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**Canelo, originally founded in 2015 but now proudly part of DK, is a vibrant and ambitious list at a moment of exciting transformation and reinvigoration.**

As an independent publisher for ten years we were always striving for excellence in every function – here we find that in abundance, with new colleagues adding incredible value, bolstering our already brilliant original team. The passion and enthusiasm for our books, and the welcome our titles have received, is second-to-none. Opportunities for our writers are being explored and embraced at pace, but with great skill and care.

We have an ever-widening range of fiction and non-fiction, chiefly fuelled by our acclaimed and bestselling imprints:

- Canelo Crime: A leader in gripping crime, thriller, and mystery novels.
- Hera Books: An imprint focused on commercial and inclusive fiction.
- August Books: Our newest addition, publishing quality non-fiction for curious readers.

We also publish successfully into romance, historical sagas, horror, and historical adventure. Our amazing authors are central to everything we do, with emerging names now reaching significant sales milestones.

Now that we're part of DK, we have two main goals. First, to leverage their unparalleled global reach. Second, to expand our publishing even further. This is my drive, and with it I firmly believe the best of Canelo is yet to come. I cannot wait to work with my team, with DK, with the wider trade, and with partners and publishers all over the world, to deliver just that.

Iain Millar, MD

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**Canelo Crime**  
 9 July 2026  
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## The Stranger Inside

*A compulsive and gripping crime thriller from the Irish Times bestselling author of The Perfect Place*

Amanda Cassidy

**You're behind bars, framed for a crime you didn't commit.**

Midwife Ciara Duffy goes to sleep and wakes in the small hours to find her husband beside her stabbed through the heart. Soon she is arrested and charged with his murder.

You get one chance to run.

Ciara knows she is innocent. She has no one to rely on. Meanwhile, her young daughter is gravely ill. Ciara has to fight by any means necessary.

Do you take it?

The day comes when getting out might be possible. But Ciara's choices are bleak: hope justice prevails and she gets to her daughter in time. Or become a fugitive on the hunt for a killer.

A compulsive thriller that grips and never lets go from the *Irish Times* bestseller. Perfect for fans of Andrea Mara, Catherine Ryan Howard and Lisa Jewell.

Praise for Amanda Cassidy

'Sublime storytelling' ANDREA MARA

'Grips and won't let go' CATHERINE RYAN HOWARD

'Will keep you hooked to the twisty last page' SAM BLAKE

'Propulsive plotting, beautiful prose the perfect read' LIZZY BARBER

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



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## Better The Devil

(DCI Logan Crime Thrillers Book 22)  
 JD Kirk

**In the Highlands, the devil you know might just be the most dangerous of all...**

After years behind bars, former drug kingpin Bosco Maximuke is back on the streets, insisting he's turned over a new leaf, and determined to win back the trust of his daughter. But when members of the criminal network that replaced him start turning up dead, suspicion falls squarely on Bosco. With old enemies closing in, and a trail of bodies stretching from Inverness to the most remote corners of the Highlands, one thing is clear – someone is settling scores.

And then Bosco does the unthinkable. He asks DCI Jack Logan for help. With pressure mounting and the line between justice and revenge growing ever thinner, Logan must navigate a case where nothing is as it seems, and where trusting the wrong person could cost him everything.

**JD Kirk** is the author of the multi-million bestselling DCI Logan series, set in the Highlands of Scotland. He also does not exist. Instead, JD is the pen name of former children's author and screenwriter, Barry Hutchison, who was born and raised in Fort William. He still lives in the Highlands with his wife and children. He has no idea what the JD stands for.



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## An Uncommonly Festive Fiasco

A cosy Christmas murder mystery perfect for curling up with  
 Hannah Hendy

**'At the top of the tree of modern whodunnits' Ian Moore on Hannah Hendy**

As Christmas approaches, Margery and her team of dinner ladies are asked to cater for the popular Ittonvale Winter Festival. However, the event is thrown into jeopardy by a wild storm – and a sinister turn of events. Food vendor Elliot is found unconscious, with a severe head injury, lying among toppled Christmas decorations. There are rumours of an argument with a rival stall owner the previous night. Could foul play be involved?

Margery and Clementine are vigilant on the look out for suspicious behaviour. If their instincts are right, it means all attendees are trapped – including a possible attacker. As the duo get closer to the truth, they uncover a web of jealousy, competition and long held grudges. They must solve the case quickly, before mayhem turns to murder...

A delightfully cosy Christmas crime novel perfect for fans of Richard Osman or Richard Coles.

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



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## Then She Lied

A twisty amnesia thriller set in Long Island  
 Alice Leigh

**An unputdownable thriller for fans of Catherine Steadman, Alice Feeney and Laura Dave.**

Twenty years ago a teenage girl walked into a police station dressed in a bloody hospital gown with no recollection of her name or what happened to her.

With no clue to her origins, she was given a new name, Jane, and a life. Now, the remains of a body surface in a Long Island pond and Jane knows she must go to the police and tell them that she has remembered parts of that night.

But as the truth about her past starts to come to light, Jane realises it was possibly best not to know who she was after all. Now the clock is ticking for her to get to the truth before the police do...

**Alice Leigh** is a writer and novelist who has written for the *Guardian* and the *Daily Mail*. She is British but lives in Limassol, Cyprus, with her husband and their children.



**Canelo Crime**  
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**Rights: World English**

## Unseen

An atmospheric Scottish mystery novel about a true crime podcaster  
 Heather Critchlow

**Can a true crime podcaster track down a killer hiding in plain sight?**

Bella Davies is cooking dinner for her family when she hears a voice she hasn't heard in a long time. She collapses in shock. The man being interviewed on the television murdered her mother and sisters. The crime shocked the nation thirty-seven years ago. Now Bella knows: they got the wrong guy.

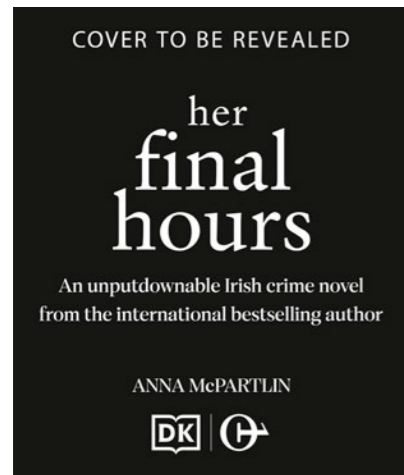
Podcaster Cal Lovett is trying to move on from his own demons. But then Bella shows up on his doorstep and he knows he can never truly move on...

A dark and thrilling crime fiction novel set in Scotland, perfect for fans of Jane Casey, Claire Douglas and Neil Lancaster.

Praise for *Unseen*

'Vivid, taut, evocative and powerful' RACHEL WOLF  
 'A crime series to savour' JO FURNISS

**Heather Critchlow** grew up in Aberdeenshire and lives in St Albans. She trained as a journalist after studying history and social science at the University of Cambridge.



## Her Final Hours

*An unputdownable Irish crime novel from the international bestselling author*

**Anna McPartlin**

### What really happened to her?

Newly arrived in Dublin city, Garda Mary Shea is eager to impress her boss, major crimes lead Matt Foley. He took a chance bringing her into his team and she wants to prove her mettle.

When a woman's battered body is found in the Wicklow mountains, Mary faces the assumptions and prejudices about the victim's fate that she hoped she'd left behind in County Kerry. She has to dig deep for answers, but the greater challenge is winning Matt's faith in her.

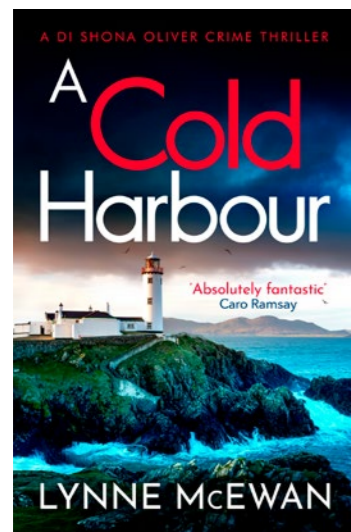
An emotionally charged police procedural story set against the backdrop of 1980s Ireland, from international bestseller Anna McPartlin.

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International bestselling author **Anna McPartlin** had her first novel published in 2006. In recent years she has turned her attention to scriptwriting for TV serial dramas featured on BBC UK, RTE Ireland and A&E America. She lives in Ireland with her husband and dogs.



## A Cold Harbour

*A fast-paced Scottish crime thriller full of mystery and suspense*

**Lynne McEwan**

### Rocky seas lie ahead...

DI Shona Oliver is at a professional and personal crossroads. The National Crime Agency is coming for her over the murder of her former boss, determined to charge someone. Her current boss insists she keeps a low profile, sending her to Galloway.

There, she meets DI Kenneth Dalrymple who is on compassionate leave to care for his terminally ill wife, Isobel. He asks Shona to look into a cold case, the murder of his wife's sister, Ailsa. All leads led to dead ends. Isobel desperately wants to know the truth about her sister's death, before it's too late.

But with the NCA closing in and a sudden active murder case to investigate, Shona has to put her cold case on hold. Can she deliver justice and bring answers, and maybe closure, to a dying woman?

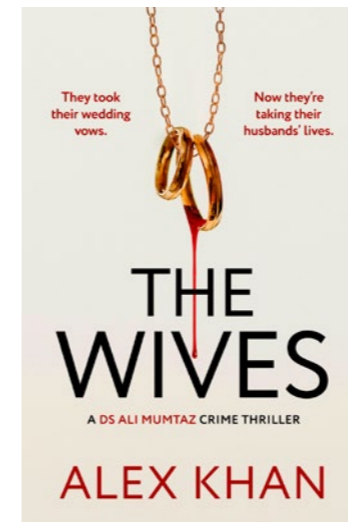
An atmospheric Scottish detective novel ideal for fans of Neil Lancaster, JD Kirk and Val McDermid.

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Glasgow-born **Lynne McEwan** is a former newspaper photographer turned crime author. She's covered stories including the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the first Gulf War in addition to many high profile murder cases. She lives in Lincoln.



## The Wives

*An absolutely nail-biting mystery thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat*

**Alex Khan**

Artist, Rose Cromwell, is a mother of two, grandmother to four and has just celebrated her thirty-fifth wedding anniversary to husband Mike. An ordinary, enviable marriage... until the night that Rose wakes up to see Mike stabbed to death in their marital bed, and the murder weapon in her hand.

Close by, Divya Sharma is happily planning a lavish meal for her devoted husband, Karthik. But their special night ends in horror when she butchers him to death with the meat cleaver she used to lovingly prepare his meal.

Two perfect marriages, cut short by unimaginable bloodshed, pull Detective Mumtaz 'Moomy' Ali of the Met Special Crime Unit and DCI Sarah Heaton into a perplexing investigation with no clues to follow. Can they solve the case, without becoming the next victims on the list?

#### Hera

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**Rights: World English**

**Alex Khan** has spent over a decade working in Information Systems Security for a number of government organisations, and is currently specialising in Terrorism Studies. A lifetime passion for writing was sparked by the encouraging words of an English Teacher in school, and eventually led to Alex successfully completing an MA in Creative Writing.



## Three Days Gone

*A heart-racing, action-packed mystery*

**Charly Cox**

### They're lost in the woods... but who is watching from the shadows?

When 15-year-old Brynn Hagen and her five-year-old sister Eveleigh vanish from their uncle's Montana house, it doesn't take long for the trail to run cold. Enter Detective Alyssa Wyatt.

Alyssa is quickly thrown into a case shrouded in secrecy. Why did the Hagens take three days to report the girls missing? Did Brynn and Eveleigh's senator father value his reputation more than the girls' lives?

While Alyssa wades through decades of lies, the children are running out of time. Deep in the unforgiving mountains, stalked by a ruthless hunter, Brynn must fight to keep her and her sister alive. An isolated cabin appears to be a lifeline. But is the owner a saviour or an enemy? Trusting the wrong person might prove fatal...

If you can't get enough of Karin Slaughter, M.W. Craven or Lisa Gardner, you'll love Charly Cox.

#### Hera

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9781835985557

**Rights: World All Languages**

**Charly Cox** was born in the South, raised in the Midwest, and resides in the Southwest United States. She enjoys puzzles, her Siberian husky, and traveling.



Canelo Crime

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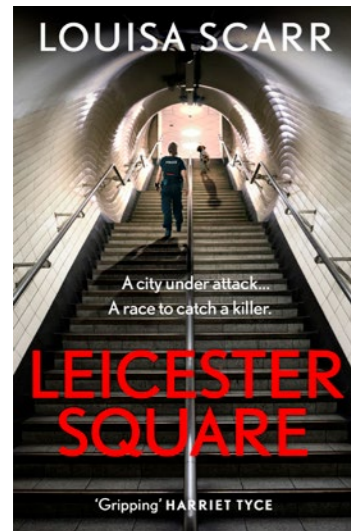
## The First Mistake

Sarah Ward

**One body. One disappearance. A mystery fourteen years in the making.**

At the January festival of Mari Lwyd, where the skeletal head of a horse is paraded around a town, Gwennie Jones is found dead outside the old cinema. Mallory is brought onto the case when it's revealed Gwennie's aunt, Jaci went missing in London fourteen years earlier. Mallory's first CID investigation was a disaster with accusations of police incompetence. But now, with her niece laying dead, was Jaci's disappearance a result of dark forces closer to home?

**Sarah Ward** is a critically acclaimed crime and gothic thriller writer. Her book, *A Patient Fury*, was an Observer book of the month and *The Quickening*, written as Rhiannon Ward, was a Radio Times book of the year. Sarah is a former Vice-Chair of the Crime Writers Association and Trustee of Gwyl Crime Cymru Festival.



Canelo Crime

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## Leicester Square

*An edge of your seat British crime thriller featuring police dogs*

Louisa Scarr

**Terror descends on the streets of London. Can more bloodshed be prevented by PC Lucy Halliday?**

A bomb explodes on Oxford Street. The force of the explosion brings down a building, and the whole capital grinds to a halt. One of the biggest rescue operations Britain has ever known gets underway.

Teamed with her new explosive detection dog, Otto, PC Lucy Halliday is against the clock. Meanwhile, DCI Jack Ellis is pulled on to the case too – his experience in Counter Terrorism isn't just a bonus; it's a necessity. Can Jack and Lucy find the perpetrators before another bomb goes off?

Praise for *Leicester Square*

'Thrilling, tense, and utterly terrifying... Scarr once again proves her mastery of the high-stakes thriller' HEATHER CRITCHLOW

**Louisa Scarr** studied Psychology at the University of Southampton and has lived in and around the city ever since. She works as a freelance copywriter and editor, and when she's not writing, she can be found pounding the streets in running shoes or swimming in muddy lakes.



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## The Scorpion Palace

*A thrilling crime mystery set in Victorian India*

Shylashri Shankar

**Nobody is safe. Everyone's a suspect.**

Hyderabad, 1895. Nine desperate people find themselves marooned at a house party in Faluknama Palace during a devastating storm.

News soon reaches them of a dreaded revolutionary in the area, as well as an escaped panther on the loose... and then the murders begin.

Can Chief Inspector Soobramania, an outcast Brahmin policeman arrested on charges of treason, convince his prickly British rival, Inspector Wilberforce, to help him end the killing spree?

An utterly compelling historical locked room mystery with a sting in the tail.

Praise for *Blood Caste*

'An immersive new entry in the recent flowering of India-set crime fiction, vividly bringing to life the city of Hyderabad at the turn of the nineteenth century. An exotic take on the Ripper legend' VASEEM KHAN

'A crackling Victorian-era thriller... intricate and mesmerising' BONNIE MacBIRD

*'Blood Caste* is at once a twisty mystery, a richly evocative slice of history and a searing deep-dive into the uneasy political, racial and religious cross-currents of Victorian India... Shylashri Shankar is a name to watch – hopefully there will be further adventures to come for Inspector Soobramania and his appealing team of allies!' KATE QUINN

'A vibrant and beguiling debut. I loved this tale of late nineteenth-century Hyderabad, with its brilliantly rendered settings and cast of colourful characters, headed by the engaging Chief Inspector Soobramania. Definitely one to watch' S.G. MacLEAN

'Engrossing and evocative, extensively researched and tightly plotted, *Blood Caste* is an atmospheric exploration of a series of terrible murders in the princely state of Hyderabad, during the times of the British Raj... What a pleasure it is to lose yourself in the book, sink into the rich descriptions of Hyderabad culture, and the mesmerizing beauty of the city itself' HARINI NAGRENDA

**Shylashri Shankar** is an award-winning author, researcher, food historian, and political scientist. Her non-fiction book, *Turmeric Nation: A Passage Through India's Tastes*, received the Auther Award. Her debut novel, *Blood Caste*, won the Spotlight First Novel Award and was also longlisted for the CWA Debut Dagger. She lives in New Delhi.



**Hera**  
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## The Author

*An addictive, twisty, page-turning thriller that will have you hooked*

**Dea Poirier**

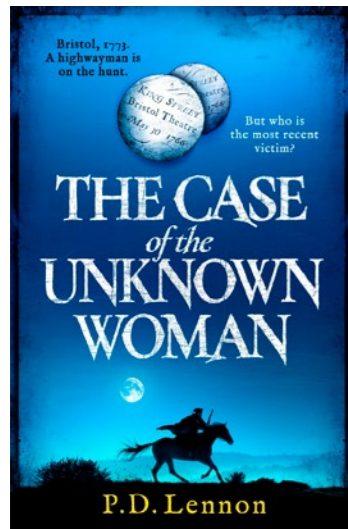
**When the world's hottest author goes missing without a trace, will the truth be stranger than fiction?**

Six weeks ago, bestselling author Angelica Hastings vanished, along with her husband. Her latest book – a darkly twisted romance where the lines between love and obsession are blurred – feels like her most personal work yet, leading to fan theories that it's a cry for help. So when she disappears without trace, social media is driven to fever pitch by the fact that Angelica has always kept herself hidden. No interviews. No photos. No answers.

It seems that the darkness in Angelica's books might be closer to truth than fiction, but is she covering up a murder – or revealing one? Is Angelica Hastings a victim, a mastermind – or something far more dangerous?

An unputdownable, inventive thriller for fans of Mary Kubica and Alice Feeney.

**Dea Poirier** was raised in Edmond, Oklahoma, where she found her passion during a creative writing course. She spent time living on both coasts and traveling the United States before finally putting down roots in central Florida. She now resides somewhere between Disney and the swamp.



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## The Case of the Unknown Woman

**P.D. Lennon**

**A highwayman hunts unchecked on Bristol's misty downs...**

Bristol, 1773. A string of highway robberies on the Clifton Downs has gone unchecked for months. There is no sign of the highwayman being caught, and with insurance claims for stolen valuables piling up at Ashby's door, he decides to take matters into his own hands.

So, when there is a report of a fresh attack, he rushes to investigate, calling upon his accomplice, Isaiah Ollenu. The victim is unknown, but shots were heard and a woman was found unconscious, though apparently otherwise unharmed, at the scene. Before Ollenu and Ashby can question her, she dies.

All that was found with her was a blue dress, a pair of shoes, and a pocketful of coins. Will this be enough to track down the elusive highwayman? Or is there more going on in the shadows of Bristol's alleyways than meets the eye?

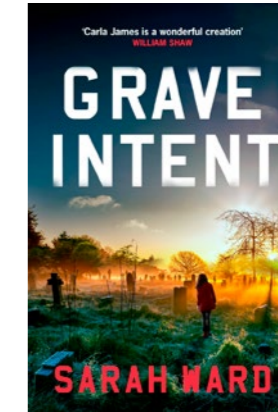
**Paula Lennon** was born to Jamaican parents in England. She lived in Jamaica during her teens and developed a great affinity for the island. Although Paula came back to England to study law and was once a London commercial lawyer, she eventually saw sense and returned to live where the weather is more conducive to smiling.



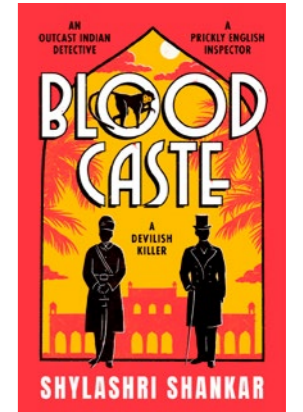
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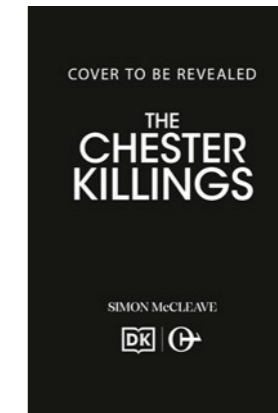
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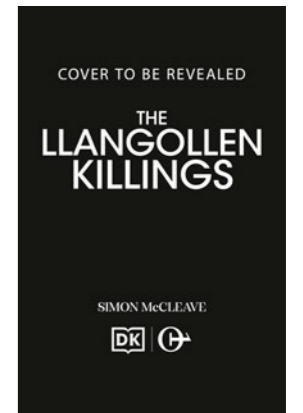
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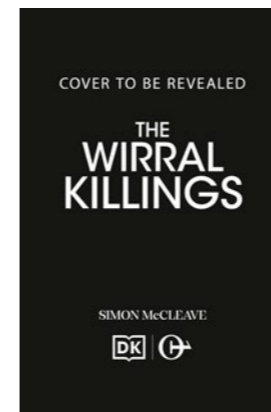
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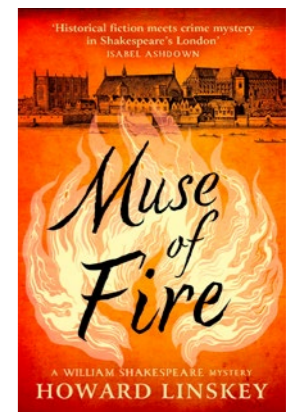
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## Bloodfire, Baby

*A gothic tale about motherhood, ghosts and heritage*

Eirinie Carson

**She planned to be the perfect mother.**

When Sofia's husband leaves for an extended work trip and she is left with their three-week old daughter, loneliness and anxiety soon manifest into something else. Sofia descends into paranoia, and sleep-deprived madness.

She is from a long line of women, all the eldest daughter of the eldest daughter. Her bloodline dates back to 1700s colonised Jamaica. Is that where the source of her haunting lies? Who is this shadow that stalks her in the night? And the face that appears beside her own in the mirror? There isn't anything she wouldn't do, Sofia realises, to protect her new baby girl from these threats. Even bloody violence.

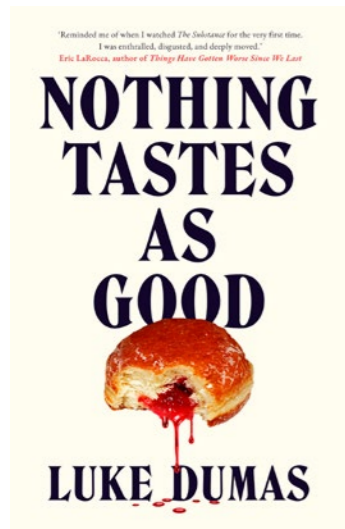
'*Bloodfire, Baby* arrives kicking and screaming with flames in its hair and lightning in its hands as it heralds a **new powerful literary voice** being born. Raw, honest, mysterious, and ultimately courageous' S. A. COSBY

'**A ferocious, hypnotic descent** that burrows under your skin and refuses to let go. **A fever dream**, a psychological thriller, and a whip-smart commentary on modern motherhood' CHELSEA BIEKER

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## Nothing Tastes As Good

*A twisted body horror novel from the award-winning author*

Luke Dumas

**You'd kill to look this good...**

Over three hundred pounds, Emmett Truesdale has never fit the Southern California mould of six-pack, suntanned masculinity. He's tried every diet, but still he remains stuck in his dead-end job, in love and in his body.

Then he discovers a brand-new, untested weight loss product called Obexity. With weight loss comes a new lease on life. He gets promoted. He finds the perfect boyfriend. People treat him like he's human. But he's still hungry for more. And the monster lurking inside of him is desperate to come out.

Praise for Luke Dumas

'Gripping, funny, angry, heartbreaking, urgent, honest, unsparing, and more than a little terrifying' NAT CASSIDY

'Clever, twisty... left me thrilled and looking over my shoulder' PAUL TREMBLAY

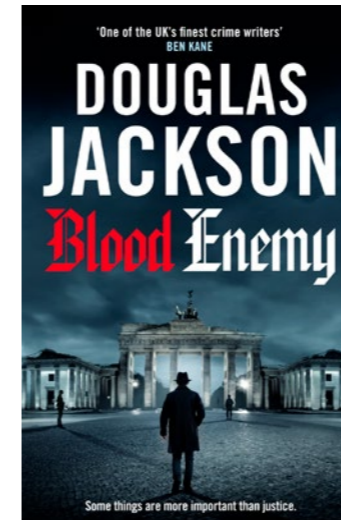
'Haunting... I consumed this breathlessly' MEGAN COLLINS

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**Luke Dumas** is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *A History of Fear* and *The Paleontologist*. He is the winner of a 2024 ITW Thriller Award, and his work has been optioned for film and TV. He was born and raised in San Diego, California.



## Blood Enemy

*The shattering World War Two historical crime thriller set during the Warsaw Uprising*

Douglas Jackson

**June 1944. When a Wehrmacht war crimes investigator and his escort are killed in an ambush, it looks like an opportunistic act of resistance by the Armia Krajowa, but Jan Kalisz of the Warsaw Kripo has his doubts.**

Fortunately, with the Red Army just a few hundred kilometres away, Kalisz's boss, *Hauptsturmführer* Hoth finds his faith in the Fuhrer waning, and lets his Polish detective investigate.

The hunt for the real killers takes Kalisz first to a battered Berlin and then within reach of the Russian guns, but the answer lies with a key witness who's now in a concentration camp. At Auschwitz-Birkenau, Kalisz is reacquainted with an old acquaintance, Doctor Josef Mengele.

By the time Kalisz escapes Mengele's clutches and returns to Warsaw, the city is a powder keg on the brink of exploding. After five years of reluctant collaboration is it finally time for Jan Kalisz to show his true allegiance?

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



## The Variety Girls

*An uplifting, heart-warming World War Two historical romance that will stir your emotions*

Betty Firth

**September 1942.**

Twenty-year-old factory girl Susan Lawrence can hardly believe it when she successfully auditions for ENSA, the organisation that provides entertainment for the troops. But as The Forces Follies are posted to the wilds of Scotland, facing tough crowds of tired soldiers and dealing with the attentions of men long deprived of female company, life proves to be far from the glamorous showbusiness world Susan had imagined.

When a handsome crooner Jack Forster joins the troupe, Susan is initially exasperated by his laid-back attitude but gradually starts to absorb a little of Jack's carefree attitude, the pair quickly growing closer. But Susan soon discovers that Jack is hiding a devastating secret and is faced with an impossible dilemma reveal the truth, or protect the man she loves?

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**Betty Firth** grew up in rural West Yorkshire in the UK, right in the heart of Brontë country... and she's still there. After graduating from Durham University with a degree in English Literature, she dallied with living in cities including London, Nottingham and Cambridge, but eventually came back with her own romantic hero in tow to her beloved Dales.



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## The Residency

*A gothic suspense novel set on a remote Scottish island that will keep you up all night*

C. D. Major

**The opportunity of a lifetime, or the worst mistake of your life?**

Life in London is hard for Ginny as a single mother barely scraping by. Once she was a promising artist with a glittering future ahead. On a whim, she applies for an artist's residency – all expenses paid – and is astonished to be accepted.

Soon, Ginny is on a boat to a remote Scottish island, her daughter by her side. But was she too hasty, attracted by the promise of security and a chance to make art again? Locals she meets are tight-lipped about the man who is Ginny's benefactor, but she senses underlying fear. Her contract contains odd rules about avoiding the gallery at the vast property where she is living, and there is an undeniable eeriness to the place. If she didn't know better, she'd swear she could hear whispers, and that the people in the paintings were changing overnight...

By the time Ginny realises what a grave mistake she has made, she is stranded. Accepting the invitation has sealed her fate and the only way to survive is through escape – or sacrifice.

An atmospheric gothic suspense novel to send a chill down your spine and keep you reading late into the night.

Praise for *The Residency*

'Skin crawlingly good. I was screaming at the page as the boat approached the island. C.D. Major has written a belter. Claustrophobic, isolated, unnerving ... I was on edge from the first page. Loved it.' RACHEL WOLF

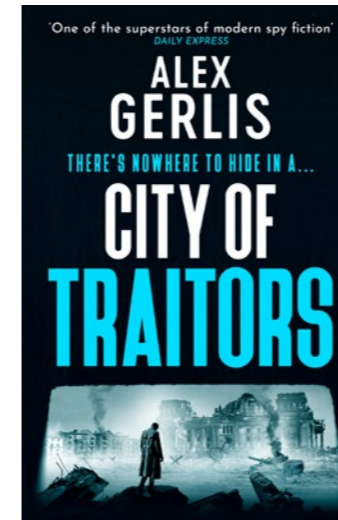
'An unsettling, atmospheric mystery you'll race through right to the chilling supernatural twist. Loved it!' ELLERY LLOYD

'Atmospheric, compelling, genuinely chilling. The only thing that stopped me staying up all night to finish was being too scared to read it in the dark!' TAMMY COHEN

'Beautifully written and utterly chilling' SUSI HOLLIDAY

'This modern gothic tale has it all. Creepy, atmospheric, and scarily addictive, you'll never look at a painting the same way again' AMANDA JENNINGS

**C. D. Major** is the pseudonym of novelist and screenwriter Cesca Major. She's been published in over 12 countries and has TV and film in development with major streamers. She's been a Reese's Book Club Pick and nominated for both the CWA and the HWA Awards. She loves teaching and has mentored for both Reese's Book Club and the Black Girl Writers.



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## City of Traitors

*'The tense World War Two espionage mole hunt thriller from One of the superstars of modern spy fiction' Daily Express*

Alex Gerlis

**As the end of the Second World War in Europe looms, a new conflict is in its early stages: who will control Europe when the war ends?**

Soviet double-agent 'Archie' is now a British diplomat in the United States, feeding information on the Special Relationship back to Moscow Centre. Meanwhile, erstwhile Soviet agent 'Bertie' – Charles Cooper – is sent on a perilous mission to Italy before being drawn towards Berlin as the Allies draw near their goal.

As the Red Army draws in on Berlin from the east, the British and Americans from the West, the heart of the Reich trembles beneath bombardment and the pitiless tracks of tanks. The stage is set for a climactic showdown, and the traitors become more central than ever...

The gripping third novel in Alex Gerlis' epic Double Agents series.

**Alex Gerlis** was a BBC journalist for nearly thirty years and is the author of nine Second World War espionage thrillers, all published by Canelo. He was born in Lincolnshire and now lives in west London with his wife and two black cats, a breed which makes cameo appearances in all his books.



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## An Ordinary House

*A dark, horrifying thriller that you won't be able to put down*

Rae Starling

**We lived in a house on Beech Avenue. Outside- People say we're safe now. But one of us wants to go back. Back to that house and the darkness it held.**

Police raid an ordinary house in a quiet suburban street and find a traumatised teenager held captive with his family. They call him a survivor, but he doesn't know what to believe. His memories don't match what his siblings and the press tell him about his home.

As he struggles to make sense of his new world, he must find and face the truth.

With one of his siblings set on revenge, should he forget his family, or turn from victim to killer?

'An exceptional psychological thriller... unlike anything I have ever read – I devoured it' RUTH GILLIGAN

**Rae Starling** is the pseudonym of Rachel Sargeant, a bestselling suspense author from Gloucestershire. Her novels are sold worldwide, including in translation in Europe. She writes about captivity, control and manipulation.



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## Kill Story

*The darkly funny thriller and hottest debut of 2026*

JD Maduro

American ex-pat twenty-three-year-old Skye Sullivan is Influence Manager for Amsterdam's hottest startup. CoHab is a co-living community founded by charismatic Silas Hayes, and earmarked as the Next Big Thing. Everyone wants to work there.

But Skye has a front-row view of the chaos inside. Booze- and pill-fuelled parties after hours, a hotbed of sexual encounters and gossip, it's no wonder the threat of bankruptcy looms even as the doors are just opening. Skye finds her job becomes less about influencing and more about covering up the messes threatening to burst open CoHab at the seams.

Overstressed, underpaid, but somehow still desperate to keep her job, Skye gets closer and closer to the dark heart of CoHab. How much will she sacrifice to the gods of good PR before her own neck is on the line?

Razor-sharp, insightful and wildly entertaining, KILL STORY will be the most talked about book of the year.

**J.D. Maduro** is a pen name of Jennifer van der Kwast, an American who has been living in the Netherlands for over 14 years. While living in New York she worked in the film and publishing industries. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Magazine*, *New York Times*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *Time Out*, and the *Washington Post*.



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Rights: World English

## Truth Will Out

*A fast-paced, read-in-one-sitting thriller that will have you hooked*

N. J. Hatton

**A hit and run. A deadly secret. An accidental killer playing both sides.**

Rushing his heavily pregnant wife to hospital, Jack's family life is shattered when, after accidentally hitting a child on a bicycle, he panics and races off.

Jack's wife must avoid stress or risk losing their baby. A criminal defence lawyer, Jack knows that's impossible once he owns up to his crime. So begins Jack's ever-increasing web of deception as he infiltrates the police investigation into the hit and run, led by his close friend, DCI Clara Higgins.

When another suspect is identified, Jack decides he will defend the man he knows is innocent, so he can keep track of the police investigation and buy his wife some time. As Jack plays both sides of the investigation, the lines of innocence and guilt become blurred as he finds himself lead down a dark road heading for a deadly outcome.

**N. J. Hatton** is an award-winning screenwriter and director who founded and ran his own media company for over fifteen years, where he created short films, drama projects and worked with some of the biggest kids' brands. His work has screened on Netflix, BBC, Sky, and Disney+.



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## The Soup Kitchen Girl

*A brand new Victorian saga series*

Libby Ashworth

**With the closure of the cotton mills, the rich become poor and the poor even poorer.**

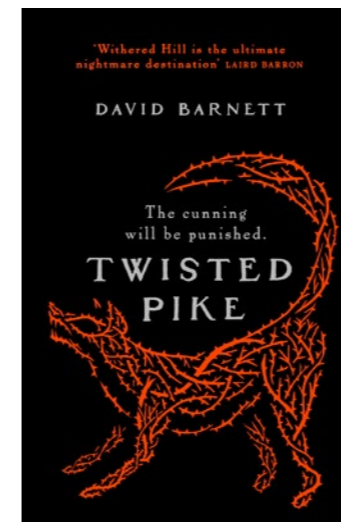
Sally Grimes is a mill girl, the eldest of a family of six. When the mills stop, they have nothing left to live on. The family decide to emigrate to America, but tragedy strikes when her father is killed. Sally becomes the main earner and must hold them all together until better times come around.

Ruth Hodgson's father has a confectionery business, but the workers are not buying luxuries and his business is in ruins. He is given the job of supervising the soup kitchen, but when he becomes ill, it falls to Ruth.

Caroline Haworth is the daughter of a local mill owner. She volunteers at the soup kitchen but they are running out of money. The only solution is accepting a loan from the wealthy Dutton family, but it comes with strings attached, a marriage to their son, Thomas.

A novel filled with love, female resilience, and friendship, for readers of Dilly Court and Mollie Walton.

**Libby Ashworth** was born in Lancashire and comes from many generations of mill workers. While researching her family history she realised there were many stories about ordinary working people that she wanted to tell.



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## Twisted Pike

David Barnett

**Their arrival could mean the end of everything...**

The remote, isolated village of Withered Hill is rocked by unexpected visitors, a film crew hoping to make a low-budget horror movie.

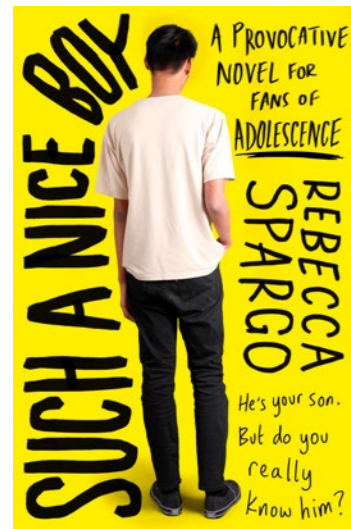
Despite the villagers' misgivings, the small crew insists on staying, desiring to put their plans for the film *Twisted Pike* into action.

They are not in Withered Hill by accident. But they are not there to make a film. They are there to destroy this cursed place, and all who live there.

The reverberations of their attempts will be felt across the nation, and by the ancient gods who exist beneath the ground, waiting for their chance to rise once again

An utterly bewitching folk horror novel of apocalyptic proportions from the author of *Withered Hill*. Perfect for fans of Andrew Michael Hurley and A.M. Shine.

**David Barnett** is an author, journalist and comic book writer based in West Yorkshire. He writes in a range of genres for various publishers, works for a wide variety of press outlets including the *Guardian*, *Independent* and BBC, and in comics has written for DC, 2000AD and more.



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## Such a Nice Boy

*A thought-provoking, unputdownable read about motherhood and masculinity*

**Rebecca Spargo**

**Your 15-year-old son stands accused of something terrible. Who is to blame? His friends? Social media? Or, as his mother, is it your fault?**

When Amanda finds out her teenage son, Nathan, is accused of being among a group of boys sexually bullying a young woman, causing her to take her own life, she is devastated, and convinced she is to blame. She should have been there more, known more, done more.

As memories of another death, twenty-five years earlier, begin to resurface, Amanda finds herself questioning how much any woman can ever truly know her own son. Has her sweet, good boy really become a young man capable of something so brutal?

As a woman, she wants to see him face consequences: as a mother she wants to protect her son.

What would *you* do?

**Rebecca Spargo** began her career as a BBC journalist before switching into PR. She is now a freelance copywriter and author. Rebecca writes book club fiction examining some of the most pressing issues facing society today. She lives in Surrey.



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## Alpha Female

*A wickedly funny, deliciously dark psychological thriller*

**Carrie Hughes**

**Two friends turned enemies. One dangerous secret. May the best woman win...**

She used to be your best friend. Then she was your worst enemy.

Now your teenage son is dating her daughter, who, along with her mother, is turning him against you. Your old friend knows your darkest secret – and she won't hesitate to use it against you.

How far will you go to keep her away from your son? And in the battle to come out on top, can you use dirty tactics but still stay clean?

A darkly humorous thriller about Queen Bees and toxic female friendship that fans of Katy Brent and Bella Mackie will adore.

**Carrie Hughes** lives in West Sussex, where she is a copywriter and guest lecturer in creative writing. She can often be found dreaming up stories, communing with dogs and visiting the dark side. She loves creating female characters who are stronger than they appear and forcing them into difficult situations.



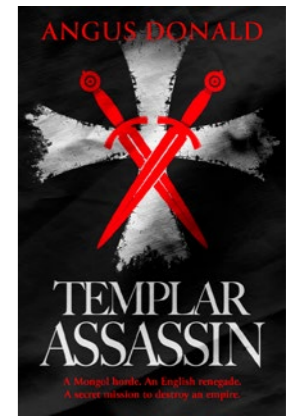
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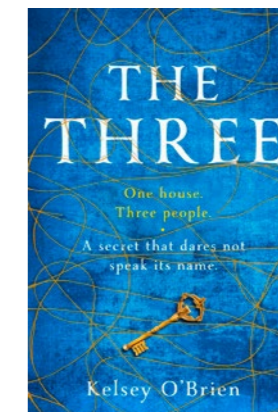
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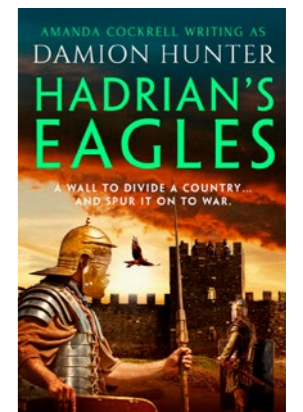
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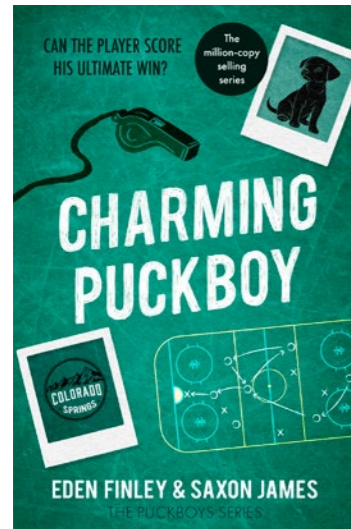
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## Charming Puckboy

*A second chance, opposites attract mm hockey player romance*

Saxon James

**His dream contract means losing out on his dream man...**

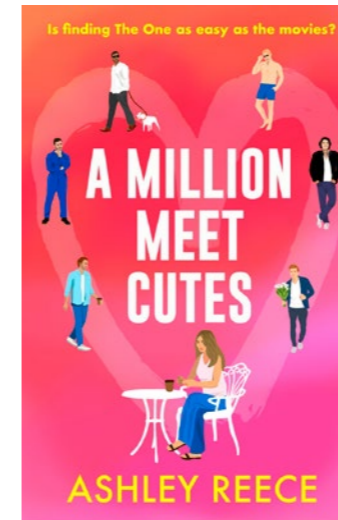
Lachie Kikishkin lives a charmed life. He's one of the top rookies in the NHL, never has to look far for a hookup, and even animals flock to him like a Disney princess, which is how he ends up reuniting with his childhood crush.

Working at the animal shelter meant Sam frequently dealt with the strays and injured critters Lachie brought in as a kid. But now Little Kikishkin is all grown up and Sam's the one in need of rescuing when Lachie sets his sights on him.

Their chemistry is electric and what started as a summer fling turns into something more. But Lachie is about to sign the deal of a lifetime – a seven year contract in a different state that will keep him hundreds of miles from Sam. Can he score a fairytale ending with his Prince Charming?

A hot new mm romance, perfect for fans of Jesse H Reign and Rachel Reid.

**Eden Finley** is an Australian bestselling author who writes steamy contemporary romances that are full of snark and light-hearted fluff. **Saxon James** is a Top 10 International Bestseller from Australia who writes MM romance to make you smile.



Hera

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## A Million Meet Cutes

*A warm, relatable romcom about finding The One*

Ashley Reece

**Christina has always wanted her movie-perfect meet cute. Surely this would mean he was The One?**

So she is shocked and amazed when one day she has very own meet-cute – sadly, the guy is most definitely NOT The One.

Over the weeks that follow, Christina finds herself encountering meet-cutes everywhere she goes – but she is still single. Plus, she's becoming fed up of getting tangled in dog leads (even if the dog owner is extremely handsome) and her car breaking down (even if the recovery guy is extremely handsome). Even when she is on a date, she has another meet-cute with a different guy.

What does it all mean and is this the way to find the perfect guy, or have her beloved romcom movies been lying to her all this time?

A laugh-out-loud romcom for fans of Emily Henry and Megan Quinn.

**Ashley Reece** is a pseudonym for Jennifer Joyce, who lives in Manchester. She's been scribbling stories for as long as she can remember, graduating from a pen to a typewriter and then an electronic typewriter. And she felt like the bee's knees typing on THAT. She now writes her books on a laptop (which has a proper delete button and everything).



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## The Finish Line

*A steamy, friends-to-lovers romance that will make your heart race*

Grace Newman

**What happens off the track must stay between them...**

Lily is known for her cheerful and sunny personality, and after a successful stint at Valkyrie F1 Racing, she has decided that she is ready for a new challenge: being the first female racer on a traditional Formula 1 team.

Henri, a grumpy and driven race car driver, cares only about winning and lacks humility, making him unpopular among his team. As the season goes on, Henri is angry that he's never won a world championship, and this only worsens as he sits in his sister's racing shadow to the public.

When an unexpected crash on the course leaves Henri carrying Lily in his arms, something clicks. Despite their differences, passion flows between them. Can they keep each other's secrets in the cutthroat F1 world? And most of all: who will make it to the finish line first?

A steamy, grumpy X sunshine sporting romance, for fans of Hannah Grace and Leah Brunner.

**Grace Newman** lives in Los Angeles. Originally from Gloucester, Grace grew up as an avid Formula 1 fan and watched Jensen Button and Lewis Hamilton win World Driver's Championships, which is where her love of the sport was born.



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## Of Shadows and Blood

*The blood-thirsty romantasy debut for fans of Quicksilver*

Ivy Rose

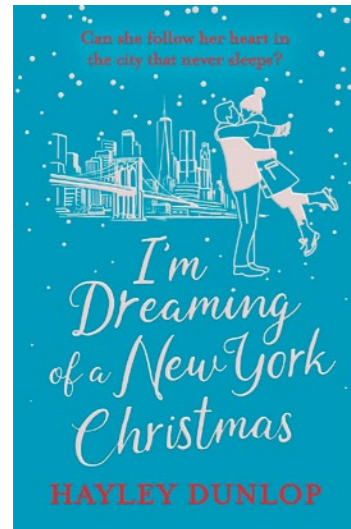
**Liv has woken up from a coma. Except she isn't anywhere she recognises.**

The last thing she remembers is the fall she had from a tree in her home village; an unforgiving land where thirst is endless and labour is unyielding. Struggling with feelings for her absent, enigmatic neighbour, Sawyer, she searches for meaning in a world that seems to offer none.

Now with fractured memories and a forgotten past, Liv awakens in a forgotten kingdom, Lux, inhabited by Vampyr, magical sorceresses, and humans: all of whom believe she is the next queen destined to rule on a continent of tense rival kingdoms. She must navigate ancient politics, shadowed love, and dangerous bargains. As she battles to reclaim her lost memories and redefine her purpose, Liv faces an impossible choice: trust the cold Vampyr King to help break her curse, or flee.

The yearn-filled, blood-thirsty romantasy debut that will leave you reeling, for fans of Callie Hart and Sarah J. Maas.

**Ivy Rose** suffered a brain injury in Mexico. She spent the following months under treatment and recovery. Ivy 'woke' up months later, finding a document on her laptop that she didn't remember: the start of a fantasy novel inspired by her own injury. Since her injury, Ivy has completely changed her life.



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## I'm Dreaming of a New York Christmas

*An unforgettable festive romcom*

**Hayley Dunlop**

### Can a New York Christmas bring her everything she ever wanted?

After the worst year of her life, speechwriter and introvert Flora Bell is looking forward to a calm Christmas: home, alone and as peaceful as possible. But when her chaotic mum and sister turn up out of the blue to take Flora on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to New York, it's clear the universe has other ideas. When Flora meets cartoonist Ethan in a Greenwich Village coffee shop – fate and joy seem to be taking the wheel.

But just as she dares to believe her New York fairytale might be coming true, she discovers something that changes everything. Will Flora ever be able to reclaim her quiet existence? Or will the bells of New Year's Eve ring in a new life altogether?

Praise for Hayley Dunlop

'Warm and incredibly witty, this is one very special rom-com' **LIZZY DENT**  
 'Everything you could look for in a Christmas book' **EMMA STEELE**

**Hayley Dunlop** spent the first 15 years of her career working in media and PR before switching to creative copywriting. She now lives just outside London and is fuelled by loud music, frequent naps and chocolate-based breakfast cereals.



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## Clearly Charmed

*An enchanting small town enemies-to-lovers romance*

**Amy True**

Dandelion 'Dani' McGuire loves her quiet mountain life in Harvest Moon, Colorado even if she and her sisters are part of the town's magical lore.

As the only veterinarian for miles, Dani spends her time caring for the animals she loves with an instinct and touch many consider supernatural.

While hiking in the woods, Dani finds a wayward dog that belongs to Bryce O'Dell, an out-of-town journalist.

He is there to explore the story of the McGuire girls and their witchy heritage and Dani wants nothing to do with him.

But she can't deny the chemistry and it is hard to avoid someone in this tiny town.

Could she trust him? Or will he expose her and her sisters' secrets to the world?

**Amy True** worked in entertainment and advertising before turning to her one dream: writing romance. She can often be found in her local writing spot sipping iced tea (with a touch of lemonade) and putting together playlists for her next small-town romance novels. While she grew up only ten minutes from Disneyland, which inspired her love for storytelling, she now calls Arizona home.



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## A Crown of Blood and Magick

*Follow up to the addictive slow-burn romantasy A Kiss of Hammer and Flame*

**Amy de la Force**

Now Empress of Hael'stromia, Cahra is supposed to be ruling the three kingdoms. But Ozumbre is seceding, Kolyath's nobles sow division, and King Thierre of Luminaux is lost to grief. Her only solace is Hael, their bond growing dangerously romantic despite being forbidden.

When Kolyath and Luminaux are attacked by an unknown enemy, Cahra dispatches Hael, leaving her powerless and pining for his dark magicks. Hael never returns, and Wyldaern is granted a vision: Hael, beaten within an inch of his immortality, has been captured.

Cahra must master her own dark magick if she's to save Hael in time...

Praise for *A Kiss of Hammer and Flame*

'De la Force hammers ancient prophecy and royal intrigue into a gripping tale of a lost city, and a destiny that is forged and chosen by a heroine with more inner steel than she knows. An epic start to what promises to be an incandescent trilogy' **SHALINI ABEYSEKARA**

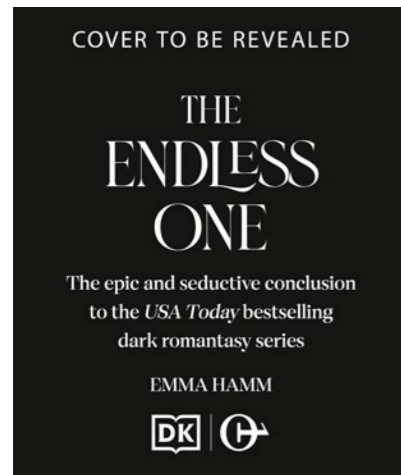
'An engrossing tale of resilience with a compelling protagonist, engaging writing, and rising stakes in a world of seers, power, and secrets everything I love in romantasy and more!' **MARIA Z. MEDINA**

'An epic romantasy set in a unique and immersive world, *A Kiss of Hammer and Flame* will sweep readers away with its loveable cast of characters. Filled with action, adventure, and political intrigue, it builds to a thrilling climax that will leave readers clamouring for more' **CHARLOTTE INGHAM**

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'The perfect read for fans of Sarah J. Maas' books' **DAILY EXPRESS**

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Because this time, she isn't just ready to kill a man. She's ready to kill a god.

*USA Today* bestselling author **Emma Hamm** grew up in a small town surrounded by trees and animals. She writes strong, confident, powerful women who aren't afraid to grow and make mistakes. Her books will always be a little bit feminist, and are geared towards empowering both men and women to be comfortable in their own skin.

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**Lulu Morris** lives in Essex with her husband, two children, and two cats. She is a director for the Romantic Novelists Association (RNA) where she has volunteered for 4 years and has published 10 Mills & Boon historical romances which have been translated into German, French and Italian.

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When their paths collide at a family wedding, their old feelings are rekindled, sparking a passionate romance. However, Jenna's double life and relentless pursuit of justice put their relationship to the test, and she must face the fact that bringing down Blackstone makes her the secret enemy of the man she loves.

When Kieran discovers her secret hobby, she must make an impossible choice between embracing her new-found happiness and uncovering the truth about her father's death, once and for all...

**Connie Kitson** has worked alongside developers and within app teams as a digital marketing manager for over ten years, which has honed her ability to translate technical jargon, and provided the inspiration for *The Love Code*.

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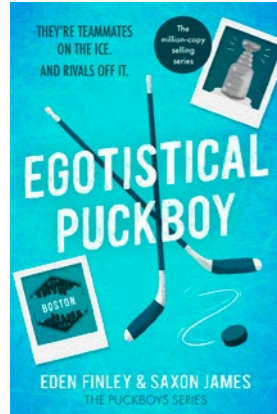
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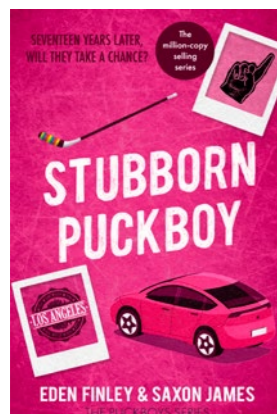
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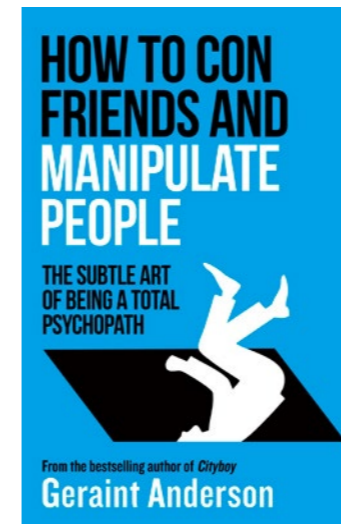
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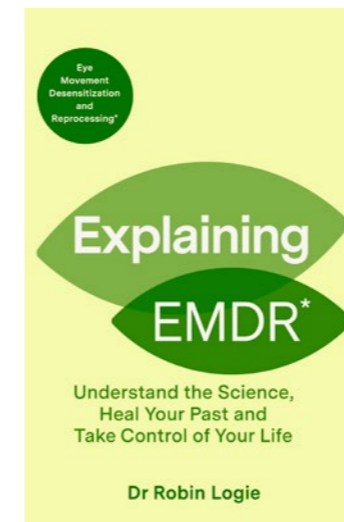
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**Geraint Anderson** is a best-selling author, journalist, speaker and filmmaker. Tricked into joining an investment bank, he rose to run one of the City's top-ranked teams before suffering a crisis of conscience and exposing the appalling behaviour he witnessed daily via an anonymous newspaper column. After a near-fatal motorbike accident in 2007, he left banking to write *Cityboy*, which sold over 400,000 copies and was translated into six languages. He lives in Monmouthshire with his wife and two children.



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**Dr Robin Logie** is a Clinical Psychologist, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and EMDR Europe accredited Consultant and Trainer. His book *EMDR Supervision: A Handbook* was published by Routledge.



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*Human Stories from the Assisted Dying Debate*

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**Assisted dying is a question that reaches into the deepest parts of us, sitting at the intersection of medicine, morality and personal liberty. For decades, debates around legalisation have played out across the world, even as people on both sides have suffered, struggling with impossibly complex choices.**

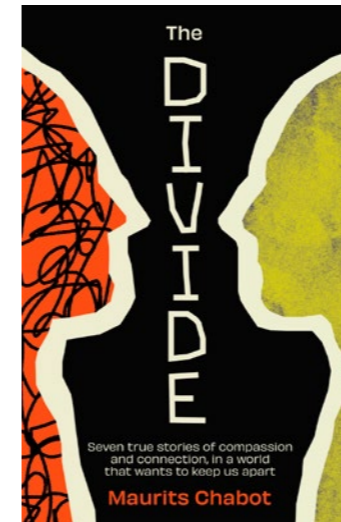
In *Fight to the Death*, award-winning journalist Paul Brand explores the lives unfolding behind the headlines, collecting true stories from those on both sides – a mother facing the slow erosion of her body, a son believing he made a merciful choice. Brand takes us inside the rooms where those decisions are confronted – in the hospitals, kitchens, courtrooms and quiet late-night conversations.

These narratives are not arguments on either side of a political debate but people living with unrelenting pain who long for autonomy in their final days, and those who have lost someone they love to a decision they could not accept.

Honest and unflinching, *Fight to the Death* invites readers to witness, not judge. This is a book about the limits of the human body, the strength of family, and the emotional landscapes no law can ever capture.

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**Paul Brand** is the UK Editor for ITV News and presenter of ITV's flagship *Tonight* programme. He appears nightly on the *Evening News* and *News at Ten*, and regularly on *Good Morning Britain*, as well as a host on LBC radio. Paul is a six-time Royal Television Society award-winner and in 2022 was awarded Broadcaster of the Year at the London Press Club Awards. He has a social media following of 250,000 across Twitter (X) and Bluesky.



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*Seven true stories of compassion and connection, in a world that wants to keep us apart*

**Maurits Chabot**

**How far is the gulf between you and your enemy? Too wide to cross? Too far to bridge? Or too deep to heal?**

All over the world, there are divides: victims and perpetrators; cops and robbers; neo-Nazis and queer communities; Hutus and Tutsis. Whether it is over class, race, sexuality, faith or power, the human race will always find a way to split and separate ourselves into different factions. Sometimes this is necessary for survival, and sometimes it is a matter of personal politics. And yet, although the world is more divided than ever, there are exceptions. In what seems to be a miracle of forgiveness, unlikely friendships can form between the people who seem most susceptible to enmity.

In *Across the Divide*, Maurits Chabot investigates how people can grow closer despite wars, ethnic tensions, geopolitical differences and violent actions, and seeks to answer whether there is a limit to our empathy, our understanding, and our ability to *truly* change. In increasingly divisive times, we must ask ourselves: who is that person across the divide? What is their story? And how far is the distance between us?

**Maurits Chabot** is a historian and writer based in The Netherlands.



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## Sisi

*The Hidden Life of Europe's Rebel Empress*

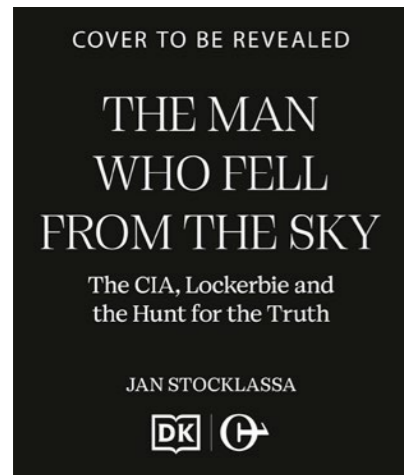
**Martina Winkelhofer**

**From the shy Bavarian princess who captured an Emperor's heart, to the reluctant Empress who became a role model and rebel.**

Amid the splendour of the Austrian court, Empress Elisabeth – or 'Sisi' – lived a life quite like no other. Infamous for her beauty, charisma and unconventional habits, she has captivated all who knew of her, from 19th-century European society to the contemporary scholars, filmmakers and writers who view her today as a figure of female empowerment. But behind the myths and misconceptions, who was the real Sisi?

Set against the backdrop of the powerful Habsburg dynasty and the gilded cage of the Viennese court, this is a story filled with contradictions – obedience and rebellion; freedom and constraint; devotion and despair. This account restores the woman behind the mystery: not only an Empress and a Queen, but a restless, courageous, and deeply human figure whose story still resonates today.

**Martina Winkelhofer** is a specialist in the history of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. She is the author of a number of books about life for the aristocratic class.



## The Man Who Fell From The Sky

*The CIA, Lockerbie and the Hunt for the Truth*

Jan Stocklassa

**It was the deadliest terrorist attack of the twentieth century, a bombing which shocked the world. But was the wrong person found guilty?**

December 21, 1988. All flights between London and New York are full, except for Pan Am 103, where almost half the seats are empty. Thirty-eight minutes after take-off, as the plane flies over the tiny Scottish village of Lockerbie, a bomb explodes in the hull. All 259 people aboard perish.

The attack is not a surprise – American diplomats had been warned not to fly with Pan Am – but the flight goes ahead. Eleven years later, a Libyan national is convicted of orchestrating the attack, a judgement which has been increasingly questioned and scrutinized due to its political implications and the fact that no physical evidence was found to tie the man to the crime.

In late 2022, journalist Jan Stocklassa is trawling through the late Stieg Larsson's archive of documents when he discovers that the world-famous crime author had been investigating the Lockerbie bombing prior to his death, and he picks up the trail. Who was really behind the terrorist attack? Was it just a coincidence that the flight was half-empty that day? And who stands to benefit the most from the truth being buried all these years?

Full of intrigue, scandal and drama, *The Man Who Fell From The Sky* is a breathless rollercoaster which lifts the lid on a real-life international conspiracy, a deadly plot, and one man's relentless fight for the truth.

**Jan Stocklassa** is a Swedish investigative journalist who covers large-scale affairs in international politics. He is the author of the critically acclaimed best-seller *The Man Who Played With Fire*, which sold over half a million copies and was translated into 27 languages. He lives in Prague.

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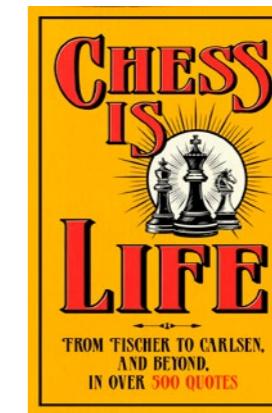
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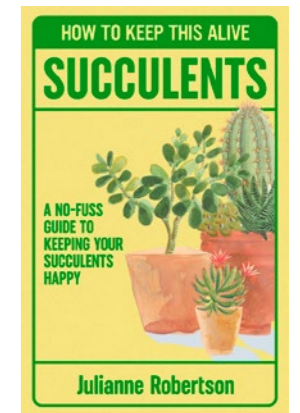
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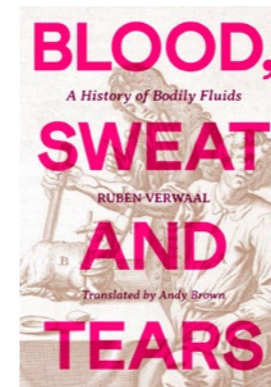
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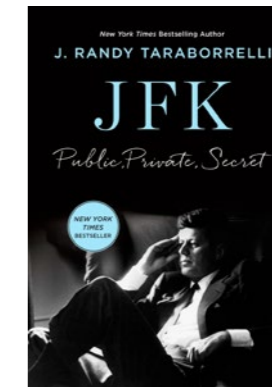
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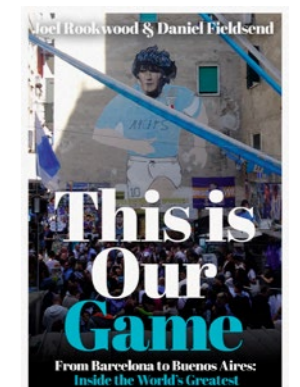
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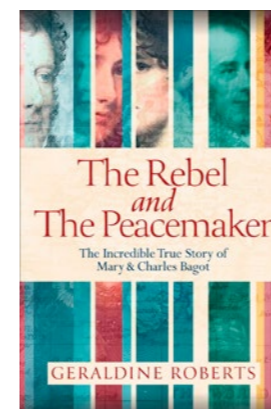
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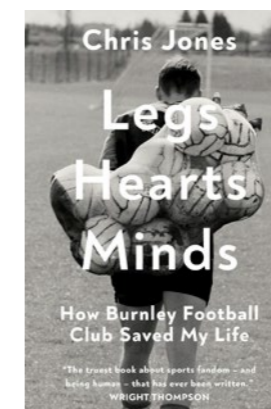
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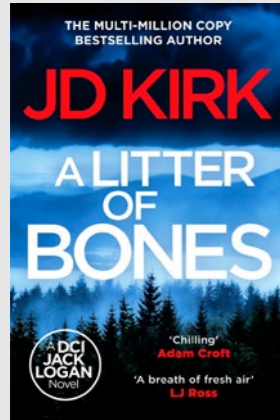
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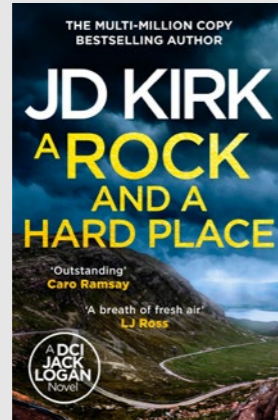
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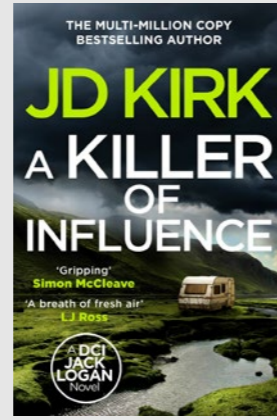
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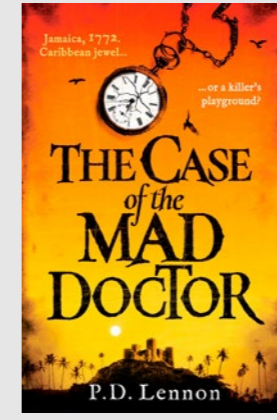
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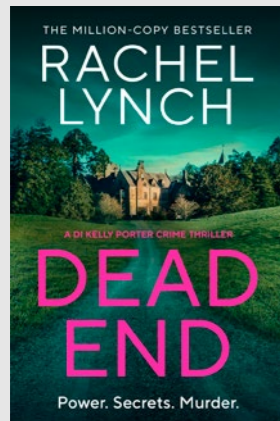
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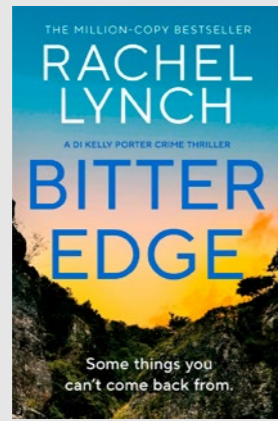
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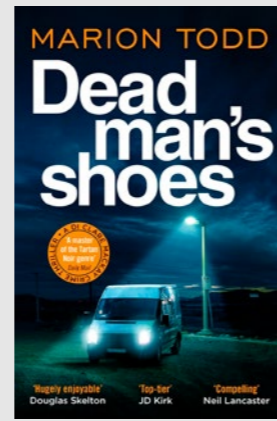
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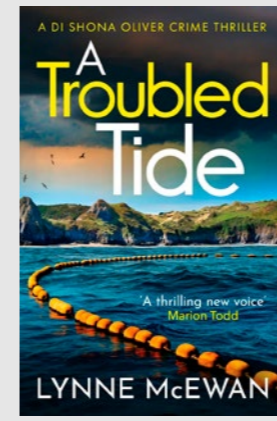
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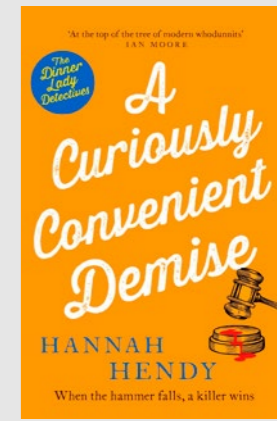
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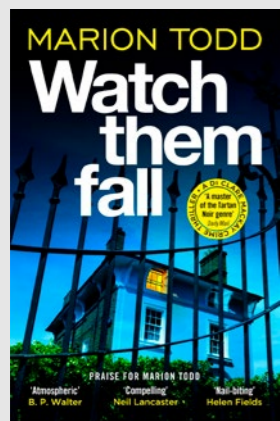
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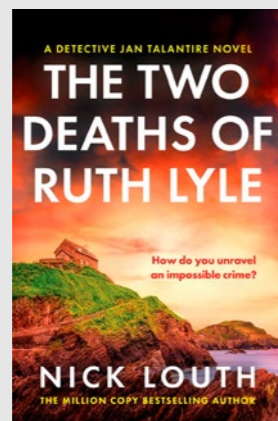
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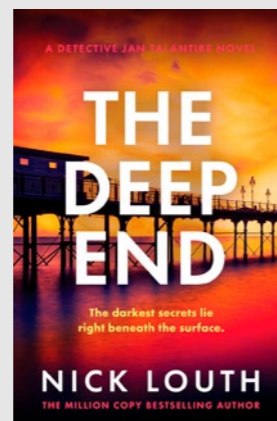
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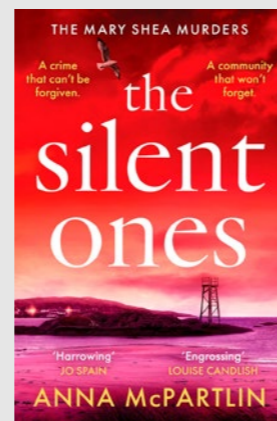
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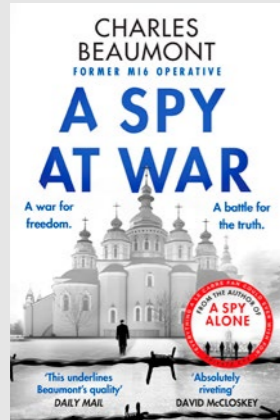
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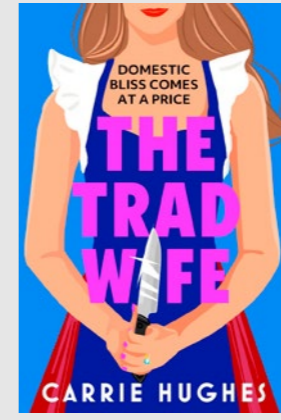
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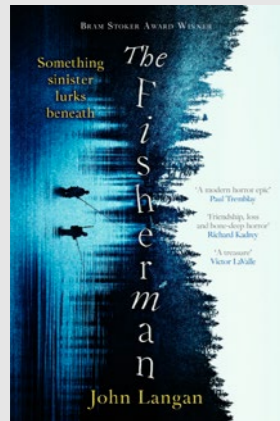
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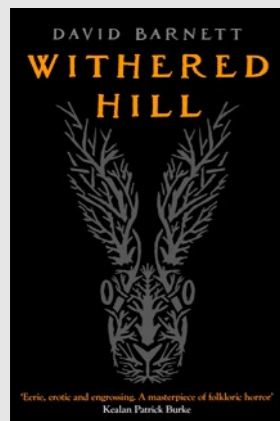
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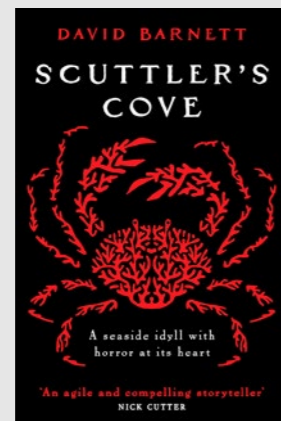
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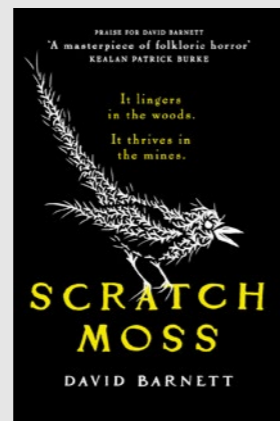
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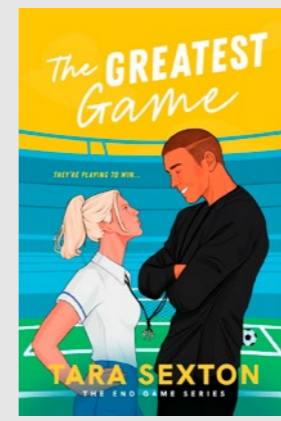
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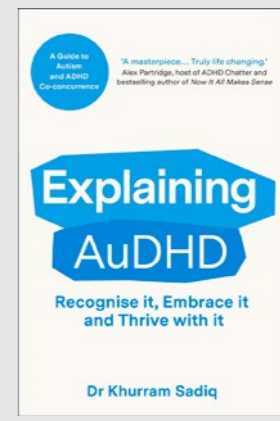
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