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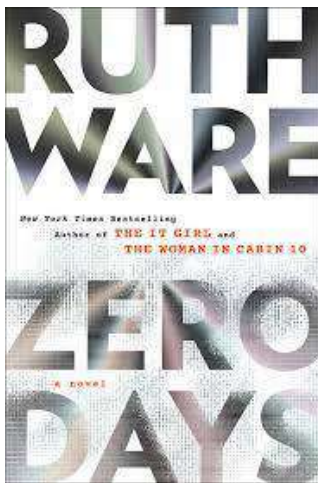
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Zero Days by Ruth Ware

Simon and Schuster (UK acquiring editor Suzanne Baboneau)
WEL
NEW YORK TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER
NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER IN CANADA
SOLD IN TEN LANGUAGES

"There is an inexhaustible appetite in thriller writers for using the dreaming spires and glamorous students of Oxford as a backdrop but Ruth Ware steers her latest, elegant book away from the clichés thanks to her firm grip on the psychology of the two main characters". Christena Appleyard, *The Daily Mail*



The *New York Times* bestselling "new Agatha Christie" (*Air Mail*) Ruth Ware returns with this adrenaline-fueled thriller that combines *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* with *The Fugitive* about a woman in a race against time to clear her name and find her husband's murderer.

Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband, Gabe, are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect—her.

Suddenly on the run and quickly running out of options, Jack must decide who she can trust as she circles closer to the real killer in this unputdownable and heart-pounding mystery from an author whose "propulsive prose keeps readers on the hook and refuses to let anyone off until all has been revealed" (*Shelf Awareness*).

Author Biography:

Ruth Ware is an international number one bestseller author of nine titles to date. Her novels have appeared on bestseller lists around the world including the *New York Times* and *Sunday Times*.

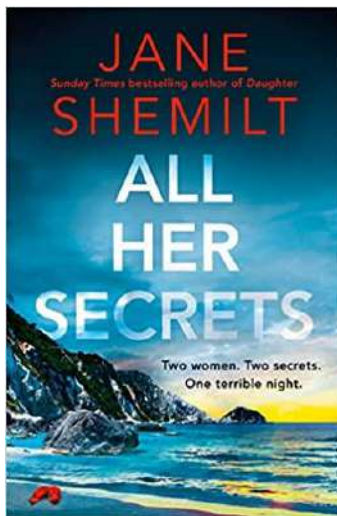
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All Her Secrets by Jane Shemilt

HarperCollins UK (Phoebe Morgan)
UK & Commonwealth

Wm Morrow USA (Rachel Kahan)

A shocking and twisty novel of psychological suspense about a boundary-breaking relationship between a therapist and her patient by #1 international bestselling author of *The Daughter*.



PAXOS, GREECE

A young girl meets two boys on the beach one hot summer night. Her life will never be the same again.

LONDON, ENGLAND

Julia is the perfect spouse, mother, cook, cleaner and speech writer to her husband, James. But behind it all is a stifled woman trapped in a gilded cage. When she meets Laurel, a therapist who promises fulfilment, Julia opens herself up to the hope of a different future.

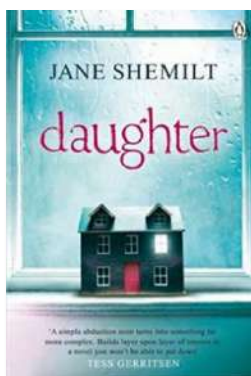
BOUND BY THE PAST

But what happened in Greece all those years ago that binds these two women together? And will uncovering the truth destroy everything... or set them free?

Author biography:

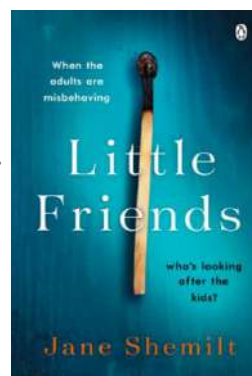
Jane Shemilt is a medical doctor and the author of four previous novels including the Sunday Times and NYT bestselling "Daughter".

More from the author



Sunday Times Bestseller

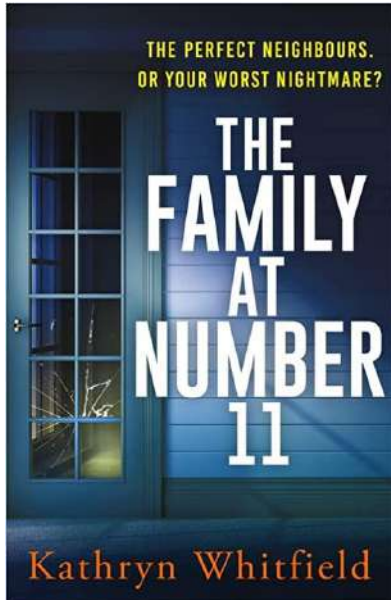
Her daughter has gone missing. But did she ever really know her...



Their children are friends first. They hit it off immediately, as kids do. And so the parents are forced to get to know each other. Three wildly different couples. Three marriages, floundering.

The Family at Number 11 by Kathryn Whitfield

Headline Accent (Bea Grabowska) WEL



The perfect neighbours. Or your worst nightmare?

Penny and Jake live in a beautiful home in a beautiful neighbourhood with their beautiful baby boy. It's the perfect life. Except that Penny is desperately lonely and can't shake the feeling that she isn't bonding with her baby like she should be.

So when Celia moves in across the street with her husband, Pete, and their gorgeous children, Penny is delighted to have a friend.

But things aren't quite what they seem behind closed doors. Because Celia and Pete have a secret. And the truth threatens to devastate everyone around them.

A completely gripping and unputdownable psychological suspense that will have you turning the pages long into the night. Perfect for fans of The Family Across the Street, The Woman Next Door and Shari Lapena.

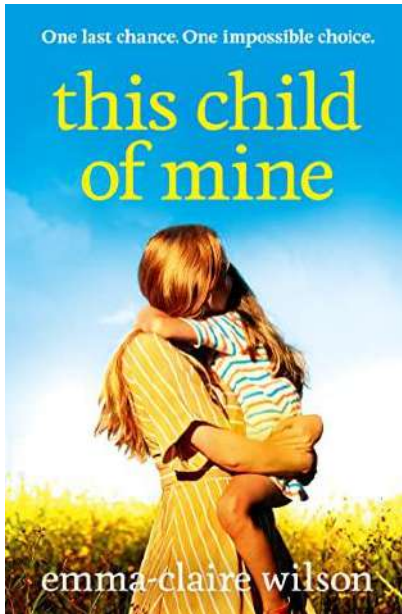
Author Biography:

Kathryn Whitfield works in the NHS and lives in Staffordshire with her husband and two young children. She started writing her debut psychological thriller, *The Family at Number 11*, during new-born naps whilst on maternity leave. She is a Curtis Brown Creative alumna and later won a place as a mentee at Kate Nash Literary Agency where she finished drafting her debut novel.

This Child of Mine by Emma-Claire Wilson

Avon Books (Elisha Lundin)

A new voice in emotionally-charged family suspense fiction
Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult



This Child of Mine follows the story of Stephanie who, after years of trying for a baby, finds out she's pregnant on what is supposed to be the happiest day of her life. But on the very same day that she learns she is to be a mother, she is also diagnosed a life-threatening illness. The treatment that she needs to save her life will – it appears – mean that her dreams of motherhood will be lost forever. It is the moment that no one ever wants to face – the most terrible of decisions. As Stephanie navigates her way through this hell, her marriage begins to crumble and long-buried family secrets surface.

Can Stephanie find the strength to face these challenges head on? And who will she choose to save?

A completely heart-breaking yet uplifting story of love, loss and hope, *This Child of Mine* is inspired by Emma-Claire Wilson's own real-life experiences.

Avon editor Elisha Lundin said: 'I tore through This Child of Mine in one tear-stained sitting. Emma's writing is so beautiful that I was hooked from the start. It has a compelling and emotional dilemma at its centre, and I can't wait for readers far and wide to be agonising over it in their book clubs!'

About the author:

Emma-Claire Wilson is a writer and mentor who loved nothing more than using her writing to explore tough subjects and issues that affect us on a daily basis. She endeavours to create deep and affecting characters whose own moral judgements will stay with you long after the closed the book. When she's not writing fiction, Emma-Claire is a freelance journalist. She is mother to two daughters.

The Blame by Charlotte Gifford

Bedford Square Press (Laura Fletcher) WEL

A new voice in psychological suspense for fans of Tana French
Soon to be a major television series



COVER
TO BE
REVEALED

Two detectives begin a love affair, only for one of them to become a prime suspect in a chilling murder.

Detective Erin Crane is assigned to the investigation into sixteen-year-old Sophie Madson's murder along with her partner, detective Tom Radley. Over the years they've formed a close professional bond built on mutual trust and a shared contempt for the unscrupulous head of the anti-corruption team, Walker. This case will prove a bigger test of their relationship than either of them could ever have imagined.

During the investigation, Tom discovers Erin's biggest secret: that she put a man, Alan Vogel, in prison under false evidence. But to her surprise, far from driving them apart, the revelation brings them closer together, and Tom and Erin embark on a love affair - despite the risk to their careers and the case. Then Erin discovers dashcam footage from a van driver, showing Sophie Madson getting into Tom's car barely an hour before she died. Tom becomes the prime suspect in the murder case and everything Erin thought she could trust begins to crumble...

About the author:

Charlotte Gifford is a magazine journalist. The television rights to 'The Blame' have been snapped up at auction by the multi-award-winning producer, Nicola Shindler, whose track record includes 'Happy Valley', 'Last Tango in Halifax' and Harlen Coben's 'The Stranger'.

Five Nights by Rachel Wolf



A gripping standalone thriller uncovering the dark secrets of a rich and powerful Italian family over five nights on a luxury yacht on the Amalfi coast.

Mattia Scarmado, media and shipping empire mogul is about to retire. He has taken his four children and beautiful new wife, Belle, on the maiden voyage of his new toy – a luxury cruise ship. The world anxiously awaits news of who will succeed Mattia when he retires.

On board, wife Belle finds herself out of her depth. She invites best friend Emily to join her, an ally against the feuding stepchildren. From the moment they set off, sinister things start to occur: one son disappears, a second falls ill, and Mattia's daughter's business is sabotaged. And, looming over it all, is the big unanswered question. What really happened to Mattia's first wife?

Rachel Wolf is the pen-name for author Rachael Blok, a thriller writer. This is her first standalone novel which will be published by Head of Zeus in Spring 2023

More from this author – the DCI Jansen series



The sins of the past echo in the present In the new literary thriller from crime-critic favourite, Rachael Blok.

The bigger the sin, the further the fall...

With Easter approaching, the verger of St Albans Cathedral was supposed to be readying the church. Instead he discovers a man lying dead, fallen from the famous 150-foot-high tower. Did he jump, or was he pushed?

For DCI Maarten Jansen, it's a simple case of suspected suicide. Until a stranger, Willow, who witnessed the jump, prompts a deeper investigation into a long-buried past, involving a psychiatric hospital, a pregnant woman, and fifty years of silence. As Willow's own family history entwines with the case, Jansen starts to wonder how everything is connected.

The Fall is a haunting literary thriller about loss, trauma, silence, and how our past shapes who we are.

Author biography:

Rachel Blok's psychological crime series is set in the English cathedral city of St Albans. Here, DCI Maarten Jansen struggles against his plain-speaking Dutch upbringing when faced with the seemingly polite world of the picturesque city. You do not need to read these in order to enjoy them!

Long Lost Girl by Jill Childs

Bookouture
WEL



There isn't a day I don't think of you, my poor lost girl. I remember the sweet, milky smell of your skin, the shape of your lips. You were perfect, lying there in my arms, as tiny as a bird and just as weightless. Oh, my love, come back to me. Find me... before it's too late.

The latest novel from bestselling writer Jill Child. When sweet, giggly three-year-old Sara disappeared it tore her family apart.

Then, one day, whilst her mom and grandma are in a crowded local café, a beautiful girl approaches, claiming to be Sara. With her wide green eyes and smooth, straight hair, could she really be their long-lost girl? But where has she been all this time and was somebody stopping her from coming home?

Soon, Sara is turning up for Sunday lunch, and then moving her things into the snug bedroom upstairs. But as Sara makes herself at home, not everyone is happy that she's back in their lives once more. Long-held secrets are threatening to surface, and someone in our tight-knit family doesn't want them to be told. It seems Sara isn't the only one who could be hiding who she *really* is...

A gripping page-turner about three generations of family secrets. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Kelly Rimmer and Kerry Fisher won't be able to put this book down.

Author biography

Jill Childs is the bestselling author of *Gracie's Secret* (280,000 copies sold to date), *Invisible Girl* (47,000 copies sold to date) and *Jessica's Promise* (45,000 copies sold to date). She has always loved stories - real and imaginary. She's spent 30 years travelling the world as a journalist for the BBC, living overseas and reporting wherever the news took her. She's now made her home in London with her husband and twin girls who love stories as much as she does.

Although she's covered everything from earthquakes and floods, riots and wars, she's found some of the most extraordinary stories right here at home - in the secrets and lies she imagines behind closed doors on ordinary streets, just like yours.

FICTION

The Gin Sisters' Promise by Faith Hogan

Head of Zeus (Hannah Smith/Laura Palmer)

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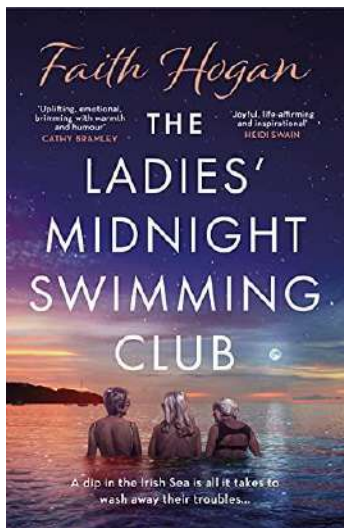
Kindle Bestseller

Over Half a Million Copies of Faith's books now sold on Kindle.

"... a nicely blended cocktail of all the fizzy ingredients required for an enjoyable poolside tippie" The Times



Faith Hogan has quietly been selling thousands of copies of her books every year. She has clocked up nearly **half a million** sales with Head of Zeus for her five backlist titles. This sparkling new novel from Faith introduces readers to three sisters, each at different stages of life, who are summoned back to their beautiful family home in Ireland following the death of their father. They will inherit his millions on the proviso that they agree to spend six months together and learn the art of making the family gin. Will they find a way back to the love they felt for each other when they were children, or will the past overshadow the solemn task that lies ahead.

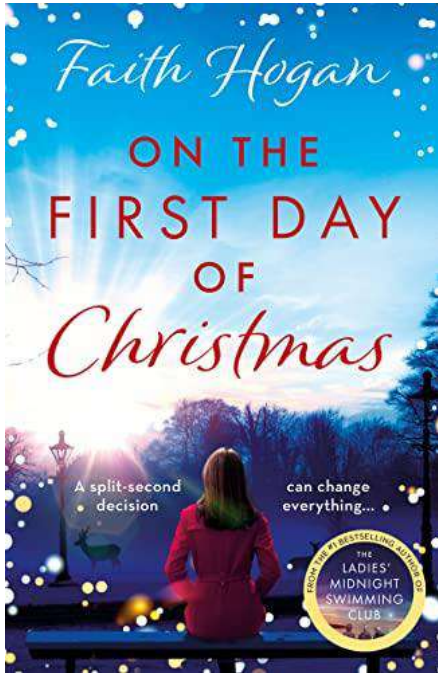


Also by Faith Hogan, The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club, a huge Kindle bestseller and international success. The story of three women brought together when one of them become fatally ill and between them they share their hopes and dreams during midnight swims.

Primary agent: Judith Murdoch. Translation rights: DLA. Published: June 2022. Option publishers: Slovenia, Serbia, Macedonia, Kossuth Hungary and Prostor Czech Republic

The First Day of Christmas by Faith Hogan

Head of Zeus
WEL



A gorgeous new festive read from the Kindle #1 bestselling author of *The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club*.

Sliding Doors meets *One Day in December*

This Christmas, everything will change...

When Liv Latimer says goodbye to her fellow nurses and finishes work for the holidays, she's looking forward to a Christmas to remember with her boyfriend Eddie.

But as she leaves the hospital, tragedy strikes and Liv is faced with a choice. Will she ignore her instincts and go home as planned? Or will she stay, and potentially change the course of her life as she knows it?

Whatever choice she makes, Liv is about to discover that fate finds a way...

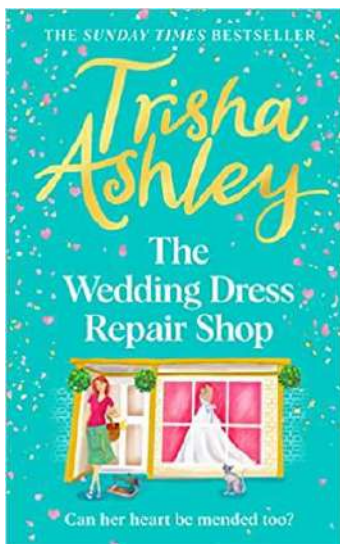
From the bestselling Irish author of *The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club*, comes an emotional and uplifting festive story about love, family and how a split-second decision can change your life.

About the Author:

Faith Hogan is a prolific and very successful writer. When she's not turning out bestsellers, she is to be found looking after her four young children. She lives in Ireland with her husband, a doctor.

The Wedding Dress Repair Shop by Trisha Ashley

Transworld (Sally Williamson)
WEL



Garland Fairford has it all - her dream job as a historical costumier in London and handsome fiancée, Marco.

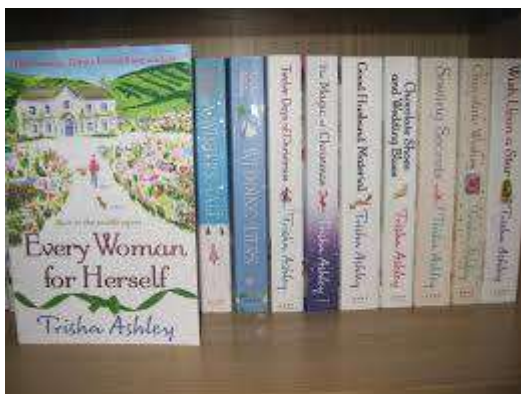
Whilst creating a replica of a dress worn by a Victorian actress, Garland, an orphan, meets a long-lost relative - Honey Fairford. Garland is delighted and intrigued to discover Honey is planning to open a wedding dress museum in Lancashire.

When Garland loses her fiancée and her job in the same week, she accepts Honey's offer to work at the museum. But building a new life for herself is put on hold when a ghost from her past, Thom, reappears.

As Garland repairs beautiful vintage wedding dresses for the museum, and her relationship with Thom, could this finally be the chance for her own happy-ever-after?

Author biography:

Trisha Ashley writes romantic comedies - the most recent of which, *The House of Hopes and Dreams*, is her eleventh consecutive Sunday Times Top Ten bestseller. Her novels have twice been shortlisted for the Melissa Nathan award for Romantic Comedy and *Every Woman for Herself* was nominated by magazine readers as one of the top three romantic novels of the last fifty years. She is from St Helens in West Lancashire and believes that her typically dark Lancashire sense of humour in adversity, crossed with a good dose of Celtic creativity from her Welsh grandmother, has defined her writing. Several of her novels are set in rural West Lancashire, West Yorkshire and Wales. They frequently explore aspects of the three F's that are a constant in her own life: Food, Flowers and Friendship and include delicious recipes at the back.



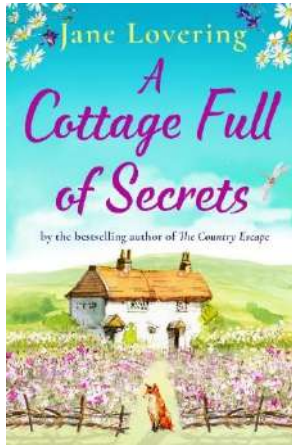
DLA looks after the translation rights for all of Trisha's backlist so, if you're looking for a Sunday Times' bestselling author of standalone contemporary romance with an edge then you've come to the right place!

Primary agent: Judith Murdoch. Translation rights: DLA. Option publishers Newton Compton (Italy), Quinta Essencia .
Published in Hardcover August 2023.

There's No Place Like Home by Jane Lovering

**WINNER OF THE CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE NOVEL OF THE YEAR 2023
AT THE RNA AWARDS**

Over 50,000 copies sold since publication!



BESTSELLING AUTHOR JANE LOVERING'S LATEST BOOK

Cottage Two, Bracken Ridge Farm sits at the end of a pitted track, with the glorious Yorkshire Moors stretching behind it.

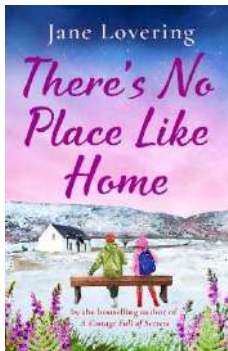
Just a simple two up, two down, the cottage holds the promise of a new start for two very different women, but it is also full of secrets.

Fifty years ago, newly-wed Stella is relishing making the little cottage a happy home. But for all the lovingly handmade curtains and the hot dinners ready on the table for her husband, Stella's dreams of married life jar painfully with the truth.

Fifty years later, the cottage is a new beginning for Tamzin. Determined to get away from her previous life, she makes the move to the wild and vast Yorkshire countryside.

When Tamzin finds a sepia photo of a woman, Stella, standing in the cottage's garden, there's a sadness in her eyes that Tamzin recognises. As

the cottage reveals more of its secrets, Tamzin is desperate to find out whether Stella got her happy ending. And as she gradually makes new friends and starts to win over her mysterious neighbour Euan, Tamzin dares to dream about her own happy ending too...



Izzy feels she has nothing left to lose when she enters an 'SAS: Who Dares Wins' style reality TV show on the North York Moors in the rain...

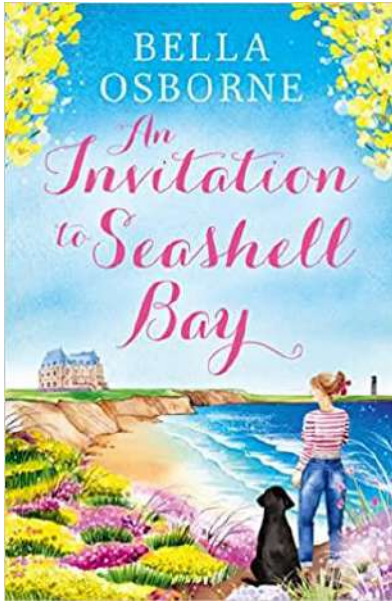
What Izzy really needs is a place to call home (and ideally someone to share it with) but instead she's agreed to live a month under canvas on the North York Moors in front of the TV cameras to be in with a chance of the show's prize money.

Joining her in this wild goose chase being filmed for a TV show are farmer Seb, whose marriage is creaking but who is desperate not to lose his family, sheltered Ruth, who needs an opportunity to show she can make her own decisions, glamorous socialite Kanga, who has been living a lie, American Junior, who has his own secret that has led him there...and last but not least, mysterious and brooding Mac, who Izzy can't help but be drawn to.

As the fickleness of nature tests them all to their limits, this disparate group come together to face the challenge. But when Izzy finally tells them the truth that has brought her out on the Moors, will that be the end of their adventure, or the beginning of her future?

An Invitation to Seashell Bay by Bella Osborne

Avon



A wonderfully uplifting read... A lot of sparkle and mischief... The characters are fabulous... A very relaxing read in a lovely quiet seaside resort'

NetGalley review ★★★★★

The brand-new summery rom com from Bella Osborne, full of laughter, love and life's twists and turns!

One ambitious businesswoman.

One irresponsible heir.

A deal that will turn both their lives upside down...

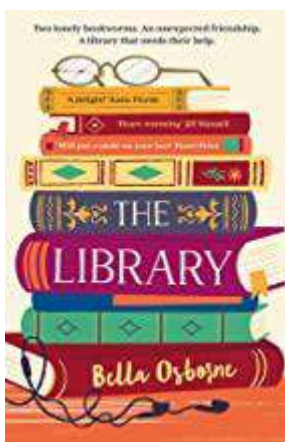
To grow her craft business, **Nancy** is in desperate need of two things: help and money. So, when a potential investor she's looking to impress recommends an assistant, she jumps at the chance to secure both.

Freddy Astley-Davenport is a notorious playboy with zero work experience. He's poised to inherit his family's estate in sunny Seashell Bay - but only if he can hold down a job for six months first. His plan is to take the assistant role in name only, then do the least work he possibly can.

Nancy has other ideas, though, and the pair butt heads from day one. However, as they argue, sparks begin to fly, and they soon discover exactly why opposites attract...

An absolutely escapist, funny, feel-good summer romance. Fans of Cathy Bramley, Katie Fforde and Milly Johnson will adore Bella Osborne.

More from this Author:



Feel good fiction for slightly older readers.

Murder in the Book Shop by Anita Davies

Boldwood (Amanda Ridout) WEL

A new cosy crime series from established author, Anita Davison



1915. Hannah Merrill is carving out a life for herself in London during the war. With her husband fighting in France, she has taken charge of running his bookshop, joined by its new resident, Bartleby the cat.

Nervous but excited for the challenge, everything changes when Hannah's closest friend, Lily-Anne calls her late at night. She asks to meet urgently, saying there is something important she needs to tell her. But Lily-Anne never arrives and the next time Hannah sees her is when she discovers her body in the bookshop.

Thrown into the middle of a murder investigation where she is one of the prime suspects, Hannah decides to investigate. Helped by her Aunt Violet, a rebellious suffragette, and Darius, a handsome family friend she may be harbouring feelings for, Hannah is thrown into a world of deception, danger and dark secrets. Can she clear her name and bring Lily-Anne's murderer to justice before they strike again?

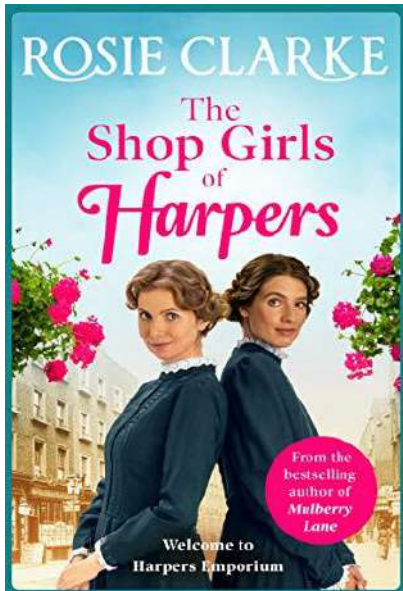
This is the first in a four book series being published by Boldwood.

About The Author:

Brought up in London and always fascinated by the city's history, Anita Davison is the author of the Flora Maguire Mysteries, an Edwardian cosy mystery series set in London and Cheltenham, where Anita now lives. Published by Aria Fiction, the first release is *Flora's Secret*, followed by *Betrayal at Cleeve Abbey*, *A Knightsbridge Scandal*, *The Forgotten Children* and *The Bloomsbury Affair*.

The Harpers Emporium by Rosie Clarke

Boldwood Books (Amanda Ridout)
WEL



Welcome to a brand-new seven book series set in a glamorous department store in London at the turn of the century. Perfect for lovers of heart-warming saga fiction and ideal for both print and ebook lists.

It's 1911 and London is excited at the news that a new department store will soon be opening. It means a thrilling new life for the many young women who apply for jobs there. In this first novel in the series, we meet Sally, Beth, Margaret and Rachel as they arrive for their job interviews. Little do they know they will soon become friends and will remain friends throughout their lives.

When all four girls are lucky enough to be selected as sales staff their exciting new adventure begins.

Join them as they overcome heartbreak and grief, find love and happiness and remain united in their friendship, whatever life throws at them.

Book 2: *Love and Marriage at Harpers*. Book 3: *Rainy Days for the Harpers Girls*.

Book 4: *Harpers Heroes*. Book 5: *Wartime Blues for the Harpers Girls*.

Book 6: *Victory Bells for the Harpers Girls (published May 2022)*

, Book 7: *Changing Times at Harpers (May 2023)*

Author biography

Rosie Clarke is the author of almost 100 novels written under various names including the bestselling series "Mulberry Lane". Her novels explore the themes of friendship and how women pull together when times are hard. She lives in Cambridgeshire with her husband. Her pastimes include enjoying long walks and she spends a lot of time in Southern Spain. She loves shoes too! Especially impossibly high heels - she recently acquired a pair of the most gorgeous Jimmy Choos but they spend more time on the mantelpiece where she can enjoy looking at them than they do on her feet!

Mulberry Lane by Rosie Clarke

Boldwood Books
WEL



1938, Mulberry Lane, London. War is looming, but on Mulberry Lane there are different battles being fought... Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Cathy Sharp.

Maureen Jackson is a prisoner of her father's blackmail. Three years earlier, she'd been hoping to marry **Rory**, the man of her dreams. However, after her mother's death, she was left to care for her overbearing father. Now **Rory** is back in London with a pregnant wife in tow to remind **Maureen** of the life that should have been hers.

As war threatens, **Janet Ashley** hopes to marry her sweetheart **Mike**, but her

father refuses to grant them his blessing. Defying his wishes, **Janet** finds herself pregnant and her mother **Peggy** is determined to hold her family together at all costs.

Will the girls of Mulberry Lane manage to snatch happiness before the darkness of World War II descends?

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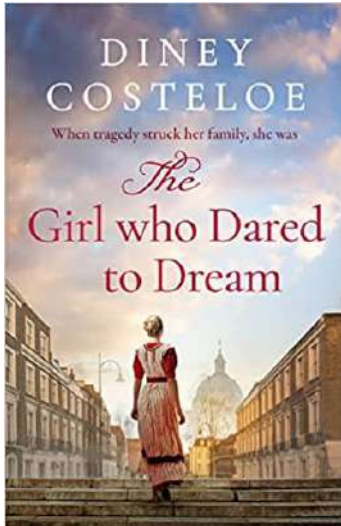
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The Girl Who Dared to Dream by Diney Costeloe

Head of Zeus (Rosie de Courcy)
WEL

A new historical novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author Diney Costeloe.



The captivating new novel from Diney Costeloe, bestselling author of *The Throwaway Children* and *The Girl With No Name*.

London, 1912. It is only two years until the First World War and the conflict which will change the role of women forever. But for now, young Mabel Oakley is caught between her own dreams of becoming a teacher and what is conventionally expected of a girl from her class and background.

At first things look bright: Mabel's own teacher advises that she should definitely go to secondary school, instead of leaving at fourteen to get a job. Her parents are doubtful to start with, but increasingly sympathetic. Her father pulls in a good wage as a solicitor's clerk.

But then a family tragedy strikes, and it looks as though Mabel will have no choice but to give up on her dreams and go into the dreaded domestic service as a lady's maid. If only, she thinks, if only there were some way out.

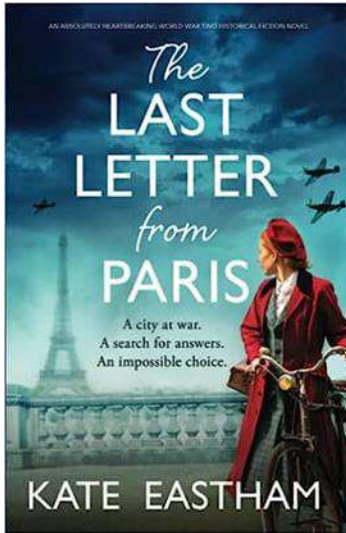
Author biography:

Diney Costeloe is the million-copy bestselling author of over a dozen novels most of which have now been re-issued by Head of Zeus. Originally self-published, she hit the bestseller list with *The Throwaway Children* which was published by HoZ in 2015 and attracted over 2500 reviews on Amazon. She has gone on to see every one of her novels reach The Sunday Times bestseller list and her books have been translated in several languages - including the Netherlands where she was one of their fastest-selling authors in 2018. Her secret? She writes about the incredible resilience of families in troubled times, whether it's the battlefields of the Somme or the peril of children shipped to Australia in the 1940s. As one reader described her, Diney gives us "historical fiction heaven".

The Last Letter from Paris by Kate Eastham

Bookouture (WEL)

Acquired by Laura Deacon



For days she's seen the flashes in the night sky. She's heard the drone of planes and the thump of marching boots. Doors on every corner slam shut as the German flag billows over the Eiffel Tower. Leaving Cora just one chance to get her letter out of Paris...

June 1940, Paris. Cora Mayhew is stuck in the city she loves, far away from her home and her family. A foundling baby from the last war, she came to Paris in search of the truth about her birth mother. The fine silver locket she was found with is her only clue. But the pressure of war feels closer every day, and her adoptive family are desperate for her to return to England.

Frantically searching for information about her lost mother while she still can, headstrong Cora makes enemies of Nazi officials at every turn. But it's a German soldier who finds her freezing, alone and losing hope. With golden-flecked hazel eyes, **Max Heller** offers to help her to escape. Should she trust the enemy - even one she might be falling for...? Then a stranger unwittingly reveals a devastating truth about her mother, and Cora has an impossible decision to make...

A heart-breaking story of love, identity, and resilience in Nazi-occupied Paris as one woman searches desperately for the truth in the face of grave danger. The perfect wartime read for fans of *The Dressmaker's Gift*, *The Lost Girls of Paris* and *The Nightingale*.

About the Author

Kate Eastham trained as a nurse in the late 1970s. Inspired by the achievements of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole during the Crimean War she was also captured by the sheer grit and determination of other 'ordinary women' whose voices from the past are seldom heard. An idea for a novel was born and her first book, 'Miss Nightingale's Nurses', was published by Penguin in 2018, closely followed by three more in the series. With her passion for history, Kate aims to continue making visible the lives of ordinary yet extraordinary women from the past.

A Child for the Reich by Andie Newton

Published by One More Chapter/HarperCollins (WEL)



From the *USA Today* bestselling author comes a gripping new emotional WW2 historical novel. Inspired by a true story!

'A moving story of a mother's love battling against the determination of the Reich to create a pure Aryan race...**A recommended read**' Glynis Peters

'An intensely moving, brilliantly researched novel about love, loss, and the lengths a mother will go to for her child...**utterly compelling**' Deborah Carr

Rumours of the Nazis coming for Czech children swept through the villages like a breeze through the trees, and the story was always the same...

They wanted our children to raise as their own

Since her husband, Josef, joined the Czech resistance three years ago, Anna Dankova has done everything possible to keep her daughter, Ema, safe. But when blonde haired, blue-eyed Ema is ripped from her mother's arms in the local marketplace by the dreaded Brown Sisters, nurses who were dedicated to Hitler's cause, Anna is forced to go to new extremes to take back what the Nazis have stolen from her.

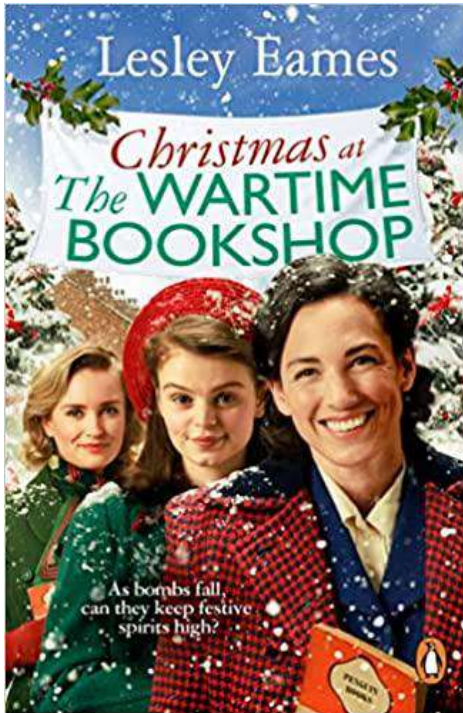
Going undercover as a devoted German subject eager to prove her worth to the Reich, the former actress takes on a role of a lifetime to find and save her daughter. But getting close to Ema is one thing. Convincing her that the Germans are lying when they claim Anna stole her from her true parents is another...

About the Author:

Andie Newton is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *THE GIRLS FROM THE BEACH*, *THE GIRL FROM VICHY* and *THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND*. She has a Bachelor's degree in History from Washington State University and a Master in Teaching. She would love to say she spends her free time gardening and cooking, but she's killed everything she's ever planted and set off more fire alarms than she cares to admit. Andie does, however, love spending time with her family, trail running, and drinking copious amounts of coffee.

Christmas at The Wartime Bookshop by Lesley Eames

Bantam Press/Transworld (Alice Rodgers)
WEL



Alice, Kate and Naomi want to keep the magic of Christmas alive in their village of Churchwood but a thief in the area and a new family that shuns the local community are only the first of the problems they face.

Naomi is fighting to free herself from Alexander Harrington - the man who married her for her money then kept a secret family behind her back. It could be the start of a whole new life for her, but after years of Alexander controlling - and draining - her finances, two questions remain to be answered: how much of her money is left, and will she be able to achieve the independence she craves?

Alice's dreams came true when she married sweetheart Daniel. Now he has returned to the war and Alice misses him terribly, but she is delighted to discover that she's carrying his child. Will she, Daniel and the baby make it through the war unscathed?

For Kate, life with her dysfunctional family on Brimbles Farm has never been easy but she now has Land Girls Pearl and Ruby to help, giving her more time for her friends. She's also in love with pilot Leo. But what sort of shadow will be cast over the lives of all at Brimbles Farm when her brother returns from the war with terrible injuries? And why has Leo stopped writing?

As ever, the Wartime Bookshop is a source of community and comfort. But disaster is about to strike...

Christmas at the Wartime Bookshop is the third novel in the uplifting Wartime Bookshop series, perfect for fans of Donna Douglas and Elaine Everest.

About the Author

Lesley Eames is the author of four previous historical sagas set around the time of WWI and the twenties. She has won the Festival of Romance New Talent Award, the Romantic Novelists' Association's Elizabeth Goudge Cup and has twice been shortlisted in the UK Romantic Novel Awards.

Murder Now and Then by Faith Martin

JOFFE BOOKS, WEL



BOOK 19 IN THE HILLARY GREENE SERIES

A BRAND-NEW MYSTERY FROM THE TWO-MILLION-SELLING AUTHOR

Former Detective **Hillary Greene** and her cold case team are taking a fresh look at the unsolved murder of Michael Beck, found bludgeoned over the head and dead in a river near his home in 2012.

Just twenty-two at the time, he'd recently finished a history degree and had his whole life ahead of him. Everyone said he was a pleasant sort of lad with a passion for the past. But it quickly turned out that there were at least two people who might have wanted him dead.

The first, his recently-jilted girlfriend Mia de Salle, hadn't taken the break-up well. The second, his former tutor Dr Timothy Durning, had been accused of sexual harassment by Michael. But the original police team could find no forensic evidence linking either of their prime suspects to the crime, nor witnesses placing them in the area when Michael was killed.

Hillary, however, is determined to find fresh leads. But while she and her team get to work, in the city of Oxford two men from the city's criminal underbelly have been viciously murdered in the last six months.

About the author

Faith has been writing for nearly 30 years under four different pen names and has had nearly 50 books published so far. She began writing romantic thrillers as Maxine Berry, then she turned to crime, and as Joyce Cato wrote classic-style whodunits, since she's always admired the golden-age crime novelists. But it was when she created her fictional DI Hillary Greene, and began writing under the name of Faith Martin, that she finally began to become more widely known. Her latest literary characters WPC Trudy Loveday, and city coroner, Dr Clement Ryder, take readers back to the 1960's and the city of Oxford.

NON-FICTION

Into The Void by Terence "Geezer" Butler

HarperCollins (WEL)
Kate Napolitano



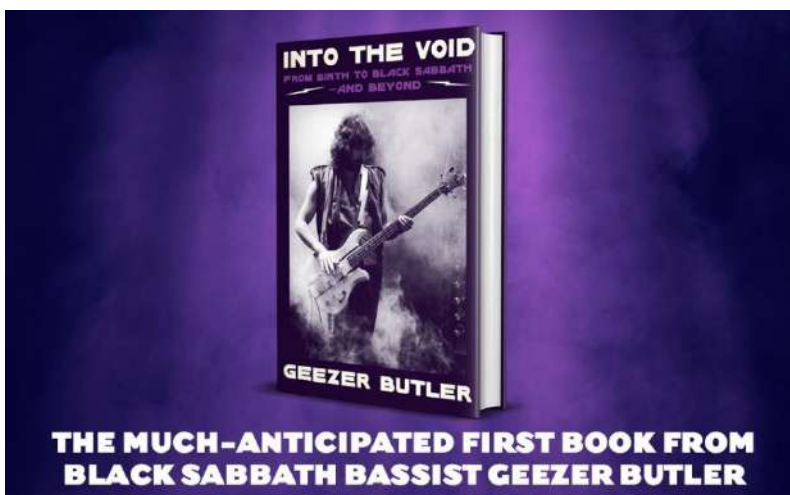
The much-anticipated first book from Black Sabbath bassist Geezer Butler

With over 70 million records sold, heavy-metal pioneers Black Sabbath are one of the most influential bands of all time. From the very beginning, Geezer Butler was at the heart of their success. He named the group, provided the bass behind their distinctive sound and wrote the lyrics that resonated so powerfully with fans around the world.

At long last, Geezer is ready to tell his side of the Sabbath story, from early days as a scrappy blues quartet through to the many lineup changes, the record-breaking tours and the international hell-raising with Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi and Bill Ward.

Featuring Geezer's candid reflections on his working-class childhood in Luftwaffe-battered Birmingham, his almost-life as an accountant and his fascination with horror, religion and the occult, *Into the Void* reveals the softer side of the heavy-metal legend, while holding nothing back.

Like Geezer's bass lines and the story of Black Sabbath themselves, *Into the Void* is original, dramatic and one hell of a ride.



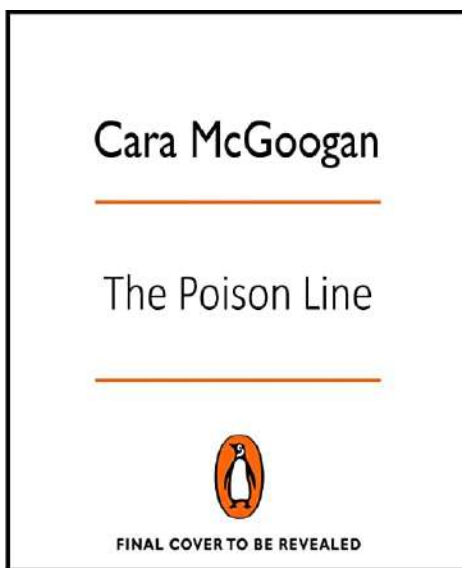
Primary agent: David Luxton. Translation rights: DLA. To be published June 2023.

The Poison Line by Cara McGoogan

Viking (PRH) WEL
Acquired by Greg Clowes
TV drama series in development
To be published Summer 2023.

It was sold as a miracle treatment

But it turned out to be a deadly poison.



THE POISON LINE is the true story of what has become an international scandal affecting hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world. Cara McGoogan is the journalist who brought the stories of the many people who have suffered to light in her podcast, *Bed of Lies*. Now she is writing a book that will blow open the story of human suffering and the efforts to conceal the truth.

During the course of the 1970s and 1980s thousands of people worldwide were infected with hepatitis or HIV by Factor V111, a blood product that was designed to help them. The infected blood contained plasma from HIV positive donors - and it gave rise to what has become the biggest medical disaster in history. In **The Poison Line** investigative journalist Cara McGoogan unravels the story of this scandal through countless interviews with doctors, patients, families and lawmakers. This is the story that politicians and pharmaceutical companies hoped would

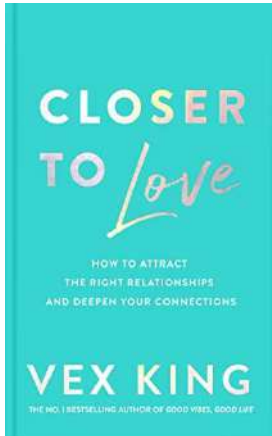
never be told. Her book will give a voice to the countless people, many of whom were infected when they were children, who live with the certainty that the blood transfusion that was meant to have saved their lives has proved to be a death sentence. She talks to the families who lost children at the time and to the doctors and lawyers who have made it their mission to bring the wrongdoers to justice. This is an immensely brave and important book that will stay with you long after you turn the last page. A drama series based on Cara's book is in development by a major UK broadcaster.

About the Author

Cara McGoogan is a newspaper journalist and the creator of the award-winning podcast, *BED OF LIES*, which has had over a million listens. It is in the top one per cent of podcasts worldwide. In recognition of her reporting, Cara was recently awarded the 2022 Stern-Bryan Fellowship at the *Washington Post*. This is her first book.

Closer To Love: How to Transform Your Relationships and Create Deeper Connections

Pan Macmillan/Bluebird (Carole Tonkinson)
UK & Commonwealth



The instant *Sunday Times* bestseller

Do you love your partner but want to rekindle that 'in love' feeling?
Do you go on plenty of dates but can't seem to click with the right person?
Do you keep having the same conflicts with your partner?

Vex King, the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Good Vibes*, *Good Life* and *Healing is the New High* is back with *Closer to Love*, a practical, emotional and spiritual guide to deeper and more fulfilling love.

Modern relationships are more complex than ever, but our inherent need to give and receive love is as true today as it ever was. So, how can we find true connections, unconditional love and pure, lasting relationships?

In three clear steps, Vex will help you to:

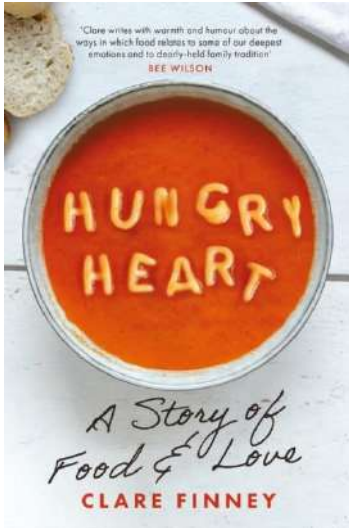
- Understand the role you play within your connections
- Build meaningful and mindful relationships
- Learn how to love authentically and unconditionally

Written with wisdom and truth, this game-changing book about love will change your life.

About the author:

Vex King is a social media influencer, writer, mind coach and lifestyle entrepreneur. Vex experienced many challenges when he was growing up: his father died when Vex was just a baby, his family were often homeless and he grew up in troubled neighbourhoods where he regularly experienced racism. Despite this, Vex successfully turned his whole life around, and through his popular Instagram account (@vexking) has become a source of inspiration for thousands of young people. He started the Good Vibes Only #GVO movement to help others use the power of positivity to transform themselves and their lives into something greater. www.vexking.com

Hungry Heart by Clare Finney



Award-winning food writer Clare Finney presents a passionate, heartfelt exploration of the intertwining influences of food and love throughout her life in this brilliant and moving memoir

What does it mean for food to be more than fuel? How does it come to define us, our status, our identities, and the relationships we have with others?

Clare Finney, Food Writer of the Year 2019 at the Fortnum & Mason Food and Drink Awards, delves into these questions with a rare and insightful sensitivity, telling a powerful story of life and love while at the same time uncovering the manifold ways in which food touches every relationship, every aspect of our lives.

Beginning with a childhood spent in her grandmother's hotel kitchen and ending at her grandfather's bedside, she charts a course through both the trials and the triumphs of her life, and the meals and recipes which have shaped the person she is today.

She also investigates the role food plays in a modern society which can be isolating and alienating, exploring how eating brings us together in diverse ways around the world. From the dance of culinary courtship present in the world of modern dating, to the funeral foods of Shiva which remind us of the connections between life and death, Finney asks important and powerful questions of what food truly represents in our complicated lives.

This book is a nourishing feast, an honest account of humans breaking bread together and what, in a world of Deliveroo and digital communication, that really means.

About the Author:

Clare Finney is an award-winning food writer and lives in London. Her first book, 'The Female Chef' won the Fortnum & Mason debut book of the Year award (2022).

You're Not the Problem: The Impact of Narcissism and Emotional Abuse
by Helen Villiers and Katie McKenna

Yellow Kite/Hodder (UK)
Hachette Go (USA)



Narcissistic parents, lovers and friends have a profound and lasting effect on our self-image. The damage caused by living with narcissism can take years to heal. For many, they may not even be aware it exists. Indeed, many emotionally abusive behaviours from parent-to-child have become socially acceptable. They persist because we repeat things our parents said and did, passing them down from generation to generation. *You're Not the Problem* enables us to recognise these behaviours and realise the profound impact they have had, and still have. It shows us the patterns they form in our relationships with our parents, our partners and our friends. It also shows us how to heal on a personal level and at a societal level. Because the legacy and the damage caused by narcissistic and emotional abuse will carry on, perpetuated by trauma and repeating cycles, unless we learn to recognise and understand the impact, unless we as individuals and as a society learn how to challenge such behaviour and stop its vicious cycle of destruction – which is what this book sets out to do. This is not a parenting book. It is a book that helps you identify the patterns of narcissism and shows you how to heal.

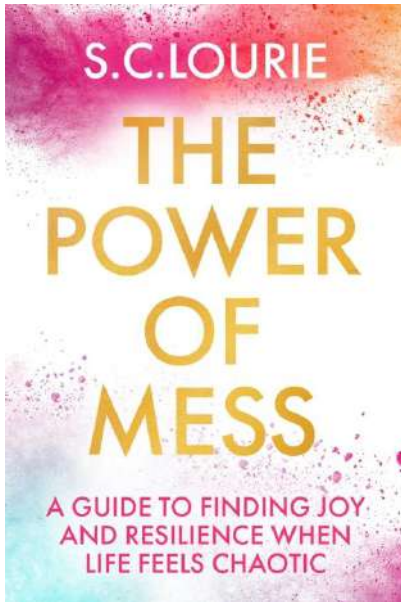
Perfect for readers of "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jennette McCurdy.

About the Authors:

The authors, Helen Villiers and Katie McKenna, are both qualified psychotherapists with a combined following on TikTok of over 420k followers and more than 5m likes. Their Friday-night podcast, **In Sight**, has attracted 80K downloads since its launch last March.

The Power of Mess: A Guide to Finding Joy and Resilience When Life Feels Chaotic by Samantha Lourie

Yellow Kite (Hodder).
WEL



We all have mess: a messy desk, an untidy room, a cupboard, a shelf or a box we haven't sorted out for years. What does that say about us? What is in those dusty corners that we are hanging onto? And beyond the physical side of clutter we have messy pasts - unresolved hurts, unfulfilled dreams, regrets, longings, missed opportunities, heartbreaks.

Life is messy, the process of cleansing and healing is hard, but the only way is through. Through the quicksand, through the hard lessons, through the distress, through the trauma, through the mess and the clutter.

But what if the process of 'sorting through' didn't have to feel as draining as it often does? What if there were an adaptable way of resolving life's mess that could set you upon a path of discovering deeper and truer versions of yourself? What if the mess that comes up along the way actually liberated you into living an integrated, wholesome, blossoming life?

There are two things we all need. We want to feel safe, and we want to feel like we can handle life. Working through the messy aspects of life offers us that sense of resilience. It develops the muscles we then can lean on in all sorts of situations and liberates us to explore our potential and invest in experiences that offer positive feedback and recognition of our growing strength (that quiet assurance we will be okay, and we will find a/our way). This personal discovery is essential for anyone looking for peace and emotional stability in their lives. So the book brings self-acceptance and self-improvement together in a balanced way, so that the feeling of safety is in the resilience that continues to emerge in us as we face difficult and uncomfortable things. It emerges as we own the mess and continue to pick up the pieces and perhaps even make something different out of them, leaving old plans, maps and manuals behind.

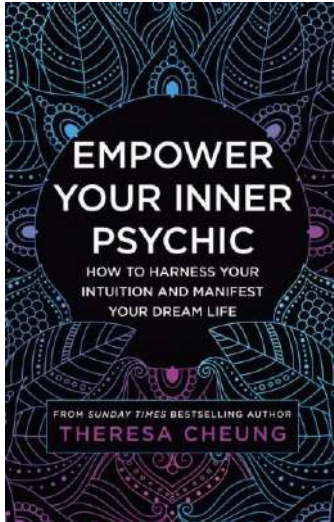
About the Author

Sam Lourie, inspirational Instagrammer (with over 1/2m followers on Facebook) turns the idea of a chaotic life on its head, showing that life's messiness is not necessarily as problematic as we think, and that by reframing our approach our experience of them can go through a metamorphosis and leave us with new wings and insight to create a life of our dreams. She reveals how to find order and sequence in the chaotic and shows how there is genius lurking in the messy. The book is practical and empowering, giving the reader energy, self-kindness and resilience. The loss, hurt and mess are still there, but our perception of their place in our lives has changed. Perspective is a superpower.

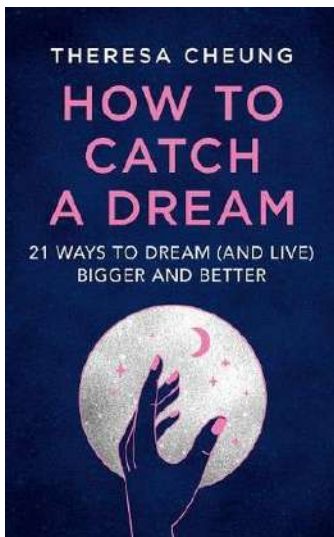
Empower Your Inner Psychic: How to Harness Your Intuition and Manifest Your Dream Life

by Theresa Cheung

HarperCollins
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Tap into your innate ability to pick up signals and develop your psychic abilities using tools and techniques from ancient divination systems. Those who believe they can sense things beyond time, space and the material are in the majority. A dream coming through, correctly following an inexplicable hunch, noting signs and coincidences, accurately predicting the future are all instances of psychic experiences. Empower Your Inner Psychic explains how everyone can tap into their psychic abilities and take greater control of their lives and their future. Looking at various elements of intuition, blending self-help and traditional MBS territory, Theresa Cheung explains the theory behind psychic abilities, along with practical ways in which we can harness them and use them to empower our decision-making in daily life.



How to Catch A Dream is the ultimate toolkit for creating a happier and more fulfilling waking life. Dream expert Theresa Cheung gives you everything you need to dream bigger and better in **just** three weeks.

Week One: Dream Seeker Everybody dreams, but not everybody remembers them. Not only will week one help you to recall your dreams, it will also help boost your creativity and encourage healthier sleep hygiene for a dreamy night's sleep.

Week Two: Dream Deeper Now your dream recall will be more consistent and you'll be aware of how linked your waking and dreaming lives are. Now it's time to dive deeper into your intuition and start trusting yourself more.

Week Three: Dream Catcher By week three you will be sleeping better, dreaming bigger and feeling more connected to yourself. Equipped with this knowledge and understanding, it's time to 'wake

up' in your dreams. Theresa will guide you through what happens when you become a lucid dreamer and show you that you have the power to influence your dreams, making anything possible.

Author Biography

Sunday Times' bestselling author Theresa Cheung was born into a family of psychics and spiritualists. Her numerous books have been translated into dozens of different languages and her mission has always been to make spirituality more engaging, credible and mainstream. She has an impressive backlist that includes two Sunday Times top 10 bestsellers and many books that are top of their categories on Amazon.

The Meaning of Beer: One Man's Search for Purpose in his Pint by Jonny Garrett

To be published by Allen and Unwin in the UK (Ed Faulkner) and
Hanover Square Press/HC in the USA (Peter Joseph)



In a bid to prove to his parents that he's chosen a worthwhile career, beer expert Jonny Garrett travels in search of the deeper, cultural impact of brewing - how it has shaped our lives and helped build the modern world.

The Meaning of Beer is a global book, involving stories across Europe, the Middle East and East Asia and sets out to show us how the world would be an immeasurably poorer place without beer. Beer accounts for some of the world's greatest breakthroughs from pasteurisation to railways. And its cultural and political impact continues to grow daily. From new frontiers in craft beer making in places such as Colombia to its political impact on the world's markets beer has never been more important in our lives. Jonny Garrett's hugely engaging style and fierce intelligence makes him the perfect companion for this journey.

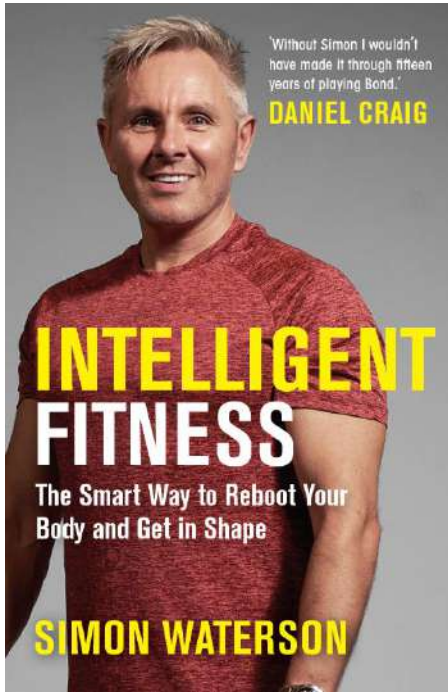
About the author:

Jonny Garrett is a multi-award-winning author, journalist, filmmaker and podcaster. He's best known as the cofounder of the Craft Beer Channel, a YouTube channel with over 140,000 subscribers and 10 million views.

As well as travelling the world making films he has written three books, including *Beer School: A Crash Course in Beer* (2016, Mango), *The London Craft Beer Guide* (2018, Ebury Press) and *A Year in Beer* (2021, CAMRA Books). The latter won *Fortnum & Mason's Drinks Book of the Year* and *Guild of Food Writers Drinks Book of the Year*.

Intelligent Fitness: The Smart Way to Reboot Your Body by Simon Waterson

Michael O'Mara
WEL



Build a new body, and enhance your energy, sleep, confidence and mental wellbeing, with the elite trainer who transformed Daniel Craig's physique for five James Bond films, and who turned Chris Evans into Captain America.

Reimagine your own body, and improve your health, energy, sleep and mood, with the same methods and tricks that Simon uses for turning the world's biggest film stars into athletes. This is not an intimidating fitness manual, but a book for everyone, of all fitness levels, with all the inspiration, guidance and encouragement you're going to need. Simon has trained several Bond Girls, among many other A-list female actors, and 'Intelligent Fitness' will appeal to women as well as to men.

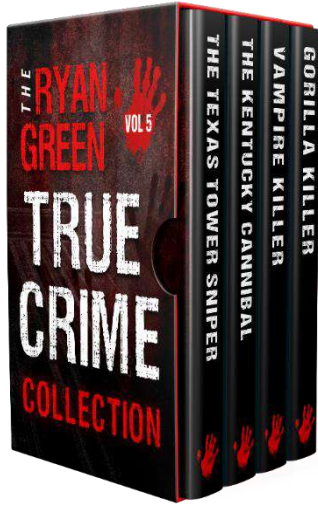
Daniel Craig (taken from his foreword): 'Without Simon Waterson's help and guidance I literally wouldn't have made it through fifteen years of playing James Bond. His curiosity, his commitment, humility and willingness to learn are what makes him such a unique and talented trainer. It's been an honour working with him.'

Benedict Cumberbatch: 'Working with Simon is the nearest you get to actually being a superhero, in the sense you are at your absolute peak of physical health. That makes you feel incredibly robust in these challenging times.'

Lea Seydoux: 'Simon, working with you has always been a great pleasure. Not only are you the best trainer but you are also the funniest. You always make me laugh so much and, for the abs, there is nothing better!'

Luke Evans: 'Simon has a very strong philosophy, that aesthetic is a by-product of performance. This always made sense to me. Simon got me ready for filming on the Fast & Furious franchise as well as for Dracula Untold. All the information he gives you is easy to understand and sustainable and it allowed me to reach my goals and each time surpass them. He gave me the confidence physically to carry off these roles. He's also a great human and I love working with him.'

The Master of True Crime by Ryan Green



Ryan Green is one of the UK's most successful self-published authors of true crime. He started self-publishing in 2015 and now has 20 titles to his name. He is fascinated with history and psychology and focuses on alternative considerations, and general open-mindedness. He is unique in his ability to place the reader in the mind of the killer and their world and he does so to great effect. Ryan chooses stories both recent and historical and they are drawn from around the world - though the United States seems to dominate when it comes to the most terrifying of crimes.

Backlist titles include:

The Curse: the story of Leonarda Ciuncilli, the soap-maker of Correggio in Italy that dates back to 1939. eBook units: 6,693/Paperback units: 2,855

Black Widow: the story of Nannie Doss, born in Alabama in 1905, who went on to become one of America's most notorious murderers. eBook units: 5,760/Paperback units: 2,646

Kill 'Em All: America in 1910 and the story of a soldier's descent into madness. eBook: 13,652 units/Paperback: 5,087 units

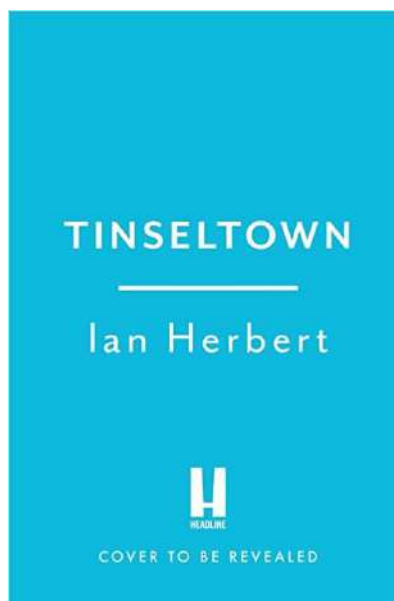
Man-Eater: The dramatic story of the first woman in Australia to be handed a life-sentence without parole from crimes committed in 2000. eBook units: 5,358/Paperback units: 5,779

The Kuřim Case: A murder case that dates back to 2007 in the Czech Republic. eBook: 7,471 units/Paperback: 2,536 units.

Torture Mom: A murder case from the 1930s during the Depression era in the USA. eBook: 17,446 units/Paperback: 9,387 units

You Think You Know Me: a chilling account of Herb Baumeister and one of the most mysterious true crime stories in American history, dating back to 1990. eBook units: 7,072/Paperback units: 2,404

About the author: please visit Ryan's website <https://ryangreenbooks.com/about/>

Tinseltown by Ian Herbert

The remarkable inside story of how two Hollywood A-listers, Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds, stunned the football world by buying a non-league club in North Wales.

It was one of the most extraordinary takeovers British football has known. In February 2021, Ryan Reynolds joined with Rob McElhenney to buy Wrexham AFC, a non-league team in North Wales.

Wrexham, a former coal and steel town dealing with its post-industrial legacy, suddenly found itself at the centre of global attention, with broadcast networks around the world descending to discover what was going on. The club became the subject of a smash hit Disney+ docu-series, *Welcome to Wrexham*.

Tinseltown tells the story of this extraordinary, unpredictable and often surreal football takeover and the remarkable events that followed. Written with the full cooperation of Wrexham AFC, it is the inside story of what happened when Hollywood met a dot on

a map. How a town was transformed when its football club, aspiring only to survive on the fifth rung of the British football ladder, was sprinkled with gold dust and found ambition again.

With unique access to players, the manager and the club's executives, the book charts the club's attempts to climb up the pyramid, providing a vivid sense of what it is like to play for this 'Hollywood' team and the pressure and spotlight that comes with it.

At their only press conference since buying the club, nobody laughed when Reynolds and McElhenney said the Premier League could be an aspiration. 'Couldn't we theoretically make this happen?' McElhenney asked. 'Why not dream big?' added Reynolds. 'If you don't dream big, you will never go there, so why not?' *Tinseltown* is the story of how they did just that.

About the Author:

Ian Herbert is an award-winning sports journalist and author, and the Deputy Chief Sportswriter of the *Daily Mail*.

He is the author of *Quiet Genius*, the critically acclaimed biography of the multiple European Cup-winning former Liverpool manager Bob Paisley. It was shortlisted for the 2017 William Hill Sports Book of the Year award.

Herbert was born in North Wales and is a life-long Wrexham fan.

Nowhere to Run: The Ridiculous Life of the Semi Professional Club Chairman by
Jonathan Sayer

Transworld Publishers (Henry Vines)
UK & Commonwealth

A semi-autobiographical account of a year as a semi-professional football club chairman.

Fans of Ted Lasso will love this hilarious account of the author's first year as co-chairman and owner of semi-professional football club Ashton United FC - alongside his dad!



On the second oldest football pitch in the world, Jonathan Sayer stands atop a beer crate to address the assembled fans of Ashton United FC. As his initial optimism and disillusionment begin to slip through his fingers, the new co-chairman and co-owner (alongside his dad) starts to realise the scale of the challenge ahead.

Battling to keep the club afloat, a record number of games without a win sees hope turn to despair as Jonathan contends with a mutiny from a group of octogenarian supporters, constant battles with the local council and a star striker who arrives on crutches despite somehow passing his medical.

As the on-pitch form continues to deteriorate and rifts appear between him and his father, Jonathan begins to make some increasingly desperate decisions: dressing as a seven-foot robin in the local market in an effort to drum up larger crowds, sinking his savings into an ever spiralling wage bill and even contemplating bringing in a local priest to lift the 'Boxing Day Curse' by performing a late-night exorcism on the pitch.

Chronicling the bitter disappointments and euphoric highs of the less glamorous side of the beautiful game, *Nowhere to Run* is the hilarious, heart-warming tale of life in the hot seat of a non-league football club.

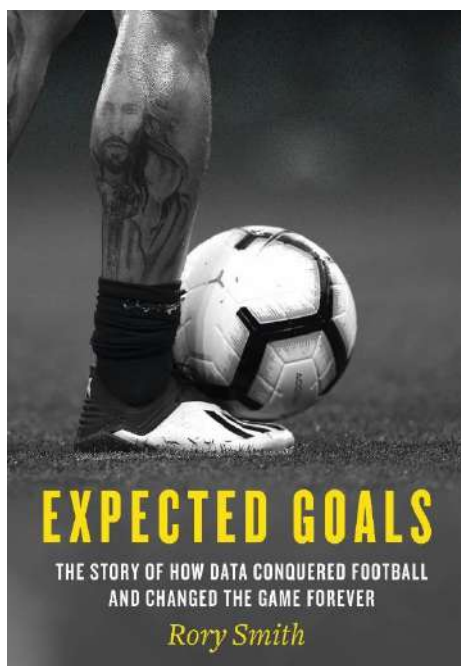
About the Author:

Jonathan is an award-winning comedy playwright and screenwriter; he is the co-author of *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Henry Lewis, Henry Shields), *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*, *The Comedy About A Bank Robbery*, *Groan Ups*, *Magic Goes Wrong* (Penn & Teller) and *The Goes Wrong Show* (BBC One- series 1&2). He is a writer, performer and Company Director of Mischief Comedy. <https://www.mischiefcomedy.com>

Expected Goals: The Story of How Data Conquered Football and Changed the World Forever by Rory Smith

Mudlark (HarperCollins) - Adam Humphrey
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A worthy successor to 'The Numbers Game' by David Sally and Chris Anderson



Football has always measured success by what you win, but only in the last twenty years have clubs started to think about *how* you win. Data has now suffused almost every aspect of how football is played, coached, scouted and consumed. But it's not the algorithms or new metrics that have made this change, it's the people behind them.

This is the story of modern football's great data revolution and the group of curious, entrepreneurial personalities who zealously believed in its potential to transform the game. Central to this cast is Chris Anderson, an academic with no experience in football, who saw data as an opportunity to fundamentally change a sport that did not think it could be changed. His aim: to infiltrate the strange, insular world of professional football by establishing a club whose entire DNA could be built around data.

Expected Goals charts his remarkable journey into the heart of the modern game and reveals how clubs across the world, from Liverpool to Leipzig and Brentford to

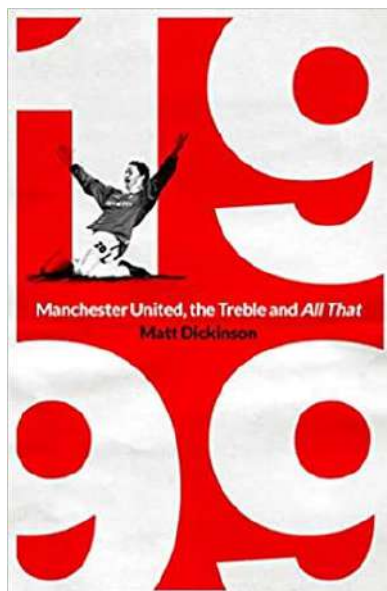
Bayern Munich, began to see how data could help them unearth new players, define radical tactics and plot their path to glory.

Author biography

Rory Smith is the chief soccer correspondent of The New York Times and worked with the authors of 'The Numbers Game'. He covers all aspects of European soccer, from the glamour of the Champions League to the reality of life away from the spotlight. He has reported from three World Cups, the Olympics, and numerous European tournaments. His first book, "Mister: The Men Who Gave the World the Game" was published in 2016 by Simon and Schuster and was named Sunday Times Sports Book of the Year as well as being shortlisted for the William Hill Book of the Year award. Rory lives in Manchester.

1999: The Treble and All That by Matt Dickinson

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The story of what is still the most iconic year in the history of this internationally adored football club. In 1999, Manchester United completed a unique Treble, winning the Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League - but more remarkable than that was how they did it, and the stories behind the historic achievement. Matt Dickinson covered the whole story at the time, and now in 99 compelling chapters brings it all vividly to life.

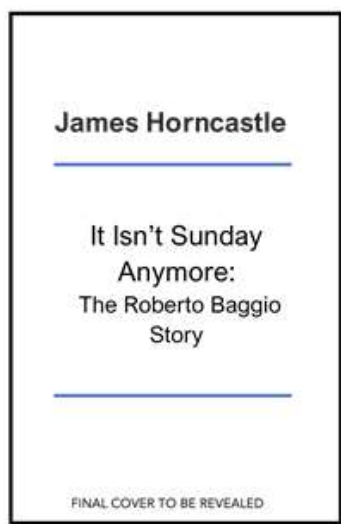
When the season began, Manchester United were up for sale, the club's iconic talisman **Eric Cantona** had gone, rivals Arsenal were the reigning Double winners, **David Beckham** was a national hate figure after being sent off during the World Cup, and even manager **Alex Ferguson's** position was being questioned. But that was about to change. Driven by the indomitable will of skipper **Roy Keane**, supported by **Beckham, Giggs, the Nevilles and Paul Scholes** - who had grown up at the club, they went on a long unbeaten and unbeatable run, featuring some of the most dramatic games in fans' memories.

Matt Dickinson highlights the key moments, speaking to those at the centre of the story and to those whose moment went unnoticed. *1999: The Treble and All That* is so much more than a book for United fans; it is an insight into team building, the will to success and a tale of local pride. It reveals the real stories behind the legend that was sealed with a last-minute scrambled goal from **Ole Gunnar Solskjaer** to win the Champions League.

About the Author

Matt Dickinson joined The Times in 1997 and is currently Chief Sports Writer for the paper. His previous book, *Bobby Moore: The Man in Full*, was a Sunday Times bestseller and shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year prize. He lives in south-west London.

It Isn't Sunday Anymore: The Roberto Baggio Story by James Horncastle



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This is a story of a child prodigy with tousled curls, lupine eyes who his teammates used to call William Tell on account of his deadly shot. A story about 110 goals in 120 games before the age of 16. A story about a knee blow-out just days after a move to the big time, 220 teeth-clenching stitches, a career apparently over before it began. "If you love me, kill me now," the boy begged his mother as he came round after surgery. It's a story about faith, converting to Buddhism in the most Catholic country on earth. A story about sock-down, zig-zagging dribbles, defenders left in his wake, Italy's answer to Diego Maradona.

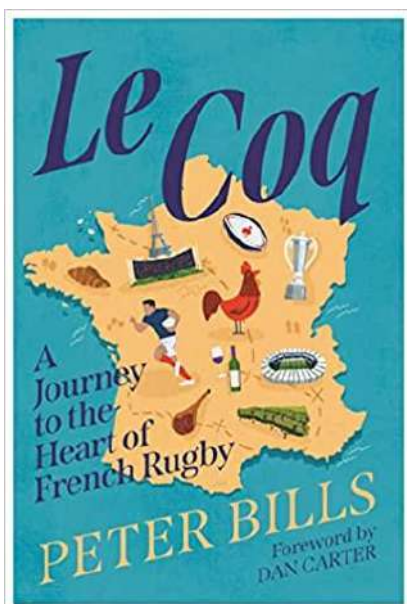
A story about riots in the streets, clashes with police, tear gas and truncheons as an entire city revolted against a football transfer. It's a story about an Italian summer, a month of tricolour twirling hope, the on-pitch break-up of Czechoslovakia, a breakout moment for a player who, in scoring one of the most iconic goals in World Cup history became an international star. It's a story about a ponytail and not just any ponytail; this Vicentino's was divine.

A story about overcoming a fragile, brittle body - now without ACLs and meniscuses - to reach the top of the game and become only the second Italian to be awarded the Ballon d'Or. A story about being pushed out and viewed with suspicion by the establishment, exiled in the provinces - Vicenza, Florence, Bologna and Brescia - and becoming the people's champion. It's a story about winning more hearts than silverware [just the two league titles, a Coppa Italia and a UEFA Cup]. A story about making your country your club and overcoming the tribalism that divides a nation. A story about the most popular and enigmatic Italian of a generation, the most recognisable and the most reclusive. This is the nirvana of Roberto Baggio.

Author biography

James Horncastle is a football writer for The Athletic reporting on Serie A. He speaks fluent Italian, has lived in Rome and whilst he specialises in Serie A he follows all the major leagues, from Spain and Germany to England and France. His articles have featured on BBC Sport, Fox Soccer, ESPN and can also be found in FourFourTwo, Champions, When Saturday Comes and The Blizzard. He has occasionally been known to put in guest appearances on Guardian Football Weekly and BBC Five Live too.

Le Coq – A Journey to the Heart of French Rugby by Peter Bills



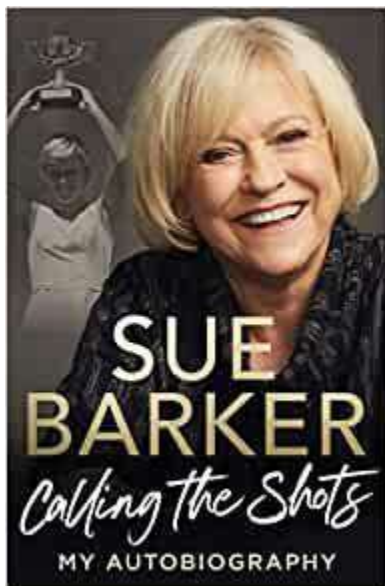
From French rugby's origins in Le Havre, (as an English export in the late nineteenth century) to the Catalan coast, acclaimed rugby writer Peter Bills travels the length and breadth of this vast country visiting not only the big cities but those regional heartlands of the game such as Toulouse, Bordeaux and Clermont as well as clubs in the Basque country, to reveal a country whose deep love of rugby has created a culture and playing style like no other.

Featuring exclusive interviews with many of the greatest international players to have played club rugby in France, from Ronan O'Gara to Dan Carter, as well as French legends of the sport, from Serge Blanco and Jean-Pierre Rives to Antoine Dupont, *Le Coq: A Journey to the Heart of French rugby* brings to life the passion, colour, excitement, characters, anecdotes, locations and great moments of French rugby's near 150 years of existence, just as it prepares to host the 2023 Rugby World Cup.

Former French Grand Slam captain Jacques Fouroux talked of 'Rugby; the game, the life': this book will show you exactly what he meant.

About the Author:

Peter Bills is the former Editor of Rugby World magazine and was Chief Rugby Writer for the Independent newspaper group. He is the author of several books including the international bestselling 'The Jersey: The All Blacks - The Secrets Behind the World's Most Successful Team'.

Calling the Shots – My Autobiography by Sue Barker

'A life of two wonderfully entertaining halves' *Sunday Times*

Rewind to 1971, and Sue Barker's coach is sending his 15-year-old tennis protégée to a junior championship in France, alone, with a one-way ticket, telling her she'll have to win the money to pay for her return fare. Sue hides in the grounds of the hosting tennis club overnight, to avoid paying for a hotel. The next day, she walks onto court and smashes it. Five years later, and she's Britain's No 1.

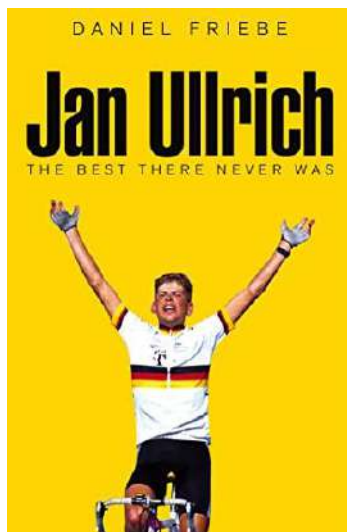
The same combination of grit, grace and talent took her to the top of live Sports TV. And now, after four decades on camera encouraging other legends to share their stories, she is telling her own.

Going all in for her once-only autobiography, Sue takes us inside the showbizzy world of 70s and early 80s tennis. She reveals the battles she fought for hard-won success in two careers and gives us a ringside seat on the nation's biggest sporting dramas, and a fascinating insider's understanding of competitors under pressure.

This is the remarkable life story of a tennis champion, an award-winning broadcaster who has brought sporting history into our living rooms for decades, and a trail-blazing woman who has always called the shots.

Jan Ullrich: The Best There Never Was by Daniel Friebe

Pan Macmillan (Matthew Cole)
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Jan Ullrich: The Best There Never Was is the first biography of Jan Ullrich, arguably the most naturally talented cyclists of his generation, and also one of the most controversial champions of the Tour de France.

In 1997, Jan Ullrich announced himself to the world by obliterating his rivals in the first mountain stage of the Tour de France. So awesome was his display that it sent shockwaves throughout the world of cycling and invited headlines such as *L'Équipe's* 'The New Giant'. He went on to become Germany's first ever Tour winner, storming to victory in that edition by almost ten minutes, a result that was greeted as an era-defining changing of the guard. Everyone agreed: Jan Ullrich was the future of cycling. He was soon also voted Germany's most popular sportsman of all time, and his rivalry with Lance Armstrong defined the most controversial years of the Tour de France.

Ullrich was a German national treasure credited with popularizing cycling in his home country. And yet - for all the acres of coverage he received throughout his career, and the interest in Ullrich as the only person who had seemed capable of knocking Armstrong off his perch - the boy from East Germany remained an enigma. Now, Daniel Friebe - who has covered 21 editions of the Tour de France - has gone in search of the man who was said in 1997 would go on to dominate his sport for a generation, but never quite managed it.

Just what did happen to the best who never was?

This is a gripping account of how unbearable expectation, mental and physical fragility, the effects of a complicated childhood, a morally corrupt sport and one individual - Lance Armstrong - can conspire to reroute destiny. Daniel Friebe takes us from the legacy of East Germany's drugs programme to the pinnacle of pro cycling and asks: what price can you give sporting immortality?

Author biography

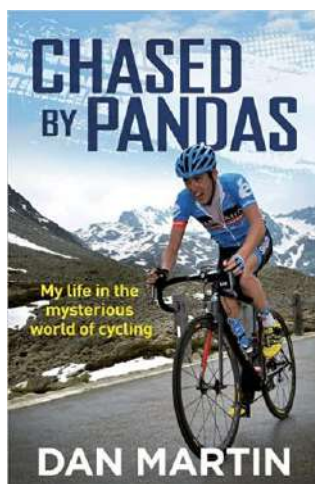
Daniel Friebe is one of Britain's leading cycling journalists and writers. He is also one of the presenters for ITV's cycling coverage and a member of The Cycling Podcast. Amongst his many books, he has collaborated with cycling superstar, Mark Cavendish, on both of his best-selling memoirs and is the author of *Eddy Merckx: The Cannibal*. *Daniel lives in Berlin*.

Chased by Pandas: My Life in the Mysterious World of Cycling by Dan Martin

Quercus (Richard Milner) WEL

"I have nothing to lose and a lot to share... My book will recount the ups and downs, go behind the scenes, explore a cyclist's mind and mentality, expose the philosophy you have to create and follow if you want to succeed.

Dan Martin



Ireland's Dan Martin has been one of cycling's toughest and most colourful characters, but also one of the most respected professional riders in the peloton for 14 years, as well as one of the most secretive, having given just a handful of in-depth interviews. He declined to write his biography until he retired at the end of 2021, aged 35, feeling he would have the opportunity to speak more freely, with his story now complete. Consequently, he is one of the last major English-speaking star riders who hasn't published a book.

Written with the support of Pierre Carrey, this book will go beyond the stage victories, bumps, aches and pains. It will delve into how Dan Martin won the hearts of fans, journalists and peers through his style and work ethic, on and off the bike. The Irish climber brought hope and joy into a sport that some depict as too predictable, too robotic and lacking in romanticism, less and less fun - if not dirty compared to the recent dark years. He was also praised for his flamboyant attacking style, breaking common tactics which were boring, in his own humane style, his jolting pedalling and face contorted with pain, a style that made him almost a cartoon or comic book character who everyone could easily recognise. Dan was a "small" cyclist risking it all to become "big" - risking all but his honour and freedom.

The book's title refers to the winning stage of the Liège-Bastogne-Liège race in 2013 - Dan flew through the finish line chased by a fan dressed as a panda. The panda subsequently became a totem for Martin and images of pandas adorned the 2014 Garmin-Sharp sweaters.

About the author and co-writer

Dan Martin will write his story with the assistance of Pierre Carrey, a French journalist, who specialises in history and cycling. Pierre is the author of several books and has worked with Eurosport and magazines specializing in cycling. He founded cyclismag.com and directvelo.com. Born in Pau, he grew up in Tarbes and climbed the passes of the Tour de France, of which he knows every bend. Dan's book will be published in French by Hugo Sport and the English language translation will be made by Peter Cossins, also a published writer and cycling specialist.

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