a Research Fellow in Narrative and Play.
Trading Time
Owen Martin

Summary
In a Brazilian favela, a young couple is aging before their very eyes. In a New York biomedical research organization, a ground-breaking trial is allowing researchers to harvest time from individuals and redistribute to those who want more. In a Manhattan office block, a highflying lawyer finds himself grappling with a moral and ethical dilemma. Suddenly you are able to buy yourself more time. But should you? Julia Madison is about to take a break from her career in the family corporate law firm. A little disheartened by the excesses around her, she decides to travel to Brazil to work with some of the poorest people there. Geoff Madison is on the verge of retirement, feeling his age and ready to slow down. His long-time best friend and client, Larry, is just the opposite. Full of life and energy, he is excited by the massive breakthrough his research company has made into harvesting time from one human, to give to another. He wants Geoff to represent him in this, the biggest opportunity of his life. Geoff isn’t sure, but Larry plows on anyway, beginning trials with this new method. G...

Contributor Bio
Owen Martin was raised on a farm in Ireland and graduated in business from Trinity college in Dublin. He now lives in Switzerland and has spent most of his life in executive leadership positions throughout the world. He travels extensively for business and writes occasionally for relaxation.

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 Hallows 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.
People of Abandoned Character
Clare Whitfield

What would you do if you thought your husband was Jack the Ripper? A dark historical crime novel.

Summary
Marry in haste . . . Murder at leisure?
London, 1888: Susannah rushes into marriage to a young and wealthy surgeon. After a passionate honeymoon, she returns home with her new husband wrapped around her little finger. But then everything changes.

Thomas's behavior becomes increasingly volatile and violent. He stays out all night, returning home bloodied and full of secrets. The gentle caresses she enjoyed on her wedding night are now just a honeyed memory.

When the first woman is murdered in Whitechapel, Susannah's interest is piqued. But as she follows the reports of the ongoing hunt for the killer, her mind takes her down the darkest path imaginable. Every time Thomas stays out late, another victim is found dead.

Is it coincidence? Or is her husband the man they call Jack the Ripper?

Contributor Bio
Clare Whitfield is a UK-based writer living in a suburb where the main cultural landmark is a home store/Starbucks combo. She is the wife of a tattoo artist, mother of a small benign dictator and relies on a black Labrador for emotional stability. She has been a dancer, copywriter, amateur fire breather, buyer, and mediocre weight lifter.

The Gaudy Image (2nd Edition)
William Talsman

Summary
Originally published in Europe in the 1950s to avoid prosecution for obscenity, The Gaudy Image is one of the most important "lost" gay novels. Set in New Orleans and featuring a colorful cast of louche but lovable characters, the story follows Titania aka Thomas Schwartz through the backstreets, bars and club of the French Quarter in search of the perfect lover—the Gaudy Image. This beautifully written story is both elegant and caustically humorous, erotic and sympathetic.

Contributor Bio
William Talsman was the pseudonym of James M. Smith, a US writer and poet.
The Prince of Mirrors
Alan Robert Clark

Summary
Two young men with expectations. One predicted to succeed, the other to fail... Prince Albert Victor, heir presumptive to the British throne, is seen as disastrously inadequate to be king. The grandson of Queen Victoria, he is good-hearted but intensely shy and, some whisper, even slow-witted. By contrast, Jem Stephen is a renowned intellectual, a poet and a golden boy worshiped by all. But a looming curse of mental instability is threatening to take it all away. Appointed as the prince’s personal tutor, Jem works to prepare him for the duty to come. A friendship grows between them—one that will allow them to understand and finally accept who they really are and change both of their lives forever.

Contributor Bio
Alan Robert Clark was born and educated in Scotland. He briefly attended King’s College in London, before opting instead for a career as a copywriter and creative director with a number of leading London advertising agencies. He has worked as a freelance journalist and, most recently, has ghost-written and co-authored a number of biographies. His novel The Prince of Mirrors was included in the Walter Scott Prize Academy Recommends List.

Valhalla
A Story of Love and Duty
Alan Robert Clark

Summary
May of Teck, only daughter of a noble family fallen from grace, has been selected to marry the troublesome Prince Eddy, heir to the British throne. Submitting to the wishes of Queen Victoria and under pressure from her family, young May agrees. But just as a spark of love and devotion arises between the young couple, Prince Eddy dies of influenza. To her horror, May discovers she is to be married to the brother, Georgie, instead, a cold and domineering man. But what can she do? From the author of The Prince of Mirrors comes this gripping account of the life of Queen Mary, one of the most formidable queens of Britain.

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A Matter of Interpretation

Elizabeth Mac Donald

Summary

It’s 13th-century Europe and a young monk, Michael Scot, has been asked by the Holy Roman Emperor to translate the works of Aristotle and recover his "lost" knowledge. The Scot sets to his task, traveling from the Emperor’s Italian court to the translation schools of Toledo and from there to the Moorish library of Córdoba. But when the Pope deems the translations heretical, the Scot refuses to desist. So begins a battle for power between Church and State—one that has shaped how we view the world today.

Contributor Bio

Elizabeth Mac Donald was born in Dublin, where she studied Italian and Music at University College Dublin. She was awarded an Italian government scholarship and pursued post-graduate studies at the Università del Sacro Cuore, 'La Cattolica', Milan. She then taught English at the University of Bari for two years before moving to Pisa, where she still lives with her husband and son. She has taught on the post-graduate course in Translation at the University of Pisa and translates both from and into Italian.

David and Ameena

Ami Rao

Summary

Modern-day New York, a subway train: David, an American-Jewish jazz musician, torn between his dreams and his parents’ expectations, sees a woman across the car. Ameena, a British-Pakistani artist who left Manchester to escape the pressure from her conservative family, sees David. When a moment of sublime beauty occurs unexpectedly, the two connect, moved by their shared experience. From this flows a love that it appears will triumph above all. But as David and Ameena navigate their relationship, their ambitions and the city they love, they discover the external world is not so easy to keep at bay. Ami Rao’s masterful debut novel picks apart the lives of two people, stripping them of their collective identities and, in doing so, facing up to the challenge of today: can love give us the freedom to accept our differences?

Contributor Bio

Ami Rao is a British-American writer who was born in Calcutta, India and has lived and worked in New York City, London, Paris, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Ami has a BA in English Literature and Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.
The Fairlight Book of Short Stories  
Volume 1  
Urška Vidoni, Laura Shanahan

Summary  
The best of modern-day short story writing. From flash fiction to mini-novelette, Fairlight presents The Fairlight Book of Short Stories: Volume 1, twenty-four of its best short stories from some of the world’s most talented new and emerging English language writers. Chosen from work sent to Fairlight over several years by writers around the globe, this anthology celebrates the art of the short story form: a vehicle with the power to delight, entertain or instantly transport the reader to another state, another world, another emotion. The authors include Judith Wilson (winner of the Lorian Hemingway Short Story Competition, the London Short Story Prize, and shortlisted for Colm Toibin International Short Story Award) and Adam Trodd (winner of Benedict Kiely Short Story Competition, and shortlisted for the Cúirt New Writing Prize, Over The Edge New Writer Of The Year and the Bath Flash Fiction Award) along with Women’s Prize-longlisted author Sophie van Llewyn.

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The Cat and The City  
Nick Bradley

Summary  
In Tokyo— one of the world’s largest megacities — a stray cat is wending her way through the back alleys. 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 Young Team**

Graeme Armstrong

**Summary**

‘An instant Scottish classic’ The Skinny

Azzy Williams is ready. Ready to smoke, pop pills, drink wine and ready to fight. But most of all, he’s ready to do anything for his friends, his gang, his young team.

Round here, in the schemes of the forgotten industrial heartland of Scotland, your mates, your young team – they’re everything.

Azzy Williams is fourteen; a rising star, this is his life and he loves it.
Azzy Williams is seventeen; he’s out of control.
Azzy Williams is twenty-one; he’d like to leave it all behind.
But a way out isn’t easy to find . . .

Inspired by the experiences of its author, Graeme Armstrong, *The Young Team* is an energetic novel, full of the loyalty, laughs, mischief, boredom, violence and threat of life on these streets. It looks beyond the tabloid stereotypes to tell a powerful story about the realities of life for young people in Britain today.

**Contributor Bio**

Graeme Armstrong is a Scottish writer from Airdrie. His teenage years were spent within North Lanarkshire’s gang culture. He was inspired to study English Literature following his reading of Irvine Welsh’s *Trainspotting* at just sixteen. Alongside overcoming his own struggles with drug addiction, alcohol abuse and violence, he defied expectation to read English as an undergraduate at the University of Stirling; where, after graduating with honours, he returned to study a Masters’ in Creative Writing.

His debut novel, *The Young Team*, is inspired by his experiences.

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**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.
Anyone for Edmund?
Simon Edge

A canonical comedy featuring a medieval patron saint, a tennis court, and a Westminster spin-doctor

Summary
Under tennis courts at a ruined Suffolk abbey, archaeologists make a thrilling find: the remains of St Edmund, king and martyr. He was venerated for centuries as England’s patron saint, but his body has been lost since the closure of the monasteries. Culture Secretary Marina Spencer, adored by those who don’t know her, jumps on the bandwagon. Egged on by her downtrodden adviser Mark Price, she promotes St Edmund as a new patron saint for the United Kingdom, playing up his Scottish, Welsh, and Irish credentials. Unfortunately these credentials are a fiction, invented by Mark in a moment of panic. As crisis looms, the one person who can see through the whole deception is Mark’s cousin Hannah, a dig volunteer. Will she blow the whistle or help him out? And what of St Edmund himself, watching through the baffling prism of a very different age? Splicing ancient and modern as he did in The Hopkins Conundrum and A Right Royal Face-Off, Simon Edge pokes fun at Westminster culture and celebrates the cult of a medieval saint in this beguiling and utterly original comedy.

Contributor Bio
Simon Edge read philosophy at Cambridge University. He was editor of the pioneering London paper Capital Gay before becoming a gossip columnist on the Evening Standard and then a feature writer on the Daily Express, where he was also a theater critic for many years. He has an MA in Creative Writing from City University, London. His book The Hopkins Conundrum was longlisted for the Waverton Good Read Award for debut novels. He is also the author of the novels The Hurtle of Hell and A Right Royal Face-Off.

Where Are We Now?
Glenn Patterson

Summary
A moving, funny, and topical novel about lost love, growing older and the realities of life in a society that is still coming to terms with thirty years of violence, some of that violence still very present and dangerous

When he unexpectedly loses his job, Herbie struggles to find new meaning. His wife, the great love of his life, has long left him for a Southerner, and his daughter has fled Belfast for London in search of work and an easier life. But a local café under new ownership, a friend in need and an unexpected spark of romance give Herbie something to wake up for. From the author of Gull and Backstop Land, Where Are We Now? is a novel about lost love, growing older and the realities of life in a society still haunted by decades of violence. By turns moving and funny, topical and sharp, it is a life-affirming story of a life not yet over.

Contributor Bio
Glenn Patterson was born and lives in Belfast. He has written a number of acclaimed novels including Fat Lad, The International, The Mill for Grinding Old People Young and Gull and he co-wrote the screenplay of the film Good Vibrations, based on the Belfast music scene of the 1970s. He is Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen’s University.
The End is Where We Begin

Maria Goodin

Jay Lewis is a troubled soul. A single father, just trying to keep everything together, he knows he sabotages any real chance of happiness. Determined to get closure, he seeks out old friends and a past love. But in his quest for a more peaceful future, is he ready to face the trauma of his past?

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Determined to get closure, he seeks out old friends and a past love. But in his quest for a more peaceful future, is he ready to face the trauma of his past?

Contributor Bio

Maria Goodin is the author of Nutmeg. Maria lives in Hertfordshire with her husband, son and cat.

Bitter Herbs

Based on a True Story of a Jewish Girl in Nazi-Occupied Holland

Marga Minco, Jeannette Ringold

From an acclaimed Dutch writer, a short autobiographical novel about a young Jewish girl in the 1940s which has been compared to Anne Frank’s Diary

Summary

‘The evening the men came I fled through the garden gate...’

The Netherlands, World War II

When the Nazis invade the Netherlands in May 1940 it’s clear that life is changing for the girl and her family. Step by step, the Nazis close in on the Dutch Jews. But when the authorities finally come to the family home a split decision will have devastating consequences.

Marga Minco’s autobiographical novel Bitter Herbs is a Dutch classic that has been translated into more than fifteen languages. This deceptively simple and profoundly moving tale is now reissued with a new translation by Jeannette K. Ringold.

Contributor Bio

Marga Minco (1920) debuted with Bitter Herbs (1957), which was followed by other famous works such as The Fall (1983) and An Empty House (1967). She won the Vijverberg prize (1957), the Annie Romein Prize (1999), the Constantijn Huygen Prize (2005) and the P.C. Hooft Prize (2019) for her entire oeuvre. Jeannette K. Ringold has translated over twenty fiction and non-fiction works by Dutch authors into English.
The Uganda Sails Wednesday
Stuart Condie

Summary
It's 1960, and pregnant with her lover's child, Heather Fontwell makes a plan to visit her husband William at the tea plantation he manages in Kenya. If she gets there in time she hopes she can convince him that the baby is his so she books passage on the SS Uganda for her and their son Johnny, sending notice to William that she is on her way. In Kenya, William is distracted by secretary Dorothea's news of financial misconduct at the plantation, something that William suspects may be down to Mombasa harbormaster Carruthers currently on the SS Uganda making his way back to Kenya... During her journey, Heather meets resistance, traveling as a single woman, particularly from the unpleasant Carruthers and bullying turns to danger as her cabin catches fire. She and Johnny are moved to first class, further angering Carruthers and the morning sickness she is hiding as travel sickness is showing no signs of abating. The ship matron is handing out a new anti-nausea medication like sweets and Heather relies more and more on these thalidomide tablets to keep the sickness at bay. Events take a t...

Contributor Bio
Stuart Condie has been a Director of transport facilities across Europe and Australia but now works part-time as a consultant. He completed a two-year creative writing course at Sussex University in 2011 and is a founder member of the Chalk Circle writing and publishing group. Stuart has written over twenty short stories from flash to 8k words; four stories have been published in anthologies in the UK and USA and another is available in pamphlet form. The Uganda Sails Wednesday is his first full length novel and is the first of a trilogy. It was shortlisted for the Retreat West first novel prize 2019. Stuart is a UK French dual national and holds Masters Degrees from Cambridge and City Universities. He is married with two daughters and lives in Sussex.

Call Me Joe
Andrew Crofts, Martin Van Es

Summary
The world is on the brink of disaster. The environment, society and mankind itself are facing extreme challenges in a world that is both more connected, and yet more divided than ever before. Fear and confusion seep into all parts of everyday life now, more than ever, the world needs one voice, one guide... One day the Earth is plunged into darkness and when light appears again so does a man - call him Joe - claiming to be the son of God. Can Joe bring the world's most creative thinkers and leaders together to tackle the ills of mankind? Can he convince us all to follow him before it's too late? In this compelling and prescient novel, Martin van Es and Andrew Crofts highlight the key concerns of our time and imagines a future where we, at last, all work together to ensure the future of our world and all the life that calls it home.

Contributor Bio
Andrew Crofts is a ghostwriter and author who has published more than eighty books, a dozen of which were Sunday Times number one bestsellers. Martin Van Es is a successful entrepreneur. As managing director of Europe's two leading packaging companies he was a key driver of sustainable innovation. He is a strategic advisor to a number of companies and NGOs, providing outside-the-box solutions.
The Thorn of Truth

What is truth?
S. L. Russell

Summary
Brant, eastern England, 2016: Anna Milburn has been a barrister for almost twenty years and has, she thinks, long since made her peace with the compromises inherent in the demands of her profession. However the Leaman case – involving the murder of a local police officer – tests her resolve and beats at her conscience. Like Pilate, but for a different reason, she must ask herself ‘What is truth?’ Her friendship with Rachel Wells, who is another ambitious, brilliant, achievement-orientated woman, but who has over the last few years learned that there is more to life, will be instrumental in Anna's attempt to rebalance her own life, conscience, ethics and faith.

Contributor Bio
Sue Russell spent the longest span of her working life teaching children with learning difficulties, following a PGCE at Cambridge and two years teaching English at the National Institute of Sciences in Indonesia. The Healing Knife is Sue's seventh novel.

Summer's Out at Hope Hall

Pam Rhodes

Summary
HOPE HALL thrums with activity under the summer sun: sea cadets march in the yard and happy chatter issues from English language classes, as the weekly Food Bank reaches out to those in need.

It’s all hands on deck as the hall’s centenary celebrations continue. Kath is determined to honour the origins of Hope Hall, which was founded in memory of all those who were lost in the world wars.

Her efforts set Kath on a collision course with Celia Ainsworth, a descendant of the family who donated the land for the hall. Celia may be a stylish and successful businesswoman, but her manner when dealing with people leaves a lot to be desired.

Kath tries to rise above Celia’s brusque rudeness, but quickly discovers that there is one thing in Celia’s life she really does envy...

SUMMER’S OUT AT HOPE HALL is a fun and deeply moving story that celebrates the power of hope.

Contributor Bio
Pam Rhodes is known around the world as the presenter of BBC Television's Songs of Praise and her popular Hearts and Hymns programme on Premier Christian Radio. She describes herself as an 'anorak' in her fascination for hymns old and new, and her books on hymn-writers, like Love So Amazing, Then Sings My Soul and Hear My Song are essentials in many a church vestry! A natural storyteller with 25 varied books under her belt, Pam is perhaps best known for her novels packed with down-to-earth characters and situations that inspire and entertain.
The Tears of Monterini
Amanda Weinberg

Summary
Monterini, Italy. 1921: Yacobo Levi, an intellectual dreamer, works in the family bookshop. Angelo Ghione, a contadino, makes good wine by singing to the grapes. Lifetime best friends, their Jewish and Catholic families live side by side amidst a backdrop of village communal life, Etruscan tales, and the growth of Benito Mussolini. Born on the same day, their children grow up and fall in love. When the 1938 racial laws are passed, the love between Bella and Rico thrives amidst and perhaps because of the fear and uncertainty. When Angelo discovers their liaison he suggests they marry, but life is complicated and tensions simmer beneath the surface of love and friendship. When war is declared on the day of Bella’s wedding to Michele, a fellow Jew, the peaceful village they live in is torn apart, and the Levi’s find themselves displaced and fighting for their lives. Will life ever be the same again? The Tears of Monterini is a story of love and betrayal, loyalty and friendship. Inspired by true events, this beautifully written debut will appeal to readers interested in history, Italy, r...

Contributor Bio
Amanda Weinberg studied Modern Languages at the University of East Anglia, followed by a PGCE at King’s College London. She ran a company in International Advertising Sales and now teaches French and German.

The French Wife
Diney Costeloe

The gripping sequel to Children of the Siege

Summary
As the St. Clair family prepare for the wedding of their daughter, Clarice, at the great country house of Montmichel, trouble is brewing. Their younger daughter, Helene, became friends with orphaned Annette during the terrible events of the 1871 siege of Paris. Now they are reunited, with Annette working below stairs for Helene's parents. But Annette is hiding a dangerous secret, which Helene has promised to keep at all costs. Meanwhile, Helene herself has begun to fall in love with a young nobleman from England, whose family has plans which do not include their son choosing a French wife.

Contributor Bio
Diney Costeloe is the author of 23 novels, including The Girl with No Name, The Throwaway Children, and The Lost Soldier.
**The Runaway Daughter**
Joanna Rees

The first novel in A Stitch in Time—a sweeping historical trilogy

**Summary**
It’s 1926 and Anna Darton is on the run from a terrible crime she was forced into committing. Alone and scared in London, salvation comes in the form of Nancy, a sassy American dancer at the notorious nightclub, the Zip. Re-inventing herself as Vita Casey, Anna becomes part of the line-up and is thrown into a hedonistic world of dancing, parties, flapper girls, and fashion.

When she meets the dashing Archie Fenwick, Vita buries her guilty conscience and she believes him when he says he will love her no matter what. But unbeknownst to Vita, her secret past is fast catching up with her, and when the people closest to her start getting hurt, she is forced to confront her past or risk losing everything she holds dear.

**Contributor Bio**
Joanna Rees is a writer of numerous novels, including rom-coms, blockbusters, and big-hearted adventures such as The Tides of Change and A Twist of Fate. With more than 20 years’ writing experience, Joanna regularly teaches creative writing in schools and libraries and she also contributes regularly to online station Radio Gorgeous. Based in Brighton, Joanna is married to the author Emlyn Rees, with whom she has three daughters. They have co-written several novels, including Come Together, which was translated into more than 20 languages and made into a film. They have written several bestselling parodies of their favorite children's books, including We’re Going on a Bar Hunt and The Teenager Who Came to Tea, as well as ‘Twas the Fight Before Christmas and Shabby: The Jolly Good British Guide to Stress-free Living.

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**The Hidden Wife**
Joanna Rees

**Summary**
The Hidden Wife by Joanna Rees is the second novel in A Stitch in Time – a sweeping historical trilogy.

Paris, 1928

Having fled London and been on the run around Europe, Vita Casey has established a new life for herself, keeping a low profile as a dresser at a cabaret hall where Nancy is part of the risqué dance troupe. It’s a vibrant world of wild parties, drugs and jazz music.

But despite the fun, hedonistic lifestyle they lead, Vita longs for a proper career and to re-kindle her dream of designing lingerie. When an opportunity to work for famous couturier Jenny Sacerdote presents itself, Vita grabs it with both hands and is soon exposed to an altogether different side of Paris society. Before long, romance blossoms in the unlikeliest of places.

However, left to her own devices, Nancy spirals into danger and drug abuse and Vita has to save her friend. But can Vita really trust the people who want to help her? When there are those back in England who wish to see her ruined and forced to pay for the past she ran away from . . .

**Contributor Bio**
Joanna Rees, aka Josie Lloyd and Jo Rees is the bestselling author of numerous novels, including rom-coms, blockbusters and big-hearted adventures such as The Tides of Change and A Twist of Fate. Based in Brighton, Joanna is married to the author Emlyn Rees, with whom she has three daughters. They have co-written several novels, including the Sunday Times number one bestseller Come Together which was translated into over twenty languages and made into a film. They have written several bestselling parodies of their favorite children's books, including We’re Going on a Bar Hunt and The Very Hungover Caterpillar and The Teenager Who Came To Tea. As Josie Lloyd, Joanna has also written the novel The Cancer Ladies’ Running Club. When she’s not writing, Joanna likes running on the seafront with her dog.
Confessions of a Forty-Something F**k Up
Alexandra Potter

Summary
Nell Stevens’ life is a mess.

When her business goes bust and her fiancé with it, Nell’s happy ever after in California falls apart and she moves back to London to start over. But a lot has changed since she’s been gone. All her single friends are now married with children, sky-high rents force her to rent a room in a stranger’s house, and in a world of perfect Instagram lives, she feels like a f*ck up. Even worse, a forty-something f*ck-up.

But when she lands a job writing obituaries, Nell meets the fabulous Cricket, an 80-something widow with challenges of her own, and they strike up an unlikely friendship. Together they begin to help each other heal their aching hearts, cope with the loss of the lives they had planned, and push each other into new adventures and unexpected joys.

Because Nell is determined. Next year things are going to be very different. It’s time to turn her life around.

A book for anyone who’s ever worried life isn’t going to plan, Confessions of a Forty-Something F**k Up by Alexandra Potter will make you laugh and it might even make you cry. But most importantly, i...

Contributor Bio
Alexandra Potter is the author of 11 romantic comedy novels. These titles have sold in 22 territories and achieved worldwide sales of more than one million copies.

Find Them Dead (Unabridged)
Peter James, Daniel Weyman

In the 16th book of the Roy Grace series, the Detective Superintendent unearths a powerful criminal network

Summary
Ending his secondment to London’s Met Police, Roy Grace gets a tip-off about a county lines drugs mastermind operating out of Brighton. On his first day back in his old job in Sussex, he is called to a seemingly senseless murder.

Separately, Meg Magellan finally has her life back together, five years after the car crash that killed her husband and their son. Her daughter, Laura, now 18, is on her gap year traveling in South America with a friend, and Meg misses her badly. Laura is all she has in the world.

In between jobs, Meg receives a summons for jury service. She’s excited—it might be interesting and will help distract her from constantly worrying about Laura. But when she is selected for the trial of a major Brighton drugs overlord, everything changes.

Gradually, Grace’s investigation draws him increasingly into the sinister sphere of influence of the drug dealer on trial. A man utterly ruthless and evil, prepared to order the death of anyone it takes to enable him to walk free.

Just a few days into jury service, Meg arrives home to find a photograph of Laura, in Ecuador, lying on h...

Contributor Bio
Peter James is a UK number one bestselling author, best known for writing crime and thriller novels, and the creator of the much-loved Detective Superintendent Roy Grace. Globally, his books have been translated into 37 languages. Synonymous with plot-twisting page-turners, Peter has garnered an army of loyal fans throughout his storytelling career—which also included stints writing for TV and producing films. He has won more than 40 awards for his work, including the WHSmith Best Crime Author of All Time Award, Crime Writers' Association Diamond Dagger, and a BAFTA nomination for The Merchant of Venice starring Al Pacino.

**The Original Albums**
Douglas Adams, Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey ...

**Summary**

Don’t Panic! Reissued for the first time in 40 years, two unique recordings of Douglas Adams's sci-fi comedy drama.

When Earthman Arthur Dent learns that first his house and then his planet are about to be bulldozed, it’s the beginning of an interplanetary adventure for him and his friend, Ford Prefect. After fleeing Earth they hitch a lift with hoopy frood Zaphod Beeblebrox, who hurtles from one improbability to another—literally. With Trillian and Marvin the Paranoid Android in tow, the answer to Life, the Universe and Everything is soon revealed: 42. But what was the question…?

Following the success of the BBC radio series, Douglas Adams adapted his scripts for these two full-cast albums, with incidental radiophonic music provided by Paddy Kingsland. First released by Original Records in 1980, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe* star Peter Jones as The Book, Simon Jones as Arthur Dent, Geoffrey McGivern as Ford Prefect, and Mark Wing-Davey as Zaphod Beeblebrox.

Produced by Geoffrey Perkins and Tim Souster, the cast also includes Cindy Os...

**Contributor Bio**


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**Daleks Destroy: The Solution And Other Stories (Unabridged)**

**From the Worlds of Doctor Who**
Terry Nation, Nicholas Briggs

**Summary**

The Daleks continue to threaten humanity in the latest collection of vintage stories from Terry Nation’s Dalek Annuals.

**Contributor Bio**

**Terry Nation** was born in Llandaff, near Cardiff, in 1930. As a child, he loved reading and making up stories, and on leaving school he became interested in the theatre, writing and appearing in plays for his local theatrical society. In the early 1950s, he left home and moved to London, where he attempted to launch a career in stand-up comedy. However, he soon found that he lacked performing skills, and hearing that a local agency was looking for comedy scriptwriters he decided to take his material to them. Associated London Scripts liked his work, and hired him to write a 13-week comedy radio show called *All My Eye And Kitty Blewitt*. This launched his writing career, and throughout the 1950s he produced over 200 scripts for comedians such as Terry Scott, Eric Sykes, Harry Worth, and Frankie Howerd. His TV breakthrough came in 1963, when he wrote several episodes for Tony Hancock’s ITV series *Hancock*. The same year, he was asked to write the second serial for a newly-launched BBC science fiction series, *Doctor Who*, and the Daleks were born. He went on to write several more Dalek stor...
Doctor Who: The Savages *(Unabridged)*

1st Doctor Novelisation

Ian Stuart Black, Peter Purves

Summary

An exciting novelization of a classic TV adventure for the First Doctor, as played on TV by William Hartnell, and his companions Steven and Dodo.

Contributor Bio

Ian Stuart Black was a British novelist, playwright, and screenwriter. He wrote several Doctor Who TV serials and later novelized them for Target Books.

Doctor Who: The Lost TV Episodes Collection Four *(Unabridged)*

Second Doctor TV Soundtracks

Ian Stuart Black, Patrick Troughton, David Ellis, ...

Summary

Five narrated TV soundtrack adventures starring Patrick Troughton as the Second Doctor—plus bonus features.

Absent from the TV archives, these stories survive in their entirety only as soundtrack recordings. Now remastered, with additional linking narration, you can enjoy them again: plus bonus interviews with Anneke Wills and Frazer Hines.

In "The Macra Terror," the TARDIS visits a human colony that appears to be one big holiday camp, but has in fact been infiltrated and taken over by a race of giant crab-like creatures—the Macra.

"The Faceless Ones" sees the TARDIS make a hazardous return to 1960s Earth, materializing on a runway at Gatwick Airport!

In "The Evil of the Daleks," the TARDIS has been stolen by antiquities dealer Edward Waterfield, who lures the Doctor and Jamie into an elaborate trap set by the most deadly race in the universe: The Daleks.

"The Abominable Snowmen" finds the TARDIS in the Himalayas in 1935, where the Doctor makes a return visit to the nearby Detsen monastery—only to find it under attack, apparently from the Yeti...

In "The Ice Warriors," the TARDIS crew materia...

Contributor Bio

Malcolm Hulke was a prolific and respected television writer from the 1950s until the 1970s. His writing credits included the early science fiction *Pathfinders* series, as well as *The Avengers*. Hulke was first approached to write for *Doctor Who* when the series first started, but his idea for *The Hidden Planet* was not pursued. In 1967 he wrote *The Faceless Ones* (with David Ellis) for the Second Doctor. By 1969, Hulke’s friend and occasional writing partner Terrance Dicks was Script Editor for *Doctor Who* and needed a ten part story to replace other scripts and write out Patrick Troughton’s Doctor. Together they wrote *The War Games*.
**Doctor Who and the Hand of Fear (Unabridged)**

4th Doctor Novelisation
Terrance Dicks, Pamela Salem

**Summary**

Pamela Salem reads this exciting novelisation of a classic Fourth Doctor TV adventure, featuring the departure of Sarah Jane Smith.

The TARDIS lands in England, and Sarah, the Doctor’s companion, looks forward to going home. A freak accident in a quarry leaves the unconscious Sarah clutching an enormous stone hand. The only surviving remnant of Eldrad—an alien super-being expelled from his planet, Kastria—it has the power to control the human mind.

Using Sarah as its instrument, the hand goes in search of the atomic energy it needs to regenerate Eldrad’s body. Eldrad is determined to return to Kastria and punish his enemies, and the Doctor and Sarah are caught up in the terrifying conclusion of a drama of betrayal and revenge that began millions of years ago.

Pamela Salem, who made several appearances in the BBC TV series, reads Terrance Dicks's novelization of the TV serial by Bob Baker and Dave Martin, first published by Target Books in 1979.

**Contributor Bio**

Terrance Dicks became Script Editor of Doctor Who in 1968, co-writing Patrick Troughton’s classic final serial, The War Games, and editing the show throughout the entire Jon Pertwee era to 1974. He wrote many iconic episodes and serials for the show after, including Tom Baker's first episode as the Fourth Doctor, Robot; Horror at Fang Rock in 1977; State of Decay in 1980; and the 20th anniversary special, The Five Doctors in 1983. Terrance novelized more than 60 of the original Doctor Who stories for Target books, including classics like Doctor Who and the Abominable Snowmen and Doctor Who and the Auton Invasion, inspiring a generation of children to become readers and writers. He died in August 2019, only weeks before the publication of his final Doctor Who short story, "Save Yourself," in The Target Storybook.

**Doctor Who: The TV Movie (Unabridged)**

8th Doctor Novelisation
Gary Russell

**Summary**

A brand new novelization of the 1996 TV Movie featuring the Eighth Doctor.

"Who am I...? WHO AM I?"

It's December 1999, and strange things are happening as the new millennium nears. A British police box appears from nowhere in San Francisco’s Chinatown and the mysterious man inside it is shot down in the street. Despite the best efforts of Dr Grace Holloway, the man dies and another stranger appears, claiming to be the same person in a different body: a wanderer in time and space known only as the Doctor.

But the Doctor is not the only alien in San Francisco. His deadly adversary the Master is murdering his way through the city and has taken control of the TARDIS. The Master is desperate to take the Doctor's newly regenerated body for himself, and if the Doctor does not capitulate, it will literally cost him the Earth . . . and every last life on it.

**Contributor Bio**

Gary Russell was one of the script editing team for Doctor Who, Torchwood and The Sarah Jane Adventures, and is the author of many novels and reference books in the Doctor Who range. A former editor of Doctor Who Magazine, he also was the producer of Doctor Who audio dramas for Big Finish Productions for eight years.
**Doctor Who: Dalek** *(Unabridged)*  
9th Doctor Novelisation  
Robert Shearman

**Summary**  
A brand new novelisation of a thrilling screen adventure for the Ninth Doctor and Rose, as played on TV by Christopher Eccleston and Billie Piper.

"The entire Dalek race, wiped out in one second. I watched it happen. I made it happen!"

The Doctor and Rose arrive in an underground vault in Utah in the near future. The vault is filled with alien artifacts. Its billionaire owner, Henry van Statten, even has possession of a living alien creature, a mechanical monster in chains that he has named a Metaltron.

Seeking to help the Metaltron, the Doctor is appalled to find it is in fact a Dalek—one that has survived the horrors of the Time War just as he has. And as the Dalek breaks loose, the Doctor is brought back to the brutality and desperation of his darkest hours spent fighting the creatures of Skaro... this time with the Earth as their battlefield.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Robert Shearman** is an award-winning writer for television, radio and the stage, as well as several acclaimed short story collections, the first of which won him a World Fantasy Award, and *Doctor Who* audio scripts for Big Finish Productions.

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**Doctor Who: The Crimson Horror** *(Unabridged)*  
11th Doctor Novelisation  
Mark Gatiss

**Summary**  
A brand new novelization of an exciting screen adventure for the Eleventh Doctor and Clara, as played on TV by Matt Smith and Jenna Coleman.

"We must get to the bottom of this dark and queer business, no matter what the cost!"

Something ghastly is afoot in Victorian Yorkshire. Something that kills. Bodies are washing up in the canal, their skin a waxy, glowing red... But just what is this crimson horror?

Madam Vastra, Jenny, and Strax are dispatched to investigate the mystery. Strangely reluctant to assist their inquiries is Mrs Winifred Gillyflower, matriarch of "Sweetville," a seemingly utopian workers’ community.

Why do all roads lead to the team’s old friends Clara and the Doctor? Who is Mrs Gillyflower’s mysterious silent partner Mr Sweet?

And will the motley gang be in time to defeat the mysterious power that threatens all the world with its poison?

**Contributor Bio**  
**Mark Gatiss** is an English actor, comedian, screenwriter, and novelist. He is known as a member of the comedy team The League of Gentlemen alongside Reece Shearsmith, Steve Pemberton, and co-writer Jeremy Dyson. He has both written for and acted in the TV series *Doctor Who* and *Sherlock*, the latter of which he also co-created.
Doctor Who: The Witchfinders (Unabridged)

13th Doctor Novelisation
Joy Wilkinson

Summary
A brand new novelization of an exciting screen adventure for the Thirteenth Doctor, Graham, Ryan, and Yasmin, as played on screen by Jodie Whittaker, Bradley Walsh, Tosin Cole, and Mandip Gill.

"I am an expert on witchcraft, Doctor, but I wish to learn more. Before you die, I want answers."

The TARDIS lands in the Lancashire village of Bilehurst Cragg in the 17th century, and the Doctor, Ryan, Graham, and Yaz soon become embroiled in a witch trial run by the local landowner. Fear stalks the land, and the arrival of King James I only serves to intensify the witch hunt. But the Doctor soon realizes there is something more sinister than paranoia and superstition at work. Tendrils of living mud stir in the ground and the dead lurch back to horrifying life as an evil alien presence begins to revive. The Doctor and her friends must save not only the people of Bilehurst Cragg from the wakening forces, but the entire world.

Contributor Bio
Joy Wilkinson is an award-winning writer working across film, television, theater, and radio. As well as Doctor Who her TV credits include Nick Nickleby and The Watch. Her directing debut—the film Ma’am—was released in 2020.

The World of Peaky Blinders
An Unofficial Guide
Dan Whitehead

Summary
Welcome to The World of Peaky Blinders, a cultural guide to the world that inspired the hit BBC drama. Get ready to meet television's most notorious family. This fun compendium of trivia, quizzes, and "how-to" guides will teach you how to dress, talk, drink and thrive like a Peaky Blinder. So, don your flat cap and head to the Garrison. Thomas Shelby will see you now.

Contributor Bio
Dan Whitehead has been writing about movies, games, TV, and other pop culture for almost 30 years. He has written for Guinness World Records, BAFTA, and the TV show Dara O'Briain's Go 8 Bit, and is also an accomplished scriptwriter for games and comics.
Cars on Film
A Celebration of Cars at the Movies
Giles Chapman

Celebrating the cars that took starring roles cars at the movies

Summary
This book celebrates the car at the movies... but not always as you might be expecting.

Cars have been an integral aspect of on-screen storytelling ever since the earliest cameras first rolled, highlighting suspense or humor as they transport characters from scene to scene. Car chases and car crashes have been staples in films from Hollywood to Pinewood, while several cars – the Alfa Romeo Spider in *The Graduate*, the Dodge Challenger in *Vanishing Point*, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang itself – have come to global attention after silver screen exposure. Award-winning car culture writer Giles Chapman has collected and conserved these rare images over many decades. Packed with pictorial gems, and many forgotten, bizarre or astonishing cinematic moments, this is the book film and car fanatics everywhere have been waiting for.

Contributor Bio
Giles Chapman is an award-winning writer and commentator on the industry, history and culture of cars. He has been editor of *Classic & Sports Car*, the world's best-selling classic car magazine, and since 1994 has worked freelance across a huge variety of media. His many books include *My Dad Had One of Those, Worst Cars, Cars We Loved in the 1950s, '60s, '70s and 80s, Chapman's Car Compendium, 100 Cars Britain Can Be Proud Of*, and *Britain's Toy Car Wars*.

Roman Holiday (2nd Edition)
The Secret Life of Hollywood in Rome
Caroline Young

The first book to tell the glamorous story of Hollywood in Rome and the women who made it legendary

Summary
*Roman Holiday* is the heady tale of Rome during the 1950s and 1960s, when the cafes and nightclubs were filled with movie stars and film directors as Hollywood productions flocked to the city to film at Cinecittà studios. Reinvigorating the city after the darkness of fascism and Nazi occupation during World War II, the city now thrived with Fiats and Vespas, newly-christened paparazzi, and street cafe culture—and more than a little scandal. In this book, Caroline Young explores the city in its golden age, at a moment when a new era in celebrity journalism gave rise to a new kind of megastar. Taking in some of Rome’s most famous sights and its most iconic films, the story follows Ava Gardner, Anna Magnani, Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn, and Elizabeth Taylor as the city became a backdrop to their lives and loves on and off the camera, and the great, now legendary, films that marked their journeys. From the dark days of World War II through to the hedonistic hippies in the late 1960s, this evocative narrative captures the essence of Rome—its beauty, its tragedy, and its creativity—through...

Contributor Bio
Caroline Young is the author of *Style Tribes: The Fashion of Subcultures, Classic Hollywood Style*, and Tartan and Tweed.
Beethoven (2nd Edition)
Anne Pimlott Baker

A concise biography of one of the world's most influential composers

Summary
Considered by many the world's greatest composer, Ludwig van Beethoven achieved his ambitions against the difficulties of a bullying and drunken father, growing deafness and mounting ill-health. This biography tells the story of his life and work from his birth in Bonn in 1770 and his early employment as a court musician to his death in Vienna in 1827. It describes his studies with Haydn in Vienna and his work during the French Revolution and the rise of Napoleon. His most financially successful period followed the Congress of Vienna in 1815, despite several unhappy love affairs and continuous worry over his nephew, Karl.

Contributor Bio
Anne Pimlott Baker is a Research Associate on the New Dictionary of National Biography. From an Anglo-American background (in 1898 her grandmother was the first woman to qualify for a Harvard PhD), she read Modern History at Oxford.

Gilbert and Sullivan
The Ultimate Collection
Mike Lepine

Summary
The partnership of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan produced a collection of the most best-loved and (still!) oft-performed comic operas in the history of theater. Here is the story of each of G&S's greatest works—from inspiration to opening night and beyond—woven into a fascinating account of their lives, times, and the giddy rise to global celebrity. The book features many rare photos and a dazzling selection of illustrations from contemporary posters, programs, memorabilia, and merchandise. The book includes a DVD with 11 complete operas, featuring a cast of award-winning stars including Peter Allen, Joel Grey, Frankie Howard, Gillian Knight, Keith Michell, Vincent Price, and Clive Revill in The Gondoliers, HMS Pinafore, Iolanthe, The Mikado, Patience, The Pirates of Penzance, Princess Ida, Ruddigore The Sorcerer, Trial by Jury, and The Yeoman of the Guard. The music is by the London Symphony Orchestra and the Ambrosian Opera Chorus.

Contributor Bio
Mike Lepine is a Sunday Times #1 best-selling author. He has written some 35 books and has been published throughout the world. He has also worked extensively in television in programming as diverse as the arts, consumer rights, and comedy. Mike was instrumental in bringing much rare archival film footage to the public for the very first time which is where he came across this extraordinary collection of films of the great Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.
Harry
The Unauthorized Biography
Danny White

An in-depth biography of Harry Styles, member of one of the world's biggest boybands, One Direction, and huge solo star.

Summary
This in-depth biography details Harry's life so far. From his childhood and his journey to fame on the X-Factor to releasing solo music and becoming fashion royalty, this book gets you closer to Harry than ever before.

As well as the start of his career, we follow the rollercoaster of emotions as One Direction broke up, and we learn how Harry re-invented himself. Free from the shackles of being in a boyband, he was able to be the rock star he had always dreamed of and conquer the US by himself.

Not content with being one of the world's biggest popstars, Harry has also cultivated a career as a film and television star, featuring in box-office hits like Dunkirk as well as presenting Saturday Night Live. He's also making a name for himself as fashion royalty—presenting the fashion event of the year, the Met Gala, with Serena Williams and Lady Gaga and regularly modeling for iconic brand, Gucci.

This is a book that gets you to the heart of a very modern pop star—a must read for all of Harry's fans.

Contributor Bio
Danny White is the author of 1D: The One Direction Story which has been translated into 16 languages. He has also written successful biographies of Rihanna, Niall Horan, will.i.am, and Johnny Depp.

Radiohead
Life in a Glasshouse
John Aizlewood

A highly visual celebration of one of the most forward-thinking and experimental bands currently making music.

Summary
Radiohead are not like other bands. For over three decades they have charted a singular course. As their music has become more beautiful, more strange and more uncompromising, the band who make it have become more popular, evolving from the indie clubs of Britain to stadia across the globe, while selling over 30 million albums. And they have done it their way. Their line-up has remained unchanged since they met at school, but these five very different characters have always remained united in their quest to keep pushing boundaries. They have changed musical direction almost as many times as they have made albums and the band who seemed destined to be one-hit-wonders when "Creep" was a global hit in the early '90s, evolved into trailblazers who have embraced rock, dance, electronica, classical music and pop without sacrificing what makes them special. Radiohead are proof that selling records need not mean selling out and this is their story.

Contributor Bio
John Aizlewood writes for Mojo, Q and Classic Rock. Over a 25-year career, he has written about music for the Guardian, Blender, the Observer, Melody Maker, Sounds, FHM, the Sunday Times and a host of others. His books include Love Is The Drug and Playing At Home.
Malcolm Young
The Man Who Made AC/DC
Jeff Apter

Summary
Malcolm Young was a legend: the founder and the driving force of AC/DC, a man with what many have called 'the greatest right hand in rock and roll'. That right hand provided the instantly recognisable riffs and muscle behind such timeless songs as 'Highway to Hell', 'Back in Black', 'A Long Way to the Top' and many others. Malcolm was instrumental in ensuring that AC/DC survived shifting musical trends and numerous in-house dramas to stand tall as the biggest rock band on the planet. Yet he was the most unpretentious man to ever strap on a Gretsch guitar.

One of eight children, Young was always destined for a life in rock and roll: his elder brother George was a key member of The Easybeats and was also a vital early mentor of AC/DC. And Malcolm stood alongside his younger brother Angus in AC/DC for the best part of 40 years.

Malcolm lived hard and fast, enduring incredible hardship when the band started out in the mid-1970s, surviving the terrible loss of Bon Scott in 1980, and suffering numerous personal demons, including alcoholism. Yet without Malcolm Young, there would have been no...

Contributor Bio
Jeff Apter is the author of more than 20 music biographies, many of them bestsellers. His subjects include Johnny O'Keefe, Keith Urban, John Farnham, the Bee Gees, the Finn brothers and Angus Young of AC/DC. As a ghostwriter, he has worked with Kasey Chambers, Mark Evans (of AC/DC) and Richard Clapton. Jeff was on staff at Rolling Stone for several years and has written about legends such as Aretha Franklin, Patti Smith, Robbie Robertson, Bob Dylan, Chrissie Hynde and Lucinda Williams. In 2015, he worked on the Helpmann award-nominated live show A State of Grace: The Music of Jeff and Tim Buckley. Away from music, Jeff has also worked on books with soldiers and diplomats and sports greats such as Michael Slater and Tim Cahill.

The 100 Greatest Rock Albums to Own on Vinyl
The Must Have Rock Records for Your Collection
Katharine Marsh, Emma Wood, Sian Llewlyn

Summary
There are way more than 100 Great Rock Albums, and placing them in some kind of order is incredibly difficult. Music is not a competition and there are no hard and fast criteria by which to judge the greatness of an album. All you can do is measure popularity, the artistic currency a record currently has with critics or the public. So what, then, is the point of this, The 100 Greatest Rock Albums to Own on Vinyl? Think of it as a curation, an opinion poll, a beginner’s guide, a celebration of some of the greatest music ever made, and a snapshot of a time. Nothing here is set in stone, and if we do this again the results will almost definitely be different. But right now, in 2020, these are the 100 albums that rock fans will want to own on Vinyl. The result is this book dedicated to some of the greatest records ever made, the albums that have soundtracked the lives of generations. When we were making this, we listened to each and every one of them. Far from being a difficult slog through music we've listened to a thousand times, it reminded us of why we love rock music so much. We hop...

Contributor Bio
Katharine Marsh is an experienced compiler of music content for the Future Publishing Group. Emma Wood is an experienced compiler of music content for the Future Publishing Group. Sian Llewlyn is an experienced music content editor working for Classic Rock for Future Publishing.
Rock

101 Iconic Rock, Heavy Metal & Hard Rock Albums
Paul Elliot

Essential reading for metal heads and hard rock fans everywhere

Summary
The 1970s was the era when the great heavy metal pioneers laid down the blueprint for everything that was to come after, forefathers like Black Sabbath and Deep Purple dominated. But as metal began to take hold in the mainstream—and then began to diversify—bands such as Judas Priest, Iron Maiden, Metallica and Mötley Crüe made their presence felt among new fans, and it continues to evolve today with bands like Clutch and Ghost. Providing an extensive overview of the music and the stories behind each album, this inclusive reference chronicles the history and development of heavy metal, including sub-movements such as death metal, rap-rock, grunge, industrial rock, grindcore, nu metal, and stoner rock, illustrated with iconic album covers and archive photographs.

Contributor Bio
Paul Elliot started writing about rock in 1985 as a contributor to Sounds, and has since worked for Kerrang!, Q, Vox, Heat, Blender (US), Metal Hammer and various other titles. His books include the first biography of Guns N’ Roses and Star Man, the autobiography of rock bodyguard Danny Francis. Paul currently writes for Classic Rock and MOJO.

Surf By Day Jam By Night
Ash Grunwald

A collection of interviews with free spirits who have followed their passions and taken their lives into their own hands

Summary
Surf by Day, Jam by Night is seasoned bluesman and surfer Ash Grunwald’s deep dive into the extraordinary. Ash takes to the road, interviewing 15 of the world’s top surfer–musicians. From Kelly Slater to Stephanie Gilmore, Jack Johnson to Dave Rastovich, Pete Murray to G. Love, and many more, like Ash, these are people doing life their own way. Soulful and candid, these conversations offer insights into the lives and minds of some masters of both surfing and music. Spanning stories of heavy wipe-outs and heaving crowds and riffs on style, the flow state, career longevity, and jamming vs shredding, this book is an often light-hearted, wide-ranging meditation on what it really takes to live your dreams. If you’ve ever found yourself in any kind of rut and wondered if there’s something more out there, here’s a call to wake up, take your life into your hands, and dare to follow your passions.

Contributor Bio
Ash Grunwald, loved for his crowd frenzied shows and blistering guitar playing, has had critics and fans raving about his unique blend of roots, beats, and a whole lotta groove for over a decade. Nominated for a swag of awards and winning a few, Ash proves why he is one of Australia’s most loved bluesmen.
**NBA Legends**

*Discover Basketball’s All-time Greats*

Dan Peel

**Summary**

The word legend is thrown around all too easily these days, but there can be no doubt that the NBA players featured in this book are the very best to have ever graced a basketball court. They are true legends of the game. Spanning the decades and covering all the league’s most iconic eras, this book uncovers the fascinating stories and incredible accomplishments of the greatest basketball players. From the game’s first superstars, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, and Jerry West, to the modern-day greats of the late Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Kevin Garnett. There are also in-depth features on Lakers legends Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Shaquille O’Neal, as well as Celtics great Larry Bird, while it also explores 23 reasons why Michael Jordan is the greatest of all time. It’s not just about great players, though. Without great coaches there would be no great players, legendary teams, or memorable matchups. That’s why this book also runs down the 10 most successful and influential coaches from NBA history, looks back at the 10 greatest championship-winning teams, and reliv...

**Contributor Bio**

Dan Peel is an experienced author of sports books, most recently *NFL Legends*.

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**Ultra**

*The Underworld of Italian Football*

Tobias Jones

An exploration of the dark side of football, of Italy and of far right politics and organised crime: the hard core fans known as the ultras.

**Summary**

Shortlisted for the *Daily Telegraph* Football Book of the Year

Ultras are often compared to punks, Hell’s Angels, hooligans or the South American Barras Bravas. But in truth, they are a thoroughly Italian phenomenon.

From the author of *The Dark Heart of Italy, Blood on the Altar* and *A Place of Refuge*.

Italy’s ultras are the most organized and violent fans in European football. Many groups have evolved into criminal gangs, involved in ticket-touting, drug-dealing and murder. A cross between the Hell’s Angels and hooligans, they’re often the foot-soldiers of the Mafia and have been instrumental in the rise of the far-right.

But the purist ultras say that they are are insurgents fighting against a police state and modern football. Only among the ultras, they say, can you find belonging, community, and a sacred concept of sport. They champion not just their teams, they say, but their forgotten suburbs and the dispossessed.

Through the prism of the ultras, Jones crafts a compelling investigation into Italian society and its favorite sport. He writes about not just the ultras of some of Italy's ...

**Contributor Bio**

Tobias Jones is the author of seven previous books, including *The Dark Heart of Italy, Blood on the Altar,* and *A Place of Refuge*. He has written and presented documentaries for the BBC and for RAI, the Italian state broadcaster, and has been a columnist for the *Observer* and *Internazionale*. He’s the co-founder of Windsor Hill Wood, and an occasional midfielder for the England Writers’ football team. He lives in Parma, Italy.
Against the Elements
The Eruption of Icelandic Football
Matt McGinn

Summary
Against the Elements is an enthralling account of football's most captivating underdog story. With a population of just 350,000, Iceland stunned the sporting world when it went toe-to-toe with the elite at Euro 2016 and the 2018 World Cup. So how was such a tiny nation, sited on the edge of the Arctic circle, able to take on the giants of world football? Matt McGinn draws on 50 exclusive interviews with the key protagonists to unpick how it happened. Does an Icelandic "Viking" mentality exist? Can smallness be an advantage? Is there a template for other countries to follow? McGinn experienced Iceland's World Cup campaign in different parts of the country—from five days spent on a fishing trawler, to Iceland's bustling capital of Reykjavik, to the jagged volcanic island of Heimaey. Part travelogue, part thematic investigation, Against the Elements searches for the truth behind the Iceland football team's remarkable, unprecedented rise, bringing to life the people, places and values of the nation that produced this astonishing team.

Contributor Bio
Matt McGinn is a PhD researcher at the University of Nottingham who specializes in the relationship between sport, national identity and memory. Matt has written about football for ESPN, the Guardian, and Howler. He is interested in football writing as a means to explore personal stories beyond the pitch and to reveal the cultural and sociological patterns that shape the game. Against the Elements is his first book.

Iberia Chronicles
A History of Spanish and Portuguese Football
Karan Tejwani

Summary
Iberia Chronicles is a fascinating compendium of all things Spanish and Portuguese football. From the glory and grandeur of Spain's biggest clubs, Real Madrid and Barcelona, to the rise of Portugal's Boavista and Braga along with everything in between, this is a comprehensive guide to the highs and lows of the game in two football-mad countries. The two nations have a vast history in the sport—Portugal started playing in 1875 and Spain 15 years later. Today they are two of the world's top footballing nations. Despite political issues, the Basque region dominated Spanish football in the 1980s, while great managers such as John Toshack and Luis Aragonés made their mark in the country. In nearby Portugal, the late bloomers in the sport had an era to be proud of in the 1990s, but it wasn't until 2016 and the European Championships that they tasted true glory. Iberia Chronicles is penned by a collective of 22 writers. Learn about the key players, managers, glories, and downfalls that have shaped the sport in Spain and Portugal.

Contributor Bio
Iberia Chronicles is written by a collective of writers who have worked on Spanish and Portuguese football for several years. The 22 writers have featured in various publications and websites including Football Chronicle, These Football Times, the Guardian, Yahoo Sport, MARCA, and more. Several of the writers have been involved in journalism in both countries for many years.
Tears at La Bombenera
Football, Travel, Culture, History, and a Six-Year Groundhop Through South American Football
Christopher Hylland

Summary
Tears at La Bombenera is author Christopher Hylland's six-year journey living, working, and traveling through South America—where soccer, called football, is a way of life. From Buenos Aires to Colombia’s Caribbean coast and back again, Hylland experiences the history and fanaticism at some of South America’s football clubs along the way. Football is a global language, and he shares the stories and experiences from the terraces. It’s a place where what happens on the pitch can rank low in terms of quality, but means so much off of it; where everything else, most notably the culture of the game, is unrivaled. Hundreds of thousands of football-mad visitors flock to South America every season. To the iconic stadia such as La Bombonera and Maracanã; to lower division teams in the shadows of some of the world’s poorest slums and favelas. Tears at La Bomboneria is a book rich in human interest, including the author's own personal experience of adapting to a new continent and way of life.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Hylland grew up in England before regularly moving between Norway and the UK. In 2013, he moved to Buenos Aires in Argentina where he found himself falling in love with a country, a people and their football. Having returned from his six-year sojourn, Hylland now tells his own tale, along with the stories of the countries he lived in and people he encountered, with a common theme of football throughout.

Wings of Change
How the World’s Biggest Energy Drink Manufacturer Made a Mark in Football
Karan Tejwani

Summary
Wings of Change is the story of how the world's biggest energy drinks company made its mark in football. After years of success in beverages and extreme sports, Red Bull took over their local club, SV Austria Salzburg, controversially changing its name, crest, colors, and history. While Red Bull were going strong, they faced a backlash from supporters who claimed they were damaging the integrity of the sport. Angry displays were seen at the ground and fans formed a phoenix club to honor the history of their former team. Similar projects soon followed in New York, Leipzig, São Paulo, and Sogakope and again provoked hostility. Within a few years, Red Bull had captured the attention of the footballing world, developing an exciting line of talent across the globe. Now an established force in football, Red Bull’s two most successful teams, RB Salzburg and RB Leipzig, are more prominent than ever. This book reveals how Red Bull changed the game, exploring their successes, controversies, and innovations.

Contributor Bio
Karan Tejwani is a football writer and trainee sports journalist at the University of Central Lancashire. He has written for the Guardian, These Football Times, Sport360, and various other publications and websites. He started writing in 2016 and is also the co-founder and lead editor of Football Chronicle. Wings of Change is his debut book.
Champions Under Lockdown
Red Odyssey III: Jürgen and the Holy Grail
Jeff Goulding

Summary
Champions Under Lockdown is the third book in the Red Odyssey series. It tells the story of an extraordinary season from the perspective of the terraces. After their epic 2018/19 season, in 2019/20 Jürgen Klopp would target Liverpool's first league title in 30 years. During this unforgettable season his side would smash all records. They claimed the UEFA Super Cup and then the Club World Cup before sailing to a 25-point lead at the top of the Premier League. Fans who thought they had seen it all witnessed arguably the greatest Reds side in history sweep all before them. They were declared champions-elect, but the fates decreed there would be a final barrier to Liverpool claiming their prize. In the midst of a global virus pandemic and with the country on lockdown, voices called for the season to be declared null and void, threatening to wipe the achievements of this incredible team from history. But Jürgen and his men rose again to claim their holy grail. This is the unique story of the champions under lockdown.

Contributor Bio
Jeff Goulding is the author of the Red Odyssey series, which charts the history of Liverpool Football Club from its birth in 1892. Jeff's other titles include Stanley Park Story, blending fact and fiction to weave a tale of two families bonded by a unique rivalry, and George Scott's autobiography, The Lost Shankly Boy. Jeff writes for This is Anfield and These Football Times.

England On This Day
Football History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Rob Burnett, Joe Mewis

Summary
England On This Day revisits all the most magical and memorable moments from the national side's rollercoaster past, mixing in a maelstrom of quirky anecdotes and legendary characters to produce an irresistibly dippable Lions diary—with an entry for every day of the year. From the first ever international match in 1872 to the Premier League era, England's faithful fans have witnessed decades of world domination and tragicomic failures, grudge matches, World Cup heroics, bizarre goals, fouls, and metatarsals—all featured here. Timeless greats such as Bobby Charlton, Kevin Keegan, and Paul Gascoigne, Steve Bloomer, David Beckham, and Stanley Matthews all loom larger than life. Revisit May 12, 1971, when England beat Malta 5-0 and Gordon Banks only got four touches—all backpasses! September 1, 2001: Germany 1-5 England! Or July 12, 1966, when the England team took a morale-boosting trip to the set of You Only Live Twice.

Contributor Bio
Rob Burnett and Joe Mewis were co-creators of the cult website www.onthisfootballday.com, and are also co-authors of England On This Day. Joe combines football journalism with marketing work, and wrote both Leeds United On This Day and Miscellany. Rob earns a crust writing about football, and is also the author of Formula One On This Day.
Football's Fifty Most Influential Players
Jon Driscoll

Summary
*Football's Fifty Most Influential Players* tells the story of football through its best and most influential players, from the 19th century to the modern day. Most of the 50 are household names—Pele, Charlton, Maradona, Jimmy Hill, Matthews, Best, Zidane, and Messi—and those who aren't certainly deserve to be. You'll read about football's first black superstar Jose Andrade, a 1930 World Cup winner with Uruguay who died in poverty. There's Lily Parr, a Woodbine-smoking behemoth of the women's game who is more famous now than when she died. Then there's Robbie Rogers, the second male footballer in Britain to come out as gay. Though Rogers wasn't a great player, his story will restore some faith after Justin Fashanu's appalling experiences as a gay footballer in the 1980s. Similarly, Jean-Marc Bosman made an indelible mark, not on the pitch but through the courts, changing the way footballers are treated forever. It's not about the stats, tactics, or managers—this is the players' story, from war heroes and match-fixers to superstars and an African president.

Contributor Bio
*Jon Driscoll* is a football commentator and writer. He commentates on English and European matches for Sky Sports, the EFL, and UEFA. He has worked for BBC Five Live's *Sports Report* and *Match of the Day*. He was one of the founding reporters and producers at TalkSport Radio. Jon writes for *When Saturday Comes* and *Football Espana* and presents the La Liga Weekly podcast.

Gooaal!
The Joy of the Football Celebration
Tony Rickson

Summary
Football celebrations are a vital part of the beautiful game. *Gooooaaaal! The Joy of the Football Celebration* is all about what happens in the exhilarating moments after a goal. Where once a firm handshake was the norm—with a brief head nod if it had been a really good goal—today we see backflips, finger-pointing, ear-cuffing, badge-bashing, knee-sliding, camera-mugging, thumb-sucking—and sometimes something entirely original and funny. Often, the celebration is instinctive and all the better for it, but others are carefully planned and designed to make a point. Some are controversial or political, and an unfortunate few have resulted in injuries. Peter Crouch, Wayne Rooney, Paul Gascoigne, Jurgen Klinsmann, Jamie Vardy, Raheem Sterling, Alex Morgan, Bebeto, finger-wagging Jimmy Bullard, golf club-waving Craig Bellamy, line-sniffing Robbie Fowler—all of them are among the 200-plus celebrations featured in this book. You'll discover exactly what went on—and why.

Contributor Bio
*Tony Rickson* has spent a lifetime on local and regional newspapers, in roles ranging from editor of several titles to group sports editor in charge of 21 different papers. He has written about football at every level, from international matches down to non-league, and has seen thousands of games at hundreds of different grounds. His goal celebration during a relatively modest playing career was to raise one arm and solemnly punch the air.
The Biomechanics of Rowing
A Unique Insight Into the Technical and Tactical Aspects of Elite Rowing
Valery Kleshnev

Summary
In rowing, races are often won in spite of, not because of, technique, and many misconceptions still preoccupy both rowers and coaches. This book explains the facts about rowing technique and will help you to find the right way to achieve your best performance. In this new edition, comprehensively updated to take account of the most recent developments in the sport The Biomechanics of Rowing offers a unique insight into the technical and tactical aspects of rowing, based on over twenty-five years experience of working with the best rowers and coaches around the globe, a careful analysis of millions of data samples, and comprehensive biomechanical modelling with the aim of finding an optimal balance of variables. Topics covered include measurement; performance analysis; technique; ergometer rowing and, finally, rowing equipment and rigging.

Contributor Bio
Dr Valery Kleshnev spent ten years as a member of the USSR National Rowing team, where he won a gold medal at the junior World Championships in 1975, a silver Olympic medal in 1980 and a bronze at the World Championships in 1982. After graduating in physical education in 1984, Valery was awarded a PhD in rowing biomechanics from the Saint-Petersburg Sport Institute, Russia, in 1991. In 1998 he was employed by the Australian Institute of Sport and moved to Canberra, where he worked with the world's best rowing coaches and crews. In 2005 Valery took a position of National Biomechanics Lead at the English Institute of Sport and moved to Britain, and helped the British rowing team to win two gold and four other medals at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Since 2009, Valery has run his own company BioRow Ltd, carrying out research and development in rowing biomechanics. He now works with rowers and coaches from countries all over the world. His clients won four gold and seven other medals at the 2012 London Olympics.

Unarmed Stage Combat
Philip d'Orleans

Summary
Stage combat is a constantly evolving craft, responsive to the growing demands of an ever changing industry and an ever more perceptive audience. Experienced fight director, teacher, and examiner Philip d'Orleans shows how to respond to this challenge through innovative techniques and original choreography. Unarmed Stage Combat explores the fundamental performance principles of violence on stage, before a dedicated series of chapters focus on more than 40 specific unarmed combat techniques, including non-contact slaps, punches, kicks and chokes as well as controlled contact and the illusion of falling. Each technique is beautifully illustrated with step-by-step photos and detailed practical guidance through the preparation, action and reaction to the movement, as well as the key safety principles, common pitfalls, and staging variables. Supported by stunning fight photos from professional productions, this indispensable handbook is equally as valuable for beginners at the start of their career or preparing for their fight performance exam as it will be for seasoned professionals seek...

Contributor Bio
Philip d'Orleans is a Master Teacher with the British Academy of Stage and Screen Combat. As well as his role of Physical Skills instructor at RADA, he also teaches at a number of other UK drama schools and is a fight examiner with the BASSC, Stage Combat Deutschland and the Irish Dramatic Combat Academy. Philip has choreographer fights for the RSC, the ROH, and the West End, as well as many other theaters throughout the UK and internationally.
**Etching**

*A Guide to Traditional Techniques*

Alan Smith

**Summary**

This practical new paperback edition explains the full process of etching, covering traditional techniques in depth and introducing modern ideas when they add to mark-making capabilities. Illustrated with lavishly finished examples and clear step-by-step sequences, this beautiful book covers the basics of etching—the materials required, how to prepare a plate, and ways of making marks using hard ground, soft ground, and aquatint. Other etching techniques are covered including spit-bite and sugar lift, and how to transfer images onto the plate using photo etching. Engraving techniques are shown with various ways of making the plate without acid: drypoint, line engraving, stipple engraving, and mezzotint. Advice on printing is given including papers and inks, the printing process and more advanced techniques such as color printing and editioning.

**Contributor Bio**

Alan Smith ran the etching room at the Royal College of Art, London for 32 years after working and running various contemporary etching studios.

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**Blackwork Embroidery**

*Techniques and Projects*

Jen Goodwin

**Summary**

Blackwork has a rich history that has developed over the years into an iconic and sophisticated style of embroidery. This practical book presents a number of ways to approach blackwork embroidery, from forming basic stitches and patterns to developing complex shaded pieces with confidence. Through an assortment of exercises, it introduces the principles of shading along with several projects to further explore the potential of blackwork. Detailed instructions on designing and developing shaded pieces of blackwork embroidery are given along with guidance on how to choose suitable images for translating into stitch. Step-by-step instructions on how to form basic stitches and how to form patterns are included as well as almost 250 shaded patterns, indicating how differing patterns appear when worked in different thicknesses of thread. Finally, patterns are grouped by family for easy identification and pattern blending.

**Contributor Bio**

Jen Goodwin trained with the Royal School of Needlework and now works as a contemporary embroidery artist. She teaches regularly for the RSN and at her own studio in Wimborne, Dorset, where she designs and sells a wide range of beautiful embroidery kits.
Screenprinting on Textiles
The Complete Guide
Sue Westergaard

Summary
Screenprinting is essentially a stencil method of printing, but is has vast potential. This beautiful book explains the techniques behind the art and introduces ideas to explore its exciting and versatile qualities. Packed with step-by-step sequences and practical advice, it not only explains the process but inspires designers and makers to experiment with the creative potential of this striking art form.

- Introduces the basic technical aspects of printing on fabric, as well as the equipment and materials
- Gives ideas for designing and developing different types of motifs, images, patterns and repeats are given and how to combine the different elements together
- Covers effective low-tech methods that exploit physical skills and simple tools, as well as contemporary printed textile practice with digital input and sophisticated technologies
- Advises on the use of color, and gives dye recipes and instructions for their use on fabric
- Includes methods such as cross dyeing, crimping and mark making on fabric, which can be used in conjunction with screenprinting
- Encourages play and experimentation...

Contributor Bio
Sue Westergaard has worked with design and print since she was a teenager. She originally trained in printed textiles at Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, and followed this some years later with a masters in printmaking from the Royal College of Art. She has taken various roles during her working life including designing fabrics commercially, running a T-shirt design and print company, and creating fabrics for theatre sets, costumes and festivals. She has also taught print making for many years and last held the post of senior lecturer on the Surface Design BA at the London College of Communication. She is now focusing on a more personal approach to her art practice.

Tailoring a Jacket
Gill McBride

Summary
A jacket is a wonderful staple for any wardrobe—it's versatile, flattering, and stylish. This practical book explains how to make a jacket that can be worn with confidence, flourish, and pride. Using "speed" tailoring techniques, it explains fusible interfacings and finishes that are achievable for all home sewers, and will guide you to making a fabulous tailored jacket. Tailoring a Jacket includes a guide to fabrics, pattern choice and interfacings; advice on pattern matching; instruction on welt and patch pockets, shoulder pads and collars, as well as bound and machined buttonholes. It gives detailed help on lining and finishing your jacket, and ideas for alterations, and, finally, a step-by-step explanation with photographs to the full process.

Contributor Bio
Gill McBride is an experienced seamstress who is passionate about her work and sharing her skills. She ran 'Sewing with Gill' in Central Scotland for more than 10 years and has also written Understanding and Adapting Sewing Patterns - to Make Clothes that Fit and Flatter.
Painting Animals in Watercolour
Liz Chaderton

Summary
Artists seem compelled to try to capture the amazing variety of the animal kingdom; the challenge remains how to breathe energy into your paintings and make the animals jump off the paper. This deeply practical book offers an accessible introduction to sketching animals from life, to try to capture that essence. It gives instruction on how to approach drawing; covers ideas for materials and supplies to make sketching from life a joy; gives step-by-step demonstrations of different watercolor techniques; offers specific advice on using color and painting, fur, feathers, and features; and gives ideas for mixed-media experimentation. Full of colorful examples and guidance, this new book explains how to transform your studies into finished artwork that are brimming with character. It encourages you to find the extraordinary in the everyday, as well as reveling in the breadth of nature. Taking a contemporary approach to traditional watercolor, the author shows how a few, well-chosen brushes of paint can reveal the soul of your subject.

Contributor Bio
Liz Chaderton is a full-time artist. She is passionate about watercolour, and enjoys sharing her discoveries through workshops and writing. She has also written Painting Watercolours on Canvas.

Designing Buildings for People
Sustainable Liveable Architecture
Derek Clements-Croome

Summary
Our built environments can affect us in many subtle ways. Simply sensing fresh air and natural light or seeing greenery and open space can uplift our mood and improve our wellbeing. But these healthy environments are increasingly difficult to achieve in practice. The vital collaboration between the many people involved in designing and producing buildings is often not achieved. Then there is the pressing need to reduce waste and pollution. Managing these demands is a challenge, especially in a traditional climate of short-term thinking. Designing Buildings for People explores how we can learn from buildings of the past, vernacular architecture and the natural world around us, while still harnessing the opportunities presented by technology, to think creatively, work collaboratively and exercise a transdisciplinary approach. The book features over 200 images, exhibiting the acclaimed work of internationally recognized and research-lead designers from the fields of architecture, engineering and management. It is a prime reference work for professionals and students who want to build the...
Photography with Tilt and Shift Lenses

Art and Techniques

Keith Cooper

Summary

Tilt and shift lenses offer tremendous creative possibilities for users of digital SLR and mirrorless cameras. This practical book explains the techniques that will help you take better photos—photos that don’t distort or lose focus. Assessing the benefits and pitfalls of a range of lenses, adapters, software, and editing techniques, it guides you through the practicalities of working with these lenses and gives you the skills to use them to best effect. With stunning examples throughout, this book gives an overview of the different lenses available, and tips on how adapters can give tilt/shift options when using old medium-format lenses. It gives advice on how simple lens shift can change the entire look of your photos, and techniques for using lens tilt for focus control and close-up working. Stunning examples show the use of tilt and shift lenses across a range of available focal lengths, both tripod-mounted and handheld.

- Gives an overview of the different lenses available, and tips on how adapters can give tilt/shift options when using old medium-format lenses
- Explains the issues o...

Contributor Bio

Keith Cooper is a professional architectural, interior, and industrial photographer at Northlight Images in Leicester, UK. Keith also runs specialist training workshops for businesses and architectural practices seeking to improve their technical and creative photographic skills.

Sharpening Common Workshop Tools

Marcus Bowman

Summary

Using sharp tools is one of life’s great joys. A sharp tool feels right; the job seems that much easier; and the quality of the cut usually means there is less work to do to produce a finished surface on the object. This book provides an understanding of what is involved in sharpening common workshop tools. With over 580 color photographs and illustrations it covers sharpening techniques for the most commonly used tools—scissors, shears, knives, lathe tools and drills, screwdrivers, chisels, and punches, along with the more specialist gravers and scrapers. Advice on types of abrasives, grades, grits, and mesh sizes is given. It describes what happens during the sharpening process and provides practical guidance on using sharpening stones and grinding wheels on a bench grinder. Provides essential maintenance instructions such as how to restore the surface of a flat stone and the face of the wheel on a bench grinder. Finally, it gives advice on bench grinders, and includes examples of the use of readily available tools and accessories such as vee blocks, toolposts, collet holders, prot...

Contributor Bio

Dr Marcus Bowman has been a lifelong maker of models, clocks, and workshop accessories, in a wide range of materials, and he enjoys using both hand and machine tools. This is his fourth Crowood Metalworking Guide.
The Greatest 100 Retro Games You Must Play

John Doe

Summary
Voted the best 100 games by the readers of Retro Gamer magazine, this book covers everything from platform games to racing games, 8Bit hits like Pac Man and Manic Miner, to recent classics like Resident Evil and Skyrim. This book provides an in-depth commentary on the best of the best.

Contributor Bio
Darren Jones, a computer games expert, has written extensively on the subject for computer gaming magazines.

The Ultimate 80's Retro Gaming Collection

Dan Peel

Summary
An in-depth analysis of the best video game franchises, characters, consoles, and computers of the 1980's. Curating the most important games, including Pac Man, Tetris, Frogger, Outrun, Zelda, Super Mario, and more, as well as the hardware: the NES, C64, Sega Mega System, the Amiga 50, and more.

Contributor Bio
Dan Peel, a computer games expert, has written extensively on the subject for computer gaming magazines.
The Adventure of the British Museum
Charles Phillips, Melanie Frances

Summary
This is the second title in a series of Sherlock Holmes Escape Books: a unique, new form of puzzle books, in which the reader must solve the puzzles to escape the pages. Inspired by the urban craze for escape rooms, where players tackle challenges while trapped in a locked room, this is an escape room in the form of a locked book: filled with codes, ciphers, riddles and red herrings, plus an ingenious Hieroglyphic Code Wheel set into the cover. Taking on the role of Sherlock Holmes, in this new adventure readers find themselves trapped with Watson in the Enlightenment Gallery of the British Museum after a curator collapses in the Egyptian Collection. With King George V due to arrive at the nearby tube station, and rumors of an anarchist plot, Holmes and Watson must find their way through the museum, and fathom the involvement of both Mycroft and Colonel Sebastian Moran, if they are to win their freedom and save the day.

Contributor Bio
Charles Phillips is the author of more than 40 books, whose How to Think puzzle series sold more than 1 million copies and was translated into 18 languages. He was the editor of Biographic: Sherlock. Melanie Frances specializes in developing interactive stories featuring games and puzzles. She is co-artistic director of interactive, digital arts organization Produced Moon, with whom she has created a range of immersive and interactive experiences, including escape rooms and app-based audio adventures.

Think You're Mister Know-it-All?
The Activity Book for Grown-ups
Richard Gaylord

Summary
Contains a lovingly curated set of quizzes that will test you on how much you really know. From high to low culture, history to geography, music to movies, science to trivia – hours of fun for the know-it-all in your life.

Contributor Bio
Richard Gaylord has a degree in philosophy and is the author of numerous books of quizzes and trivia, including The Giant Book of Useless Information and The Complete Timewaster.
Is That Your Final Answer?

Funny Answers to Quiz Show Questions
Myles Byrne

A celebration of the most jaw-droppingly stupid, embarrassing and unforgettable hilariously answers given by contestants on television and radio quiz shows.

Summary

We’ve all been there: you’re asked a question at a special event or work presentation; you have to say something, think fast, say anything! So you blurt out the first thing that comes in to your head, which turns out to be something idiotic, embarrassing, or just plain wrong. So, imagine how much more intense that sense of panic must be if you are on a TV quiz show, under the bright lights, with a camera pointing at you and the studio audience giggling at your discomfort. Or live on the radio, with your foolish words being broadcast to everyone you know ...

Like the contestant who, asked "Which member of the crow family native to the UK has a bare face?" answered "Russell."

Or another who, asked "What might a blind date conveniently forget to mention bout himself," answered "He's blind!"

One of the great pleasures of watching a quiz show is sitting smugly at home, shouting answers at the television and savoring the brain fades and stunned reactions that are celebrated in this book. So, sit back and enjoy the wonderful laughs to be found within—and perhaps spare a thought for the poor indi...

Contributor Bio

Myles Byrne is a musician, designer, and writer. He was educated in Dublin, and has also lived in New York State and London. He is the author of The Wicked Wit of Ireland.

Collins Ultimate Pub Quiz

10,000 Easy, Medium and Difficult Questions With Picture Rounds
Collins Puzzles

A bumper quiz book, with all new questions to test your general knowledge, with more than 500 up-to-date quizzes and around 10,000 questions. Includes 30 picture rounds to get you scratching your head! Arranged in easy, medium, and hard sections, these quizzes offer something for everyone. Perfect for playing with friends and family! Have a go at these sample questions! Did Neil Armstrong first step on the moon with his left foot or his right foot? His left foot. The borders of which three Asian countries meet at the area called the Golden Triangle? Laos, Myanmar (Burma), and Thailand. What is a Trinidad scorpion? A chilli pepper. This is the ideal gift for all budding quizzers, whether playing at home with friends and family, or practicing for a night down the pub. The answers are quick and easy to find so that anyone can pick this up and test themselves or play quiz master.

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Unlocking Mandarin Chinese with Paul Noble
Paul Noble, Kai-Ti Noble, Collins Paul Noble

Ever tried to learn Mandarin Chinese and found it too hard? Bestselling language coach Paul Noble has a quick and easy way to get you back on track with his unique tried-and-tested method.

Summary
Ever tried to learn Mandarin Chinese and found it too hard? Bestselling language coach Paul Noble has a quick and easy way to get you back on track with his unique tried-and-tested method.

- Keeps things simple with three basic rules; don’t skip anything, don’t try to memorize anything, and cover up to test yourself.
- A fun, jargon-free way to learn
- Easy-to-understand Mandarin Chinese pronunciation
- PROVEN to work; Paul can teach anyone a language, even people who think they’re incapable

Paul’s course teaches you how to speak Mandarin Chinese more effectively, giving you the building blocks to form a huge range of conversations. This is a practical way to learn the aspects of language that you’ll actually need and use; from booking a hotel room to navigating a menu, Paul will effortlessly build your confidence and give you the tools to handle any holiday situation. His “word robbery” will also help unlock the range of vocabulary you already know. Ideal for first-time learners or people who struggled in school, this book will help you absorb information quickly and efficiently, just li...

Contributor Bio
Paul Noble is a genius, yet he still left school unable to speak a language—he found that the traditional learning methods left him feeling “confused, incapable and unable to really say anything.” Determined that there must be a better way to learn, Paul spent years devising his own unique method of learning languages which cuts out all of the grammar, all of the rote learning, and all of the stress. He began using his method to teach in his Language Institute and, hundreds of students later, he prides himself on never having had a student fail.

Korean Visual Dictionary
A Photo Guide to Everyday Words and Phrases in Korean
Collins Dictionaries

Summary
A photographic guide to the key words and phrases in Korean. This attractive pocket-sized book is a perfect travel companion and provides a practical guide to Korea and Korean language and culture. Everyday words are arranged in themes with carefully selected up-to-date images to illustrate key words and phrases, and an English and Korean index help you to find words quickly as you learn. 3,000 essential words and phrases for modern life in Korea are at your fingertips with topics covering food and drink, home life, work and school, shopping, sport and leisure, transport, technology, and the environment. Great care has been given to represent modern Korean culture and enhance your experience of Korea, including customs, celebrations, and festivals. Plus, download your free audio to hear native speakers pronounce the word for each image and get your pronunciation pitch perfect, available from collinsdictionary.com/resources#visual

Contributor Bio
Collins Dictionaries have been pioneers in dictionary publishing since 1819.
Vietnamese Visual Dictionary
Collins Dictionaries

Summary
A photographic guide to the key words and phrases in Vietnamese. This attractive pocket-sized book is a perfect travel companion and provides a practical guide to Vietnam and Vietnamese language and culture. Everyday words are arranged in themes with carefully selected up-to-date images to illustrate key words and phrases, and an English and Vietnamese index help you to find words quickly as you learn. 3,000 essential words and phrases for modern life in Vietnam are at your fingertips with topics covering food and drink, home life, work and school, shopping, sport and leisure, transport, technology, and the environment. Care has been given to represent modern Vietnamese culture and enhance your experience of Vietnam, including customs, celebrations, and festivals. Plus, download your free audio to hear native speakers pronounce the word for each image and get your pronunciation pitch perfect, available from collinsdictionary.com/resources#visual

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Thai Visual Dictionary
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Collins Maps

Summary
A paperback edition of this fully revised general reference atlas in the exciting Collins world atlas range. Highly detailed maps giving balanced worldwide coverage, beautifully illustrated thematic pages and thousands of facts and statistics. This perfect family reference atlas provides a comprehensive and topical view of today's world and the issues facing it.

The contents include:

- Highly detailed reference maps, with beautifully illustrated thematic pages which include facts and tables plus a fully revised world statistics section with thousands of country statistics that enable the reader to learn more about the world
- Highly illustrated thematic pages provide detailed information on, and interpretations of, major geographical themes and global issues
- Over 150 pages of highly accurate and fully up-to-date maps with an index of over 50,000 place names (10,000 more than the nearest competitor at this price)
- Global issues including the environment, world conflict, population, climate change and the international drugs trade
- Comparative satellite images show dramatic examples of e...

Contributor Bio
Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping.

Collins UK

Summary
This new edition of this popular pocket-sized world atlas has fully up-to-date mapping and statistics, and has been brought fully up-to-date to reflect all recent global changes. Designed in the distinctive Collins style, this is a detailed guide to the world in a handy format. Detailed maps, specifically designed for this small format, provide balanced and up-to-date coverage of the world. The maps rely on the latest cartographic technology to ensure their accuracy, accessibility and distinctive style. The level of detail is impressive for such a small format atlas, and the index contains references to over 20,000 place names. All recent political changes are included in the mapping, as are place name changes around the world.

Times Atlases

Summary

A pocket-sized Times Atlas of the World packed with the essentials, fully revised and improved to take account of all recent changes from around the world. The whole world is covered with the accuracy and authority for which Times atlases are renowned.

Main features of this atlas include:

- 117 pages of authoritative up-to-date mapping of the whole world
- Geographical reference section with flags, statistics and facts for the world’s states and territories
- Statistics and world maps on major geographical themes, including population, cities, climate and the environment
- Over 20,000 index entries

This is a handy reference atlas for home, school or office.

Contributor Bio

A benchmark of cartographic excellence, trusted by governments, media and international organisations alike. The Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World is the flagship publication and leads this iconic range. There’s an edition for every occasion from the pocket-sized Mini, the everyday Reference to the Universal, the popular choice for gift buyers.


Times Atlases

Summary

A fully revised and updated thirteenth edition of this major world atlas in the authoritative and prestigious Times Atlas range. This beautifully designed atlas has all the information you need, whether planning a trip, keeping in touch with world news, solving quizzes and crosswords or just exploring the world from your armchair.

Comprehensive reference mapping with 155,000 place names providing an amazingly detailed view of the world, and the illustrated thematic content covers the most important geographical issues of the day, making this atlas a valuable addition to any reference collection. Updates include:

- Over 3,500 name changes throughout the world
- Addition of St Helena airport and connecting road
- Country name change from Czech Republic to Czechia (Czech Republic)
- New thematic topics spreads – Climate; Economy; and Power of Maps
- New Arctic Ocean map spread
- New 'Beneath the ice' Polar maps
- New administrative regions in France
- New administrative regions in Northern Ireland
- Addition of Gaelic alternative names for counties in Ireland
- New state of Telengana in India
- Add...

Contributor Bio

The world’s most prestigious and authoritative maps and atlases.
**Wish You Were Here**

The Stories Behind 50 of the World’s Great Destinations

Terry Stevens

**Summary**

This book will give tourists and travelers a description of each of the 50 destinations with a personal explanation giving an insight as to why, and how, these destinations consistently deliver high-quality visitor experiences. It aims to show the visitor how good management and an understanding of the importance of hospitality underpins the success of each destination. Professor Terry Stevens utilizes his vast experience of the tourism sector to explore and provide insight to readers as to how the places they visit are organized, just what makes them such must-visit locations and how they get things right. Illustrated with a range of stunning photography, *Wish You Were Here* offers all the information you'll need to inspire a trip of a lifetime.

**Contributor Bio**

**Terry Stevens** is an international tourism consultant. Stevens studied Geography at Swansea University from 1970 and after gaining his MSc in Land Management at Reading University he returned to work at the Wales Tourist Board, where he learned to speak Welsh. After working as the Director of Tourism for West Glamorgan Council, Terry became Development Manager for Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments and later Dean and Professor of Tourism Management at Swansea Metropolitan University before establishing his own consultancy business.

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**Vintage Shops London**

Michelle Mason

**Summary**

An antidote to online retail and fast fashion, the enduring beauty of a vintage item, purchased with all its imperfections and age-worn beauty, is the inspiration behind this new series from Michelle Mason, stylist and founder of Mason & Painter. *Vintage Shops London* is the first in a series that spans three capital cities; London, Paris and New York. As well as highlighting some of the most inspiring vintage shops in each city, each book offers practical styling tips to show how the reader can recreate their own 'vintage look' capturing the spirit of each place. Over 30 vintage stores and markets from each city are profiled with a description, what it is best known for, and illustrated with sumptuous special photography, which tells the story of each store, its shopkeepers and their inspiration, including behind-the-scenes tips.

**Contributor Bio**

**Michelle Mason** is a designer, illustrator, and co-owner of successful vintage emporium Mason & Painter, which opened in Columbia Road, London E2 in 2013 to great acclaim. Her first book, *Flower Market: Botanical Style at Home* was published by Pimpernel Press in 2019.
A London Floral
An Illustrated Guide
Clover Robin, Natasha Goodfellow

Summary
London is often touted as the greenest city in Europe, but what if you yearn for a little more color in your life? What does Britain’s capital have to offer those who want to quite literally stop and smell the roses? Or those who want to buy armfuls of blooms for their lovers/friends/themselves? Lots, as it happens. This guide leads you on a fragrant trail of London’s key floral destinations, from markets and nurseries to botanic and physic gardens via trend-setting florists and flower schools. It reveals secret spaces bursting with blossom and points you to the rose gardens, herb gardens and record-breaking borders in its better known parks. And if you want to dine among flowers, learn about flowers or see how they can transform urban architecture, it’s all here too, just waiting to be discovered. A London Floral is a beautifully illustrated map which folds down to a handy pocket-sized guide listing c.85 addresses of interest. Presented in an attractive slip case and divided by area, it is clear and easy to use and appealing to art-lovers, garden-lovers and city-lovers alike.

Contributor Bio
Clover Robin is a collage artist and illustrator based in South East London. Her work focuses on themes of nature and her love of the great outdoors. Clover has illustrated a number of publications and released her own book Cut Paper Pictures published by Quarto in 2018. Clients include The National Trust, Little Tiger Books and Bloomsbury publishing among many others.

London Murders
In the Footsteps of the Capital’s Killers
David Long

Summary
For those who would sooner seek out 10 Rillington Place, 39 Hilldrop Crescent, or Whitechapel’s infamous Blind Beggar than pay a visit to Westminster Abbey or the National Gallery, London Murders pinpoints the exact locations of scores of the bloodiest, most intriguing, and sinister murders in London’s last 100 years. Featuring names such as Crippen, Kray, Haigh, Christie, and Ellis, whose terrible crimes shocked the world, this compelling guide divides the metropolis into areas compact enough to be explored on foot in an afternoon. The book describes in detail the events, the characters involved and the eventual fates of the perpetrators, which include playwrights and politicians, celebrities and spies, royalty, aristocrats, and, of course, countless ordinary Joes. Crisscrossing the heart of London as well as reaching deep into the suburbs, London Murders matches crimes to buildings as the author walks the reader through the city’s streets whilst revealing their tragic and awful histories.

Contributor Bio
David Long’s engaging, imaginative, and well informed books reflect an unquenchable thirst for those events and personalities that illuminate the past. An author and writer since leaving university, his work has appeared in the Sunday Times, in countless magazines, and London’s Evening Standard.
**Railways in the North American Landscape**

Mike Danneman

Stunning original photography from Mike Danneman, former art director of Trains magazine, celebrating the beauty and majesty of railways in the great North American landscape.

**Summary**

Windswept vistas. Scorched canyons. Glorious scenes of snow and ice. This book shows the North American landscape in all its breathtaking glory, cleaved by the continent’s powerful locomotives and captured in a series of stunning original photographs. Evoking the romance, drama and beauty of the railways, this wonderful collection of images presents the full breadth of jaw-dropping backdrops offered by this vast expanse of land. The contrast between raw motive power and bucolic peace creates scenes that will delight anybody who wants to enjoy the full majesty of North America from their own home.

**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.

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**Excursions in Italy**

James Fennimore Cooper

**Summary**

*Excursions in Italy* was Cooper's fifth in a series of travel narratives and his tribute to the Italian way of life. His account is exciting and affectionate.

**Contributor Bio**

James Fenimore Cooper was an American writer of the first half of the 19th century best known for his historical romances depicting frontier and Native American life from the 17th to the 19th centuries. His most famous novel is *The Last of the Mohicans*.
**Pictures from Italy**

Charles Dickens

**Summary**

In 1844, Dickens took a respite from writing novels and for several months traveled through France and Italy with his family. They visited the most famous sights: Genoa, Rome, Naples (with Vesuvius still smouldering), Florence, and Venice. In his travelogue, Dickens portrays a nation of great contrasts: grandiose buildings and urban desolation, and everyday life beside ancient monuments. But it is his encounters with Italy's colorful street life that capture the imagination. Dickens descriptions are, as usual with his writing, second to none and provide a vivid portrait of Italy at the dawn of the age of rail.

**Contributor Bio**

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. His works enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime, and by the 20th century, critics and scholars had recognized him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories are still widely read today.

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**Winter in Majorca**

Robert Graves, George Sands

**Summary**

The poet Robert Graves lived on Majorca for many years and translated and edited this fascinating story in the 1950s. George Sand was the cigar-smoking, trouser-wearing lady companion to the pianist Frederic Chopin, and left a witty and sometimes acerbic account of their stay on the island at Valldemosa over the winter of 1838-1839.

**Contributor Bio**

Robert von Ranke Graves was a British poet, historical novelist, critic, and classicist. George Sand was a French novelist, memoirist, and Socialist. One of the most popular writers in Europe in her lifetime, being more renowned than both Victor Hugo and Honoré de Balzac in England in the 1830s and 1840s, Sand is recognized as one of the most notable writers of the European Romantic era.
Journal of a Few Months’ Residence in Portugal
Dora Wordsworth

Summary
A fascinating and vivid account of Dora Wordsworth’s visit to Portugal in 1845 with her husband, the Anglophone poet and Portuguese translator Edward Quillinan. She writes about the people and their towns and churches, and the political and economic decline of the country. Her descriptions of Portugal reveal a keen eye and a warm sense of humor.

Contributor Bio
Dorothy "Dora" Wordsworth (1804—1847) was the daughter of William Wordsworth.

Whisky Map of Scotland
Collins Maps

Discover where Scotland’s national drink is produced. All of Scotland’s operational whisky distilleries and whisky-related places of interest located on one map. Also includes an easy-to-use index listing visitor facilities, contact details and websites.

Summary
Discover where Scotland’s national drink is produced. All of Scotland’s operational whisky distilleries and whisky-related places of interest located on one map. Also includes an easy-to-use index listing visitor facilities, contact details and websites. The map includes:

• Over 100 distilleries and whisky-related places of interest
• Insert map of malt whisky areas
• A photographic guide to how whisky is made
• Selection of labels of blended Scotch whisky brands
• Did you know? Section with interesting facts
• World maps of main export markets
• Index lists visitor facilities, telephone numbers and websites

Scotch whisky is unique among national drinks – synonymous with Scotland, it cannot be produced elsewhere in the world.

Other titles in the series: Castles Map of Scotland, Tartans Map of Scotland, Scotland of Old Clans Map

Contributor Bio
Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping.
**Comprehensive Road Atlas Ireland**

**Collins Maps**

**Summary**

A clear, detailed road atlas of Ireland in a handy A4 spiral-bound format. This comprehensive, general purpose road atlas of the whole of Ireland is ideal for both business and pleasure use. The atlas contains a range of mapping scales:

- 9 miles to 1 inch route planning map
- Main maps at 3.2 miles to 1 inch, which are ideal for navigation
- A wide selection of detailed town center street plans

This edition boasts road mapping packed with detail—showing color classified road network, toll roads, land heights, the location of safety cameras, Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches, tourist information centers, and a wide range of tourist attractions. There is also comprehensive guide information for visitors to Belfast, Cork, Dublin, and Limerick. The locations of Speed Enforcement Zones, which highlight roads that have a high risk of accidents as identified by the Garda and the National Roads Authority, are included.

There is also a wide range of fully indexed town and city center maps. These are: Bangor, Belfast, Cork, Drogheda, Dublin, Dún Laoghaire, Galway, Kilkenny, Killarney, Limerick, Lisbur...

**Contributor Bio**

Collins Maps allow you to explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping created by Collins UK, a leading information-led publisher of illustrated and narrative nonfiction.

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**Belfast Pocket Map**

**Collins Maps**

**Summary**

Handy little full color Collins map of central Belfast with a high level of detail. Clear mapping from Cliftonville in the north to Botanics in the south, and Shankill in the west to City Airport in the east. Map at a scale of 1:10,000 (6 inches to 1 mile).

Clear, detailed, full color Collins mapping is presented in a handy format ideal for the pocket or handbag. It is excellent value and covers the most visited area of central Belfast. It is an essential buy for tourists and residents alike.

This map includes:

- Detailed central area map
- Tourist locations
- Tram, Train and bus stations
- Extra information on entertainment, festivals, places of interest, shopping and transport links
- Detailed street index

**Contributor Bio**

Explore the world through accurate and up-to-date mapping.
**Dublin Pocket Map**
Collins Maps

**Summary**
Handy little full color Collins map of central Dublin with a high level of detail. Map at a scale of 1:7,800 (8 inches to 1 mile).

Clear, detailed, full color Collins mapping is presented in a handy format ideal for the pocket or handbag. It is excellent value and covers the most visited area of central Dublin. It is an essential buy for tourists and residents alike.

This map includes:

- Detailed central area map
- Tourist locations
- Tram, train and bus stations
- Listing of major places to visit, with additional details for the main attractions
- Detailed street index
- Around Dublin area map extending to airport, Dún Laoghaire and Maynooth

**Contributor Bio**
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**Travel**

**Easy Tips for the Eco-friendly Traveller**
Juliet Kinsman

Practical gifting guides for sustainable living in the modern world

**Summary**
Explore the world and satisfy your wanderlust in the most eco-friendly way.

How can we lessen our impact on the world without giving up the things we love? This series of easy-to-follow guides show that positive change is possible without radical changes to your everyday life.

Sustainable tourism doesn't have to mean vowing to never take another flight or spending holidays camping in your back garden. This short expert guide from eco-travel journalist Juliet Kinsman, takes you through every step of planning your trip, from booking to boarding, and arms you with everything you need to know for a lower-impact getaway.

Whether it's explaining how to know which plane to take (yes, some are greener than others) or how to avoid the mini toiletries trap; this book shows that you can save the planet and still live life to the full.

**Contributor Bio**
Juliet Kinsman is a journalist and travel writer who has written widely for publications such as *Conde Nast Traveller* and the *Telegraph*. She is the author of the Mr. & Mrs. Smith travel guides, and the founder of Bouteco, a curation of boutique hotels which are making a positive change to their community and the wider world.
**Home**

*Easy Tips for Everyday Sustainable Living*

Kezia Neusch

Practical gifting guides for sustainable living in the modern world

**Summary**

**Create a happy, beautiful and eco-friendly home**

Having a happy, healthy home is a key part of our wellbeing, but how do we ensure the pursuit of our perfect living space doesn't negatively impact on the environment?

Blogger and low-waste expert Kezia Neusch provides simple swaps and genius hacks to help you reduce your household’s ecological footprint, covering everything from how to break up with your tumble dryer and why your mid-morning snack might be harming the planet.

This book contains everything you need to know to create a sustainable home for you and your family.

**Contributor Bio**

Blogger and instagrammer Kezia Neusch, has been documenting her low-waste and low-impact lifestyle to her 60k followers since 2013. The author of several, successful self-published cookbooks, she lives with her husband and two children in West Sussex.

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**Green Cleaning**

*Eco-Friendly Tips & Tricks*

Alisa Mayne

**Summary**

*Green Cleaning* is your go-to guide for beating the big companies at their own game, giving you chemical-free tips, tricks, and recipes to clean everything from the bathroom tiles to red wine stains on carpet and blocked drains. All recipes are 100% environmentally and budget friendly, making sure your cleaning footprint is green and cost effective. Learn how to harness the natural cleaning power of common household ingredients such as lemons, baking soda, and vinegar to cut through grease and grime with minimal effort and cost. A simple life is a lovely life and the fabulous side effects of this lifestyle is more money, less chemicals, a happier planet, more time, less waste, and less toxins for your body to have to process. This book was written as a workbook, you can start your new cleaning journey by simply embracing one new way to clean at the start, or by using many of the tips at once. Each tiny change makes a big change over time.

**Contributor Bio**

Alisa Mayne was raised completely self-sufficient and has written two books with her mother on the subjects of getting back to basics in the kitchen. Cynthia Mayne was considered an expert in the field of budget and natural cooking and cleaning and together Cynthia and Alisa have given many media and library talks on the subject. Sadly Cynthia passed away after they wrote their last book together but not before teaching her daughter all she knew from her 40 years of experience.
How to Repair Everything
A Green Guide to Fixing Stuff
Nick Harper

Whether you need to repair a strap on a favourite handbag or mend a leak in a washing machine, How to Repair Everything is packed full of tips and tricks of the trade for the person who likes to do-it-yourself.

Summary
Not everything has built-in obsolescence—as this fantastically handy guide to fixing everyday objects proves! Whether you need to repair a strap on a favorite handbag or mend a leak in a washing machine, How to Repair Everything is packed full of tips and tricks of the trade for the person who likes to do-it-yourself. From quick fixes that will get you out of a jam to permanent solutions that make the item good as new, this is perfect for anyone who hates the throwaway society and would much rather refurb and recycle.

With advice on tools, materials, and methods and written in an easy-to-follow, step-by-step format, this is a book that makes it easier to say "No" to our disposable society and make a real difference. Whether it’s a sweater that’s shrunk in the wash, a broken umbrella spoke or fixing a microwave oven, you’ll be amazed just how many things can be mended with a few tools and a bit of patience.

Contributor Bio
Nick Harper is a freelance writer who has worked for all manner of fine publications down the years, from the Guardian and Men’s Health to Q, FHM and FourFourTwo. He has written Man Skills, Help! I’m a Dad, and If It’s Broke, Fix It. Whether you need to repair a strap on a favourite handbag or mend a leak in a washing machine, How to Repair Everything is packed full of tips and tricks of the trade for the person who likes to do-it-yourself.

Potted History (2nd Edition)
How Houseplants Took Over Our Homes
Catherine Horwood

Summary
In this fascinating book we learned how potted plants are as much subject to fashion as pieces of furniture. For the Victorians, it was the aspidistra in the front parlor, the Edwardians loved a palm, and, for today’s millennials, no home is complete without the ubiquitous fiddle-leaf fig. This book show that there is little new when it comes to plants in the home. In the mid-18th century, Wedgwood created a market for special bulb pots and in the 1950s, some of Terence Conran’s earliest designs were for houseplant containers. Across the ages, the choice of potted plants has been influenced by the layout of houses, the levels of dirt and pollution and the equipment to hand. Now, with so much choice, we seem happy to treat houseplants as disposables. This book gives a better understanding of the miracles that were once achieved with indoor plant displays, inspired by Sir Hugh Platt’s 1608 vision of a garden ‘within doores’. This new edition has been revised with new material added to bring the history of the houseplant and its massive explosion in popularity right up to date.

Contributor Bio
Catherine Horwood is a social historian with a passion for plants and gardens. Her book, Beth Chatto: A Life with Plants (Pimpernel, 2019), was enthusiastically received. Fergus Garrett called it ‘a triumph ... beautifully crafted by an author who has thoroughly researched and understood her subject’ (Gardens Illustrated) while the Evening Standard chose it as ‘A Gardening Book of the Year’, saying it was ‘one of the most intimate gardening biographies yet written’.

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GARDENING / HOUSE PLANTS & INDOOR
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Tokachi Millennium Forest
Pioneering a New Way of Gardening With Nature
Dan Pearson, Midori Shintani

"New Japanese horticulture" meets European naturalistic design in this look at a new strand of ecologically led garden design, combining natives and garden plants

Summary
Dan Pearson and Midori Shintani’s inspiring work at the Tokachi Millennium Forest is a game-changer for gardeners and for all who wish to reconnect with the land and wildlife that surround them. It embodies a new strand of naturalistic gardening that relates closely to the immediate context while bringing together the culture, aesthetics and horticultural practices of East and West. This exemplary project puts nature at the heart of the human experience and is a torch bearer for the environmental movement in Japan and beyond. There is an awareness of past, present and future here that speaks to gardeners and nature lovers the world over.

Contributor Bio
Dan Pearson trained at the RHS Gardens, Wisley and at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Working at the botanic gardens of Jerusalem and Edinburgh expanded his understanding of plant ecology, which informs his garden design today. His international work is widely celebrated and he has received numerous accolades including Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Royal Designer for Industry in 2012, and Society of Garden Designers awards. He has designed five award-winning Chelsea Flower Show gardens including Best in Show in 2015, writes weekly at DIGDELVE, and lectures widely.

Midori Shintani trained in horticulture and landscape architecture at Minami Kyushu University, Japan. In 2002 she moved to Sweden and trained to become a gardener at Millesgården and Rosendals Trädgård. In 2004 she moved back to Japan and worked at a garden design company and perennial nursery gaining experience in both traditional and modern styles. Since 2008 she has been the head gardener of Tokachi Millennium Forest. She writes and receives many invitations to lecture.

On Psyche's Lawn
The Gardens at Plaz Metaxu
Alasdair Forbes

Summary
Alasdair Forbes has been developing his innovative and beautiful garden, Plaz Metaxu, in Devon, for the past thirty years. The thirty-two acre garden has been internationally acclaimed both as an unusually ambitious contemporary example of the making of place and for its poetic and psychological insights. Trained as an art historian, Alasdair always wanted his garden to be open to the worlds of myth, literature and the other arts, while remaining keenly aware of the strengths, vulnerabilities and delights a garden has to offer in its own right. He has been the only full-time gardener at Plaz Metaxu from its beginning until the present day, though invaluable part-time assistance has been provided by Cyril Harris (who is not a professional gardener either). The whole garden, with its lawns and fritillary meadows and hedges, its bowers, groves and woods, its lake and its courtyards, its ‘carousel beds’, and its landscaped walks to far horizons, is entirely the creation of these two men. This beautiful, richly illustrated book is Alasdair's own account of how and why the garden was made.

Contributor Bio
Born in London,Alasdair Forbes graduated with an honours history degree from McGill University, in Montreal, before completing an MA in the history of art at the Courtauld Institute. He has worked in Paris and Montreal, and lived for short periods in India and Italy. Before moving to Devon, he lived and taught in London. For the last thirty years he has been preoccupied with creating and looking after his garden. He is currently preparing a series of lectures on the meaning of place to be given at Exeter University.
Flowers that Thrive in London Gardens and Smoky Towns
A Victorian botanical handbook
Eliza Haweis

Summary
First published in 1886 by The Leadenhall Press—priced at one shilling—Flowers that Thrive in London Gardens & Smoky Towns is a charming botanical book which offers a window onto late Victorian urban life. With good humor and with many curious digressions, Mrs. Haweis details the trials and tribulations facing the green-fingered city dweller as they strive to nurture plants amidst the smoke, smog, and soot. This practical handbook served as a riposte to those "country cousins" who insisted that a London garden was a fool’s errand. Mrs. Haweis provides a wealth of horticultural advice and good sense, and draws inspiration from the fine, subtropical botanical gardens of Battersea Park and beyond.

Contributor Bio
Mary Eliza Haweis (1848 – 1898) was a prolific British author, essayist, illustrator and painter as well as a literary scholar and a campaigner in the women's suffrage movement. She published books and essays on many topics, from art and design to political philosophy and even including children's guides to Geoffrey Chaucer. She was also a talented artist who exhibited work at the Royal Academy aged just 18, designed her own book jackets, and illustrated many other publications.

Great British Gardeners
From the Early Plantsmen to Chelsea Medal Winners
Vanessa Berridge

New trade paperback - Through the stories of twenty-six inspiring figures - from 'Capability' Brown, Humphry Repton and Vita Sackville-West to lesser known figures, and present-day gardeners such as Beth Chatto and John Brookes - this book brings the colourful history of British gardening to life.

Summary
The British have always been a nation of gardeners. Their gardening history began even before the Romans, who brought Mediterranean plants which still flourish across Britain. Gardening grew 16th century and a distinctly British style became a major export in the 18th century. Today, the annual Chelsea Flower Show is an international festival, and British garden designers are in demand all over the world. This book traces the history of British gardening over 450 years through the stories of 26 key figures, showing what drove them, and their role in the evolution of Britain's gardens. Their work reveals changes in taste and society down the centuries. Familiar names are featured, such as "Capability" Brown, Humphry Repton, Gertrude Jekyll, Vita Sackville-West and Christopher Lloyd, together with less generally known figures such as John Gerard, whose Herballof 1597 inspired generations of plantsmen, the Tradescants, pioneer plant hunters, and J. C. Loudon, 19th-century champion of smaller gardens. In the present day, we meet Beth Chatto, advocate of the right plant in the right pl...

Contributor Bio
Vanessa Berridge is the author of The Princess’s Garden: Royal Intrigue and the Untold Story of Kew. Formerly the launch editor of The English Garden magazine, she now writes widely on gardens for magazines and newspapers.
Head Gardeners
Ambra Edwards, Charlie Hopkinson

Summary
Ambra Edwards and Charlie Hopkinson explore, in words and pictures, the lives, visions and achievements of 16 very different head gardeners. Includes two new additions to the book—the head gardeners at Abbotsbury in Dorset and Charleston in Sussex, and updates on the careers of the gardeners featured in the original edition. Head Gardeners was the winner of the Inspirational Book of the Year, Garden Media Guild Awards, 2017.

Contributor Bio
Ambra Edwards is the author of The Story of the English Garden and Gardening in a Changing Climate. A regular contributor to the Guardian, the Telegraph, Gardens Illustrated and Country Living, she has twice been awarded the title of Garden Journalist of the Year by the Garden Media Guild. Charlie Hopkinson is a portrait and landscape photographer specializing in the arts, gardening and landscape.

Great Dixter
Then & Now
Fergus Garrett, Carol Casselden, Christopher Lloyd

Summary
Christopher Lloyd, icon and iconoclast of the gardening world, was born at Great Dixter, in East Sussex, in 1921, and died there in 2006. In the years between he developed the garden at Dixter into a mecca for plantsmen and a hub of ideas and connections that spread throughout the world. And from the 1930s almost until his death he was also photographing the garden, recording it in intimate detail as it changed and developed. These photographs are published here, the great majority for the first time. They are juxtaposed with photographs taken by Carol Casselden of the garden as it is today. Fergus Garrett, Christopher Lloyd’s head gardener and his successor at Great Dixter, provides a running commentary on the changing garden and the different plantings.

Contributor Bio
Carol Casselden is an award-winning photographer of gardens and plants. Fergus Garrett was chosen by Christopher Lloyd as his head gardener at Dixter in 1992. He worked closely with Christo until Lloyd’s death in 2006. He is now Chief Executive of the Great Dixter Charitable Trust, and also combines his full-time, hands-on gardening role at Dixter with writing and lecturing all over the world. He was awarded the Veitch Memorial Medal by the RHS in 2015 and in 2019, the coveted RHS Victoria Medal of Honour. Christopher Lloyd (1921–2006) was one of the greatest gardeners of the 20th century and has been described as the world’s finest-ever garden writer. He devoted his life to his garden at Great Dixter, and he produced some of the most influential gardening books of the last 100 years. He was made OBE in 2000 and held the highest award of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Victoria Medal of Honour.
Who Am I?
The Story of a London Art Studio for Asylum Seekers and Refugees
Tania Kaczynski

A poignant look at the lives, experiences and identity of the asylum seekers and refugees that have come to Britain's shores

Summary
When everything is lost, imagination is the only place of true freedom. The New Art Studio, set up in 2014 by two art psychotherapists, is a unique space in London set up as a lifeline for refugees and asylum seekers to experience art therapy in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. With individual real-life stories and experiences recounted alongside the person's art, *Who Am I?* is a poignant look at the state of these dispossessed, and at how creating art can provide a last bastion of hope for those who have lost everything. As ideas and opinions on immigration are currently in the nation's psyche, Kaczynski's narrative and curated selection of the artists' works seek to dispel media myth about asylum seekers, explaining the real stories behind the headlines - stories of bravery, courage, loss and redemption.

Contributor Bio
Tania Kaczynski is an accredited, practicing art psychotherapist who founded the New Art Studio with colleague Jon Martyn in 2014. As the daughter of a refugee herself, she was drawn to the complexities of the current refugee experience and the ongoing lives lived with dual identity. The New Art Studio is a unique, therapeutic studio in London especially for refugees and asylum seekers. She lives in London.

Painted Faces
A Colourful History of Cosmetics
Susan Stewart

New B-format paperback - Susan Stewart guides the reader through the bewildering, fascinating and complex story of cosmetics, from the ancient world to the present day.

Summary
Throughout history, women (and men) have applied make-up to enhance, alter, conceal, and even to disguise their appearance. Also, to a greater or lesser degree over time, cosmetics have been used as a visible marker of social status, gender, wealth, and well-being. A closer look at the world of make-up gives us not only a mirror reflecting day-to-day life in the past, but also an indicator of the culture and politics of earlier periods in history. Susan Stewart guides the reader through the bewildering, fascinating and complex story of cosmetics, from the ancient world to the present day. Anyone who has ever wondered how the Romans used algae to color their faces and urine to whiten their teeth, how Radium came to be a popular 1930s beauty trend, or how make-up survived the war, will enjoy this colorful journey through the human obsession with improving how we look.

Contributor Bio
Susan Stewart is a librarian. Her first published work was based on her PhD thesis awarded in 2003. Since then she has explored her interest in cosmetics further, contributing to various publications and taking part in conferences and events including The Edinburgh Book Festival.
The Times Great Quotations
Famous Quotes to Inform, Motivate and Inspire
James Owen, Times Times Books

A revised and updated collection of witty and memorable quotations from across the centuries. Thematically-arranged quotes from the most notable minds, orators, celebrities, writers and politicians that ever lived. Funny and profound, there are gems here for everyone.

Summary
A revised and updated collection of witty and memorable quotations from across the centuries. Thematically-arranged quotes from the most notable minds, orators, celebrities, writers, and politicians that ever lived. Funny and profound, there are gems here for everyone. Struggling to recall those elusive quotes and sayings? With this thematic approach, The Times has the answer with a selection of the best one-liners across multiple topics and including a people index to help you find who and what you are looking for.

"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." [Attr.] Sir James Dewar, Scottish physicist (1842–1923)

"One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education first." Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist and Nobel Prize winner

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." A Hard Road to Glory (1993) Arthur Ashe, American tennis player and AIDS activist (1943–1993)

"No matter how busy you may t...

Contributor Bio
James Owen is an author, historian, and journalist who has written regularly for The Times for the last 15 years.

History of World Trade in Maps
Philip Parker, Collins Books

Trade is the lifeblood of nations. It has provided vital goods and wealth to countries and merchants from the ancient Egyptians who went in search of gold and ivory to their 21st-century equivalents trading high-tech electronic equipment from the Far East.

Summary
Trade is the lifeblood of nations. It has provided vital goods and wealth to countries and merchants from the ancient Egyptians who went in search of gold and ivory to their 21st-century equivalents trading high-tech electronic equipment from the Far East. In this beautiful book, more than 70 maps give a visual representation of the history of World Commerce, accompanied by text which tells the extraordinary story of the merchants, adventurers, middle-men, and monarchs who bought, sold, explored, and fought in search of profit and power. The maps are all works of art, witnesses to history, and have a fascinating story to tell. The maps include:

- Çatalhöyük Plan, c. 6200BC
- Babylonian Map of the World, c. 600BC
- Stone Map of China, 1136
- Hereford Mappa Mundi, c. 1300
- Buondelmonti Map of Constantinople, c. 1420
- The Waldseemüller Map, 1507
- James Rennell Map of Hindoostan, 1782
- Air Age Map, 1945
- Johns Hopkins Covid-19 Dashboard, 2020

Contributor Bio
Philip Parker is a historian and Sunday Times bestselling author with The Northman's Fury, who studied at Cambridge and Johns Hopkins University. He has written widely on late antiquity, the early Middle Ages and world history, and his unique panoramic history of the nation was published by Collins. He lives in London.
Unquiet Women
From the Dusk of the Roman Empire to the Dawn of the Enlightenment
Max Adams

In a fascinating journey of rediscovery, Max Adams brings to life the forgotten experiences—and voices—of some of the most extraordinary women in history.

Summary
Unquiet Women is an exquisitely crafted patchwork of the forgotten lives of some of the most remarkable women in history.

Wynflæd was an Anglo-Saxon noblewoman who owned male slaves and badger-skin gowns; Egeria a Gaulish nun who toured the Holy Land as the Roman Empire was collapsing; Gudrid an Icelandic explorer and the first woman to give birth to a European child on American soil; Mary Astell a philosopher who out-thought John Locke.

In this exploration of the lives of women living between the last days of Rome and the Enlightenment, Max Adams triumphantly overturns the idea that women of this period were either queens, nuns, or invisible. A kaleidoscopic study of women's creativity, intellect and influence, Unquiet Women brings to life the experiences of women whose stories are all too rarely told. Thanks to its author's rigorous work of rescue and recovery, their voices can be heard across the centuries—still passionate and still strong.

Contributor Bio

The Dignity of Labour
Image, Work and Identity in the Roman World
Iain Ferris

The first book to present an analysis of images of working people in Roman society and to interpret the meaning and significance of these images. What did work mean to the Romans?

Summary
Numerous incidental illustrations of agricultural workers occur on Roman artworks, while the names and trades of many individual working people, artisans, and professionals are known from inscriptions and funerary monuments in Rome and from across the empire. The most extraordinary individual funerary monuments for working people are the Tomb of Eurysaces the Baker that still stands at Porta Maggiore in Rome and the Tomb of the Haterii in the Vatican Museums, the latter a monument to a family that had made their fortune in the construction industry. Less grand but equally informative are the dozens of other funerary monuments to people such as Bassilla the mime or actress from Aquileia, Longidienus the shipbuilder from Ravenna, and Vitalis the pork butcher from Rome. This study encompasses consideration of written and archaeological sources, but particularly visual evidence in the form of sculptures, funerary monuments of various kinds, mosaics, and wall paintings.

Contributor Bio
Iain Ferris is a professional archaeologist of 37 years’ standing. He has directed major archaeological research excavations and has served as a member of the Archaeology Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies.
**King Arthur**

The Man Who Conquered Europe

Caleb Howells

New B-format paperback - This book explores a part of the King Arthur story often ignored - his exploits on the continent. By reexamining the evidence, Howell challenges convention and offers a compelling argument that connects the legend with a real historical event involving the invasion and conqu...

**Summary**

Who was King Arthur? Whether it is concluded that he was a Celtic king or a Roman officer, or something in-between, there is one conclusion that virtually all investigators agree on: he was some kind of war leader who fought against the Saxons in Britain. This is a fair conclusion, but it misses—or ignores—something crucial. In the legends of Arthur, he engages in a monumental campaign into Europe and wages war against the Roman Empire. Few researchers even attempt to offer an explanation for this, most simply dismissing it as fiction. The few theories that have been offered to explain the historical origin of this part of the legend are invariably unconvincing and do not address the scale of Arthur's campaign in the legend. In this book, the historical event behind this legend is revealed. Arthur's enemies are identified as real historical figures. Most importantly, the identity of the man who conquered Europe is discovered and it is shown exactly how he came to be known as King Arthur.

**Contributor Bio**

Caleb Howells is an author from the south coast of England with a passion for discovering the truth behind the legends of King Arthur.

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**The King Arthur Conspiracy** *(2nd Edition)*

How a Scottish Prince Became a Mythical Hero

Simon Stirling

A controversial book offering evidence that Arthuir mac Aedain was the real King Arthur and locates his final burial place

**Summary**

Most of what we know – or think we know – about King Arthur came from the pen of one Geoffrey of Monmouth in 1137. His account in a History of the Kings of Britain quickly became the accepted version of events. It was, however, extremely wide of the mark. Geoffrey created a myth and allowed the English to imagine that Arthur was one of their own. A hero named Arthur undoubtedly existed, but his legend was stolen. The scam of Arthur’s grave and the subsequent myth that Glastonbury was the Isle of Avalon formed a further part of the early Church's conspiracy to reinvent Arthur as an English paragon. So where is Avalon – the island on which Arthur was buried? And who was the original King Arthur? Simon Andrew Stirling draws on a vast range of sources and new translations of early British and Gaelic literature to identify history’s true Arthur, and to pinpoint his precise burial location on Avalon.

**Contributor Bio**

Simon Andrew Stirling has been a professional writer for twenty years, with credits including science and history programmes for the Open University and episodes of popular TV drama series. He received a Writers’ Guild Award in 1995 for his work on the BBC's *Between the Lines*.
The Kings & Queens of Scotland (4th Edition)
Richard Oram

Colourful and complex history of the Kings and Queens of Scotland

Summary
A comprehensive illustrated history of the kings and queens of Scotland from the earliest Scots and Pictish kings to the Union of Parliaments in 1707. This volume charts that process, tracing it through the lives of the men and women whose ambitions drove it forward on the often rocky path from its semi-mythical foundations to its integration into the Stewart kingdom of Great Britain. It is a route way-marked by such towering personalities as Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Mary Queen of Scots, whose lives have made an indelible imprint in world history, but directed also by a host of less well-known figures, such as Causantin mac Aeda, who challenged the heirs of Alfred for the mastery of Britain; David I, who extended his kingdom almost to the gates of York; and James IV, builder of the finest navy in northern Europe. Their will and ambition, successes and failures not only shaped modern Scotland, but have left their mark throughout the British Isles and the wider world.

Contributor Bio
Richard Oram is a Scottish historian.

Britain's Kings and Queens
Kevin Flude

An entertaining, informative, and essential guide to all the kings and queens throughout British history—without all of the boring bits

Summary
Featuring tales of murder, adultery, beheadings, civil war, usurpation, and madness, this book takes you on a gallop through the history of all of England’s kings and queens, plus some of the less well-known Scots and Welsh rulers. Discover the sticky end that befell Edward II, the story of the princes in the Tower, the tale of the queen who reigned for less than a fortnight, and find out whether Macbeth really was a king of Scotland. Presented in an accessible, chronological format, this essential guide will fill in all those gaps in your history knowledge, remind you of those details you’d forgotten, and provide some fascinating and amusing facts about one of the longest-running monarchies in the world.

Contributor Bio
Kevin Flude is the director of the Old Operating Theatre museum in London.
**King & Saint (2nd Edition)**
The Life of Edward The Confessor  
Peter Rex

The biography of England's penultimate Anglo-Saxon king, Edward the Confessor

**Summary**
So long overshadowed by the historic events that followed his death, this is the story of England's penultimate Anglo-Saxon king; his warlike youth, his unlikely succession and his struggle to curb the ambitions of the power-hungry earls of Wessex, Mercia and Northumbria. Edward the Confessor, his family and the rich personalities of their reign are brought vividly to life by critically acclaimed historian Peter Rex. Often depicted by posthumous accounts as a virginal, pious simpleton, Edward was in fact a devious, wily king who struggled to control his violent temper. As a young man in 1016 he fought against the Danish king Canute's invasion of England; as an ageing, childless monarch he cunningly played off his potential rivals and successors to his advantage using the prize of his throne as leverage. Despite his reign of peace and prosperity and the transfer of power to the eminently capable Harold, the death of Edward in January 1066 preceded by mere months the end of the Anglo-Saxon Era. Often blamed for the crisis that prompted the invasions of 1066, Edward's alleged nomination o...

**Contributor Bio**
Peter Rex is a retired history teacher. He was Head of History at Princethorpe College for twenty years. His other books include The English Resistance: The Underground War Against the Normans; Hereward: The Last Englishman; Edgar: King of the English 959-75; and The Last King of England: The Life of Harold II, all published by The History Press.

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**The King in the North**
The Life and Times of Oswald of Northumbria  
Max Adams

A recreation of the life and times of Oswald of Northumbria: Christian warlord, founder of Lindisfarne monastery – and the first great English monarch.

**Summary**
The magisterial biography of Oswald Whiteblade, exiled prince of Northumbria, who returned in blood and glory to reclaim his birthright. A charismatic leader, a warrior whose prowess in battle earned him the epithet Whiteblade, an exiled prince who returned to claim his birthright, the inspiration for Tolkien's Aragorn. Oswald of Northumbria was the first great English monarch, yet today this legendary figure is all but forgotten. In this panoramic portrait of Dark Age Britain, archaeologist and biographer Max Adams returns the king in the North to his rightful place in history.

**Contributor Bio**
Max Adams is the author of The Viking Wars and In the Land of Giants.
The Brandon Men
In the Shadow of Kings
Sarah Bryson

The first book to explore the lives and political impact of the Brandon men from King Henry VI to King Edward VI.

Summary
Four generations of Brandon men lived and served six English Kings, the most famous being Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, best friend and brother-in-law to King Henry VIII. Yet his family had a long history that ties so closely to the kings of the Wars of the Roses back to Henry VI. Charles Brandon's father, Sir William Brandon, joined the Tudor claimant and became standard bearer for Henry Tudor, dying at the Battle of Bosworth. Charles' uncle, Sir Thomas Brandon, held the position of Henry VII's Master of the Horse, one of the three highest positions within the court. Charles Brandon's grandfather had ties with Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III. These men held important offices, made great sacrifices, walked the fine line between being loyal courtiers and traitors and even gave their lives, all in the name of loyalty to the king they served. It is time for them to emerge from the shadows of history.

Contributor Bio
Sarah Bryson has run a website dedicated to Tudor history for many years and has been studying primary sources to tell the story of Mary Tudor for a decade. She is the author of books on Mary Boleyn, Charles Brandon and La Reine Blanche.

The Making of the Tudor Dynasty (2nd Edition)
Ralph A. Griffiths, Roger S. Thomas

The Tudor dynasty's rise and fall and rise again in the years before the Battle of Bosworth

Summary
The peculiar origins of the Tudor family and the improbable saga of their rise and fall and rise again in the centuries before the Battle of Bosworth have been largely overlooked. Based on both published and manuscript sources from Britain and France, The Making of the Tudor Dynasty sets the record straight by providing the only coherent and authoritative account of the ancestors of the Tudor royal family from their beginnings in North Wales at the start of the thirteenth century, through royal English and French connections in the fifteenth century, to Henry Tudor's victory at Bosworth Field in 1485.

Contributor Bio
Ralph A. Griffiths is Professor of Medieval History at the University of Wales in Swansea. Roger S. Thomas is Senior Assistant Registrar in the University of Wales at Swansea.
Henry VII and the Tudor Pretenders
Simnel, Warbeck, and Warwick
Nathen Amin

Explore a fascinating look at the three pretenders to the Tudor throne - Simnel, Warbeck, and Warwick.

Summary
On 22 August 1485, Henry Tudor emerged from the Battle of Bosworth victorious, his disparate army vanquishing the forces of Richard III. Yet, all was not well early in the Tudor reign. Despite later attempts to portray Henry VII as single-handedly uniting a war-torn England after three decades of conflict, the kingdom was anything but settled. Nor could it be after a tumultuous two-year period that had witnessed the untimely death of one king, the mysterious disappearance of another, and the brutal slaughter of a third on the battlefield. For the first time in one compelling and comprehensive account, Nathen Amin looks at the myriad of shadowy conspiracies and murky plots which sought to depose the Tudor usurper early in his reign, with particular emphasis on the three pretenders whose causes were fervently advanced by Yorkist dissidents—Lambert Simnel, Perkin Warbeck, and Edward, Earl of Warwick.

Contributor Bio
Nathen Amin is the author of The House of Beaufort and Tudor Wales.

Katherine Parr
Opportunist, Queen, Reformer: A Theological Perspective
Don Matzat

An original new biography of Henry VIII's last wife, Katherine Parr, which shows the strength of the Queen's devotion to protestant beliefs over and beyond her political and personal fortunes.

Summary
Unlike other biographies, which have focused on the court politics of the Tudor era, the romantic desires of Henry VIII that drove his serial marriages, and the military and economic challenges to England at the time, this biography remembers the central influence of religious belief on the king and queen, and explains how Katherine's devotion to the self-questioning protestant ethos had a directing influence on her actions. In particular, the author identifies her seminal work, "The Lamentation of a Sinner," as the key to unlocking Katherine's personality. These were more religious times than secular readers today might at first appreciate, but this book shows it is crucial to our understanding of why the last years of Henry VIII's reign played out as they did, and how his last queen survived when her predecessors suffered divorce and execution.

Contributor Bio
Don Matzak is the editor of a new edition of Katherine Parr's historic work on her religious faith, The Lamentation of a Sinner. He has studied and written about Katherine Parr and the religious history of her times in The Righteousness of God: The Heart of the Lutheran Reformation. Don is also a part-time pastor and teacher at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Missouri.
**Europe in Flames** *(2nd Edition)*  
**The Crisis of the Thirty Years War**  
John Matusiak

A book on the Thirty Years War by an established history writer.

**Summary**
Early seventeenth-century Europe was a dangerous place. The resulting Thirty Years War was to claim more lives proportionately than either the First or Second World Wars – not only from battle and the endemic violence of marauding armies, but also from famine and plague. In the wake of events in far off Bohemia in 1618, there ensued a bitter struggle encompassing the entire political and religious future of Europe, and involving in one way or another all the major players of the Continent – from the Habsburg monarchs of Spain and the Holy Roman Empire, to the Bourbon rulers of France, and the renowned King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, as well as Denmark, England and, more crucially still, the emerging Dutch Republic of the United Provinces. As the turmoil unfolded, vast mercenary armies exacted an incalculable toll upon helpless civilian populations, while their commanders and the men who equipped them frequently grew rich on the profits, leaving the rulers – to whom they sometimes bore no more than nominal allegiance – perched on the brink of catastrophe. When peace came in 1648, th...

**Contributor Bio**
John Matusiak studied at the universities of London and Sussex before embarking upon a teaching career that eventually spanned more than thirty years. For over a third of that time, he was Head of the History Department at Colchester Royal Grammar School, founded by Henry VIII in 1539. He is the acclaimed author of *Henry VIII, Wolsey and The Prisoner King*.
**Nelson's Lost Jewel (2nd Edition)**  
The Extraordinary Story of the Lost Diamond Chelengk  
Martyn Downer

The first book to tell the remarkable story of one of Britain's most famous jewels, tracing its journey from Constantinople to London

**Summary**

Admiral Lord Nelson's diamond Chelengk is one of the most famous and iconic jewels in British history. Presented to Nelson by the Sultan Selim III of Turkey after the Battle of the Nile in 1798, the jewel had thirteen diamond rays to represent the French ships captured or destroyed at the action. A central diamond star on the jewel was powered by clockwork to rotate in wear. Nelson wore the Chelengk on his hat like a turban jewel, sparking a fashion craze for similar jewels in England. The jewel became his trademark to be endlessly copied in portraits and busts to this day. After Trafalgar, the Chelengk was inherited by Nelson's family and worn at the Court of Queen Victoria. Sold at auction in 1895 it eventually found its way to the newly opened National Maritime Museum in Greenwich where it was a star exhibit. In 1951 the jewel was stolen in a daring raid by an infamous cat-burglar and lost forever. For the first time, Martyn Downer tells the extraordinary true story of the Chelengk: from its gift to Nelson by the Sultan of Turkey to its tragic post-war theft, charting the jewel's ...

**Contributor Bio**

Martyn Downer is the world's leading specialist in objects, relics and artefacts relating to the life and career of Admiral Lord Nelson. Formerly Head of Jewellery at Sotheby's, London, he is the author of several books, including Nelson's Purse, a best-selling account of his discovery of a lost trove of Nelson treasures. martyndowner.com

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**Jihad**  
The Ottomans and the Allies 1914–1922  
Andrew Hyde

New B-format paperback - The story of the Ottoman Empire's religious crusade with the Central Powers against Allied Europe – and its lasting legacy.

**Summary**

The Ottoman Empire was at the point of dissolution by November 1914 when it declared a Holy War against the Allied Powers and threw in its lot with Germany. This decision set in chain a series of cataclysmic events, which culminated in the demise of an ancient regime and the emergence of a modern, secular republic. The first jihad in the Arab world since the Crusades was to continue long after the Armistice of 1918, as the defeated empire faced a triumphalist Greece seeking to re-establish hegemony over Anatolia. This story is a warning from history, including as it does ethnic cleansing, pogroms, regime change and political hubris. It is a story of steely determination and dogged bravery in the face of brazen territorial expansionism. It is also the history of the first modern jihad.

**Contributor Bio**

Andrew Hyde co-wrote a major three-volume work on The Blitz and has been a contributor to the BBC's *Timewatch* program.
**Remarkable Journeys of the Second World War**

*A Collection of Untold Stories*

Victoria Panton Bacon

Capturing the stories of ordinary human beings who lived through extraordinary times

**Summary**

Inspired by conversations with many veterans following the publication of her grandfather’s wartime memoir, Victoria Panton-Bacon has gathered a moving collection of stories. These are stories of bravery, sadness, horror, doubt and longing, from ordinary people who lived under the long shadows cast by World War II and whose young lives were changed irrevocably. These were the young of a different age when work for most began at fourteen, and the world conspired to thrust them into the jaws of conflict. For them, war, the ultimate leveller, threw them into remarkable times, whether they were a merchant seaman, army officer, pilot, young Jewish girl, code breaker or Home Guard recruit. This remarkable collection of experiences also includes the heart-stopping account of Noble Frankland, director of the Imperial War Museum (1960-1982). From one extraordinary story to the next, this is an important and immersive book.

**Contributor Bio**

Victoria Panton Bacon worked for Rt Hon Sir John Major, when he was Prime Minister and at Conservative Central Office and the House of Commons writing his memoirs. She worked in broadcast journalism with the BBC; a producer on *Breakfast with Frost*, she ended up with the BBC World Service. Victoria and her sister founded Elizabeth’s Legacy of Hope in 2011 to raise money for children in developing countries who need prosthetic legs, and in 2014, she edited her grandfather’s World War II story, published by Penguin.

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**Britain’s Black Regiments**

*Fighting for Empire and Equality*

Barry Renfrew

The epic story of the forgotten black regiments of the regular British Army

**Summary**

In three global conflicts and countless colonial campaigns, tens of thousands of black West Indian soldiers fought and died for Britain, first as slaves and then as volunteers. These all but forgotten regiments were unique because they were part of the British Army rather than colonial formations. All were stepchild units, despised by an army loath to number black soldiers in its ranks, and yet unable to do without them; their courage, endurance and loyalty were repaid with bigotry and abuse. This is a saga of war, bondage, hardship, mutiny, forlorn outposts and remarkable fortitude.

**Contributor Bio**

Barry Renfrew is a military historian and foreign correspondent who has covered wars and unrest in Afghanistan, Russia, Africa and elsewhere. Front line experience in Chechnya and other conflict zones has helped him understand what soldiers through the ages have faced on the battlefield. He has previously written *Wings of Empire* for The History Press.
Under Fire
Black Britain in Wartime 1939–45
Stephen Bourne

The trials and triumphs of Britain’s black community during the Second World War

Summary
In Under Fire, Stephen Bourne tells the whole story of Britain’s black community during World War II. On the home front, civilians came under fire from the Blitz in cities such as Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, London, and Manchester. Meanwhile, black servicemen and women, many of them volunteers from places as far away as Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, and Nigeria, risked their lives fighting for the Mother Country in the air, at sea, and on land. Drawing on first-hand testimonies, Bourne sheds light on a wealth of experiences, from evacuees to entertainers, government officials, prisoners of war, and community leaders. Despite facing the discriminatory "color bar," many black civilians were determined to contribute to the war effort where they could, volunteering as civilian defense workers—air-raid wardens, fire-fighters, stretcher-bearers, and first-aiders. Among those remembered are men and women whose stories have only recently come to light, making Under Fire the definitive account of the bravery and sacrifices of black Britons in wartime.

Contributor Bio
Stephen Bourne is the author of Black Poppies and several other books on the subject of black history. He is a graduate of the London College of Printing and received a MPhil from De Montfort University. In 2008 he worked as a historical consultant on the Imperial War Museum's From War To Windrush exhibition. He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by London South Bank University in 2017.

I Heard My Country Calling (2nd Edition)
Elaine Madden, the Unsung Heroine of SOE
Sue Elliott

The remarkable true story of SOE heroine Elaine Madden

Summary
After a tragic childhood among the Great War cemeteries of Flanders Fields, a troubled young woman searches for love and meaning in war-ravaged Europe. Elaine Madden’s quest takes her from occupied Belgium through the chaos of Dunkirk, where she flees, disguised as a British soldier, into the London Blitz, where she finally begins to discover herself. Recruited to T Section of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) as a ‘fast courier’, she is parachuted back to the country of her birth to undertake a top-secret political mission and help speed its liberation from Nazi oppression. Elaine Madden never claimed to be a heroine, but her story proves otherwise. Its centrepiece – war service as one of only two women SOE agents parachuted into enemy-occupied Belgium – is just one episode in an extraordinary real-life drama of highs and lows, love, loss and betrayal. Relayed to the author in the final years of her life, Elaine’s true story of courage and humour in testing times is more intriguing, more compelling than fiction.

Contributor Bio
After teaching English & Drama in a London comprehensive, Sue Elliott spent twenty-five years in broadcasting, where latterly she was in demand as a speech and ghost writer for senior TV executives. She’s been a freelance writer since 2002 and had two non-fiction books published – Love Child and The Children Who Fought Hitler.
**Codebreaking Sisters**  
*Our Secret War*  
Jean Owtram, Patricia Owtram

**Summary**  
Patricia and Jean Owtram are possibly the only living sisters to have signed the wartime Official Secrets Act. Raised in a Lancashire country house in the 1920s, the family takes in two Austrian Jewish refugees, and the sisters quickly become fluent in German - which will go on to shape their roles for ever. When war breaks out in 1939, Patricia is snapped up by the Wrens and posted to top-secret listening stations along the British coastline. Collaborating with Bletchley Park, she is tasked with intercepting German shipping radio in a bid to crack the seemingly impenetrable Enigma Code. Jean’s quick brain for crossword solving lands her a secretive role as Code & Cipher Officer in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. At just 18 years of age, Jean is posted to Cairo, before moving on to Italy to aid the Partisan efforts against the Nazis. As the sisters continue to demonstrate their outstanding intelligence, resilience, and fierce determination, the tide of war gradually begins to turn in Britain’s favor. This is the astonishing story of persistence, comradeship, and fighting spirit showe...

**Contributor Bio**  
Jean Owtram is based in the North West. After the war, Jean turned to social work, working extensively with refugees after the war. Patricia Owtram is based in London. After the war, Patricia worked for the BBC for many years. Now in their 90s, both sisters are still opinionated, lively in discussion, and full of stories from a vanished world.

**Blitz Diary (2nd Edition)**  
*Life Under Fire in the Second World War*  
Carol Harris, Mike Brown

**Summary**  
*Blitz Diary* is a remarkable series of accounts from the war's darkest days, with heart-warming stories of survival, perseverance, solidarity and bravery, the preservation of which becomes increasingly important as the Blitz fades from living memory. War with Germany seemed increasingly likely throughout the 1930s. The British Government and the general population believed that bombs and poison gas would be dropped on civilians in major towns and cities with the aim of terrifying them into surrendering. Today the Blitz, far from breaking civilian morale, is seen as achieving the opposite; it helped galvanize public opinion to carry on fighting the war. But in 1937, preparations to protect the population were hopelessly inadequate, and the British government was far from confident that people would respond in this way. This expanded edition includes new chapters on the civil defense contribution of rescue parties, first aiders and nurses, and much more besides.

**Contributor Bio**  
Carol Harris is a writer and journalist who has written extensively on the Second World War and the 1930s and '40s. She is the author of the Women at War series.
The Crew
The Story of a Lancaster Bomber Crew
David Price

Summary
The Crew, based on interviews with Ken Cook, the crew's sole surviving member, recounts the wartime exploits of the members of an Avro Lancaster crew between 1942 and the war's end. Gloucestershire-born bomb aimer Ken Cook, Australian pilot Jim Comans, Navigator Don Bowes, Upper Gunner George Widdis, Tail Gunner "Jock" Bolland, Flight Engineer Ken Randle and Radio Operator Roy Woollford were seven ordinary young men risking their lives in the dark skies above Hitler's Reich. From their earliest beginnings through training in North America and the danger of the 45 bombing raids they flew with 97 Squadron, David Price describes the crew's wartime experiences with human sympathy allied to a technical understanding of one of the RAF's most iconic aircraft. The drama and anxiety of individual missions—to Kassel, Munich and Augsburg as well as Berlin—is evoked with thrilling immediacy; while the military events and strategic decisions are interwoven deftly with the narrative of the crew's operational careers.

Contributor Bio
David Price is the author of A Bomber Crew Mystery: The Forgotten Heroes of 388th Bombardment Group.

The Happiest Man on Earth
Eddie Jaku

Summary
Life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It is up to you. Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed in November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested, and taken to a concentration camp. Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on a Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, his country. Because he survived, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. He pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom, and living his best possible life. He now believes he is the "happiest man on earth." Published as Eddie turns 100, this is a powerful, heartbreaking, and ultimately hopeful memoir of how happiness can be found even in the darkest of times.

Contributor Bio
Eddie Jaku OAM, was born Abraham Jakubowicz in Germany in 1920. In World War 2, Eddie was imprisoned in Buchenwald and Auschwitz concentration camps. In 1945, he was sent on a "death march" but escaped. Finally, he was rescued by Allied soldiers. In 1950 he moved with family to Australia where he has lived since. Eddie has volunteered at the Sydney Jewish Museum since its inception in 1992. Edie has been married to Flore for 74 years. They have two sons, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. In 2020 Eddie celebrates his 100th birthday.
**Katyn 1940 (2nd Edition)**
The Documentary Evidence of the West's Betrayal
Eugenia Maresch

The truth behind one of the most shocking events in the Second World War.

**Summary**
The mass murder of 22,000 Poles by the Soviet NKVD at Katyn is one of the most shocking events of the Second World War and its political implications are still being felt today. Information surrounding Katyn came to light with Russian perestroika, which made it possible to disclose a key document indicating the circumstances of the massacre. The ‘suspension of judgement’ policy of the British Government hid for more than half a century a deceitful diplomacy of Machiavellian proportions. Katyn 1940 draws on intelligence reports, previously unpublished documents, witness statements, memoranda and briefing papers of diplomats, MPs and civil servants of various echelons, who dealt with the Katyn massacre up to the present day to expose the true hypocrisy of the British and American attitude to the massacre.

**Contributor Bio**
Eugenia Maresch is the author of *General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Poland’s Wartime Leader*; *Intelligence Co-operation Between Great Britain and Poland in World War II*; and *Polish Forces in Defence of the British Isles 1939-1945*.

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**Churchill (2nd Edition)**
Military Genius or Menace?
Stephen Napier

A reassessment of the part Churchill played in WWII, and how his actions really affected those he led.

**Summary**
Churchill has gone down in history as one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. From the day World War II was declared he stood out as the only man wanting to take offensive action. But is this accolade deserved? The first few years of the war were nothing short of disastrous, and author Stephen Napier shows how Churchill’s strategies—and his desire not to be the first British prime minister to surrender the nation—brought the war effort to the brink of ruin and back again. Did his series of retaliatory raids in response to a German accidental bombing help cause the Blitz? Were plans already at large for the US to join the war, with Churchill as the primary puppet master? Napier explores all this and more in a controversial examination of Churchill’s leadership using first-person accounts from his peers and electorate.

**Contributor Bio**
Stephen Napier has studied World War II for more than 30 years. This work has been give years in the making and follows exhaustive research in the archives of Kew, Washington, and Ottawa. His first book, *The Armoured Campaign in Normandy*, was well reviewed.
**Churchill's Secretary**  
The War in Her Words  
Elizabeth Nel

**Summary**
After four and a half years spent recording the dictation of one of history's greatest leaders, Elizabeth Nel decided to record events in her own words. At first resisted by Churchill, her astonishing memoir was eventually published in 1958. Following an idyllic childhood in Canada, Elizabeth Nel moves across the world to complete a secretarial course in London, and is soon summoned for duty at Number 10 Downing Street. After a trying introduction to the world of wartime government, Elizabeth finds herself accompanying the Prime Minister on increasingly significant journeys, first on his regular trips to Chequers, and later internationally, to Washington, Russia and Greece. Nel’s stark and revealing prose illuminates life in wartime Britain, particularly for working women, who were both heavily relied upon and often overlooked. *Churchill’s Secretary* is a fascinating tale of tirelessness and tenacity in the face of national adversity.

**Contributor Bio**
Elizabeth Nel (1917–2007) worked as Winston Churchill’s personal secretary for four and a half years during the Second World War, later retiring with her South African husband to Port Elizabeth, Cape Province.

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**The Woman Who Censored Churchill** *(3rd Edition)*  
Ruth Ive

The story of the woman who ensured that Churchill never let state secrets slip

**Summary**
During the Second World War, the only way Winston Churchill and his American counterpart Franklin D. Roosevelt could communicate was via a top secret transatlantic telephone link. All other Atlantic telephone cables had been disconnected to prevent the Germans intercepting information. Ruth Ive, then a young stenographer working in the Ministry of Information, had the job of censoring the line, and she spent the rest of the war listening in to the conversations across the Atlantic, ready to cut the line if anything was said that might compromise security. Ruth was sworn to secrecy about her work, and at the end of the war all documentation proving the existence of the telephone line was destroyed. It was not until 1995, when Churchill’s private files were finally declassified, that Ruth was able to research her story. Now, for the first time, one of the Second World War’s key workers describes the details of her incredible story, and the private conversations of two of the war’s most important players can be revealed.

**Contributor Bio**
Ruth Ive was censor for the transatlantic telephone link during the Second World War. After the war she worked as a journalist.
On Our Doorstep
When Australia Faced the Threat of Invasion by the Japanese
Craig Collie

Summary
'I can't understand the mentality of the Australian people,' said John Curtin. 'One day they are in a panic about the war and the next they want more race meetings.'

Australia has a history of believing itself to be under threat of invasion. In 1942 that threat, in the form of invasion and occupation by the Japanese, seemed more imminent than the earlier fears. On Our Doorstep is the story of how Australia and Australians - the government, the military and the people - prepared to face this calamity, and the events that persuaded them of its probability. The Japanese had steamrolled through Malaya and Singapore, and bombed Darwin with the same ferocity they had dealt Pearl Harbor. Nothing could stop them. Their next step was inevitable, surely.

Meanwhile, wartime leader John Curtin was battling with Winston Churchill to get Australian troops back to defend their homeland, and positioning to ensure America's help to fend off the approaching enemy. At home, people pitched in as best they could and in any way to frustrate the invader, all playing their part, torn between 'she'll be right'...

Contributor Bio
Craig Collie is the author of the highly acclaimed The Path of Infinite Sorrow: The Japanese on the Kokoda Track and Nagasaki: The massacre of the innocent and unknowing, as well as The Reporter and the Warlords: An Australian at large in China's republican revolution and Code Breakers: Inside the shadow world of signals intelligence in Australia's two Bletchley Parks. He is a TV producer-director by background and was head of TV Production at SBS.

Black Propaganda in the Second World War (2nd Edition)
Stanley Newcourt-Nowodworski

Summary
Black propaganda appears over a fake signature, for example of a fictitious resistance organization. In this book, the author examines the "black arts" of Britain, Poland and the Nazis during the Second World War. By 1939, Josef Goebbels had won the struggle for control of the propaganda process in Nazi Germany. In contrast, it took the arrival of Sefton Delmer in 1941 for anyone in Britain to understand how to use propaganda to subvert the German war effort. Through the shadowy Political Warfare Executive, the "black" radio stations Delmer created lured German listeners with jazz and pornography (both banned), mixed with subversive rumors. Millions of "black" leaflets - perfect forgeries of German documents, with subtly altered texts - were produced, their aim to encourage malingering, desertion and sabotage. Black Propaganda explains how even before the outbreak of the Second World War, British and Polish intelligence had worked closely together on a number of key security issues that included the 'Enigma' machine and the German V-weapons program. Following the occupation of their ...

Contributor Bio
Stanley Newcourt-Nowodworski joined the Polish Home Army in 1943. Caught and deported to a German labor camp, he escaped and spent a short period with US forces in Germany and France before joining the Polish Army. He came to England in 1946 and pursued careers in the fields of computers, finance and with the BBC World Service Polish Section.
Radio Hitler
Nazi Airwaves in the Second World War
Nathan Morley

The first in-depth look at German home service radio stations, this is a fascinating insight into how the Nazi war machine sought to shape public opinion at home and abroad. Based on original research and unlimited access of German archives, Radio Hitler is an important new addition to the literatur...

Summary
Radio Hitler follows the life of Deutchlandsender and its sister stations that transmitted to Germany and the world at large. Using first-hand interviews, archives, diaries, letters and memoirs, this book examines what Nazi radio was and what it stood for. Detailed here is the vast “fake news” effort, which bombarded audiences in the Middle East, Africa, the U.S. and Great Britain. A light is also shone on the home service stations that provided the soundtrack to everyday life in Nazi Germany.

Contributor Bio
Nathan Morley is a journalist who has worked for German public broadcaster Deutsche Welle.

Britain's Forgotten Traitor
The Life and Death of a Nazi Spy
Ed Perkins

Summary
In November 1943, Oswald John Job, a 58-year-old London-born man claiming to be a refugee from the Nazis arrived by flying boat at Poole Harbour. But on him he carried a jeweled tiepin and a ring with 18 diamonds being sent by the Germans as payment to London agent. Within four months Job would be hanged as a traitor. He claimed to the end that he had never intended to spy. Was he lying or telling the truth?

Contributor Bio
Ed Perkins has been a journalist and worked a city press office and at an ape rescue center.
Voices of the Flemish Waffen-SS
The Final Testament of the Oostfronters
Jonathan Trigg

New B-format paperback - What motivated men to fight for an enemy that had invaded their own country? These are last voices of the Flemish Waffen-SS; there are very few left and they tell their story with absolute candour. After 70 years, why would they not?

Summary
At the very beginning of World War II Germany invaded and occupied Belgium. Yet less than a year later some of Belgium’s citizens volunteered to join the Waffen-SS and fight on the newly formed Eastern Front against Stalin’s Soviet Union. By the end of the war thousands had volunteered. Casualties were high, but there were survivors and they returned home, often to face condemnation and retribution. This book is about the war they fought in their own words, the very few who remain, the last testament before they are all gone.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Trigg is the author of Hitler's Vikings and Death on the Don.

TAC in the 1980s
Adrian Symonds

The lavishly illustrated story of Tactical Air Command in the 1980s

Summary
Tactical Air Command, based in the U.S., held the majority of the USAF’s tactical air power. The wartime role for most TAC units was to deploy their assets to regional USAF commands, primarily to the main Cold War “front” Commands, USAFE and PACAF, as well as to Latin America and the Caribbean with the Southern Air Division, and to the Middle East with the Rapid Deployment Force (later Central Command). Therefore, overseas deployments were routine for many TAC units. However, not all TAC units had to deploy for their war mission. In 1979 TAC absorbed the remnants of what remained of Aerospace Defense Command, giving TAC the air defense mission. TAC also oversaw the USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, which provided U.S. and Allied aircrews with the world’s most realistic training, over the expansive Nevada ranges.

Contributor Bio
Adrian Symonds has extensively studied the histories of the world’s air forces.
The Novotny Papers
'A Bit Vulture, A Bit Eagle'
Lilian Pizzichini

'I have always been a bird. A bit vulture, a bit eagle. I have looked the sun in its face. Born several times - dead several times so that I could be reborn from my ashes.'

Summary
It is almost impossible to summarize the extraordinary life of Mariella Novotny in a few paragraphs. In 1961 she was an underage prostitute engaging in sexual relations with President Kennedy. She was believed to be part of a vice ring set up by an alleged Communist agent who was also a British film producer. FBI officers called their investigation "The Bow-Tie Case." Two years later the "Monroe lookalike" played a major part in the Profumo Affair. She was a close friend of Stephen Ward, another putative whistle-blower who died in suspicious circumstances. In the late 1960s, she gave birth to the child of Eddie Chapman, England's most successful wartime double agent. Between 1975 and 1978 she worked undercover for Operation Countryman, an investigation into police corruption in the Flying Squad. Her chief target was the author's grandfather, Charlie Taylor, a London conman who had high-ranking officers in his deep pockets. Mariella brought them all down. Mariella was found dead in her bed in February 1983. She was in the process of writing her memoirs. In the author's own words, "Thi...

Contributor Bio
Lilian Pizzichini's Dead Men's Wages won the CWA Gold Dagger for non-fiction, and The Blue Hour: A Life of Jean Rhys, was shortlisted for the Washington Arts prize.

America's Forgotten Wars
From Lord Dunmore to the Philippines
Ian Hernon

What were US troops doing in Sumatra in 1832? And why was there a Korean War in 1844? This book puts US history in a whole new different light.

Summary
Americans know about the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the world wars, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq/Afghanistan, but the many in-between conflicts have been erased from public memory. Many of the forgotten conflicts have a particular resonance now. The Texas-Mexico border conflict (1917) saw Hispanic farmers murdered as America prepared to invade south of the border—no Trump Wall then. The US kept 150 men as official POWs for 36 years after a conflict that ended in 1873—which one? This book is full of surprises, many of them colored by irony and often tragedy: the Barbary Wars (1801-3) were fought to end the North African slave trade. The Philippines War of 1899 caused the death of over 200,000 civilians. This companion volume to Britain's Forgotten Wars, this book puts US history in a whole new light.

Contributor Bio
Ian Hernon has been a print journalist since 1969 and ran the oldest Parliamentary news agency for 15 years. He is the former deputy editor of Tribune and the author of Britain's Forgotten Wars.
Tuesday's Child
How America Chooses Its Presidents
Brian Church

A fun and snappy look at how the world's most important job is filled each year - published in time for the 2020 election. Written in a conversational style, former ESPN columnist Brian Church looks at the electoral college, the history of dirty campaigns and more.

Summary
Donald Trump is one of the most divisive leaders, at home and abroad, in American history. His humble bid to win another four years in the White House will be the most watched election in history. He'll like that. But how does America actually elect its president and what role is played by the mysterious electoral college? This book looks at the historical background of the electoral college and how it works today. It shows how, in what becomes 50 individual elections, candidates can choose which states to woo (or ignore) in their quest to amass 270 electoral college votes out of the 538 available. This book also takes a fun look at election statistics, examining if tall candidates beat small, young defeats old, Virgo edges Sagittarius and bad hair trumps good.

Contributor Bio
Brian Church worked for The Associated Press (AP) in London, New York, Cairo and Athens, and covered two Olympics as an ESPN.com columnist. His books include Learn Greek in 25 Years - A Crash Course for the Linguistically Challenged, a national bestseller in Greece.

The History of the Civil Rights movement
The Story of the African American Fight for Justice and Equality
Dan Peel

Summary
Marking 55 years since the landmark Civil Rights Act was signed into law, this book takes you on a fascinating journey through the defining moments of America’s Civil Rights Movement during the 1950s and 1960s. You’ll find everything from Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott to Martin Luther King’s legendary ‘I Have a Dream’ speech and the March on Washington. Filled with fascinating features, emotive stories, and iconic imagery, the book explores the origins of the African American fight for freedom and equality, its achievements in the face of intense opposition, the movement’s iconic leaders and their roles, and how it has inspired the new wave of protest and activism currently sweeping the World. Persuading everyone from World leaders, sports men and women, and millions of ordinary citizens to “Take the Knee.”

Contributor Bio
Dan Peel is an experienced writer and editor working for the International group Future Publishing.
**People of the River**

**Lost Worlds of Early Australia**

Grace Karskens

A landmark history of Australia's first successful settler farming area, which was on the Hawkesbury-Nepean River. Award-winning historian Grace Karskens uncovers the everyday lives of ordinary people in the early colony, both Aboriginal and British.

**Summary**

Dyarubbin, the Hawkesbury-Nepean River, is where the two early Australias - ancient and modern - first collided. *People of the River* journeys into the lost worlds of the Aboriginal people and the settlers of Dyarubbin, both complex worlds with ancient roots.

The settlers who took land on the river from the mid-1790s were there because of an extraordinary experiment devised half a world away. Modern Australia was not founded as a gaol, as we usually suppose, but as a colony. Britain's felons, transported to the other side of the world, were meant to become settlers in the new colony. They made history on the river: it was the first successful white farming frontier, a community that nurtured the earliest expressions of patriotism, and it became the last bastion of eighteenth-century ways of life.

The Aboriginal people had occupied Dyarubbin for at least 50,000 years. Their history, culture and spirituality were inseparable from this river Country. Colonisation kicked off a slow and cumulative process of violence, theft of Aboriginal children and ongoing annexation of the river lands. Ye...

**Contributor Bio**

Grace Karskens is author of *The Colony*, winner of the 2010 Prime Minister's Non-fiction Award, and of *The Rocks*, winner of the 1998 NSW Premier's History Award. She is Professor of History at the University of New South Wales and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

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**Lowitja**

**The Authorised Biography of Lowitja O'Donoghue**

Sutart Rintoul

**Summary**

'I am sometimes identified as one of the "success stories" of the policies of removal of Aboriginal children. But for much of my childhood I was deeply unhappy. I feel I had been deprived of love and the ability to love in return. Like Lily, my mother, I felt totally powerless. And I think this is where the seeds of my commitment to human rights and social justice were sown.' Lowitja O'Donoghue

Lowitja O'Donoghue is a truly great Australian. She is a former Australian of the Year and was the inaugural chair ATSIC. She has represented Australia's Indigenous people at UN forums in Geneva and New York and had Australia become voted to become a republic she would have been a contender to become Australia's first president. This long-awaited authorized biography of arguably the most recognized Indigenous woman in Australia is compellingly written by journalist Stuart Rintoul with Lowitja's full cooperation.

In 2001 a bitter controversy arose over whether Lowitja had been 'stolen' as a child. There has never been any doubt that she had been handed over to missionaries at the United Aborigine...

**Contributor Bio**

Stuart Rintoul has been a writer and journalist for more than 30 years, including two decades with *The Australian* (he is its former Victorian editor) and leading magazines, including *Good Weekend*. He is the author of *Ashes of Vietnam: Australian Voices*, the first oral history of Australians in the Vietnam War, and also author of *The Wailing: A National Black Oral History*, which was recommended by Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson for inclusion in the Library of Alexandria.
**Buckley's Chance**
Garry Linnell

**Summary**
He fought Napoleon's army and survived. He was sent to the gallows and escaped the noose. Now he is in chains and on his way to the other side of the world. What happens next will become one of the most remarkable survival stories in history. The 19th century has just begun. The world is at war. England, ruled by a mad king, is exiling thousands of criminals to an old land that has become its newest dumping ground. One of those prisoners is William Buckley, barely 21, a former soldier sentenced to life for stealing two small pieces of cloth. He's a giant for his times. But it's not just his towering frame that sets him apart. It's his desire for freedom that will make his story so unique—even in an era famous for outrageous acts of bravery and heroism. On a moonlit night Buckley escapes and disappears into the Australian bush. Discovered and adopted by an aboriginal tribe who regard him as a ghost, he is initiated into their rich and complex culture. Given up for dead by his white captors, he will not be seen again for more than 30 years until he emerges one day... carrying a spea...

**Contributor Bio**
Garry Linnell is one of Australia’s most experienced journalists. Born and raised in Geelong, he has won several awards for his writing, including a Walkley for best feature writing. He has been editor-in-chief of the Bulletin, editor of the Daily Telegraph, director of news and current affairs for the Nine Network and editorial director of Fairfax. He spent four years as co-host of the Breakfast Show on 2UE and is also the author of three previous books: Football Ltd: The inside story of the AFL; Raelene: sometimes beaten, never conquered and Playing God: The rise and fall of Gary Ablett.

**Enid**
The Scandalous Life of a Glamorous Australian who Dazzled the World
Robert Wainwright

**Summary**
Enid Lindeman stood almost six feet tall, with silver hair and flashing turquoise eyes. The girl from Strathfield in Sydney stopped traffic in Manhattan, silenced gamblers in Monte Carlo and dared walk a pet cheetah on a diamond collar through Hyde Park in London.

In early twentieth-century society, when women were expected to be demure and obedient, the granddaughter of Hunter Valley wine pioneer Henry Lindeman waltzed through life to the beat of her own drum. She drove an ambulance in World War I and hid escaped Allied airmen behind enemy lines in World War II, played bridge with Somerset Maugham and entertained Hollywood royalty in the world’s most expensive private home on the Riviera, allegedly paid for by her winnings in a game of cards.

Enid captivated men with her beauty, outlived four husbands-two shipping magnates, a war hero and a larger-than-life Irish earl—spent two great fortunes and earned the nickname ‘Lady Killmore’. From Sydney to New York, London to Paris and Cairo to Kenya, Robert Wainwright tells the fascinating story of a life lived large on the world stage.

**Contributor Bio**
Robert Wainwright has been a journalist for 25 years, rising from the grassroots of country journalism in Western Australia to a senior writer with The Sydney Morning Herald. His career has ranged from politics to crime, always focusing on the people behind the major news of the day. He is the author of Rose: The Unauthorised biography of Rose Hancock Porteous, The Lost Boy, The Killing of Caroline Byrne, Sheila and Rocky Road.
**Jacinda Ardern**
Michelle Duffy

**Summary**
"Sincere, intent, focused and always readable. [This] book gets to a truth and an understanding." —Steve Braunias, *Newsroom*

Michelle Duffy delves into Ardern's beginnings in small-town New Zealand, discovering a nose-ringed teen fighting for equality and her own identity in a devout Mormon family.

Duff tracks Ardern's political career, from being dismissed as a "show pony" to her compassion during one of New Zealand's biggest tragedies, the Christchurch mosque terror attack of 2019. In its aftermath, Ardern has become a global icon for her strength and decisiveness while uniting a country in shock and mourning.

Ardern attracted international headlines for being the second world leader to give birth while in office. But why was having a baby so meaningful, and what does it say about the continued struggle for gender equality?

Has Ardern really been a transcendent leader, and what enduring mark might she leave on the political landscape?

This is an engrossing and powerful exploration of one of the most intriguing political stories of our time—telling us as much about one young woman's ascend...

**Contributor Bio**

**Michelle Duffy** is a highly regarded New Zealand journalist whose work has appeared in print and online media in Aotearoa and internationally. Duff covers social issues with a primary focus on health, maternity, and sexual violence. She has a background in psychology, with specialties in gender and sexuality, and writes a high-profile column for *Stuff* exploring these topics. She is a nine-time finalist at the Voyager Media Awards, most recently as part of *Stuff's Me Too team*, where she exposed the predatory behavior of a trusted family doctor. She won general feature writer of the year in 2016, for a piece on the widening race gap in education.

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**Journey to Russia**
Miroslav Krleža, Dragana Obradovic, Will Firth

**Summary**
When Miroslav Krleža traveled through Russia for six months between the end of 1924 and the beginning of 1925, the celebrated Croatian writer was there to figure out what it all meant. The sprawling country was still coming to terms with the events of the 1917 revolution and reeling from Lenin's death in January 1924. During this period of profound political and social transition, Krleža opened his senses to train stations, cities, and villages and collected wildly different Russian perspectives on their collective moment in history. Krleža's impressionistic reportage of mass demonstrations and jubilant Orthodox Easter celebrations is informed by his preoccupation with the political, social, and psychological complexities of his environment. The result is a masterfully crafted modernist travelogue that resonates today as much as it did when first published in 1926.

**Contributor Bio**

Regarded as the most important twentieth-century Croatian author, **Miroslav Krleža** (1893-1981) wrote modernist poems, plays, novels, and essays that, in the words of Susan Sontag, protested "against the normality of delusion and cruelty," and earned him comparisons to Honore de Balzac, Emile Zola, and James Joyce. His novels *The Return of Philip Latinowicz* and *On the Edge of Reason* have both been translated into English. **Dragana Obradovic** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto. **Will Firth** was born in 1965 in Newcastle, Australia. He studied German and Slavic languages in Canberra, Zagreb, and Moscow. Since 1991 he has lived in Berlin, where he works as a translator of literature and the humanities—from Russian, Macedonian, and all variants of the "language with many names," aka Serbo-Croatian. In 2005-07 he translated for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Firth is a member of professional associations in Germany (VdÜ) and Britain (Translators Association).
Backstop Land
Glenn Patterson

A witty and impassioned book on Ulster, which has been thrust into the center of British and European politics and which is likely to become Britain's frontier with the wider world.

Summary
"Funny, wise, entertaining and illuminating, this book is one of the best things to come out of the Brexit saga." —Fintan O'Toole

"Read this absorbing book to understand why, since 2016, we have been playing with fire. There is no longer any excuse for ignorance." —Misha Glenny

Northern Ireland's frontier with the South has been an invisible line since the peace agreement of 1998. Now the battle over the UK's decision to leave the EU risks turning it into a hard border. Yet few people in the rest of Britain (or Ireland) know anything much about this most volatile part of an increasingly disunited Kingdom.

This book was written in the feverish summer of 2019, in the aftermath of the "New" IRA's murder of Lyra McKee, with the fear and anxiety of Brexit looming over a region in which paramilitary forces are still carrying out beatings, and worse, even as the numbers of tourists drawn by the Titanic and Game of Thrones continue to grow.

The power-sharing government created by the Good Friday Agreement has not met—a bleak record in a long-running farce—in more than 1,000 days. If it wasn't for...

Contributor Bio
Glenn Patterson was born and lives in Belfast. He is a graduate of the University of East Anglia creative writing course. He has written several acclaimed novels and co-wrote the screenplay of the film Good Vibrations, based on the Belfast music scene of the 1970s.

Africa Reimagined
Reclaiming Prosperity for the Continent
Hlumelo Biko

Steve Biko argued that 'the most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed'. Hlumelo Biko unpacks this in its practical import and shows how changing the situation can transform Africa.

Summary
Africa Reimagined is a thoughtful analysis of Africa's past, present and future, a sobering assessment of where it stands today, and where it needs to go, at once unnervingly candid and inspiring. Imagine if in the year 2040, 40 of Africa’s 55 nations have chosen to join together in a Pan African government structure modeled on Swiss decentralized federalism. A merger between Ethiopian Airways, Air Mauritius, Air Kenya, Nigerian carrier Air Peace and South African Airways has transformed air travel. Africa is now home to the world's largest mining company in the form of a rejuvenated Anglo American, the company having returned to its African home base powered by a massive investment from Africa’s new sovereign wealth fund. Africa rolls out the world’s largest solar plants in the Sahara and Kalahari deserts. These projects are underwritten by a new insurance network based in Mauritius and modeled on Lloyd’s of London. Rural employment has risen thanks to a focus on subsistence farmers, who have a shared service model that allows them world-class access to price-sensitive information, ...

Contributor Bio
Hlumelo Biko is the South African son of Steve Biko. He worked at the World Bank in Washington DC, is a venture capitalist and dedicated philanthropist supporting South African entrepreneurs and education projects, and is the author of The Great African Society: A Plan for a Nation Gone Astray.
Six Capitals
Capitalism, Climate Change and the Accounting Revolution that Can Save the Planet
Jane Gleeson-White

Summary
"A fascinating read. Gleeson-White artfully captivates the reader as she explores the fast-evolving language, metrics, actors and laws that are profoundly reshaping 'capital' in the 21st century." —Kate Raworth, author, Doughnut Economics

Climate change is here and capitalism is implicated: it's programmed to privilege profit and growth over human communities and the living earth. We need to change this system—and we need to do it now. Six Capitals charts the rise of four movements designed to overthrow capitalism as we know it: multi-capital accounting, for society, nature, and profit; the push for a new corporation legally bound to benefit nature and society while making a profit; ecosystem accounting for nations; and legal rights for nature, which resonate with indigenous earth-centered laws. These movements are critical for the future of human life on this planet. Together they override the profit-driven modern corporation, the growth-driven nation state, and the legal status of the natural world as lifeless property.

Multi-capital and ecosystem accounting, benefit corporations, and...

Contributor Bio
Jane Gleeson-White is the author of Double Entry: How the merchants of Venice shaped the modern world and how their invention could make or break the planet, which won the 2012 Waverly Library Award for Literature and was shortlisted for the 2013 NSW Premier’s Literary Awards, The Age Book of the Year Award, and the Queensland Literary Awards. She is also the author of Australian Classics and Classics. Jane is a PhD student in creative writing at the University of New South Wales and has degrees in economics and literature from the University of Sydney and was an intern at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice.

A Business Guide for Beginners
Venture Into the Business World with a Recipe for Success
Des O’Keeffe

Summary
Are you considering taking up a career in the business industry, maybe starting up your own business or studying business? If so, the first step in your journey is gaining the knowledge of what business is actually all about.

A Business Guide for Beginners is the only guide you’ll need to get to grips with the basics, with content including:

- Broad introduction to the basics of business
- Guides to the main functional areas of a company, including people management, operations, and finance
- Step by step guide to the practical stages of starting a business
- Comparing different business strategies
- Examining business ethics
- A to Z of key business terms

Using this business "primer" to guide your ideas, understand your motivations and structure your work, you'll build your own recipe for Business Success as you approach your first venture into the business world.

Contributor Bio
Des O’Keeffe has a BA in Classics from The University of Durham and an MBA from The University of Bradford. During a 30-year financial career he worked in a variety of well-known companies in the UK before moving to Central Europe with the Calor Group. He helped to set up Tesco’s Hungarian operation as their Financial Director. He also undertook a financial directorship within a large telecommunications group.
Out of Office
Ditch the 9-5 and Be Your Own Boss
Fiona Thomas

_out of Office: Ditch the 9-5 and Be Your Own Boss_ is the no-nonsense guide for ditching the traditional 9-5 and becoming a successful and happy freelancer.

Summary
This no-nonsense guide addresses the questions that people might feel too embarrassed to ask ... like how to raise an invoice, submit a tax return, claim expenses, network, and use social media. Fiona also details why working from home is proven to have a positive impact on productivity and mental health, and why so many women are making the leap into freelancing out of necessity.

Filled with must-have information, helpful check-ins, and a strong focus on understanding the whys just as much as the hows, _Out of Office_ will help you dive into freelance life and push you to the next level, while making sure you're taking time to reflect on your business and state of mind.

Contributor Bio
When **Fiona Thomas** was diagnosed with depression, she felt lost, and began blogging to pass the time. She became obsessed with the online world, which led her to experience high levels of anxiety. Now a proud advocate for using technology as a communication tool for those suffering from symptoms of mental illness, Fiona has used the internet to hone her identity and create a supportive community. She published _Depression in a Digital Age_, her first book on the subject, in 2018.

How to Think Like an Entrepreneur
Daniel Smith

_How to Think Like an Entrepreneur_ presents the ideas and methods of the business greats, allowing the reader to expand their understanding of what drives and informs successful entrepreneurship.

Summary
An entrepreneur is someone who has a great, innovative idea that identifies the need for the creation of a new business, taking on the financial risk in the hope of profit and driving that business forward in a measured way.

This book draws on the stories, experiences and words of iconic business figures from around the globe and across the years—from Andrew Carnegie and Oprah Winfrey to Steve Jobs and Sunil Mittal. Each chapter deals with a specific aspect of entrepreneurship and the lessons they can teach us, such as:

- If you want to become big, you need to think big. If you're content for your business to tick over, that's fine. But if you want it to be a world-beater, you need a world-beater's mindset
- Don't forget what makes your business scalable in the first place
- Prepare your company for growing pains. Expansion brings inevitable problems but an entrepreneur should do everything possible to ready their business
- Try to predict what lies ahead – but remember Warren Buffett's wise words: "Forecasts usually tell us more of the forecaster than of the future"

Each study includes qu...

Contributor Bio
**Daniel Smith** is a nonfiction author and editor who has written across a range of subjects, including politics, economics, and social history. He is the author of _The Little Book of Big Ideas: 150 Concepts and Breakthroughs that Transformed History_, and the 'How to Think Like . . .' series. He is also a long-time contributor to _The Statesman's Yearbook_, the geo-political guide to the world that celebrated its 150th
How to Market Your Book
Lynn Morrison

Summary
These days, regardless of whether a book is self-published or traditionally published, there will be an expectation on the author to take an active role in marketing their book. Based on a series of interviews with successful authors from both sides of the publishing divide and both sides of the pond, Lynn lays out in detail the marketing strategies that have worked for them, alongside an explanation of how book marketing works based on her own long-standing career as a senior marketing exec. From developing social media tactics and arranging promotional events to handling press and trying to start viral campaigns, Lynn offers practical advice designed to help an author find a book marketing strategy that best works for them, based on their personal strengths and budget.

Contributor Bio
Lynn Morrison is a marketing veteran with a career spanning more than 20 years in both in-house and agency roles. She has held management roles in Fortune 100 and FTSE 250 organizations, worked with start-ups, and even launched a few herself. She is also the author of Murder at St Margaret and Burglary at Barnard, the first two books in The Oxford Key Mysteries series.

How to Be Published
Lynn Morrison

Summary
Theoretically there has never been a better time to become a published writer. But for anyone looking to venture into today’s publishing landscape, it can be a daunting prospect—self-publish? Look for an agent? Go direct to an indie publisher? And what exactly is digital-first publishing? How to Be Published is the first book to offer an unbiased guide to the pros and cons of self-publishing versus traditional publishing, along with all the myriad options in between—helping an author navigate the complex world of publishing and find the best path for them, their book, and their writing aspirations.

Contributor Bio
Lynn Morrison is a marketing veteran with a career spanning more than 20 years in both in-house and agency roles. She has held management roles in Fortune 100 and FTSE 250 organizations, worked with start-ups, and even launched a few herself. She is also the author of Murder at St Margaret and Burglary at Barnard, the first two books in The Oxford Key Mysteries series.
Open
The Story of Human Progress
Johan Norberg

Summary
Humanity’s embrace of openness is the key to our success. The freedom to explore and exchange - whether it’s goods, ideas or people - has led to stunning achievements in science, technology and culture. As a result, we live at a time of unprecedented wealth and opportunity. So why are we so intent on ruining it? From Stone Age hunter-gatherers to contemporary Chinese-American relations, Open explores how across time and cultures, we have struggled with a constant tension between our yearning for co-operation and our profound need for belonging. Providing a bold new framework for understanding human history, bestselling author and thinker Johan Norberg examines why we’re often uncomfortable with openness - but also why it is essential for progress. Part sweeping history and part polemic, this urgent book makes a compelling case for why an open world with an open economy is worth fighting for more than ever.

Contributor Bio
Johan Norberg is an author, lecturer and filmmaker. He is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington DC and his books have been translated into twenty-five languages. His book Progress was an international bestseller and an Economist book of the year. Norberg regularly writes for publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Forbes and HuffPost. He spreads his time between his native Sweden and the US.

The Fourth Education Revolution (2nd Edition)
Will Artificial Intelligence Liberate or Infantilise Humanity
Anthony Seldon, Oladimeji Abidoye

Summary
Sir Anthony Seldon, the prominent political biographer and leading educationalist, addresses one of the high-stakes issues that will determine our future: the role of artificial intelligence and its impact on the world of education.
AI will be an altogether new way of spreading education across the world, especially to those hundreds of millions who currently have limited access to it. As schools across the world have been shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and many education systems have been forced to migrate, at least temporarily, to online platforms, the debate about how to deliver knowledge has never been more relevant.
Britain and the US have an excellent education system in their schools and universities—excellent, but tailored to the 20th century. The mass teaching methods of the third revolution era have failed to conquer enduring problems of inequity and unfairness. Will the fourth AI revolution be able to remedy these problems?
This book, presented in an updated second edition, is a call to educators everywhere to open their eyes to what is coming. If we do so, then the future will be shaped by us in the interests of humanity as a whole – but if we don’t, then it will be imposed by others.

Contributor Bio
Sir Anthony Seldon is the Vice-Chancellor of Buckingham University and the former head of one of the UK’s leading independent schools. He is regarded as one of the most authoritative high-profile commentators on education, and his views are frequently sought by the government and political parties. A champion of digital learning and of bridging the divide between state and independent sectors, he is also a pre-eminent political writer and contemporary historian, having written seminal biographies of five recent Prime Ministers.
The Bilingual Brain
And What It Tells Us about the Science of Language
Albert Costa

Summary
Over half of the world’s population is bilingual and yet few of us understand how this extraordinary, complex ability really works. How do two languages co-exist in the same brain? What are the advantages and challenges of being bilingual? How do we learn - and forget - a language?

In the first study of its kind, leading expert Albert Costa shares twenty years of experience to explore the science of language. Looking at studies and examples from Canada to France to South Korea, *The Bilingual Brain* investigates the significant impact of bilingualism on daily life from infancy to old age. It reveals, among other things, how babies differentiate between two languages just hours after birth, how accent affects the way in which we perceive others and even why bilinguals are better at conflict resolution.

Drawing on cutting-edge neuro-linguistic research from his own laboratory in Barcelona as well from centres across the world, and his own bilingual family, Costa offers an absorbing examination of the intricacies and impact of an extraordinary skill. Highly engaging and hugely informative, ...

Contributor Bio
Albert Costa was Research Professor at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and director of the Speech Production and Bilingualism Group at the Centre for Brain and Cognition. His research focused on the cognitive and neural underpinnings of language processing.

The Ministry of Bodies
A Year of Life and Death in a Modern Hospital
Seamus O’Mahony

Seamus O’Mahony charts the realities of life in a modern hospital over the course of a year.

Summary
In *The Ministry of Bodies*, Seamus O’Mahony charts the realities of life in a modern hospital over the course of a year. From difficult births and unexpected deaths to moral quandaries and bureaucratic disasters, O’Mahony documents life in the halls that all of us will visit at some point in our lives with his characteristic wit and dry and unsentimental intelligence.

As the Coronavirus crisis demands more and more of the medical profession and the people who support it, Seamus O’Mahony describes his work on the front lines of a pandemic in a harrowing final chapter. This is not a conventional medical memoir: it’s the collective biography of one of our great modern institutions, the general hospital, through the eyes of a brilliant writer who happens to be a gifted doctor.

Contributor Bio
Seamus O’Mahony spent many years working for the National Health Service in Britain. He now lives and practices medicine in his native Cork, in the south of Ireland. His acclaimed first book, *The Way We Die Now*, has been translated into Swedish and Japanese. It won a BMA Book Award in 2017. *Can Medicine Be Cured?*, his sharp and witty critique of the medical profession’s great fallacies and wrong turnings, has so far been translated into four languages.
**Psychology in Bite Sized Chunks**
Joel Levy

**Summary**
*Freudian Slips* presents the essential facts and findings of psychology in an accessible and thoroughly enjoyable way, leaving no Freudian slip or phallic symbol unexamined. From Bobo dolls to invisible gorillas, Clever Hans to Little Albert, the halo effect to the Stockholm syndrome, the book charts a path through the subject’s controversial history and along its most intriguing diversions. Discover how Pavlov made a dog neurotic and electroconvulsive therapy turned a man bisexual, why schizophrenics can tickle themselves, and how the U.S. military developed a pigeon-guided missile.

**Contributor Bio**
Joel Levy is a journalist and author specializing in science and history. He has written more than a dozen books including *Lost Histories*, *Poison: A Social History*, and *Scientific Feuds*.

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**Work Hard & Be Nice to People**
Anthony Burrill

**Summary**
Ask More Questions, Get More Answers. Don’t Be Normal, Don’t Be Ordinary. Say Yes More Than No! Work Hard & Be Nice to People. It’s usually the simple truths that provide the most profound answers. Discover inspirational aphorisms and sound advice for the real world from graphic artist Anthony Burrill, inspired by his best-loved and most iconic typographic prints. With wise words on getting things done, success, creativity, difficult decisions, motivation, work, collaboration and happiness, this refreshing, life-affirming guide is the perfect gift. *Work Hard & Be Nice to People* is a re-worked and re-packaged paperback edition of *Make it Now!* Contains some new material.

**Contributor Bio**
Anthony Burrill is an internationally renowned graphic artist, print-maker and designer. He is best known for his typographic, text-based compositions, including the now-famous "Work Hard & Be Nice to People." His previous books are *I Like It. What Is It?* and *Make It Now!*
The Home Stretch
Why It’s Time to Come Clean About Who Does the Dishes
Sally Howard

Summary
Forty years of feminism and still women do the majority of the housework. Why? In fact, while women are making slow but steady gains on gender disparities in the workplace, at home the gap is widening - young American men are now twice as likely as their fathers to think a woman’s place is in the home, while in the UK, the average heterosexual British woman puts in 12 more days of household labor per year than her male companion. And when ‘having it all’ so often means hiring a nanny or cleaner, is it something to aspire to? Sally Howard joins up with a cohort of feminist separatists, undertakes a day’s shift with her Lithuanian cleaner, lives in a futuristic model home designed to anticipate our needs and meets latte papas and one-percent parents in this lively examination which combines history and fieldwork with her personal story. The Home Stretch is a fascinating investigation into how we got here and what the future could look like for feminism’s final frontier: the domestic labor gap.

Contributor Bio
Sally Howard is a journalist specializing in gender, human rights and social trends. She is a regular contributor to Ms. Magazine, Marie Claire (UK and US), the Sunday Telegraph’s Stella magazine, the British Medical Journal, and BBC Radio Four’s From Our Own Correspondent. Her first book, The Kama Sutra Diaries, was one of the Scotsman’s Travel Books of the Year for 2014. She is a co-author of the Sunday Times Travel magazine’s coffee table book 20 Amazing Places. She lives in London.

Islam and the West (2nd Edition)
A Dissonant Harmony of Civilisations
Christopher J Walker

The widely held belief that a deep historical and ideological gulf exists between Islam and the West is turned on its head in this thought-provoking book

Summary
We have rapidly grown used to the idea, particularly since the declaration of a world-wide war on terrorism, that between Islam and the West there exists a deep historical and ideological gulf. Christopher Walker's book turns such accepted views on their head and paints instead a picture of two belief systems which have a long history of toleration and mutual influence. When Islam first appeared in the seventh century it did not appear to be radically different from Christianity. Bede noted the coming of the Saracens without rancour and Offa, king of Mercia in the eighth century, adopted the gold dinar of Baghdad as his currency. In the Tudor period, Elizabeth I's positive relations with the Ottoman Porte led to a near-alliance between Protestantism and Islam. Sultan Murad III addressed her majesty as 'most sapient princess of the magnanimous followers of Jesus ...' Now the politicization of Islam and its association with nations reforming themselves after the colonial shifts of both World Wars has led to a polarization dormant since the Crusades. Is there, asks Christopher Walker, a...
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.

Jesus: The Unauthorized Biography
Martyn Whittock, Esther Whittock

Summary
By bringing together all of the available evidence on the life of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, this book offers a compelling biography of His time on Earth. Looking at sources such as the gospels, inscriptions, early Church writings, the apocryphal gospels and more, readers will be able to vividly visualise Jesus’ life and his First-Century Jewish cultural context.

If you’ve ever wondered about the impact of Jesus’ social class on his ministry; the influence on His disciples of contemporary resistance movements; or the prominent role of women in the disciple community, then allow this book to challenge and deepen your understanding of the Jesus described in the Bible.

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...
Talking God
Daring to Listen
Jacci Bulman

Summary
Talking God: Daring to Listen begins by inviting the reader to accompany the author through a series of eleven inspiring interviews with people of Christian, or ‘Jesus-connected’ faith, who hold a wide range of beliefs. She invites us to ask, ‘what do I personally believe?’ and to join her as she finds out how these dedicated spiritual ‘pilgrims’ each respond to a set of fourteen important questions about God, Jesus and Christianity. We begin with uncertainty and travel in hope to find our own resolution.

Inspired by these conversations, Bulman then explores her own faith during Eastertime on Iona Island. She asks how we can understand truth and find unity in our diversity, and which spiritual language works best for us.

This fascinating book will lead the reader through some of faith’s deepest questions – exploring what God means to us, and what we mean to God.

Contributor Bio
Jacci Bulman grew up around Accrington, Lancashire, before studying Human Sciences at Oxford University. She overcame a brain tumour and skin cancer, co-founded a charity for disabled children in Vietnam (The Kianh Foundation), and began to focus increasingly on spiritual understanding at its simplest – that God is Love. She had published two poetry collections, A Whole Day Through From Waking (Cinnamon Press) and In the Holding (Indigo Dreams). Talking God – Daring to Listen is her first non-fiction book.

Hauntology
Ghosts of Futures Past
Merlin Coverley

Summary
Ghosts and specters, the eerie and the occult. Why is contemporary culture so preoccupied by the supernatural, so captivated by the revenants of an earlier age, so haunted? The concept of Hauntology has evolved since first emerging in the 1990s, and has now entered the cultural mainstream as a shorthand for our new-found obsession with the recent past. But where does this term come from and what exactly does it mean?

This book seeks to answer these questions by examining the history of our fascination with the uncanny from the golden age of the Victorian ghost story to the present day. From Dickens to Derrida, MR James to Mark Fisher; from the rise of Spiritualism to the folk horror revival, Hauntology traces our continuing engagement with these esoteric ideas. Moving between the literary and the theoretical, the visual and the political, Hauntology explores our nostalgia for the cultural artifacts of a past from which we seem unable to break free.

Contributor Bio
UFOs, Aliens and the Battle for Truth
A Short History of Ufology
Neil Nixon

Summary
This no-nonsense guide to one of our most enduring mysteries presents a short history of the strangest encounters, looks carefully at explanations from the blunt to the truly bizarre, offers insights into the strongest evidence we are being visited by beings from another world, and sources the best skeptical arguments that all can be explained rationally. Concise, balanced, and occasionally hilarious, this is a story that has as much to tell you about the human race as it does about aliens.

Contributor Bio
Neil Nixon is the author of more than two dozen books; a scriptwriter for screen, stage, and radio; a comedy writer; and a journalist who has published on subjects including sports, current affairs, and music. UFOs and the paranormal have been a mainstay of his writing work. For decades this work was combined with teaching those who wanted to work in the media industry and for the final two decades of Neil’s academic career he founded and ran the UK’s first full-time higher education course in Professional Writing.

Son of Escobar: First Born
Roberto Sendoya Escobar

Summary
Pablo Escobar was the most notorious drug lord the world has ever seen. He became one of the 10 richest men on the planet and controlled 80 per cent of the global cocaine trade before he was shot dead in 1993. In 1965, a secret mission by Colombian Special Forces, led by an MI6 agent, to recover a cash hoard from a safe house used by a young Pablo Escobar culminates in a shoot-out leaving many dead. Escobar and several of his men escape. Only a baby survives, Roberto Sendoya Escobar. In a bizarre twist of fate, the MI6 agent takes pity on the child, brings him home and later adopts him. Flanked by his trusty bodyguards, the child, unaware of his true identity, is allowed regular meetings with Escobar and it becomes apparent that Roberto’s adopted father and the British government are working covertly with the gangster in an attempt to control the money laundering and drug trades. Many years later in England, as Roberto’s father lies dying in hospital, he hands his son a coded piece of paper which, he says, reveals the secret hiding place of Escobar’s "missing millions." The code is p...

Contributor Bio
Roberto Sendoya Escobar lives with his wife in a remote finca on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca under his adopted name of Phillip Witcomb. He works as an acclaimed fine artist, and his work sells for many thousands of pounds. He plans to donate a substantial percentage of profits from this book to charities which benefit young people.
A Special Place in Hell
The World’s Most Depraved Serial Killers
Christopher Berry-Dee

Summary
Christopher Berry-Dee is the man who talks to serial killers. A world-renowned investigative criminologist, he has gained the trust of murderers across the world, entered their high security prisons, and discussed in detail their shocking crimes. The killers’ pursuit of horror and violence is described through the unique audiotape and videotape interviews which Berry-Dee conducted, deep inside the bowels of some of the world’s toughest prisons. Christopher Berry-Dee has collated these interviews into this astounding, disturbing book. Not only does he describe his meetings with some of the world’s most evil men and women, he also reproduces, verbatim, their very words as they describe their crimes, allowing the reader a glimpse into the inner workings of the people who have committed the worst crime possible—to mercilessly take the life of another human being.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Berry-Dee is a noted writer and criminologist whose recent books include Talking With Psychopaths and Savages, the UK’s bestselling true crime title of 2017, and Talking With Female Serial Killers. He is the UK’s No. 1 true crime author.

Kiss of Death
True Cases of Fatal Attraction
Jean Ritchie

Summary
Obsessional sexual desire is the common thread through the stories in this book, tragic examples of how death can come at the hands of a once trusted and loved partner.

Obsession, jealousy, lust, revenge . . .

There is nothing more dangerous than a passion that curdles and spills into murder. Love, when it goes wrong and spirals into violence, leads to the most chilling and tragic consequences. Death at the hands of a partner or ex-partner is the most common form of murder for women, far outnumbering the risk of death from a stranger.

Obsessional sexual desire is the common thread through the stories in this book, tragic examples of how death can come at the hands of a once trusted and loved partner.

There is the story of talented US landscape artist Jill Cahill, whose husband was not content with battering his wife to a pulp but went back to finish the job while she lay in her hospital bed. There is the case of Martha Freeman from Tennessee, who hid her lover in her wardrobe, and then teamed up with him to murder her husband. There is the wife whose body was found in the trunk of her own car, and whose husband had framed his girlfriend for the crime, hoping to get rid of two women from his life.

UK student John Tanner served a 12-year sentence for the ...
Inside Allenwood: The Story of a British Banker in a US Prison
Money, Mobsters and Enron
Giles Darby

Summary
This is the memoir of Giles Darby, a British banker jailed in 2008 for his involvement in a $7m fraud against his employer, NatWest. Giles and his co-defendants, David Bermingham and Gary Mulgrew, became the subject of extensive media coverage when the US government demanded their extradition in relation to the collapse of the energy giant Enron. The NatWest Three, as they came to be known, soon found themselves the subject of a debate about why three British citizens accused of defrauding a British bank should be tried in America, and then at the center of a political scandal going all the way to Tony Blair. The NatWest Three faced the prospect of up to 35 years in prison if they were found guilty. After almost 10 years fighting their extradition, the Three eventually reached a plea deal with prosecutors to serve 37 months in prison each as restitution for one count of wire fraud. Giles served part of his sentence in Allenwood prison, Pennsylvania, and was then allowed to return to the UK to finish his time. In stark contrast to the luxurious life of a high-flying banker, Giles was ...

Contributor Bio
British banker Giles Darby, one of the NatWest Three, was jailed in 2008 for wire fraud. He served part of his sentence in Allenwood, Pennsylvania, then finished his time in the UK.

Wordsearches: Book 1
200 Puzzles
Richardson Puzzles and Games

Summary
Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new word search puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

Each puzzle is presented in a 15 x 15 grid on its own page.

Printed in a portable paperback format meaning it can be taken with you on your travels or sit neatly on your bedside table.

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**Codewords: Book 1**

**200 Puzzles**
Richardson Puzzles and Games

Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new codeword puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

**Summary**

Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new codeword puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

The book is arranged into easy, medium and hard puzzles and each puzzle is presented in a 13 x 13 grid on its own page.

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**Quick Crosswords: Book 1**

**200 Puzzles**
Richardson Puzzles and Games

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**Summary**

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Jumbo Crosswords: Book 1
100 Puzzles
Richardson Puzzles and Games

Perfect for word puzzle connoisseurs, this collection of 100 brand new large print jumbo quick crosswords has been designed to be the ultimate challenge.

Summary
Perfect for word puzzle connoisseurs, this collection of 100 brand new jumbo quick crosswords has been designed to be the ultimate challenge!

Each puzzle is presented in a 21 x 21 grid on its own page.

Printed in a large format paperback and on high quality paper meaning the puzzles and clues are highly readable and easy to use.

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Ultimate Killer Su Doku: Book 1
200 Puzzles
Richardson Puzzles and Games

Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new ultimate killer sudoku puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

Summary
Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new ultimate killer sudoku puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

Each puzzle is presented in a 9 x 9 grid on its own page.

Printed in a portable paperback format meaning it can be taken with you on your travels or sit neatly on your bedside table.

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Super Fiendish Su Doku: Book 1
200 Puzzles
Richardson Puzzles and Games

Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new super fiendish sudoku puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

Summary
Perfect for coffee breaks, commutes or relaxing at home, this collection of 200 brand new super fiendish sudoku puzzles is guaranteed to provide you with a daily challenge.

Each puzzle is presented in a 9 x 9 grid on its own page.
Printed in a portable paperback format meaning it can be taken with you on your travels or sit neatly on your bedside table.

Contributor Bio
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One Minute Su Doku Book 2
200 Quickfire Su Doku Puzzles
Collins Puzzles

Summary
200 quickfire Su Doku challenges, increasing in difficulty as you progress, designed to get the brain cells working. These mini puzzles are the ultimate short, sharp number-crunching workout. A compact puzzle gift book for everyone who enjoys a Su Doku challenge but doesn't have too much time to spare. Smaller grid sizes: 4x4 and 6x6. 3 levels of Su Doku are included with the solutions at the back of the book. Ideal for solving on your daily commute, on holiday or relaxing at home.

Contributor Bio
Collins has been publishing educational and informative books for almost 200 years. Throughout this rich heritage we have maintained an impressive record in creating market-leading products across various sectors.
Su Doku Challenge: Book 4
200 Testing Su Doku Puzzles
Collins Puzzles

Are you up to the challenge of 200 new Su Doku puzzles, arranged in easy, medium and difficult categories?

Summary
Are you up to the challenge of 200 new Su Doku puzzles, arranged in easy, medium, and difficult categories? Keep your mind sharp and test your powers of deductive reasoning. Ideal for whiling away those long commutes, traveling on vacation, or relaxing at home.

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Coffee Break Su Doku Book 4
200 Challenging Su Doku Puzzles
Collins Puzzles

Summary
Give your mind a linguistic workout with 200 new quick crossword puzzles. These will have you searching for the dictionary!

Keep your mind sharp and improve your word power at the same time. Ideal for whiling away those long commutes, traveling on holiday or relaxing at home. These puzzles offer a general knowledge challenge and a test of your English language abilities at the same time.

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The Times Samurai Su Doku: Book 9
100 Extreme Puzzles for the Fearless Su Doku Warrior
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. For anyone who loves the challenge of Su Doku but manages to solve them within minutes, you can now enjoy the extended mental workout and ultimate endurance test of a five grid interlinked system.

Summary
For anyone who loves the challenge of Su Doku but manages to solve them within minutes, you can now enjoy the extended mental workout and ultimate endurance test of a five grid interlinked system. This is Su Doku multiplied: every column, row and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. Where the puzzles overlap, the rows and columns do not go beyond their usual 9x9 length but the interlocking boxes give you more clues – and more complexity. With another 100 new Samurai puzzles to vex you for hours, lose yourself in the four levels of this book: 10 Easy, 40 Mild, 40 Difficult, 10 Super difficult. Even the speediest of Su Doku solvers will be agonizing over these ultra-complex, extended brainteasers. These are the most difficult Su Doku puzzles in The Times range.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Times Big Book of Killer Su Doku: Book 1
The Times Mind Games

Summary
The latest volume in the hugely popular Killer Su Doku series from The Times, featuring the highest-quality puzzles with an extra element of arithmetic.

This addition to the successful Times Killer Su Doku series will test your skills to the limit, adding the challenge of arithmetic and taking Su Doku to a new and even deadlier level of difficulty. The puzzles use the same 9x9 grid as Su Doku but with an added mathematical challenge. The aim is not only to complete every row, column and cube so that it contains the numbers 1-9, it is also necessary to ensure that the outlined cubes add up to the same number as well.

With 200 new Moderate, Tricky, Tough and Deadly Killer Su Doku puzzles, there is no chance to ease yourself in with simple puzzles. For those who like to live dangerously and push beyond their mental comfort zone, steel yourself for The Times’ next, terribly tough installment.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.
### The Times Big Book of Ultimate Killer Su Doku: Book 1

#### Summary
For those who like to live dangerously and push beyond their mental comfort zone, steel yourself for The Times' toughest Ultimate Killer puzzles. A bumper collection of more than 360 puzzles for hardcore Ultimate Killer Su Doku solvers. Selected from the pages of The Times these puzzles will challenge the sharpest minds.

Includes Deadly-level Killer puzzles, and Extra Deadly, to really test your limits: this is the only place you’ll find such a torturous collection in a single book.

The Times Ultimate Killer Su Doku is not for the fainthearted. The puzzles use the same 9x9 grid as Su Doku, and have an added mathematical challenge. The aim is not only to complete every row, column and cube so that it contains the digits 1-9, it is also necessary to ensure that the outlined cubes add up to the same number as well.

But unlike with previous books, there is no chance to ease yourself in with Easy, or even Tough puzzles: this book is the ultimate Killer Su Doku – completely deadly.

Puzzles in this collection are taken from Times Ultimate Killer Su Doku Books 1, 2 and 3.

#### Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.

### The Times Fiendish Su Doku: Book 14

#### Summary

You don’t need to be a mathematical genius to solve the treacherous puzzles in this collection of Fiendishly difficult puzzles—it’s simply a question of logic. Since the first Su Doku puzzle appeared in The Times in November 2004, this classic game of logic has become a phenomenon, with over 5 million copies of the Times Su Doku series sold worldwide. Perfect for the advanced solver in need of a constant supply of ultra-difficult puzzles, and guaranteed to provide hours of mind-stretching entertainment.

#### Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku, and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.
The Times Ultimate Killer Su Doku: Book 13
200 Challenging Puzzles from The Times
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. Specially compiled to provide the most deadly Su Doku challenge, this is the only volume for Su Doku enthusiasts who need a puzzle that really tests their mettle.

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles, and games. Specially compiled to provide the most deadly Su Doku challenge, this is the only volume for Su Doku enthusiasts who need a puzzle that really tests their mettle. Prepare yourself for the toughest Su Doku challenge there is. These diabolically difficult Ultimate Killer Su Doku puzzles will really put your brainpower to the test as you "warm up" with the 100 Deadly Killer puzzles before steeling yourself to take on the 100 Extra Deadly Su Dokus. Are you ready for the challenge? Not for the faint-hearted. The puzzles use the same 9x9 grid as a regular Su Doku, but have an extra mathematical element that multiplies the challenge. The aim is not only to complete every row, column, and cube so that it contains the digits 1 to 9, but also to make sure that the outlined sections, called cages, add up to the number given in each cage. Warning: Not suitable for amateur puzzlers!

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Times Killer Su Doku: Book 17
200 Lethal Su Doku Puzzles
The Times Mind Games

Summary
The latest volume in the hugely popular Killer Su Doku series from The Times, featuring the highest-quality puzzles with an extra element of arithmetic.

This addition to the successful Times Killer Su Doku series will test your skills to the limit, adding the challenge of arithmetic and taking Su Doku to a new and even deadlier level of difficulty. The puzzles use the same 9x9 grid as Su Doku but with an added mathematical challenge. The aim is not only to complete every row, column and cube so that it contains the numbers 1-9, it is also necessary to ensure that the outlined cubes add up to the same number as well.

With 200 new Moderate, Tricky, Tough and Deadly Killer Su Doku puzzles, there is no chance to ease yourself in with simple puzzles. For those who like to live dangerously and push beyond their mental comfort zone, steel yourself for The Times' next, terribly tough installment.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.
The Times Super Fiendish Su Doku: Book 8
200 Challenging Puzzles
The Times Mind Games

Summary
These are previously unpublished quality Su Doku grids from The Times, and help to develop you to take on Extreme Su Doku.

The 200 puzzles in this collection of treacherously difficult puzzles will stretch even the most advanced Su Doku enthusiast. You will need to use all of your best solving techniques to get to the end of this testing challenge.

The puzzles in the collection are of the highest quality and are perfect for the advanced solver in need of a constant supply of ultra-difficult puzzles. Guaranteed to provide hours of mind-stretching entertainment.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.

One Minute Crosswords Book 2
200 Quickfire Crosswords
Collins Puzzles

Summary
A compact puzzle gift book for everyone who enjoys a word challenge but doesn’t have too much time to spare. 3 levels of quick crosswords in small grid sizes, 5x5, 6x6 and 7x7 are included with the solutions at the back of the book. Ideal for solving on your daily commute, on holiday or relaxing at home.

Contributor Bio
Collins has been publishing educational and informative books for almost 200 years. Throughout this rich heritage we have maintained an impressive record in creating market-leading products across various sectors.
Coffee Break Crosswords: Book 4
200 Quick Crossword Puzzles
Collins Puzzles

Summary
Give your mind a linguistic workout with 200 new quick crossword puzzles. These will have you searching for the dictionary!

Keep your mind sharp and improve your word power at the same time. Ideal for whiling away those long commutes, travelling on holiday or relaxing at home. These puzzles offer a general knowledge challenge and a test of your English language abilities at the same time.

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The Times Jumbo Cryptic Crossword: Book 19
500 World-Famous Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, Richard Rogan

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. This supremely challenging cryptic collection contains 50 jumbo-sized, large grid puzzles, conceived to really challenge your word skills.

Summary
This supremely challenging cryptic collection contains 50 jumbo-sized, large grid puzzles, conceived to really challenge your word skills. Selected by The Times' Crossword Editor, Richard Rogan, this original collection will challenge even the most experienced crossword buff. The ultimate and only jumbo cryptic crosswords available, these puzzles will allow you to give the grey matter a real workout. With unique grids of 23 x 23 squares (in comparison to the standard 15 x 15 grid), they require serious word power and cryptic puzzling skill. Put your linguistic prowess to the test with these quality puzzles from the Times' crossword writers.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.
The Sunday Times Jumbo General Knowledge Crossword: Book 2
50 Challenging Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, Peter Biddlecombe

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. A jumbo crossword puzzle and general knowledge workout to test and stimulate the brain cells with 50 large grid puzzles from The Sunday Times.

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles, and games. A jumbo crossword puzzle and general knowledge workout to test and stimulate the brain cells with 50 large grid puzzles from The Sunday Times. These puzzles use the 23 x 23 jumbo-size grid, and appeared in the pages of the Sunday Times, they offer an entertaining and stimulating challenge to all crossword lovers and anyone interested in quizzes, trivia, and testing their all-round knowledge. Contains more general knowledge clues than the standard Times Jumbo crossword, for example names of famous people, titles of songs, books, films, plays, operas, musicals and TV shows; places and sights, quotations—questions with one or more words in a quote to identify as the answer.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Times Quick Crossword: Book 25
100 World-Famous Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, John Grimshaw, Times2

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. Give your memory a workout, stimulate your brain and hone your general knowledge with 100 definition-only puzzles from The Times.

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles, and games. Give your memory a workout, stimulate your brain, and hone your general knowledge with 100 definition-only puzzles from The Times. Covering a wide range of topics, from geography to literature, history and culture, this collection will test both your general knowledge and your wordpower. Compiled by the Times2 Crossword Editor John Grimshaw, these quick accessible puzzles are utterly absorbing and addictive, yet concise enough to be done on the move. Quality is paramount to The Times’ crosswords, with clues that are satisfyingly tough, but accurate. This new collection is no different, providing hours of crossword enjoyment and stimulation.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.
The Times Quick Cryptic Crossword: Book 6
100 World-Famous Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, Richard Rogan, Times2

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. 100 puzzles from The Times adapting the cryptic puzzle for those with a hectic lifestyle and schedule. Ideal for those starting out with cryptic crosswords, and those who’d like to tackle the main puzzle but feel daunted, or who can perhaps...

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. 100 puzzles from The Times adapting the cryptic puzzle for those with a hectic lifestyle and schedule. Ideal for those starting out with cryptic crosswords, and those who’d like to tackle the main puzzle but feel daunted, or who can perhaps only solve a handful of clues. Appearing Monday to Friday in the puzzle pages of Times2, this crossword has a reduced 13x13 grid size and reduced difficulty too, the intention being to encourage people to take their first steps in tackling cryptic crosswords. And also to cater for those of us who have limited time to devote to our favorite pastime and need a ready-made set of puzzles that is solvable in a short space of time.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Times Jumbo Crossword: Book 16
60 Large General-Knowledge Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, John Grimshaw

Summary
A super-sized challenge for crossword lovers, selected by the Times2 Crossword Editor John Grimshaw. This Crossword appears weekly in the Saturday edition of The Times. The puzzles offer the same challenge as the times2 daily crossword but the larger grid packs an extra punch! The clues are also a little more testing than the daily times2 crossword, to stretch the crossword enthusiast just a bit further, and provide hours of entertainment.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.
The Times Cryptic Crossword: Book 25
100 World-Famous Crossword Puzzles
The Times Mind Games, Richard Rogan

Summary
The Times Cryptic Crossword is the most famous in the world. Test your word power with this classic collection of 100 cryptic puzzles compiled by the Editor of The Times Crossword. The latest book in this exciting series continues the tradition of providing authoritative, challenging Cryptic Crossword, offering an enjoyable and stimulating way to while away your free time. Addictive, taxing and compelling, The Times Cryptic Crossword is packed with high-quality puzzles chosen by the Times Crossword Editor Richard Rogan.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku. Richard Rogan comes from Northern Ireland, and studied French at university. A crossword addict from an early age, he started compiling puzzles for his parents and gradually started having puzzles published, first in the Listener in the Times. He became a regular setter for the Times Crossword in 2004, and gave up a career in IT to become the paper's crossword editor in 2014. He lives in Cheltenham with his wife and young son, and his interests outside crosswords include running and reading.

Wordsearch Challenge: Book 4
200 Thematic Wordsearches
Collins Puzzles

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. Will you accept the challenge of 200 new thematic word searches, perfect for whiling away your downtime, on the commute, on vacation, or relaxing at home?

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Collins has been publishing educational and informative books for almost 200 years. Throughout this rich heritage we have maintained an impressive record in creating market-leading products across various sectors.
Coffee Break Wordsearches Book 4
200 Themed Wordsearches
Collins Puzzles

Summary
Keep your mind alert with 200 new word search puzzles, arranged in themes, and presented in a handy format.

Relax and give your brain a workout at the same time. Ideal for whiling away those long commutes, traveling on holiday or relaxing at home. Challenge yourself to find the words hidden in the grids, all based on interesting themes to provide an enjoyable pastime.

Contributor Bio
Collins has been publishing educational and informative books for almost 200 years. Throughout this rich heritage we have maintained an impressive record in creating market-leading products across various sectors.

The Sun Wordsearch: Book 7
The Sun

Summary
Calling all word search wizards! Here are more than 300 entertaining new puzzles that will have you hunting for hours. Inside you’ll find a wonderful world of 300 thematic word searches to explore, with some real brain teasers along the way. Whether you’re playing at home with a cup of tea, on the train, or lounging by a sunny pool: these are the puzzles for you! So sit back, relax, and prepare for a non-stop word search extravaganza! Solutions appear in the back.

Contributor Bio
The Sun is a daily tabloid newspaper published in the United Kingdom and Ireland with an average daily readership of approximately 6.9 million.
The Sunday Times Brain Teasers: Book 2
200 Mind-Boggling Riddles
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. 200 taxing brain teasers and riddles, demanding lateral thinking skills to solve. Ingenious challenges – some just a paragraph long, others with an accompanying diagram. You will need mathematical or logical reasoning to solve these.

Summary
Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. 200 taxing brain teasers and riddles, demanding lateral thinking skills to solve. Ingenious challenges – some just a paragraph long, others with an accompanying diagram. You will need mathematical or logical reasoning to solve these. These teasers are for puzzlers of all abilities, no formal knowledge is required, just application and imagination. Some demand a logical approach, others a good mathematical mind; an agility with words will solve a handful more, but all demand a logical approach and lots of lateral thinking. Answers are given at the back of the book. Now get your thinking cap on!

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Sunday Times Tetonor: Book 3
200 Challenging Numerical Logic Puzzles
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. A mental workout to rival Su Doku! Dozens of compelling and addictive maths puzzles to challenge your mental arithmetic, multiplication skills and powers of deductive reasoning. For all number puzzles addicts. Varying levels of difficulty.

Summary
A mental workout to rival Su Doku! Dozens of compelling and addictive math puzzles to challenge your mental arithmetic, multiplication skills and powers of deductive reasoning. For all number puzzles addicts. Varying levels of difficulty. Tetonor rules: each number in the main grid can be formed by adding or multiplying a pair of numbers in the strip below the grid. Each pair of numbers should be used twice: once as part of an addition and once as part of a multiplication. For example, a 10 and 24 in the main grid may be solved by the sums, 4 + 6 and 4 x 6, respectively. Enter each sum in the boxes below its answer. Any blanks in the strip must be deduced, bearing in mind the numbers are listed in ascending order. Ideal for relaxing at home, on holiday or on the daily commute. Use your mental agility, logic and powers of deduction to tackle this collection of brainteasing puzzles from The Sunday Times. 60 easy, 80 medium and 60 difficult puzzles included.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.
The Times Quintagrams: Book 2
500 mini word puzzles
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. 500 fun and fast, word puzzles, only 5 clues to solve per puzzle! "I love Quintagrams. Brilliant idea. Thank you for all the fun I get from these puzzles." Susan Sleight “The Quintagram is now positively my favourite puzzle.” Gavin Heys

Summary
500 fun and fast, word puzzles, only 5 clues to solve per puzzle! Try these crossword-inspired puzzles for a short, sharp brain challenge. You will find both "concise" and "cryptic" clues here, something to suit all tastes and abilities. Ideal if you need a word workout in super quick time with only five clues to solve in each puzzle, so get cracking! How does it work? Solve all five clues using each of the letters provided once only. Cross out the letters as you go until you have used them all. Start off with the concise clues and work your way up to the trickier cryptic ones. Solutions are easily found at the back of the book.

Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.

The Times Train Tracks: Book 3
200 Challenging Visual Train Track Puzzles
The Times Mind Games

Quiz your family at home with crosswords, puzzles and games. A challenging visual puzzle which will appeal to lovers of logic and deduction brain teasers. Use your mental agility to complete the grids using the train tracks. Puzzles included cover three levels of difficulty, 70 easy, 70 medium, 60 hard

Summary
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Contributor Bio
Times Mind Games brings together the very best puzzles from the pages of The Times: Cryptic and General Knowledge Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Codewords, all levels of Su Doku and mixed number puzzles and word-based games and quizzes.
The Times Codeword: Book 12
200 Cracking Logic Puzzles
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200 brand new compelling and addictive word and number puzzles from The Times. Appearing daily in the newspaper, Codeword is the cracking alternative to Su Doku and Crosswords.

The concept is simple: each number represents a letter, so, starting with the solved letters, use your logic and vocabulary to reveal more letters, form words, and then crack the code! The most difficult puzzles for top solvers contain no solved letters so you need to employ all your logical strategies to crack those.

The Codeword series is so popular because you don’t need any prior knowledge, unlike a crossword. You can just pick up a pen and get puzzling. It steadily increases your vocabulary, as the difficulty slowly grows as you progress through the book, and even though you’ll be working your brain, it’s the perfect way to unwind.

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Times Mind Games publish a range of mind-boggling, high-quality puzzles including Times General Knowledge Crosswords, Cryptic Crosswords, Jumbo Crosswords, Quick Cryptic Crosswords, Codewords and Su Doku.

Passenger 23
Sebastian Fitzek

Summary
On average, 23 people per year disappear without a trace from cruise ships. Five years ago it was your wife and child who vanished while at sea. Never before has anyone come back. Until now.

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 the basis for international cinema adaptations and theater adaptations. Fitzek was the first German author to be awarded the European Prize for Criminal Literature.
People of Abandoned Character
Clare Whitfield

Contributor Bio
Clare Whitfield is a UK-based writer living in a suburb where the main cultural landmark is a home store/Starbucks combo. She is the wife of a tattoo artist, mother of a small benign dictator and relies on a black Labrador for emotional stability. She has been a dancer, copywriter, amateur fire breather, buyer, and mediocre weight lifter.

Tip and Run
The Untold Tragedy of the First World War in Africa
Edward Paice

Summary
The story of the First World War in Africa, which devastated an area five times the size of Germany and killed more than two million people.

On 11 November 1918, the First World War came to an end in Europe. But, in Northern Rhodesia, the bloodshed persisted for another two weeks in what one campaign historian described as 'a war of extermination and attrition without parallel in modern times.'

But for Major-General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, the news of a German republic, and a Kaiser who had fled to Holland, seemed absurd. After approximately 650,000 carrier and civilian deaths in German Ruanda-Urundi and East Africa the hope of peace that armistice brought to Europe was not embraced with the same sense of relief.

In Tip and Run, Paice tells the story of the elusive, relentless and fanatical Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck in an engaging and detailed narrative that exposes the horrors of the European imperial fantasies so lethally visited upon Africa.

'Superb' Sunday Times.
'Masterful' Daily Mail.
'Gripping' Daily Telegraph.

Contributor Bio
Edward Paice was a History Scholar at Cambridge and winner of the Leman prize. After a decade working in the City he spent four years living and writing in East Africa, and was the author of the first guidebook to newly independent Eritrea. His acclaimed biography Lost Lion of Empire: The Life of 'Cape-to-Cairo' Grogan, nominated by The Week as 'Best Newcomer', was published in 2001. He was awarded a Visiting Fellowship by Magdalene College, Cambridge in 2003-4 and is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He is married and lives near Tonbridge, Kent.
**In the Reign of King John**
A Year in the Life of Plantagenet England
Dan Jones

**Summary**
1215 is remembered for King John attaching his seal to Magna Carta—a milestone in the history of liberty. But it was also a year of crusading and church reform, of foreign wars and dramatic sieges—a year in which London was stormed by angry barons and England invaded by a French Army. As well as describing these upheavals, Dan Jones explores the lives of ordinary people in thirteenth-century England—how they ate, dressed, worked, lived and died—to create a vivid gripping portrait of an extraordinary year in English history.

**Contributor Bio**
Dan Jones is a broadcaster, award-winning journalist and pioneer of the resurgence of interest in medieval history. He is the bestselling author of *Summer of Blood*, *The Plantagenets*, *Magna Carta*, *Realm Divided* and *The Templars*.

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**Last Princess**
The Devoted Life of Queen Victoria's Youngest Daughter
Matthew Dennison

**Summary**
Beatrice Mary Victoria Feodore, later Princess Henry of Battenberg, was the last-born-in 1866—of Victoria and Albert's children, and she would outlive all of her siblings to die as recently as 1944. She would eventually marry Prince Henry of Battenberg in 1885, but only after overcoming her mother's opposition to their union. Beatrice remained Queen Victoria's favorite among her five daughters, and became her mother's constant companion and later her literary executor, spending the years that followed Victoria's death in 1901 editing her mother's journals and voluminous correspondence. Matthew Dennison's elegantly written biography restores Beatrice to her rightful place as a key figure in the history of the Victorian age, and paints a touching and revealing portrait of the life and family of Britain's second-longest-reigning monarch.

**Contributor Bio**
Matthew Dennison is the author of *Behind the Mask: The Life of Vita Sackville-West*, a Book of the Year in *The Times*, *Spectator*, *Independent* and *Observer*. 
**Magna Carta**
The Making and Legacy of the Great Charter
Dan Jones

**Summary**
On a summer's day in 1215 a beleaguered English monarch met a group of disgruntled barons in a meadow by the river Thames named Runnymede. Beset by foreign crisis and domestic rebellion, King John was fast running out of options. On 15 June he reluctantly agreed to fix his regal seal to a document that would change the world. A milestone in the development of constitutional politics and the rule of law, the 'Great Charter' established an Englishman's right to Habeas Corpus and set limits to the exercise of royal power. For the first time a group of subjects had forced an English king to agree to a document that limited his powers by law and protected their rights. Dan Jones's elegant and authoritative narrative of the making and legacy of Magna Carta is amplified by profiles of the barons who secured it and a full text of the charter in both Latin and English.

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