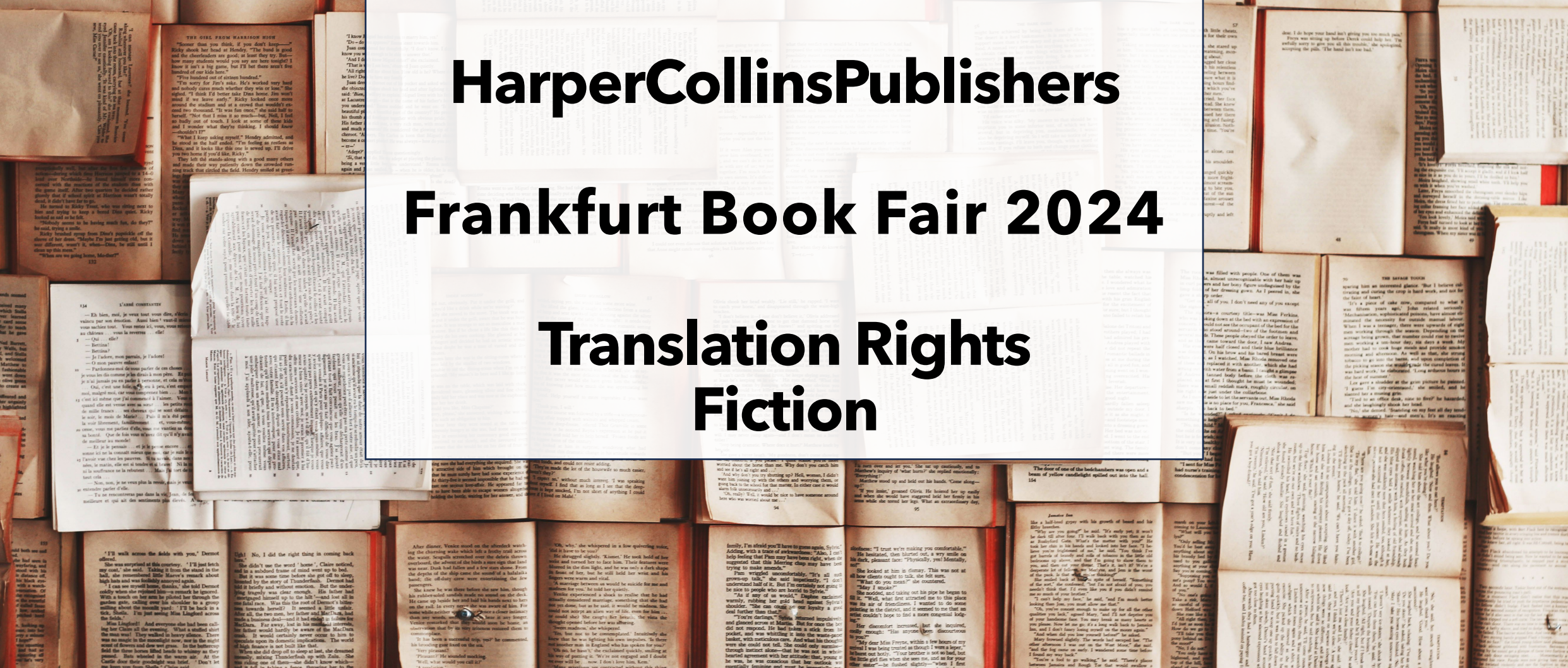
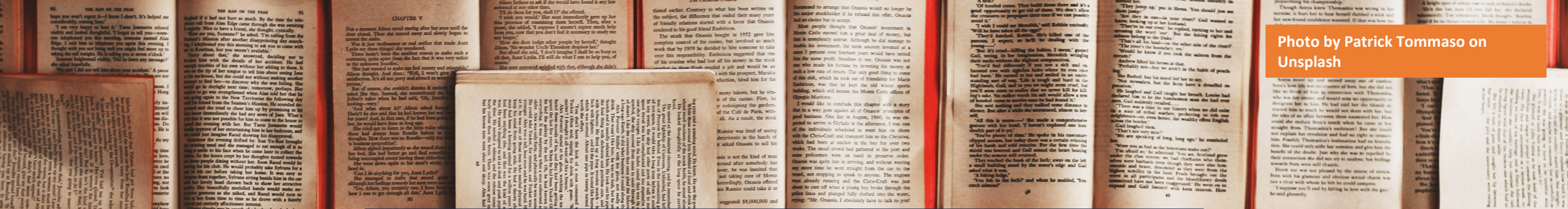


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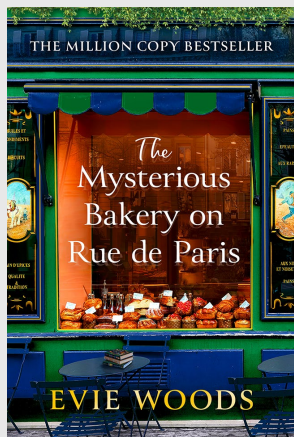


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COMMERCIAL FICTION



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 27/03/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 368pp



Evie Woods is the author of *The Lost Bookshop*, the #1 *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon Kindle bestseller, which has now sold over a million copies. Living on the West Coast of Ireland, Evie escapes the inclement weather by writing her stories in a converted attic. Her books tread the intriguing line between the everyday and the otherworldly, revealing the magic that exists in our ordinary lives.

Rights available: all languages excluding German (Wimmelbuch Verlag)

Previously sold in 31 languages; details available upon request.

THE MYSTERIOUS BAKERY ON RUE DE PARIS

Evie Woods

Nestled among the cobblestone streets of Compiègne, there existed a bakery unlike any other.

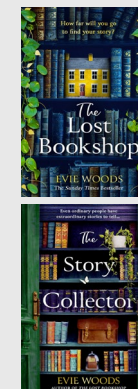
Rumours were whispered through the town that its pastries offered a taste of magic, chasing away the darkest of sorrows. Just one bite of a croissant might bring luck, unlock a precious memory or reveal hidden longings.

But dark clouds were looming on the horizon.

For Edie Lane, a recipe for disaster doesn't require that many ingredients. Take an unhealthy amount of wishful thinking and a sprinkle of desperation and that's how Edie left everything behind in Ireland for her dream job at a bakery in Paris. Except the bakery isn't in Paris - and neither is Edie.

This might not be where Edie intended to be, but she soon realizes it's exactly where she needs to be.

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HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Martha Ashby
Agency: Kerr MacRae LPA
Release: 08/05/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 368pp



Reeta Chakrabarti is a journalist and broadcaster who currently presents for BBC News and has also reported extensively at home and abroad for the BBC. Born in London, she was brought up in Birmingham and in Calcutta, India. She has previously been a judge for the 2021 David Cohen Prize for Literature; she was the chair of the 2021 Costa Book of the Year; and in 2023 chair of the BBC National Short Story Award. She lives in London with her husband and has three children.

Rights available: all languages

FINDING BELLE

Reeta Chakrabarti

Mivvi has two parents. But sometimes she only has one. Or the other. And sometimes she has none.

Belle and Fairfax have a tempestuous marriage. Wed after a whirlwind romance in Belle's hometown of Mombasa, they returned to England as man and wife, with little anticipation of the culture shock Belle would face. Alienated from her peers, far from relatives and friends who would have grounded her and with a husband who couldn't - wouldn't - face her crisis, Belle gradually untethers from the world.

Years later, their only daughter Mivvi must decode her mother's illnesses and her father's infidelities, through adolescence and into adulthood, as she tries to shape a future of her own, while uncovering what's been hidden from her.

Atmospheric and intriguing, this is a powerful story of mothers and daughters, betrayal and madness and a child who must forge her own identity.

HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agency: The Book Bureau
Release: 05/06/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 416pp



Ciara Geraghty is a bestselling Irish novelist. She lives in Dublin with her husband and three children. When she is not writing in her garret, Ciara loves reading, swimming in the sea and playing her violin. She also co-hosts the podcast *BookBirds*.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Chinese simplified (United Sky New Media), Czech (Euromedia), Dutch (Meulenhoff Boekeryj), German (Goldmann, Random House), Italian (DeA Planeta Libri), Slovak (IKAR) and US (HarperCollins)

RONDA IN REAL LIFE

Ciara Geraghty

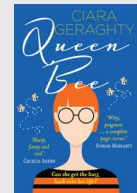
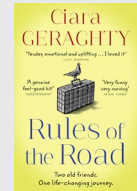
A new uplifting and life-affirming novel about bravery and overcoming life's challenges.

Ronda is a dreamer. But can she learn to conquer the real world?

Ronda McCann lives a quiet, careful life. She cycles to her job as a care assistant in a nursing home from her childhood home, where she lives with her widowed mother, Annie, after a failed relationship. But Ronda has a rich fantasy life. In her imagination she is brave, assertive, respected and admired, much like her sister Margo, a successful working mother and wife.

However, there's no place for a chronic day-dreamer in Margo's world. Ronda is flung out of her dream world when her sister insists that she learn to drive. Over the course of 12 lessons, Ronda will discover what she's made of, in real life.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: Curtis Brown
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 416pp



Kerry Downes grew up in East Yorkshire and has spent the last decade in south London, working as an NHS specialist audiologist. Her journey through fertility treatment over the last few years inspired parts of this novel. She's an alumna of Curtis Brown Creatives' selective three-month novel writing course and was shortlisted for the 2021 TLC Pen Factor prize. She lives in Brighton with her husband and son.

Rights available: all languages

THAT TIME EVERYTHING WAS ON FIRE

Kerry Downes

A warm, funny, painfully relatable debut novel about friendship, coming of age in your 30s and finding your purpose.

Sam and Daisy have been best friends since university. Back then Daisy was a wild, Fleetwood-Mac-obsessed girl descended from the Yorkshire Moors, while Sam's youth was misspent traipsing around Liverpool on shopping trips and nights out. Bonded by a wicked sense of humor, the shock of being surrounded by hordes of southerners, and a tradition of ironically blowing kisses that got out of hand - their friendship is a glorious amalgamation of shared delights and individual quirks.

But as they lean against each other on a wooden bench in the tired garden at the back of their beloved local pub, gazing out at Sam's wedding, reminiscing and reveling in the party - their paths are about to truly diverge for the first time.

As Sam's desire to become a mum consumes her, and Daisy's inability to resist temptation haunts her, these best of friends will lose sight of themselves - and each other. With each misstep and unintentional betrayal, the gulf widens. But can they build a bridge - or will they let it burn?



Imprint: HQ
Editor: Seema Mitra
Agency: Ki Agency Limited
Release: 14/08/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400pp



Phoenicia Rogerson has had two short stories published in the UCL Publisher's Prize, and she won the Somerset Maugham Award with *Herc*, her first novel. She lives and works in London.

Rights available: all languages excluding US (HCUS)

Previous rights sold: Czech (Mediaplex), Polish (HarperCollins) and US (HarperCollins)

APHRODITE

Phoenicia Rogerson

The enthralling new feminist retelling of Greece's most loved goddess.

Aphrodite saw the gods on Mount Olympus and decided she wanted a piece of what they had. Only problem is, she's not a goddess, just a lowly being who is supposed to remain in a distant cave, keeping the threads of fate woven neatly. But Aphrodite's never let anyone tell her what to do.

Weaving herself a web of lies and careful deceptions, she convinces everyone she's the goddess of love whose rightful place is among the Olympians, who lord it over everyone else at the top of the world, but under the stifling rule of Zeus. For the first time she has the best of everything, and friends, peers, even loved ones. Only being a goddess isn't quite like she thought. Those who oppose Zeus tend to disappear, or worse.

And one day, Aphrodite decides she's had enough.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: LBA Books
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 432pp



Fiona Lucas is an award-winning author of contemporary women's fiction. She has written heart-warming love stories and feel-good women's fiction as Fiona Harper for more than a decade. During her career, she's won numerous awards, including a Romantic Novel Award in 2018 with *The Memory Collector*.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Grada), German (Hoffman and Campe, Suhrkamp), Italian (Sperling and Kupfer), Russian (AST) and Slovene (Mladinska)

ALWAYS AND ONLY YOU

Fiona Lucas

A beautiful, deeply emotional story of love, secrets and second chances. Perfect for fans of Lucy Score.

Erin is about to marry the love of her life. She and Simon have been together for eight years, so it feels right that they're finally tying the knot. It's been stressful balancing the demands of friends and family - not to mention Simon's difficult best man, Gil - but Erin couldn't be happier.

Couldn't be happier, that is, until she walks down the aisle and finds the wrong man waiting for her. But is the universe playing a cruel trick on Erin, or could it be that her perfect life isn't quite what she imagined?

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: Curtis Brown
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 416pp



Elissa Soave won the inaugural Primadonna Prize in 2019. She was also a Bloody Scotland Pitch Perfect finalist 2019 and has had work published in various journals and anthologies, including *New Writing Scotland*, *Gutter*, and *the Glasgow Review of Books*. Her first novel, *Ginger and Me*, was shortlisted for the Saltire Society Scottish First Book Award 2023.

Rights available: all languages

GRAFFITI GIRLS

Elissa Soave

A sharp, empowering novel about a group of women who refuse to go quietly when society tells them they're no longer valuable beyond the age of 40.

Amy, Carole, Lenore and Susan have been friends since school. Back then they couldn't wait for the future, for the amazing lives they'd have.

But things haven't worked out how they expected. Now in their 40s, they're fed up with being taken for granted by their families, being passed over for promotions at work and being told that they're past their best. And they're not going to go quietly anymore

Encouraged by arch feminist and natural leader Amy, they embark on a graffiti campaign in their hometown of Hamilton, scrawling anti-patriarchy slogans on the walls of local buildings.

But is Hamilton ready for the feminist revolution the Graffiti Girls have in store?

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HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agency: LBA
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400pp



Fern Britton is a highly acclaimed *Sunday Times* bestselling author. Her books are cherished for their warmth, wit, wisdom and have won Fern legions of loyal readers. Fern is also a much sought-after presenter. She is deeply committed to a number of charities, in particular the Genesis Research Trust.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Beta), French (City Editions), German (MVG), Hungarian (Muvelt Nep), Italian (Tre60) and Polish (Proszynski)

A CORNISH LEGACY

Fern Britton

Escape to Cornwall this summer with the new emotional and uplifting novel from *Sunday Times* #1 bestselling author.

Set by the wild Atlantic coast of Cornwall comes a story about finding home in the most unlikely places.

Cordelia Jago has lost everything: her mother, her father, her career, her husband, her best friend and her trust. All she has left is a legacy she never expected - and would never have wanted.

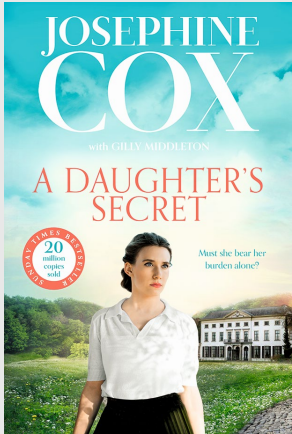
Wilder Hoo - The Wild House - is a crumbling Cornish Manor House, which she hates, full of unhappy memories for her.

Determined to sell-up and forget the past forever, she begins to spruce up its echoing rooms - but the house seems to speak to her and to pull her back to happier times in Cornwall.

With the help of the locals, Cordelia breathes new life into the home, But will she find a way to heal her heart too?

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Imprint: HarperFiction
 Editor: Kate Bradley
 Agency: LBA
 Release: 13/03/2025
 Format: HB
 Extent: 400pp



Josephine Cox was born in Blackburn as one of ten children. At the age of 16, she met her husband. They now have two sons. She was unable to take her place in Cambridge University, but she went into teaching – and started to write her first full-length novel. She won the ‘Superwoman of Great Britain’ Award, for which her family had secretly entered her, at the same time as her novel was accepted for publication.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Russian (Family Leisure Club)

A DAUGHTER'S SECRET

Josephine Cox

Don't miss the brand-new epic family drama from the nation's favorite storyteller.

Working in service as a cook in a big house, Rose dreams of running her own teashop one day. But her life takes a dark turn when her family fall prey to an unscrupulous family member and her mother, a milliner, falls into debt.

As Rose takes charge of her younger, wilder sister, their lives are thrown into turmoil when tragedy strikes. Is Rose's dream of a better life destined to remain just that, or will her love for her family bring better days?

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: The Creative Rights
Release: 12/03/2025
Format: PBO
Extent: 384pp



Andi Osho is an accomplished actor, writer, stand-up comedian and film-maker. Andi has written for Sky, Fox, BBC TV and BBC Radio and several UK newspapers and publications. She also wrote and starred in Sky Arts short, *Twin Thing*, and wrote and produced award-winning films *Brit.I.am*, *The Grid* and *Amber*.

Rights available: all languages

MOST WANTED

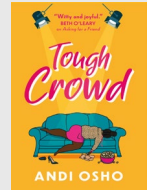
Andi Osho

All Naya and Jake want is their own home. An island in the kitchen. A wine cooler, maybe. Nothing fancy really.

With artisanal coffee shops and microbreweries popping up on every corner, prices are skyrocketing. And as Jake and Naya tour property after property, one thing becomes clear: unless they want to share their home with black mould, they need to find a way to make the market crash. And fast.

There's only one thing for it: they're going to have to take matters into their own hands. But how far are they willing to go?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Agency: Greene & Heaton
Release: 10/04/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Kate Storey started her career teaching English and drama, and when she had her family, combined all three to write novels about family drama. Originally from Yorkshire, she now lives in a London suburb with her husband and two teenage daughters.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Dutch (Luitingh-Sijthoff), French (City Editions), Italian (Newton Compton) and Spanish (Newton Compton)

THE FORGOTTEN BOOK CLUB

Kate Storey

Life can begin with a single story. You just have to bring your own book.

For three decades, Grace supported her husband Frank's passion for books, even though her own love for literature paled in comparison. Since his passing, the shelves echo longingly, and Grace's heartache has only grown.

When Grace's grandson suggests she join Frank's old book club, she hesitates. How could meeting with a bunch of strangers possibly fill the void he left behind? Despite her doubts, and desperate to feel close to Frank again, Grace decides to attend.

Yet, upon arrival, Grace is puzzled to find this isn't your typical book club: here, you settle in for an hour of quiet reading. Disappointed by the sparse attendance and confused by the silence, she flees.

But when equally lonely member, Annie, convinces her to stay, Grace is determined to ensure that neither Frank - nor his beloved book club - are forgotten.

As Grace breathes new life into the group, she finds this is where she might truly belong.

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Agency: KHLA
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 320pp



Ellie Wood was born and raised in the Lake District where she still lives. Passionate about the benefits of getting out into the wild, she's swum and walked the landscape that inspires her writing since she was small.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Danish (Zara)

THE HOTEL AT THE HEART OF THE LAKES

Ellie Wood

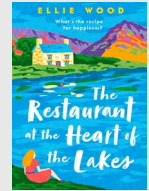
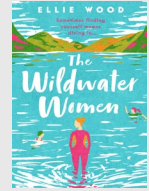
Sometimes a holiday can change your life.

Welcome to the Lake Island Hotel - located on a small island in the centre of beautiful Derwentwater, offering an escape from it all like no other destination. With a 360-degree view of the hills, and the water lapping at your feet on the private shore, you can't help but be enchanted.

Anna bought the hotel with her husband five years ago and has lovingly transformed it from a near ruin to a must-visit luxury destination, with its seven stylish rooms and a sister restaurant to the renowned Hesta.

The guests who come here to unwind see only the stunning views and the five-star service - but behind the scenes are the team who work hard to make relaxing seem easy. On an island this small, it's inevitable that tempers will fray, hearts will break, romances will bloom - and above all, if you think you've got a secret, it won't stay that way for long.

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ROMANTIC FICTION

HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agency: Gunn Media
Release: 08/05/2025
Format: PBO
Extent: 416pp



Mhairi McFarlane is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author. She was born in Scotland and after some efforts at journalism, started writing novels. Her first book, *You Had Me At Hello*, was an instant success.

Rights available: all languages

Previously sold in 25 languages; details available upon request.

COVER STORY

Mhairi McFarlane

Enemies-to-lovers and fake dating combine in a brand-new rom-com perfect for fans of Emily Henry.

Bel's joined the Manchester office of a big national paper from her award-winning podcast. There's only three of them: Bel, her relentlessly ambitious colleague Aaron and the new intern. And when the intern turns out to be a 30-something man called Connor, they get off on totally the wrong foot. She's patronising, he's hostile. It's a terrible start.

Then Bel gets a sniff at a really big story, Connor gets caught in the crossfire and before they know it, they have to convince people they're a couple - and a couple in love at that. If they mess up, Bel's cover is blown and the biggest story she'll ever land will disappear, along with justice for its sources

But as time goes on, who's double crossing whom - and which feelings are real?

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Agency: DHH
Release: 24/10/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Julie Caplin is the international bestselling author of the *Romantic Escapes* series. Her books have hit the bestseller charts in Italy, Germany, the UK and the Czech Republic and have sold over a million copies worldwide. Her uplifting romantic comedies are set in gorgeous destinations across the globe, providing her readers with the ultimate escape.

Rights available: all languages excluding Czech (Grada), German (Rowohlt), Hungarian (Libri) and Slovak (Grada)

Previously sold in 22 languages; details available upon request.

A LITTLE PLACE IN PRAGUE

ROMANTIC ESCAPES SERIES (12)

Julie Caplin

Cosy up with this swoon-worthy winter romance.

It's been years since Anna has seen Leo Knight. And of all the apartments in all the cities in all the world, he just happens to walk into her cosy new attic home - as her new housemate.

As the two walk the cobbled streets of Prague, taking in the sights and sounds from Wenceslas Square, frosted with snow, and the soft glow of candlelit Charles Bridge, the enchantment of the City of a Hundred Spires soon starts to work its magic on them.

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HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Agency: Kerr MacRae
Release: 17/07/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Carol Kirkwood is a TV weather presenter on BBC Breakfast, *The Radio 2 Breakfast Show* and Wimbledon fortnight and has appeared on *Strictly Come Dancing*. Carol was inspired to write her first novel by her passion for travel and her love of Hollywood glamour.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Croatian (Stilus Knjiga), Czech (Grada), Danish (Cicero), Hungarian (Next 21), Italian (Newton Compton) and Russian (Eksmo)

MEET ME AT SUNSET

Carol Kirkwood

When designer Camille Fontaine returns to the sun-drenched island of Mallorca, painful memories resurface. She isn't the only one with dark secrets to hide.

Sunseeker Isobel seems to have everything. Is her perfect life a lie?

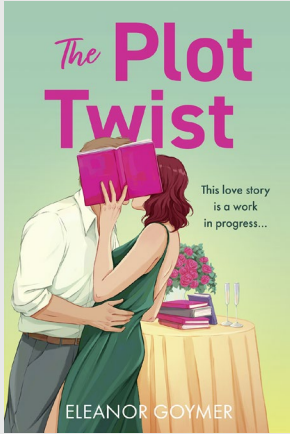
Rising Hollywood star Stephanie should have the world at her feet, if only she can believe in herself.

Michel has loved Camille for decades, but his search for the truth could destroy their last chance for happiness.

As the sun sets on their Mediterranean escape, the past and present collide. Can they escape a lifetime of secrets?

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Agency: Lewinsohn
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Eleanor Goymer is a publishing consultant living in North Carolina. Originally from London, Eleanor has degrees from Durham University and Kings College London and spent the best part of 20 years working in the London office of HarperCollins Publishers. After relocating to the US with her family she now acts as a consultant and editor for publishers, authors and associated publishing organizations.

Rights available: all languages

THE PLOT TWIST

Eleanor Goymer

This love story is a work-in-progress.

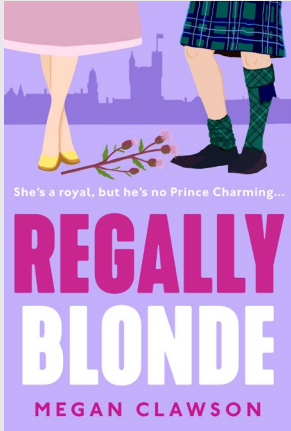
When rom-com author Allie Edwards crosses paths with bestselling crime novelist - aka publishing dinosaur - Martin Clark at a party, they discover they both have crippling writer's block, overdue manuscripts and precisely zero words to show to their respective editors.

With deadlines looming, Allie and Martin decide to switch plots and tell each other's stories. In the writing process, Allie not only gains a father-figure in Martin, but also meets gorgeous events caterer Will, the answer to the leading man-shaped hole in her life *and* her lack of spicy material.

Caught between love and her career, what could possibly go wrong?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Agency: A.M Heath & Co
Release: 27/03/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Megan Clawson studied English with film at King's College, London in 2018 and lived in the Tower of London for many years. Whilst there, she fell in love with her own royal guard. She works as an English tutor and a TV and film extra, alongside her writing.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Dutch (HarperCollins), German (HarperCollins), Polish (Publicat) and Russian (Eksmo)

REGALLY BLONDE

Megan Clawson

This royal is about to be *throne* for a loop.

All Lady Alice Walpole wants is to be swept off her feet, but she keeps finding herself on one bad date after another. And when she's caught partying too hard with her latest royal beau, her father banishes her to Balmoral to clean up her act.

Fraser Bell just wants to do his job as Piper to the Sovereign at Balmoral. He prefers tartan to tuxedos and spends his days with horses rather than dealing with people - especially socialites like Alice. When he's assigned to wake her up to the sound of bagpipes every morning, he's less than pleased.

Alice is a royal pain in Fraser's ascot and Fraser definitely isn't her Prince Charming. But as her time in Scotland stretches on, Alice finds herself falling for the rugged landscape - and maybe even Fraser, too.

Soon, returning to her glittering but empty life in London sounds less like an escape, and more like a punishment. She wears tiaras and he wears tartan, but for this unlikely couple, can romance ever reign?

Backlist





Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Seema Mitra
Agency: LBA Books
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 352pp



Hannah Doyle started out at a press agency in Bristol before skipping off to London to be a celebrity journalist. She worked at *Reveal* magazine for five years before going freelance and changing London to Yorkshire.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: German (HarperCollins)

THE SPA BREAK

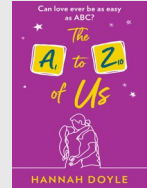
Hannah Doyle

A week-long spa break is just what Jess needs. She's going to be there with her best friends, Stella and Em. And the spa is so high-end it has an ethos about cleansing the mind and soul.

The laughter, gourmet food and cocktails are what every twenty-something needs. And then there's the beautiful man she spots in the pool on the first day. A perfect addition to her week.

Until Jess finds out that he's someone from her past. Someone she really should have recognised. Someone she should not find attractive. And that's when things start getting a little confusing.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Agency: Kate Nash
Release: 19/06/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Annabel French is a bestselling author of several contemporary romantic fiction stories. She's based in southeast England. And when she's not busy locked in her study writing, she enjoys being outdoors.

Rights available: all languages

Rights previously sold: Dutch (HarperCollins)

THE FLOATING AMSTERDAM FLOWER SHOP

THE FLOATING SHOP SERIES (1)

Annabel French

**Can love blossom in a city of new beginnings? One fresh start.
One unexpected encounter. Can love bridge the gap?**

When Rosie Harper leaves behind her ordinary life in England to open a flower shop on Amsterdam's water, she expects nothing less than a fairytale.

But the city's canals have their own currents, bringing far more than she bargained for. Max, her handsome but brooding artist neighbour, prefers to keep the world at arm's length - and living on a nearby houseboat, he's not too thrilled about the new company.

As Rosie's business blossoms, so do her feelings for Max, who's stuck in his past. When an unexpected threat arises that could sink her dreams, Rosie quickly discovers that the most beautiful things can bloom when you learn to go with the flow - sometimes you might just need a helping hand along the way.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agency: Selwa Anthony
Release: 30/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Julie Shackman is a former journalist and writer. She lives in Scotland with her husband and two teenage sons.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Fortuna Libri), German (HarperCollins), Russian (Eksmo), Slovak (Fortuna Libri) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

A SCOTTISH ISLAND SUMMER

SCOTTISH ESCAPES (8)

Julie Shackman

Get ready to fall in love with the brand-new spring romance set on the Isle of Skye from bestselling author, Julie Shackman.

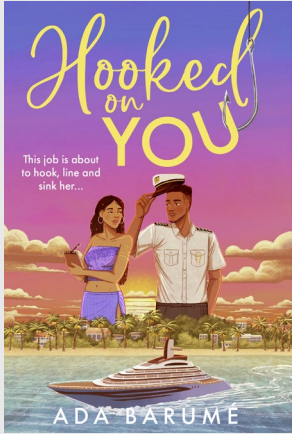
When ambitious city girl, Darcie Freeman is sent to the Isle of Skye to conduct research for a travel guide, she's horrified. The prospect of having to travel to a remote island in the Scottish Highlands leaves her wondering what she'll do.

Step in Logan Burns. Gorgeous and adventurous, he lives and breathes the island, and along with his sister Iona, who owns a rather haphazard PR company, they're going to show Darcie everything she needs to know about Skye.

As Darcie swaps her designer shoes for her walking boots and her faux fur jacket for her raincoat, will she learn there's more to life than the picture-perfect presence she shares on social media, or will it be the case that Skye is the limit.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Release: 10/04/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Ada Barumé graduated with a politics degree from Cambridge University before moving to London to become a journalist, specialising in African news. In her debut novel, she draws on her own experiences of being a young, black woman looking for fun, love and adventure. When she's not working, you'll find her agonising over what outfit to wear or searching for the nearest dancefloor.

Rights available: all languages

HOOKED ON YOU

Ada Barumé

Ore has (almost) landed her dream job as an investigative reporter for the New Yorker. There's only one catch - they'll only give her the job if she can get the scoop on working for the elusive billionaire Harrison Marigold. To write the article, she must spend two weeks on his luxury yacht off the coast of Australia and convince the crew to spill the beans.

Daniel has (almost) landed his dream job as captain of a super yacht down under. There's only one catch - he has to take one last job, chartering a yacht for an eccentric billionaire, and making sure an unfairly beautiful journalist doesn't distract his crew from their work.

But making sure Ore doesn't sink Daniel's chances of staying on course by sea-ducing his crew turns into a much harder job than he expected. Ore's also finding her assignment more difficult than she ever thought, thanks to the crew's loyalty to Captain Daniel, but also, the waves of attraction towards him that keep crashing over her.

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SUSPENSE



Imprint: HQ
 Editor: Kate Mills
 Release: 11/09/2025
 Format: HB
 Extent: 384pp



Adele Parks MBE is the author of 24 bestselling novels including the recent *Sunday Times* bestsellers *Both Of You* and *One Last Secret*. Over four and a half million UK editions of her work have been sold and her books have been translated into 31 different languages. Her *Sunday Times* number one bestsellers *Lies Lies Lies* and *Just My Luck* were shortlisted for the British Book Awards.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Croatian (Stilus), Czech (Grada), Danish (HarperCollins), Dutch (Volt), Estonian (Eesti Raamat), Finnish (HarperCollins), German (HarperCollins), Italian (Newton Compton), Latvian (Kontinents), Lithuanian (Jotema), Norwegian (Cappelen Damm), Polish (Kobiece), Portuguese (Presença), Romanian (Rao Distributie), Russian (AST), Serbian (Publik Praktikum), Swedish (HarperCollins) and US (Harlequin)

BOOK 25

Adele Parks

Adele Parks returns with a gripping, deeply emotional family drama which explores the lengths a parent will go to protect a child, and what it means to be family.

Connie is looking forward to having her entire family home for Christmas, it's been a while since all three of her daughters have been under her roof. Even more exciting, her eldest, university student Fran is bringing home 'someone special' for the first time. Everything seems to be on track in her beautiful, middleclass family home, until Fran announces she's pregnant.

Still reeling from Fran's news, tensions increase when Fran's new boyfriend, Zac, turns out to be the son of Connie's ex-lover, causing extreme embarrassment and aggravation in Connie's own marriage.

It seems Connie and her ex will be grandparents together. Or will they? Fran has another secret, but she's not the only one.

Zac has a terrifying secret of his own: he's entangled with one of London's most ruthless drug lords, and his activities are about to put everyone Connie loves in shocking danger, and not everyone will get out of this desperate situation alive.

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Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Belinda Toor
Agency: LBA
Release: 21/11/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 512pp



Susan Lewis is the author of over 40 books across the genres of family drama, thriller, suspense and crime. Her much-loved novels have sold over three million copies (TCM) in the UK alone.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Euromedia), Italian (Newton Compton), Spanish (HarperCollins) and US (HarperCollins)

NOTHING TO SEE HERE

Susan Lewis

The gripping new crime thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author Susan Lewis.

A triple murder: A mother, her daughter and a family friend, are brutally killed at Kellon Manse one quiet summer's day.

A young girl disappears and has not been seen since.

One suspect: all fingers point to the husband of one of the victims. Yet he still walks free.

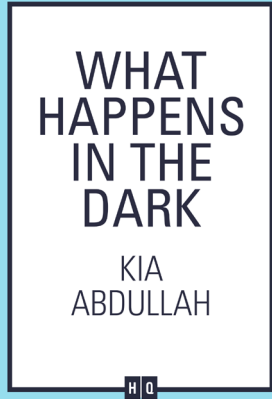
An unsolvable crime: Cristy Ward has discovered the perfect next feature for her true crime podcast. Who really killed the three women at Kellon Manse?

And is there a chance the missing girl is still alive?

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COVER TO BE REVEALED



Imprint: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agency: BookEnds
Release: 19/06/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 352pp



Kia Abdullah is a bestselling author and travel writer. Her novels include *Take It Back*, a *Guardian* and *Telegraph* thriller of the year; *Truth Be Told*, which was shortlisted for the Diverse Book Awards; and *Next of Kin*, which won the Adult Fiction Diverse Book Award and was longlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger Award. *Those People Next Door* was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month pick, and Kia has also been selected for *The Times Crime Club*.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Polish (Kobiece), Russian (Arkadia) and US (Putnam, St Martin's Press)

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DARK

Kia Abdullah

The brand-new gripping thriller and courtroom drama full of twists and turns that will keep you up at night.

Lily and Safa were best friends growing up. Now, Lily is the nation's favourite breakfast TV presenter and Safa, once a renowned journalist, is reeling from a recent fall from grace.

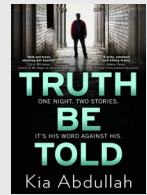
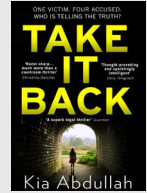
When bruises are noticed on Lily's body, Safa attempts to rekindle their old friendship. But Lily claims the bruises are nothing to worry about.

And then one night the police are called to Lily's home. Lily is strangely calm - and a body lies dead at her feet.

Lily pleads not guilty, and then says nothing more. Driven by her desire to give a voice to all victims, Safa begins her own investigation into what happened that night.

But Safa is not prepared for what her quest for justice will uncover.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Agency: KHLA
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Alice Hunter is a psychology graduate and has worked in healthcare and the prison service. She puts her experiences to good use and draws heavily on her knowledge of psychology and the criminal mind.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Bulgarian (Ciela), Dutch (HarperCollins), French (L'Archipel), German (Bastei Lubbe), Italian (Newton Compton), Russian (Eksmo) and Spanish (Newton Compton)

THE PERFECT PSYCHOPATH

Alice Hunter

The mind is a dangerous place to hide.

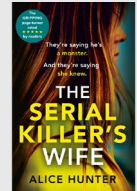
Dr Eleanor Spencer is a respected forensic psychologist with a seemingly perfect life. But when a series of women start to vanish, she's haunted by the memory of her sister's disappearance, and she finds herself drawn into the chilling investigation.

As the body count rises and her paranoia deepens, Ellie is forced to delve into the mind of a monster to uncover the truth. Her work leads her to Lucas Hayne, a notorious serial killer now behind bars. But when Lucas cryptically hints that the key to the killer's identity lies buried in her past, Ellie's world begins to unravel.

Because now she faces a terrifying possibility: the real monster might just be closer than she ever imagined.

And with time running out, the price of uncovering the truth may be her own life

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Sophia Allistone
Agency: Donald Maass
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Karin Nordin has an MSc in Creative Writing from the University of Edinburgh and an MA in Scandinavian Literary Studies from the University of Amsterdam. She now lives in the Netherlands. Her first novel, *Where Ravens Roost*, was shortlisted for the 2022 CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger award and her second novel, *Last One Alive*, was a 2022 International Thriller Writers Best Ebook award nominee.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Polish (Akapit)

THE MAN IN ROOM SEVEN

Karin Nordin

A tense, ripping, colourful story about the power of motherhood, the ripple effects of trauma, and the lengths to which people will go for those they love.

Six years ago, Tweety came home from work to find her husband Dodge had left, taking their child with him. Utterly broken, Tweety vows that she will do anything to get her baby back.

After years following a trail of breadcrumbs, finally: a lead. Someone looking just like Dodge stays at the same run-down motel for the motorcycle rally every year without fail. This time things will be different. This time his ex-wife is a few steps ahead of him.

Tweety takes a job at the front desk. Between the unmentionables she finds in the rooms and the incessant catcalling, it's the worst job in the world. When Dodge arrives, he acts just like himself: arrogant and obnoxious but pretends he doesn't know her.

There's a booster seat in the back of his car. No sign of a child. But Tweety doesn't care.

She has a goal, and she'll stop at nothing to get her son back. Catch Dodge. Make him pay for what he did to her. Live happily ever after.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: Sophie Hicks
Release: 05/06/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 336pp



Sarah Clarke is a writer living in London with her husband and children. Over the last 15 years, Sarah has built a successful career as a marketing copywriter. When her youngest child started secondary school, she joined the Faber Academy Writing A Novel course to learn the craft of writing psychological thrillers. Sarah graduated in 2019 and joined HQ Digital two years later.

Rights available: all languages

UNTITLED

Sarah Clarke

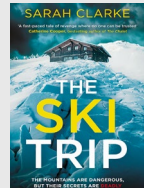
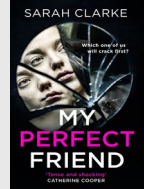
A gripping new destination thriller, perfect for fans of Lucy Clarke, TM Logan and Catherine Cooper.

For the same two weeks every year, Frankie leaves her daughter Lola to go on a yoga retreat. But the truth is, there is no retreat. Just a remote cottage and enough pills to deceive her natural body clock into staying awake whenever it's dark outside.

As long as she stays awake, the nightmare won't come. But it always does. A nightmare that began decades earlier when she spent the summer working in Corsica and was witness to something terrible.

Frankie has no idea that Lola has plans of her own this summer. She's going to Corsica, and the truth from all those years ago is about to come out.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Rachel Hart
Release: 10/10/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Anne Wyn Clark was born and raised in the Midlands, where she continues to live with her husband. Much of her formative years were spent with her head in a book, and from an early age, she grew to relish the sheer escapism afforded by both reading and writing fiction. She has a love of antiquity and a penchant for visiting old graveyards.

Rights available: all languages

THE SHADOWS OF HILL MANOR

Anne Wyn Clark

The chilling, stay-up-all-night suspense thriller for fans of C.J. Tudor, Riley Sager and Stephen King.

When young Kimberley Painter vanishes without a trace, her disappearance shakes the local community to their core.

Almost two decades later, when Kimberley's body is found in woodlands next to a manor house, police officer Alessandra Cano must investigate what happened to the little girl all those years ago.

However, as Alessa immerses herself in the historic case, she's besieged by eerie signs and messages, becoming convinced that Kimberley's restless spirit is reaching out from beyond the grave.

As Alessa races against time, each revelation brings her closer to a truth darker than she ever imagined, and the shadows of the past loom larger than ever.

Because secrets, however long buried, will always rise to the surface.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: LBA
Release: 17/07/2025
Format: PB
Extent:384pp



Annabel Kantaria is a British journalist who now lives in Dubai with her husband and children. She has edited and contributed to women's magazines and publications throughout the Middle East and returns regularly to the UK.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: US (Crooked Lane Books)

YOU LIED FIRST

Annabel Kantaria

The truth is, everyone lies. All that matters is who lies the best.

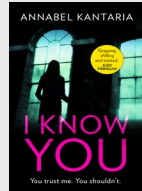
Sara is about to spend a week in a villa with people she barely knows.

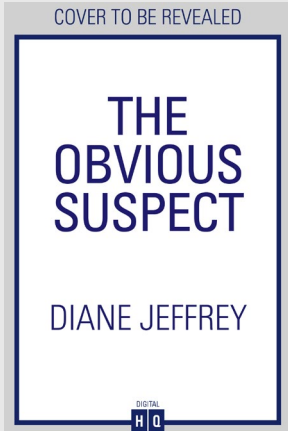
Sara's daughter Liv, her boyfriend and his parents have invited Sara on their holiday. After what happened, she'll jump at any chance to spend time with Liv.

She tries to be the perfect guest, and while the Forrests seem like the perfect family, something isn't right.

By the end of the trip, someone will be dead. Lies will tie the rest of them together. But who can lie the best?

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Kate Mills
Agency: RCW
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 288pp



Diane Jeffrey grew up in North Devon, in the United Kingdom. She now lives in Lyon, France with her husband and their three children. Diane is an English teacher.

Rights available: all languages

THE OBVIOUS SUSPECT

Diane Jeffrey

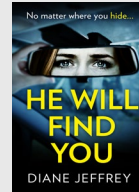
A gripping psychological thriller from the author of *The Guilty Mother*.

December 2019. Thirty-four-year-old Leona Walsh is reported missing, igniting headlines around the country. Did she run away? Is she alive or dead? The police suspect foul play, but there is no proof.

Despite an extensive search of the woodland on the edge of Exmoor where she was last seen, no trace of Leona was found, and her disappearance is shrouded in mystery. Leona's two daughters are living under the same roof as the main suspect: Matthew Walsh, their father. What must it be like for the girls growing up not knowing if their father killed their mother?

2024. Some bones are found, buried in a garden. Could they be Leona's remains? And if so, will there be enough evidence to finally solve the case? Gabriela Conti, Leona's school friend and a journalist, covered the disappearance in 2019. She is back, determined to find answers to all these questions and desperate for the story that will define her career.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Seema Mitra
Release: 16/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Karen Clarke lives in Buckinghamshire with her husband and three children. Having previously published 12 romantic comedies, Karen switched to the dark side, co-writing psychological thriller *The Secret Sister* with fellow author Amanda Brittany.

Rights available: all languages

THE MOTHER'S SECRET

Karen Clarke

A gripping, twisty psychological thriller for fans of Claire Amarti and Nicole Trope.

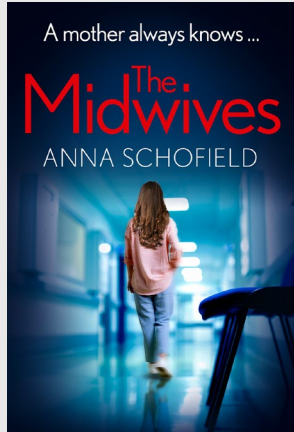
Kate and her husband are expecting their first child. Even though it was a surprise, Kate is thrilled and so is her mother, Helen. Kate just needs Helen's anxieties to ease and for her husband Dan to be on board.

Dan is struggling – he loves Kate, but he is not ready to be a father. With relations between them feeling hostile, the attractive lead singer in Dan's band offers him a tantalizing escape.

Two weeks before the due date, Kate heads off for an overnight stay at a guesthouse she is designing. When suddenly neither Helen nor Dan can reach her, Helen discloses a dark secret from their past. One that leaves them wondering, has something terrible happened to Kate and the baby?

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Daisy Watt
Release: 24/10/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 320pp



Anna Schofield is an Amazon Top 100 bestselling author (UK) and a short story and screenplay writer. From Ashton-Under-Lyne, she spent five years travelling and working in Greece, then returned home to work in healthcare, and runs online storytelling and change workshops.

Rights available: all languages

THE MIDWIVES

Anna Schofield

The pulse-pounding psychological crime thriller layered with secrets, betrayal and suspense.

Darkford General Hospital is deeply shaken when its star midwife, Sarah, is arrested for trying to steal a baby.

In the ensuing shock, midwives Erica and Sue rally to reassure Darkford's patients, including Leila, an expectant mother whose trust has been broken before.

Leila reluctantly accepts the hospital's support - after all, she isn't getting enough of that at home. But when Sarah is released from custody, Leila's paranoia escalates.

As her due date ticks closer and closer, Leila can't shake the feeling someone is watching her and waiting. Everyone at Darkford wants the best for her child. But a mother's instinct is telling her that someone among them wants more from her and will stop at nothing to take it.



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kathryn Cheshire
Agency: Andrew Lownie
Release: 17/07/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 400pp



Lisa Stone lives in England, has three children and has 40 books published under the pseudonym Cathy Glass, many of which have become bestsellers. This is her eighth Lisa Stone thriller.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Estonian (Tammeraamat), French (City Editions), Russian (AST) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

THE FOREVER HOUSE

Lisa Stone

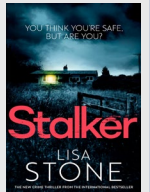
An exciting crime thriller with a ghostly edge you won't be able to put down.

A perfect new home: When Jasmine moves into 13 Ravens Lane with her husband and two daughters, she's excited to be finally settling into their forever home.

A tingle up the spine: But very soon, it becomes clear that something is wrong with the house. Sudden drops in temperature, unexplained swarms of insects, plants that keep dying for no reason. It's almost like someone, or something, doesn't want them there.

A terrifying nightmare: it's not long before Jasmine is forced to question whether she and her family are really safe in their new home. Or if, whatever is lurking somewhere inside, is going to be the death of them all.

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Agency: Liverpool L.A.
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 320pp



Sarah Mellor is a first-time novelist and therapist in her adopted city of Liverpool, where she has lived for nearly 30 years. As a psychotherapist in the NHS, she kickstarted the process of writing this novel by attending an Arvon crime-writing course and taking part in the Literary Consultancy's mentoring programme.

Rights available: all languages

THE DEPARTED

Sarah Mellor

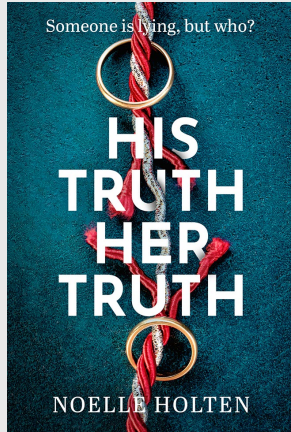
No peace for the living, if you can't bury the dead.

Liverpool, 1979: new CID recruit Leigh Borrowdale is seconded to a disturbing murder inquiry: a mysterious death in a decaying building, where the remains of a young man have been found.

Tasked with looking into missing persons' cases to track down the identity of the victim, Leigh comes into contact with the disappeared of a city living through its darkest days of the winter of discontent.

As she faces her own family demons and battles the male-dominated world at work, Leigh discovers a connection to two boys feared drowned in the Mersey and links to the murky Liverpool underworld. Through it all her only ally is her colleague, DS Des Chung, who knows what it means to be an outsider in the police force, albeit one who takes a very different approach.

Twisting, deeply atmospheric and never losing sight of the human cost at the centre of every case, *The Departed* marks the debut of a major new talent in crime-writing.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Release: 26/02/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Noelle Holten is an award-winning blogger. She is the PR and Social Media Manager for *Bookouture*, a leading digital publisher in the UK and worked as a Senior Probation Officer for 18 years. She has three BA (Hons) - Philosophy, Sociology and Community Justice - and a Master's in Criminology.

Rights available: all languages

HIS TRUTH HER TRUTH

Noelle Holten

A brand-new psychological thriller for fans of Freida McFadden and John Marrs.

An anonymous call raises the alarm. Two bodies found as a result of a home invasion. Then the police see the knives.

One in his hand.

One in hers.

Joe and Beth appeared to have the perfect relationship. But there are two sides to every story.

His truth. Her truth. And the actual truth.

In this web of lies, only one person can be telling the truth, can't they?

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agency: Shesto Literary
Release: 05/12/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Samantha Lee Howe is a *USA Today*-bestselling author. She began her professional writing career in 2007 and has been working as a freelance writer for different publishers ever since. A former high school English and drama teacher, Samantha has a BA (Hons) in English and Writing for Performance, an MA in Creative Writing and a PGCE in English.

Rights available: all languages

THE SOUL THIEF

S.L. Howe

A brand-new gothic horror for fans of Sarah Waters and Carly Reagon.

Manchester 1888.

Through the darkness of a mid-winter nightshift, the flicker of a candle flame illuminates the exhaustion in Dr Warren Carter's eyes; memories of a painful surgery and the fine line of human frailty haunt his every thought. A nightcap with the beautiful Rosie is just the tonic he needs.

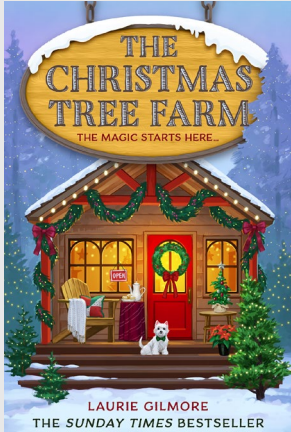
What should've been a pleasant encounter soon turns sinister when the young nurse disappears without a trace.

One by one more disappearances occur at the hospital, until a private investigator is brought in to assist. But rather than finding answers, he becomes trapped in a nightmare of his own making.

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TRENDING



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Release: 10/10/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 368pp



Laurie Gilmore writes small-town romance. Her *Dream Harbor* series is filled with quirky townsfolk, cosy settings, and swoon-worthy romance. She loves finding books with the perfect balance of sweetness and spice and strives for that in her own writing.

Rights available: all languages excluding Bulgarian (Ciela), Danish (HarperCollins), Dutch (HarperCollins), Finnish (Gummerus), French (HarperCollins), German (HarperCollins), Swedish (HarperCollins) and Brazilian Portuguese (Intrinseca)

Previous rights sold in 20 languages; details available upon request

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

THE DREAM HARBOUR SERIES (3)

Laurie Gilmore

The new spicy rom-com from the author of the viral TikTok sensation *The Pumpkin Spice Café* comes the spicy grumpy x sunshine Christmas rom-com you need this year.

Kira North hates Christmas, which is unfortunate since she just bought a Christmas tree farm in a town that's too cute for its own good.

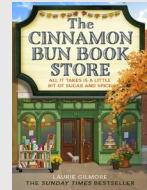
Bennett Ellis is on vacation in Dream Harbor taking a break from his life in California. And most importantly, taking a break from his latest run of disastrous dates.

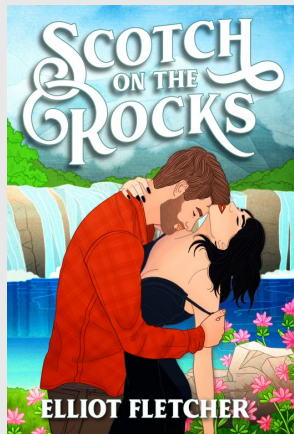
After a run in with Kira in her fields, Ben has no intention of offering to help the grumpy owner set up her tree farm, despite the fact she clearly has no idea what she's doing.

Kira knows she should stop being so stubborn, but her farm is not all cute and cozy like people always show on social media, it's borderline dangerous with no heating, and she'd rather no one saw it.

But somehow fate finds Ben at Kira's farm once more, and as Kira watches him swing an axe at the first tree, she finds herself appreciating his strength and questioning why she refused help in the first place.

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Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agency: Bell Lomax Moreton
Release: 06/06/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Elliot Fletcher resides in her too-small flat in Edinburgh, Scotland, with her husband, cat and dog. When she isn't writing about swoon-worthy, lovable men and the captivating heroines they fall for, you can find her browsing second-hand book shops, collecting pebbles on the beach or re-watching the 2005 *Pride and Prejudice*.

Rights available: all languages excluding Dutch (HarperCollins), German (HarperCollins), Italian (HarperCollins), Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins) and US (HarperCollins)

Previous rights sold: Czech (Dobrovsky)

THE MACABE BROTHERS: SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS

Elliot Fletcher

A spicy, small-town Scottish romance novel from the author of TikTok sensation *Whisky Business*.

When you live in a small town on a tiny island, everybody knows everybody ... and everybody knows the tall, charming, handsome and annoyingly distracting Macabe brothers. Unfortunately for Juniper Ross, one brother is head-over-heels in love with her best friend, one is her spineless ex-fiancé and one - well, one is her infuriating(ly hot) neighbour - small-town hero Callum Macabe.

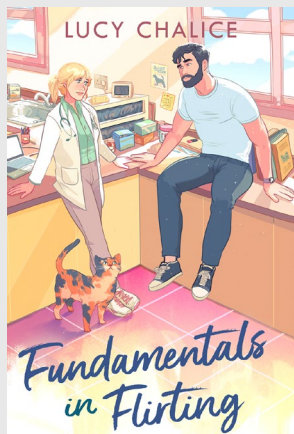
Luckily, June has devised a rulebook to help deal with the distracting brothers, especially Callum:

- Don't look at a Macabe brother
- Don't talk to a Macabe brother
- Don't even *think* about a Macabe brother

But when he starts inserting himself in Juniper's business, it's only a matter of time before she finds herself breaking all her own rules.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agency: Ki Agency Limited
Release: 01/11/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 368pp



Lucy Chalice is a professional medical writer from the UK, with a PhD in Cell Biology (and has got used to saying 'no, not that kind of doctor' to anyone who asks). *The Hot Henry Effect* was Lucy's first novel.

Rights available: all languages excluding German (HarperCollins)

Previous rights sold: Dutch (HarperCollins) and German (HarperCollins)

FUNDAMENTALS IN FLIRTING

Lucy Chalice

Prepare to fall in love with this uplifting and laugh-out-loud rom-com. Perfect for fans of Ali Hazelwood and Tessa Bailey.

Dr Hannah Havens is successful, independent and as prickly as a hedgehog in a blackberry bush. And definitely not looking for love. When she returns to the small town where she grew up, the last thing she needs is to crash into Teddy Fraser, the infuriatingly gorgeous guy that she once snogged. He is most definitely a ladies' man, the biggest flirt she has ever met, and someone she should avoid at all costs.

But, despite her best intentions of keeping Teddy at arm's length, he keeps popping up. Hannah's patience with his overtly cheery disposition is wearing thin, but her boss has warned her to improve her people skills.

Who better to test out her new patience with than Teddy Fraser. With his affable and charismatic personality, surely Hannah can't avoid his charm forever.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Release: 21/11/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 352pp



Esha Patel is a contemporary romance writer who loves causing drama but would never do that to real people, so she created characters to make their lives torture instead. Her previously self-published novels include *Florida's Finest*, *High Time in Texas*, *Trauma Queen*, and *Young and Dumb*.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Spanish (HarperCollins)

OVERDRIVE

Esha Patel

Racing starts. Rapid hearts. Revved engines.

Shantal knows one thing in life: success means everything. So, when she gets the call to move from London to Brazil to test out her racing simulator on high performance Formula One racing drivers, she leaves her life behind and goes. Because she'll do anything to succeed.

Darien knows one thing in life: passion is everything. It's his passion for driving that has led him to the heights of motorsport, a coveted seat as a Formula One driver. When his team insist he move to Brazil to trial a new racing simulator and racetrack, he goes. Because the one thing he is more passionate about than cars is Brazil, his home.

When Shantal and Darien meet, sparks aren't just flying from the gearbox. Darien knows from the moment he meets Shantal that she sends his heart into overdrive, and Shantal can't keep her eyes off of the gorgeous driver. But in the high-stakes world of Formula One, there's no room for error, and there's definitely no room for romance on the racetrack.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: A.M Heath & Co
Release: 30/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 336pp



Katy Brent is a freelance journalist and has been in the industry for over 15 years. She started work in women's magazines back in 2005. In 2006, Katy won a PTA award for New Journalist of the Year. More recently she has focused on television journalism. Writing a book has always been her dream and lockdown finally gave the time she kept using as an excuse for not doing it.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Dutch (Meulenhoff), Finnish (HarperCollins), Italian (Tre60), Japanese (Uni to Tsuki Sha), Portuguese (Grupo Infinito Particular), Spanish (HarperCollins), Turkish (Indigo Kitap) and Ukrainian (Knigolove)

I BET YOU'D LOOK GOOD IN A COFFIN

KITTY COLLINS (2)

Katy Brent

The deliciously dark, hilariously twisted new thriller from the bestselling author of *How to Kill Men and Get Away With It*.

My name is Kitty Collins and I'm a serial killer.

I don't want to kill. It's just so hard to resist. Some men really, really deserve it.

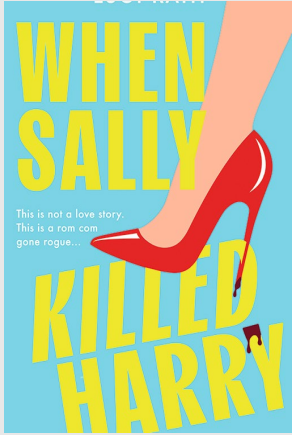
Men like Blaze Bundy, an anonymous influencer spreading misogyny online. He's making it very hard for me to control my murderous urges.

Meanwhile I'm in the South of France to watch my mother marry a man I've never met. I should be drinking cocktails and focusing on my tan, not plotting a murder.

But a woman's work is never done. Surely one more teensy little kill wouldn't hurt, would it?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Release: 27/03/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Lucy Rath is an experienced writer who lives in Newcastle. Her work has appeared in the *Independent*, *NME*, *Red*, *Metro*, *Den of Geek*, *Huff Post* and many more. She is also a former columnist with comedian Sarah Millican's *Standard Issue* magazine. Her first novel, *The Twenty Seven Club* was adapted for the stage and dives into '90s nostalgia, music fandom and mental health. *When Sally Killed Harry* is her first rom-com.

Rights available: all languages

WHEN SALLY KILLED HARRY

Lucy Rath

This is not a love story. This is a rom-com gone rogue.

Say hello to Sally.

She's woken up in the Big Apple with the world's worst hangover, an empty bank account and the sinking feeling that her life just nosedived. Last night's escapade is a blur, but one thing is clear: she's been swindled and she's not happy about it.

The culprit? Harry - a total dreamboat and Sally's worst nightmare. He's got charm, secrets and a smile that screams trouble. Little did she know, Harry's not just a pretty face - he's a liar, conman and he's turned Sally's life upside down.

When Sally discovers she's not the only victim, she decides it's only right she take her revenge. And with a group of wronged women behind her, murder isn't on the agenda just yet because Harry's in for a nightmare and Sally's only just getting started.



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Rachel Hart
Release: 23/10/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 336pp



Jo Middleton is an award-winning blogger and mum of two daughters. She lives in Somerset with her three cats, all named after fictional detectives. Jo has a passion for mysteries, loves escape rooms, and longs to capture a cave full of smugglers. She is also an author, copywriter and one half of the *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere* podcast. *Playgroups and Prosecco* was her first novel.

Rights available: all languages

NOT ANOTHER BLOODY CHRISTMAS

Jo Middleton

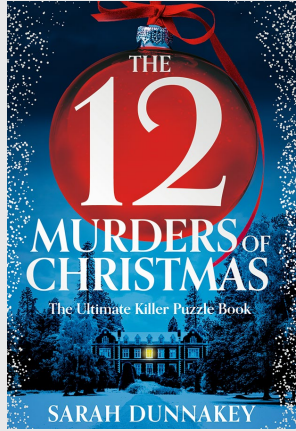
An outrageously funny, festive romp which is as utterly wonderful as it is (Christmas) crackers.

When Anna decides to take her family away for Christmas to avoid a repeat of the 'dead man in the larder' debacle, she finds herself plunged into another festive fiasco when a body turns up in the library of their supposedly 'idyllic' rural retreat.

With a dubious double booking, an unexpected snowstorm, secret tunnels and the mysterious Mrs. Haddock to contend with, can Anna and her unlikely allies save Christmas or will this holiday be their last?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Emma Grundy Haigh
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 352pp



Sarah Dunnakey writes and verifies questions and answers for a variety of TV quiz shows. She has won or been shortlisted in several short story competitions and her work has been published in anthologies and broadcast on Radio 4. She won a Northern Writer's Award, from New Writing North for her debut novel *The Companion* (Orion, 2017), and the NWA Arvon Award in 2019.

Rights available: all languages excluding Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins)

THE TWELVE MURDERS OF CHRISTMAS

Sarah Dunnakey

Agatha Christie meets Murdle with these twelve puzzling whodunnits from renowned professional puzzler Sarah Dunnakey that will test even the most seasoned of sleuths this Christmas.

12 murderous mysteries to read.

20 perplexing puzzles to solve.

1 mystifying murder to unravel.

Sarah Dunnakey cordially invites you to crack the code of who killed Edward Luddenham.

It's the first anniversary of the mysterious death of Edward Luddenham, found dead at his home on the Yorkshire moors one frosty Christmas Eve.

Now nine people gather at his manor house for the reading of the will. Each has their own motivations for coming: curiosity, duty, unrequited love, desperation, greed.

They have been instructed to bring a "festive mystery story" to share.

But all *you* need is a pencil.

Safe from the biting cold and the relentless snowfall outside, settle in with your favourite tippable in hand, as the storytelling begins.

Though you'll need to keep your wits about you - for among those present is Edward's killer.

Can you solve the puzzles and unmask the murderer before they strike again?



Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Rachael Nazarko
Agency: Bell Lomax Moreton
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 320pp



Jeevani Charika writes multicultural women's fiction and romantic comedies. She spent much of her childhood in Sri Lanka, with short forays to Nigeria and Micronesia, before returning to England to settle in Yorkshire. All of this, it turned out, was excellent preparation for becoming a novelist. She also writes under the name Rhoda Baxter. Her books have been shortlisted for multiple awards.

Rights available: all languages

BOOK 5

Jeevani Charika

A brand-new, hilarious and heart-warming mistaken identity office rom-com.

Vidya has always been protective of her younger sister Udeni. So when Udeni has a one-night stand with one of Vidya's colleagues, Vidya knows she has to track down who it was. The problem is, all she's got to go on is a vague description and a tattoo on his left shoulder.

Vidya narrows down the candidates and manages to get herself onto the team for a business trip so she can confirm her suspicions. A fortnight in a quirky seaside hotel seems like plenty of time to find him – but she soon discovers that getting her colleagues' shirts off is harder than she anticipated. As is resisting the charms of her colleague Ryan.

But could she be falling in love with her sister's hook-up?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Agency: Handspun
Release: 01/10/2024
Format: E-first
Extent: 352pp



Emily Grimoire was born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. After graduating with a degree in History from the prestigious Smith College, she found solace from the hustle and bustle of everyday life in her storytelling. In addition to her writing, Emily is known for her philanthropy and dedication to various charitable causes.

Rights available: all languages excluding Dutch (HarperCollins) and Swedish (HarperCollins)

IMPRACTICAL MAGIC

Emily Grimoire

In Oak Haven, one witch is about to brew up more trouble than she bargained for.

When Scarlett Melrose receives a call from her estranged sisters, she immediately knows something is wrong. The magic at their mother's inn – and in fact, the whole of Oak Haven – has gone awry, and they need her help to save it.

As the conflicted middle-child, returning home has given Scarlett the heebie jeebies. And to make matters worse, she's just come face-to-face with charming old flame and handyman, Nate.

When her spell to fix the magic goes horribly wrong, all Scarlett wants to do is flee back to the peace and quiet of her San Francisco flat. But she can't keep running away forever, and she'll need all the help she can get to solve this magical mess.

With time slipping away, Scarlett must learn that sometimes the greatest spells really do come with the greatest responsibility – especially when love is involved.



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Rachel Hart
Agency: Kate Nash
Release: 25/09/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Penny Mirren is the pen name of Samantha Pennington. Sam writes light-hearted, uplifting fiction and romantic comedy. She was selected for the inaugural Kate Nash Literary Agency Mentorship program in 2020 and is a member of the Romantic Novelists Association.

Rights available: all languages

GRACIE JENKINS RUNS A MARATHON

Penny Mirren

The best adventures start with a single step.

At 72, Gracie Jenkins thought her days of adventure were behind her. Settled into the familiar rhythms of small-town life, she never imagined she'd lace up her trainers for anything more than a stroll down memory lane.

But when a forgotten photograph sparks a fire within her, Gracie decides to embark on an extraordinary journey.

With nothing more than sheer determination, Gracie sets out to conquer the ultimate challenge: train for a marathon. Amidst doubts from her family and peers, she finds unexpected allies in her local running club and a newfound coach in her friend and neighbour, Jill. As Gracie's steps turn into miles, she discovers strength she never knew she had and a community she never expected to find.

But it's not just about crossing the finish line – it's about rediscovering herself along the way. Through the ups and downs of training, Gracie learns that age is just a number and that every stride forward is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Because sometimes, the most extraordinary adventures begin with a single step.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 31/12/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 368pp



Joss Wood loves books, coffee and traveling. She's a wife and a mom to two young adults. After a career in local economic development and business, Joss writes fulltime from her home in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Rights available: all languages

ONE BED

Joss Wood

The hottest forced-proximity romance.

Rising star author Bea Williams needs a vacation.

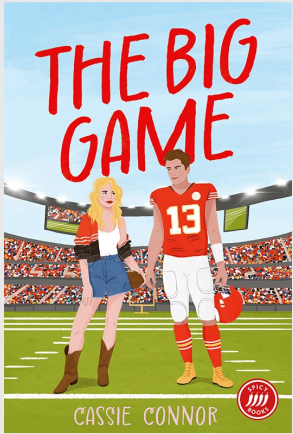
And her godmother's snug Greek island retreat is the perfect place to use as an escape from her writer's block.

Until she finds she's going to have to share her idyllic one bed cottage with him - Gibson Caddell, one time childhood friend and a great big, drop-dead-gorgeous red flag.

As the sun sets on Santorini, Bea's thoughts soon turn to something much more pressing - there's two of them. And only one bed.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Agency: DHH
Release: 16/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Cassie Connor loves capsule wardrobes, packs light, enjoys weekending in Nice and takes her own champagne flute wherever she goes. She's also got a history degree. When it comes to dating, she has resorted to writing and inventing her own men because fictional heroes are always so much better. Hudson in her debut novel, *Love Under Contract*, proves the point perfectly.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Grada) and German (HarperCollins)

THE BIG GAME

Cassie Connor

***Miss Congeniality* meets the Superbowl - with a little bit of inspiration from Taylor and Travis! A sassy, spicy and hilariously fun romantic comedy for fans of Emily Henry and Tessa Bailey.**

Can they score a second chance at love?

It's been years since Lily's heart was shattered by her college sweetheart and star quarterback, Tate Donovan. Now, he's a high-profile NFL player, and unfortunately for Lily, her latest security assignment.

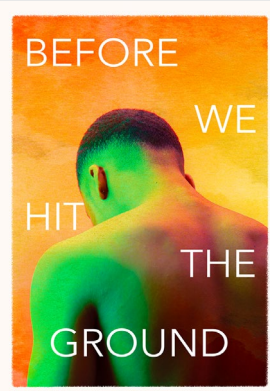
For Tate, Lily left all those years ago without so much as a backwards glance let alone an explanation. But pretending he's in love with her now is easier than he'd like to admit.

With the countdown on to the biggest game in the NFL's history and the threat level intensifying, can Lily and Tate move on from the past - or will they fumble the ball, and their relationship, when it matters most?

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LITERARY FICTION



SELALI FIAMANYA

Imprint: The Borough Press
Editor: Jabin Ali
Agency: Pontas
Release: 27/02/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 368pp



Selali Fiamanya was born in 1992 and raised in Glasgow, with a couple of years spent in Accra, Ghana. He won a place on the inaugural Breakthrough Novel-Writing Course for Black Writers run by Curtis Brown Creative. He is currently undertaking his GP training in Scotland. This is his first novel.

Rights available: all languages

BEFORE WE HIT THE GROUND

Selali Fiamanya

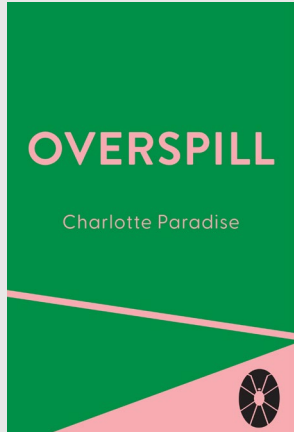
From the winner of Borough's Open Submission prize, a powerful story from an electric new voice in British fiction.

'He needed a way out: life here, with them, forever, felt like a cage. He was always quietly drowning in this group, while they watched and laughed.'

When Abena and Kodzo meet one day under the dusty heat of the Ghanaian sun, they form a connection that will transport them all the way to Scotland, where they must start a new life - and navigate raising their family.

While their daughter, Djifa, thrives both academically and socially, their son, Elom, struggles to fit in. All he ever wants is to feel understood - whether that's by his well-meaning yet misapprehending family, his boisterous home friends in Glasgow or his self-assured partner in London, Ben. But what does it mean to live authentically when the only thing changing faster than the world around you is the world within?

For readers of *Saltwater*, *Transcendent Kingdom* and *Open Water*, Selali Fiamanya's stunning debut is an intimate portrait of one man's struggle to find his place in 21st century, queer, diasporic Britain, that asks the enduring question of what it means to love and be loved in return.



Imprint: Akan Books
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: M&C Saatchi Merlin
Release: 24/04/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 336pp



Charlotte Paradise is a disabled author and screenwriter with an MA in Writing for Stage and Broadcast Media from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. Her short films have been selected and award-winning at film festivals internationally. *Overspill* is her first novel.

Rights available: all languages

OVERSPILL

Charlotte Paradise

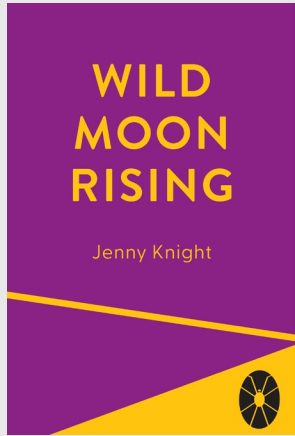
A luminous, shattering debut about love, trauma and self-acceptance.

Sara is 25. She has never used a tampon without having a panic attack.

She starts dating Miles. For three months, they don't touch. Miles respects her boundaries, though he longs for them to melt away. Sara desires Miles, but she knows her body, or rather she knows it is an unknowable thing.

Sara wants to be in love, to find a person who allows her to be herself. Someone who is happy with everything she is and everything she isn't. Miles hopes he won't hurt her.

But how do you navigate a relationship for which there is no blueprint? How do you love someone when your body is not your own, and how do you reclaim it?



Imprint: Akan Books
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: AM Heath & Co
Release: 19/06/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 288pp



Jenny Knight is a prize-winning writer of short story, fiction and memoir and a contributor to Kit de Waal's celebrated Common People anthology. Jenny has taught creative writing in prisons, worked with storytellers/actors for the UN/Comic Relief in Somalia/Kenya, chaired and spoken on panels and held workshops about writing, rejection and resilience. She has a degree in English and Drama and studied creative writing at UEA.

Rights available: all languages

WILD MOON RISING

Jenny Knight

The powerful and emotional literary novel exploring friendship and renewal.

Claire's life isn't how she thought it would be when she moves into Hunter's Moon. Her long marriage is over, her children have flown the nest, and her work as an illustrator no longer satisfies her. She isn't sure who she is now or what she wants from her life.

It wasn't always like this. Once, she had desires and ambitions.

When her octogenarian neighbour, Tansy, suffers a fall, Claire's solitude is broken. Under the older woman's guidance, she finds solace and a new sense of purpose in regenerating her wild garden. And as the plants grow, Claire retreads the bittersweet journey that brought her to the second half of her life.

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Imprint: The Borough Press
Editor: Suzie Doore
Agency: Aitken Alexander
Release: 10/10/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 288pp



Featuring stories by: Susan Barker, J K Chukwu, Bridget Collins, Mariana Enríquez, Michel Faber, Lewis Hancox, Emilia Hart, Ainslie Hogarth, Robert Lautner, Adorah Nworah, Irenosen Okojie, Lucy Rose, Lionel Shriver, James Smythe, Lavie Tidhar, Francine Toon, Evie Wyld and Louisa Young.

Rights available: all languages

OF THE FLESH

Anthology

18 Stories of Modern Horror.

Fear never dies.

These stories from 18 masters of the craft will curdle your blood, haunt your dreams and redefine terror.

An exploited child worker in the silver mines of Bolivia finds an ally – but at what cost?

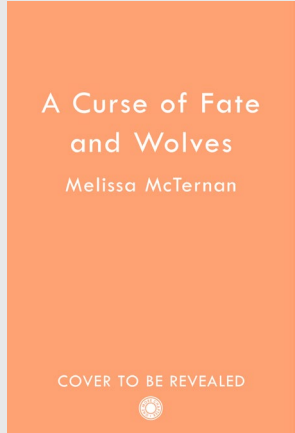
A young woman's workplace affair has terrifying repercussions when her lover's wife dies.

A sailor's wife takes her communion with Nature a little too far.

From a hungry young woman who is not what she seems, to a boy who has taken his mother's advice a touch too seriously; from disfigured girls willing to pay any price to fit in, to an immigrant who cannot escape his tormentor; from a new home with a sinister secret, to the discovery that a long-dead parent's corpse is perfectly preserved decades later.

This collection plumbs the depths of the psyche and dredges up some very modern horrors.

FANTASY



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Melissa McTernan writes sweet and steamy romantasy. She won the Stiletto award in 2022 for her Christmas novella and the first book in her new trilogy *The Wolf Brothers* series published in 2024. Melissa also writes under the name Laurie Gilmore, whose *Dream Harbor* book series includes *The Pumpkin Spice Café*.

Rights available: all languages

A CURSE OF FATE AND WOLVES

WOLF BROTHERS SERIES (2)

Melissa McTernan

The second instalment of the *Wolf Brothers* series. Perfect for romantasy readers and lovers of SmutTok.

'Tell me', he choked out. 'Tell me what you would do to me'.

There's nothing that Phoebe wants more than her best friend Theo, but after ten years of tamping down her desire for the brooding werewolf, she's become adept at ignoring the heat that sparks between them every time they're together.

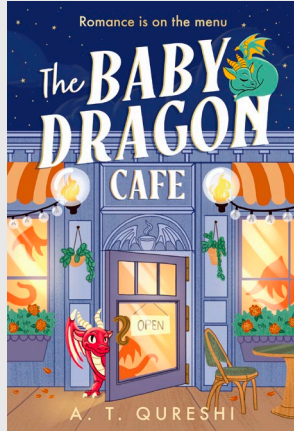
Until now.

Because when Theo asks her for her help, and they set off on a road trip where the only thing separating them is the heated tension in the cab of his truck, Phoebe is stretched to breaking point.

Acting on their attraction will change everything for Phoebe and Theo, but with one kiss it's clear that the risk is worth the reward.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Agency: Keyes Agency LLC
Release: 16/01/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 320pp



A. T. Qureshi is a Pakistani, Muslim American and award-winning author of YA fantasy novel, *The Lady or the Lion*. Aamna grew up on Long Island, New York surrounded by English (for school), Urdu (for conversation), and Punjabi (for emotion). Through her writing, she wishes to inspire a love for the beautiful country and rich culture that informed much of her identity.

Rights available: all languages

THE BABY DRAGON CAFÉ

A.T. QURESHI

The perfect read for fans of *Pumpkin Spice Café* and *Legends and Lattes*.

When Saphira opened up her café for baby dragons and their humans, she wasn't expecting it to be so difficult to keep the fires burning. It turns out, young dragons are not the best magical animals to keep in a café, and replacing all that burnt furniture is costing Saphira more than she can afford from selling dragon-roasted coffee.

Aiden is a local gardener, and local heart-throb, more interested in his plants than actually spending time with his disobedient baby dragon. When Aiden walks into Saphira's café, he has a genius idea - he'll ask Saphira to train his baby dragon, and he'll pay her enough to keep the café afloat.

Saphira's happy-go-lucky attitude doesn't seem to do anything but irritate the grumpy-but-gorgeous Aiden, except that everywhere she goes, she finds him there. But can this dragon café owner turn her fortunes around, and maybe find love along the way?

HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Chris Smith
Agency: Ampersand
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400pp



John Matthews has made a lifetime study of the legends of King Arthur, and more recently of the history of piracy. His list of publications totals over 150, including the *New York Times* bestselling *Pirates*. He has acted as an advisor on several big budget movies, including *King Arthur*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Prince of Persia*. His work on the educational DVD to accompany *King Arthur* won a BAFTA award.

Rights available: all languages excluding US (Pegasus Books)

Previously rights sold: French (Huginn & Munnin), German (Klett-Cotta), Greek (Kedros Publishing), Spanish (Planeta) and US (Pegasus Books)

REALMS OF THE ROUND TABLE

John Matthews, illustrated by John Howe

The legend of King Arthur and his knights of the round table is set to grow, with previously unknown tales retold by one of the world's leading Arthurian experts.

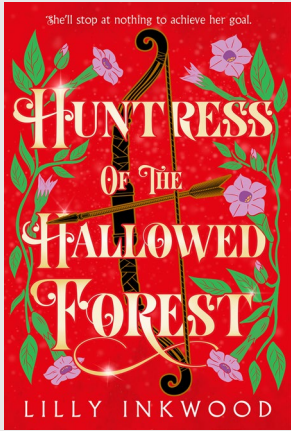
Realms of the Round Table presents the world's first publication of tales that will take the reader back into the world of Arthur, Merlin, Lancelot and Guinevere, and the quest for the Holy Grail.

Contained here are Arthurian love stories and darker tales from the Enchanted Forest; an intoxicating mixture of magic, faery lore, wisdom and mystery – capturing stories of some of the great knights and others less well known and reaching from high adventure to mystical accounts of the Grail. There is even an Arthurian Christmas tale!

These age-old stories, still as popular today as they were from the Middle Ages onwards, are illustrated by the luminous paintings and drawings of John Howe, whose illustrations of *The Lord of the Rings* and work on the film trilogies, and now Amazon Prime's *The Rings of Power* and Warner Bros.'s *War of the Rohirrim*, has brought him a world-wide following. And they are introduced by legendary film director, John Boorman.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Ajebowale Roberts
Release: 29/11/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Lilly Inkwood always wanted to write books, ever since she penned (literally, with a pen) her dozen-page long 'novel' in fifth grade. She loves fantasy, above all things. She also writes historical fiction as Patricia Adrian. Her novel *The Bletchley Women* is a *USA Today* bestseller. Lilly's interests also include history (especially women in history) and reading. She lives in Germany.

Rights available: all languages

HUNTRESS OF THE HALLOWED FOREST

Lilly Inkwood

**You are the master of your gift. You are the master of yourself.
No one can take that away no matter how they try.**

Born the daughter of the Red Kingdom's King and raised in exile as a huntress in the Green Kingdom, Anne-Mihielle has been forced to fight for everything she has. But when death visits the Red Kingdom, and a crisis of succession is triggered, her past comes calling.

Determined to ignore her half-sister's impassioned plea for her return, Mihi's hand is forced when her time jumping Gift is exposed.

Now, the hunter becomes the hunted, and Mihi's flight sets her on a collision course with an exiled duke who will test her every limit, a storm that will destroy everything she holds dear, and a mistake that will unleash a force that threatens to crumble not just hers, but every kingdom.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agency: High Spot Literary
Release: 07/03/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Abbie lives in Derbyshire, England, and is an emerging YA author who writes stories about magic, love and dragons. When not writing or reading all things fantasy, she can be found with her horses.

Rights available: all languages

DRAGONHART

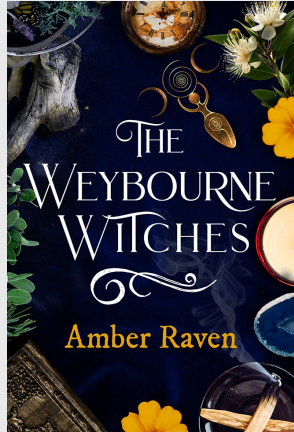
Abbie Eaton

The dragons are gone, and the kingdoms are falling. Not even the gods can save them now.

Arla Reinhart, personal assassin to the King of Hadalyn, doesn't believe in the gods and their dragons who once served the people - not after they abandoned her when she needed them most. But when shipments start going missing and the kingdoms begin to crumble, they may be the only ones who can help.

Forced into working with the arrogant - yet unmistakably handsome - ambassador of the kingdom that killed her parents, Arla must place her hatred for Hark Stappen to one side as they journey across kingdoms, dine with royalty, fight in taverns and make an alarming discovery that shatters her heart and forces her to question everything - and everyone - she knows.

As feelings and friendships get in the way, Arla must decide which is more important, her heart or her sword.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 02/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Amber Raven was born on Halloween, her fascination with anything Wiccan-related spans nigh on 55 years. During her later years, Amber turned her attention to reading more about the white witch and their magic. A visit to Weybourne in Norfolk, England, triggered the urge to write and *The Weybourne Witches* began its journey from head to paper.

Rights available: all languages

THE WEYBOURNE WITCHES

Amber Raven

A captivating tale of witches, women and the will to survive.

1647, The village of Weybourne, Norfolk.

Brigid Netherwell is accused of witchcraft and condemned to death in front of her young daughter Willow who vows to record her family's story.

Decades later, twin sisters Myrtle and Marigold Netherwell are forced to confront the dark secrets of the past and the legacy of the Netherwell women.

Step into their world and awaken your own magic.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 03/02/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Elisabeth Hobbes's writing career began when she finished third in Harlequin's So You Think You Can Write contest in 2013 and hasn't looked back. She teaches Primary school but would rather write full time because unlike five-year-olds her characters generally do what she tells them. She spends most of her spare time reading and cooking. She lives in Cheshire.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: French (HarperCollins) and Italian (HarperCollins)

DANCE WITH THE FAE

Elisabeth Hobbes

1924 Midsummer's Day.

Kit Arton-Price should be celebrating. It's his engagement party and, unlike many young men of his generation, he survived The Great War. Whilst his fiancée, Adelaide, is dancing with one of their guests, the enigmatic Mr Thorne, the scars on Kit's face bear the heavy toll of battle - and the scars on his heart bear a secret he's been forced to carry in silence.

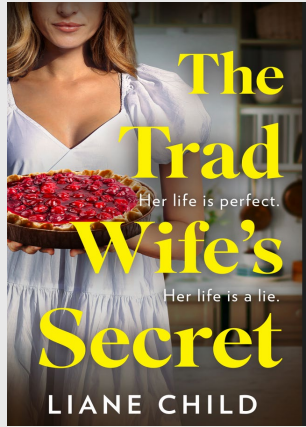
In the morning, Adelaide cannot be woken and the village doctor declares it's the mystifying 'Sleeping Sickness' - an unexplainable epidemic affecting society.

But there is more to this sickness than first appears and it's not long before Kit is lured into a strange new realm. One of magic and danger. The realm of the fae.

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CRIME AND THRILLER



Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Release: 22/05/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 320pp



Liane Child is a writer whose gripping thriller *The Trad Wife's Secret* was inspired by influencers who advocate for traditional gender roles in marriage. When she isn't scrolling Instagram or TikTok, you can find her reading, walking her dog or baking. She has travelled extensively and now lives in London.

Rights available: all languages

THE TRADWIFE'S SECRET

Liane Child

Madison March's life is perfect. And she'll do anything to keep it that way.

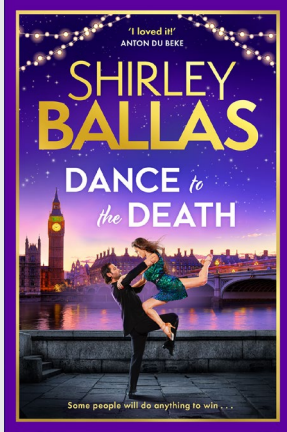
Madison March is the perfect wife, with the perfect family and the perfect life.

She spends her days baking cookies and picking vegetables from the garden while watching her children play in the fields surrounding her Montana homestead.

Dinner is always on the table for her husband, and they end their days sitting on the porch, watching the sun go down.

It's a life anyone would dream of.

And it's all a lie.



Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: Bell Lomax Moreton
Release: 10/10/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 448pp



Shirley Ballas is the queen of Latin Ballroom and head judge on BBC One's prime time show *Strictly Come Dancing*. *Behind the Sequins*, her autobiography (Ebury) is an Amazon bestseller.

Sheila McClure writes women's fiction as Daisy Tate (*A Bicycle Built for Sue*; *Happy Glampers*). She also writes award-winning romance as Annie O'Neil.

Rights available: all languages

DANCE TO THE DEATH

THE SEQUIN MYSTERY SERIES (2)

Shirley Ballas & Sheila McClure

The new novel in the sensational *Sequin Mysteries* series, from world-renowned dancer and *Strictly* head judge Shirley Ballas.

After solving a series of murders at Blackpool Tower Ballroom's Dance Festival, all Lily Richmond and Susie Cooper want is a peaceful Christmas. The last thing they expect is to find a dead body backstage at the Royal Albert Hall.

Even worse, the victim is one of Lily's students, a trust fund debutante set to be the new star of the ballroom dancing world.

Lily and Susie set to investigating, but every clue invites more questions, and around every corner lurk more suspects. And along the way, familiar faces on the dance scene will make themselves known - some that ought to stay in the past.

Will the unlikely duo manage to wrap up the case in time to enjoy the holiday with their loved ones? Or is there a greater danger behind the scenes than they could have imagined?

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HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Agency: Insanity Group Ltd
Release: 27/03/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Martin Kemp is a founding member of the iconic 1980s band Spandau Ballet. His subsequent award-winning acting career has encompassed stage, screen, TV and radio. His '80s memoir *Ticket to the World* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Spanish (HarperCollins)

THE FALL

Martin Kemp

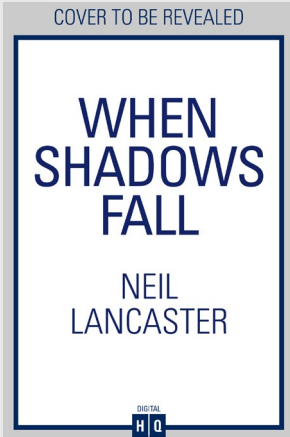
Johnny Klein is back! The new thriller from the music, film and TV legend Martin Kemp.

Sunning himself in the south of France, Johnny has started to believe that his life is finally on the up. But the arrival of a face from his past drags him back down to earth with a harsh dose of cold reality.

Johnny Klein once again finds himself walking the tightrope between redemption and despair. When his daughter is in danger of getting consumed by the sins of Johnny's own past, and a dark secret threatens to engulf people he holds dear, the light at the end of the tunnel feels further away than ever.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agency: Kerr MacRae LPA
Release: 27/03/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 352pp



Neil Lancaster is the No. 1 digital bestselling author of both the Tom Novak and Max Craigie series. His novels *Dead Man's Grave* and *The Blood Tide* were longlisted for the McIlvanney Prize for Best Scottish Crime Book of the Year in 2021 and 2022. *The Blood Tide* also topped several eBook and audio charts and was shortlisted for Best New Series at the Dead Good Reader Awards.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: German (HarperCollins) and Swedish (HarperCollins)

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

Neil Lancaster

Don't miss the next book in the DS Max Craigie series from bestselling crime writer Neil Lancaster.

He will find you: When the body of Leanne Wilson is found at the bottom of a Scottish mountain, it is classified as a tragic accident. There is no evidence to suggest otherwise.

He will kill you: Then DS Max Craigie discovers that five other women in the last year have died in similar accidents; they were all recently single, well-equipped climbers and apparently alone when they died. For Max and his team, this can only mean one thing: there's a serial killer on the loose.

He will never be caught: the more Max investigates, the more he believes that they are dealing with something much bigger than a lone serial killer. Can Max catch someone committing the perfect crime before they strike again?

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: Levine, Greenberg,
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Release: 08/05/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 272pp



Steve Frech lives in Los Angeles. In addition to writing, he produces and hosts the *Random Awesomeness* podcast, an improv-comedy quiz show that has been performed at Upright Citizens Brigade, The Improv, iO West and Nerdist.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Spanish (HarperCollins) and German (dp Digital Publishers)

BOOK 7

Steve Frech

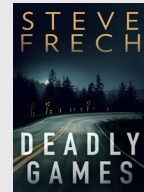
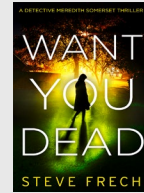
Another gripping and heart-pounding thriller from the author of *The Good Husband*.

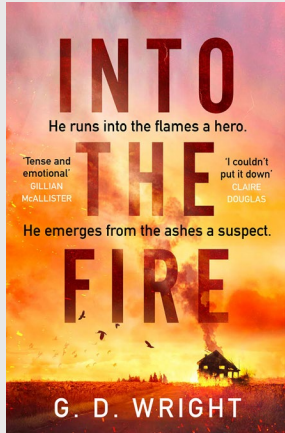
Lukas Walker is working as a rideshare driver after losing his job and racking up thousands in debt to pay for healthcare for his pregnant wife.

One night, he picks up a passenger who holds a gun to his head and tells Lucas is told to drive the man to the houses of the men he plans to kill.

Lucas must do everything he can to survive the night and keep his own family from harm.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Rachel Hart
Agency: WGM
Release: 05/06/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



G.D. Wright joined Kent Police at the age of 18 and worked in a variety of uniformed roles. After two serious cardiac arrests at 29, he was unable to continue policing and retired at the age of 30. He bought a coffee shop in Ramsgate Harbour and spent years looking out over the sea and dreaming up stories. He now writes full time, committing those very stories to paper.

Rights available: all languages

INTO THE FIRE

G.D. Wright

He runs into the flames a hero. He emerges from the ashes a suspect.

Steve thought he had left his troubled past behind. Living a quiet life with his wife and children, everything changes the night he rescues a baby from a burning house, becoming an unexpected national hero.

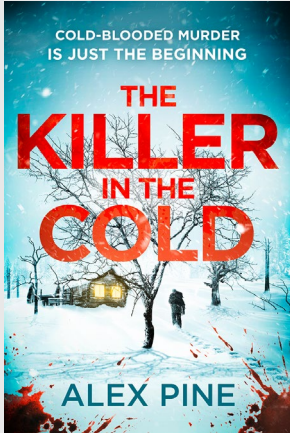
But as the spotlight shines brighter, so does the scrutiny, and a shocking accusation is made - that Steve is the man responsible for an unsolved murder in Beachbrook years prior.

As DS Willmott investigates the truth, Steve pleads his innocence. But as Steve's world unravels, he faces a terrifying truth: the past isn't done with him yet. And when everything he loves is at risk, he'll be forced to make an impossible choice.

After all, even heroes hide secrets of their own.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Agency: Artellus
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Alex Pine was born and raised on a council estate in South London and left school at 16. Before long, he embarked on a career in journalism, which took him all over the world - many of the stories he covered were crime-related. He now lives with his wife on a marina close to the New Forest on the South Coast.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Italian (Newton Compton)
and Spanish (Newton Compton)

THE KILLER IN THE COLD

DI JAMES WALKER SERIES (5)

Alex Pine

Chilling truths are buried in the snow.

When a body dressed in a Santa Claus suit appears in the snow just outside a small village in Cumbria, DCI James Walker is the first to appear on the scene. Almost a year has passed since something so tragic has happened in the close-knit community, and James is hopeful that it's just an accidental death.

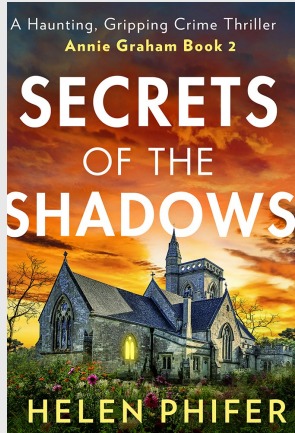
But when he uncovers the body, he discovers something that chills him to the bone. The man, a former police officer, was murdered. And it's not long before another body appears.

Time is ticking as James races to uncover the killer's next victim, before they strike again.

But can James find them before the snow washes away the evidence?

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Kate Mills
Release: 05/12/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 352pp



Helen Phifer lives with her husband and five children in the small town of Barrow-in-Furness, surrounded by coastline and not far from the Lake District, where she likes to spend at least one of her days off from work. She has always loved writing and reading and loves reading books that make the hairs on the back of her neck stand on end. Unable to find enough scary stories to read, she decided to write her own.

Rights available: all languages

THE SECRETS OF THE SHADOWS

THE ANNIE GRAHAM CRIME SERIES (2)

Helen Phifer

The stunning second book in the Annie Graham crime thriller series.

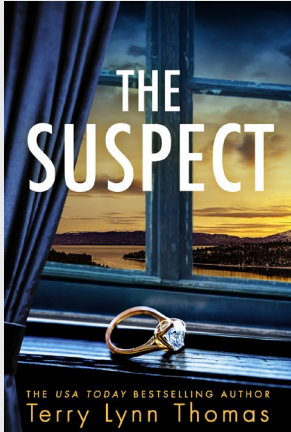
Six months on from the case that changed everything, police officer Annie Graham is not looking to stir up more shadows of the past. She's still haunted by the crimes she's witnessed, and she's found a new, safe role working in the community.

But when a young woman is found murdered and draped over a gravestone, Annie senses that there's more to this than meets the eye. And there may be a chilling connection to crimes from decades earlier.

Annie isn't on the case. But when a young girl starts visiting her in the unlikeliest of places, she realises that the case may be coming to her. And with the past quickly catching up to them all, can Annie stop the killer before it's too late?

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Release: 05/12/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Terry Lynn Thomas is the *USA Today* bestselling author of six historical mysteries. *The Drowned Woman* won an Indie BRAG Medallion, *The Silent Woman* and *House of Lies* released to critical acclaim and became *USA Today* bestsellers.

Rights available: all languages

THE SUSPECT

OLIVIA SINCLAIR SERIES (3)

Terry Lynn Thomas

The third book featuring attorney Olivia Sinclair, for fans of Alafair Burke, Gillian McAllistair and *The Good Wife*.

Divorce attorney Olivia Sinclair is retiring. She is ready to pack the rat race in, settle down in Tahoe with her boyfriend Brian and finally live life at the pace she deserves.

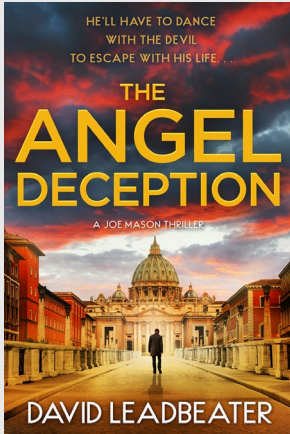
But when an old friend calls in a favour, she's compelled to take on one last case.

Ava, wife of tech-millionaire and media darling Mark Bledsoe has escaped from her abusive husband. He has proved himself to be a dangerous man and Ava needs to flee the country before he can track her down.

As Olivia's investigation leads her into a devilish web of lies, deception and murder, she realises that her work is far from done. Can she crack one last case, before her and Ava's time runs out?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Rachel Hart
Release: 02/01/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 400pp



David Leadbeater has published more than 40 novels and is a million-copy Ebook bestseller. His books include the chart-topping *Relic Hunters* series, which won the inaugural Amazon Kindle Storyteller award in 2017.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Greek (Ydroplano) and Portuguese (Clube do Autor)

THE ANGEL DECEPTION JOE MASON (6)

David Leadbeater

The gripping new action thriller novel from the million-copy bestselling author of the *Matt Drake* series.

Ex-MI5 operative Joe Mason is on a mission to stop a ruthless satanic group from obtaining a treasure of unimaginable power: the legendary Hellfire. If the cult succeeds, they will become more powerful than any government - unleashing chaos and destruction worldwide.

Mason and his team must race against time, deciphering clues from relics scattered across Europe. From Scotland's eerie mausoleums to Milan's hidden crypts, Florence's shadowy alleys, Berlin's sinister underbelly and even the Vatican's most secretive corridors, Mason must navigate the continent to find the Hellfire first. If he doesn't, all hell will break loose.

Can Mason and his team stop the satanists before it's too late, or will the world fall under the shadow of the Hellfire?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Release: 30/01/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Stephanie Steele lives in Manchester, where she was born and raised, with her partner and dog, Butter. When not writing, she works for a food consultancy, putting her years as a chef to good use, and in her spare time can usually be found reading, hassling the dog and watching *Law & Order* and *Real Housewives*.

Rights available: all languages

THE TRAIN FROM PLATFORM 2

STEPHANIE STEELE

You're trapped underground. There's no way out. And there's a killer on the loose.

When former Detective Inspector Jessica Hirsch boards the London Underground, it should be just a few short stops home at the end of another long day. But as the tube barrels from Baker Street, it's brought to an abrupt stop - there is an electrical fault, leaving the train stranded.

And then she hears the scream.

As the lights go out, Jessica pushes through into the driver's cabin. There, she finds his lifeless body, a knife embedded deep in his back. But if nobody could get into the cabin from the outside, and nobody could get into the front carriage, the realization strikes hard - there's a murderer among them, concealed within the confines of the carriage.

With no escape from the train, and in the pitch black, Jessica is thrust into a deadly game. Every passenger becomes a potential threat, and time is ticking relentlessly. In a race against the unknown assailant, Jessica must unravel the sinister truth before the killer strikes again.

A nail-biting, addictive thriller, perfect for fans of Lucy Foley and Sarah Pearse.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Emma Grundy Haigh
Agency: Marsal Lyon
Release: 19/06/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 352pp



Stefanie London is a *USA Today* bestselling author of contemporary romance. Originally from Australia, she now lives in Toronto with her very own hero and is doing her best to travel the world. She frequently indulges her passions for lipstick, good coffee, books and anything zombie related.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Japanese (HarperCollins)

THE VOW

Stephanie London

It's the wedding of the year - for all the wrong reasons.

I vow to make you pay for what you did.

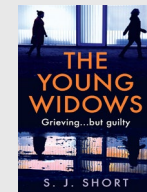
Twelve years ago, school friends Sofia, Ellie and Rose made a vow. They promised never to talk about that fateful night. Never to tell anyone what they did.

Since then, they've all followed very different paths, but as they come together to celebrate Ellie's destination wedding, it promises to be a weekend to remember.

It is meant to be the event of the season, but as things start to go wrong, they suspect someone is trying to punish them.

But if the women took a vow of silence, how can anyone know? And what lengths will they be willing to go to, to get their revenge.

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Daisy Watt
Agency: DHH
Release: 06/11/2025
Format: PBO
Extent: 320pp



Chris Frost is the Kindle Top 20 bestselling author of *The Killer's Christmas List* and ten other crime novels, including the *Erika Piper trilogy* and *The Stonebridge Mysteries*. He grew up in Northern Ireland and now lives in Marple. By day he is a scriptwriter and a regular voice on *The Blood Brothers Podcast* and *Friends Of The North*.

Rights available: all languages

THE CHRISTMAS TREE KILLER

DI TOM STONEM (2)

Chris Frost

The surprise under the tree is a body.

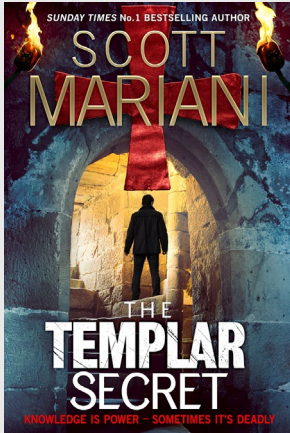
In the dead of winter, the North Pennines are icy and treacherous. With much of the Pennine Way closed due to snowstorms, hikers have been told to stay away. But it's clear not everyone has heeded the warnings, when the partial remains of a man are discovered in the pine forest near Hadrian's Wall.

DI Tom Stonem is called in to investigate, and it's not long before more body parts appear under the trees. Each has been wrapped like a Christmas present, with gift tags addressed to a series of seemingly random local residents. Were the intended recipients of these gruesome presents involved in the murder? Or are they victims of the killer's cruel game?

As Stonem unwraps the case, the secrets of the forest get darker. But one thing's for sure: the trail to Christmas is twisty and paved with murder.

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 432pp



Scott Mariani is the author of the worldwide-acclaimed action and adventure series featuring maverick ex-SAS hero Ben Hope. Scott's books have topped the bestseller charts in the UK and beyond and lifetime sales have topped three million copies.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold in 20 languages; details available upon request

THE TEMPLAR SECRET

BEN HOPE SERIES (30)

Scott Mariani

A new thriller from *Sunday Times* bestseller Scott Mariani, featuring hero Ben Hope.

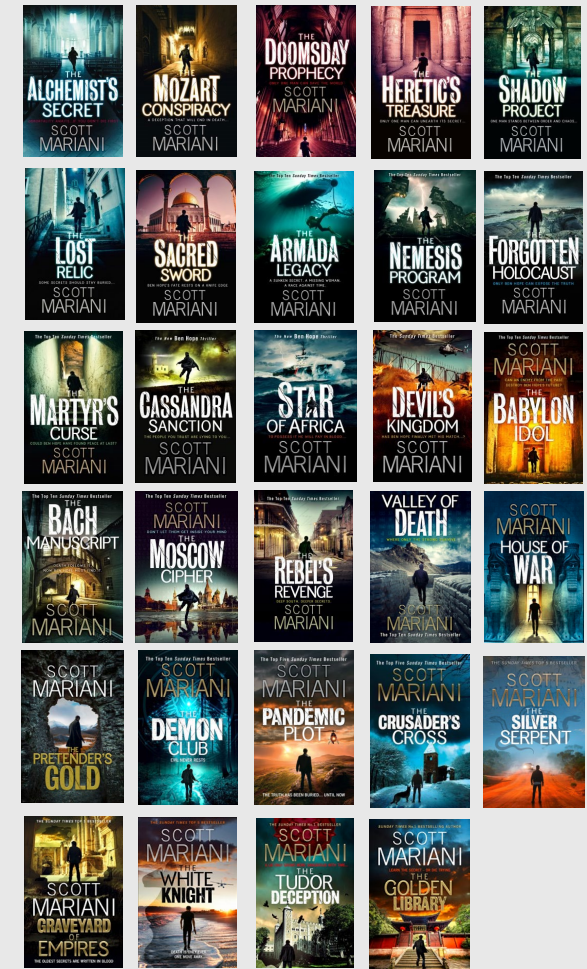
Has ex-SAS soldier Ben Hope finally got out of his depth?

That's the question Ben faces when the hunt for a missing girl takes him to China. He's a stranger in a strange land - but he's also the victim's only hope.

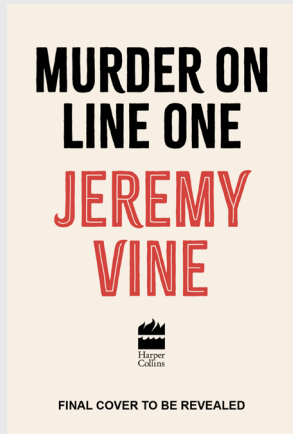
As the pressure mounts, so does the gruesome death toll. With ruthless enemies in pursuit and an unlikely alliance with an enigmatic detective his only lifeline, Ben realises that this situation is far more explosive than even he'd bargained for. Suddenly it's no longer just the missing girl's fate depending on him.

At the heart of the mystery lies an ancient secret dating back to China's first emperor - a secret that people will still kill for, millennia later. Ben Hope has never turned his back on those in need, and he's no stranger to tough odds. But can he survive long enough to discover the truth - and is he ready for the consequences?

In the same series



COSY CRIME



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Martha Ashby
Agency: Kerr MacRae
Release: 24/04/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400pp



Jeremy Vine is a journalist and broadcaster with an audience of millions per week. He hosts a daily breakfast show on Channel 5 and a peak lunchtime slot on BBC Radio 2, presenting news, views, interviews and popular guests on Britain's most listened-to radio news programme. He has previously hosted *Eggheads* and presents the general election infographics. He lives in London with his wife and two daughters.

Rights available: all languages

MURDER ON LINE ONE

Jeremy Vine

The first book in a brilliant new murder mystery series from the BBC journalist and broadcaster.

Darkness comes to sunny Sidmouth when late night radio talk show host Edward Temmis is let go from his beloved job after being unable to cope from a devastating tragedy.

Cast adrift, his outlook is bleak - until he meets Stevie, whose grandmother, a devoted listener, died in a suspicious fire last year. Well, nobody hurts his listeners and helping Stevie might just give him the purpose he needs.

When their investigation stalls, they enlist local estate agent Kim, with whom Edward had a doomed fling last year. Working together, they discover Stevie's grandmother wasn't the only one of his listeners who was targeted.

But who is pursuing his ageing audience and why? And can Edward, Stevie and Kim get to the bottom of this mystery before it's too late?



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 08/11/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 320pp



Vivian Conroy is a multi-published mystery author. Away from writing, she enjoys hiking and crafting.

Rights available: all languages

Previous right sold: Czech (Alpress), Hungarian (General Press), Japanese (HarperCollins) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

LAST DANCE IN SALZBURG

MISS ASHFORD INVESTIGATES (4)

Vivian Conroy

The smell of Glühwein and spiced Lebkuchen from the Austrian winter markets fill the air, but for Atalanta there's an intriguing puzzle to be solved in this cosy historical mystery for 2024.

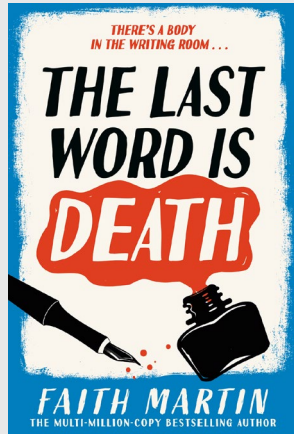
November 1930.

After accepting an invitation to attend the ballet in snowy Salzburg, Miss Atalanta Ashford is shocked when a convicted jewel thief is found dead in the concert hall where the theft occurred a decade ago.

Did he return to the scene of the crime because he wanted to prove his innocence? Is the real culprit among the high-society guests? In her quest for the truth, Atalanta uncovers dangerous secrets about the European elite that put her own life in mortal danger.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: Kate Nash
Release: 02/01/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 336pp



Faith Martin has been writing for 30 years, under different pen names and has published over 50 novels. Having penned the Ryder & Loveday series set back in the 1960s in the City of Oxford, Faith Martin has now turned to the Golden Age itself, with a brand-new series set in the Cotswolds of the 1920s. She is also one of the top ten read authors in Kindle Unlimited.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Alpress), German, French, Italian (HarperCollins) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

THE LAST WORD IS DEATH

THE VAL & ARBIE MYSTERIES (2)

Faith Martin

A new historical mystery novel from global multi-million-copy bestselling author, Faith Martin.

Arbuthnot 'Arbie' Swift arrives at Dashwood House, a glamorously modern hotel in the up-and-coming resort of Galton-next-the-Sea, but all plans for a relaxing stay are scuppered when one of the guests is found dead.

The body is found in the writing room, the victim part of a set visiting the seaside town for an engagement party, which happens to include Arbie's old friend, Val.

Familiar with Val and Arbie's previous experience in solving puzzling crimes, the bride asks the pair to investigate. They quickly discover that the victim had no shortage of enemies, and many of the guests are up to no good. But who is simply hiding a secret, and who is hiding murder?

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Sophia Allistone
Release: 10/04/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 304pp



Jane Bettany is a writer of short stories and non-fiction books and articles. Her work has been published in women's magazines in the UK (such as *My Weekly*, *People's Friend*, *Yours* and *Woman's Weekly*), as well as in literary magazines and newspapers.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: German (dp Digital Publishers) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

MURDER ON BLUEBELL HILL

A VIOLET BREWSTER MYSTERY (4)

Jane Bettany

In a quaint village in the Peak District, murder is brewing.

Violet Brewster is settling into the quiet life in Merrywell. The last thing she needs is to get mixed up in a police investigation.

When a snazzy tearoom opens at the local garden centre on Bluebell Hill, residents flock to visit the establishment. But not everyone is happy about the new business venture.

Matters escalate when the owner of the tearoom is found dead on the premises. As Violet unwittingly finds herself at the centre of another murder mystery, can she shift suspicion away from those closest to her and find the true culprit?

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Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Agency: Northbank Talent
Release: 30/01/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Jonathan Whitelaw is a writer, award-winning journalist and broadcaster. After working on the frontline of Scottish politics, he moved into journalism. He's also a regular reviewer, panellist and commentator.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Spanish (HarperCollins)

THE GARDEN CLUB MURDERS

Jonathan Whitelaw

Penrith, in the heart of the Lake District, is not the kind of place you can easily vanish.

Certainly not when the members of the Penrith Bingo Club are trying to track you down. But even stalwart sleuth, Amita Khatri, and her son-in-law, Jason, are foxed this time when a local woman tells them her husband, a mild-mannered academic has gone missing.

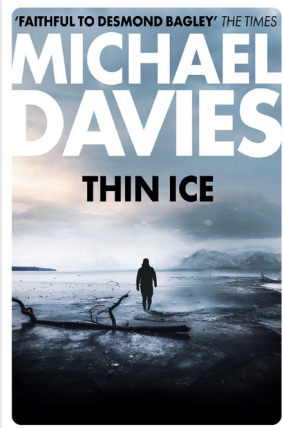
And he's not the only person to disappear. Soon Amita, Jason and irascible retired copper, Frank, are searching for more people - and some missing money to boot.

From the veg patches of Penrith to the shores of Ullswater, as Jason and Amita comb the Cumbrian countryside for clues, they soon realise they've stumbled upon a case where planting the evidence takes on a whole new meaning. And unless they can unearth some answers soon, they might be the next people to disappear.

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HISTORICAL CRIME



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Morgan Springett
Release: 24/10/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 320pp



Michael Davies's writing has appeared on stage, screen, radio, the printed page and online. His debut play won a national competition, and subsequent work includes *Tess - The Musical*, an adaptation of Thomas Hardy's classic novel *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*. A lifelong **Desmond Bagley** fan, in 2019 he reworked one of Bagley's abandoned drafts into the highly acclaimed novel *Domino Island*.

Rights available: all languages

Desmond Bagley's books have been translated in 26 languages; details available upon request.

THIN ICE

BILL KEMP SERIES (3)

Michael Davies

From an idea by Desmond Bagley.

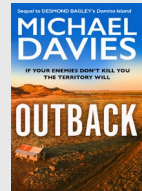
It was a simple errand. Collect a package. Save the world.

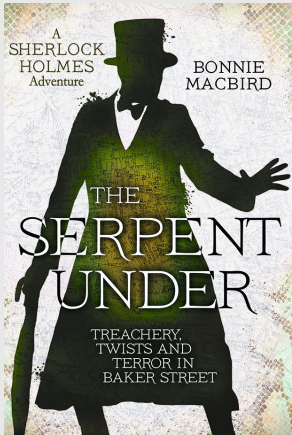
But when Bill Kemp's contact washes up dead on the frozen banks of the Danube, where the Iron Curtain falls across the map of Europe, he's thrown into the heart of a dangerous conspiracy that threatens to destabilise the continent.

With winter closing in and enemies on all sides, Kemp must risk a daring expedition across the Austrian Alps to Switzerland.

His introduction to the dark world of espionage will prove as deadly as those bleak, beautiful mountains.

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Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: David Brawn
Agency: Langtons
Release: 02/01/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 352pp



Bonnie MacBird is passionate about Victorian London and fell in love with Holmes as a schoolgirl in her native California. After many years in the entertainment industry as a film executive, Emmy winning producer and screenwriter, she now writes the critically acclaimed *Sherlock Holmes Adventure* Series, bringing the much-loved detective back, traditional style, in full-length adventures.

Rights available: all languages excluding Ukrainian (Ranok)

Previous rights sold: Czech (Mlada Fronta), Danish (HarperCollins), Finnish (HarperCollins), French (City Editions), Hungarian (HarperCollins), Italian (HarperCollins), Japanese (HarperCollins), Norwegian (HarperCollins), Polish (Amber), Portuguese (HarperCollins), Russian (Phoenix), Spanish (HarperCollins), Swedish (HarperCollins), Turkish (Indigo Kitap), Ukrainian (Ranok) and US (The Mysterious Bookshop)

THE SERPENT UNDER

A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE (6)

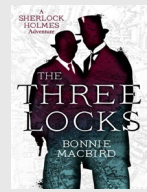
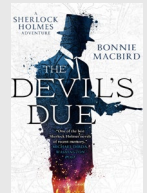
Bonnie MacBird

Holmes and Watson face treachery and danger in the latest thriller by Bonnie MacBird.

Murder, jealousy, and deceit underscore three interlocking mysteries as Holmes and Watson take on a high-profile case at Windsor Castle. A boy drowned in the Serpentine, and a crusading women's rights activist who suspected a traitor in her organisation.

The cases send them into locales as varied as the palace itself, a dockland cannery, an arts and crafts atelier and a gypsy encampment. But is there peril underfoot as well - right at 221B Baker Street?

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Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: David Brawn
Agency: D.H.H
Release: 11/09/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Dr John Curran is the long-time literary advisor to Agatha Christie's estate, often giving talks and appearing on documentaries about her life. He has spent the last few years unpicking the notebooks and deciphering Agatha Christie's handwriting for his work. His two volumes about Agatha Christie's notebooks won three major US mystery awards, and his history of *Collins' Crime Club*, *The Hooded Gunman* won the 2019 H.R.F. Keating Award for best critical book related to crime fiction.

Rights available: all languages

THE MURDER GAME

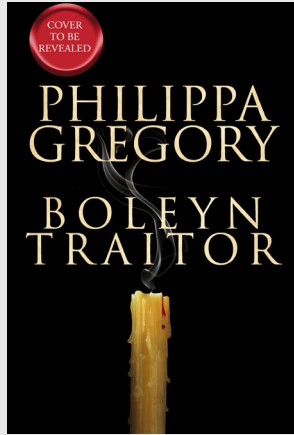
John Curran

For all who read and enjoy classic crime fiction, this critical reassessment of the mystery genre examines the importance of puzzles in the very best whodunits and the games the authors played with their readers.

From the foundations of the detective story laid down by Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins and Edgar Allan Poe, Dr John Curran identifies the core elements of crime fiction and shows how fierce and continual innovation by emerging authors such as G. K. Chesterton, Anthony Berkeley, John Dickson Carr and Agatha Christie shaped popular fiction between the wars and left a legacy that survives in today's crime novels.

With case studies of some of the genre's most groundbreaking books, from *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* to *The Magpie Murders*, and related diversions including cryptic crosswords, Cain's Jawbone and the Murdle phenomenon, *The Murder Game* is an essential book for crime fans, fiction lovers and find-outers everywhere.

HISTORICAL



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Release: 09/10/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400 pp



Dr Philippa Gregory studied history at the University of Sussex and was awarded a PhD by the University of Edinburgh where she is now a Regent. She holds an honorary degree from Teesside University and is a fellow of the Universities of Sussex and Cardiff. Philippa is a member of the Society of Authors and in 2016, was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Historical Fiction Award by the Historical Writers' Association. In 2018, she was awarded an Honorary Platinum Award by Nielsen for achieving significant lifetime sales across her entire book output. In 2021, she was awarded a CBE for services to literature and to her charity Gardens for the Gambia and was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Rights available: all languages excluding Czech (HarperCollins), German (HarperCollins), Italian (HarperCollins), Japanese (HarperCollins), Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins), Polish (HarperCollins), Swedish (HarperCollins) and US (HarperCollins)

BOLEYN TRAITOR

Philippa Gregory

Philippa Gregory returns to HarperCollins with a groundbreaking new novel.

Sister. Pawn. Liar. Traitor.

Her words sent two queens to the scaffold.

Her secrets shaped a kingdom.

But her true story was hidden.

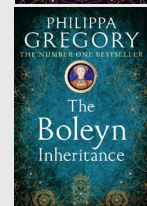
Until now.

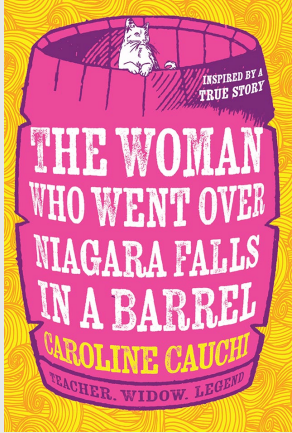
Philippa Gregory brings the Boleyn traitor out of the shadows in a groundbreaking tale of love, betrayal – and survival.

***'Gregory has popularised Tudor history perhaps more than any other living fiction writer ... All of her books feature strong, complex women, doing their best to improve their lives in worlds dominated by men'* Sunday Times**

***'Immaculate research, pacey narratives and a stubborn insistence that history is not only about men'* Daily Mail**

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 01/10/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 416pp



Caroline Cauchi also writes as Caroline Smailes and her acclaimed novel, *The Drowning of Arthur Braxton*, was adapted into a film. It won Best UK Feature 2021 at *Raindance* film festival. Caroline worked as a lecturer for several years before turning her hand to fiction. She lives in Liverpool with her husband and children.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Dutch (HarperCollins), Estonian (Tanapaev), German (HarperCollins), Hungarian (Central Publishing), Italian (Mondadori) and Lithuanian (Tyto Alba)

THE WOMAN WHO WENT OVER NIAGARA FALLS IN A BARREL

Caroline Cauchi

School teacher. Widow. Legend.

It's 1901 and the mists of change are swirling. Queen Victoria's reign is about to come to an end, and an obscure widow in Buffalo, New York, is about to attempt the impossible.

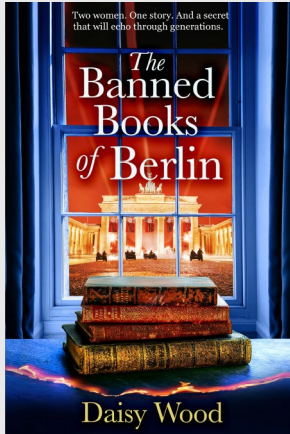
Meet the courageous Mrs Annie Edson Taylor. The bravest woman you've never heard of and the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel – over a decade before any man dared to do the same.

Enter a world of lost fortunes and friendship, as Annie, grieving the past and determined to change the lives of the women around her, attempts to alter the course of history.

With a single jump, that is.

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Agency: D.H.H.
Release: 10/04/2025
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Daisy Wood worked in publishing for some years before leaving to concentrate on her own writing. She has had several children's books published, both historical and contemporary. *The Clockmaker's Wife* secured the biggest international sub for a debut title Avon has seen since Mandy Robotham.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Albatros), Danish (Forlaget Zara), French (City Editions), Hungarian (21 Szazad), Italian (Newton Compton), Malaysian (The Biblio Press), Romanian (Corint), Russian (AST) and Spanish (Newton Compton)

THE BANNED BOOKS OF BERLIN

Daisy Wood

A brand-new, gripping, heart-wrenching historical novel for book lovers.

Berlin, 1933. The night skies are burning bright with huge bonfires of banned books, torched by the German Students Union. The Nazi party is swelling in number, and the universities, the centres of learning in Germany, are no longer a safe place for Anya, a young philosophy student.

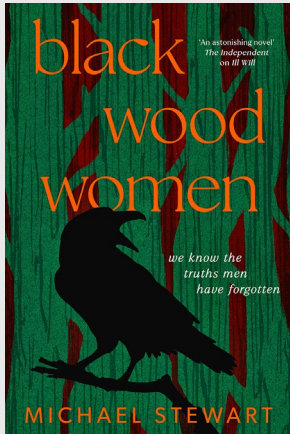
Anya can only watch on, horrified, as her beloved city falls to fascism – until she grabs a banned book from the embers of the flames. But she is quickly caught, not by the Nazis, but by a grassroots resistance group. The usually law-abiding Anya is forced to make a choice: continue being a bystander or sacrifice herself to save the lives of others.

New York, present day. Struggling for ideas for her gigs as a freelance journalist, Maddie is shocked to come across a series of political postcards in her great Aunt's attic. But how did they come to be in the possession of her conservative aunt?

And so begins a journey that will take Maddie to Oxford, to Berlin and beyond as she searches for the origins of the postcards that changed people's lives across the globe.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Release: 21/11/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 352pp



Michael Stewart is a multi-award-winning writer whose plays have been performed extensively throughout the country and whose fiction has been published widely in anthologies and magazines. He was writer in residence at Theatre in the Mill in Bradford and is now senior lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Huddersfield, where he is the director of the Huddersfield Literature Festival and the editor of *Grist Books*.

Rights available: all languages excluding Spanish (HarperCollins)

BLACK WOOD WOMEN

Michael Stewart

In the aftermath of Charles I's execution, Caragh shares how she came to live with the women who keep their hair loose and refuse to follow men's rules. The women who worship the wolf and know the truths that men have forgotten.

Yorkshire. 1649. Caragh has hidden her true name and her Irish identity, and since her family fled Ireland in secret, they have been proud to own land of their own in England. But one morning, Caragh's father tells her that they must leave their beloved home as it is no longer safe for them to stay. That morning, Caragh hears shots fired. When she returns to the cottage, she finds her family murdered by Lemuel Lane, a wealthy Protestant who has taken it upon himself to rid the area of anyone with Catholic sympathies.

Caragh flees east and comes to a forest, a coven of women, finding acceptance at last, little knowing that persecution stalks them and their days in the forest are numbered.

Meanwhile, the last wolf in England hunts for prey. She is tired, hungry and alone - missing her pack and her mate, and anxious about the litter of pups she carries.

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Imprint: Avon
 Editor: Emma Grundy Haigh
 Agency: D.H.H.
 Release: 16/01/2025
 Format: PB
 Extent: 384pp



Mandy Robotham is a *Globe and Mail*, *USA Today*, and UK, Canadian, US and Australian Kindle Top 100 bestseller. She has been an aspiring author from the age of nine but was waylaid by journalism and later enticed by midwifery. She graduated with an MA in Creative Writing from Oxford Brookes University.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Euromedia), Danish (HarperCollins), Dutch (Meulenhoff), French (City Editions), Italian (Newton Compton), Lithuanian (Briedis), Brazilian Portuguese (Universo dos Livros), Polish (Swiat Ksiazki), Portuguese (Planeta Manuscrito), Romanian (RAO), Slovak (Motyl), Spanish (Newton Compton) and Swedish (Bookmark)

A DANGEROUS GAME

Mandy Robotham

Enthralling must-read historical fiction from the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The German Midwife*.

London, 1952. Seven years after the chaotic aftermath of World War II, London is coming alive again, with jazz clubs and flickering cinema awnings lighting up the night sky.

But for widowed Helen 'Dexie' Dexter, she's still a woman in a man's world. She longs to prove herself as an officer in the London Metropolitan Police, yet she's stuck intervening in domestics and making tea for her male colleagues.

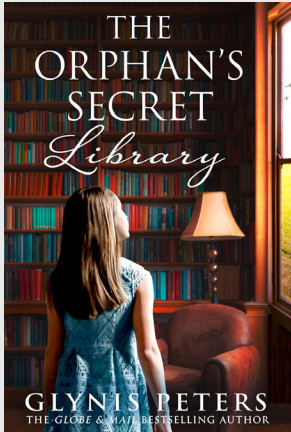
Then Harri Schroder arrives, seconded from Hamburg to the Met. Haunted by the loss of his wife and child, Harri is unlike any man Dexie has ever known. Compassionate and sharp-witted, he sees her not as a threat, but as an intelligent, canny officer full of potential.

And when Harri is tasked with hunting down a Nazi war criminal-turned-respected-businessman, with connections to the upper echelons of British society, it's Dexie he turns to for help.

But as their bond deepens, a deadly fog engulfs London. Dexie and Harri must expose the fugitive before he vanishes, risking everything for justice - and each other.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 21/11/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 368pp



Glynis Peters is a British author and retired NHS nurse. She lives by the sea in Essex with her husband and their three children. When not writing she enjoys fishing with her husband, cross-stitch and playing with her granddaughters. Her first WWII historical novel is the *USA Today* and *Globe and Mail* bestseller, *The Secret Orphan*.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Hungarian (IPC Konyvek), Italian (Newton Compton), Macedonian (Kultura) and Brazilian Portuguese (Ciranda Cultural)

THE ORPHAN'S SECRET LIBRARY

Glynis Peters

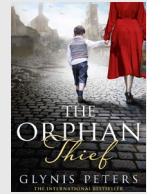
In the darkness of war, light shines from the pages of a book.

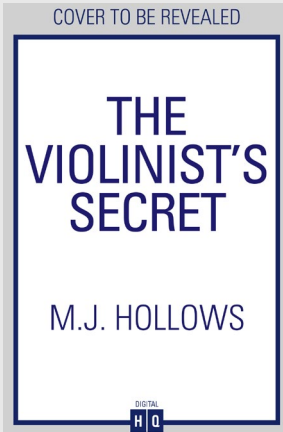
For as long as Alice Carmichael can remember, the only thing she's been able to count on is the written word. The war may have taken everything from her, but the stories she cherishes provide solace and escape into a world that is more hopeful than 1942 England.

So, when Alice finds herself at the mercy and kindness of strangers, miles from everything she's ever known, it's little surprise that books become her purpose.

Now, Alice must channel the courage of her favourite heroines to risk everything for her country. Because it's only in writing her own story that Alice can seize the destiny her beloved books have taught her and that she deserves.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Audrey Linton
Agency: Kate Nash
Release: 16/01/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 352pp



Michael J. Hollows was born in London and later moved to Liverpool to lecture in audio engineering. With a keen interest in history, music, and science, he has told stories since he was little. *Goodbye for Now*, published in 2018, was his first novel, which he started as part of his MA in writing from Liverpool John Moores University. *The German Nurse*, his second historical novel, was a top ten *Globe and Mail* bestseller. Michael also writes for Black Library.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese
(Ciranda Cultural)

THE VIOLINIST'S SECRET

M. J Hollows

The brand-new World War II historical novel from the bestselling author of *The German Messenger*.

Charlotte Weber is against the Nazi regime and what it stands for, but as she attends Hamburg University, she struggles to make sense of the war she finds herself a part of.

Practicing her violin for the university orchestra with her friend, Greta, gets her through the days, until Greta fails to meet her one day, and Charlotte goes to her friend's apartment to find her body inside. The police declare it a suicide, but Charlotte knows it is murder.

Desperate to discover who killed her friend, but not knowing where to turn, Charlotte is approached by Nazi spies, who recruit her, believing she is Greta. Caught right in the middle of the regime's web, Charlotte determines to use her position to subvert the regime from the inside and find out the truth about Greta once and for all.

As the war atrocities heighten, and she witnesses the brutality of the Gestapo, Charlotte begins to discover hidden truths of her closest circle of friends, all of whom have something to hide that would make them targets for the Nazis.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Priyal Agrawal
Release: 24/04/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Tessa Harris read History at Oxford University and has been a journalist, writing for several national newspapers and magazines for more than 30 years. She lectures in creative writing at Hawkwood College, Stroud and is the author of nine published historical novels. Her debut, *The Anatomist's Apprentice*, won the *Romantic Times First Best Mystery Award* 2012 in the US.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Vikend), Italian (Newton Compton) and Spanish (Newton Compton)

THE FLORENCE SISTERS

Tessa Harris

A sweeping and emotional WWII historical fiction novel for 2025.

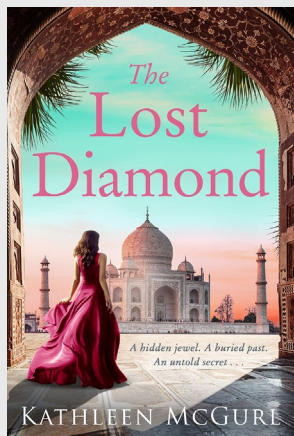
Florence, 1940.

When Italy joins the war, the genteel way of life enjoyed by a group of elderly women, all members of the English Ladies' Art Appreciation Society, is threatened. Tea rooms and bookshops are closed by the Fascists and their regular haunt, the Gran Café Doney, is attacked.

Angelina Leone is an expert art historian, and the half-Italian niece of the society's founder, Agatha. With Florence under siege from the Germans, Angelina is asked to authenticate a priceless portrait belonging to a Jewish family. Aware that Germany will do anything to steal these important works of art, Florence declares the masterpiece a fake, but in doing so will she set off a chain of events with deadly consequences for them all.

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Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Kate Mills
Release: 27/02/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 336pp

Kathleen McGurl lives in Bournemouth with her husband. She has published several novels with HQ and self-published another. She has also sold dozens of short stories to women's magazines, and written three How To books for writers. After a long career in the IT industry, she became a full-time writer in 2019.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Danish (Forlaget Zara), Dutch (HarperCollins), Finnish (Bazaar Kustannus) and French (City Editions)

THE LOST DIAMOND

Kathleen McGurl

The brand-new, captivating post-war historical mystery, perfect for fans of Lorna Cook and Amanda Geard.

A hidden jewel. A buried past. A secret waiting to break free.

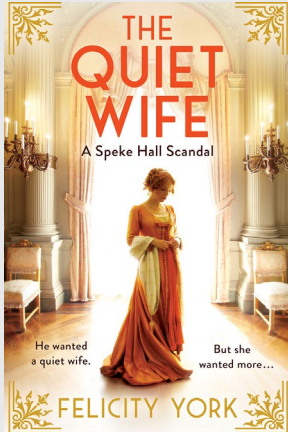
India, 1947: Celia Forbes-Whyte remembers little about her beloved mother, but she will never forget how the family's prized diamond, the Chamakta Sitara, glistened at her throat. The diamond has been part of the family for as long as she can remember, but growing voices begin to ask whether it should ever have belonged to them at all?

With danger closing in on the eve of Indian independence, Celia's father makes a drastic choice - to protect his family, the diamond must disappear without a trace. But in doing so, will he create a curse that lasts a lifetime.

London, 2024: Heartbroken and desperate for an escape, Lisa Statton retreats to the comfort of the Alps. But when she stumbles across a sparkling gem and an unopened letter, embedded in a glacier, Lisa finds herself thrust into a mystery more devastating than she could ever imagine.

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Felicity York is the author of nine male/male Regency romance novels under the name Ruby Moone. She is a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association, whose blog she runs alongside two colleagues, and she was a founding member of the RNA's Rainbow Chapter to increase diversity and improve the visibility of queer romance in the genre.

Rights available: all languages excluding Italian (HarperCollins) and Swedish (HarperCollins)

Previous rights sold: Czech (Alpress)

THE QUIET WIFE: A SPEKE HALL SCANDAL

STATELY SCANDALS (2)

Felicity York

All he wants is a quiet wife. But she wants something more.

1867, Liverpool.

Wife to an errant husband, the art patron Frederick Leyland, Frances is losing her sense of self. So, when Frederick announces they are moving into the crumbling Speke Hall, she throws herself into the all-consuming task of renovating their once-magnificent new home.

But when one of Frederick's protégés - the handsome, brooding American artist James Whistler - offers to help Frances decorate, she and the painter form an instant connection. And under the painter's gaze, Frances begins to see that like the house, there is neglected splendour within her, too.

Inspired by the possibilities the artist arouses in her, she begins to wonder if love might still be in the picture for her, after all.

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HARPER

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Agency: Jenny Brown
Associates
Release: 31/07/2025
Format: HB
Extent: 400pp



Joanna Hickson spent 25 years presenting and producing news and arts programmes for the BBC. Her first published book was a children's historical novel but more recently she has turned to adult fiction, concentrating on bringing 15th century English history and some of its fascinating principal characters to life.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Braná), Italian (HarperCollins), Latvian (Kontinents), Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins), Polish (Literackie, HarperCollins) and Russian (Eksmo)

THE HOUSE OF SEYMOUR

Joanna Hickson

Will one family's ambition be their destiny or their downfall?

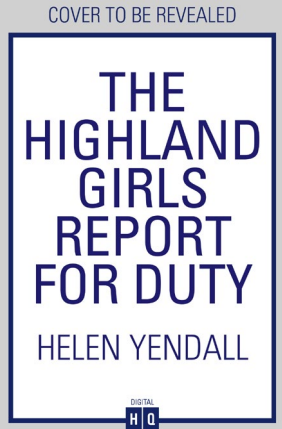
From their seat at Wolf Hall in the Savernake Forest, the Seymour family plotted their rise. Taking them from Agincourt, through the War of the Roses and beyond, their thirst for power leaves devastation in its wake.

Will it also be their undoing?

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SAGA



Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Seema Mitra
Agency: The Underline
Release: 13/03/2025
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Helen Yendall has had dozens of short stories published in women's magazines over the past 20 years and now writes female-focused WWII novels. Although a proud Brummie by birth, Helen now lives in the North Cotswolds with her husband and cocker spaniel. When she's not teaching or writing, she likes reading, swimming, tennis and walking in the beautiful countryside where she lives.

Rights available: all languages

THE HIGHLAND GIRLS REPORT FOR DUTY

THE HIGHLAND GIRLS SERIES (3)

Helen Yendall

A poignant and heart-warming WWII novel for fans of Rosie Clarke, Annie Groves and Pam Howes.

Scotland, 1944.

Fearless Seffy was hoping for a transfer to England to be near Callum, the Canadian soldier she has given her heart to. Instead, she is instructed to train a new group of lumberjills. Will their unhelpful attitude finally be a match for Seffy's determination and cheerfulness?

Sensible Jean is a true believer in the wartime effort. When she meets a conscientious objector can she accept that following the rules might not always define a person?

And young Missy has come all the way over from Canada to surprise her first love, Callum who is stationed as a soldier in England. But despite this grand act of love, his heart may no longer belong to her.

The Women's Timber Corps are about to have a tumultuous year.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Priyal Agrawal
Agency: Northbank Talent Management
Release: 07/11/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 416pp



Michelle Rawlins is an award-winning freelance journalist with over 20 years' experience working in print and digital media. After learning her trade, Michelle began her freelance career writing for national newspapers and women's magazines, concentrating on real-life stories - living by the mantra: *'it's always the most ordinary people who have the most extraordinary stories'*.

Rights available: all languages

STEEL GIRLS IN THE BLITZ

THE STEEL GIRLS (5)

Michelle Rawlins

A heart-warming and dramatic World War II saga, perfect for fans of Vicki Beeby, Kate Thompson and Pam Howes.

In December 1940, the Blitz has reached Sheffield, but Steel Girl Hattie is more concerned about the war brewing at home between her parents. Desperate to help her mother in any way she can, will Hattie get through with the help of her factory sisters?

Betty is overjoyed to learn that her fiancé will be coming home to complete his RAF training. But when the Blitz begins, he may be in greater danger than ever.

Young Patty has never been prouder of her sweetheart, Archie, than in his role as an Air Raid Warden. But having seen the true cost of war, is he struggling more than Patty could ever imagine?

And as the bombs begin to fall, with heartbreak on the horizon, will the Steel Girls find shelter in each other?

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Recently Published



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Charlotte Brabbin
Agency: Sington & Co
Release: 26/09/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Dawn O'Porter is the bestselling author of the novels *The Cows* and the Richard and Judy Book Club picks *So Lucky* and *Cat Lady*. Her non-fiction title *Life in Pieces* was also a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Danish (Gyldendal), French (Editions Leduc), German (Fischer), Italian (Astoria), Brazilian Portuguese (Primavera Editorial), Russian (Arkadia) and Swedish (Nona)

HONEYBEE

Dawn O'Porter

From the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Cat Lady*, comes a brilliant new contemporary novel about two old friends, early adulthood, and the gloriously wild and messy days known as growing up.

Childhood friends Renee and Flo couldn't be more different. Flo is thoughtful, studious and guarded, and Renee is outgoing, rebellious and sexually curious.

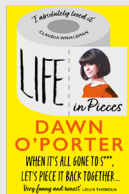
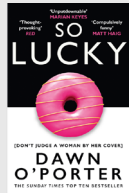
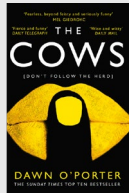
Flo just wants to make herself invisible, and Renee wants to live every day like it's her last.

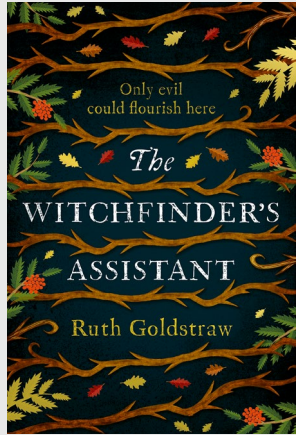
But old friendships are magnetic. In their early twenties and finding their lives entwined once more, Renee and Flo return home to Guernsey: to the island where their friendship was hatched.

On the cusp of the rest of their lives, and back in a place full of memories and ghosts, will the pains of the past drag Renee and Flo back? Or will they grow into the women they always hoped to become?

Fresh, frank and very funny, this is an unforgettable love letter to female friendship.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 13/09/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Ruth Goldstraw was born in Coventry and studied Archaeology at University College, Cardiff. She worked as an antiquities' restorer at the British Museum, before moving to Shropshire. The bleak beauty of the Mosses in the north of the county, and the fascinating history of the area, inspired her to write *The Witchfinder's Assistant*. She has won several short story competitions. She now lives in the Cotswolds with her husband, David.

Rights available: all languages

THE WITCHFINDER'S ASSISTANT

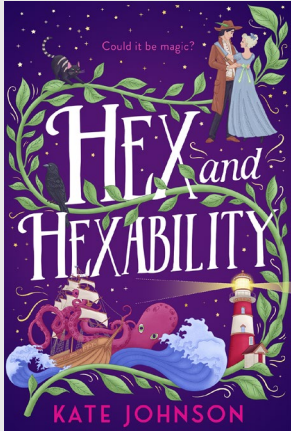
Ruth Goldstraw

The town of Wem, Shropshire 1643.

Civil war is ripping England apart. Families are divided, emotions run high.

A body is found, its mouth pierced with thorns.

The Justice of the Peace, a godly man, is certain that witchcraft is involved. Only his assistant, former cavalryman John Carne, looks for reason where others see demons and witches. But John has secrets of his own - secrets that concern his cold and distant wife. And it's not long before the darkness that has engulfed Wem grows darker still.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Release: 12/09/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Kate Johnson was born in Yorkshire and now lives in Essex, where she belongs to a small pride of cats. In 2017 she won Paranormal Romantic Novel of the Year from the Romantic Novelists' Association with her novel *Max Seventeen*.

Rights available: all languages

HEX AND HEXABILITY

Kate Johnson

***Bridgerton* meets *The Ex Hex* with this oh-so-spicy witchy regency rom-com.**

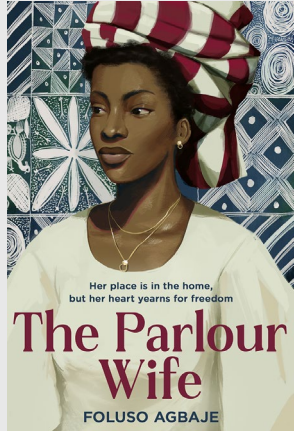
'Do you want to see what witches can do?'

Lady Tiffany Worthington has always had a special talent for making the world around her come to life - whether she wants it to or not - but it's only with the arrival of her mysterious great aunt Esme on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo that she learns she's a witch and that the magic she's long feared is actually a gift to be embraced.

Now, as she's exposed to a side of London she never knew existed, one with sea creatures, magical portals, time travel, and a handsome duke from a faraway land with a dashing scar that makes him look like a pirate, Lady Tiffany discovers that despite what the ton might decree, there is no limit to what she can do, or who she can be.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Ajebowale Roberts
Agency: D.H.H.
Release: 06/09/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Foluso Agbaje is a graduate of the Writing a Novel course with Faber Academy under the tutorship of Nikesh Shukla and The Space to Write Project with DHA in partnership with Orion Books, both completed in 2022. She is currently working on a contemporary novel about a family reunion in Lagos that unearths a tangled web of long-held secrets.

Rights available: all languages excluding Spanish (HarperCollins)

THE PARLOUR WIFE

Foluso Agbaje

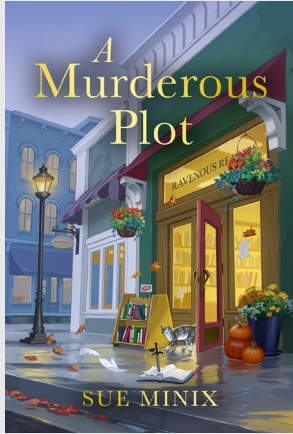
A poignant story of a young Nigerian woman, living with the consequences of a war her country didn't choose.

Lagos, 1939. With the announcement of World War II and the untimely death of her father, Kehinde is forced to put aside her dreams of writing and become the third wife of Mr Ogunjobi.

Kehinde makes her peace by selling snacks at a small market. When she gets the chance to assist the leader of the Lagos Women's Market Association, fighting for the rights the British are trying to take away, Kehinde finally feels useful again.

But if her husband finds out he'll abandon her.

Can Kehinde find the courage to fight for herself and the other women of Lagos? Or will she remain a caged bird, a parlour wife, forever?



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Amy Baxter
Release: 29/08/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 320pp



Sue Minix is a member of Sisters in Crime, and when she isn't writing or working, you can find her reading, watching old movies, or hiking the New Mexico desert with her dog.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Portuguese (HarperCollins) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

A MURDEROUS PLOT

THE BOOKSTORE MYSTERY SERIES (6)

Sue Minix

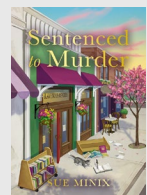
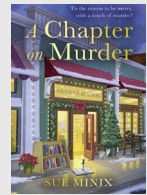
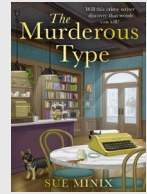
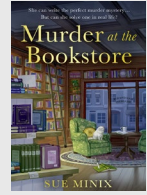
This bookish cosy mystery is perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Ellery Adams, and it will leave you guessing right up until the final page.

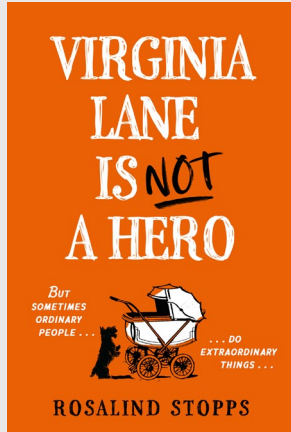
When an amnesiac man covered in blood mysteriously appears in the woods during her morning run, retired amateur sleuth, Jen, promises to stay away from the case. She has a murder mystery to write, and absolutely no interest in being involved in another case with the Riddleton police force. She just wants to run her bookshop, and write her next book, in peace.

But when the body of the millionaire developer Simeon Kirby turns up - the man who has been threatening Jen's bookshop for years - Jen is thrust into the spotlight of a murder investigation once more.

When a police officer is wrongly accused of Simeon's murder, Jen knows something's not right. Every second counts as she races to find the real murderer before they can strike again. But can she right the wrongs of this murderous plot?

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agency: A M Heath & Co.
Release: 29/08/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Rosalind Stopps' short stories have been published in five anthologies and read at live literature events in London, Leeds, Hong Kong and New York. Her debut novel, *The Stranger She Knew* was shortlisted for the Paul Torday Memorial Prize, and her second novel *A Beginner's Guide to Murder* was Longlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger Award.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Korean (Munhakhdongne)

VIRGINIA LANE IS NOT A HERO

Rosalind Stopps

Ever since her beloved Jed died, all Virginia wants is to be left alone. But the little girl who lives down the street is so sweet, that even in her grief-fuelled state Virginia's heart softens whenever she sees her.

And that's why Virginia knows there's something wrong in the little girl's house. So, when the mother asks Virginia to take her child far away, somewhere safe, Virginia says yes.

Now, she's on the run - a woman in her seventies with a baby in tow. Virginia soon realises that she's the only thing standing between the child and those who want to hurt her - and Virginia isn't going to let them harm a hair on her head.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Clare Gordon
Agency: A M Heath & Co.
Release: 15/08/2024
Format: PBO
Extent: 448pp



Sophia Money-Coutts is an author and journalist who spent five years working as Features Director at *Tatler*. Prior to that she worked as a writer and an editor for the *Evening Standard* and the *Daily Mail* in London, and *The National* in Abu Dhabi. She also writes a column for *The Sunday Telegraph* called *Modern Manners*. This is her sixth novel.

Rights available: all languages excluding Danish (HarperCollins)

Previous rights sold: Czech (Albatros), Dutch (HarperCollins), French (J'ai Lu), German (Penguin), Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins), Slovak (Ikar) and Swedish (Bokfabriken)

THE RIGHT PLACE

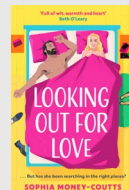
Sophia Money-Coutts

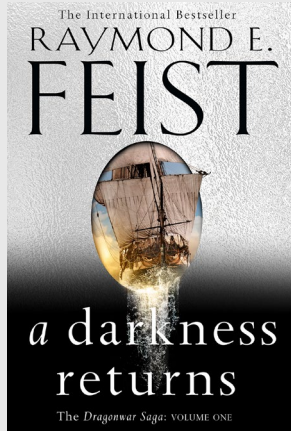
Sophia Money-Coutts has been widely credited as 'the new Queen of the smart Rom-Com'. Her laugh-out-loud and feel-good romantic comedies are perfect for fans of Sophie Kinsella, Beth O'Leary and Mhairi McFarlane.

From the outside, Maggie Lemon has a perfect life. But she and her husband have been trying for a baby for five years and she's exhausted. She's seen countless fertility experts and followed dozens of diets and homeopathic recommendations, and even gave up her dream restaurant in London when doctors suggested the stress might be too much. And now her estranged aunt has died, leaving her hotel in Provence to Maggie.

It's been years since Maggie visited Le Figuier. There's a lot of work to be done and she knows she should sell it. But when a disgraced Hollywood actor hiding out at the hotel lends a hand, the load feels a lot lighter. Is it just the chemistry with this handsome stranger, or is it starting to feel like Maggie might finally be in the right place?

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Imprint: HarperVoyager
Editor: Rachel Winterbottom
Agency: Abner Stein Ltd.
Release: 01/08/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 480pp



Raymond E. Feist is one of the world's leading fantasy writers. His bestselling and critically acclaimed *Riftwar* and *Serpentwar* sagas have been global bestsellers for years.

Rights available: all languages excluding Bulgarian (Bard Publishing House)

Previous rights sold: Bulgarian (Bard Publishing House), Czech (Euromedia, Wales), Dutch (Luitingh Sijthoff), French (Braguelonne), Greek (Unknown Kadath), Hungarian (Beholder), Italian (Gruppo Editoriale Fanucci), Brazilian Portuguese (HarperCollins), Polish (Rebis), Russian (Eksmo), Slovak (Tatran) and Swedish (Forma Books)

A DARKNESS RETURNS

THE DRAGONWAR SAGA (1)

Raymond E. Feist

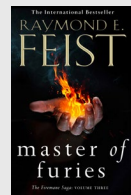
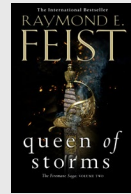
A spectacular new epic series from the globally bestselling author of *Magician*.

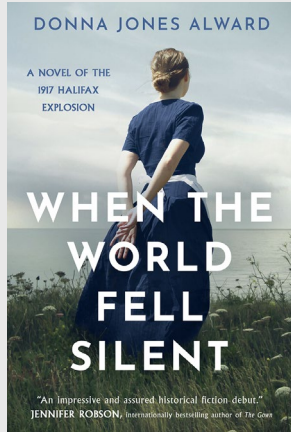
Hatushaly, last scion of the Firemane dynasty, his beloved Hava and their dubious friend Donte have been transported across space and time from the war-torn world of Garn to the relative peace of Midkemia. There, on Sorcerer's Isle, under the guidance of the magician Magnus and his erstwhile father Pug, in his reincarnated form, Hatu will explore and expand his unique magical abilities.

With the evil Pride Lords defeated, the Church of the One has risen to bring death and destruction to his home world. The Church is sending forces against Marquensas, where Daylon is now king, and Declan Smith finds himself suddenly and unexpectedly raised to the status of prince and war commander.

But an even greater menace than the Church of the One lies in wait, a creature from the Void, bent on the destruction of all living things. Pug, Nakor and Magnus will need to join forces with Hatu, Hava and Declan if they are to save the worlds of Midkemia and Garn from everlasting darkness.

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Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 19/07/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Donna Jones Alward lives on Canada's east coast with her husband and two cats. You can often find her near the water, either kayaking on the lake or walking the sandy beaches to refill her creative well.

Rights available: all languages

WHEN THE WORLD FELL SILENT

Donna Jones Alward

A story of loss, hope and redemption against impossible odds.

1917. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Nora Crowell wants more than her sister's life as a wife and mother. As WWI rages across the Atlantic, she becomes a lieutenant in the Canadian Army Nursing Corps. But trouble is looming, and it won't be long before the truth comes to light.

Having lost her beloved husband in the trenches and with no-one else to turn to, Charlotte Campbell now lives with his haughty relations who treat her like the help. It is baby Aileen, the joy and light of her life, who spurs her to dream of a better life.

When tragedy strikes in Halifax Harbour, nothing for these two women will ever be the same again. Their paths will cross in the most unexpected way, trailing both heartbreak and joy its wake.



Imprint: Fourth Estate
Editor: Michelle Kane
Agency: Janklow & Nesbit
Release: 18/07/2024
Format: HB
Extent: 384pp



Olivia Petter is a journalist, author and broadcaster based in London. She has written for *The Sunday Times*, *British Vogue*, *Grazia*, *Refinery29*, and *The Independent*, where she is the in-house Relationships Writer and host of its chart-topping *Millennial Love* podcast. She wrote her first book of the same name in 2021. *Gold Rush* is her first novel.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese
(Melhoramentos)

GOLD RUSH

Olivia Petter

Rose should be happy. She has a close circle of friends, a fledgling career in public relations at one of the best media companies, and she's just spent the night with one of the most famous men on the planet. So why does everything feel like it's falling apart?

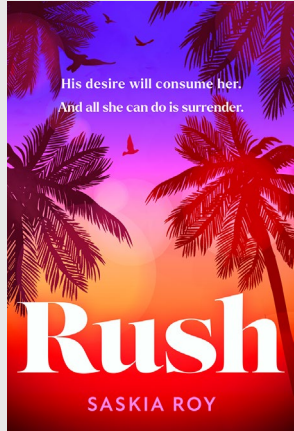
Known as the quietly confident one at school, Rose was always going to go places. Now she spends her days trawling through celebrity Instagram accounts, pandering to publicists, and burying herself in spreadsheets.

She might not have been exactly happy, but she was fine. Then she met Miles Jax. Charming, talented, and really famous. But when she was told to monitor him at one of her work parties, things escalated. Cue a bizarre afterparty in a penthouse and Rose found herself drunk at his house. Then she was dancing. And then she was in his bed. It was a night people would die for. So why did Rose wake up in pain the following morning? Why couldn't she remember getting home? And why was Miles ignoring her?

As work pressures start to mount, Rose begins to unravel. It doesn't help that Miles Jax's face is everywhere she looks. Why does her breath get shallow whenever she sees him? What really happened that night? And what happened to that promising student?

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agency: BookEnds
Release: 04/07/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 304pp



Saskia Roy has been an F1 fan for over 20 years and is uniquely placed to take readers into the world of F1. She has written for *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, *The Times*, *The Telegraph* and the BBC among others.

Rights available: all languages excluding Hungarian (Maxim) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

RUSH

Saskia Roy

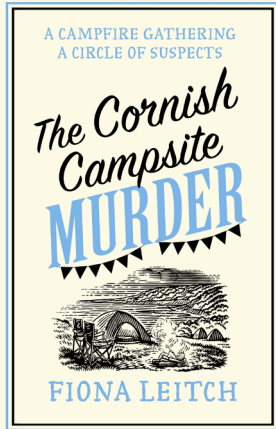
A dark romance about desire and obsession, set in the world of Formula One, for fans of Sylvia Day, Ana Huang, Penelope Douglas and *The Idea of You*.

Lena Aden came to Los Angeles to make it big as a writer. Five years later, she's still chasing the dream and wondering if it's time to start over.

Nico Laurent is the Formula One World Champion and the most desirable bachelor in the world. He's used to getting any woman he wants, and he's decided he wants Lena.

After their first night together, Lena can't get Nico out of her head. She engineers a second meeting and suddenly Lena is pulled into a heady world of fast cars, parties, and money. Lena has never been so reckless - and she likes it.

It's clear that Lena and Nico's passion can't be denied. But with a heat like this, someone is going to get burned.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agency: The North
Release: 28/06/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Fiona Leitch is a writer with a chequered past. She's written for football and motoring magazines, DJ'ed and even starred in a TV commercial. After living in London and Cornwall she's finally settled in sunny New Zealand.

Rights available: all languages

Previous rights sold: Czech (Alpress), French (City Editions), German (dp Digital Publishers), Italian (HarperCollins) and Swedish (HarperCollins)

THE CORNISH CAMPSITE MURDER

A NOSEY PARKER COZY MYSTERY (7)

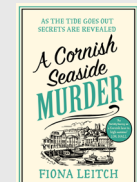
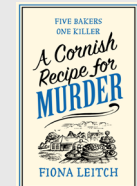
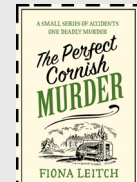
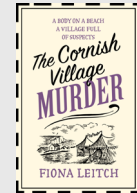
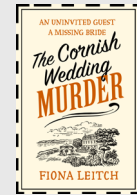
Fiona Leitch

Just along the coast from Penstowan, a local festival has filled the area with revellers young and old. Former Met police officer Jodie 'Nosey' Parker has agreed to step in and help run the Pie Hard food truck, along with her rather reluctant fiancé, DCI Nathan Withers.

As they prepare for a weekend of camping and being elbow deep in shortcrust pastry, Jodie hadn't bargained on witnessing a fight between members of the lead band.

But when the body of one of the band members is found not far from the campsite, Jodie finds it hard to believe it was an accident. Especially when the other members had so much to gain.

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Imprint: HQ
Editor: Cicely Aspinall
Agency: Teresa Chris Literary
Release: 20/06/2024
Format: PBO
Extent: 400pp



CJ Parsons worked as a newspaper reporter at Canada's *Globe and Mail* before moving to Hong Kong, where she became a columnist at the *South China Morning Post*. After returning to Britain, she moved into television news, working as a broadcast journalist for both the BBC and CNN International.

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THE WINNER

C.J. Parsons

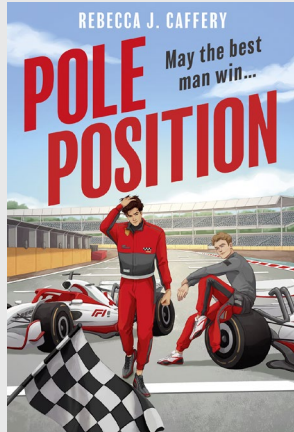
Heather thought she'd been left behind in life, until she won a place in the luxurious 'Triple F' lottery, where fame, fortune and followers await 12 lucky winners.

The rules are simple: live the lifestyle of your dreams and win £5,000 a week for the rest of your life, plus six months of fame on the country's most popular app - as long as you're not bottom of the rankings. Lose your followers, and you lose everything.

But there's trouble in paradise.

Too many winners are falling victim to tragedy: addiction, depression, even suicide. Someone, somewhere, seems to know their secrets, and is stirring up hatred online. And Heather has secrets of her own.

Suddenly she's not worried about losing her lifestyle. She's afraid of losing her life.



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Release: 30/05/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 384pp



Rebecca J. Caffery is a politics graduate and enthusiast, who can always be found curled up reading somewhere when she isn't working on a new novel idea. She's been writing since the age of 14, but it wasn't until she moved to Canada for a year that she found her voice and passion for writing again.

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POLE POSITION

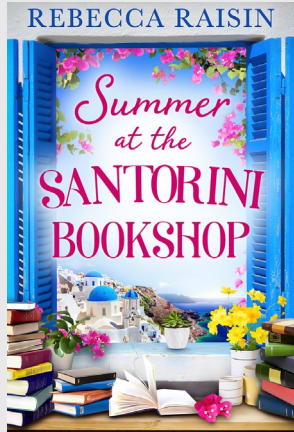
Rebecca J. Caffery

Enemies-to-lovers' sports romance, where *Red, White and Royal Blue* meets *Formula One*.

Kian Walker has always been the golden boy of motor sport. The four-time Championship winner has racing in his DNA – his father was a legend on the track, just don't let him catch you comparing the two. He is as reckless and unreliable at home as he was behind the wheel. There's nothing Kian wants less than to be just like his dad.

Enter Harper James. This year's rookie called up to compete with the big boys – and Kian's new teammate. Cocky, hot-headed and with a reputation for breaking as many hearts as he does new track records, Harper's the opposite of Kian in every way. But when the season starts, there's no getting away from him.

This might be one of the most dangerous sports in the world, so why then does Kian's heart feel safer flying around the track at 220mph than when he's anywhere near his teammate?



Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Priyal Agrawal
Release: 11/04/2024
Format: Ebook & PB
Extent: 320pp



Rebecca Raisin is the author of several novels, including the beloved *Little Paris* series and the *Gingerbread Café* trilogy with 500,000 books sold worldwide across all formats. Her short stories have been published in various anthologies and fiction magazines.

Rights available: all languages excluding Spanish (HarperCollins) and Czech (Grada)

Previous rights sold: Bulgarian (Ciela), Czech (Grada), Dutch (HarperCollins), Estonian (Eesti Rahaat), German (Aufbau), Hungarian (Alexandra), Italian (Piemme), Korean (Golden Time), Russian (Eksmo) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

SUMMER AT THE SANTORINI BOOKSHOP

Rebecca Raisin

Don't miss the new novel from the bestselling author of *The Little Venice Bookshop*.

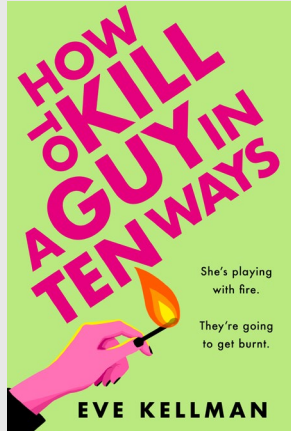
After losing her job as a book scout, hopeless romantic Evie is in need of a fresh start. So, when she hears that her eccentric grandmother, recently married to her ninth husband, has just taken on a small bookshop on the island of Santorini, Evie jumps at the chance.

But life on the island is not as idyllic as it seems, as Evie discovers that Gran has a tempestuous relationship with her landlord, who is threatening to take the bookshop away from her. When Gran asks Evie to fake a romance with her landlord's Greek-God of a grandson, Georgios, in order to try and keep the family on side, Evie reluctantly agrees.

As the sun sets on Evie's Greek holiday, can she open her heart to love - and save the bookshop?

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Imprint: Avon
Editor: Elisha Lundin
Release: 28/03/2024
Format: PB
Extent: 384pp



Eve Kellman is a fiction editor, lecturer, and writer. She lives in Bristol, UK, with her partner and two adorable dogs. *How To Kill a Guy in Ten Ways* is her first novel.

Rights available: all languages excluding Dutch (Singel), German (Bastei Lubbe) and Spanish (HarperCollins)

HOW TO KILL A GUY IN TEN WAYS

Eve Kellman

A deliciously dark, hilariously twisted serial killer thriller with a villainous female lead readers can't help but root for. Perfect for fans of Bella Mackie's *How to Kill Your Family*, Oyinkan Braithwaite's *My Sister, the Serial Killer*, or those who enjoyed watching *You*.

Are you on a date that doesn't feel right?

Can't shake that creepy guy at the bar?

Worried you're being followed home?

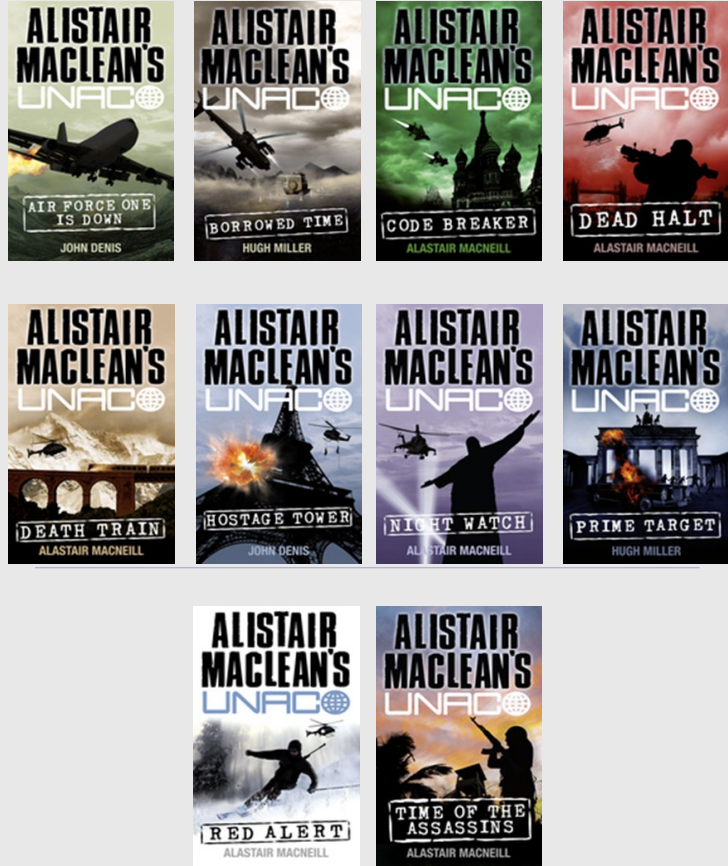
Message M.

After one too many terrifying encounters, Millie Masters sets up a hotline for women who feel unsafe walking home alone at night: message M.

But very quickly she realises that there's much more to be done to help the women who call in. Because the men just do it again the next night, and the next, and the next.

And when her own sister is assaulted on a night out, the temptation to take the law into her own hands becomes too much to resist. Because M can also stand for murder.

Alistair MacLean



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