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Into the Water

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In the last days before her death, Nel called her sister. Jules didn't pick up the phone, ignoring her plea for help.

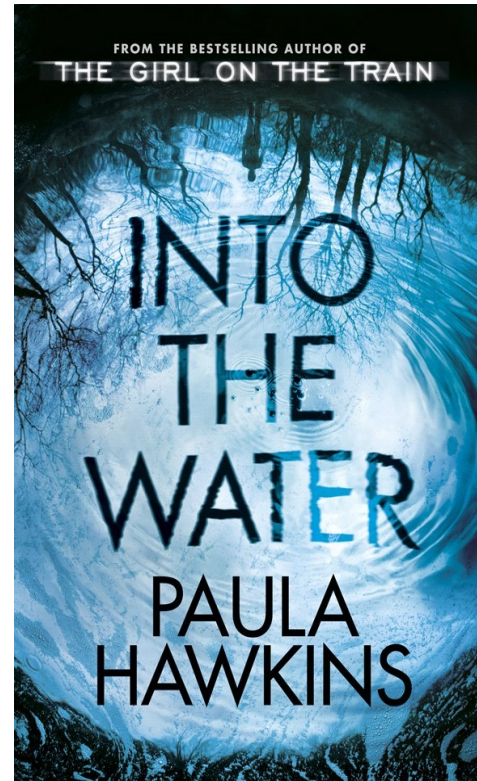
Now Nel is dead. They say she jumped. And Jules has been dragged back to the one place she hoped she had escaped for good, to care for the teenage girl her sister left behind.

But Jules is afraid. So afraid. Of her long-buried memories, of the old Mill House, of knowing that Nel would never have jumped.

And most of all she's afraid of the water, and the place they call the Drowning Pool . . .

With the same propulsive writing and acute understanding of human instincts that captivated millions of readers around the world in her explosive debut thriller, *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins delivers an urgent, satisfying read that hinges on the stories we tell about our pasts and their power to destroy the lives we live now.

PAULA HAWKINS worked as a journalist for fifteen years before turning her hand to fiction. Born and brought up in Zimbabwe, Paula moved to London in 1989 and has lived there ever since. Her first thriller, *The Girl on the Train*, has been a global phenomenon, selling almost 20 million copies worldwide. It has been published in over forty languages, has been a No.1 bestseller around the world and was a No.1 box office hit film starring Emily Blunt. *Into the Water* is her second stand-alone thriller.



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What Alice Knew

TA Cotterell

An addictive debut for fans of tense, thought-provoking novels such as Liane Moriarty's *The Husband's Secret* and Clare Macintosh's *I Let You Go*

Intriguing and layered ... an impressive debut' Shari Lapena, author of *The Couple Next Door*
'It made me look at marriage in a different light' Jane Corry, author of *My Husband's Wife*

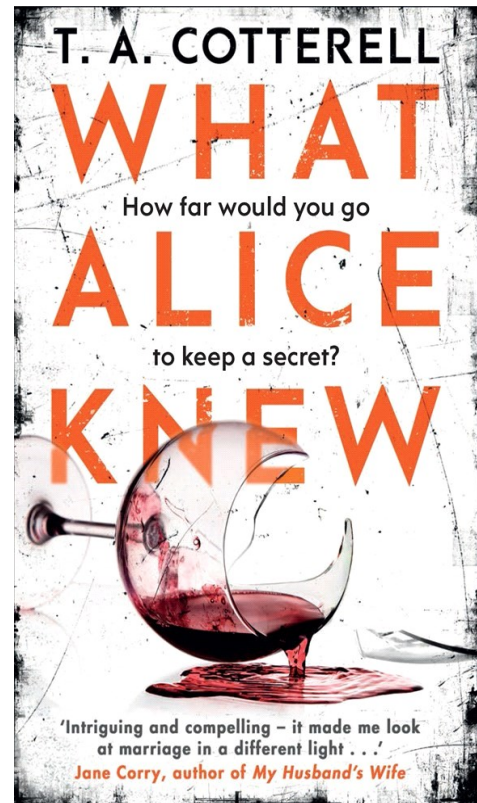
How far would you go to keep a secret?

Alice has a perfect life – a great job, happy kids, a wonderful husband. Until he goes missing one night; she receives a suspicious phone call; things don't quite add up.

Alice needs to know what's going on. But when she uncovers the truth she faces a brutal choice. And how can she be sure it *is* the truth?

Sometimes it's better not to know.

T. A. Cotterell read History of Art at Cambridge University. He was a freelance writer and now writes and edits for the research house Redburn. He is married with three children and lives in Bristol.



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Iron Gods

(The Spin Trilogy 2)

Andrew Bannister

The author of the acclaimed *Creation Machine* returns to the extraordinary artificial planetary cluster of the Spin with his dazzling new novel - a work of thrilling, heart-in-mouth space opera - a must-read for fans of SF bestsellers such as Iain M. Banks, Peter F. Hamilton and Alastair Reynolds.

The Spin, an ancient artificial cluster of eighty-eight planets and twenty-two suns – is in decline. The boundaries of the formerly prosperous Inside have shrunk to a mere eleven planets, their trade routes are cut off, and their last remaining source of income comes from selling the services of their vast industrial slave-colony – The Hive.

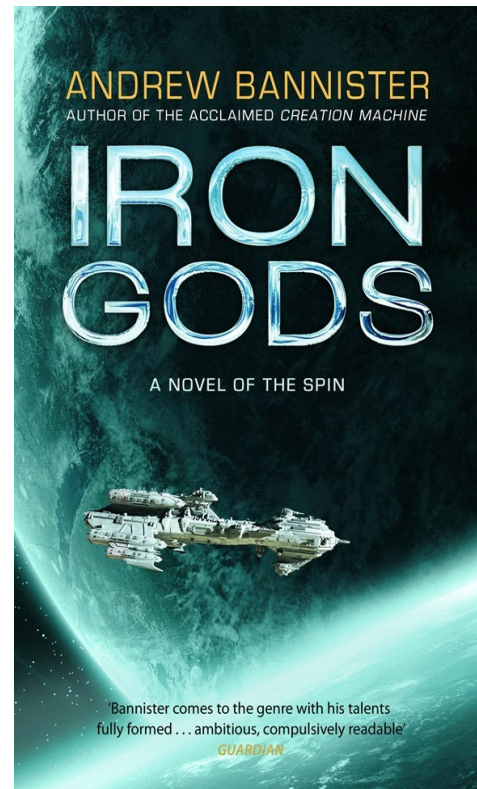
Then a group of Hivers escape. Led by Seldyan, they steal the last remaining legacy battleship, reverse the trance that has been imposed on it for eight thousand years, and leave the Inside behind. Their destination: the free colony of Web City. However when they arrive they realise all is not well – a new green star has appeared in the sky, sparking the growth of a socially repressive cult which is quickly taking over, making Seldyan wonder if Web City is any improvement on the Hive.

At the same time Harbour Master Hevalansa Vess, stripped of his role after the loss of the last ship, has his identity changed and is sent under cover in to the Hive to find out how Seldyan escaped. Wired into the living AI called the Mind Stack, he is forced to confront both his own past, and the institutionalised cruelty of the hierarchy he has been part of.

While Seldyan and her crew try to discover what has caused the new green star, Vess must choose between loyalty to the system that has nurtured and promoted him, and his sympathy for the mass of people it treats as slaves. He must also work out how far he trusts Vut, the gestalt insect entity that increasingly represents his contact with the Inside.

Meanwhile, the ancient ship, now with full access to its memories, has worked out the meaning of the green star for itself – and the existential threat to the Spin that it has been concealing for ten thousand years...

Born in 1965, Andrew Bannister grew up in Cornwall. He studied Geology at Imperial College and went to work in the North Sea before becoming an Environmental Consultant. For the day job, he specialises in green transport and corporate sustainability, but he has always written – initially for student newspapers and fanzines before moving on, encouraged by creative writing courses, to fiction. He's always been a reader and has loved science fiction since childhood. From the classics of the 50s and 60s to the present day, he's wanted it all: space, stars, astonishment and adventure - and now he's discovered that writing it is even better. Andrew lives in Leicestershire.



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320 pages

Frost at Midnight

James Henry

The fourth book in the bestselling prequel series, starring R. D. Wingfield's unforgettable creation Jack Frost – younger, greener, and just as uncouth.

The fourth prequel to R. D. Wingfield's *A TOUCH OF FROST*, perfect for fans of David Jason's Jack Frost and readers who love Stuart MacBride and Peter James.

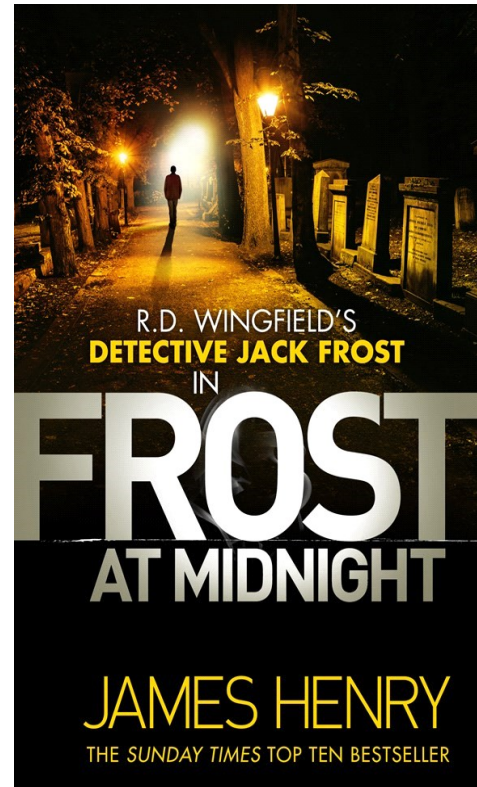
August, 1983. Denton is preparing for a wedding. Detective Sergeant Waters should be on top of the world with less than a week to go until he marries Kim Myles. But the Sunday before the big day, instead of a run-through with his best man, the church is sealed off. The body of a young woman has been found in the churchyard, and their idyllic wedding venue has become a crime scene.

Detective Sergeant Jack Frost has been homeless for the past three months, ever since his wife's family sold the matrimonial house. He's been staying with Detective Constable Sue Clarke but with a baby to take care of and the imminent arrival of her mother, she's given him his marching orders.

But as best man to Waters, he's got a responsibility to solve the mystery of the dead girl in the churchyard. Can he put his own troubles aside and be the detective they need him to be? All in all, August looks set to be a wicked month in Denton...

James Henry is the pen name for James Gurbutt, who has long been a fan of the original R. D. Wingfield Frost books and the subsequent TV series. He works in publishing, and enjoys windsurfing and long lunches.

After a successful career writing for radio, **R. D. Wingfield** turned his attention to fiction, creating the character of Jack Frost. The series has been adapted for television as the perennially popular *A Touch of Frost*, starring David Jason. R. D. Wingfield died in 2007.



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Where The Wild Cherries Grow

Laura Madeleine

How far must you run to leave the past behind you?

Full of drama and intrigue, Laura Madeleine is the perfect author for fans of Santa Montefiore and Dinah Jeffries. And she brings a little something extra - this is a sweeping love story with a delicious foodie twist.

'Atmospheric, engaging and sublimely satisfying' Veronica Henry

How far must you run to leave the past behind you?

It is 1919 and the end of the war has not brought peace for Emeline Vane. Lost in grief, she is suddenly alone at the heart of a depleted family. She can no longer cope. And as everything seems to be slipping beyond her control, in a moment of desperation, she boards a train and runs away.

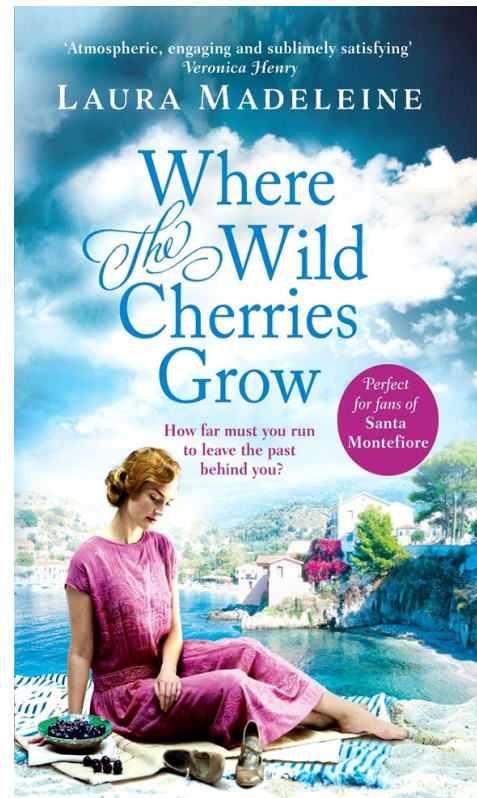
Fifty years later, a young solicitor on his first case finds Emeline's diary. What Bill Perch finds in the tattered pages of neat script goes against everything he has been told. He begins to trace an anguished story of love and betrayal that will send him on a journey to discover the truth.

I closed my eyes as I tried to pick apart every flavour, because nothing had ever tasted so good before. It was love and it could not be hidden.

What really happened to Emeline all those years ago?

Includes a sumptuous recipe inspired by the author's research for the book.

After a childhood spent acting professionally and training at a theatre school, Laura Madeleine changed her mind, and went to study English Literature at Newnham College, Cambridge. She now writes fiction, as well as recipes, and was formerly the resident cake baker for Domestic Slutttery. She lives in Bristol, but can often be found visiting her family in Devon, eating cheese and getting up to mischief with her sister, fantasy author Lucy Hounsom. You can find her on Twitter @esthercrumpet.



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No Middle Name

The Complete Collected Jack Reacher Stories Lee Child

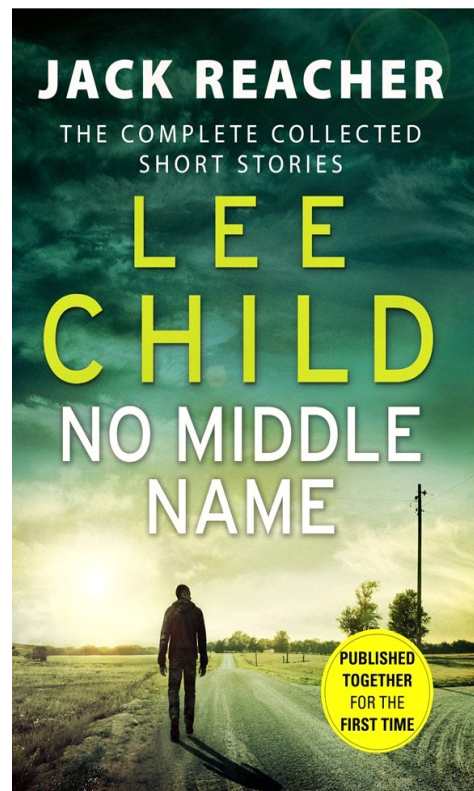
The complete Jack Reacher short stories, published together for the first time, from the number one bestseller Lee Child.

Jack 'No Middle Name' Reacher, lone wolf, knight errant, ex military cop, lover of women, scourge of the wicked and righter of wrongs, is the most iconic hero for our age. **This is the first time all Lee Child's shorter fiction featuring Jack Reacher has been collected into one volume.**

A brand-new novella, *Too Much Time*, is included, as are those previously only published in ebook form: *Second Son*, *James Penney's New Identity*, *Guy Walks Into a Bar*, *Deep Down*, *High Heat*, *Not a Drill* and *Small Wars*. Added to these is every other Reacher short story that Child has written: *Everyone Talks*, *Maybe They Have a Tradition*, *No Room at the Motel* and *The Picture of the Lonely Diner*. Read together, these twelve stories shed new light on Reacher's past, illuminating how he grew up and developed into the wandering avenger who has captured the imagination of millions around the world.

Lee Child is one of the world's leading thriller writers. He was born in Coventry, raised in Birmingham, and now lives in New York. It is said one of his novels featuring his hero Jack Reacher is sold somewhere in the world every twenty seconds. His books consistently achieve the number-one slot on bestseller lists around the world, and are published in over one hundred territories. He is the recipient of many prizes, most recently the CWA's Diamond Dagger for a writer of an outstanding body of crime fiction.

Jack Reacher, the first Jack Reacher movie starring Tom Cruise, was based on the novel *One Shot*, and the second is *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back*.



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400 pages

Seven Days in Summer

Marcia Willett

The gorgeous, summery new novel from Marcia Willett - perfect for fans of Trisha Ashley, Lucy Diamond and Carole Matthews

Busy mum of twins **Liv** is looking forward to a week at the Beach Hut in Devon, even if she feels that she and Matt left things on a strange note. She's sure it's just that he's too busy at work to join them on their summer holiday, not that he wants time alone...

Baz loves having his family to stay by the sea, but when an unexpected guest arrives, he finds himself torn between the past and the future...

Still reeling from a break-up, all **Sofia** wants is a quiet seaside summer – until she meets Baz and her plans are turned upside down. She knows she's rushing into things, but could this week at the Beach Hut be the start of something new?

And back home, **Matt** might be missing Liv and his young family, but when an old friend appears he finds himself distracted... What does she know about his family's past that she's not letting on?

As tensions rise over seven days in summer, the lives of the holidaymakers begin to take an unexpected turn...

Praise for Marcia Willett:

'A beautifully woven tale of families and their secrets...' Liz Fenwick, bestselling author of *THE CORNISH HOUSE*

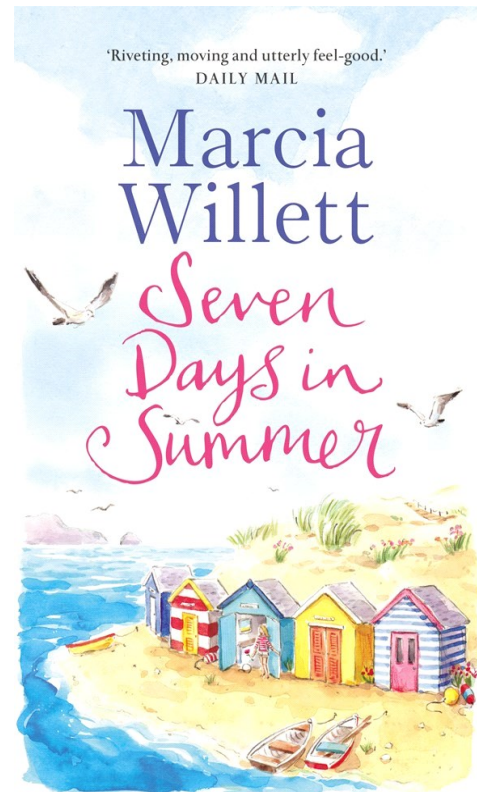
'A genuine voice of our times' *The Times*

'Riveting, moving and utterly feel-good' *Daily Mail*

'Sweeping powers of description transport her readers to another time and place' Rosanna Ley, bestselling author of *THE VILLA*

Marcia Willett was born in Somerset and lives in deepest Devon with her husband.

A former ballet dancer and teacher, she is the author of many bestselling novels.



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Pieces of Happiness

A Novel of Friendship, Hope and Chocolate

Anne Ostby

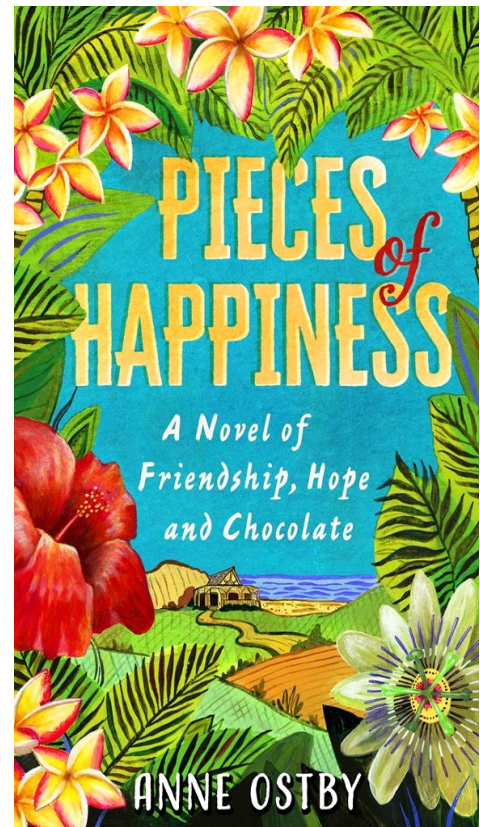
A warm story of friendship, and starting over: five women, old school friends, who leave the frozen north behind them to start a new life together on a cocoa plantation in Fiji.

I've planted my feet on Fijian earth and I intend to stay here until the last sunset . Why don't you join me? Leave behind everything that didn't work out!

When recently-widowed Kat writes to her four old school friends, inviting them to live with her on a cocoa plantation in the South Pacific, they swap icy pavements and TV dinners for a tropical breeze and an azure-blue ocean. Leaving behind loneliness, dead-end jobs and marriages that have gone sour, they settle into the Women's House, surrounded by palms and cocoa trees; and locals with the puzzling habit of exploding into laughter for no discernible reason.

Each of the women has her issues to resolve, and secrets to keep. But together the friends find a new purpose, starting a business to make chocolate: bittersweet, succulent pieces of happiness. As they embrace a new culture that views ageing so differently from their own, will they learn to accept and forgive; to discover the value of friendship, and a better way to live?

Anne Ostby is a Norwegian journalist and novelist who has lived all over the world, including four years in Fiji. She is the author of a number of novels published in Norwegian, and one other novel translated into English, *Town of Love*. She now lives in East Timor with her husband.



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352 pages

The Things We Thought We Knew

Mahsuda Snaith

An utterly unforgettable debut with a heartbreaking twist from one of the most exciting new voices of 2017.

'Crystal clear sentences that ooze with texture and nuance ... An exciting new voice in fiction'

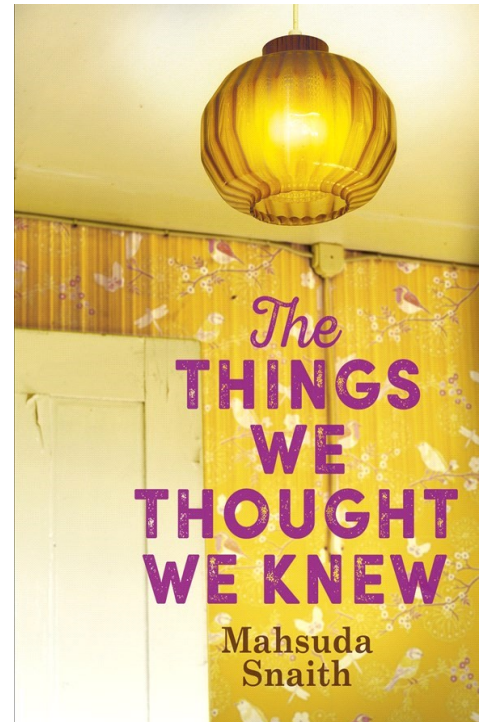
Nikesh Shukla, author and editor of *The Good Immigrant*

Ravine and Marianne were best friends. They practised handstands together, raced slugs, and looked up at the stars and imagined their own constellations. And then, one day, Marianne disappeared.

Ten years later, Ravine lies in a bed in her mother's council flat, plagued by chronic pain syndrome, writing down the things she remembers. As her words fill page after page, she begins to understand that the only way to conquer her pain is to confront the horrors of her past.

Heartbreaking, seductive and utterly unforgettable, *The Things We Thought We Knew* is a rich and powerful novel about the things we remember and the things we wish we could forget.

Mahsuda Snaith is the winner of the SI Leeds Literary Prize 2014 and Bristol Short Story Prize 2014, and a finalist in the Mslexia Novel Writing Competition 2013. She lives in Leicester where she leads writing workshops and teaches part-time in primary schools. Mahsuda is a fan of reading (obviously) and crochet (not so obviously). This is her first novel.



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One Little Mistake

Emma Curtis

You trusted your best friend . . . You shouldn't have. **ONE LITTLE MISTAKE** is a taut, gripping psychological thriller about the darker side of friendship and how far you'll go to keep your secrets - perfect for fans of twisty psychological suspense who love books by Claire Douglas, Liane Moriarty and Jane Corry.

A **compelling page-turner** which kept me reading well into the night. This book will make any woman look at her best friend with more than a touch of suspicion . . . ' **Jane Corry, author of MY HUSBAND'S WIFE**

YOU TRUSTED YOUR BEST FRIEND . . . YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.

Vicky Seagrave is blessed: three beautiful children, a successful, doting husband, great friends and a job she loves. **She should be perfectly happy.**

When she makes a **split-second decision** that risks everything she holds dear, there's only person she trusts enough to turn to.

But Vicky is about to learn that **one mistake is all it takes**; that if you're careless with those you love, you don't deserve to keep them . . .

'A brilliant, **gripping** read. I couldn't put it down' **Claire Douglas, author of THE SISTERS and LOCAL GIRL MISSING**

'A **tense** and **utterly engrossing** story' **Tammy Cohen, author of WHEN SHE WAS BAD and THE BROKEN**

'A **page-turner** that explores how friendship, mothering, marriage, and events in the past can collide in **unexpected and tumultuous** ways' **Beth Miller, author of THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR and WHEN WE WERE SISTERS**

'**Intriguing** and meticulously crafted . . . the gradual unfolding of consequences is **beautifully done** . . . An **accomplished** novel by an imaginative story-teller.' **G. J. Minnett, author of THE HIDDEN LEGACY**

Emma Curtis was born in Brighton and brought up in London. Her fascination with the darker side of domestic life inspired her to write *One Little Mistake*, her first psychological suspense. She has two children and lives in Richmond with her husband.
Find her on Twitter: @emmacurtisbooks



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Fierce Kingdom

Gin Phillips

The power of a mother's love is tested in this race-against-time debut thriller, perfect for fans of *ROOM* and *WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN*.

'It tore at every maternal fibre in my body. I couldn't put it down.'
Fiona Barton, author of *The Widow*

'Fierce Kingdom is a bold exploration of the ferocity of a mother's love. Riveting and beautiful, and all too real, you'll find yourself asking, *what would I do?* It's brilliant.' Shari Lapena, author of *The Couple Next Door*

Lincoln is a good boy. At the age of four, he is curious, clever and well behaved. He does as his mum says and knows what the rules are.

'The rules are different today. The rules are that we hide and do not let the man with the gun find us.'

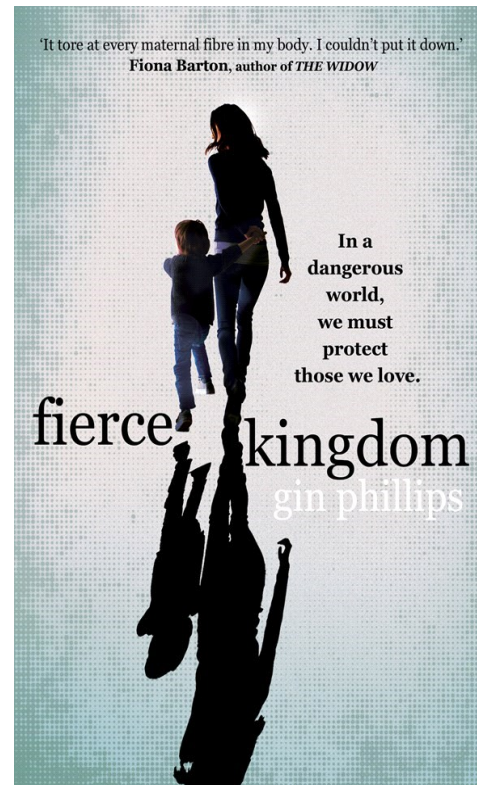
When an ordinary day at the zoo turns into a nightmare, Joan finds herself trapped with her beloved son. She must summon all her strength, find unexpected courage and protect Lincoln at all costs – even if it means crossing the line between right and wrong; between humanity and animal instinct.

It's a line none of us would ever normally dream of crossing.

But sometimes the rules are different.

'Unbearably tense and yet beautifully written, *Fierce Kingdom* demands to be read in one sitting. After finishing, I pulled my loved ones a little closer.' Paula Daly

Gin Phillips grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and has been writing for as long as she can remember. After earning a degree in Political Journalism, Gin worked as a freelance magazine writer for nearly a decade. She's lived in Ireland, Thailand, New York, and Washington, D.C. Gin now lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband, her kids, and her schnoodle.



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For the Winner

Emily Hauser

The enthralling new historical novel by the author of the acclaimed *For the Most Beautiful*, retelling the time-honoured legend of Jason and the Argonauts and the Golden Fleece, and of Atalanta, the princess who became a warrior and who fought alongside the warrior heroes of Greece on the greatest adventure of their age...

Some three thousand years ago, in a time before history, the warriors of Greece journeyed to the ends of the earth in the greatest expedition the world had ever seen.

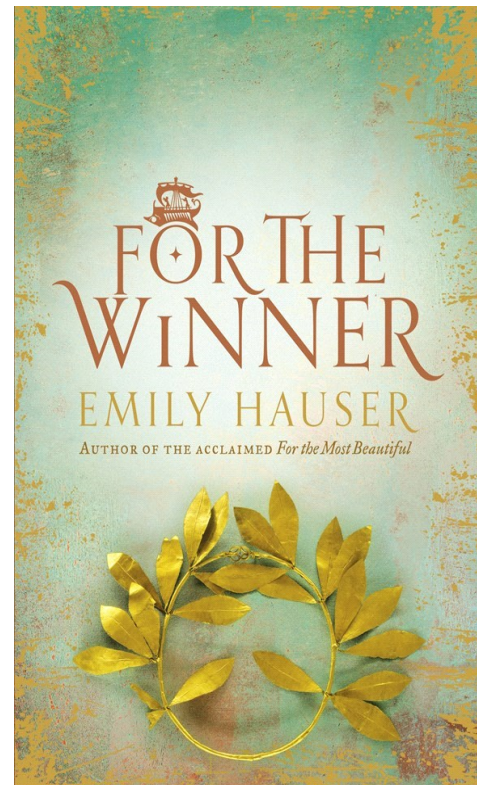
One woman fought alongside them.

Abandoned at birth on the slopes of Mount Pelion, Atalanta is determined to prove her worth to the father who cast her aside. Having taught herself to hunt and fight, and disguised as a man, she wins a place on the greatest voyage of that heroic age: with Jason and his band of Argonauts in search of the legendary Golden Fleece.

And it is here, in the company of men who will go down in history as heroes, that Atalanta must battle against the odds – and the will of the gods – to take control of her destiny and change her life forever.

With her unrivalled knowledge and captivating storytelling, Emily Hauser brings alive an ancient world where the gods can transform a mortal's life on a whim, where warriors carve out names that will echo down the ages . . . and where one woman fights to determine her own fate.

Born in Brighton and brought up in Suffolk, EMILY HAUSER studied Classics at Cambridge where she was taught by Mary Beard. She then went to Harvard as a Fulbright Scholar and now studies and teaches at Yale, where she is completing her PhD. *For the Most Beautiful* - the first book in the Golden Apple trilogy - was her debut novel and retells the story of the siege of Troy. Her second, *For the Winner*, is a brilliant reimagining of the myth of Atalanta and the legend of Jason, the Argonauts and the search for the Golden Fleece.



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The Child

Fiona Barton

The gripping new psychological thriller from the bestselling author of **THE WIDOW**, which shows just how shocking the truth behind the headlines can be . . .

'Clever and compelling. You'll love THE CHILD' Clare Mackintosh

The bestselling author of 2016's breakout debut, **THE WIDOW**, returns with her new dark, unputdownable thriller.

When a paragraph in an evening newspaper reveals a decades-old tragedy, most readers barely give it a glance. But for three strangers it's impossible to ignore.

For one woman, it's a reminder of the worst thing that ever happened to her.

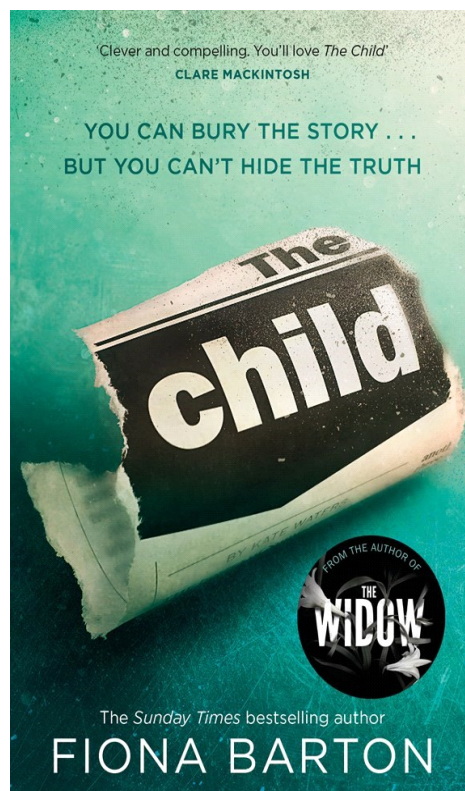
For another, it reveals the dangerous possibility that her darkest secret is about to be discovered.

And for the third, a journalist, it's the first clue in a hunt to uncover the truth.

The Child's story will be told.

'Fiona Barton is a major new talent' M J Arlidge

Fiona Barton trains and works with journalists all over the world. Previously, she was a senior writer at the *Daily Mail*, news editor at the *Daily Telegraph*, and chief reporter at the *Mail on Sunday*, where she won Reporter of the Year at the British Press Awards. *The Widow* is her first novel and she is working on her second, *The Child*. Born in Cambridge, she currently lives in south-west France.



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A Gathering of Ravens

Scott Oden

Scott Oden - author of the acclaimed *Men of Bronze* and *The Lion of Cairo* - brings together history, myth and fantasy in an epic tale of vengeance and faith, of the Old Ways versus the New, and of a monster - the last of his kind - against mankind.

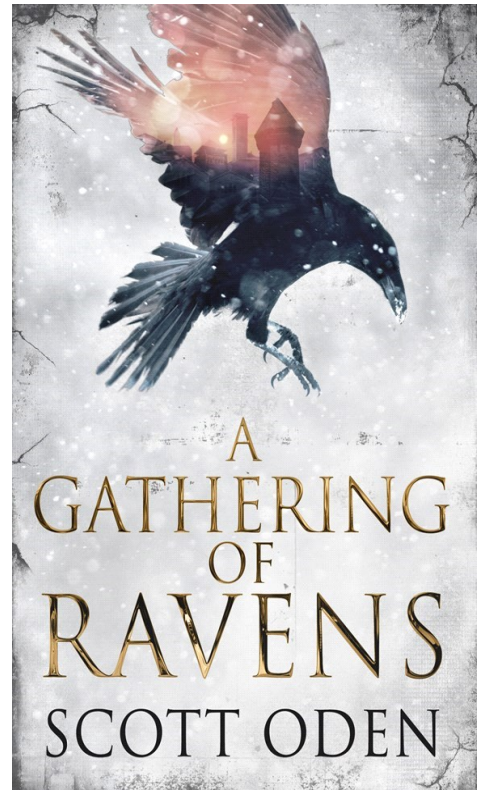
Beowulf meets *The Lord of the Rings* in an epic novel of vengeance, faith and the power of myth.

To the Danes, he is *skraelingr*; to the English, he is *orcnéas*; to the Irish, he is *fomoraig*. He is Corpse-maker and Life-quencher, the Bringer of Night, the Son of the Wolf and Brother of the Serpent. He is Grimnir, and he is the last of his kind—the last in a long line of monsters who have plagued humanity since the Elder Days. Drawn from his lair by a thirst for vengeance against the Dane who slew his brother, Grimnir emerges into a world that's changed. A new faith has arisen. The Old Ways are dying, and their followers retreating into the shadows; even still, Grimnir's vengeance cannot be denied.

Taking a young Christian hostage to be his guide, Grimnir embarks on a journey that takes him from the hinterlands of Denmark, where the wisdom of the ancient dwarves has given way to madness, to the war-torn heart of southern England, where the spirits of the land make violence on one another. And thence to the green shores of Ireland and the Viking stronghold of Dubhlinn, where his enemy awaits.

But, unless Grimnir can set aside his hatreds, his dream of retribution will come to nothing. For Dubhlinn is set to be the site of a reckoning—the Old Ways versus the New—and Grimnir, the last of his kind left to plague mankind, must choose: stand with the Christian King of Ireland and see his vengeance done or stand against him and see it slip away?

Scott Oden was born in Indiana, but has spent most of his life shuffling between his home in rural North Alabama, a Hobbit hole in Middle-earth, and some sketchy tavern in the Hyborian Age. He studied history and English at the University of Alabama. He is an avid reader of fantasy and ancient history, a collector of swords, and a player of tabletop role-playing games. His previous books include *Men of Bronze*, *Memnon* and *The Lion of Cairo*. When not writing, he can be found walking his two dogs or doting on his wife.



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The Last Son's Secret

Rafel Nadal Farreras

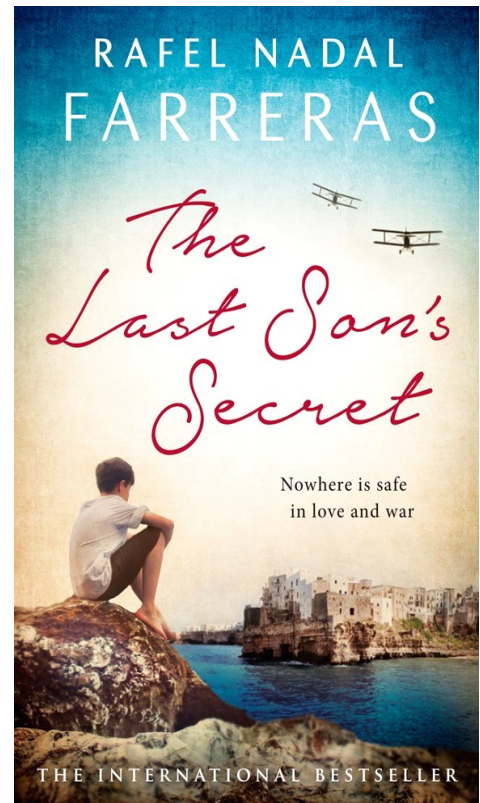
A sweeping story of love and war from a bestselling international author, perfect for fans of Victoria Hislop.

A huge international bestseller, this heartbreaking tale of a tiny Italian village during two World Wars will stay with you forever.

Among the olive groves and vineyards of southern Italy, a boy and a girl are born, moments apart. Far away in the trenches of World War I, their fathers have just died. Now all the men in Vitantonio's family have been wiped out – all twenty-one. All except him.

Growing up together, war seems far away for the two children. But Vitantonio's mother will do anything to protect her son from the curse of death that seems to hang over the family – and so she tells a lie. It is a lie that will bind Vitantonio and Giovanna, the girl who shares his birthday, together over the years. But as the clouds of another war begin to gather on the horizon, it may ultimately drive them apart...

Rafel Nadal Farreras is an award-winning Catalan journalist and author. This is his first novel to be translated into English.



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Best Laid Plans

Kathy Lette

Uproariously funny and provocative, tender and life-affirming, this is Kathy Lette at her very best.

TO DO LIST

- 1) Buy hummus
- 2) Pay Pilates teacher
- 3) Find prostitute for son...

When it comes to sex, even the best laid plans come unstuck – in the stickiest way possible

As a crossword-addicted English teacher, Lucy never expected to be arrested for kerb-crawling. But her autistic twenty-year-old son Merlin is desperate to lose his virginity, and a prostitute seems like the only option . . . only Lucy picks up an undercover policewoman instead.

Let off with a suspended sentence, Lucy resigns herself to the fact that her son will never have sex, let alone find love... until the morning she miraculously discovers Merlin in bed with a girl.

But is tough, tattooed Kayleigh just taking Merlin for a ride? If so, why? And what has brought Lucy's snake of an ex-husband wriggling back into their lives?

As all her best laid plans for Merlin's happiness chaotically unravel, will Lucy ever be able to cut her son's psychological umbilical cord and start to live her own life? And will the funny, quirky and marvellously magical Merlin ever find real love?

With plenty of comic twists and emotional turns, Kathy Lette's riotous yet heartrending novel tackles the taboo subject of sex for the 'differently abled' – and shows us that when it comes to sex, we all have special needs ...

Kathy Lette is a celebrated and outspoken comic writer who has an inimitable take on serious current issues. She is one of the pioneering voices of contemporary feminism, paving the way for Caitlin Moran and Lena Dunham.

She first achieved succès de scandale as a teenager with the novel *Puberty Blues*, which was made into a major film and a TV mini-series. After several years as a newspaper columnist and TV sitcom writer in America and Australia, she's written 11 international bestsellers in her characteristic witty voice, including *Mad Cows*, *How to Kill Your Husband - and Other Handy Household Hints* (staged by the Victorian opera) and *The Boy Who Fell to Earth*. She is known for her regular appearances on BBC and Sky news programmes. She is an ambassador for Women and Children First, Plan International, the White Ribbon Alliance and the NAS.

Kathy Lette lives in London with her husband and two children, and can often be found at The Savoy drinking a cocktail named after her. Kathy is an autodidact (a word she taught herself) but in 2010, received an honorary doctorate from Southampton Solent University.



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Girl Zero

A. A. Dhand

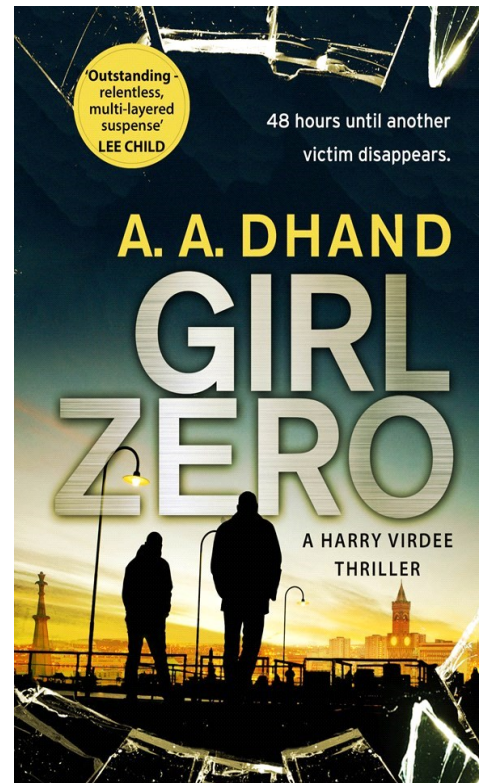
The second in the DI Harry Virdee series - doing for Bradford what *The Wire* did for Baltimore

A character destined for TV' *Daily Mail*

There are some surprises that no-one should ever have to experience. Standing over the body of your beloved – and murdered – niece is one of them. For Detective Inspector Harry Virdee, a man perilously close to the edge, it feels like the beginning of the end. His boss may be telling him he's too close to work the case, but this isn't something that Harry can just let lie. He needs to dive into the murky depths of the Bradford underworld and find the monster that lurks there who killed his flesh and blood.

But before he can, he must tell his brother, Ron, the terrible news. And there is no predicting how he will react. Impulsive, dangerous and alarmingly well connected, Ron will act first and think later. Harry may have a murderer to find but if he isn't careful, he may also have a murder to prevent.

A.A. Dhand was raised in Bradford and spent his youth observing the city from behind the counter of a small convenience store. After qualifying as a pharmacist, he worked in London and travelled extensively before returning to Bradford to start his own business and begin writing. The history, diversity and darkness of the city have inspired his Harry Virdee novels.



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Pendragon

A Novel of the Dark Age

James Wilde

From the bestselling author of the *Hereward* novels comes an epic new adventure of betrayal, battle and bloodshed set during the darkest of times - a time when civilisation itself was foundering, when Britain was facing a Dark Age and in desperate need of a hero...

Here is the beginning of a legend. Long before Camelot rose, a hundred years before the myth of King Arthur was half-formed, at the start of the Red Century, the world was slipping into a Dark Age...

It is AD 367. In a frozen forest beyond Hadrian's Wall, six scouts of the Roman army are found murdered. For Lucanus, known as the Wolf and leader of elite unit called the Arcani, this chilling ritual killing is a sign of a greater threat.

But to the Wolf the far north is a foreign land, a place where daemons and witches and the old gods live on. Only when the child of a friend is snatched will he venture alone into this treacherous world - a territory ruled over by a barbarian horde - in order to bring the boy back home. What he finds there beyond the wall will echo down the years.

A secret game with hidden factions is unfolding in the shadows: cabals from the edge of Empire to the eternal city of Rome itself, from the great pagan monument of Stonehenge to the warrior kingdoms of Gaul will go to any length to find and possess what is believed to be a source of great power, signified by the mark of the Dragon.

A soldier and a thief, a cut-throat, courtesan and a druid, even the Emperor Valentinian himself - each of these has a part to play in the beginnings of this legend...the rise of the House of Pendragon.

James Wilde is a Man of Mercia. Raised in a world of books, the author studied economic history at university before travelling the world in search of adventure. He first encountered the great English warrior, Hereward, in the pages of a comic. It was while visiting the haunted fenlands of Eastern England, Hereward's ancestral home, that he became convinced that this legendary figure should be the subject of his first novel. The 'Hereward' series now runs to six novels, the most recent of which is *Hereward - The Bloody Crown*. James Wilde divides his time between London and the family home in Derbyshire.



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They All Fall Down Tammy Cohen

The psychological thriller of the year from *You Magazine* bookclub favourite, Tammy Cohen: a killer is picking off patients in a psychiatric unit - who is next? With the incredible twists of *BEHIND HER EYES* and psychological suspense of *APPLE TREE YARD*.

**She knows there's a killer on the loose.
But no-one believes her.
Will she be next?**

Hannah had a normal life – a loving husband, a good job. Until she did something shocking.

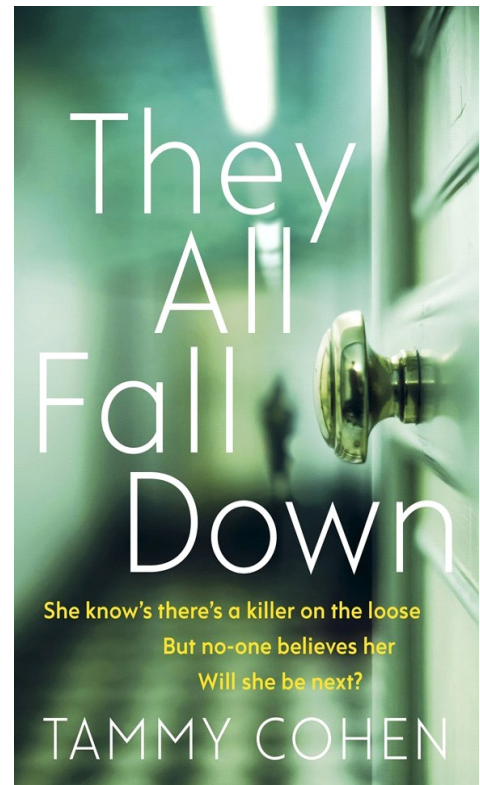
Now she's in a psychiatric clinic. It should be a safe place. But patients keep dying.

The doctors say it's suicide. Hannah knows they're lying.

Can she make anyone believe her before the killer strikes again?

Tammy Cohen (who previously wrote under her formal name Tamar Cohen) has a growing backlist of acclaimed novels of domestic noir including: *The Mistress's Revenge*, *The War of the Wives*, and *Someone Else's Wedding*. Her break-out psychological suspense thriller was *The Broken*, followed by *Dying for Christmas*, *First One Missing* and *When She Was Bad*.

She lives in North London with her partner and three (nearly) grown children, plus one badly behaved dog. Chat with her on Twitter @MsTamarCohen



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The Music Shop

Rachel Joyce

A story about the triumph of a quiet hero. And how music can bring us back to life. The exquisite and perfectly-pitched new novel from the bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, *Perfect* and *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessey*

From the author of the world-wide bestseller, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, a new novel about learning how to listen and how to feel; and about second chances and choosing to be brave despite the odds. Because in the end, music can save us all ...

1988. Frank owns a music shop. It is jam-packed with records of every speed, size and genre. Classical, jazz, punk – as long as it's vinyl he sells it. Day after day Frank finds his customers the music they need.

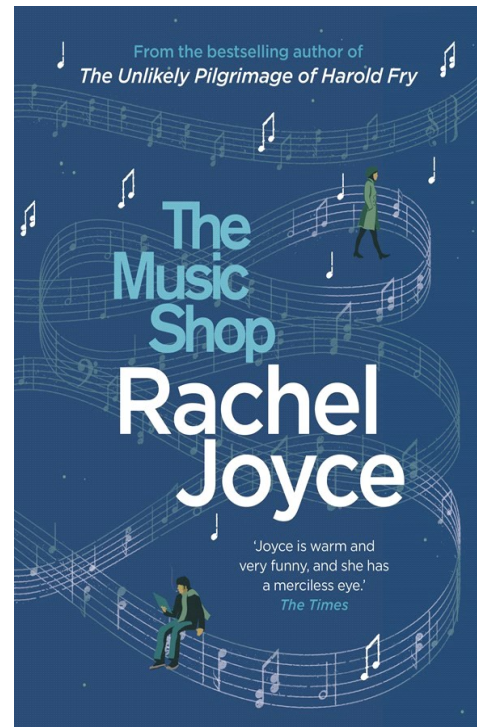
Then into his life walks Ilse Brauchmann.

Ilse asks Frank to teach her about music. His instinct is to turn and run. And yet he is drawn to this strangely still, mysterious woman with her pea-green coat and her eyes as black as vinyl. But Ilse is not what she seems. And Frank has old wounds that threaten to re-open and a past he will never leave behind ...

Rachel Joyce is the author of the *Sunday Times* and international bestsellers *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, *Perfect*, *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessey*, and a collection of interlinked short stories, *A Snow Garden & Other Stories*. Her work has been translated into thirty-six languages.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Book prize and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize. Rachel was awarded the Specsavers National Book Awards 'New Writer of the Year' in December 2012 and shortlisted for the 'UK Author of the Year' 2014.

Rachel has also written over twenty original afternoon plays and adaptations of the classics for BBC Radio 4, including all the Bronte novels. She moved to writing after a long career as an actor, performing leading roles for the RSC, the National Theatre and Cheek by Jowl.



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A Stranger in the House

Shari Lapena

Your home still isn't the safe place it should be in this electrifying new thriller from the author of *The Couple Next Door*,

Your home still isn't the safe place it should be, in Shari Lapena's pulse-pounding new thriller.

You come home after a long day at work, ready for dinner with your wife.

But she's not there. And it looks like she left in a blind panic. Her mobile phone and her bag are still in the house.

You fear the worst. You call the police.

And they tell you that your wife's been in an accident. She lost control of her car as she sped through a street on the worst side of town. But why would she go there? Was she running towards something? Away from something?

The police think she was up to no good.

You refuse to believe it.

Then you start to wonder. You've been married for three years and you thought you knew her better than anyone on earth.

But maybe you don't.

Shari Lapena worked as a lawyer and as an English teacher before writing fiction. Her debut thriller, *The Couple Next Door* was a global bestseller.



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Our Memory Like Dust

Gavin Chait

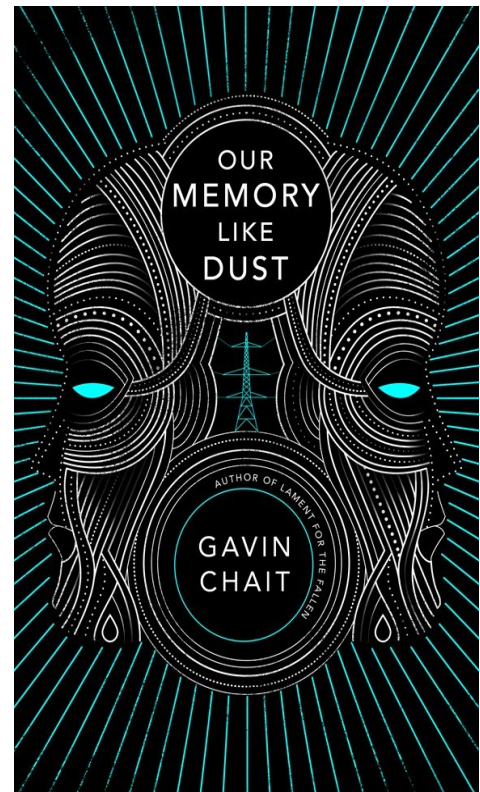
Resonating with today's headlines, the author of the acclaimed *Lament for the Fallen* looks to a future at once tainted with despair but buoyed up by hope in his second, extraordinary novel - a must-read for fans of Lauren Beukes and Nnedi Okorafor as much as David Mitchell, Michael Faber and Emily St John Mandel.

Why do we tell stories? To hold on to what has been loved and lost, to create new myths, to explain and teach in ways that seep into memory. Shakiso Collard leads the evacuation from Benghazi as *jihadis* overwhelm the refugee camp where she works. On arrival in Paris, she is betrayed by her boss, Otkar Samboa, and watches in despair as those she illegally helped escape are deported back to the warzones of Libya.

Elsewhere, Farinata Uberti - strongman CEO of Rosneft, the world's largest energy company - arrives in London after triggering a violent insurrection in Tanzania to destroy a potential rival in the oil market. In the Sahara, an air convoy on its way to deliver billions of dollars of drugs and weapons to Ansar Dine *jihadis* crashes and is lost. A year later, having spent months in hiding, Shakiso travels to West Africa. She is there to lead the relief effort that are hoping to stop the 200 million refugees fleeing war and environmental collapse heading for a fortified and fragmented Europe.

As the myths of these millions seeking new lives across the Mediterranean intrude into reality, Shakiso is drawn into the brutal clandestine fight against Rosneft's domination of European energy supplies being conducted by the mysterious Simon Adaro. And, deep within the disorienting *Harmattan* storms of the desert, a group of *jihadis* have gone in search of the crashed convoy of planes - and a terror that could overwhelm them all.

Born in Cape Town in 1974, Gavin Chait emigrated to the UK eight years ago. He has degrees in Microbiology & Biochemistry, and Electrical Engineering. He is an economic development strategist and data scientist, and has travelled extensively in Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia and is now based in Oxford. *Lament for the Fallen* - his first novel - has its origins in a story he attempted to write when he was a science fiction-obsessed twelve year old.



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I Know a Secret (Rizzoli & Isles 12) **Tess Gerritsen**

The eagerly anticipated new Rizzoli & Isles thriller from No. 1 bestselling author Tess Gerritsen.

**I have a secret.
And someone wants to make sure I never tell . . .**

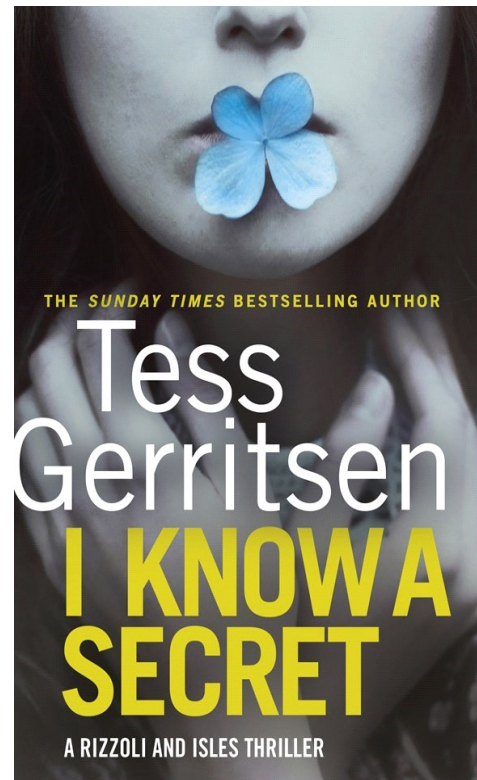
In a house decorated with horror movie posters, a young woman's body is found. She lies on her bed, two bloodied objects clutched in her palm. **Detective Jane Rizzoli** and **Forensic Pathologist Maura Isles** are called to the murder scene, but even faced with this gruesome sight they are unable to identify the immediate cause of death.

Their investigation leads them to a high-profile murder case that was seemingly solved years before. But when another body is found in horrific circumstances, the link between the two bodies is clear. Was the wrong person sent to prison? Is the real killer out there right now, picking off new targets?

One woman knows the killer is coming for her next. She's the only one who can help Rizzoli and Isles catch him.

But she has a secret that she has to keep . . .

Bestselling author **Tess Gerritsen** is also a physician, and she brings to her novels her first-hand knowledge of emergency and autopsy rooms. Her thrillers starring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles inspired the hit TV series *Rizzoli & Isles*. But Tess's interests span far more than medicine and crime. As an anthropology student at Stanford University, she catalogued centuries-old human remains, and she continues to travel the world, driven by her fascination with ancient cultures and bizarre natural phenomena. For more information on Tess Gerritsen and her novels, visit her website: www.tessgerritsen.com



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Deadhouse Landing

Path to Ascendancy Book 2

Ian C. Esslemont

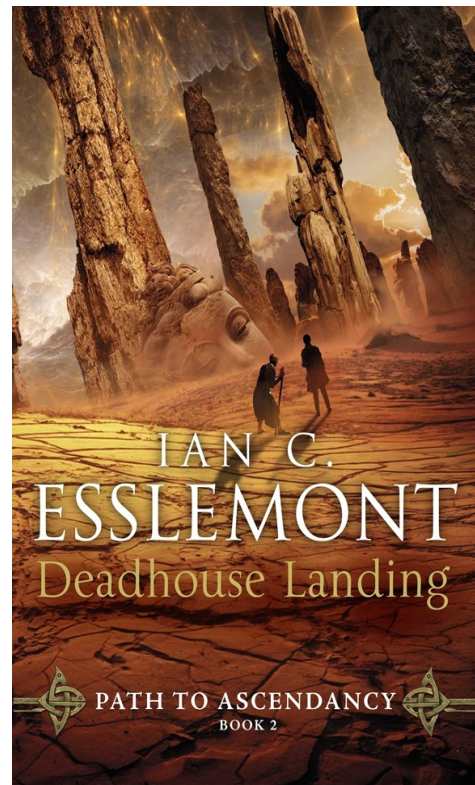
Essential reading for Malazan fans, this enthralling second chapter in Ian C. Esslemont's awesome epic fantasy sequence that began with the acclaimed *Dancer's Lament* returns to that troubled continent's turbulent early history.

Returning readers to the turbulent early history of what would become the Malazan Empire, the second chapter in Ian C. Esslemont's thrilling new epic fantasy sequence . . .

After the disappointments of Li Heng, Dancer and Kellanved wash up on a small insignificant island named Malaz. Immediately, of course, Kellanved plans to take it over. To do so they join forces with a small band of Napans who have fled a civil war on their own home island. The plan, however, soon goes awry as Kellanved develops a strange and dangerous fascination for a mysterious ancient structure found on the island.

The chaos in the region extends to the metaphysical planes also as a young priest of D'rek starts to question the rot at the heart of the worship of the god of decay. And back in Li Heng, Dassem, now the proclaimed Sword of Hood, finds himself being blamed for a plague which leads him to a crisis of faith - and searching for answers. During all this, war with the neighbouring island of Nap threatens, recruited allies wonder at Kellanved's sanity, and powerful entities take more of an interest in the little mage from Dal Hon. Dancer faces a hard choice: should he give up on his partnership? Especially when the fellow's obsession with shadows and ancient artefacts brings the both of them alarmingly close to death and destruction. After all, who in his right mind would actually wish to enter an Elder mystery known to everyone as the 'Deadhouse'?

Born in Winnipeg in 1962, IAN CAMERON ESSLEMONT has studied and worked as an archaeologist, travelled extensively in South East Asia and lived in Thailand and Japan for several years. He now lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, with his wife and children. He has a creative writing degree and his novels *Night of Knives*, *Return of the Crimson Guard*, *Stonewielder*, *Orb Sceptre Throne*, *Blood and Bone* and *Assail* are all set in the fantasy world of Malaz that he co-created with Steven Erikson. His latest novel, *Dancer's Lament*, begins an exciting new series that is set in the same extraordinarily imagined world.



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Glory of Rome

(Gaius Valerius Verrens 8)
Douglas Jackson

Gaius Valerius Verrens, once the friend of emperors and sometime Hero of Rome, returns to the furthest reaches of the Empire - to Britannia - to lead the Ninth Legion in its bid to quell a savage uprising by the Celtic tribes and their defiant and scheming Druids...

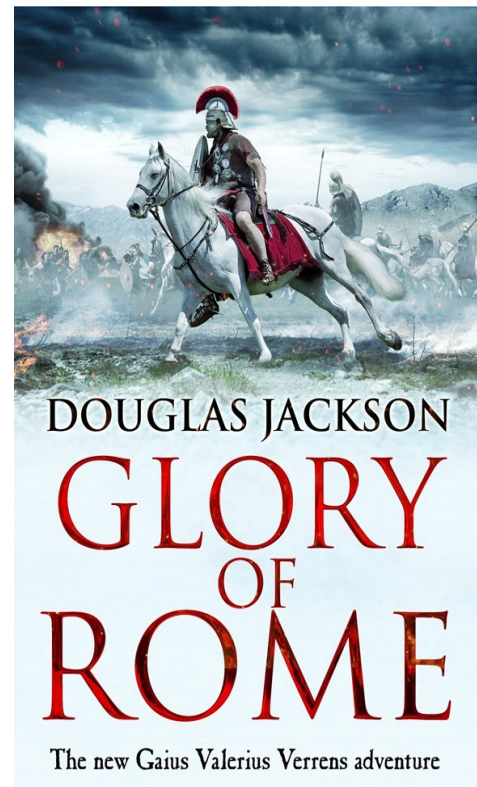
77AD. Gaius Valerius Verrens is an honoured member of Emperor Vespasian's inner circle, but the enmity between him and Vespasian's son Domitian means that, even in Rome, danger is never far away. Meanwhile, in the outer reaches of the Empire, in Britannia, trouble is brewing.

The governor, Gnaeus Julius Agricola is preparing to march his legions north and Valerius is Agricola's chief legal adviser and deputy governor. It's the opportunity he seeks to move his wife and son out of reach of Domitian's wrath. But Britannia is where Valerius cut his military teeth and whetted his sword - and he will soon discover that the ghosts of his past are never far away and are more dangerous perhaps than Domitian.

The massacre of a Roman garrison and suspicious death of the legate of the Ninth Legion throw Agricola's preparations into confusion. Now his eyes turn west to Mona, the Druids Isle, where the Celtic priesthood still harbours hopes of ridding Britannia of Roman rule. But to deal with the druids and their savage Ordovice protectors Agricola needs a soldier he can trust at the head of the 'unlucky' Ninth. Only one man in the province has the experience and the ability . . .

So a reluctant Valerius must put aside his scrolls and pick up his sword once more and march beside the eagle of the Ninth. It's only as he stands on the shoreline opposite Mona that he understands any glory his new legion wins is likely to be fleeting and tainted - and that he has placed his family in deadly peril.

A journalist by profession, Douglas Jackson transformed a lifelong fascination for Rome and the Romans into his first two novels highly-praised novels, *Caligula* and *Claudius*. His third novel, *Hero of Rome*, introduced readers to his new series hero, Gaius Valerius Verrens. *Defender of Rome*, *Avenger of Rome* and *Sword of Rome* followed, winning critical acclaim and confirming Douglas as one of the UK's foremost historical novelists. An active member of the Historical Writers Association and the Historical Novels Society, He lives near Stirling in Scotland.



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The Lemon Tree Café Cathy Bramley

A deliciously cosy story of family, friendship and a little *dolce vita*, from bestseller Cathy Bramley.

The Lemon Tree Cafe was originally published as a four-part serial. This is the complete story in one package.

A deliciously cosy story of family, friendship and a little *dolce vita*, perfect for fans of Milly Johnson, Trisha Ashley and Katie Fforde.

Your favourite authors have loved reading bestseller Cathy Bramley:

'Full of joy and fun' **Milly Johnson**

'Delightful!' **Katie Fforde**

'Perfect, feel-good loveliness' **Miranda Dickinson**

Cathy Bramley is the author of the bestselling romantic comedies *Ivy Lane*, *Appleby Farm* and *Wickham Hall*, *The Plumberry School of Comfort Food* (all four-part serialised novels) and *Conditional Love*. She lives in a Nottinghamshire village with her husband, two daughters and a dog.

Cathy loves to hear from her readers. You can get in touch via her website www.CathyBramley.co.uk, Facebook page [Facebook.com/CathyBramleyAuthor](https://www.facebook.com/CathyBramleyAuthor) or on Twitter: twitter.com/CathyBramley



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The Telephone Girls Jenny Holmes

A wonderful story of camaraderie, friendship and triumph over adversity set in 1930s Bradford, perfect for fans of Katie Flynn, Donna Douglas.

1936. George Street in Bradford houses a gleaming, brand-new telephone exchange where a group of capable girls works the complicated electrical switchboards. Among them are Cynthia, Norma and Millicent, who relish the busy, efficient atmosphere and the independence and friendship their jobs have given them.

But when Millicent connects a telephone call for an old friend, and listens in to the conversation - breaking one of the telephonists' main rules - she, and then Norma and Cynthia too, become caught up in a story of scandal, corruption and murder.

Soon, the jobs of all three girls are on the line.
Norma's romance is in ruins.
And Millicent has entered a world of vice . . .

In tough times, the telephone girls will need to call on their friends more than ever.

A wonderful story of camaraderie, friendship and triumph over adversity that fans of Daisy Styles, Donna Douglas and Call the Midwife will adore.

Jenny Holmes lives in a beautiful part of Yorkshire and sets her sagas in the industrial heartland nearby. She enjoys horse riding, gardening and walking her dog in the dales. She also writes children's books as Jenny Oldfield.



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Last Stop Tokyo

James Buckler

A thriller writer like no other; James Buckler finds the pulse-pounding drama in life's closest connections and our biggest mistakes, played out far from home.

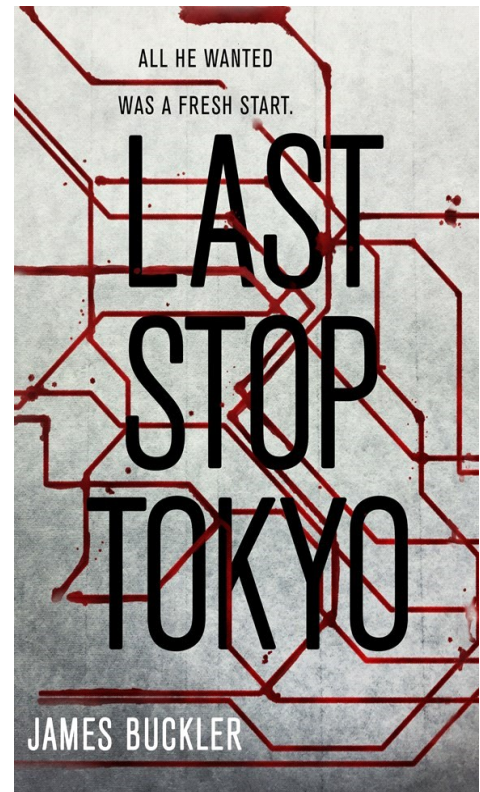
The funny thing with suffering is just when you think you've suffered enough, you realize it's only the beginning.

Alex thought running away would make everything better. Six thousand miles from the mistakes he's made and the people he's hurt, Tokyo seems like the perfect escape. A new life, a new Alex.

The bright lights and dark corners of this alien and fascinating city intoxicate him, and he finds himself transfixed by this country, which feels like a puzzle that no one can quite explain. And when Alex meets the enigmatic and alluring Naoko, the peace he sought slips ever further from his grasp.

After all, trust is just betrayal waiting to happen and Alex is about to find out that there's no such thing as rock bottom. There's always the chance it'll get worse . . .

James Buckler grew up in the South West of England and currently lives in London though he has lived in America and Japan, where he worked as an English teacher. He studied Film at the University of Westminster and worked in film & TV for many years, most notably as a post-production specialist for MTV and BBC Films. *Last Stop Tokyo* is his debut novel.



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Ultimatum

Frank Gardner

SIS officer Luke Carlton returns in the explosive, action-packed new thriller from the author of the acclaimed top ten bestseller, *Crisis* - BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner.

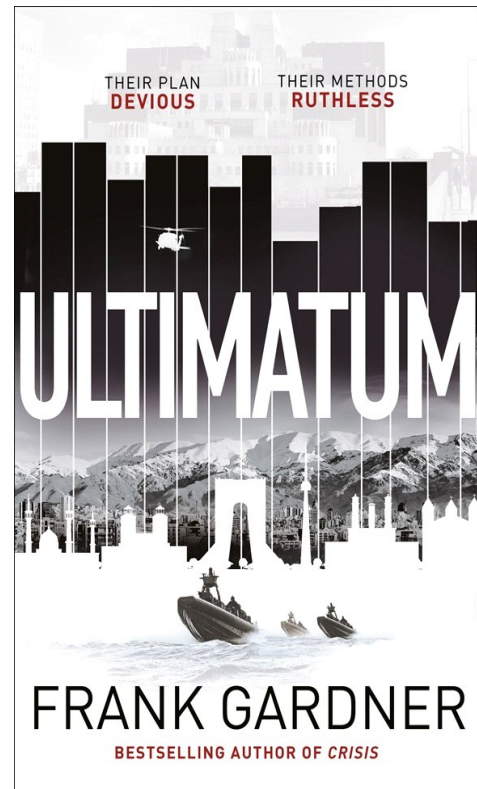
The edgy and highly contemporary setting for Frank Gardner's action-packed new thriller is Iran.

After helping to avert a deadly attack on London, Luke Carlton has been welcomed on board as a full-fledged member of SIS and is assigned the role of case officer running agents. He is sent undercover into Iran to 'turn' and recruit an officer in that country's infamous Revolutionary Guard Corps: the word is that a conservative group within the IRGC doesn't like the direction post-revolutionary Iran appear to be taking and are planning something big to embarrass their own government - and frighten the country's new 'allies' in the West.

The intelligence services need to find out who and what, and fast...but then a senior British government minister on an official visit to Iran goes missing, his close protection officers are found murdered...

Born in 1961, Frank Gardner is the BBC's Security Correspondent, reporting for television and radio on issues of domestic and international security, notably on Islamist extremist related terrorism. A fluent Arabist, with a degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies, he was previously the BBC's Middle East Correspondent based in Cairo, and before that in Dubai. In June 2004, while reporting in Riyadh, Frank and his cameraman, Simon Cumbers, were ambushed by Islamist gunmen. Simon was killed outright, Frank was shot multiple times and left for dead. Against all expectations, he survived and, in 2006, published his acclaimed and bestselling memoir, *Blood and Sand*. In 2009 he published *Far Horizons*, a much praised account of his life as an inveterate traveller and explorer. He has written for the *Economist*, *Sunday Times*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Time Out* and has been published in *The Best of Sunday Times Travel Writing*.

Awarded an OBE in 2005 for services to journalism, Frank Gardner was profiled in the BBC's television series, *Who Do You Think You Are?* in September 2015. Frank lives in London with his family.



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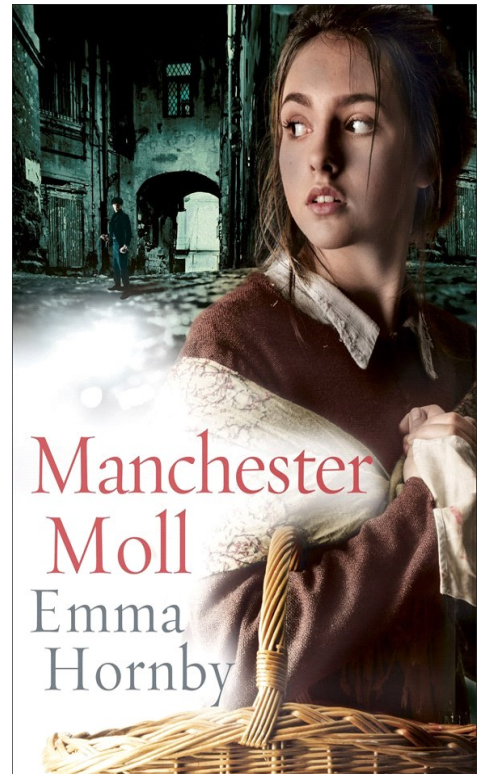
Manchester Moll

Emma Hornby

Gritty and page-turning historical saga set in 1860s Bolton and Manchester, perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Rosie Goodwin.

Powerful, absorbing storytelling that is perfect for fans of saga by Dilly Court, Rosie Goodwin and Maggie Hope.

Thirty-two-year-old mother of three Emma Hornby lives on a tight-knit working-class estate in Bolton and has read sagas all her life. Before pursuing a career as a novelist, she had a variety of jobs, from care assistant for the elderly, to working in a Blackpool rock factory. She was inspired to write after researching her family history; like the characters in her books, many generations of her family eked out life amidst the squalor and poverty of Lancashire's slums.



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Origin

(Robert Langdon Book 5)

Dan Brown

The spellbinding **new Robert Langdon novel** from the author of *The Da Vinci Code*.

'Dan Brown is the master of the intellectual cliffhanger' *Wall Street Journal*

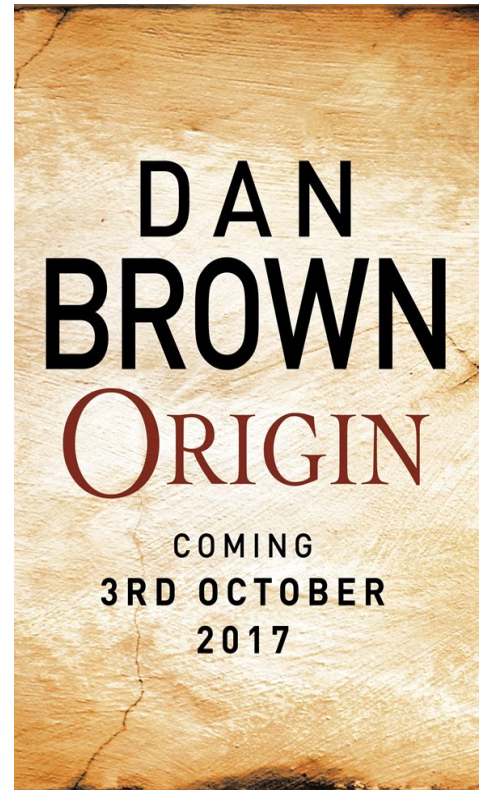
'As engaging a hero as you could wish for' *Mail on Sunday*

'For anyone who wants more brain-food than thrillers normally provide' *Sunday Times*

Dan Brown is the bestselling author of *Digital Fortress*, *Deception Point*, *Angels and Demons*, *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Lost Symbol* and most recently, *Inferno*. Three of his Robert Langdon novels have been adapted for the screen by Ron Howard, starring Tom Hanks. They have all been international blockbusters.

His new Robert Langdon novel, *Origin* will be out in Autumn 2017.

Dan Brown is a graduate of Amherst College and Phillips Exeter Academy, where he has taught English and Creative Writing. He lives in New England.



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Line of Fire (Nick Stone Thriller 19) **Andy McNab**

Nick Stone returns in an up-to-the-minute thriller - ripped fresh from the headlines.

Nick Stone is back in an up-to-the-minute thriller - ripped fresh from the headlines.

Stone has returned to London.

Both the UK and the US are in a state of unrest and ever more extreme politicians are looking to take advantage of an unstable world.

Their motives are unclear. But their threat is real.

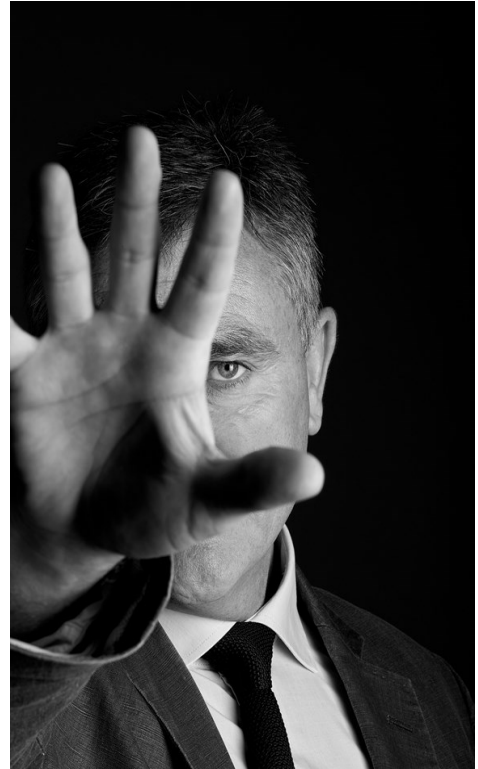
Who are they really working for?

From the day he was found in a carrier bag on the steps of Guy's Hospital in London, Andy McNab has led an extraordinary life.

As a teenage delinquent, Andy McNab kicked against society. As a young soldier he waged war against the IRA in the streets and fields of South Armagh. As a member of 22 SAS he was at the centre of covert operations for nine years – on five continents. During the Gulf War he commanded Bravo Two Zero, a patrol that, in the words of his commanding officer, 'will remain in regimental history for ever'. Awarded both the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and Military Medal (MM) during his military career, McNab was the British Army's most highly decorated serving soldier when he finally left the SAS.

Since then Andy McNab has become one of the world's best-selling writers, drawing on his insider knowledge and experience. As well as several non-fiction bestsellers including *Bravo Two Zero*, the biggest selling British work of military history, he is the author of the best-selling Nick Stone and Tom Buckingham thrillers. He has also written a number of books for children.

Besides his writing work, he lectures to security and intelligence agencies in both the USA and UK, works in the film industry advising Hollywood on everything from covert procedure to training civilian actors to act like soldiers. He continues to be a spokesperson and fundraiser for both military and literacy charities.



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The Travelling Cat Chronicles

Hiro Arikawa

The Japanese sensational bestseller: the life-affirming journey of a man and his cat. Translated by Philip Gabriel, a translator of Murakami.

A JAPANESE BESTSELLING SENSATION

TRANSLATED BY PHILIP GABRIEL, A TRANSLATOR OF MURAKAMI

TO BE PUBLISHED IN OVER TEN LANGUAGES

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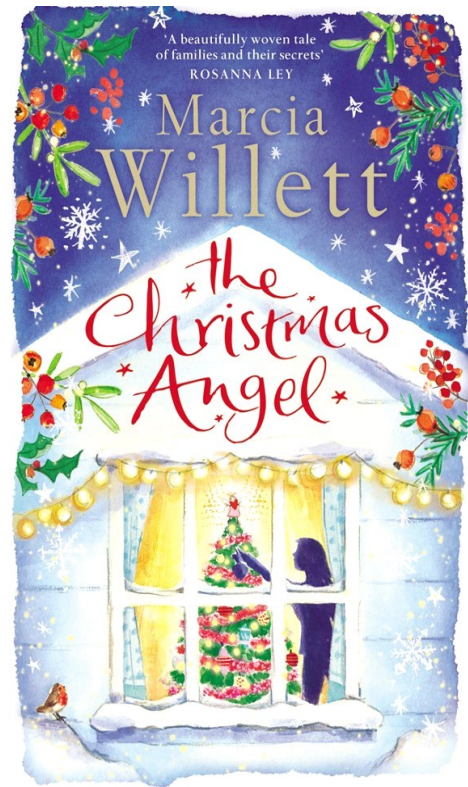
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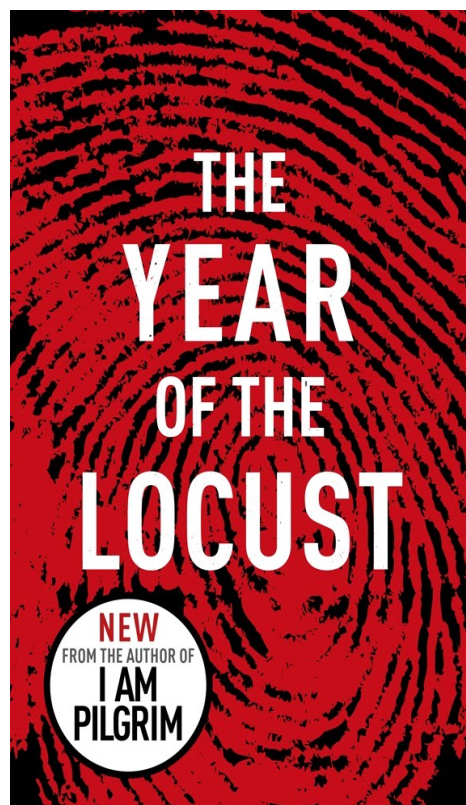
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