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# The Vanishing of Audrey Wilde

## Eve Chase

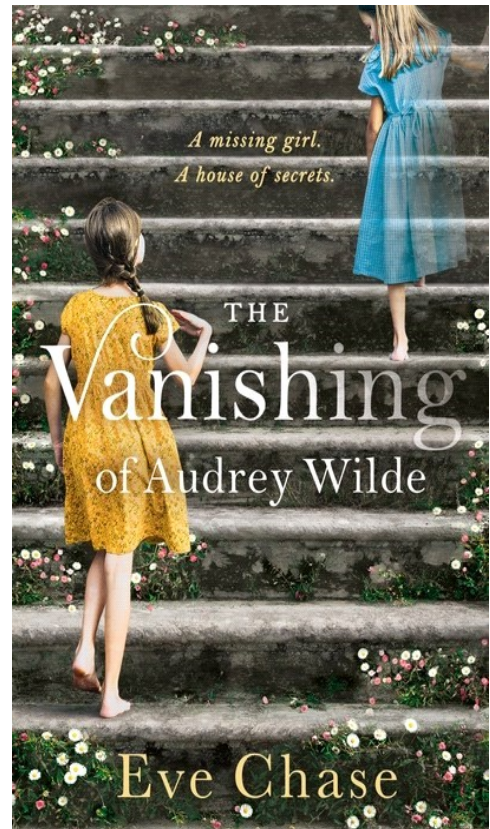
**An enchantingly written story of four sisters, one long hot summer and the terrible secret that binds them**

Nineteen fifty-nine. The four Wilde sisters, Margot, Flora, Pam and Dot, are spending the summer in the Cotswolds, at Applecote Manor. Affectionately called the Wildlings, the sisters are exceptionally close, yet this year there's a sense of nostalgia. Things are changing.

Except for Applecote itself, a house that seems frozen in time. The sisters haven't been there in five years; not since their cousin Audrey mysteriously vanished.

But as they discover Applecote's old secrets and new temptations, the bond between the sisters starts to splinter. Until the night when everything spirals out of control and the Wildlings form a bond far thicker than blood . . .

**Eve Chase** always wanted to write about families - ones that go wrong but somehow survive - and big old houses, where family secrets and untold stories seed in the crumbling stone walls. *Black Rabbit Hall* and *The Vanishing of Audrey Wilde* are just such stories. Eve is married with three children and lives in Oxfordshire.



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# My Name Is Nobody

A Wilde and Vine Thriller

Matthew Richardson

***Homeland* meets *Spooks* in this brilliant debut spy thriller**

*'I know a secret. A secret that changes everything...'*

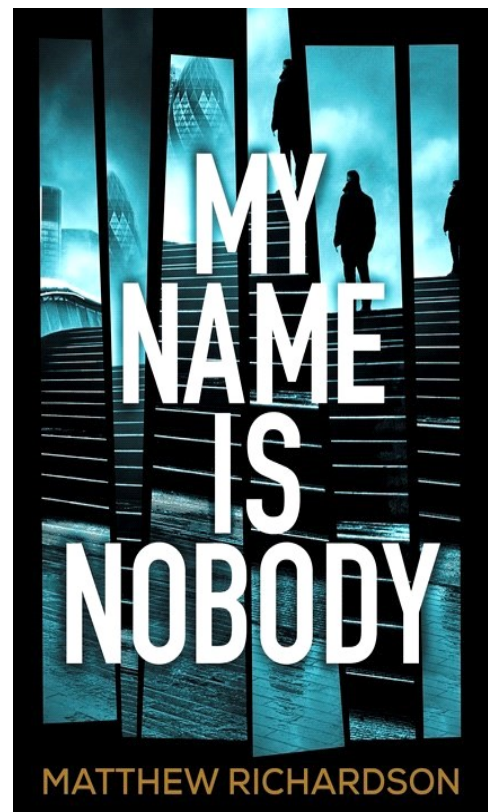
Solomon Vine was the best of his generation, a spy on a fast track to the top. But when a prisoner is shot in unexplained circumstances on his watch, only suspension and exile beckon.

Three months later, MI6's Head of Station in Istanbul is abducted from his home. There are signs of a violent struggle. With the Service in lockdown, uncertain of who can be trusted, thoughts turn to the missing man's oldest friend: Solomon Vine.

Officially suspended, Vine can operate outside the chain of command to uncover the truth. But his investigation soon reveals that the disappearance heralds something much darker. And that there's much more at stake than the life of a single spy...

*My Name is Nobody* is a sophisticated, pacy and accomplished debut novel by 26-year-old rising star Matthew Richardson. Appealing to fans of the TV series *Homeland* and *The Night Manager* - as well as *I Am Pilgrim*, *Nomad*, Charles Cumming and Robert Harris - this is a gripping, multi-layered and assured debut thriller that drips with an insider's knowledge of London's corridors of power.

Matthew Richardson studied English at Durham University and Merton College, Oxford. After a brief spell as a freelance journalist, he began working as a researcher and speechwriter in Westminster, and has also written speeches for senior figures in the private sector. *My Name is Nobody* is his first novel.



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# Sunday Morning Coming Down

A Frieda Klein Novel (7)

**Nicci French**

**Frieda gets closer than ever to the nemesis who's been stalking her for 7 brutal and bloody books**

Psychotherapist Dr Frieda Klein once again finds herself in the midst of a criminal investigation when the rotting body of an ex-policeman is found beneath the floorboards of her house. The corpse is only months old but the main suspect, murderer Dean Reeve, died over seven years ago.

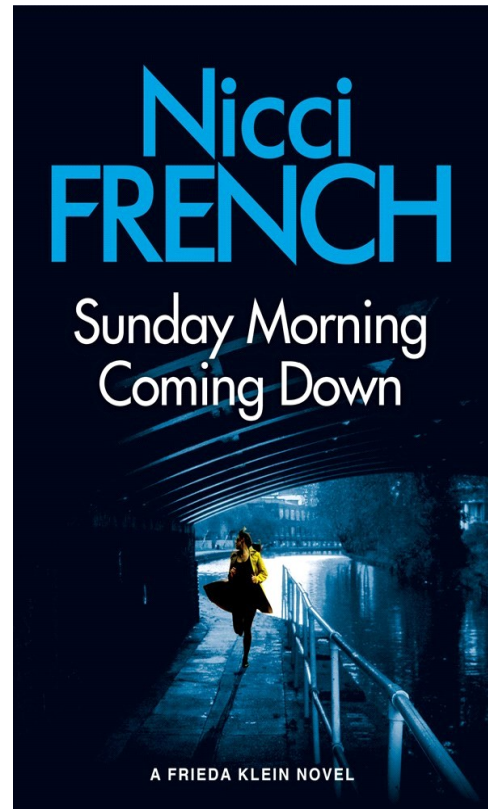
As the killer picks off his next victims and her home is turned into a crime scene, Frieda's old life seems like a hazy dream. With eyes of the world upon her and no answers from the police, Frieda realises that she will have to track this killer before he tracks down those she loves.

**Nicci French** is the pseudonym for the writing partnership of journalists Nicci Gerrard and Sean French. The couple are married and live in Suffolk. There are fourteen other bestselling novels by Nicci French, all published by Penguin. *Blue Monday* was the first thrilling story in the Frieda Klein series, followed by *Tuesday's Gone*, *Waiting for Wednesday*, *Thursday's Child*, *Friday on My Mind* and *Saturday Requiem*.

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# The Marriage Pact

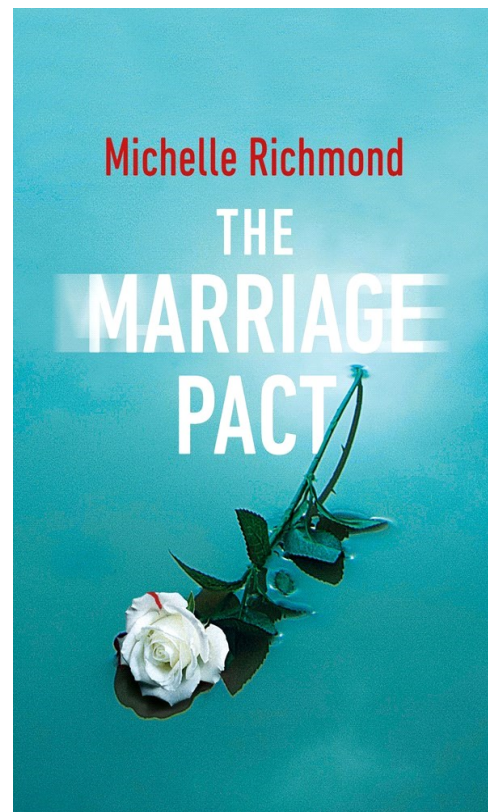
Michelle Richmond

**A dark twist on the marriage novel - where the marriage of your dreams becomes your worst nightmare**

Alice and Jake are the perfect couple - sort of. On the day of their wedding, a stranger offers them the chance to join a mysterious group, known as The Pact. With its promise of a lifelong marriage of happiness, Jake and Alice are persuaded to accept. The goals of the society seem sound - and the couple are initially seduced by the glamorous parties, sense of community and like-minded couples. But then one of them breaks the rules.

Alice and Jake are about to discover that, like marriage, The Pact is for life. The members will go to any lengths to ensure nobody leaves - until the marriage of their dreams becomes their worst nightmare. Under The Pact, *'Til death do us part'* has a whole new meaning. . .

**Michelle Richmond** is the bestselling author of *The Year of Fog*, *No One You Know*, *Hum: Stories*, *Golden State*, *Dream of the Blue Room*, and the award-winning *The Girl in the Fall-Away Dress*. She lives with her husband and son in San Francisco.



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# Darien

Empire of Salt

**C.F. Iggulden**

**A brand-new dark fantasy series from the country's most daring historical novelist**

Twelve Families. One Throne. An epic new fantasy series of spellbinding imagination. Welcome to the Empire of Salt.

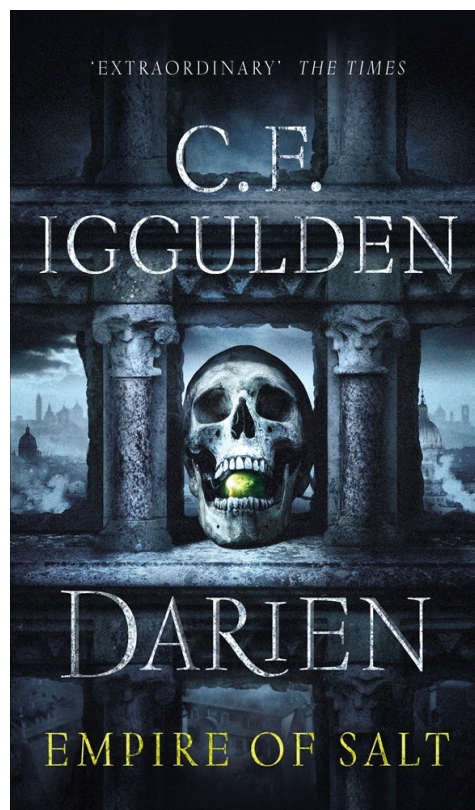
A hunter tasked with murdering a king . . .

An old man compelled to protect him . . .

A young woman's whose true potential has yet to be revealed . . .

As these three strangers make their way towards the very heart of Darien, a creature from the old world appears whose abilities may be the undoing of them all.

**C. F. Iggulden** is one of the most successful authors of historical fiction writing today. He has written three previous bestselling historical series, including the recent *Wars of the Roses Quartet*. *Darien* is the first in his epic new fantasy series, *The Empire of Salt*.



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## Untitled Callaghan 2

Helen Callaghan

**What if all your mother left you was a confession to a life you never knew she had . . .**

When Sophia saw the note in her mother's handwriting she felt a chill down her spine. *'I can't do this anymore. I will destroy him and I could destroy Sophia. I must make this right.'* That's when she looked out of the window; her mother's body hanging from the big chestnut tree. Her father lying in a pool of his own blood.

The police suspect an attempted murder-suicide. But Sophia could never believe that of her mother. She needs to clear her name, and to do this she needs to wade into her murky past. But she soon discovers that the woman she thought she knew was involved in sinister events that have thrown a shadow over her whole life . . .

**Helen Callaghan** was born in Los Angeles, California, to British parents, and her early years were spent in both the US and UK. After several early false starts as a nurse, barmaid and actor, she settled into bookselling, working as a fiction specialist and buyer for a variety of bookshops. Eventually, she studied for her A-levels at night school and achieved a place at Cambridge University as a mature student.

Helen's debut novel, *Dear Amy*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller.



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# Nothing Stays Buried

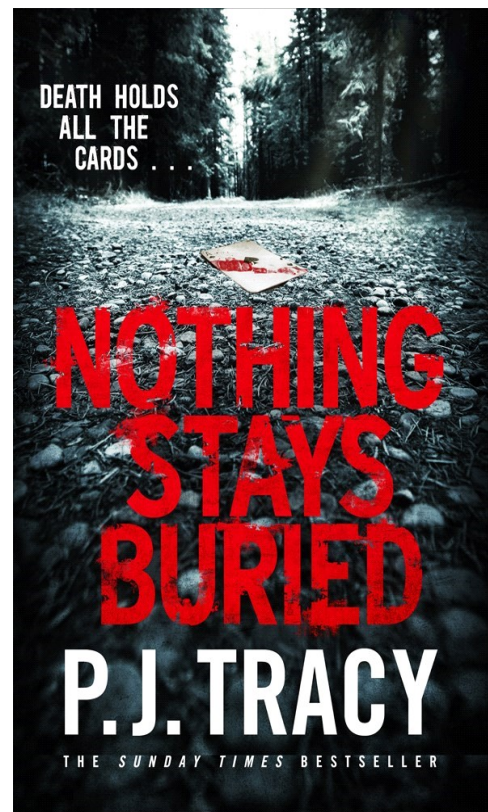
P. J. Tracy

**Big brand name crime-writing from internationally bestselling author P. J. Tracy in the eighth book of the hugely popular Monkeewrench series**

It's a hot June morning when homicide detectives Magozzi and Rolseth discover the body in the woods. And the playing card left with the victims points to something even more disturbing - the trademark of a serial killer, intent on playing out the deck.

Meanwhile Grace MacBride and her team have been working on a private missing person's investigation. But when Magozzi and Gino turn to Grace for help, they realize the evidence is bafflingly entangled. And to find the connection between a missing woman, a serial killer, and a decades-old stabbing they must confront the worst kind of evil.

**P.J. Tracy** was the pseudonym for the mother-and-daughter writing team of P.J. and Traci Lambrecht. They are the authors of best-selling thrillers *Want to Play?* (Richard and Judy Book Club pick), *Live Bait*, *Dead Run*, *Snow Blind*, *Play to Kill*, *Two Evils* and *Cold Kill*. P. J. passed away in December 2016.



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# The Scandal

Fredrik Backman

**A new novel for reading groups from international bestseller Fredrik Backman**

***A town this small can't afford to take sides. But when the worst happens, whose side would you take?***

Late one evening towards the end of March, a teenager picked up a double-barrelled shotgun, walked into the forest, put the gun to someone else's forehead and pulled the trigger.

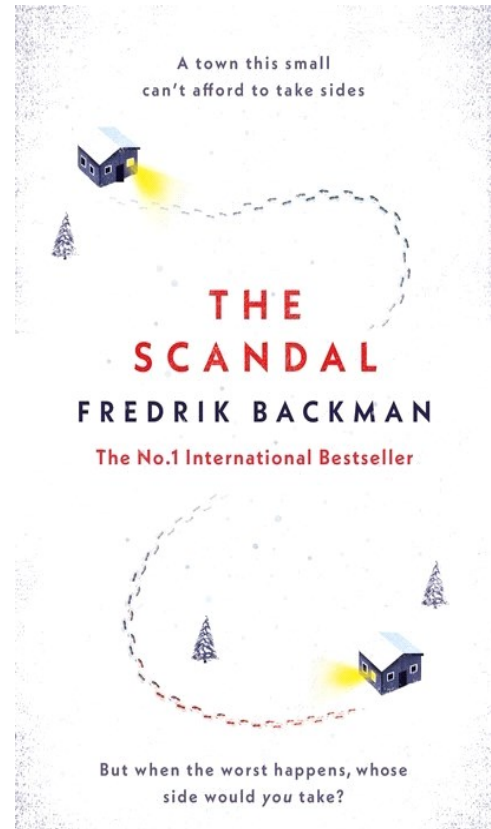
This is the story of how we got there.

Beartown is a small town in a large Swedish forest. For most of the year it is under a thick blanket of snow, experiencing the kind of cold and dark that brings people closer together - or pulls them apart. Its isolation means that Beartown has been slowly shrinking with each passing year. But now the town is on the verge of an astonishing revival. Everyone can feel the excitement. Change is in the air and a bright new future is just around the corner.

Until the day it is all put in jeopardy by a single, brutal act. It divides the town into those who think it should be hushed up and forgotten, and those who'll risk the future to see justice done. No one can stand by or stay silent. You're on one side or another.

Which side will you find yourself on?

**Fredrik Backman** is a Swedish blogger, columnist and author. He is the Number One *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, and top ten bestsellers *My Grandmother Sends Her Regards and Apologises* and *Britt-Marie Was Here*, as well as a novella, *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer*. His books are published in more than thirty-five countries and he has sold over five million copies. *The Scandal* - published as *Beartown* in the US - is being adapted for TV by the team behind *The Bridge*. Fredrik lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife and two children.



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# The Woman in the Wood

Lesley Pearse

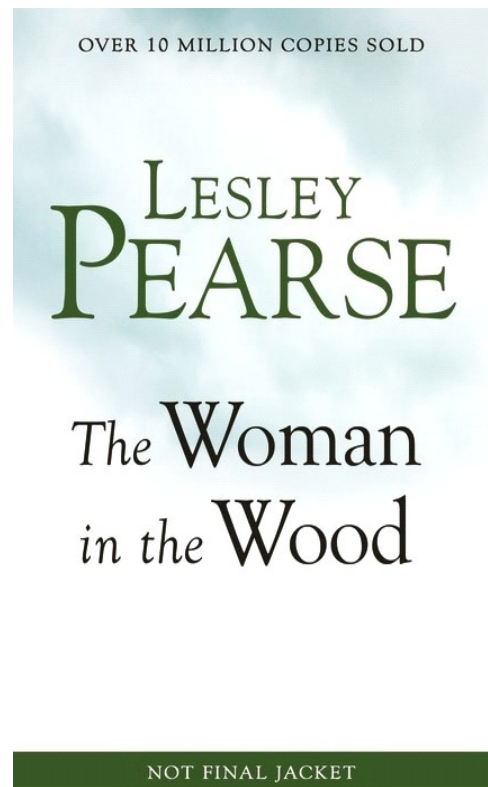
**The enthralling new novel from the 10-million-copy, No. 1 bestselling author**

Fifteen-year-old Maisy Mitcham and her twin brother Duncan lose their mother to an insane asylum one night in 1960.

The twins are sent to their grandmother's country house, Nightingales. Cold and distant, she leaves them to their own devices, to explore and to grow. That is until the day Duncan doesn't come home from the woods.

With their grandmother seeming to have little interest in her grandson's disappearance, and the police soon giving up hope, it is left to Maisy to discover the truth. And she will start with Grace Deville. A woman who lives alone in the wood, about whom rumours abound . . .

**Lesley Pearse's** novels have sold over ten million copies worldwide and include most recently *Dead to Me*, *Without a Trace*, *Survivor*, *Forgive Me* and *The Promise*. Lesley lives in Devon and has three daughters and three grandchildren.



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# The Break

Marian Keyes

**A hilarious and insightful tale about a runaway husband from the internationally bestselling writer of smart, funny fiction**

At 44 Amy O'Connell thinks she's seen, heard or done it all. Until her husband Hugh announces he needs a break - from her. He is going backpacking for six months round Asia where he can do what he wants - and this is the scary bit - with anyone he wants.

'WTAF?' thinks Amy. What's she to do? Stay loyal to disloyal Hugh? Allow her ex-husband back into her life? Run away herself? And what about the children? A lot can happen in six months, will Hugh return as the same man? And will she still be the same woman there waiting for him?

**Marian Keyes'** international bestselling novels include *Rachel's Holiday*, *Last Chance Saloon*, *Sushi for Beginners*, *Angels*, *The Other Side of the Story*, *Anybody Out There*, *This Charming Man*, *The Brightest Star in the Sky*, *The Mystery of Mercy Close* and *The Woman Who Stole My Life*. Three collections of her journalism, *Under the Duvet*, *Further Under the Duvet* and *Making It Up As I Go Along*, are also available from Penguin.

Marian lives in Dublin with her husband.



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# Romanov Ransom

Fargo Adventures #9

**Clive Cussler and Robin Burcell**

**From Russia to Jamaica to South America, husband-and-wife treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo are plunged into a dark and disturbing mystery.**

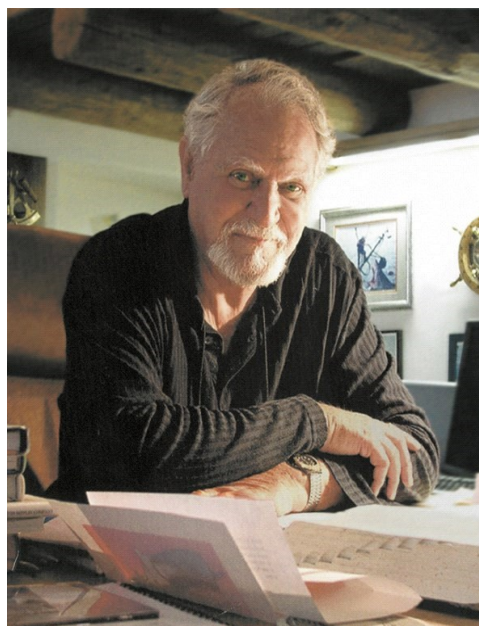
Adventurers Sam and Remi Fargo soon learn that a long-lost fortune may be back in play, but those responsible are behind a series of unspeakable crimes. As the Fargos follow the trail across Europe, Northern Africa, and South America, they know only one thing, this adventure will be greater than anything before. Should they fail, the world may witness the resurgence of one of the most terrifying evils of the modern world.

## **Clive Cussler (Author)**

**Clive Cussler** is the author or co-author of a great number of international bestsellers, including the famous Dirk Pitt® adventures, such as *Havana Storm*; the NUMA® Files adventures, most recently *The Pharaoh's Secret*; the Oregon Files, such as *The Emperor's Revenge*; the Isaac Bell historical thrillers, which began with *The Chase*; and the recent Fargo Adventures which lastly included *The Solomon Curse*. He lives in Arizona.

## **Robin Burcell (Author)**

**Robin Burcell** spent nearly three decades working in California law enforcement as a police officer, detective, hostage negotiator, and FBI-trained forensic artist. She is the author of ten novels, most recently *The Kill Order*. Burcell lives in Lodi, California.



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# Typhoon Fury

Oregon Files #12

**Clive Cussler**

**The new rip-roaring *Oregon Files* adventure from the grand master of adventure, Clive Cussler.**

Seventy years after the end of World War II, Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the *Oregon* find themselves in deep waters as they try to stop a war that would engulf the entire continent of Asia. A search for an art collection worth half a billion dollars leads the *Oregon* to Salvador Locsin, the vicious Filipino rebel leader.

But with access to a powerful serum designed to create an army of supersoldiers, Locsin's insurgency threatens more than just the Philippines. To stop him, the crew of the *Oregon* must battle a ruthless South African mercenary, hundreds of swarming torpedo drones and an approaching catastrophic megastorm.

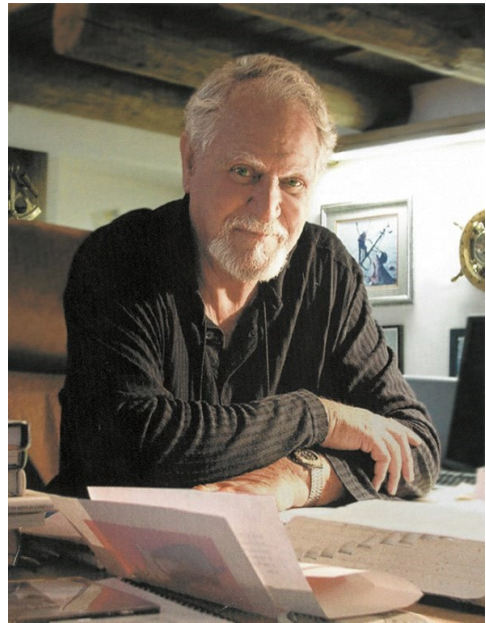
If Juan and his team of elite operatives can't defeat Locsin and destroy all remnants of the horrific drug, the fall of the Philippines will be imminent. And with it, will come the beginning of a new and apocalyptic world war.

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## **Boyd Morrison (Author)**

**Boyd Morrison** is the author of six adventures, most recently *The Roswell Conspiracy* and *The Loch Ness Legacy*. Morrison lives in Seattle.



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# I An Distracted by Everything

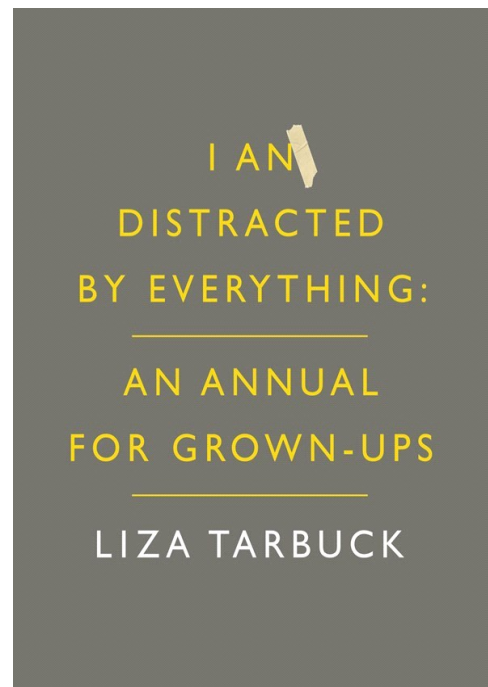
Liza Tarbuck

**An annual for grown-ups, written and designed by one of the funniest women in Britain**

Part annual, part musing on life, half comedy sketch and half hilarious anecdote, this is a book to pour over, ponder on and laugh uproariously with.

Combining the spirit of a *Bunty* or *Judy* annual with the creativity of *Wreck This Journal* and the current trend for mindfulness, *I An Distracted by Everything* is overflowing with interesting stories, distinctive facts, gorgeous images and amusing asides.

**Liza Tarbuck** is one of the country's best-known faces. Her popularity has grown and grown, given her mixture of both TV and radio presenting, as well as her acting roles in both comedy and drama. In 2012 she took over the Saturday-evening slot on Radio 2 from previous hosts, Alan Carr and Melanie Sykes. She is a regular guest on *Just a Minute*, *QI* and has guest-hosted *Have I Got News For You*. This is her first book.



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# Better Me

Sara Milne Rowe

**A *Chimp Paradox* for females - from one of the UK's top performance coaches**

Wishing to be better at something lies at the heart of modern life: a bad week to a better week, a frustrated parent to a better parent, an anxious speaker to better speaker, a furious colleague to a better colleague.

Doing anything new or better sounds simple, but in practice it can be tricky. *Better Me* offers practical and inspirational advice for becoming your Best Self. Through personal stories and clear steps, *Better Me* will help you become a happier, healthier and more confident you.

**Sara Milne Rowe** is one of the UK's leading performance coaches, having founded Coaching Impact in 2004. She works alongside leaders and teams in a variety of organizations, including Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Innocent, Lloyd's and Pearson. This powerful book introduces the unique method that Milne Rowe uses with her clients to help them manage their minds and reach their full potential.



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# Dawn French Untitled Non-Fiction 2017

**Dawn French**

**Dawn's first non-fiction project in almost a decade, following on from three consecutive *Sunday Times* bestselling novels**

Britain's funniest woman - in a nation of funny women - will be turning sixty in October. And she's in the mood for presents.

In fact, Dawn French wants to make a book that *is* a present.

*Me: A Diary* explores one woman's adventure through the seasons of womanhood - childhood, adolescence, middle-age and growing older. It looks at the experiences we all go through, but which, for some reason or another, we might not spend much time thinking about. It celebrates successes and disappoints, friends made and loved ones lost, and shows how one woman has learned to make peace with herself.

Dawn is inviting the reader to take the same journey with her. And she promises that it will be Celebratory, Inspirational, Interactive, Funny, Thoughtful, Provocative, Unique and . . . FUN.

**Dawn French** has been making people laugh for thirty years. As a writer, comedian and actor, she has appeared in some of this country's most long-running and celebrated shows, including *French and Saunders*, *The Vicar of Dibley*, *Jam and Jerusalem*, and more recently, *Roger and Val Have Just Got In*. Her first three novels, *A Tiny Bit Marvellous*, *Oh Dear Silvia* and *According to YES*, are all *Sunday Times* bestsellers.



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# Vargic's Curious Astronomical Compendium

Martin Vargic

***Vargic's Curious Astronomical Compendium* brilliantly combines beautiful design and cutting-edge information**

Space exploration and the cosmos are zeitgeisty topics for 2017. If there were ever a great time to be publishing a fresh, innovative and up-to-date book on the universe it's now. But *Vargic's Curious Astronomical Compendium* won't be run-of-the-mill.

The four overarching chapters are:

1. The History of the Universe
2. Solar System
3. Stars and Galaxies
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*Vargic's Curious Astronomical Compendium* will expand on the usual subjects with new theories and unique content. Complex concepts will be debunked with accessible-yet-fact-filled infographics and visualizations. Martin Vargic's unique style and visual emphasis make this book distinctive from all other astronomy books.

**Martin Vargic** is an amateur graphic designer from Slovakia who rose to international fame in late January 2014, when his work *Map of the Internet 1.0* went viral, generating hundreds of thousands of hits and Facebook shares. His first book, *Vargic's Miscellany of Curious Maps*, pulled together more than 1800 clichés and pop culture references into a series of maps based on stereotypical views of the world. It too received immediate media attention, and was prominently featured on a multitude of sites such as *Slate*, *the Huffington Post*, *Radio Times* and many others.



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# The Betrayals

Fiona Neill

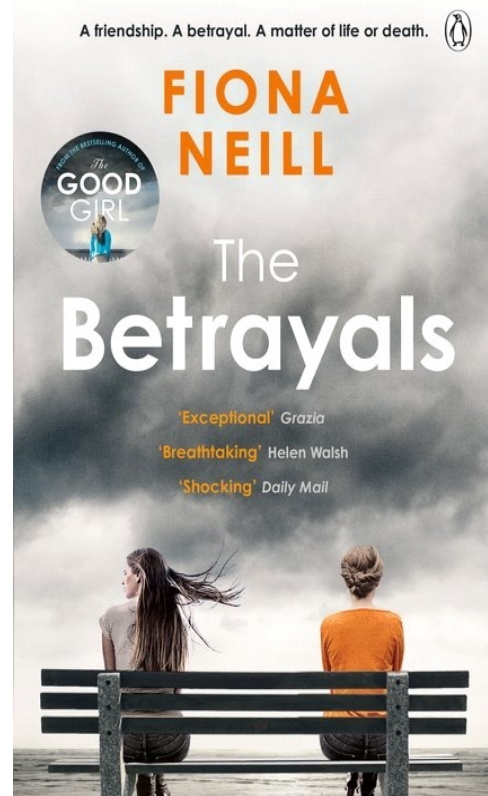
**The No. 1 bestselling author is back with a dark and emotional novel about the delicate balance between love and betrayal, life and death**

Rosie is at the peak of her career. Living alone, she is focused and disciplined, refusing to let her personal life creep into her professional one.

So when Rosie receives a letter from Lisa, an old friend, she finds herself in the hardest position of all. Because what Lisa did to Rosie years before was unthinkable and unforgivable. But should the cost of Lisa's betrayal be her life?

*The Betrayals* is the controversial story of the price of friendship and what it means to make a decision that will irrevocably change your life.

**Fiona Neill** is an internationally bestselling author and a journalist. She has written for many publications including *The Times*, the *Telegraph Magazine* and *Intelligent Life*. She has written a screenplay of her first novel for the BFI and lives in London with her family.



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# Jenny Sparrow Knows the Future

Melissa Pimentel

**Smart, funny and modern women's fiction for fans of Mhairi McFarlane, Lindsey Kelk and Sophie Kinsella**

Jenny Sparrow thinks she knows her future. According to the plan she made at thirteen, it's time for her to get married. But when her boyfriend proposes a break instead of a wedding, a girls' weekend in Vegas is the only solution... Until she wakes up in a stranger's bed, and discovers that this *is* the year she gets married - to the wrong man!

Jenny wants a divorce, *now*. But as she gets to know her infuriating, accidental husband, it all goes awry. Her plan was to marry her soulmate... But what if she already has?

**Melissa Pimentel** grew up in a small town in Massachusetts in a house without cable TV and therefore much of her childhood was spent watching 1970s British comedy on public television. At twenty-two, she made the move to London and has lived there happily for ten years, though she has sadly never come across the Ministry of Funny Walks. Before meeting her husband, she spent much of her time trawling the London dating scene for clean, non-sociopathic sexual partners and blogging about it, which became the inspiration for her first novel. These days, she spends much of her time reading in the various pubs of Stoke Newington and engaging in a long-standing emotional feud with their disgruntled cat, Welles. She works in publishing.



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# I Am Missing

David Raker Missing Persons #8

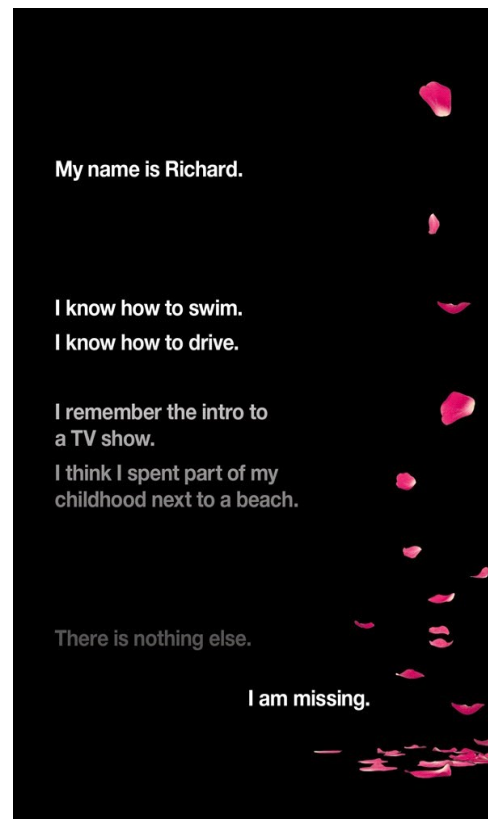
**Tim Weaver**

**A man with no memory of who he is or where he is from enlists the help of missing persons investigator David Raker in this addictive new thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author**

When a young man wakes up bruised, beaten and with no memory of who he is or where he came from, the press immediately dub him 'The Lost Man'. Ten months later, Richard Kite - if that is even his real name - remains as desperate as ever. Despite appeals and the efforts of the police, no one knows this man. Kite's last hope may be private investigator David Raker - a seasoned locator of missing people. But Raker has more questions than answers. Who *is* Richard Kite? Why does *no one* know him? And what links him to the body of a woman found beside on a London railway line two years ago? *I Am Missing* is the outstanding new novel from *Sunday Times* bestseller Tim Weaver.

**Tim Weaver** is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the David Raker Missing Persons series. Weaver has been nominated for a National Book Award, selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club, and shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library Award which considers an author's entire body of work.

He is also the host and producer of the chart-topping *Missing* podcast, which features experts in the field discussing missing persons investigations from every angle. A former journalist and magazine editor, he lives near Bath with his wife and daughter.



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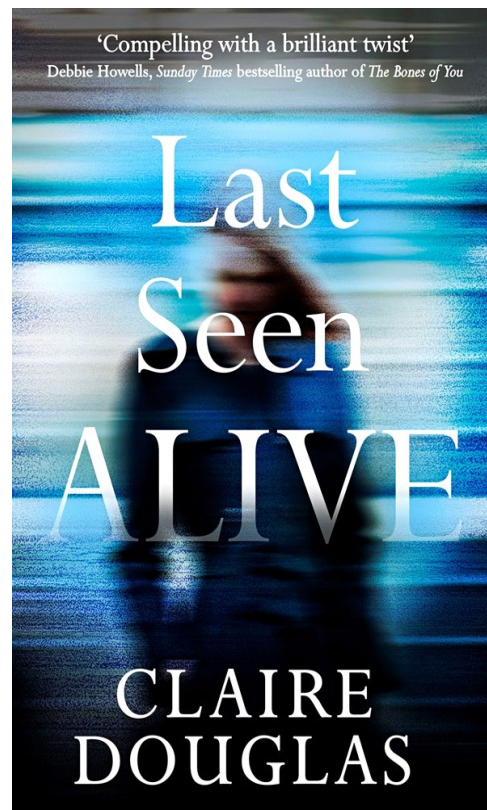
Claire Douglas

**From the *Sunday Times* Top Five bestselling author of *Local Girl Missing* comes another electrifying psychological thriller about having your life pulled out from under your feet . . .**

Libby and James Hall can't believe their luck when the leaflet comes through the door. Swapping their tiny city flat for a beautiful house by the sea? Who would say no? But once they arrive at The Hideaway Libby starts to get jittery and increasingly paranoid. She is sure that someone is watching them. Something here isn't right. And when she suspects their lives to be in danger they swiftly decide to return to Bath.

But they can't pick up their old life so easily. Because this isn't just a casual house swap. This is something much, much more sinister.

**Claire Douglas** has worked as a journalist for fifteen years writing features for women's magazines and national newspapers, but she's dreamed of being a novelist since the age of seven. She finally got her wish after winning the *Marie Claire* Debut Novel Award, with her first novel, *The Sisters*. She lives in Bath with her husband and two children.



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# Christmas with the Bomb Girls

Daisy Styles

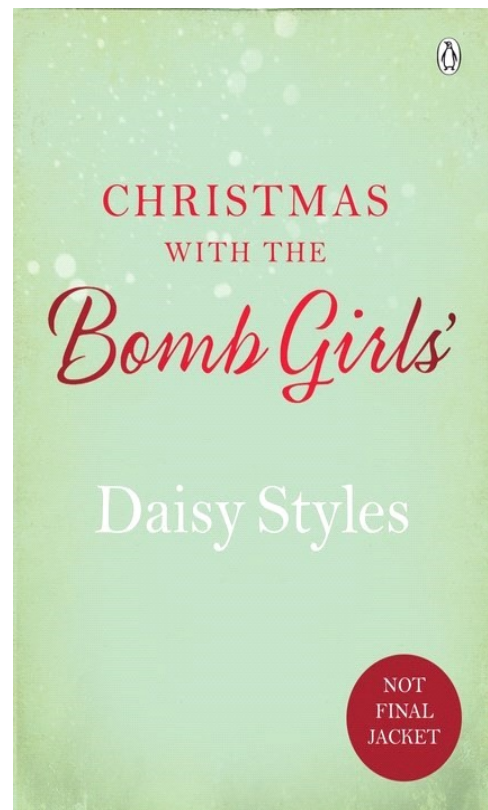
## Christmas time with our favourite Bomb Girls at the Phoenix Munitions Factory

Christmas time is approaching at the Phoenix Munitions Factory and Gladys, Kitty, Edna and the rest of the Bomb Girls are determined to make this a year to remember.

With Myrtle's health in decline, Edna's love life beginning to take flight, a shy new arrival in their midst and continual hard work on the factory floor, life is never quiet in Pendle. But Gladys, back from performing for the troops on the front, is sullen and sad and her friends are sure she is hiding something.

What exactly happened while Gladys was away? Will she be bought back to life by her old friends? And will the Bomb Girls be able to provide a wonderful Christmas all round?

**Daisy Styles** grew up in Lancashire surrounded by a family and community of strong women. She loved to listen to their stories of life in the cotton mill, in the home, at the pub, on the dance floor, in the local church, or just what happened to them on the bus going into town. It was from these women, particularly her vibrant mother and Irish grandmother, that Daisy learnt the art of storytelling. There was also the landscape of her childhood; wide, sweeping, empty moors dappled with sunshine, thick with snow, slippery underfoot in the rain, hills that ran as far as the eye could see to the Pennine Way and beyond that to the Lake District. A perfect backdrop for a saga, a space big enough and wild enough to stage a drama about women's lives in a munitions factory during the Second World War.



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# Shoot the Crows

Karen Perry

**'Three months before the killings I returned to Thornbury Hall . . .'**

It's been nearly twenty years since Patrick Bagenal stood with this group of friends at Thornbury Hall - his family's crumbling home that he can no longer afford to keep. The last time was Patrick's eighteenth birthday, an occasion swiftly followed by his father's suicide.

Before Patrick sells up, he and his sister Rachel, school friends Niall, Hilary and Marcus and old flame Lindsey are back here for one last visit, a shooting party to rid the grounds of the legion of crows. But as the weekend wears on, the layers of the past are stripped away and murky secrets begin to surface. Ones that compel revenge at any cost . . .

**Karen Perry** is the pen name of crime writing duo Paul Perry and Karen Gillece who both live in Ireland. Their latest novel, *Girl Unknown*, was published last year and follows *Only We Know* and *The Boy That Never Was* which was selected for the Simon Mayo Radio 2 book club. All three were *Sunday Times* bestsellers.



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# Cold Christmas

Alastair Gunn

**The fourth thrilling novel featuring DCI Antonia Hawkins is full of the occult, mystery and murder . . .**

Nobody remembers the young men entering the abandoned London flat a few weeks ago. Nobody cares if they left.

Until the unbearable smell of decay.

DCI Antonia Hawkins is called in to view the dead men; three, lying neat in a row. There's no damage to the bodies, no obvious cause of death. Is this a suicide pact? Or is that just how it's meant to look?

But Hawkins soon discovers the link between the three men. They had all been fascinated by the supernatural and the occult. And they had recently met in a tiny village just outside London.

**A village named Cold Christmas . . .**

**Alastair Gunn** is an experienced magazine journalist. *The Advent Killer* was his first novel in the series featuring DCI Antonia Hawkins, followed by his second bestselling thriller *My Bloody Valentine*. Alastair's third DCI Antonia Hawkins thriller, *The Keeper*, will be published in April 2017.

Alastair lives in Hertfordshire with his fiancée, Anna.



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# The Place We Met

Isabelle Broom

**Perfect escapism from rising star in women's fiction -  
heartbreak, humour and romance set in Lake Como, Italy**

Taggie is only a few months into her job as an events manager in Lake Como. She's rushed of her feet, but distraction is what she needs to forget why she left England.

Lucy arrives at Lake Como with her perfect new boyfriend, Pete. Falling fast in love, she's sure that life is about to start for her, it feels so *right with him*.

But as New Year's Eve approaches and the women meet by chance, it becomes clear this isn't the perfect place of new beginnings. While Lucy is willing to do anything to keep hold of Pete, the past Taggie so desperately wanted to escape is catching up with her . . .

**Isabelle Broom** was born in Cambridge nine days before the 1980s began and studied Media Arts at the University of West London before starting a career first in local newspapers and then as a junior sub-editor at *Heat* magazine. She travelled through Europe during her gap year and went to live on the Greek island of Zakynthos for an unforgettable and life-shaping six months after completing her degree. Since then, she has travelled to Canada, Sri Lanka, Sicily, New York, LA, the Canary Islands, Spain and lots more of Greece, but her wanderlust was reined in when she met Max, a fluffy little Bolognese puppy desperate for a home. When she's not writing novels set in far-flung locations, Isabelle spends her time being the Book Reviews Editor at *Heat* magazine and walking her beloved dog round the parks of north London.



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# Blue Light Yokohama

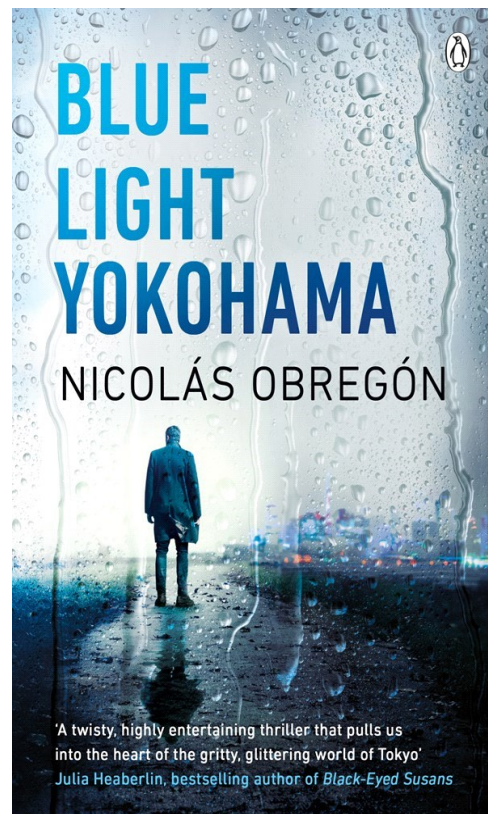
Nicolás Obregón

**A hauntingly atmospheric debut thriller from a stunning young talent**

Inspector Kosuke Iwata, newly transferred to Tokyo's homicide department, is assigned a new partner and a secondhand case. It's complicated and grisly - a family of four murdered in their own home by a killer who painted a hideous black sun on the ceiling before he left in broad daylight - and Iwata's progress is thwarted in the unlikeliest of places.

Fearing corruption among his fellow officers, tracking a killer he's sure is only just beginning his career and trying to put his own life back together, Iwata knows time is running out before either he's taken off the case or there are more killings . . .

British born of a Spanish father and a French mother, **Nicolás Obregón** grew up between London and Madrid. As a travel writer, Nicolás has had an extensive experience of Japan, but the beginning of his fascination with the country came from watching Japanese cartoons as a young boy. The inspiration for *Blue Light Yokohama* is easy to mark. During his first trip to Japan, Nicolás came across an article about a real-life crime which was to haunt him. Sixteen years after this atrocity, the case remains unsolved. Nicolás Obregón is a graduate of the acclaimed Birkbeck Creative Writing Masters course and a former bookseller for Waterstones.



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# Iron Sharpens Iron: Book One of THE NYXIA TRIAD

Scott Reintgen

**For all fans of Pittacus Lore, a thrilling new dystopian trilogy in which ten recruits must battle one another to survive . . . in space**

Emmett Atwater isn't just leaving Detroit; he's leaving Earth. Why Babel recruited *him* is a mystery, but the number of zeroes on his contract has him boarding their lightship and hoping to return to Earth with enough money to take care of his family, forever.

As he and nine other teenagers wormhole their way through space, Emmett discovers that each recruit must earn the right to travel down to Eden. There, Babel will use them to mine a substance that's quietly become the most valuable in the world. For the chosen ten, every training session is measured, every point matters, and Emmett will do anything to win.

But Babel's ship is full of secrets. And as Emmett uncovers the truth, he realizes he's not fighting for wealth or glory. He's fighting for his life.

Scott Reintgen teaches English and Creative Writing. He lives in North Carolina with his wife. *The Black Hole of Broken Things* is his first novel.



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# The Puppy and the Orphan

Suzanne Lambert

**A heart-warming, nostalgic story about the remarkable bond between an orphan and a puppy**

When little Billy discovers a lost puppy in the grounds of his orphanage, he knows that the nuns will never allow him to keep a pet. But as Billy stares into the Labrador's big brown eyes, he can't bear to be parted from him - so he comes up with a plan. With the help of his fellow orphans, he hides the puppy in the caretaker's cottage, and they take it in turns to keep the secret from the grown-ups. Billy and the puppy's special bond grows, and the risk of being separated becomes unbearable, but fate has brought them together for a reason - and it will give them both the chance to find somewhere to call home.

Suzanne Lambert is an author from Newcastle. Her first book, *Christmas at the Ragdoll Orphanage*, was the winner of Penguin and *Take a Break* magazine's life story competition.



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# Blood Forest

Geraint Jones

**Gladiator meets Platoon in this spectacular debut where honour and duty, legions and tribes clash in bloody, heart-breaking glory**

Twelve Roman legionnaires have been massacred. A bloodied individual is found among the dead.

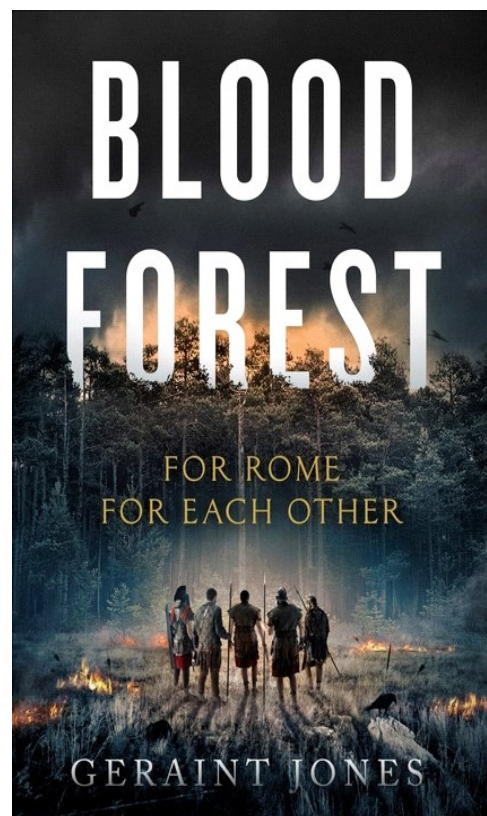
He has no idea who he is, or where he's been. Only that he is a soldier.

Forced to join Governor Varus's army - fifteen thousand seasoned legionnaires - he heads north to subdue the hostile Germanic tribes. The army marches deep into enemy territory, a densely forested land of deadly traps and merciless foes.

As battle begins, Varus's army is swiftly destroyed. Trapped in the forest, the soldier must band together with a small group of survivors who neither trust nor believe in him. If they fight together they have a slim chance of staying alive. But which side is the soldier on?

And is it the right one?

**Geraint Jones** has been deployed on three tours of duty to Iraq and Afghanistan. For his actions in Iraq, Geraint earned the General Officer Commanding's Award for Gallantry. Following Afghanistan, he was selected for the Reconnaissance Platoon, the elite unit within the battalion. Upon leaving the military, Geraint worked to protect commercial shipping against Somali and Nigerian based piracy. *Blood Forest* is his first novel.



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# The Best of Adam Sharp

Graeme Simsion

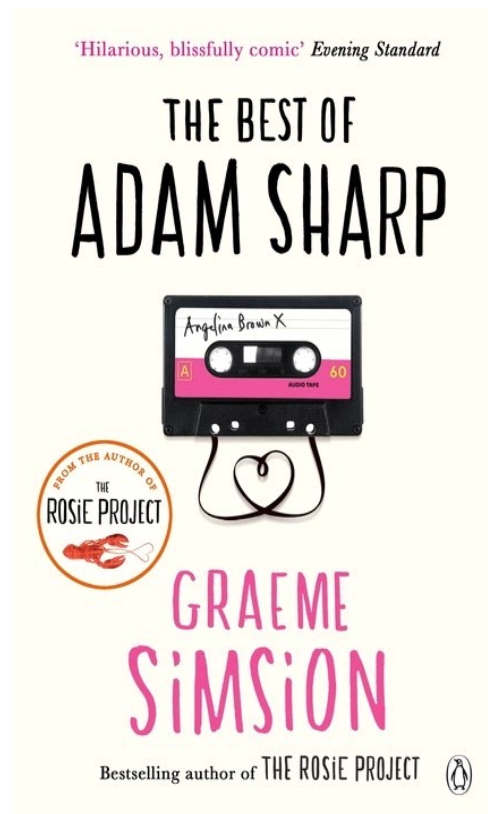
**The heart-warming new novel from the international bestselling author of *The Rosie Project* and *The Rosie Effect***

On the cusp of fifty, Adam is content. He's the music expert at his local pub-quiz and he and his partner Claire rumble along. Life may not be rock 'n' roll, but neither is it easy listening. Yet something has always felt off-key.

And that's his nostalgia for what might have been, his blazing affair - more than twenty years ago, on the other side of the world - with Angelina Brown, a smart and sexy actress who taught him what it meant to find - and then lose - love. How different might his life be if he hadn't let her walk away?

Then, out of nowhere, Angelina gets in touch. Adam has sung about second chances, but does he have the courage to believe in them?

**Graeme Simsion's** first novel, *The Rosie Project* won the Australian Book Industry Association Book of the Year for 2014. In the UK, it was selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club and was voted the most popular title for the Spring 2014 campaign. Rights have been sold in forty-two countries and both *The Rosie Project* and the sequel *The Rosie Effect* are now bestselling novels worldwide.



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# Good Me Bad Me

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**Ali Land**

The *Sunday Times* bestselling psychological thriller

'New Name. New Family. Shiny. New. Me'

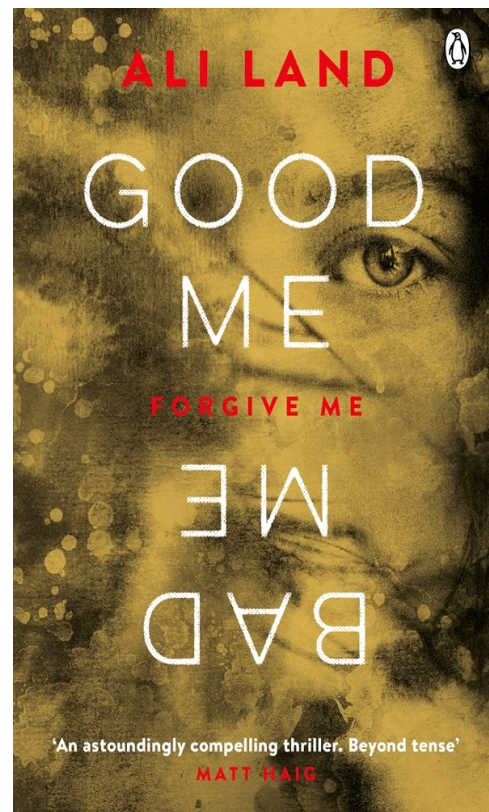
Annie's mother is a serial killer.

The only way she can make her stop is to hand her in to the police. But out of sight is not out of mind. The secrets of her past won't let her sleep, even with a new family and name - Milly.

A fresh start. Now, surely, she can be whoever she wants to be.

But Milly's mother is still a serial killer. And blood is thicker than water . . . She is, after all, her mother's daughter.

After graduating from university with a degree in Mental Health, **Ali Land** spent a decade working as a Child and Adolescent Mental Health nurse in hospitals and schools in the UK and Australia. Ali is now a full-time writer and lives in North London. *Good Me Bad Me* has been translated into over twenty languages. Follow Ali on Twitter @byAliLand



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## Butterfly on the Storm

Heartland Trilogy Book 1

Walter Lucius

**The first installment in a new dutch trilogy which draws parallels with Stieg Larsson's Millennium series**

A young boy is found in woods outside Amsterdam. Broken and bloody, he appears to be the victim of a brutal hit-and-run.

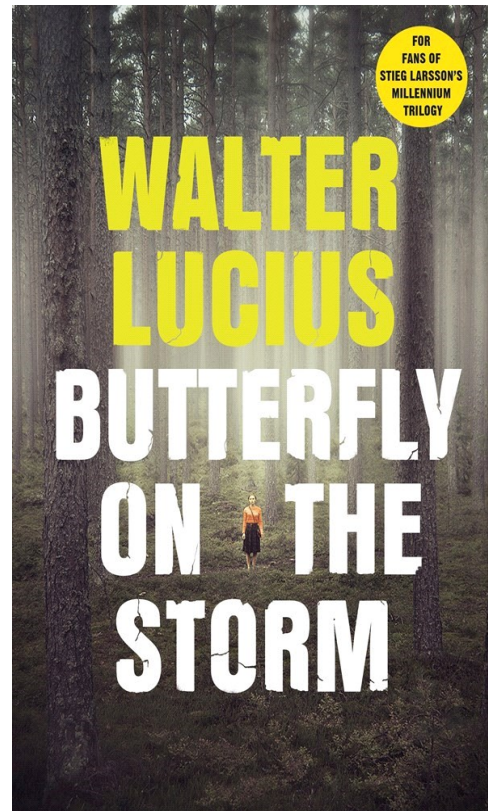
Investigative journalist Farah Hafez, on visiting the site where the boy was found, comes across a burnt-out car with two bodies inside - a sinister clue to something far darker than a simple road accident.

It is just the start of a journey that will lead her into an intricate web of crime and corruption and deep into a past that Farah had sought to escape - a past that nearly killed her.

**Walter Lucius** is the pseudonym of screenwriter, director and producer Walter Goverde. Walter used to be a stage director, and also produced dramas, documentaries and various television series.

He founded Odyssee Producties, an audio-visual company with which he carried out several projects for a number of Dutch government ministries.

*Butterfly on the Storm* is the first instalment of the Heartland Trilogy and his fiction debut.



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# Pirate

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**Clive Cussler and Robin Burcell**

**Husband-and-wife treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo travel to England to unravel an ancient mystery**

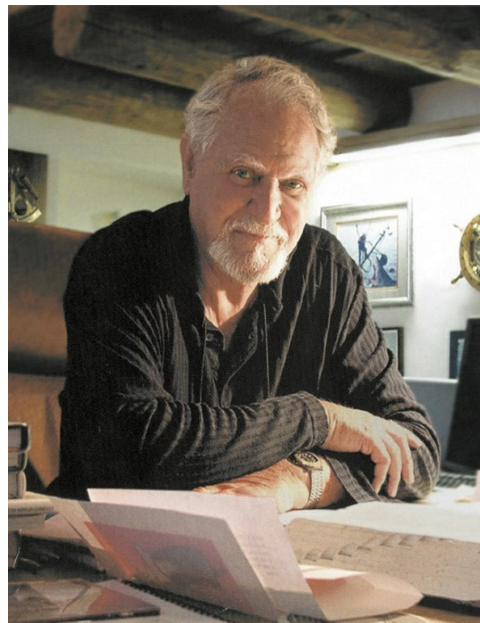
Husband-and-wife treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo have gone on impossible missions before and faced many perils, but never have they faced an adversary as determined as the one before them now. The battle will take them from the US to Jamaica to England, and at its end will result in either one of the most glorious finds in history - or certain death.

## **Clive Cussler (Author)**

**Clive Cussler** is the author or co-author of a great number of international bestsellers, including the famous Dirk Pitt® adventures, such as *Havana Storm*; the NUMA® Files adventures, most recently *The Pharaoh's Secret*; the Oregon Files, such as *The Emperor's Revenge*; the Isaac Bell historical thrillers, which began with *The Chase*; and the recent Fargo Adventures which lastly included *The Solomon Curse*. He lives in Arizona.

## **Robin Burcell (Author)**

**Robin Burcell** spent nearly three decades working in California law enforcement as a police officer, detective, hostage negotiator, and FBI-trained forensic artist. She is the author of ten novels, most recently *The Kill Order*. Burcell lives in Lodi, California.



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# The Queen of the Night

Alexander Chee

**Not since Patrick Suskind's *Perfume* has a work of fiction so vividly evoked a time, a place, and a passion . . .**

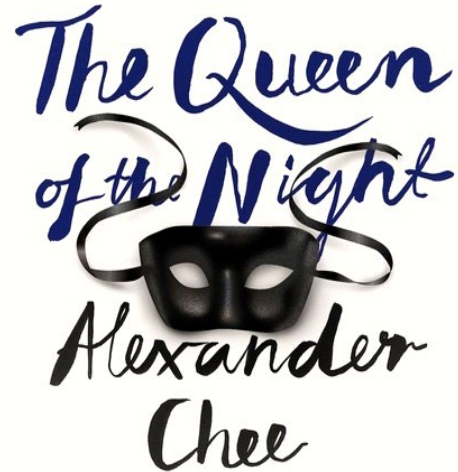
A 'wild opera of a novel', *The Queen of the Night* tells the story of Lilliet Berne, an orphan who leaves the American frontier for Europe and is swept into the glamour and terror of Second Empire France. She becomes a sensation of the Paris Opera, with every accolade but an original role - her chance at immortality. When one is offered to her, she finds the part is based on her deepest secret, something only four people have ever known. But who has betrayed her?

With 'epic sweep, gorgeous language, and haunting details', Alexander Chee shares Lilliet's cunning transformation from circus rider to courtesan to legendary soprano, retracing the path that led to the role that could secure her reputation - or destroy her with the secrets it reveals.

**Alexander Chee** won a Whiting Award for his first novel, *Edinburgh*, and is a recipient of the NEA Fellowship in Fiction and residencies from the MacDowell Colony, Ledig House, and Civitella Ranieri. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times Book Review*, *Tin House*, *Slate*, and NPR, among others, and he is a contributing editor at the *New Republic*. He has recently been selected as a prestigious *L.A. Times* critic-at-large. He lives in New York City.



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# Love Me Not

DI Helen Grace 7

**M. J. Arlidge**

**The seventh DI Helen Grace thriller from one of the UK's most exciting thriller writers**

A woman's body lies in the road. At first it looks like a tragic accident. But when Helen Grace arrives on the scene it's clear she's looking at a cold-blooded killing. But why would anyone target a much-loved wife and mother?

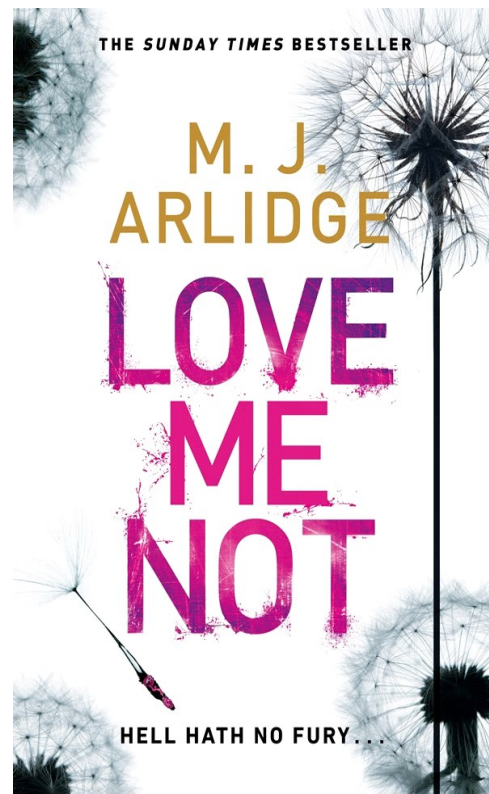
Across town, a shopkeeper is killed while his customers are left unharmed. But what lies behind the killer's choices?

Who lives? Who dies? Who's next? The clock is ticking.

If Helen can't solve this deadly puzzle then more blood will be shed. But make any mistake and it might be her own ...

**M. J. Arlidge** has worked in television for the last fifteen years, specializing in high-end drama production, including the prime-time crime serials *Torn*, *The Little House* and *Silent Witness*. Arlidge also pilots original crime series for both UK and US networks. In 2015 his audio exclusive *Six Degrees of Assassination* was a Number One bestseller.

His first thriller, *Eeny Meeny*, was the UK's bestselling crime debut of 2014. It was followed by the bestselling *Pop Goes the Weasel*, *The Doll's House*, *Liar Liar* and *Little Boy Blue*.



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**Libby Parker** grew up in the countryside in Somerset surrounded by animals of all varieties. She has been, and always will be, an animal lover, so when she began to write she knew that they would play a central role in her fiction.

Libby still lives in Somerset with her husband, two children, three dogs, two cats, two alpacas and the rest of the menagerie. *Bertie the Blitz Dog* is her first novel and she is working on her second.



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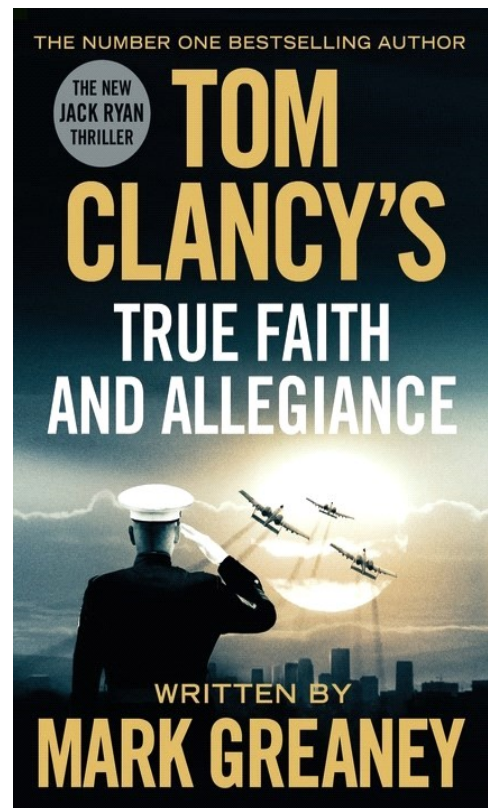
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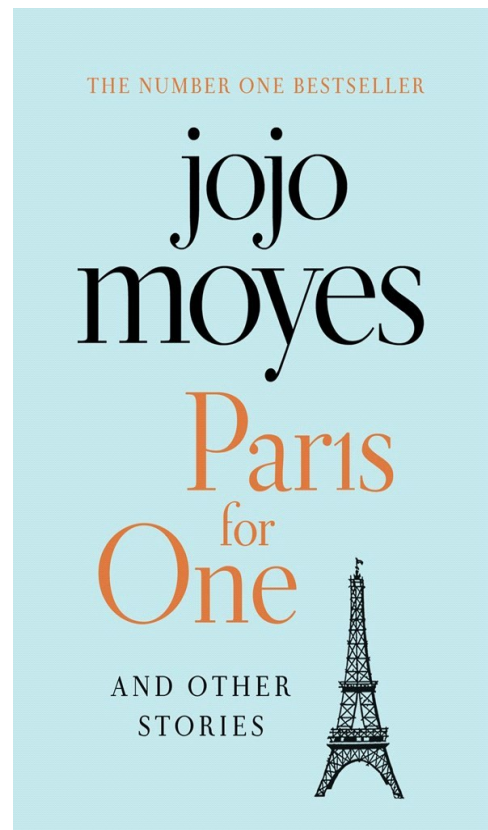
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**Jojo Moyes** is a novelist and a journalist. Her novels include the bestsellers *The Girl You Left Behind*, *The One Plus One*, *Me Before You* and *After You*. Her novels have been translated into over forty-four languages and have hit the Number One spot in twelve countries. She is one of the few authors to have had three novels on *The New York Times* bestseller list at the same time.

*Me Before You* has now sold over nine million copies worldwide and was adapted into a major film starring Sam Claflin (*The Hunger Games*) and Emilia Clarke (*Game of Thrones*). Jojo lives in Essex with her husband and their three children.

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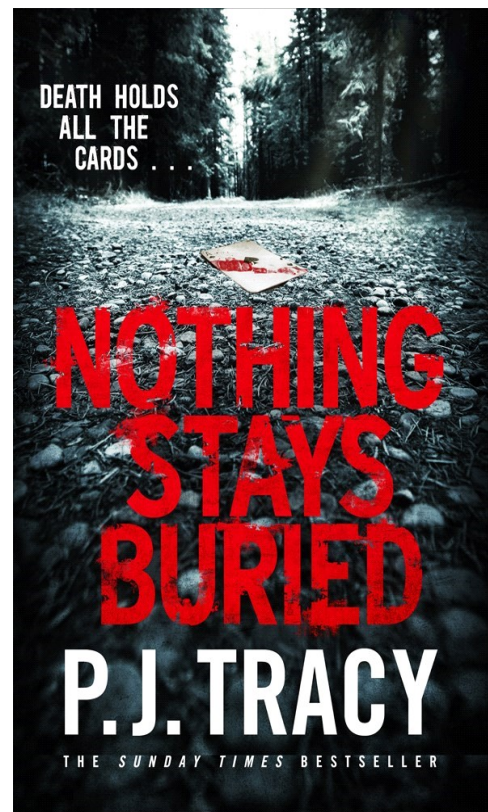
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**P.J. Tracy** was the pseudonym for the mother-and-daughter writing team of P.J. and Traci Lambrecht. They are the authors of best-selling thrillers *Want to Play?* (Richard and Judy Book Club pick), *Live Bait*, *Dead Run*, *Snow Blind*, *Play to Kill*, *Two Evils* and *Cold Kill*. P. J. passed away in December 2016.



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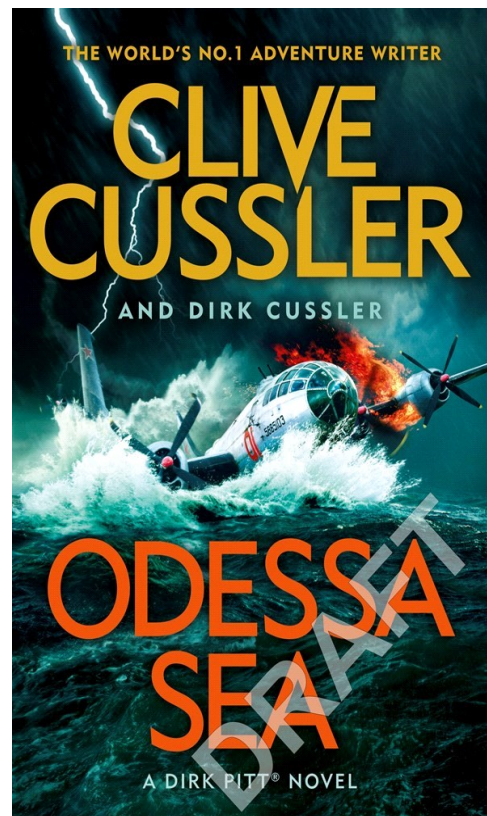
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### **Dirk Cussler (Author)**

Dirk Cussler, the son of Clive Cussler, has an MBA from Berkeley. He is the co-author of *Crescent Dawn*, *Black Wind*, *Treasure of Khan*, *Arctic Drift*, *Poseidon's Arrow* and *Havana Storm*.



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**Chloé Esposito** is from Cheltenham and now lives in London. She has a BA and MA in English from Oxford University, where her dissertation focused on nineteenth-century feminist writers. She has been a senior management consultant, an English teacher at two of the UK's top private schools and a fashion stylist at Condé Nast. She is thirty-two, a graduate of the Faber Academy and is now writing full-time. *Mad*, the first book in the Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know series, is Chloé's first novel.



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# Felix the Railway Cat

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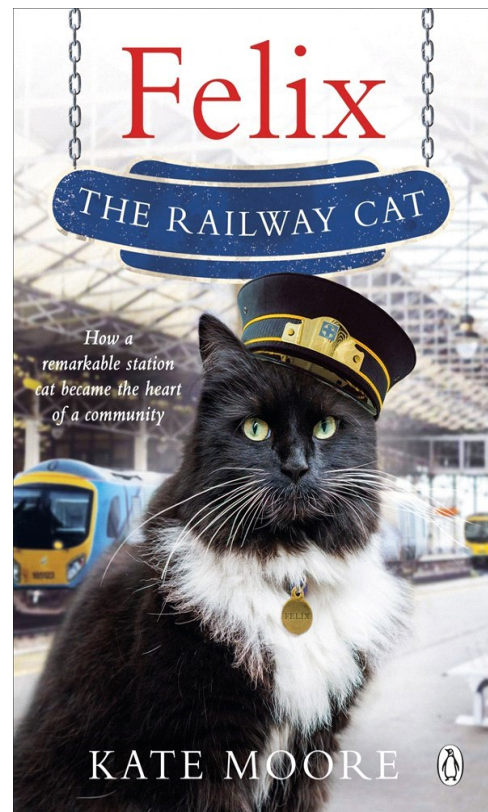
**The adorable story of Felix, the Huddersfield Train Station cat**

When Felix arrived at Huddersfield Train Station as an eight-week-old kitten, no one knew just how important this little ball of fluff would become. Although she has a vital job to do as 'Senior Pest Controller', Felix is much more than just an employee. For her colleagues and the station's commuters, Felix has changed their lives in surprising ways.

Felix seems to have a remarkable ability to save the day time and again: from bringing a boy with autism out of his shell to providing comfort to a runaway child shivering on the platform one night. When tragedy hits the team at Huddersfield, they all rely on Felix to pull them together again. But it's a chance friendship with a commuter that she waits for on the platform every morning that finally gives Felix the recognition she deserves, catapulting her to international stardom...

Full of funny and heartwarming stories, *Felix The Railway Cat* is the remarkable tale of a close-knit community and its amazing bond with a very special cat.

Kate Moore is a *Sunday Times* bestselling writer with more than a decade's experience.



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